

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

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The evaluation of the academic players (authors, articles, journals, institutions, regions, countries, etc.) regarding their academic publications and citations, is still a very open question. Present studies mainly concentrate on how to evaluate the players. Few studies concentrate on the criteria of the evaluation and the role differences of the players though some approaches may be involved in it unconsciously.

In my opinion, the H-index is suitable for productive players, e.g. journals, institutions, productive authors, etc. In addition, the H-index mainly indicates the scholarly influence (mainly relationships) of authors rather than their scholarly performance (personal ability). This may be the reason why the H-index is sometimes used as a criterion for selecting the project leader.

This article intends to evaluate the authors' scholarly performance and makes some beneficial trials. The authorship of a publication can be discussed in detail rather than using the sequence of the author list. The issues of the corresponding author, co-first author and co-corresponding author can be considered. In addition, the issue of the author's institution could also be discussed.