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Re: Bibliometric support, to whom it may concern

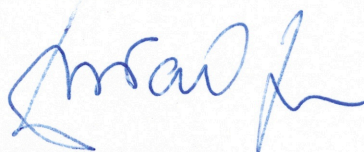
It is a great pleasure to confirm that for several years, our institution, Schulthess Clinic in Zurich, Switzerland has had the privilege of working closely with IDEA at CERGE-EI to monitor the research output of our research and educational department. Their latest report summarizes the research output from 2010 to 2023.

The Schulthess Clinic (<https://www.schulthess-klinik.ch/en>), established in 1883, is one of the world's leading orthopedic hospitals, ranked #4 globally by the recent Newsweek ranking, following HSS, Mayo Clinic, and Charité. The clinic supports its own research department, which produces a high volume of original papers published in peer-reviewed journals. The clinic's management, while financing the research department, is highly interested in the value of these scientific studies and their impact on the field, following the strategy of "low cost, high output". In this respect, the bibliometric support is a valuable tool for accessing our output in national and international comparisons with similar institutions such as HSS and Mayo Clinic.

The core principle of bibliometric support involves ranking journals based on their Article Impact Score (AIS). A key advantage of this approach is that performance metrics summarized for individual departments of the clinic can be further categorized by journal ranking tiers, such as the top decile, top quartile, and other relevant groupings. This provides a comprehensive evaluation of departmental contributions within high-impact journals.

Based on the experience over the past five years, we can confidently recommend the bibliometric support provided by IDEA at CERGE-EI, specifically Taras Hredash and doc.Ing. Daniel München, for any academical institution. While we are aware that no system for assessing the scientific output is perfect – and that some researchers may be dissatisfied with bibliometric data, particularly when the scientific impact is low – the overall bibliometric support provides valuable insights into both individual and institutional research performance.

With compliments



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