

Review of: "Measuring researchers' success more fairly: going beyond the H-index"

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In the first part of the paper, the author criticises the use of the H-index for assessing the success of authors. This critique is justified, as the H-index has various shortcomings. However, this critique is not new and has been raised in many papers.

Then the author suggests a new way of assessing the performance of authors. It is based on "simple math". And this is exactly the problem. The core of this approach is to distribute the weight of a paper of multiple authors on the authors. But, this is not solved by simple math. The solution of a problem in cooperation is often quite demanding and more difficult than a work in isolation. So the weight of an author is more than the mathematical part of the author.

Complex approach suggest a better solution. But, they hide the core of the assessment. So it is more appropriate to return to standard citation statistics.