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Abstract

With the increasing use of information and communications technology (ICT), researchers are able to use computer software tools to find, organize, analyze, and share relevant information. However, there are hundreds of such tools to select from, for various research-related uses. Nader has collected over 700 tools that can help researchers do their work efficiently. It is assembled as an interactive Web-based mind map, titled "Research Tools", which is updated periodically.

"Research Tools" consists of a hierarchical set of nodes. It has four main nodes: (1) Searching the literature, (2) Writing a paper, (3) Targeting suitable journals, and (4) Enhancing visibility and impact of the research. Several free tools can be found in the child nodes. In this seminar some tools and their application in research will be described. The e-skills learned from the seminar are useful across various research disciplines and research institutions.

Problem statements

The search can be time consuming and sometimes tedious task. How can make it easier? How do deal with situations such as:

- “I just join as a new postgraduate student and I am not sure how to do a literature search”
- “I have been in research for some time now but I spend a lot of time to get the articles I want”
- “I am sure I have downloaded the article but I am not able to find it”
- “I wanted to write a new paper, how can I manage the references in the shortest possible time?”
- “I have many references, some of my old papers, and some of my current research. Sometimes, they are so many that I can’t recall where I have kept them in my folders!”
- ……..
- “I have written an article and I am not able to find a proper Journal”
- "I want to increase the citation of my papers, how do I do?"

Objectives

The seminar seeks to serve the following objectives:

i. To help students who seek to reduce the search time by expanding the knowledge of researchers to more effectively use the "tools" that are available through the Net.
ii. To evaluate the types of literature that researchers will encounter.
iii. To convert the information of the search for a written document.
iv. To help researchers learn how to search and analyze the right journal to submit.
v. To promote their publication for further citation.

Outline

1. Indexing desktop search tool
2. The paraphrasing & editing tool
3. Avoid plagiarism
4. Organize the references (Reference management) tool
5. Getting published
6. Target suitable journal
7. Promote your publication to get more citation
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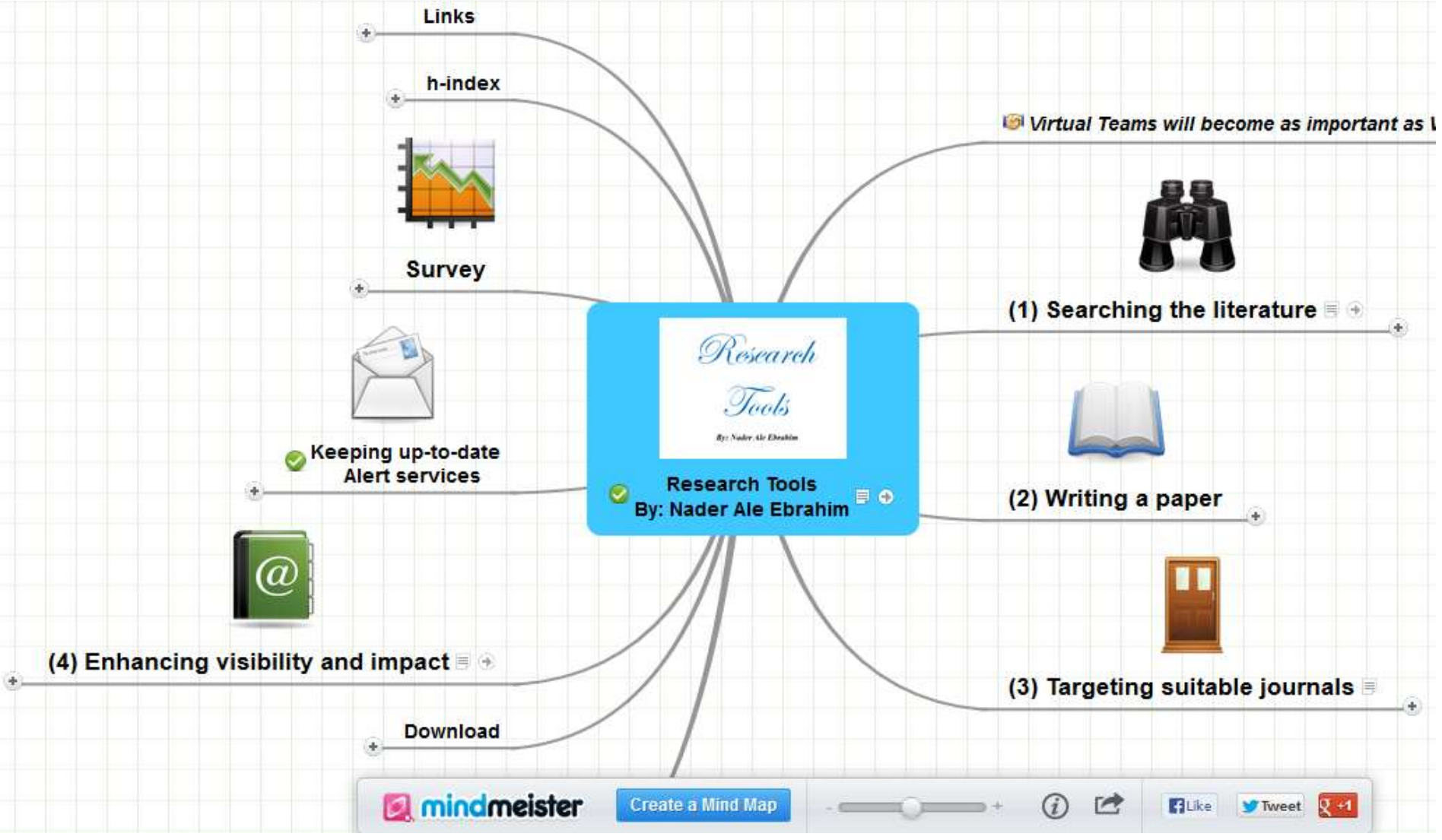

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stances and offers related research propositions. The paper also discusses the role of the Internet in new product performance. Finally, the paper concludes with managerial and research implications.

1. New product development process and the role of the Internet

Past research has consistently shown that a high-quality new product development process is one of the most critical success factors in new product development [8,10–12]. As a result, it has offered numerous processes that firms can use when developing their new products. Cooper [13] defines a new product development process as a formal blueprint, roadmap, template or thought process for driving a new product project from the idea to market launch and beyond. The process involves predetermined set of stages and each stage consists of a set of prescribed, cross-functional and parallel activities. Each stage is preceded by a gate, controlling the flow of the process and providing a decision checkpoint in the process. Because of the stages and the with the first and second-generation processes, the third-generation process emphasizes efficiency and effectiveness in the new product development process through four fundamental areas. First, it is fluid, which means that there are overlaps in stages for greater speed. Second, it involves fuzzy gates, reducing the rigidity of criteria used in the gates and allowing conditional or situational considerations of the activities. Third, it is more focused in terms of prioritizing projects. Finally, it is flexible, suggesting that each new product is unique and has its own unique development process [13].

There are also compelling issues that indicate that new product development process may not be uniform across firms and products. Takeuchi and Nanoka [14] argue that today's rapidly changing and competitive market conditions require firms to adopt a flexible and fast new product development process and that a holistic "rugby" style new product development might be needed to respond to the conditions. With this approach, new product teams move through all phases of the development together, passing the ball back and forth as they develop new products. Based on a case study, the authors concluded that it is possible to

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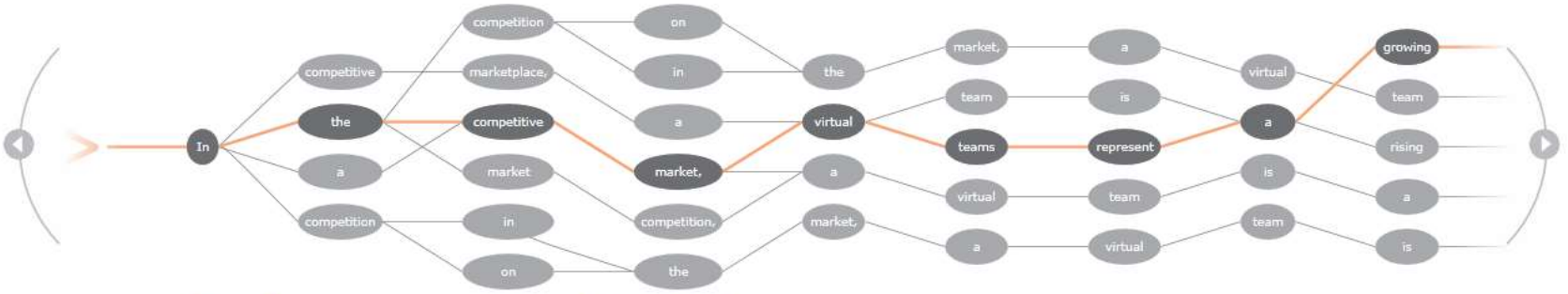

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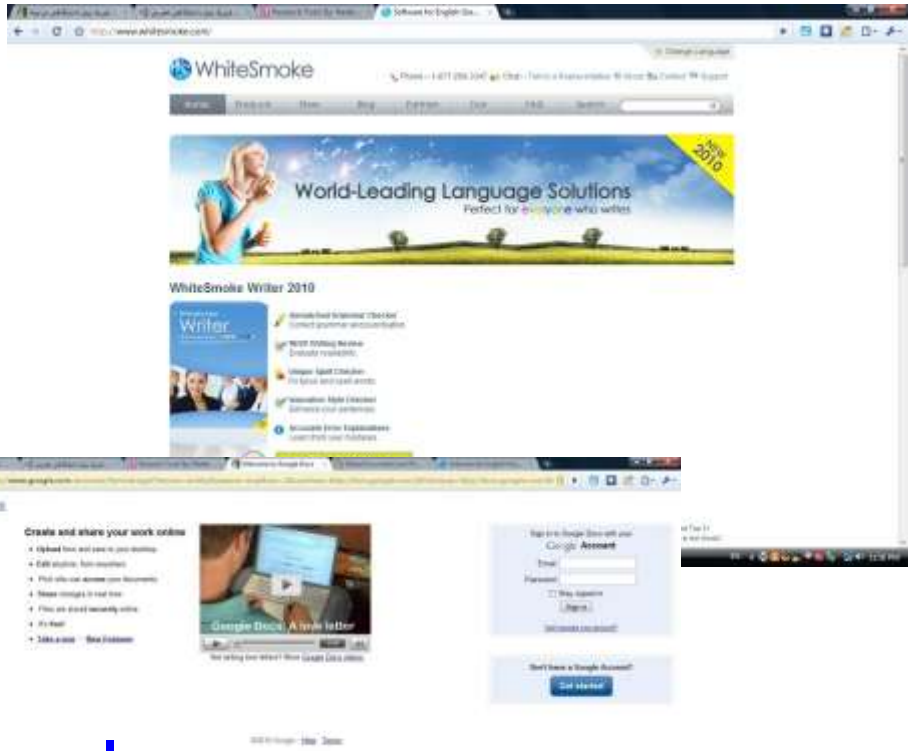

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2-Review search methodology

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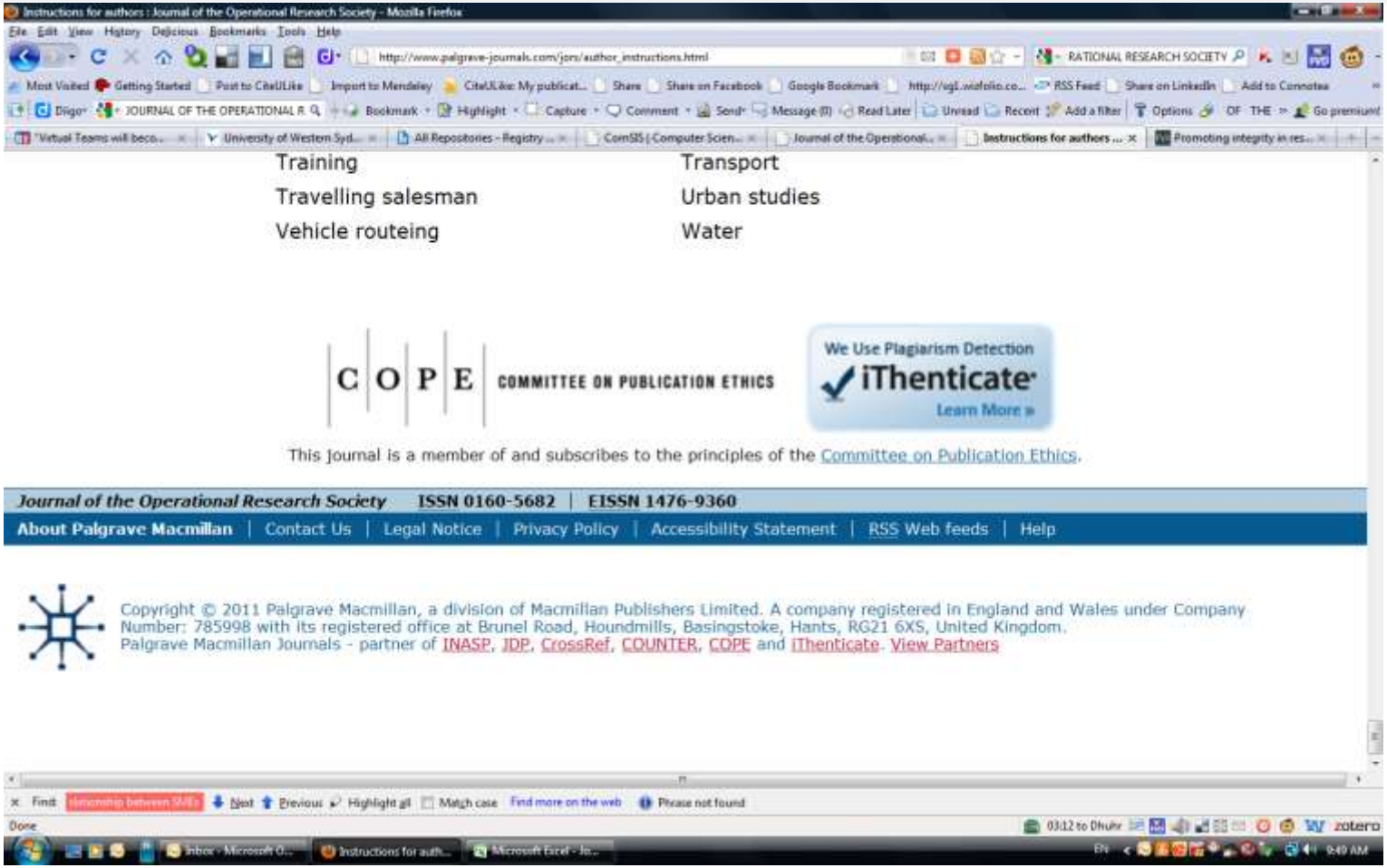

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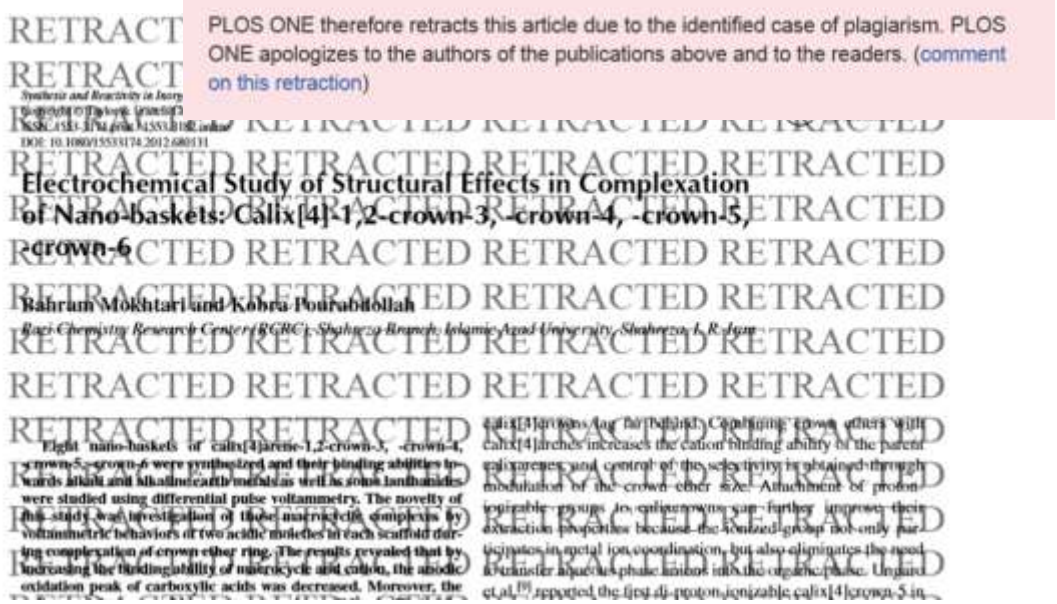

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Department of Chemical Engineering, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Nigeria.

