

Jeffrey Beall's List of Misleading Metrics

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This is a list of questionable companies that purport to provide valid scholarly metrics at the researcher, article, or journal level.

Criteria for Determining Misleading Metrics

The website for the metric is nontransparent and provides little information about itself such as location, management team and its experience, other company information, and the like
The company charges journals for inclusion in the list.

The values (scores) for most or all of the journals on the list increase each year.

The company uses Google Scholar as its database for calculating metrics (Google Scholar does not screen for quality and indexes predatory journals).

The metric uses the term "impact factor" in its name.

The methodology for calculating the value is contrived, unscientific, or unoriginal.

The company exists solely for the purpose of earning money from questionable journals that use the gold open-access model. The company charges the journals and assigns them a value, and then the journals use the number to help increase article submissions and therefore revenue. Alternatively, the company exists as a front for an existing publisher and assigns values to that publisher's journals.

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AE Global Index

Advanced Science Index

African Quality Centre for Journals

American Standards for Journals and Research (ASJR)

Arab Impact Factor = $\text{يبرغل ريثأتلا لماعم}$

CiteFactor

Cosmos Impact Factor

Digital Identification Database System (DIDS)

Digital Online Identifier-Database System (doi ds) DOI Indexed Journals Impact Factor (DOIJIF)

Directory of Indexing and Impact Factor (DIIF)

Directory of Journal Quality Factor

Directory of Research Journals Indexing (DRJI)

Einstein Institute for Scientific Information (EISI)

Eurasian Scientific Journal Index (ESJI)

General Impact Factor

Global Impact Factor

Global Science Citation Impact Factor (GSCIF)

IMPACT-FACTOR.RU

Impact Factor Services for International Journals (I.F.S.I.J.)

Index Scientific Journals (ISJ)

IndexCopernicus

Infobase Index

Institute for Science Information (ISI)

International Accreditation and Research Council (IARC)
International Impact Factor Services
International Innovative Journal Impact Factor (IIJIF)
International Institute for Research
International Institute of Organized Research (I2OR)
International Journal Impact Factor (IJIF)
International Scientific Indexing (ISI)
International Scientific Institute (ISI) (scijournal.org)
International Services for Impact Factor and Indexing (ISIFI)
International Society for Research Activity (ISRA) Journal Impact Factor (JIF)
Jour Informatics
Journal Impact Factor
Journals Impact Factor (JIFACTOR)
Journal Influence Factor
Journals Consortium. Journal Influence Factor (JIF)
JPR Impact Factor
Online Publications Quality Control Association (OPQC)
Open Academic Journals Index
Perma Society of Technical Education and Research
Pubicon Science Index
RJI Factor (Research Journal Impact Factor)
Root Indexing
Science Impact Factor
Scientific Indexing Services (SIS)
Scientific Journal Impact Factor
SCIJOURNAL.ORG (International Scientific Institute)
SPARC Indexing
Systematic Impact Factor
Technical Impact Factor
Universal Impact Factor