CiteScore

CiteScore is a new journal metric launched by M/s Elsevier in the year 2016. It is a part of the Scopus basket of journal metrics that includes SNIP (Source Normalized Impact per Paper), SJR (SCImago Journal Rank), citation- and document- counts and percentage cite.

Unlike the Journal Impact Factor of the Thomson Reuters which calculates the impact factor value based on the citation received in the previous two years, the CiteScore calculates the value based on the citations received for a journal in the previous three years.

As an example, to calculate a 2019 value, CiteScore counts the citations received in 2015 to documents published in 2016, 2017 or 2018. This number is divided by the number of documents indexed on Scopus published in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Also, the CiteScore’snumerator and denominator both include all document types**.** This means not only articles and reviews but also letters, notes, editorials, conference papers and other documents indexed by Scopus are included. As a result, the numerator and the denominator used in the CiteScore calculation are consistent. This approach gives a more complete picture of citation impact and makes manipulating the calculation more difficult.