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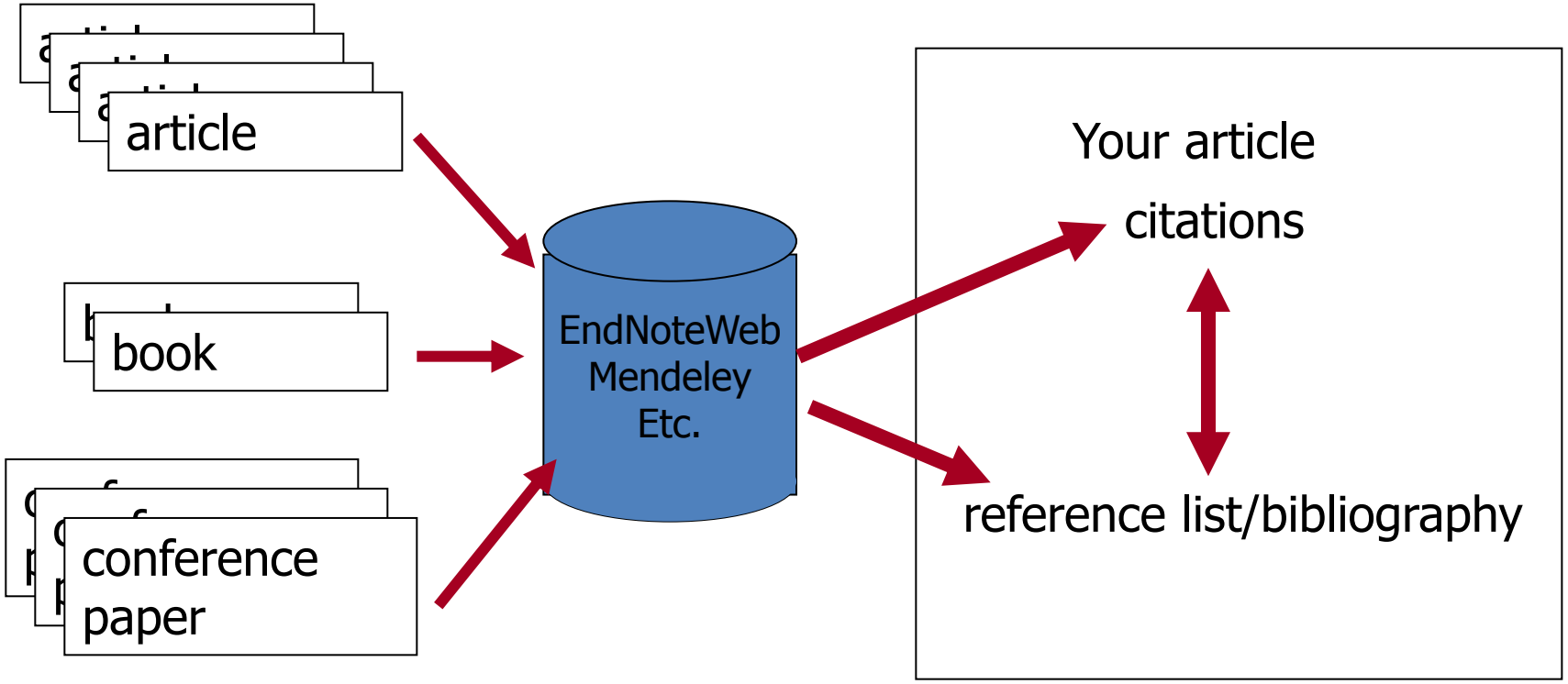

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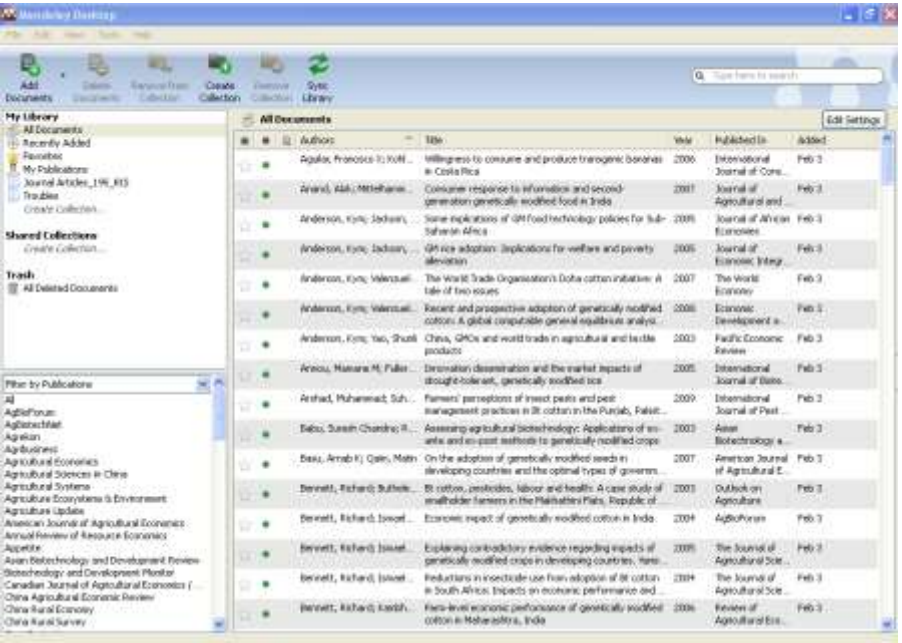

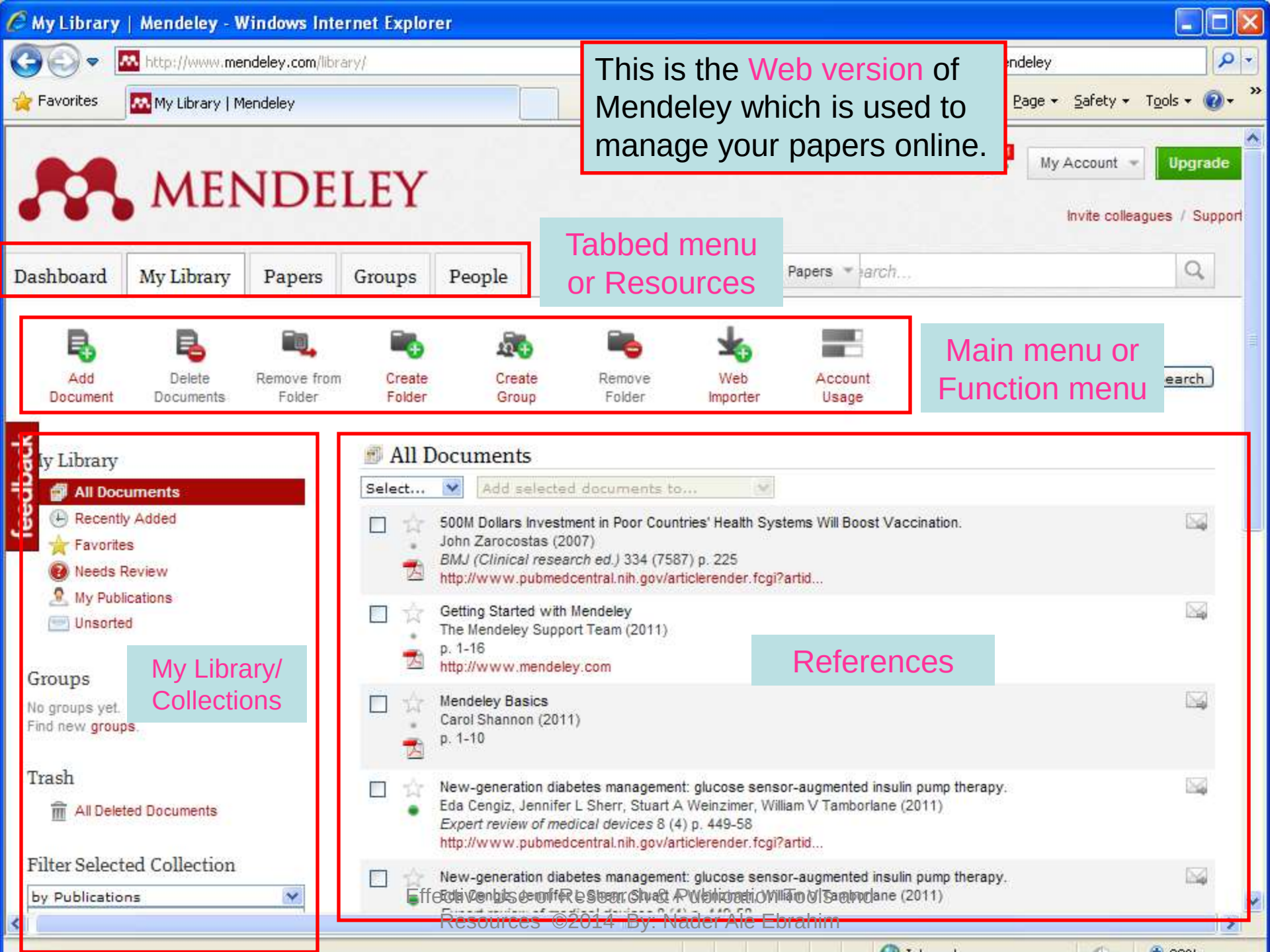

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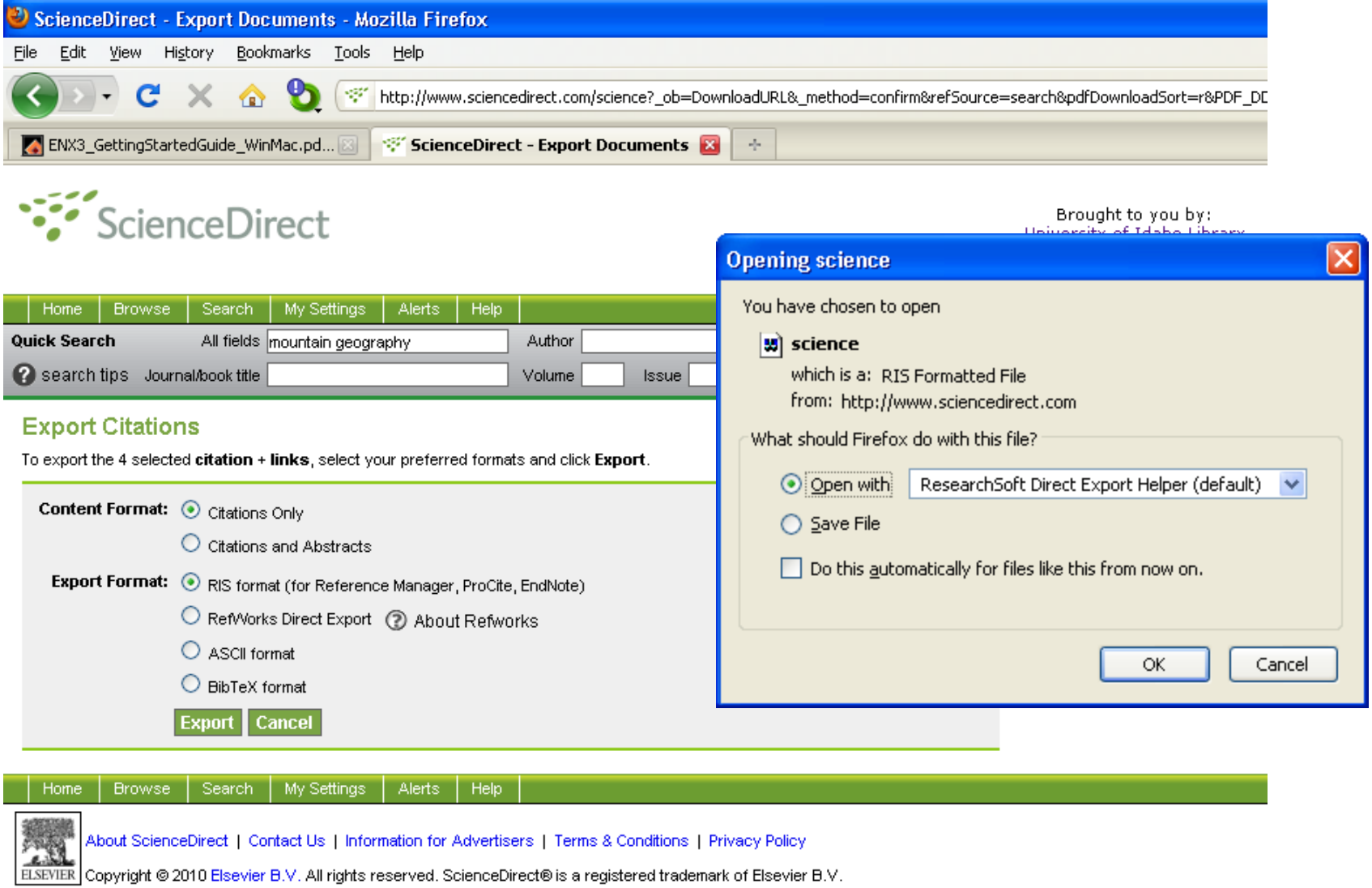

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Getting published

Paper Structure

- Title
- Affiliation
- Abstract
- Keywords
- Nomenclatures
- Introduction
- Materials and methods
- Results and Discussions
- Conclusions
- References

We often write in the following order:

- Figures and Tables
- Materials and Methods
- Results and Discussion
- Conclusions
- Introduction
- Abstract and Title

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HOW TO WRITE/EDIT SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

(I) MINDSET, (II) CONCEPTS, AND (III) LOGIC

I. Right mindset for writing

"State your facts as simply as possible, even boldly. No one wants flowers of eloquence or literary ornaments in a research article."

-R.B. McKerrow (Well-known British editor & educator 1882-1940)

Example

- Ok: **It is clear that** factor A up-regulates the pathway.

- Better: **Factor A** clearly up-regulates the pathway.

II. Modern writing concepts

1. Styles
2. Use “We”
3. Use active voice
4. Avoid vague IT, THERE, THIS/THAT
5. Avoid long sentence
6. Write a strong sentence core
7. One message per paragraph

1. Styles

- **BOG—Business or Government style, the more traditional style**

- **CLEAR—Clear Easy Reading, the more modern style**

Example

- **BOG: It is** anticipated **that** an annual training rate **of** 100 employees will **be** achieved **by the time** the program **is** fully operational.

- **CLEAR: When** the **program** is operating at full capacity, **we** expect to train 100 people per year.

2. Use ‘We”

We-sentence is a more-modern style, reads more interesting, and communicates with the reader more directly.

- We report …
- We speculate …
- We generated …
- We measured …

We-sentences appear in many leading journals

- In this report, **we** define a mechanism for … and discover distinct roles for … **We** use … assays to … **We** demonstrate that … **We** provide evidence that … (*Science*)

3. Use active voice

- **Active voice is more informative, clearer, and more reader-friendly than passive voice.**
  - The results indicate …
  - Table 1 shows …
  - Recent studies have reported …
  - Zhang and coworkers have suggested …

Example

- **Bad:** Twelve soil samples of 4 agricultural areas **were investigated** for…, and the co-relationships between … **were analyzed**.

- **Good: We investigated** 12 soil samples of 4 agricultural areas for …, and **analyzed** the co-relationships between …

lyn dupré writes: (The author of *Bugs in writing: A guide to debugging your prose*)

"If you want to learn only one technique to improve your writing substantially, you should learn to avoid using passive voice."

4. Avoid vague IT, THERE, and THIS/THAT

- **IT** is unknown.
- **THERE** is no where.
- **THIS/THAT** could be anything.

It is old style

1. **Old style:** It is likely that it will rain soon.

- **Modern style:** It will rain soon.

2. **Old style: It should be borne in mind that** the current research has imitations.

- **Modern style:** The current **research** has limitations.

III. Logic issues

1. Logic flow
2. Connection
3. Parallelism
4. Redundancy

1. Use transitional words to promote logic flow

- Also, and, again, further, furthermore
- First, then, second, next, lastly
- Soon, after, previously, meanwhile
- But, yet, still, instead,
- In short, in other words,
- Similarly, consequently, accordingly

2. Connection of clauses

1. **Compound** (and, but)
2. **Cause/effect** (as, because, for, so,)
3. **In between** (semicolon)
4. Condition (if, whether, when)
5. Concession (Although, even if, whatever)
6. Result (so that)

Example

Incorrect: She has a fever, **and** she probably has an infection.

Correct: She has a fever**;** she probably has an infection

3. Parallelism

1. Verb
2. Subject
3. Similar parts in a sentence
4. Meaning

Verb

- Incorrect: She **swims**, **plays** basketball, and **was running** bicycles.

- Correct: She **swims**, **plays** basketball, and **runs** bicycles.

Subject

Incorrect: The **ignition** was tested, an **examination** of the belts was carried out, and the **levels** of the lubricants were checked.

Correct: The **ignition** was tested, the **belts** were examined, and the **lubricant levels** were checked.

Other parts

- **Not only, but also**

  Bad: The plant is **not only capable** of growing on high-salt soils, **but also accumulating** concentrations of salts.

  – Good: The plant is **not only capable of growing** on high-salt soils, **but also capable of accumulating** concentrations of salts.

  – Better: The plant is capable of **not only growing** on high-salt soils, **but also accumulating** concentrations of salts.

4. Redundancy

- **Most-commonly seen problems in non-English speaking writers**
  - **Wording repetition**
  - **Sentencing repetition**
  - **Meaning repetition**
  - **Wordy**

Wording

1. Bad: These **differences** grew smaller, and **they** finally faded out after a stimulation of 3 min.

- Good: These **differences grew** smaller and finally **faded** out after a stimulation of 3 min.

(Cont.)

2. **Bad:** The result indicates that this assumption **can be considered reasonable in some sense.**

- **Good:** The result indicates that this assumption **may be reasonable.**

Meaning

1. Bad: A method to evaluate this effect, **rather than to assume subjectively,** was proposed.

- Good: A method to evaluate this effect was proposed.

2. Bad: **As a rule**, the temperature was **generally** adjusted to the room temperature.

- Good: As a rule, the temperature was adjusted to the room temperature

Writing your literature review

Writing your literature review takes time. You may need to complete several drafts before your final copy. It is important to have a good introduction that clearly tells the reader what the literature will be about.

An introduction must tell the reader the following:

- **what you are going to cover in the review**
- **the scope of your research**
- **how the review ties in with your own research topic.**

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Introduction

This is a good example of an introduction because it has a topic sentence which indicates what will be covered and also tells the reader the specific focus of the literature review in the concluding sentence.

