

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

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The article points out some important issues regarding the limitations of the H-index, which is widely used in allocating fundings, together with a proposal to solve some of these problems.

The list of the drawbacks of the actual elaboration are reported together with some evidences from the debate.

The proposed methods focuses only on one of the drawback, that is the number of the authors of a publication and the relative importance of the first author proposing a penalisation for the papers with an high number of authors.

In my view the number of the author could be a problem but it appears extremely correlated with the research item where, especially on the application in medicine, requires for a large number of reserachers.

To reinforce the contribution I suggest at least a pratical application where, for a limited set of authors with contribution on different topics the readers could have an impression of the differences in the ranking introduced by the new method.

Even if the automatic interpretation of the H-index provides some failure, the proposed method does not seem to me to provide useful upgading to the present interpretation. Probably much effort could be devoted to face on the multitude of journal that are populating the landascape.