

Review of: "A Bibliometric Review of CSR in China Based on CNKI Database: 2006-2022"

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Dear authors

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to review your work titled "A Bibliometric Review of CSR in China Based on CNKI Database: 2006-2022." Your exploration into the realm of bibliometric analysis within the field of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is both commendable and timely.

The application of scientometrics serves as a valuable means to unearth the need for a comprehensive and foundational conceptualization of various contemporary scientific topics, which is well reflected in the subject matter chosen by the authors. I find it intriguing how bibliometric evaluations offer a structured and mapped representation of documental and bibliographical-scientific production on the topic within a global context.

However, as I delved into the content, I noted certain shortcomings that warrant further depth beyond the realm of keywords. A robust bibliometric analysis necessitates a more profound exploration, regardless of the scale of the database. I found a lack of information pertaining to the methodological approach and the outcomes obtained. Specifically, there is a dearth of data and insights concerning the existing knowledge landscape, as well as production patterns across countries, regions, or institutions. Moreover, the identification and definition of global-scale collaboration networks among organizations and universities should be encouraged.

I understand that the choice of analytical methods can be tailored to various characteristics. One pivotal distinction lies between evaluative and descriptive aspects. Opting for a specific method demands a comprehensive commitment to it in order to extract the maximum possible information. In this context, I observed a gap in terms of evaluative focus. This aspect encapsulates the notion of academic quality and assesses the influence of authors, journals, institutions, and nations. Conversely, the descriptive scope seeks to elucidate the structure and development of disciplines and thematic areas. Regrettably, these dimensions remain underrepresented in your current manuscript.

Furthermore, the absence of an in-depth exploration into search strategies is noticeable. An effective search strategy should incorporate high sensitivity, relying on a matrix of words and co-words extracted from controlled technical and scientific vocabularies (or thesauri) relevant to the theme. I recommend that you delve deeper into your analyses, taking into consideration:

i) Search strategy, ii) Literature search execution, iii) Study selection, iv) Data extraction, v) Assessment of study quality, vi) Data synthesis, vii) Evaluation of evidence quality, and viii) Presentation of results encompassing geographical location, institutional type, publication format, authorship, journal name, publication year, author affiliations, and other pertinent aspects.

Addressing these facets will undoubtedly bolster the robustness of your bibliometric review and enhance its scholarly contribution. Your ongoing commitment to refining and enriching this study is commendable and reflective of your dedication to advancing the field of CSR research.

Thank you for considering my suggestions and recommendations. I am confident that your revisions will result in a more comprehensive and impactful contribution to the field. I look forward to reviewing your revised manuscript.

Best regards,

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