



‘PATEL HYPOTHESES OF RESEARCH EVALUATION’ AMENDED

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Abstract

Five formulas for assessment of research at Journal Value, Paper Value, Scholar Value, Institute Value and Nation Value amended. Three hypotheses of research evaluations justified. Impact factor divided into two parameters Journal Value and Paper Value. In India UGC scheme of weightage to first authors, indexed journals and international journals eradicated. A uniform pattern of all journals across the world suggested. This research work in open for all persons and publishers free of cost for ever.

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Introduction

Author of this manuscript proposed some formulas for evaluation of researches at different level of assessment by virtue of their values in his previous paper wherein formulas were somewhat complicated from calculation point of view and were hypothetically exemplified¹. Hitherto, Impact Factor trend is widely in use for evaluation of research papers by means of standard of journals throughout the world¹. In India, UGC regulation 2010, category- III regarding Academic Performance Indicator (API) provided more weightage to first authors in research papers, indexed and international journals². Now, ‘Patel plan for scientifically tie breaking of point five the decimal clock, in short Patel plan is available for counting of an incomplete page of a research paper published in any journal³. An alternative way of Impact factor trend is need of time which is fulfilled by author by virtue of three hypotheses. The hypotheses have mathematically proved true with help of published research papers and journals. Some fundamentalist verbally criticized to humanity factor in formulas of previous publication. Therefore, formulas secularized and simplified for easy calculations. Recently, the Honorable Prime Minister of India invoked ‘made in India’.

Hypotheses: Three hypotheses of research evaluations proposed are as under:

- (i) ‘Journal Value is directly proportional to sum of pages of published research papers in a year, frequency of publication in a year and referees peer review a manuscript in that journal’.
- (ii) ‘Paper Value is inversely proportional to number of authors in that paper’.
- (iii) ‘No single characteristic is enough to evaluate a Scholar’s Value’.

Formulas

$$(1) \text{Journal Value (JV)} = a + b + c ,$$

Where, a = total pages of research papers published by a journal in a year divided by 100, b = frequency of publication of a journal in a year divided by 8, and c = number of referees to peer review each manuscript multiplied by 2.

Examples:

- (i) JV of current Science, India for year 2019⁴.

$$JV = \frac{4212}{100} + \frac{24}{8} + 2 \times 2 = 49.12 \text{ marks}$$

- (ii) JV of Science Magazine, America for year 2019⁵.

$$JV = \frac{5657}{100} + \frac{48}{8} + 2 \times 2 = 66.57 \text{ marks}$$



Evidently, more pages, immediacy accompanied with referees to peer review each manuscript increased value of Science Magazine journal than Current Science journal. First hypothesis of research evaluation justified.

$$(2) \text{ Paper Value (PV)} = \frac{a + b}{c}$$

Where a = 1 marks for each page of a research paper with limitation of 6 marks, b = number of referees for peer review of each manuscript multiplied by 2, and c = number of authors in a particular manuscript.

Examples:

(i) PV of a paper: Patel, Uma Shankar (2018), Patel plan for scientifically tie breaking of point five by the decimal clock, in *Journal of Multidisciplinary Research and Studies*, Volume 4, accepted online on 11/12/2018, communicated on 09/08/2018.

$$PV = \frac{1 + 1 \times 2}{1} = 3 \text{ marks}$$

(ii) PV of a paper: Hoffman *et al.* (2020), Design of an *in vitro* bio catalytic cascade for the manufacture of islatravir, *Science*, Vol. 366, Issue 6470, pp. 1255-1259.

$$PV = \frac{5 + 2 \times 2}{35} = \frac{9}{35} = 0.25 \text{ marks}$$

Evidently, increased number of authors in paper of Hoffmann et al. of 5 pages considerably decreased its value. Second hypothesis of research justified.

$$(3) \text{ Scholar Value (SV)} = a+b+c+d+e+f+g+h+i,$$

Where, a= all Paper Value of a scholar, b = award marks, c = project marks, d = guidance and supervision marks, e =conference participation marks, f = conference paper marks, g = noble prize marks, h = referee and editor marks, and i = paper citation marks.

Example: Scholar Value of author of this manuscript is as under:

$$SV = 63+20+5+0+33+6+0+0+0 = 127 \text{ marks.}$$

Evidently, at least 9 characteristics are required to completely evaluate research activities of a scholar. Third hypothesis of research evaluation justified.

$$(4) \text{ Institute Value (IV)} = \text{sum of scholars values of all scholars of an institute.}$$

$$(5) \text{ Nation Value (NV)} = \text{sum of Institutes Values of all institutes of a nation.}$$

Discussion

No doubt ranking of a journal Science, America is better in Impact Factor trend and also would be in journal value trend. Journal Value of Science is 66.57 against 41 Impact factor in year 2019. Journal Value of Current Science, India is 49.12 marks against 0.75 Impact Factor in year 2019 as calculated above. The enhancement of marks of Current Science and Science in Journal Value trends are of 41 marks and 17 marks respectively. The quality of journals like Current Science is good to be ranked nearby Science. The Journal Value trend uplifts good journals without affecting better journals like Science. In the formula of Journal Value a constant number 8 is to reduce too much difference among various journals, and number 2 is for equalization of peer review character almost equal to immediacy character each of which carry 6 marks in the best journals. There is no limit of number of pages to be published by journals. In the formula of Paper Value maximum 6 marks are for 6 or more than 6 pages in a paper to avoid unnecessary enlargement of papers those can effect Journal Value by increased number of pages. A constant 2 in review character is to give almost equal importance to work by authors, and peer review by referees in a research paper. Maximum marks in a published research papers may be 12 marks but in a conference paper may be of 7 marks because peer reviewed published paper are assessed in many hours by experts whereas conference papers are usually assessed in few minutes without guarantee of presence of experts in conference room. A writer of a book, monographs, manual etc. could get maximum 12



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Suggestions

1. A common uniform pattern of all journals across the world to avoid bias in counting of pages.
2. Every paper should be furnished by journal value of previous year and instant paper value on first or last page of every research paper.

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