Topic sentence - identifies five major themes as the scope of this review

Many theories have been proposed to explain what motivates human behaviour. Although the literature covers a wide variety of such theories, this review will focus on five major themes which emerge repeatedly throughout the literature reviewed. These themes are: incorporation of the self-concept into traditional theories of motivation, the influence of rewards on motivation, the increasing importance of internal forces of motivation, autonomy and self-control as sources of motivation, and narcissism as an essential component of motivation. Although the literature presents these themes in a variety of contexts, this paper will primarily focus on their application to self-motivation.

5 major themes to be covered

Concluding sentence - specific focus

Paragraphs

A paragraph is a group of connected sentences that develop a single point, argument or idea. Paragraphs need to link to other paragraphs so that the themes, arguments or ideas developed are part of a coherent whole rather than separate bits.

A paragraph should include:

- **a main statement / idea that you are putting forward, ie topic sentence**
- **evidence from research to support / argue your idea, showing where the writers agree and / or disagree**
- **student analysis of the research literature where appropriate**
- **summing up and linking to the next idea (paragraph).**

In the literature review, you will need to show evidence of integrating your readings into each paragraph and analysis of the readings where necessary.

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Integrating arguments in paragraphs

Integration of multiple sources

To develop an integrated argument from multiple sources, you need to link your arguments together. The model below is a guide.

Topic sentence - outlining your main claim or key point for that paragraph

Supporting evidence from the readings

Most early theories of motivation were concerned with need satisfaction. Robbins, Millett, Cacioppe and Waters-Marsh (1998) argued that motivation relies on what a person needs and wants. Similarly the early theories of Maslow and McGregor (Robbins et al. 1998) focused on personal needs satisfaction as the basis for motivational behaviour. However, recent studies outlined by Leonard, Beauvais, and Scholl (1999) suggest that personality and disposition play an equally important role in motivation. Current thinking does not discount these theories, but simply builds on them to include a self-concept.

Contrasting theories from research

Concluding sentence - linking to the next paragraph

Integrating arguments in paragraphs

Integration of student analysis

It is important to integrate your analysis and interpretation of the literature in your literature review. Read the following paragraph and see how the arguments have been integrated into the paragraph along with student analysis. Analysis is not just student opinion, it needs to be supported by the literature.

Topic sentence - outlining your main claim or key point for that paragraph

First statement of evidence from the literature

By its very nature, motivation requires a degree of individual satisfaction or narcissism. Robbins, Millet, Cacioppe, and Waters-Marsh (1998) suggest that motivation has as its very basis the need to focus on, and please the self. This is supported by Shaw, Shapard and Waugaman (2000) who contend that this narcissistic drive is based on the human effort to find personal significance in life. It can be argued that the desire to improve one's status is a highly motivational force, and is central to the idea of narcissistic motivation. The narcissistic motivational strategies put forward by Shaw et al. (2000) are concerned with motivation for life in general, but may also have applications in the context of work. These strategies, with their focus on personal needs, demonstrate that narcissism is an essential component of motivation.

Second statement of evidence from the literature *Student analysis* *Concluding statement*

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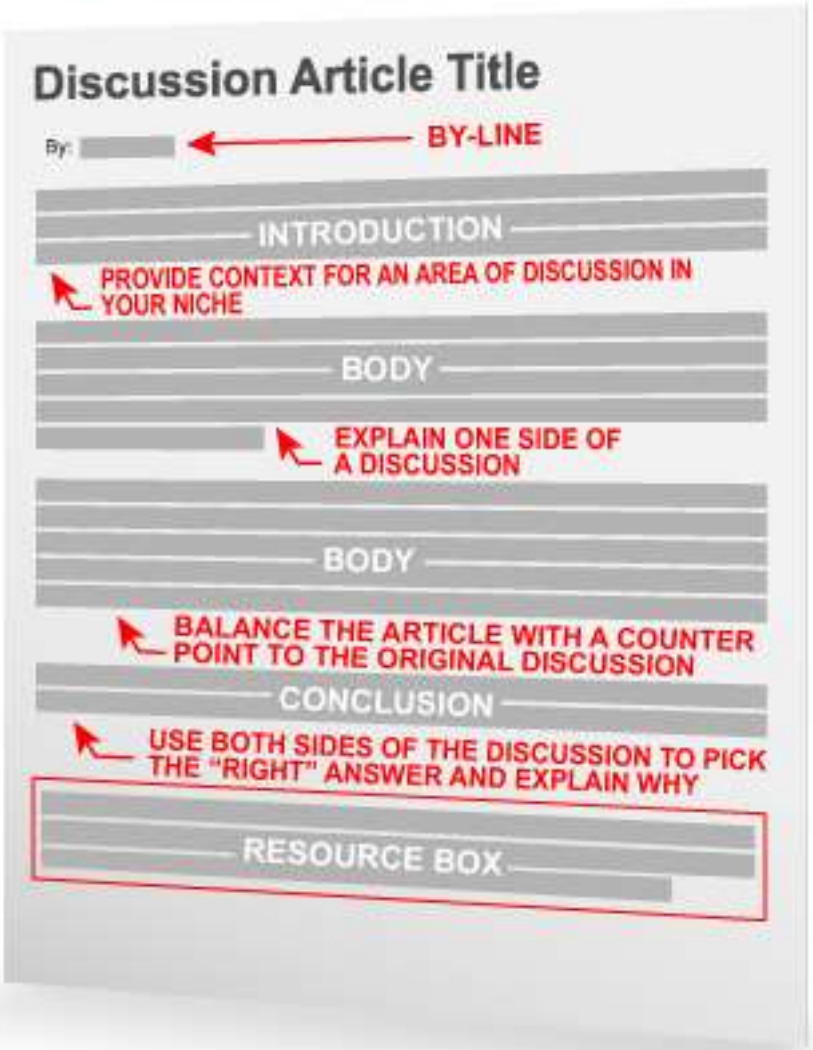

Verbs for referencing

To incorporate quotations / references into a literature review, you can use a variety of verbs. These verbs are often used with prepositions, eg that, by, on. It is poor writing to use the same ones all the time, eg says that, states that. Verbs also allow the writer to indicate the degree to which they support the author of the research, eg claims that versus argues that. The following verbs (and prepositions) can be used to introduce references into your literature review. Please note that they can be used in different tenses.

Suggest (that)	Recent studies outlined by Leonard et al (1999) suggest that personality and disposition play an equally important role in motivation.
Argue (that)	Leonard et al (1999) argue that there are three elements of self perception.
Contend(s)	Mullens (1994) contends that motivation to work well is usually related to job satisfaction.
Outline	Recent studies outlined by Mullins (1994) suggest that personality and disposition play an equally important role in motivation.
Focus on	The early theories of Maslow and McGregor (Robbins et al, 1998) focused on personal needs and wants as the basis for motivation.
Define(s)	Eunson (1987, p. 67) defines motivation as 'what is important to you'.
Conclude(s) (that)	Reviewing the results of the case study, Taylor (1980) concludes that the theories of job enrichment and employee motivation do work.
State	He further states that there is an increasing importance on the role of autonomy and self regulation of tasks in increasing motivation.
Maintains (that)	Mullins (1994) maintains that job enrichment came from Herzber's two factor theory.
Found (that)	Mullins (1994) found that there is an increasing importance on the role of autonomy and self regulation of tasks in improving motivation.
Promote(s)	This promotes the idea that tension and stress are important external sources of motivation, which can be eliminated by completing certain tasks.
Establish(ed) (by)	As established by Csikszentmihalyi (Yair 2000, p. 2) 'the more students feel in command of their learning, the more they fulfil their learning potential'.
Asserts (that)	Locke's Goal Setting Theory asserts that setting specific goals tends to encourage work motivation (Robbins et al, 1998).
Show(s)	Various theories of motivation show employers that there are many factors that influence employees work performance.
Claim(s) (that)	Hackman and Oldham (1975) claim that people with enriched jobs, and high scores on the Job Diagnostic Survey, experienced more satisfaction and motivation.
Report(s)	Mullins (1994) reports on four content theories of motivation.
Mention(s)	Mullins (1994) mentions two common general criticisms of Herzberg's theory.
Address	Redesigning jobs so that responsibility moved from supervisors to the workers, was an attempt to address the issues of job satisfaction (Mullins, 1994).

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How to... write an abstract

What is an abstract?

A definition

An abstract is a succinct summary of a longer piece of work, usually academic in nature, which is published in isolation from the main text and should therefore stand on its own and be understandable without reference to the longer piece. It should report the latter's essential facts, and should not exaggerate or contain material that is not there.

Its purpose is to act as a reference tool (for example in a library abstracting service), enabling the reader to decide whether or not to read the full text.

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Abstract

Abstract should **not exceed 300** words (**without reference).**

Abstract must include following sections:

Problem Statement: This section should include answers of the questions:

- **Why was research needed?.**
- **What was the context of the work?.**
- **Introduce the problem or provide background for what you will address**.

Approach:

- **What did you do and how did you go about solving or making progress on the problem.**
- **Describe the method of research, study, or analysis applied to the problem.**

Results:

- **What results did you get?**
- **State what you found and relate it to the problem.**
- **Summarize the major results in numbers, avoid vague, hand waving results such as "very small" or "significant".**

Conclusions/Recommendations:

- **What are the implications of your answer?**
- **State the relevance, implications, or significance of the results or conclusions, to the business.**
- **Significance of work is often implied by the recommendations or implications for future work.**

A Structured Abstract

Purpose of this paper	**What are the reason(s) for writing the paper or the aims of the research?**
Design/methodology/ approach	**How are the objectives achieved? Include the main method(s) used for the research. What is the approach to the topic and what is the theoretical or subject scope of the paper?**
Findings	**What was found in the course of the work? This will refer to analysis, discussion, or results.**
Research limitations/implications (if applicable)	**If research is reported on in the paper this section must be completed and should include suggestions for future research and any identified limitations in the research process.**
Practical implications (if applicable)	**What outcomes and implications for practice, applications and consequences are identified? Not all papers will have practical implications but most will. What changes to practice should be made as a result of this research/paper?**
Social Implications (if applicable)	**What will be the impact on society of this research? How will it influence public attitudes? How will it influence (corporate) social responsibility or environmental issues? How could it inform public or industry policy? How might it affect quality of life?**
What is original/value of paper	**What is new in the paper? State the value of the paper and to whom.**

Examples

- Example 1
- Example 2
- Example 3
- Example 4
- Example 5
- Example 6

Literature review

Search Result		Subjects																										Performance Effects					Research Methodologies													Source information
E-collaboration	Project management	manufacturing	product	design	procurement	planning	quality control	organization	innovation	process	tool	product complexity	involvement of partners	concurrent product	team structure	project strategy	concurrent engineering	training & rewarding	simplification of structure	lead user	Supplier integration	virtual production	Time Compression Technologies	CAD technology	setting buffers	identifying critical chain	development capacity	techniques	speed	Time	cost	Quality	variety	other	Simulation	Process Model	Theory-Building	Framework	Case study(small n)	Empirical(large n)	Experiment	Math. Modeling	www-based	Review	statistical	pattern matching	prototype	pilot study	creative software	References
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Appendix B: Data Tables

Source Information			Search Results		Analysis Results																		
					Subjects				Performance Effects					Research Methodologies									
No	Author(s)	Year	Modularity	Commonality	Product	Process	Organization	Innovation	Quality	Variety	Cost	Time	Other	Theory-Building	Framework	Process Model	Math. Modeling	Simulation	Experiment	Empirical (large n)	Case Study (small n)	Review	Notes: Product / Industry / Application
1	Akcay and Xu	2004		1	1						1						1						Non-product specific assemble-to-order systems
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3	Anderson and Parker	2002	1		1						1		1				1						Automobiles as examples
4	Baker et al.	1986		1	1						1						1						Non-product-specific inventory model
5	Balakrishnan and Brown	1996		1	1	1					1						1				1		Aluminum tube manufacturing
6	Balakrishnan et al.	1996		1	1						1						1						Non-product-specific assemble-to-forecast systems
7	Baldwin and Clark	1997	1		1	1				1	1				1								Examples from computer and auto industries
8	Baldwin and Clark	2000	1		1		1	1					1	1			1				1		Computer
9	Bartezzaghi and Verganti	1995		1	1	1							1				1						Telecommunication equipment
10	Bi and Zhang	2001	1		1	1				1	1	1			1							1	Several conceptual products as descriptions
11	Blackburn et al.	1996	1		1				1		1	1			1								Software
12	Browning	2001	1		1	1	1				1	1	1		1							1	Automobile climate control
13	Cetin and Saitou	2004	1	1	1				1	1	1					1	1				1		Bicycle frame example
14	Cetin and Saitou	2004	1		1				1	1	1					1	1				1		Automotive space frame
15	Cetin and Saitou	2005	1		1				1	1	1					1	1				1		Automotive space frame
16	Cheung	2002		1	1						1						1						Non-product-specific inventory model
17	Cheung and Hausman	1995		1	1						1						1						Aircraft engine repair
18	Choobineh and Mohebbi	2004		1	1						1	1	1					1					Non-product-specific inventory (kit preparation) model
19	Collier	1982		1	1						1						1						Non-product-specific inventory model
20	Desai et al.	2001		1	1				1	1	1						1						Model balancing cost savings and revenue decrease; examples from the auto industry
21	Deshpande et al.	2003		1	1						1						1						Non-product-specific inventory model
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23	Dong and Chen	2005		1	1						1				1			1					Non-product-specific supply chain model
24	Du et al.	2001	1	1	1					1	1			1		1					1		Power supplies
25	Duray	2004	1		1								1							1			Manufactured products
26	Duray et al.	2000	1		1								1							1			Manufactured products
27	Ethiraj and Levinthal	2004	1		1		1						1					1					Non-product-specific simulation study
28	Ethiraj and Levinthal	2004	1		1	1			1									1					Microchip
29	Evans	1963	1		1					1	1						1						Screw assortment for creating kits
30	Eynan and Fouque	2003		1	1						1						1						Non-product-specific demand reshape model
31	Eynan and Rosenblatt	1996		1	1						1						1						Non-product-specific Inventory Model
32	Farrell and Simpson	2003		1	1						1	1				1							Yokes used to mount valve actuators
33	Fellini et al.	2005		1	1				1		1						1						Automotive body side frame
34	Ferrer and Whybark	2001		1	1						1		1				1				1		Automobile component remanufacturing
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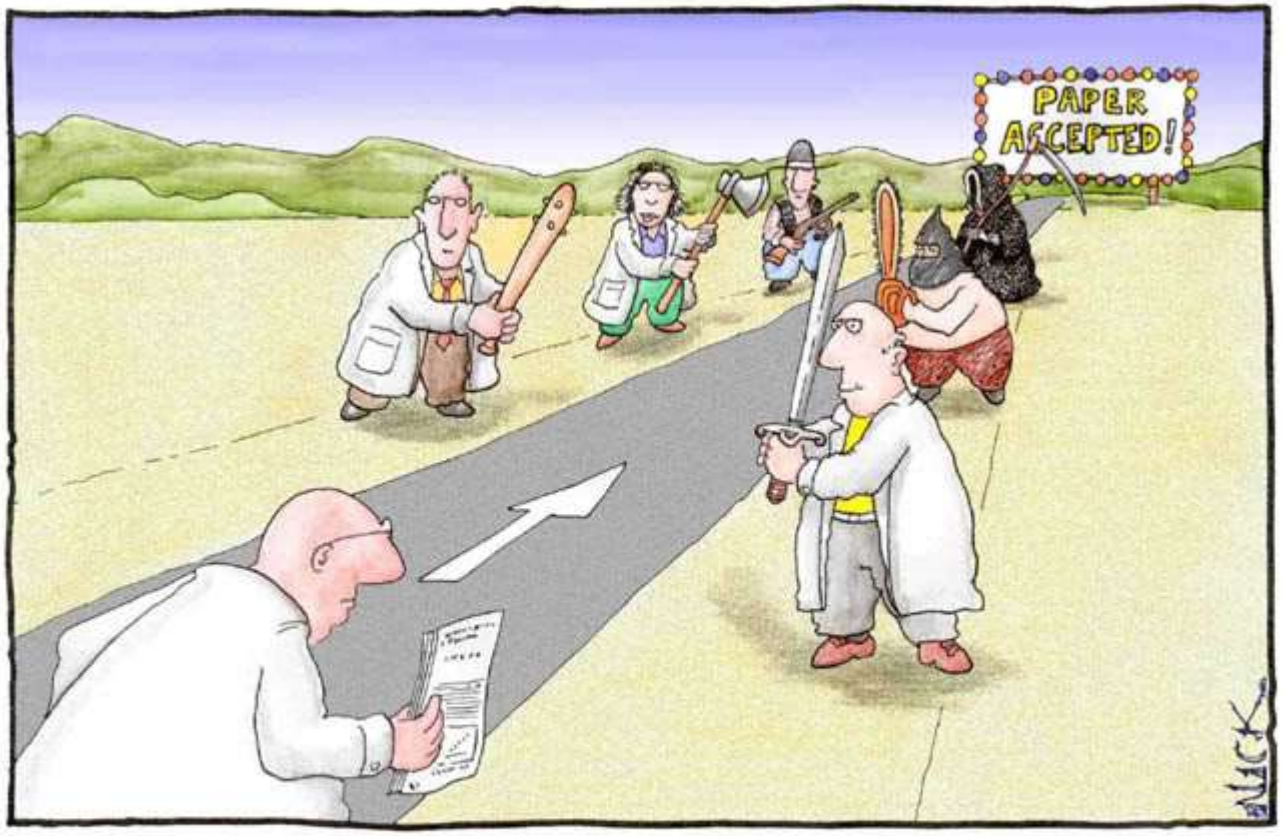

Most scientists regarded the new streamlined peer-review process as 'quite an improvement.'

