A short review on journal Impact Factor; significance, defects

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Abstract

Impact Factor (IF) is considering as one of the most common subjects in academic environments. Individuals who would like to publish their productions and/or research results confront various indicators , brands and labels that indicate relative importance, academic discipline and quality of a journal. Diversity of the indicators induce confusion to select applicable journal. Frequently, The authors won't be able to distinguish IF, ISI and their relations with the acceptance of the journal. Meanwhile they have difficulties to find IF. Hence, this short paper aims to provide useful information for authors to familiarize them with the concept of IF.

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