

A response to pushing publication in journals on JCR JIF Q1-Q2

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Workshipping' impact factors and pushing for publication in journals on JCR JIF Q1-Q2 without more due attention to the quality of the research from its beginning and throughout the whole process are against the academic values we are upholding, 'outdated' in the world (see below) and should be abhorred if done without other appropriate assessment/rewarding methods and systems. The following are sharings from Nobel Laureates, opinions around the world on the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), journal articles and reports on revising research assessments and researchers' evaluation.

"The research counts, not the journal!"
Nobel Laureates speak out against impact factors but focusing on progressive discoveries in science

<https://twitter.com/NobelPrize/status/1118537208531693568>

"I had a miserable impact factor and a catastrophic register of prizes!" said 2017 Nobel Laureate Jacques Dubochet when he came to collect his Nobel medal, proving that you don't have to be top of the class to make a big impact on the world.

<https://twitter.com/NobelPrize/status/1093178769223925760>

Randy Schekman explains how impact factors were designed as a tool to help libraries select which journals to subscribe to, not as a way to judge individual researchers.

<https://www.nobelprize.org/impact-factors/>

"Every department at Utrecht University in the Netherlands will judge its scholars by other standards, including their commitment to teamwork and their efforts to promote open science"

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01759-5?s=03>

EDITORIAL DORA – or learning to value ourselves.
"Metrics do not just stop with our personal lives; they are pervasive in our professional social lives as well"

<https://boneandjoint.org.uk/Article/10.1302/2048-0105.92.360768?s=03>

The University of Cambridge and Cambridge University Press announced on 8 July 2019 that they have signed up to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) that seek to ensure that the quality and impact of research outputs are 'measured accurately and evaluated wisely'.

https://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/cambridge-university-signs-san-francisco-declaration-on-research-assessment?utm_campaign=research&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_content=1562573877&s=03

The fundamental activity of the European Research Council is to provide attractive, long-term funding to support Principal Investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/high-risk research.

<https://sfedora.org/resource/european-research-council-erc/>

Beyond 'impact factor': OICR signs DORA declaration for more equitable research assessment

<https://oicr.on.ca/beyond-impact-factor-oicr-signs-dora-declaration-for-more-equitable-research-assessment/>

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/policies-politiques/DORA-DORA_eng.asp?s=03

Universities 'must read applicants' work to defeat impact factor'

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/universities-must-read-applicants-work-defeat-impact-factor?s=03>

Nobel laureates call for early career researchers to be freed from 'publish or perish' mentality

Journal impact factor, trial effect size, and methodological quality appear scantily related: a systematic review and meta-analysis

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13643-020-01305-w>

The Impact Factor Fallacy

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2018.01487>

"We argue that new approaches to assessment are required to provide a realistic and comprehensive measure of the value of research and journals and we support open access publishing at a modest, affordable price to benefit research producers and consumers"

<https://doi.org/10.1080/08989621.2021.1909481>

The Future of Research Evaluation:

A Synthesis Of Current Debates and Developments

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EJ5AmSoC4MY16fVcTiNu2VKTLLeieK0n/view>