TITLE SUPPRESSION FROM JOURNAL CITATION REPORTS

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Transparency and Accountability

- The Journal Impact Factor provides an important measure of a journal’s contribution to scholarly communication, and its distortion by an excessive concentration of citations is a serious matter.
- Titles are suppressed from JCR based on analysis of the last year of citation data and are re-evaluated annually.
- Clarivate Analytics does not assume motive on behalf of any party.
Journal Self-Citation: Suppression of individual journals

What the suppressed Journal metrics would look like

- **Data considered:**
  - Total citations (TC)
  - Journal Impact Factor (JIF)
  - Rank in category
  - % of journal self-citations in Journal Impact Factor numerator
  - Proportional increase in Journal Impact Factor with/without journal self-citations
  - Effect of journal self-citations on rank in category by Journal Impact Factor

- Journals in bottom 10% ranking by TC and/or by JIF are not suppressed

- Suppressed journals represent extreme outliers in citation behavior

- Science Edition and Social Sciences Edition are analyzed separately

- Journals are suppressed for one year, and re-evaluated with the next year’s data.
Citation Stacking: Donor and Recipient Journal Pair Suppression

What the suppressed Journal metrics would look like

- **Data considered:**
  - Donor as % of Recipient’s Total Citations
  - Donor as % of Recipient’s Journal Impact Factor numerator citations
  - Concentration of citations exchanged into Journal Impact Factor numerator
  - Identification of individual item(s) in Donor Journal with near-exclusive reference to Recipient journal(s)

- Journals in bottom 10% ranking by TC and/or by Journal Impact Factor, are not suppressed
- New titles, where citation activity is naturally concentrated, are not suppressed
- Suppressed journals represent extreme outliers in citation behavior
- Science Edition and Social Sciences edition are analyzed separately
- Donor and Recipient journals are suppressed for one year, and re-evaluated with the next year’s data.