

Letter to the Editor

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Citations update in the Article only from same Indexing Journal : Is it not unfair to other Indexing ?

SIR, — The last two to three decades have seen a rise in experimental research and publications. The quantity and caliber of research studies and publications have both increased. Before that, the procedure of publishing a paper took a long time, and the popularity of high-impact journals was less widespread¹. The circumstance has now improved. The majority of people seek to publish their findings in journals that are listed in prestigious databases like Scopus, Medline, and Web of Science. The top three are reliable indexing bodies that are acceptable to significant accrediting and ranking organizations. Any researcher who has their research published in an indexed journal feels proud and satisfied with their work².

Once the research is published, other researchers may read it and be motivated to conduct similar or slightly modified research in their institute or region. They used the published research work as a review of literature or reference for this study. The second author cites the influential study in their bibliography or references list when writing the article. Published articles receive citations whenever someone uses them as references in their research. Before good indexing journals, candidates' profiles also grew stronger based on the number of publications and citations, High impact factor journals and citations too³.

Anyone who has publications with high impact factors or more citations is considered to have a notable profile. The citation index known as the h-index, i5, i10, the index gives an idea about how many research manuscripts are used as a reference by various other researchers. While the author profiles on Google Scholar display citations from every publication, the author profiles on Scopus/Web of Science/Medline include only citations from articles that were published in the same indexed journal. This circumstance prohibits some article citations from being included in the author id for the indexing database⁴.

We comprehend that the indexing server is unable to link publications and citations when the corresponding data has not yet been updated on their server or

website. However, this strategy results in authors losing their citations. Although Scopus is a high-quality and well-regarded indexing body for journals, this does not imply that alternative indexing bodies cannot meet the standards and quality that Scopus indexing journals have. Medline and web of science are also appreciable and standard indexing bodies. If any articles from Medline or Web of Science indexing journals mentioned Scopus indexing journal articles as references, Scopus indexing journals' cite score will also increase. Since Scopus does not have to maintain its citation monopoly, authors are deterred from submitting their work to other high-caliber indexing journals^{5,6}.

We are not advocating that Scopus should change its policy; rather, we are proposing that Scopus should enhance it more inclusive by adding additional high-quality indexing journals, at least for the Scopus article and author citation index. Additionally, the journal's cite score and impact factors will rise significantly.

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