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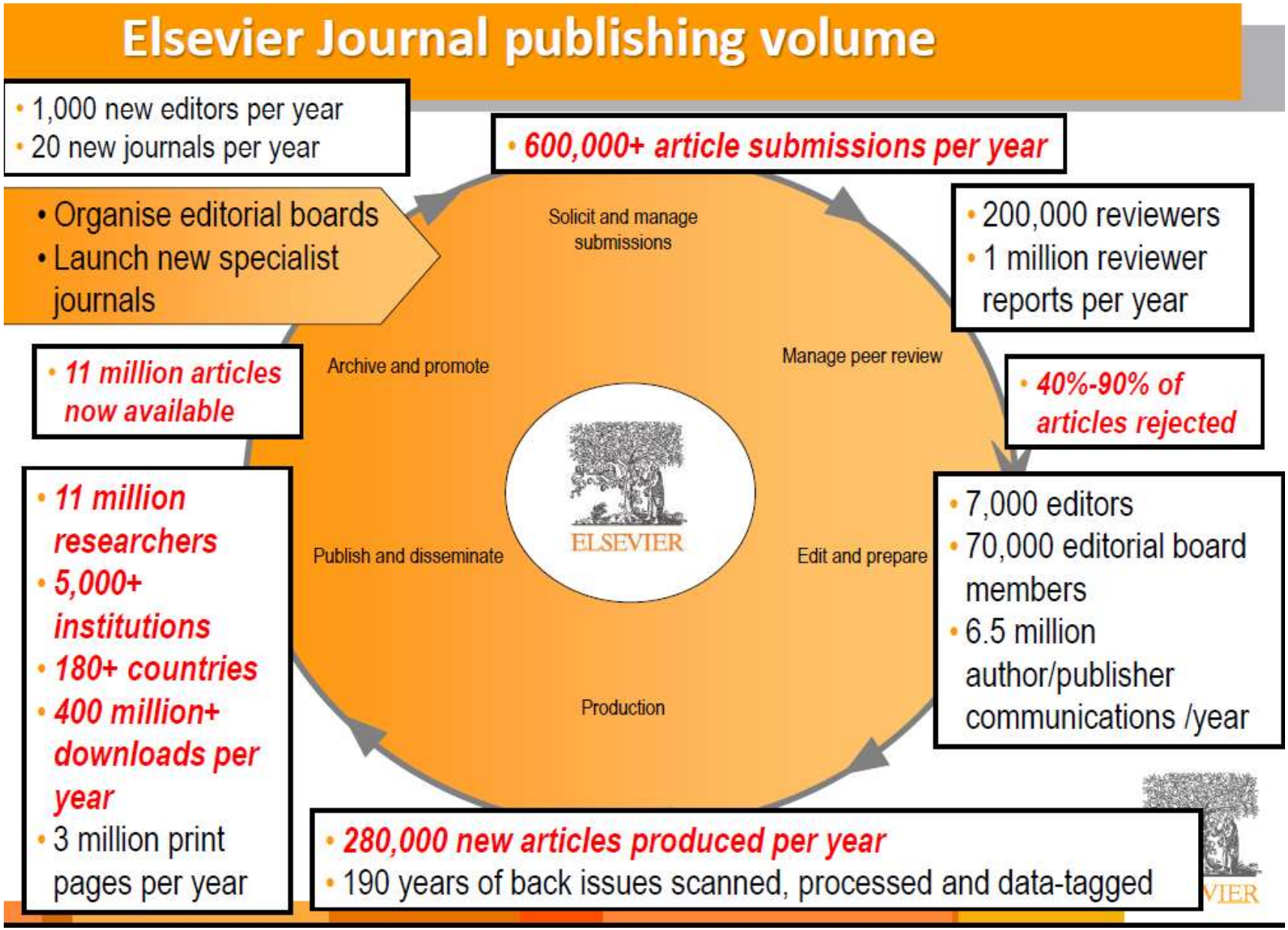

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The following graphic illustrates the stages illustrates the process, together with some statistics, for Emerald's journal International Journal of Service Industry Management (kindly supplied by the editor, Robert Johnston).

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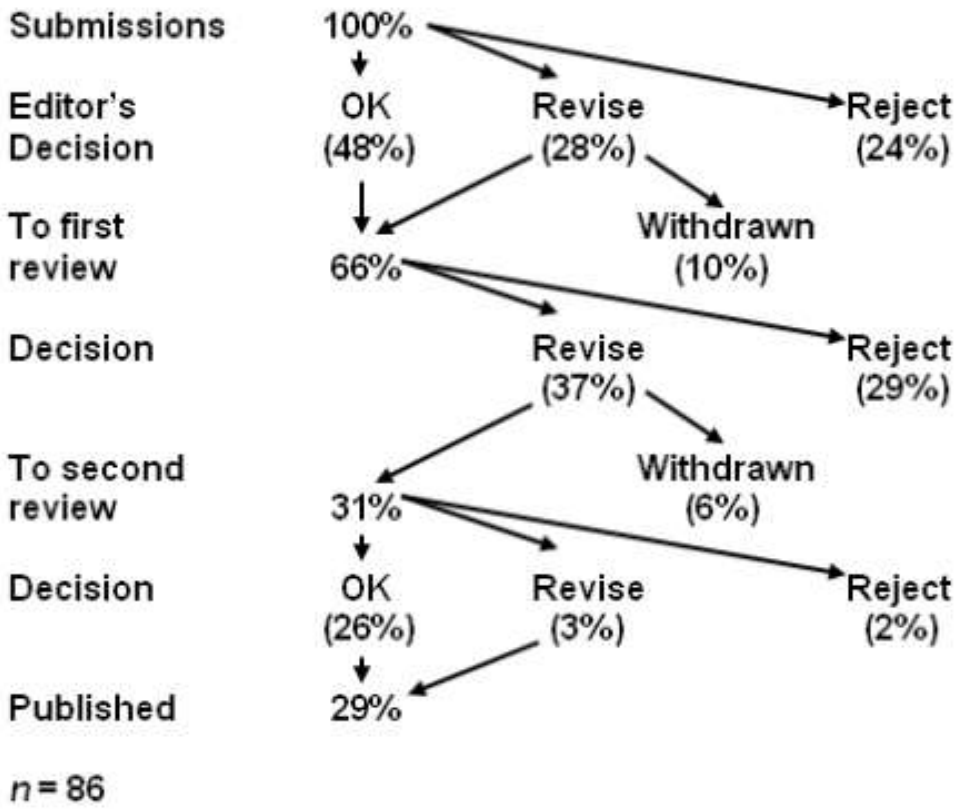

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Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Q1)

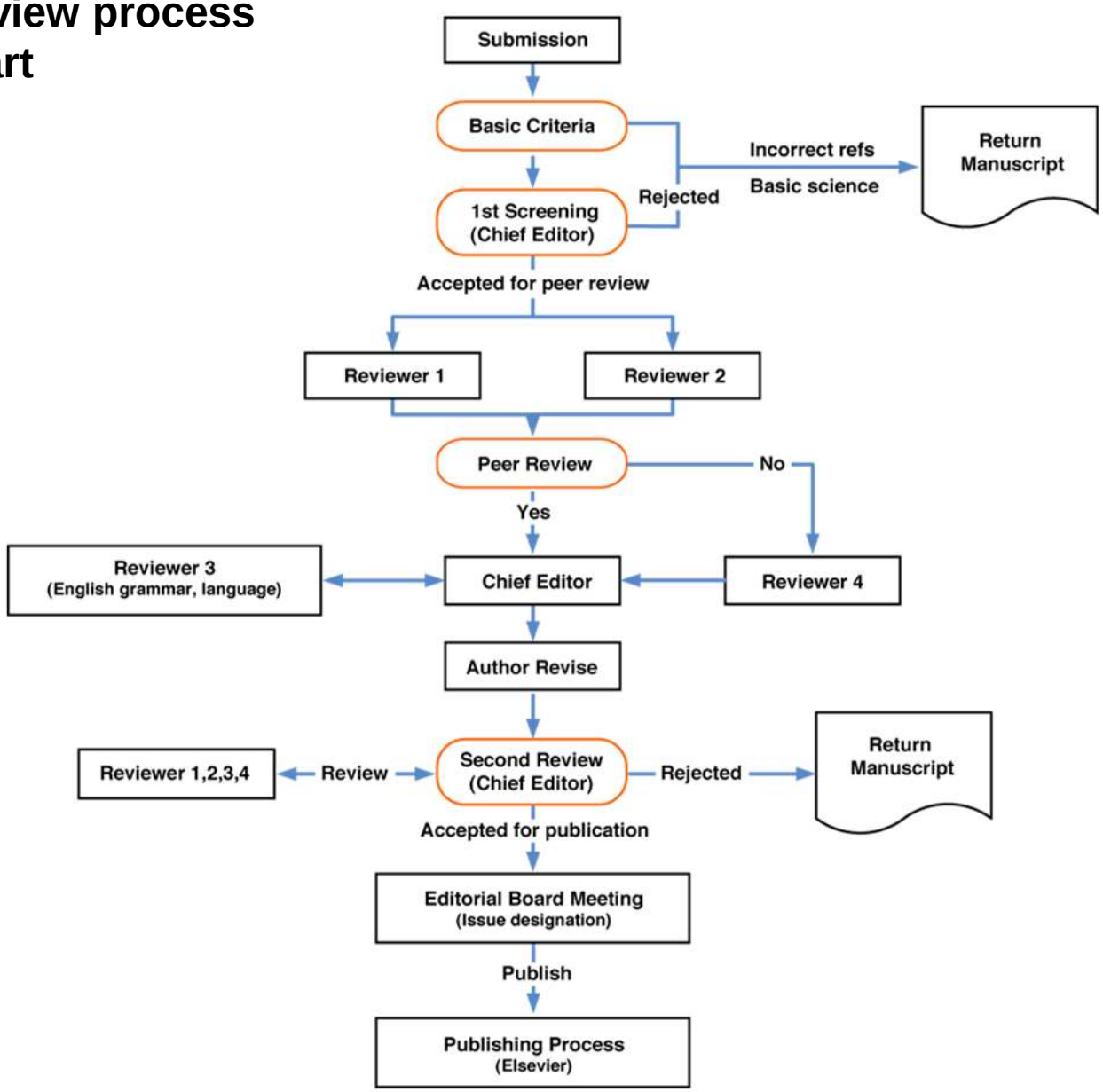
Gholizadeh, Hossein, Noor Azuan Abu Osman, Arezoo Eshraghi, Sadeeq Ali, and Elham Sadat Yahyavi. "Satisfaction and problems experienced with transfemoral suspension systems: a comparison between common suction socket and Seal-In liner." *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation* (2012).

Review 1	(5 reviewers) = 251	12231 words	**Major correction**
Review 2	(5 reviewers) = 118	4286 words	**Major correction**
Review 3	(3 reviewers) = 67	1350 words	Minor correction
Review 4	(2 reviewer) = 64	1540 words	Minor correction
Review 5	(1 reviewer) = 19	293 words	Minor correction

Total = 519 questions!

19693 words (answer) only for a paper with 3000 words!!

Peer review process flowchart



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Acceptance Procedure

- **Editor-in-Chief** tests the manuscript according to the several criteria of subject **scope**, style, apparent technical validity, topical importance, relationship to prior publication, **conciseness**, appropriate references, and length. Papers that vary widely from the prescribed archival style (those written as speeches, ill-defined manuscripts, progress reports or news releases, or those strongly flavoured with advertising) will not be considered for publication.

- **Associate Editor** (**Editor**) evaluates the paper according to the same criteria and, in most cases, has the paper sent to one or more reviewers in the field (usually two) for confidential review. The Associate Editor may, however, at his or her discretion, accept the paper without review, reject it giving explicit reason, or request that the author prepare it in a different format.

Example (Source: Industrial Management & Data Systems)

The reviewing process

Each paper is reviewed by the editor and, if it is judged suitable for the publication, it is then sent to two referees for double blind peer review. Based on their recommendations, the Editor then decides whether the paper should be accepted as is, revised or rejected. The Editor may, however, vary this process in some circumstances.

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Two cancer papers retracted because authors “are unable to guarantee the accuracy of some of the figures”

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Retraction 12 appears for Alirio Melendez, this one for plagiarism

Retraction Watch

Tracking retractions as a window into the scientific process

Taiwan's education minister resigns in wake of SAGE peer review scandal

with 10 comments

Taiwan's education minister, Chiang Wei-ling, whose name appeared on several of 60 retracted articles by Peter Chen — apparently the architect of a peer review and citation syndicate we were first to report on last week — has resigned over the publishing scandal.

According to the University World News:

> Chiang said in a statement that the decision to resign was made to uphold his own reputation and avoid unnecessary disturbance of the work of the education ministry, after the incident ignited a wave of public criticism.

The *UWN* reports that Chaing's resignation on Monday came after Taiwan's premier, Jiang Yi-huah, instructed the Ministry of Science and Technology to investigate the Chen case.

What's more, according to the *UWN* — in news that, we humbly submit, hammers home the point of our *New York Times* op-ed last Friday:

> The Ministry of Science said this week that it may have funded the research for 40 of Peter Chen's questionable papers amounting to some NT$5.08 million (US$169,164), according to Lin Yi-Bing, vice-minister of science and technology.
>
> He said in remarks released last Sunday that if Chen was found to have violated academic ethics, the

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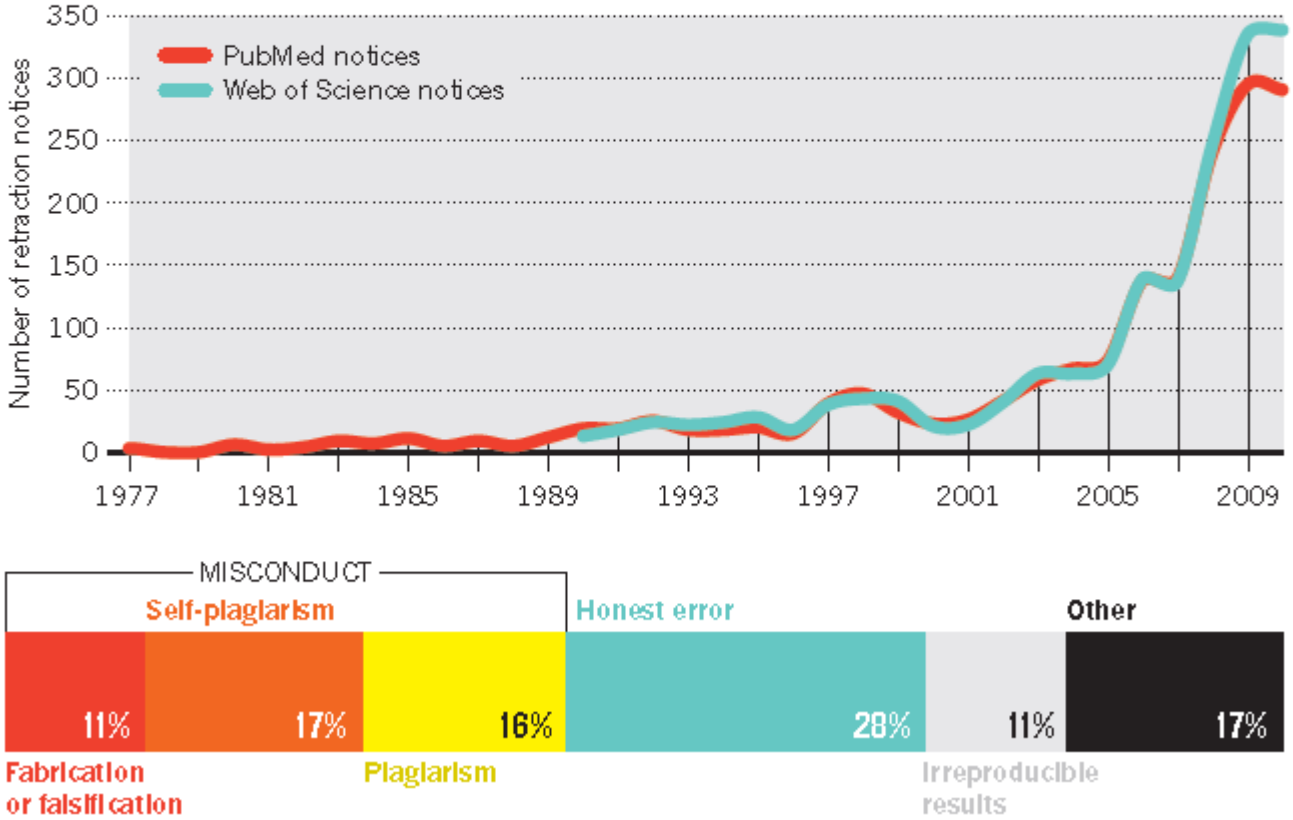
RISE OF THE RETRACTIONS

In the past decade, the number of retraction notices has shot up 10-fold (**top**), even as the literature has expanded by only 44%. It is likely that only about half of all retractions are for researcher misconduct (**middle**). Higher-impact journals have logged more retraction notices over the past decade, but much of the increase during 2006–10 came from lower-impact journals (**bottom**).



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Dear Dr …….,

Thanks for your effective work. We also finish the Cross Checking work here. We found four papers (your Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4) could not arrive our standards, e.g. the similarity rate is very high, which means these papers have duplicated or salami-slicing, self-plagiarism problem. We can't accept these. When you see the attached reports, you will understand us here.

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Thanks.

Best wishes,

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Check **plagiarism** first

- Example 1 (Text with references)
- Example 2 (Text without references)
- Example 3 (Text with references-Checked with Turnitin)

Acceptance Procedure Con.

