

Review of: "An Analysis of the Russian Patent Situation in the Context of the Ukrainian Situation"

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The authors of this brief topical study aim to evaluate the influence of geopolitical events on global patent applications amidst international conflicts, specifically by examining the Russian patent sector following Russia's full-scale military aggression towards Ukraine and the subsequent economic sanctions imposed on Russia for initiating the war. The study reveals a range of significant findings. Notably, the authors discovered that the United States, Japan, Germany, and China maintain the highest number of Russian patent rights. Furthermore, the study's key takeaway is that foreign organisations have drastically reduced their patent applications in Russia since 2018. The authors utilised the Derwent Innovation tool to search for instances of Russian patent rights (2015-2022), where the owner of said rights did not reside in Russia. It is plausible that the decrease in patent numbers may be attributed to the idiosyncrasies of updating and completing patent information within the Derwent Innovation database. Thus, the authors should furnish supplementary details concerning Derwent Innovation, predominantly regarding update cadence and rate of information imports from patent offices. The Discussion and Conclusion section ought to contain information that directly relates to the results of this study, while the information currently present in this section should be relocated to the Introduction section. Instead, the last paragraph from the Results section on IP committees should be moved to D&C. In general, the presented results are significant and valuable for all pertinent stakeholders.