Let’s Review: Evaluating Your Citation Impact

Author Search
Use the Author field to begin finding your publications.
- If you have a common name use Article Groups from the search results to help you disambiguate
- Use the Author Identifiers search field if you have a ResearcherID or ORCID account

Citation Report
- After you find your published articles, run a Citation Report
- Find your h-Index and total citation count. Hover over the information icon to see the definitions.
- Click through to Citing Articles to find out which papers have cited you. Then use Analyze to detect trends.

Journal Impact Factor
- Click through from your articles in Web of Science to see the Journal Impact Factor and rank in category for the publishing journal.
- Remember the JIF is a journal metric, not a reflection of your personal impact. It’s used for ranking the journal as a whole against others in the same category.

Need to see it again? Watch the short video.
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Highly Cited Papers were published in the past ten years, and have received enough citations to place them in the top 1% of their academic fields based on a highly cited threshold for the field and publication year. Data is drawn from Essential Science Indicators.

Hot Papers were published in the past two years and have received enough citations in a two-month period to place them in the top 0.1% of papers in an academic field. Data is drawn from Essential Science Indicators.

$h$-index

The $h$-index (or Hirsch index) is not a calculation, but an arrangement of data. An author’s papers are listed from most–cited to least–cited. The $h$-index is a value that falls where the citation count of the paper drops below the paper’s rank in the list. For example, an $h$-index of 15 means there are 15 papers with 15 or more citations.

Citing Articles vs. Sum of Times Cited

These counts are both found on the Citation Report. Citing Articles—the number of unique documents in the Web of Science that cite the work in your Citation Report. Sum of Times Cited—the total number of times the Citing Articles have cited works in your Citation Report. One unique article may cite more than one work in your list.