- **Reviewer** is asked to judge the technical validity of the manuscript and the extent of its advance over work previously published. The reviewer is asked also for advice as to whether the paper merits publication in the journal. However, the decision to publish, to require major revision before publication, or to reject for reasons cited lies first with the Associate Editor and ultimately with the Editor-in-Chief.

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What are the criteria by which the paper will be judged?

- Is the subject appropriate to the editorial aims and scope of the journal?
- Originality: does the article say something original, does it add to the body of knowledge, etc.? If a case study, is this its first use?
- Research methodology: most journals are concerned about this, as would be expected for an academic publisher. Is the research design, methodology, theoretical approach, critical review, etc. sound? Are the results well presented, do they correlate to the theory, and have they been correctly interpreted? Is the analysis sufficiently rigourous?
- Is the paper set in the context of the wider literature, are there sufficient relevant citings, are these well referenced and are other people's views credited?
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- Does the title of the article accurately reflect its content?
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- Is the perspective appropriate for an international audience?
- Questions of format: are the abstract, keywords etc. appropriate?
- Is it an appropriate length (note: many journals will stipulate length requirements in their author guidelines)?

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Reviewer

- **Compatibility with the journal topics**
- **Scientific level**
- **The clear answers to the questions:**
  - What is the problem?
  - What is done by other people?
  - What the author did?
  - What is new?
  - What is the author contribution?
- **Organization of the paper:**
  - problem statements,
  - application area,
  - research course,
  - methods used,
  - results,
  - further research,
  - interest in cooperation,
  - acknowledgements,
  - references
- **Language:**
  - spelling,
  - style,
  - grammar

Some General Rule for Reviewers

- Almost 90% of the journal follow these rules. so, you check yourself how your paper is before you send it out.

Acceptance Procedure Con.

- **Author** - If the paper has been rejected or if extensive revisions have been requested that the author believes are incorrect or unwarranted, then he or she is entitled to submit a point-by-point rebuttal to the Editor's statement of reasons and the reviewers' comments.
- **Editors -** The rebuttal then is analyzed by the Editors, and a decision is made. In rare cases of a complex point of dispute, the Editors, at their discretion, may mandate additional reviews. In no case shall a paper go through more than two reviewing cycles before a decision is given.
- **Editor-in-Chief** - If the dispute still remains unresolved,
- then the decision of the Editor-in-Chief is final and overrides all other considerations.

Acceptance Procedure Con.

- **Rebuttal by Author (for rejected paper) -** In the confrontation between the rejection statement and the rebuttal statement, the decision goes in favour of the author if the dissenting reviewer's case is not clearly convincing.

- **Authors** who are requested by Editors to revise their papers must make an effort to accomplish the requested revisions in the stated period, which normally is **four weeks for major revisions**, **two weeks for minor revisions**. If the author does not respond to the subsequent inquiries, the paper will be regarded as withdrawn. Normally, an author who has good reason to request a time extension will be granted such an extension.

Acceptance Procedure Con.

- **Reviewer** who feels strongly that a particular paper should not be published may be given the opportunity, if the Editor decides nevertheless to accept it, to write the criticism as a **Technical Comment.** The author then is allowed to write a closing response for publication in the same issue as the Comment.

- **Formal acceptance** will not occur until the author has complied with all of the revision requests (if any) made by the Associate Editor or the Associate Editor has accepted the author's rebuttal, and the author has prepared the paper in the Journal Manuscript Style and Format.

Acceptance Procedure Con.

- **When a paper is formally accepted**, it will be scheduled for publication in a forthcoming issue, and the author will be so informed. Depending upon the number of papers awaiting publication and the projected size of issues, this may require that papers be scheduled several issues ahead. Editor-in-Chief also may designate certain special-category papers for immediate publication.

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Acceptance Procedure Con.

- **Overscheduled** - To allow for late or non-release of proofs by authors and to provide the flexibility to meet issue-length and topic-mix constraints, issues will be overscheduled by about 25%. Thus, there will always be a certain number of papers held over for the next issue. Papers not published in the issue for which they were originally scheduled will have first priority for publication in the following issue.

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7. Review Comments

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3. Editorial comments are helpful to authors. However, readability is a factor in a good submission. If the use of language is so poor that it makes reading difficult, please note this in your comments and reflect it in your ranking.

Reviewer comments

- Reviewer's Evaluation Report (Reject)
- Reject- does not comply with the aims and scope
- Reject with helpful comments-1
- Reject with helpful comments-2
- Reject with helpful comments-3
- Requires Major Revision
- Moderate Revision

Reviewer comments Con.

- Some suggestions
- The manuscript needs a substantial improvement
- Acceptable for publication
- Not acceptable for publication
- Cannot accept your manuscript
- Major correction- **References (not already cited in the paper)**

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Katsuhiko Ariga

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Best regards,

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- Step by step corrections (with minor modification)
- Step by step corrections base on reviewer's comments
- Compare the old and the new version of paper (with major modification)
- Response to the editorial issues

Henson's Tips to Writers

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- *do not be preoccupied with telling readers everything you know--instead help readers discover insights*
- *target your articles to journals that have an acceptance rate of at least 20%*
- *do not be afraid to call the editor of the journal*
- *stay within the preferred article length of the target journal*
- *write what you have to say and then edit your manuscript several times, eliminating everything that's unnecessary*
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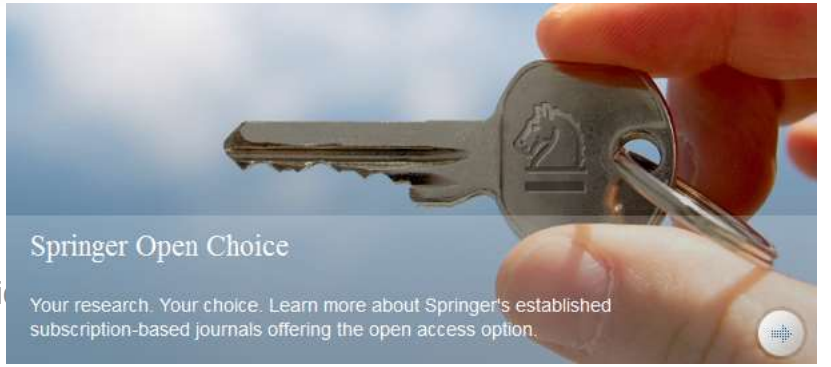

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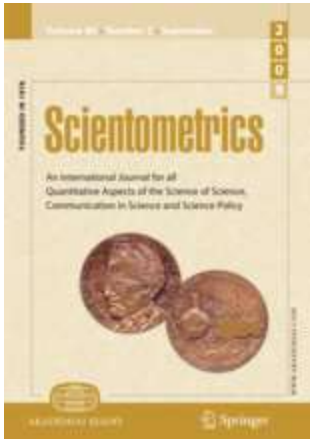

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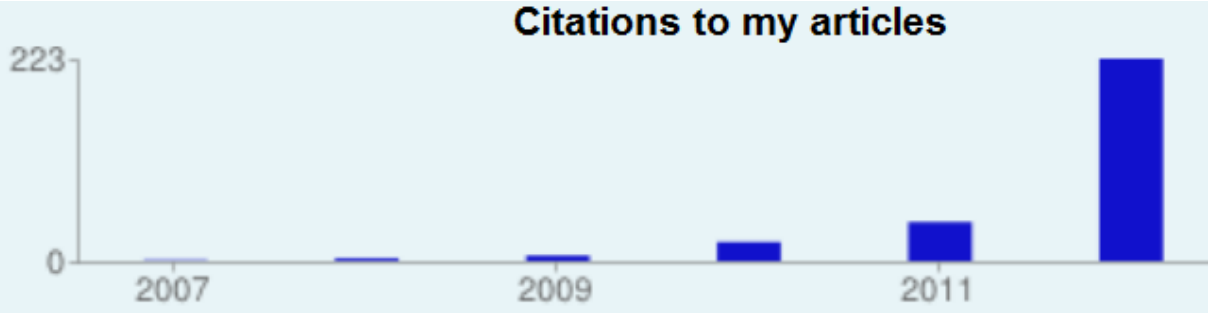

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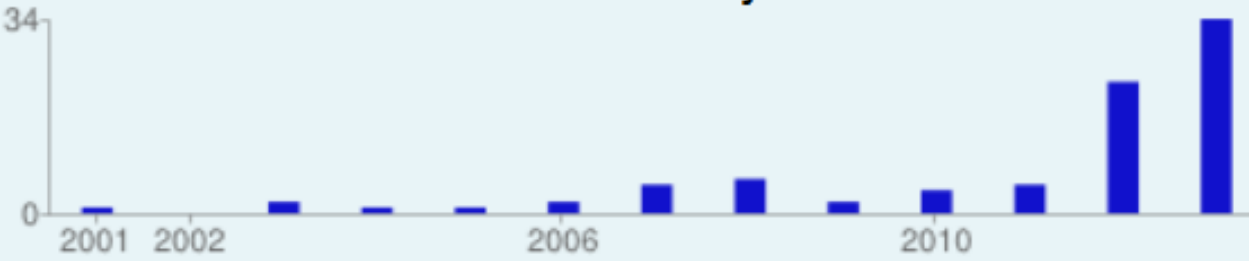

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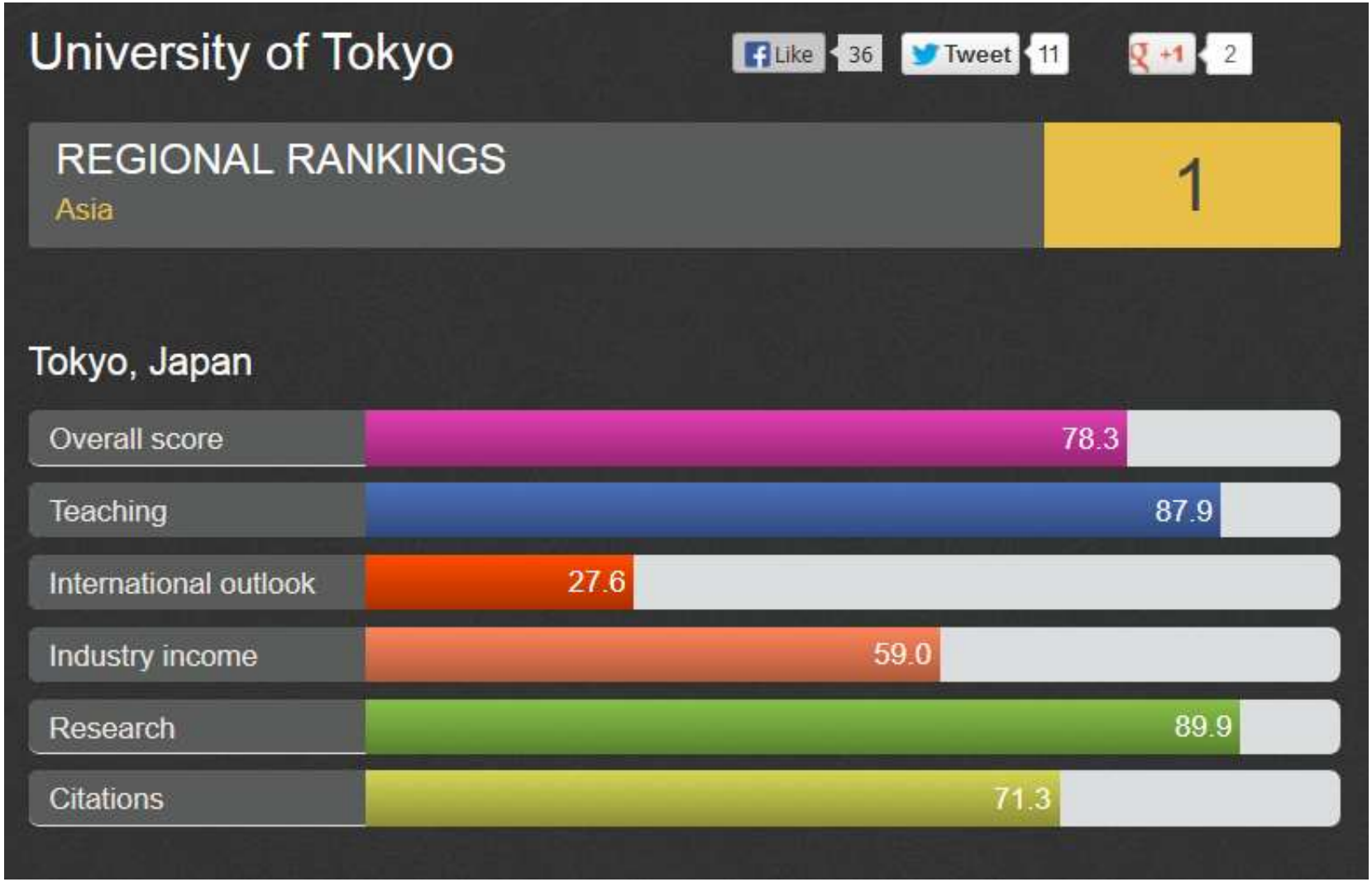

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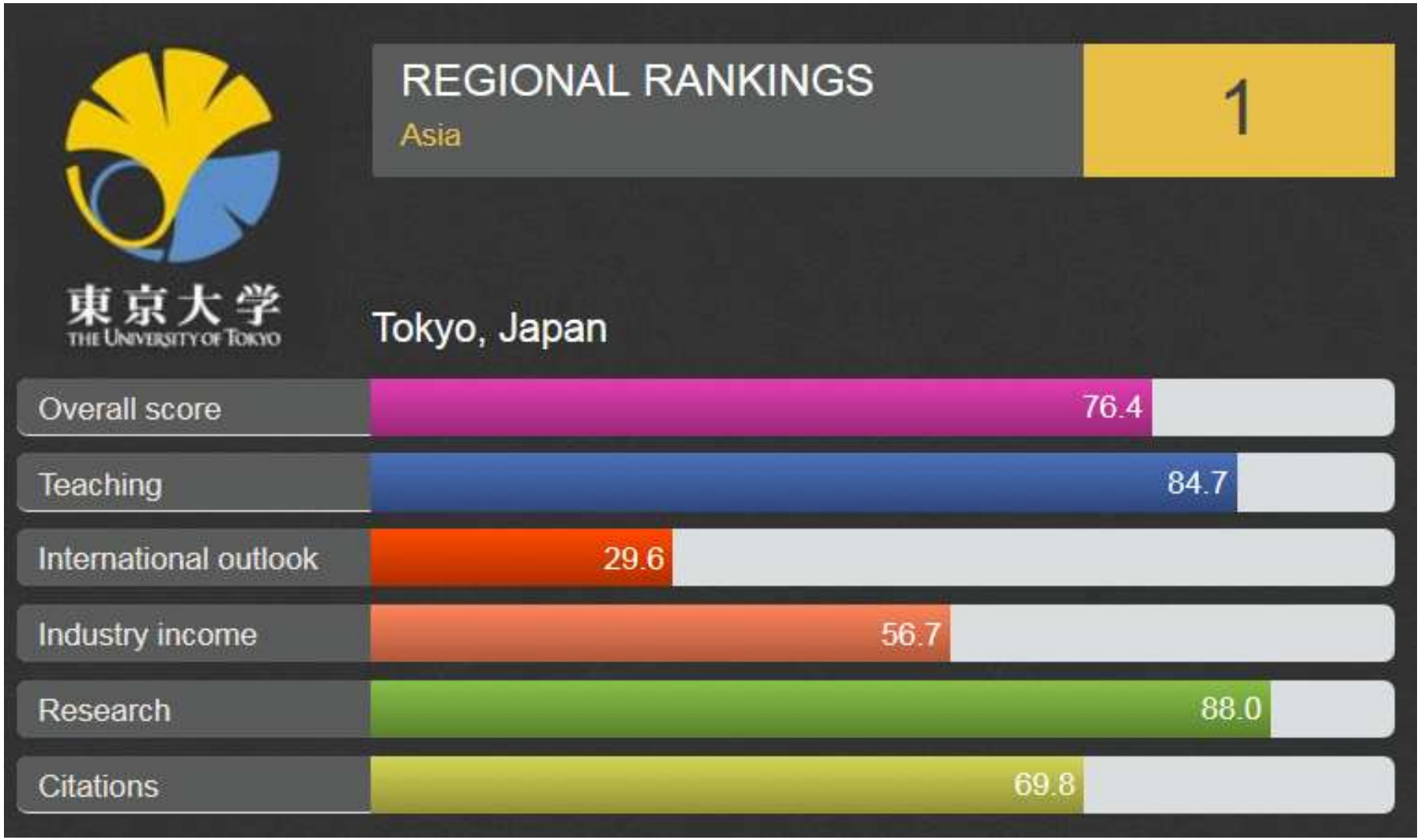

