Review of: "A method to reduce false positives in a patent query"

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This paper is highly relevant to those who are interested on patent search for several reasons, from research and scientific interests, when the scientist needs to determine the charactersctis of the field of interest, to those application where IP panorama needs to be described. The authors evidenced an interesting way to correlate findings by IPCs that evidences networks, turning it easier to exclude false positives, keeping the reliability of the search results. To be sure of the pertinence of the retrieved patent documents in a query, there are many ways to filter duplicates and false positives, provided both by free databases and paid systems. However, they not always can be applied to all search results. The chosen methods must consider the filed of search, the number of retrieved documents and the focus of the search. Therefore, in several situation, the query entries are not often well-reasoned. The method presented in this work is appliable to those interests aiming to identify patents relevant to a technological domain, not specificaly to patents that are close to a determined document of interest. Therefore, some care must be considered when making use of this method. It maybe helpful to narrow searches, but, in FTO analysis for instance, it cannot be considered as the only method to be used. Authors could have provided more examples or a more detailed explanation of the example they used, but with the provided information, an interested reader can test this method for his/her own purposes and make sure of the confidence of this method.