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Abstract

This paper proposes using a new metric, h , and new data, drawn from Google Scholar, for ranking sociology journals. This approach is more comprehensive than the commonly used "journal impact factor." It includes a longer time-frame and draws on a broader data base. It provides editors and prospective authors with a more informative picture of the strengths and weaknesses of journals. Moreover, readily available software enables do-it-yourself assessments of journals. While the position of individual journals varies with the new measurement, the hierarchy of journals remains no matter what assessment metric is used.

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