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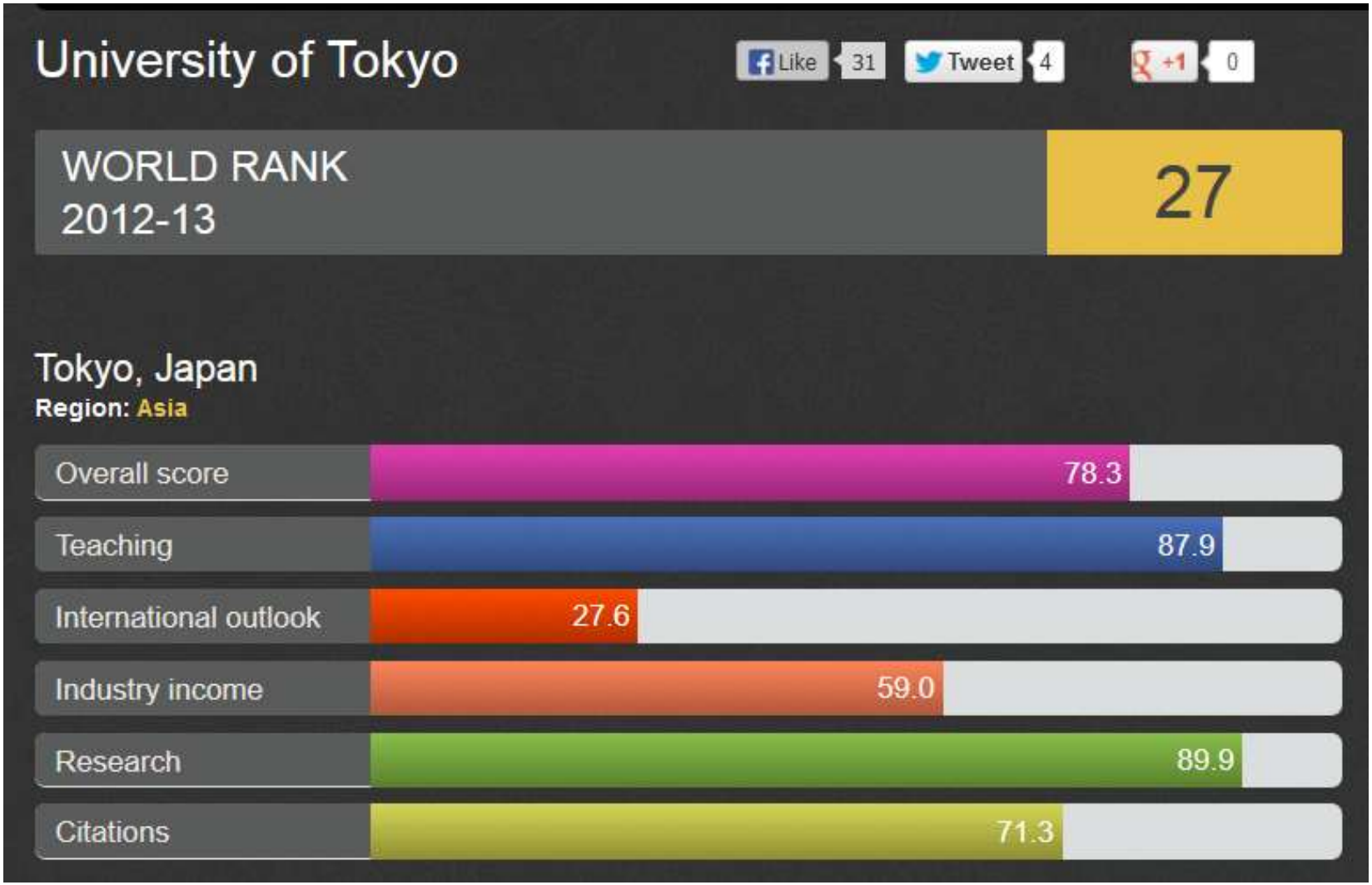

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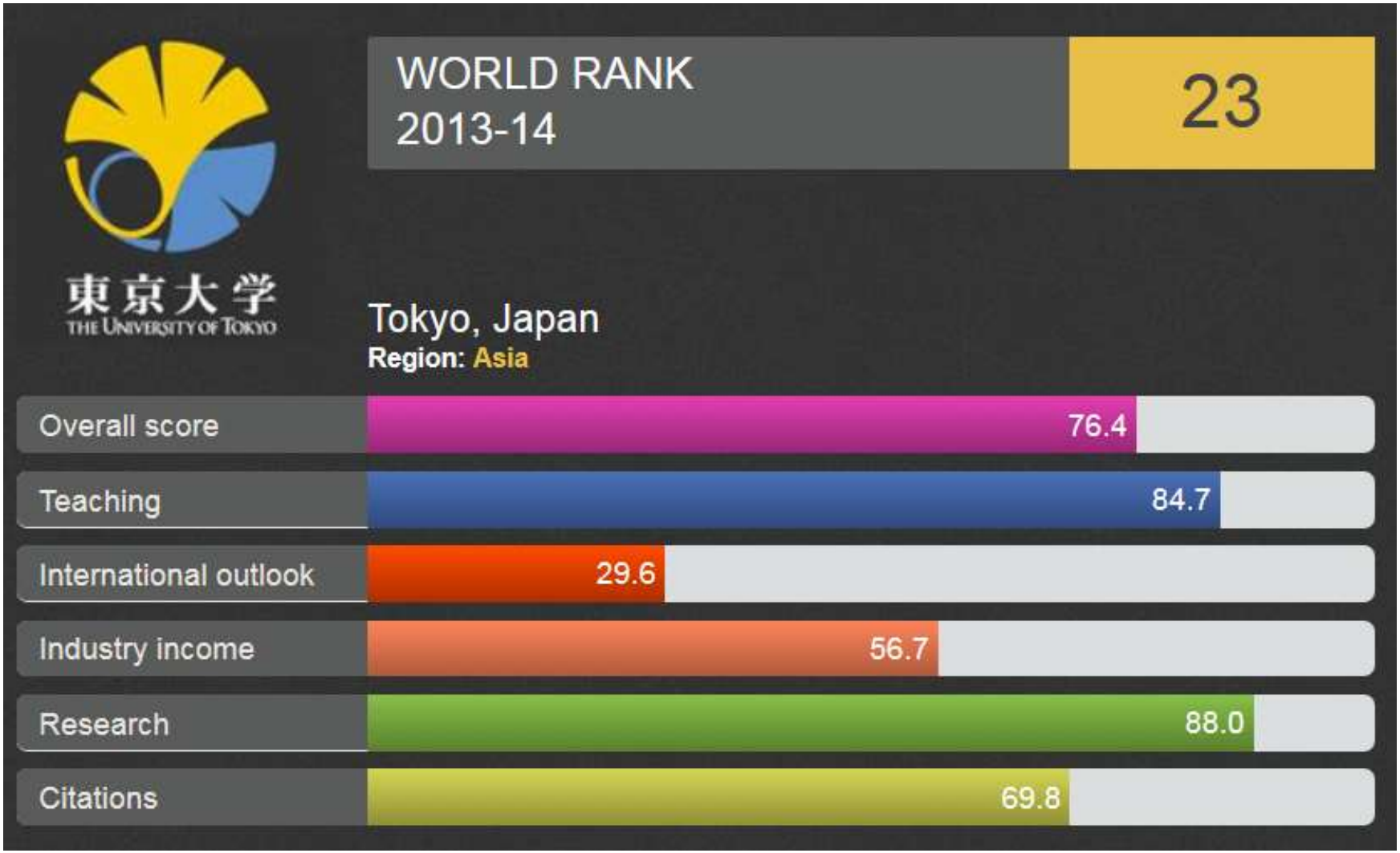

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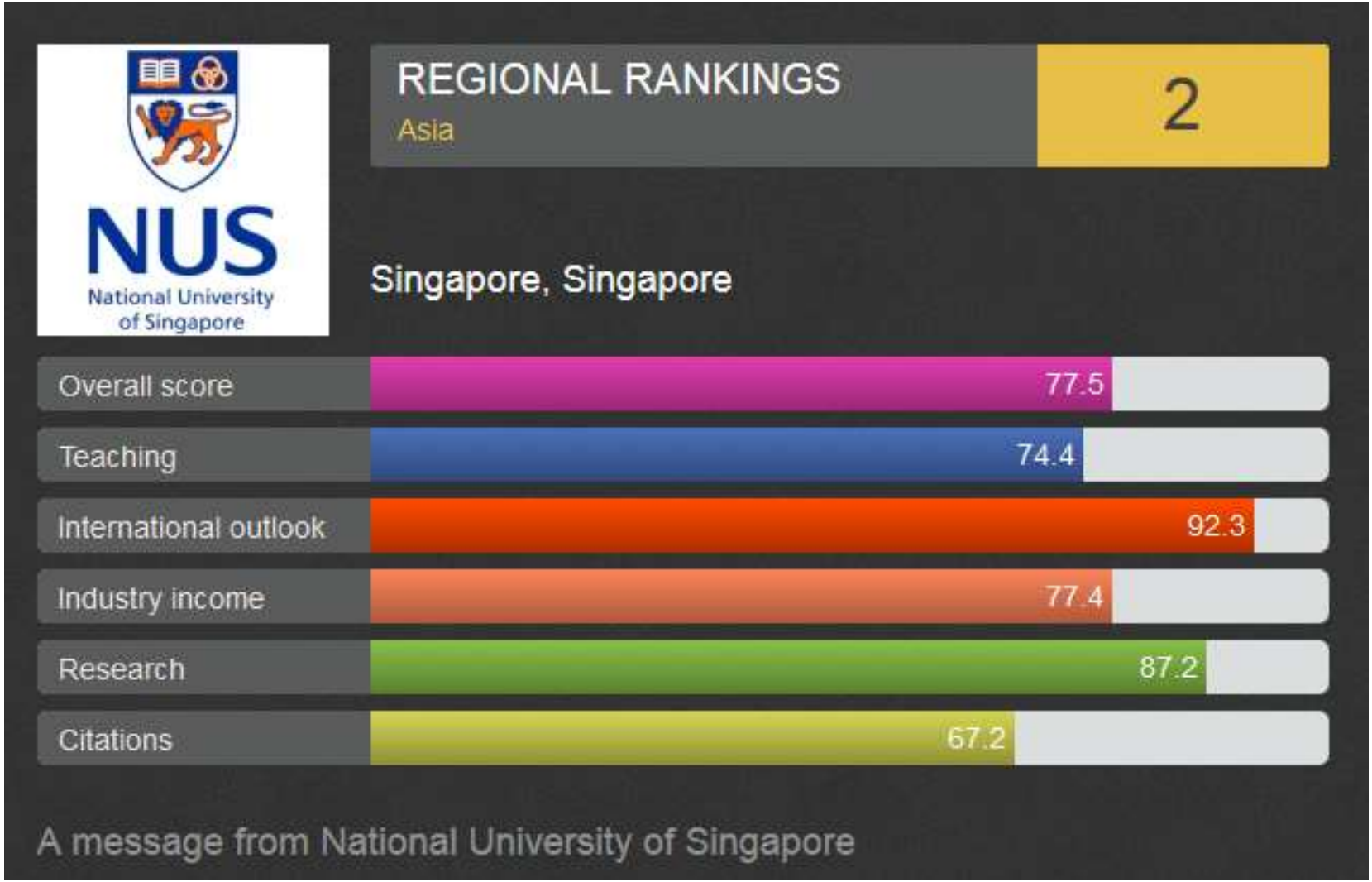

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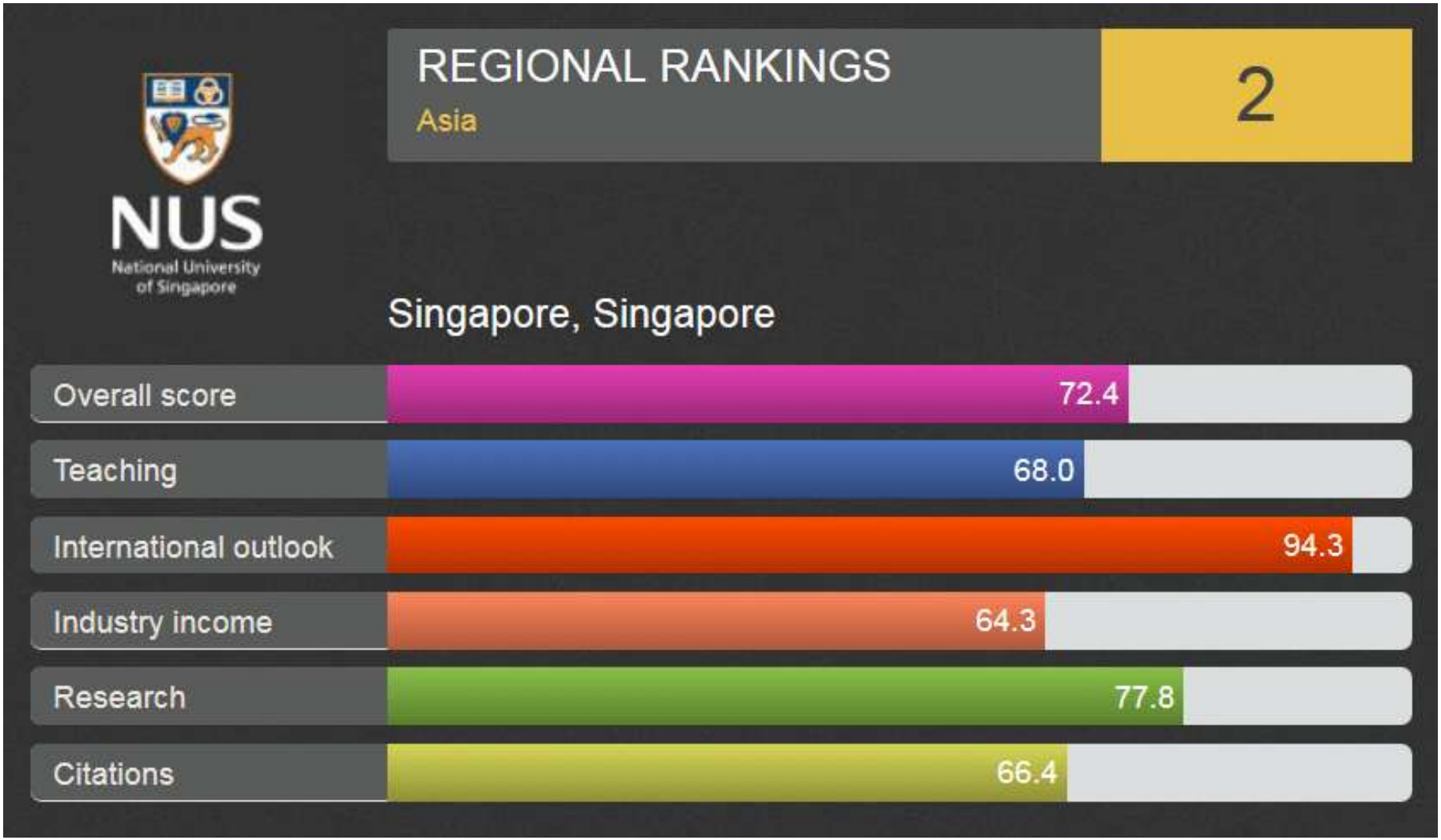

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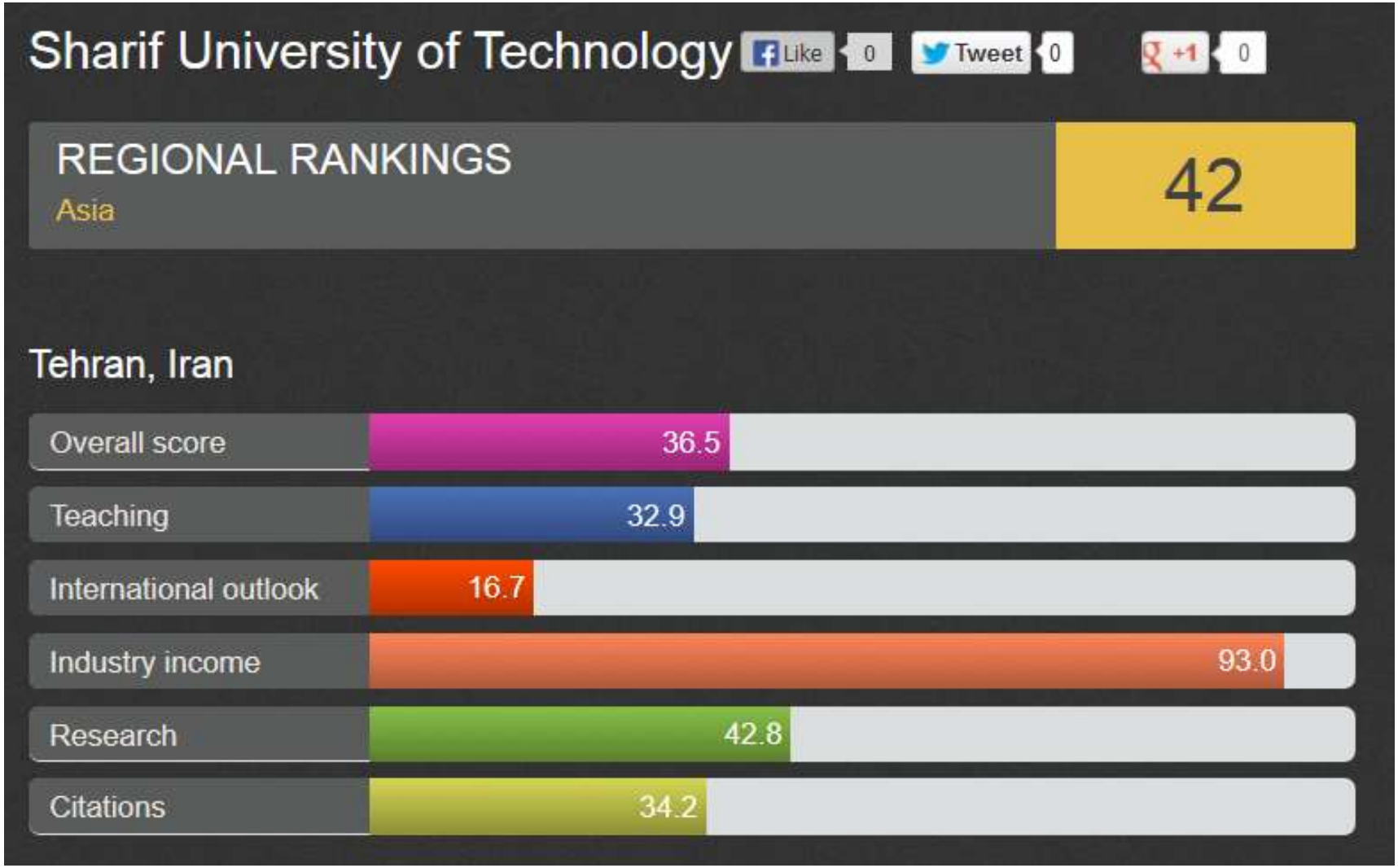

