Reviewer's report

Title: The level of non-citation of articles within a journal as a measure of quality

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General

This is an excellent paper addressing a topical subject, namely the measurement of journal quality. The study described is well designed and the results are presented succinctly. My only concern - and this is not a specific criticism of the paper under review - is that the level of non-citation, like the Impact Factor, is yet another numeric measure of journal quality. As the authors suggest, journals and individual papers should actually be read to ascertain their quality.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Nil

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Nil

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Nil

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None