

JOURNAL CITATION REPORTS AND IMPACT FACTOR

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Research resource which allows evaluation and comparison of journals using citation data

You can search by journal title, subject category, publisher, or country.

Use the JCR for finding out the:

- Most frequently cited journals in a field
- Highest impact journals in a field

Article and citation counts are for a JOURNAL. Use Web of Science for “times cited” for a specific article or to find citation information for a specific article or author.

JCR is a good place to see ranked journals in subject categories.

Science Classifications:

Biodiversity Conservation

Ecology

Environmental sciences (more science and ecology based)

Forestry


Geology

Social Science Classifications:

Environmental studies (more econ, development, law, policy, etc.)

Hospitality, leisure, sport, & tourism

Journal Impact Factor Calculation Example:

Journal Impact Factor 

Cites in 2007 to articles published in:	2006 = 238	Number of articles published in:	2006 = 253
	2005 = 403		2005 = 198
	Sum: 641		Sum: 451

Calculation:	$\frac{\text{Cites to recent articles}}{\text{Number of recent articles}} = \frac{641}{451} = 1.421$
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BE CAREFUL! Don't judge a journal just based on impact factor alone. Impact factors will vary depending on the discipline/subject area.

Two top “high impact” journals:

Nature Impact Factor around 29

Science Impact Factor around 26

Journals with a high impact factor can provide a lot of visibility for an article, but it can also be tough to get accepted to publish in a high impact journal.

WEB OF SCIENCE CITATION REPORT EXAMPLE WITH H-INDEX

Search WOS for an author, create the citation report

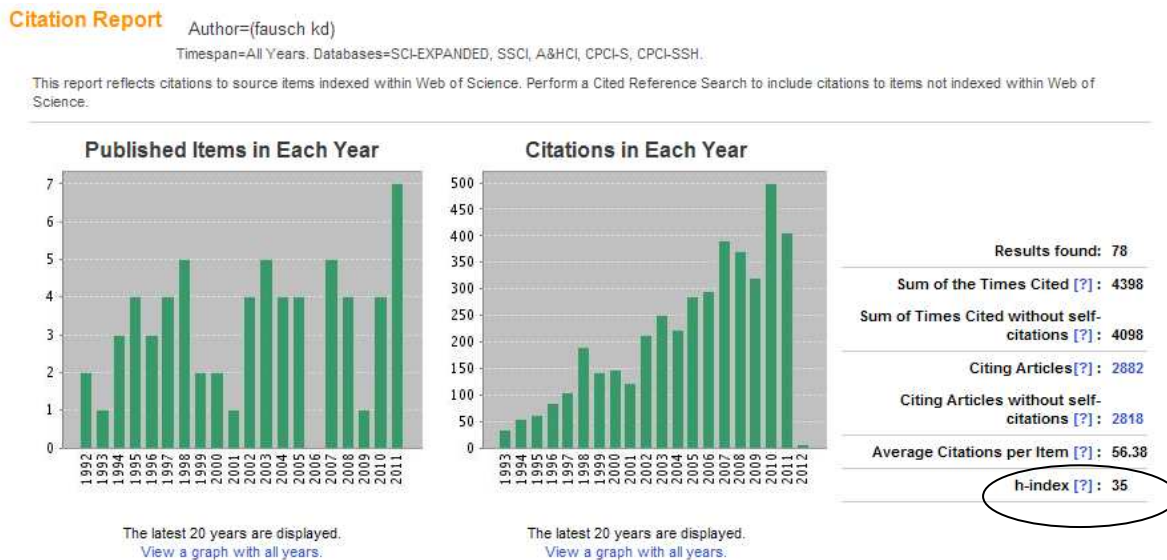
There are 78 articles listed for this author.

On the bottom right corner is the H Index

For this example, the author has an average citation per item of 56

The H index is 35. So he has 35 articles with at least 35 citations.

He also has 15 articles with over 100 citations.



H-INDEX, Brief Information from Web of Science

The h-index¹ is based on a list of publications ranked in descending order by the Times Cited.

The value of h is equal to the number of papers (N) in the list that have N or more citations. This metric is useful because it discounts the disproportionate weight of highly cited papers or papers that have not yet been cited.

Calculating the h-index Value - The h-index factor is based on the depth of your *Web of Science* subscription and your selected timespan items that do not appear on the Results page will not be factored into the calculation. If your subscription depth is 10 years, then the h-index value is based on this depth even though a particular author may have published articles more than 10 years ago. Moreover, the calculation only includes items in *Web of Science* - books and articles in non-covered journals are not included.

1. The h-index was developed by J.E. Hirsch and published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 102 (46): 16569-16572 November 15 2005.
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