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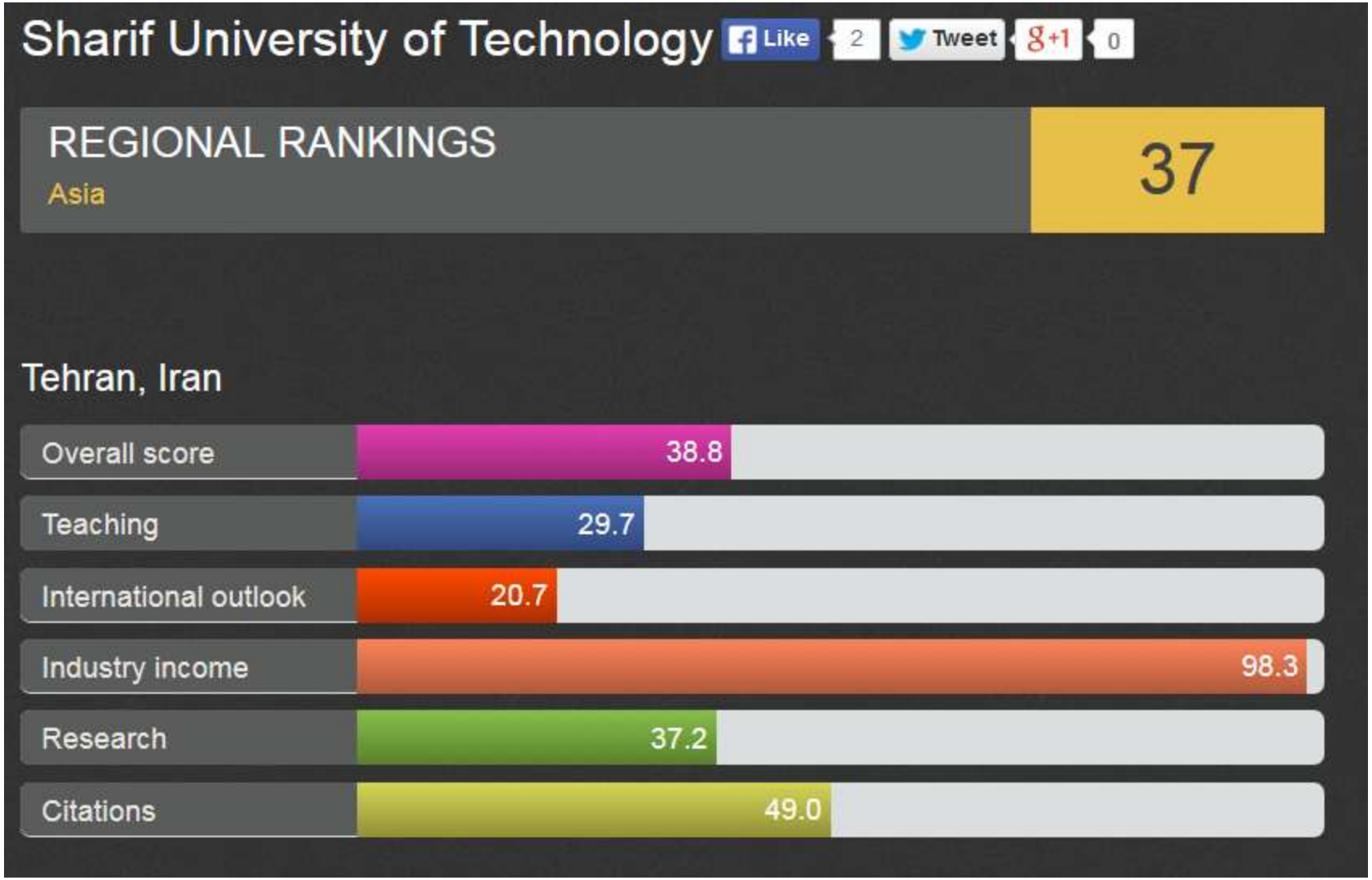

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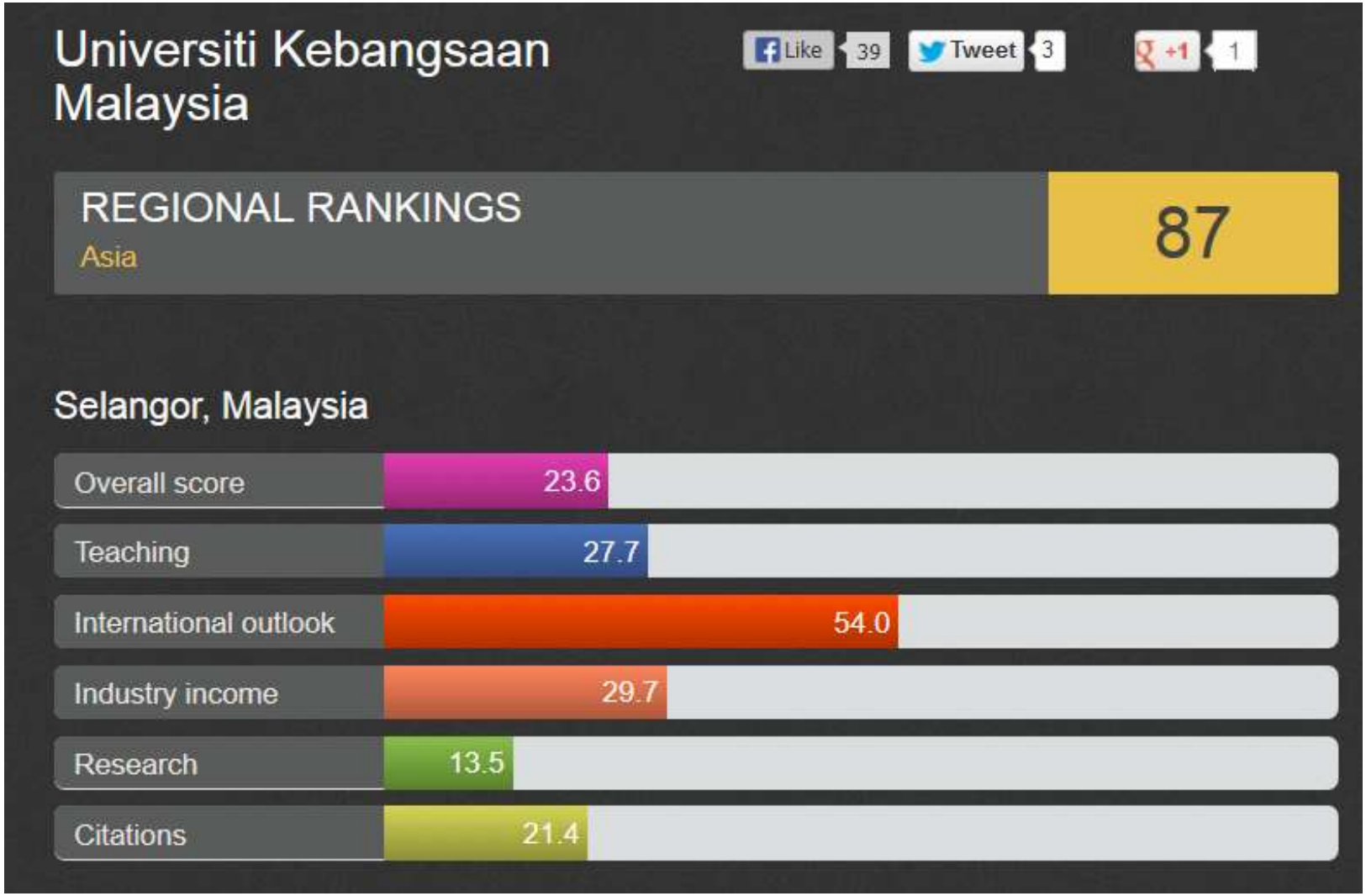

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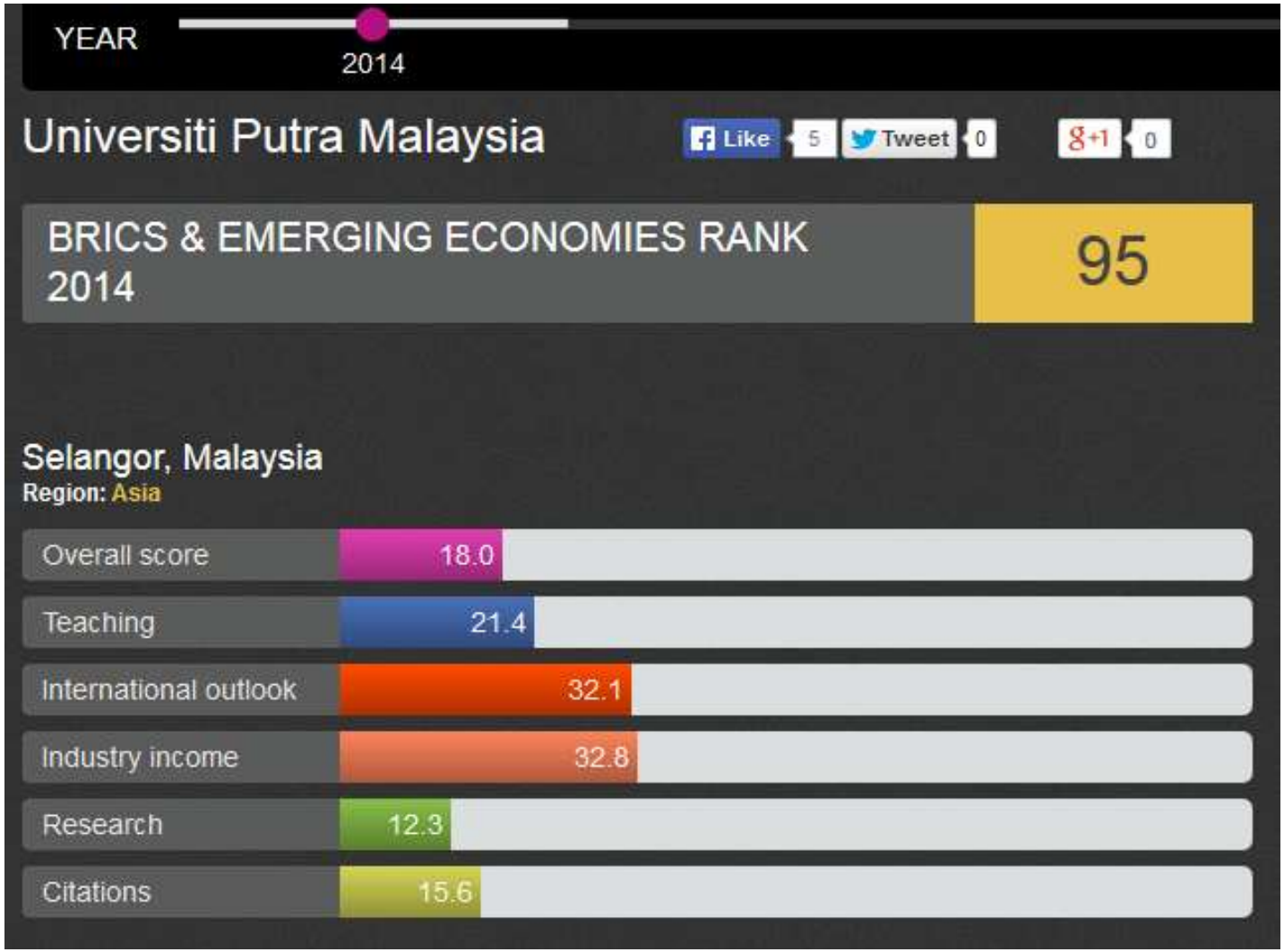

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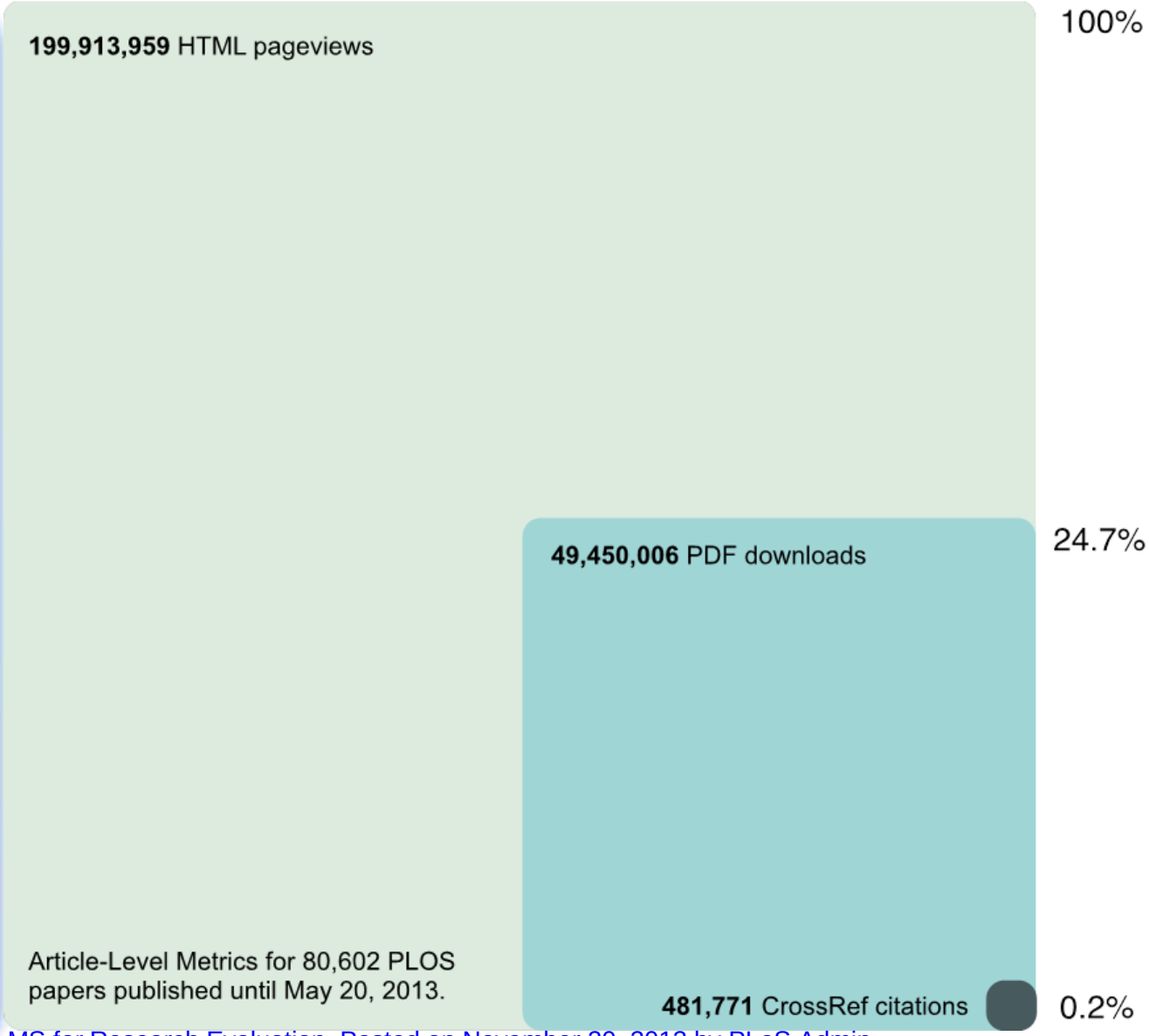

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Improving access and retrieval of your research study is the surest way to enhance its impact. Repetition, consistency, and an awareness of the intended audience form the basis of most the following strategies.

