Okay, Google: A preliminary evaluation of the robustness of Scholar metrics

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ABSTRACT

Google Scholar provides a number of metrics often used as proxies for scientific productivity. It is, however, possible to consciously manipulate Scholar metrics, for instance via copious self-citation or upload of fake papers to indexed websites. Here, we post a paper on vixra, a preprint forum, and arbitrarily cite a completely random study to evaluate whether Scholar will count this submission toward the overall citation count of that study. We publish no results, as the publication of the paper is, in this case, the experiment.

LITERATURE REVIEW

This is the part of the paper wherein we do the citation[1].

LITERATURE CITED

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