Preparing for Publication

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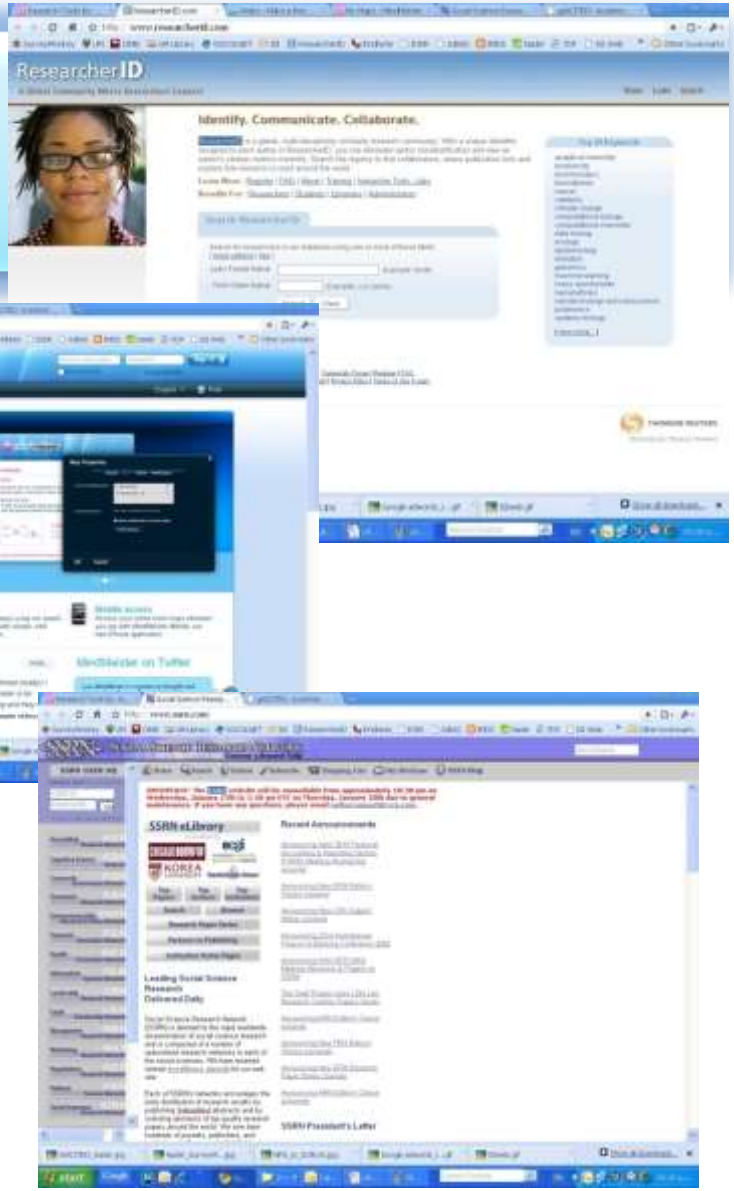

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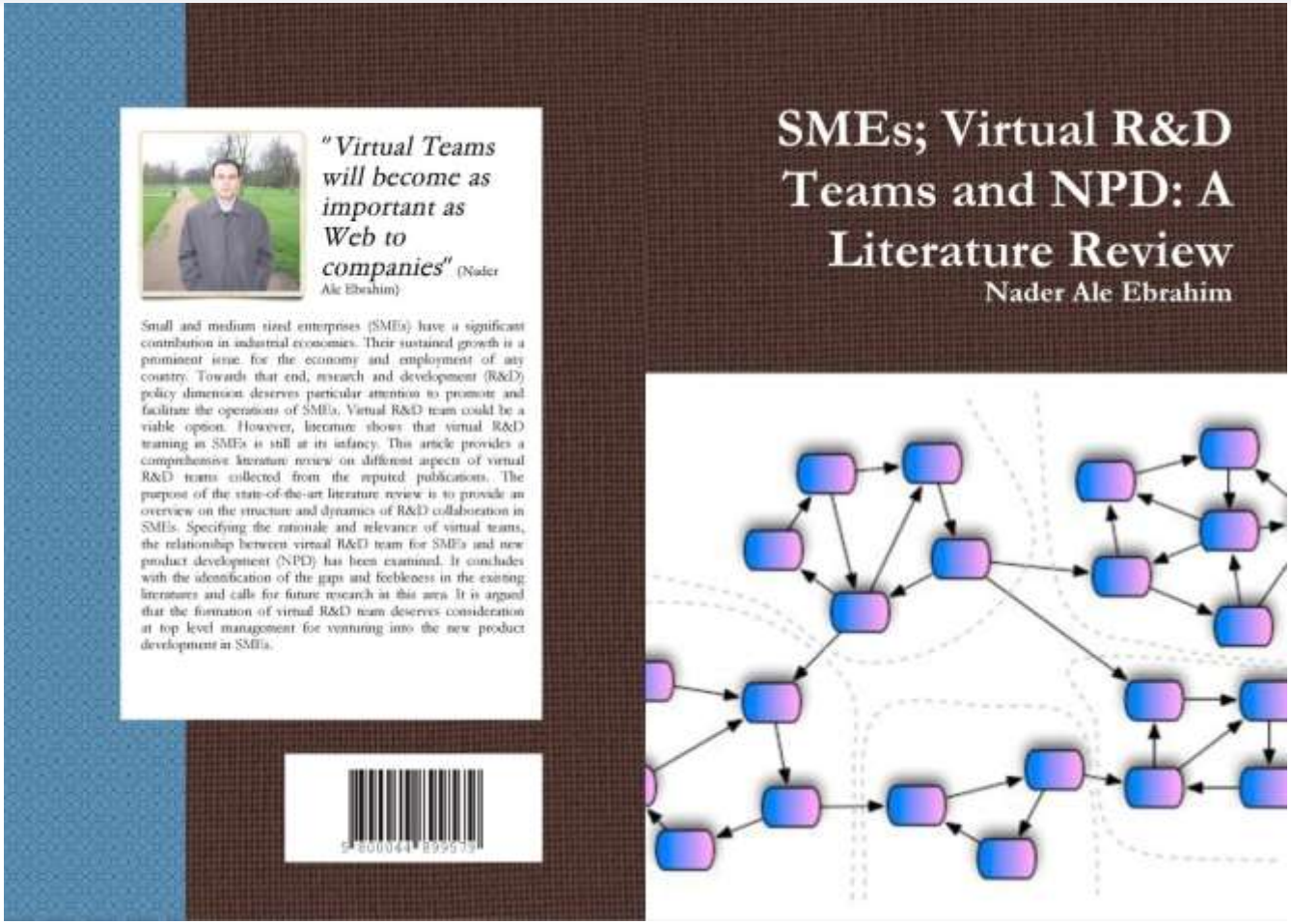

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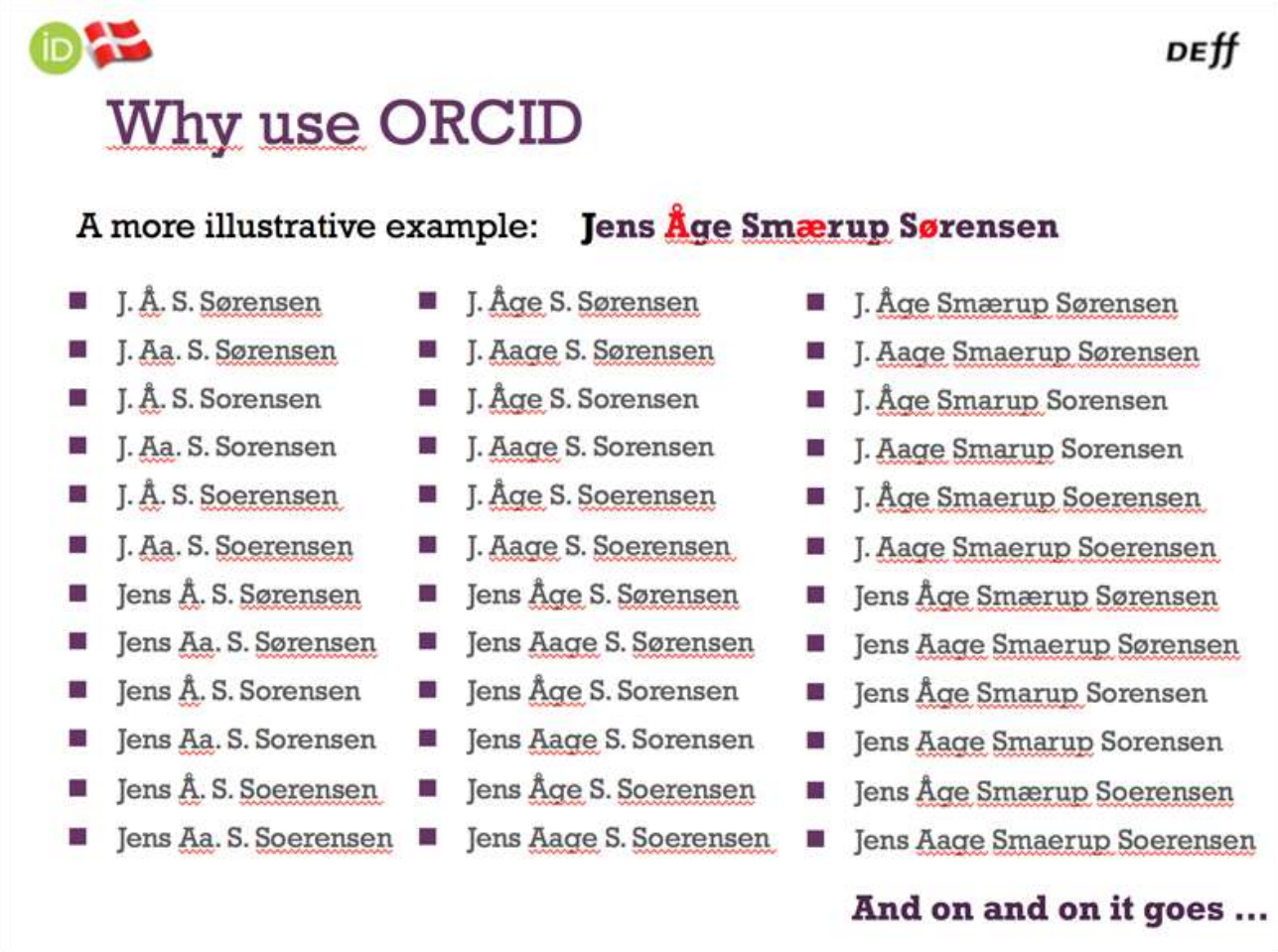

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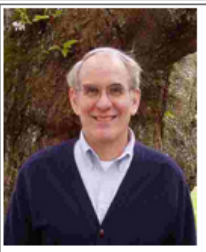

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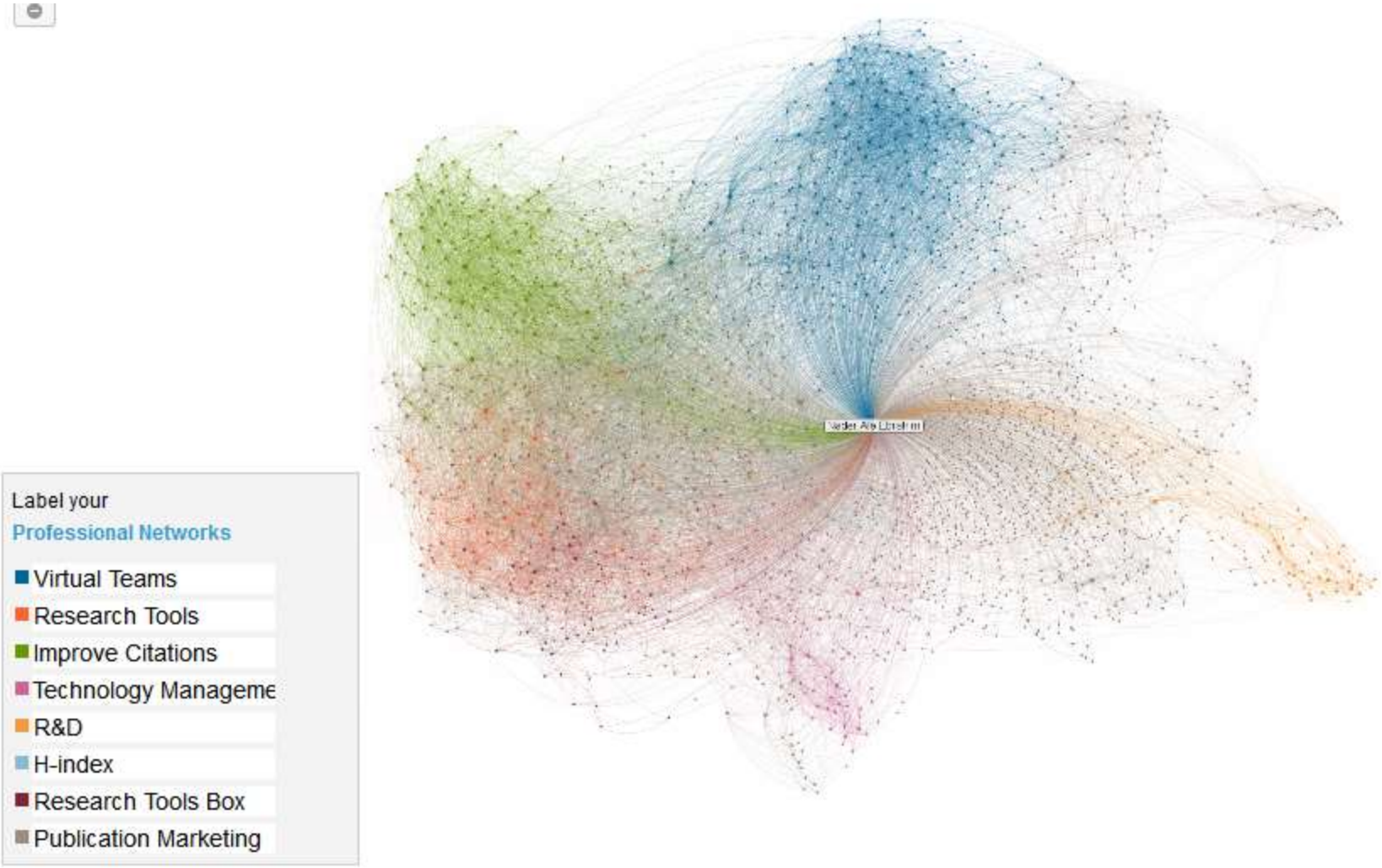

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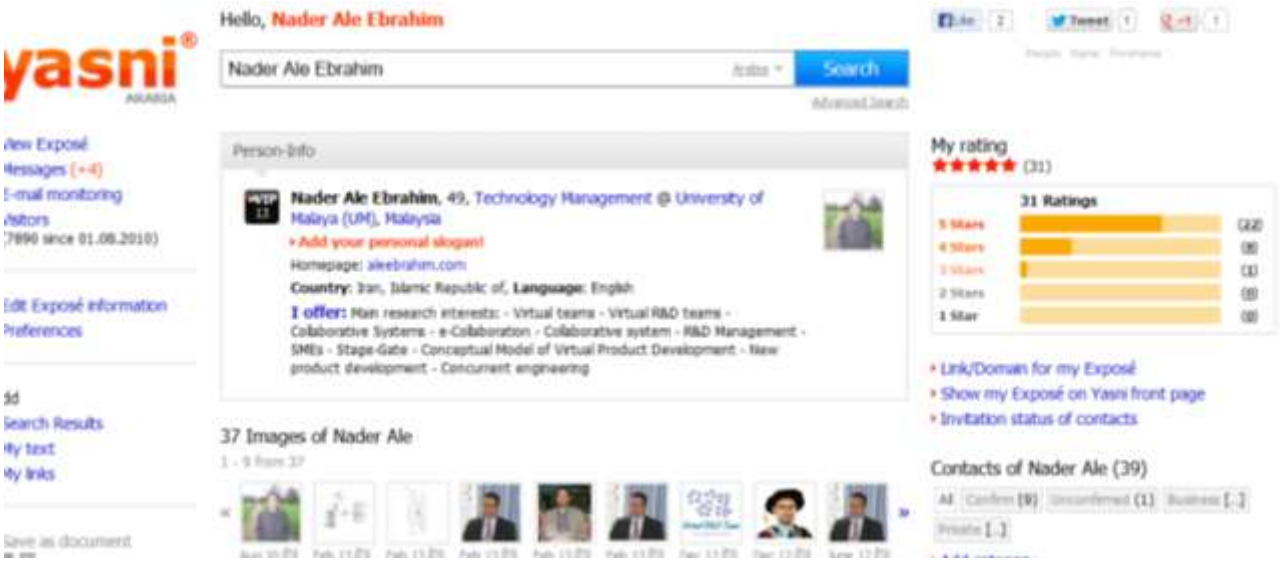

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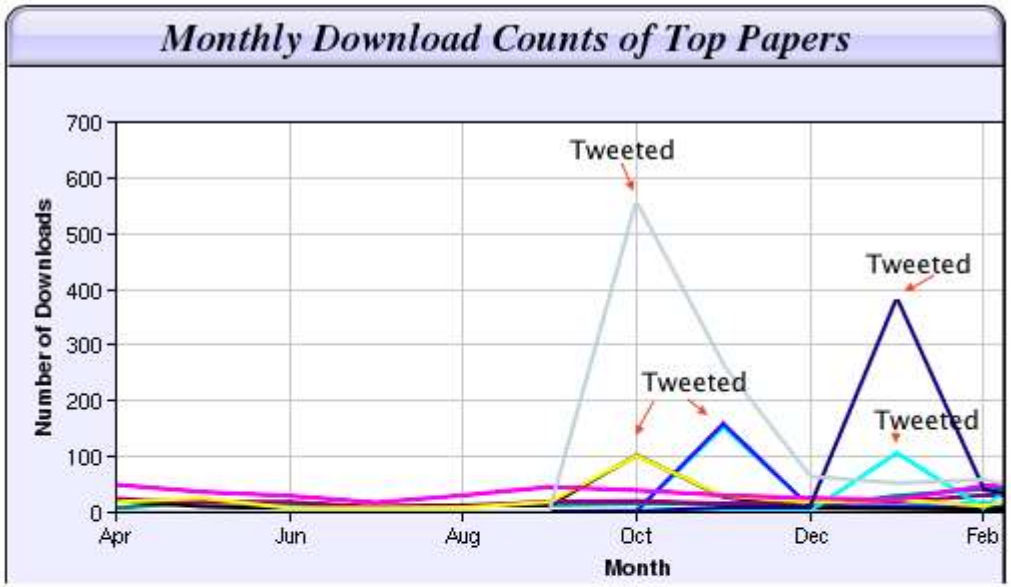

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This blog is intended to share information, discuss new research, and identify new trends within the Human Performance Technology (HPT) field. HPT is a multi-disciplinary practice that is influenced by a number of cognate disciplines: psychology, systems theory, education, economics, and sociology - to name only a few.

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

New Article Acceptance: Multiagent Systems as a Team Member

I have received notice that my article titled *Multiagent Systems as a Team Member* will be published by Common Ground Publishing in their journal: *The International Journal of Technology, Knowledge, and Society*. The web page for the journal follows: http://ijt.cgpublisher.com

No date as to when the article will be published but it should be this fall. Listed below is the abstract for the journal article to give those interested an indication of what the article is about.

Abstract

With the increasing complex business environment that organizations have to operate in today, teams are being utilized to complete complex tasks. Teams

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Thank you!

Nader Ale Ebrahim, PhD
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