Update to “Beyond Citation Analysis: A Model for Assessment of Research Impact”

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The authors would like to alert readers to an update to an article published in the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA) in January 2010: “Beyond Citation Analysis: A Model for Assessment of Research Impact” <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2801963/>. The article introduced a framework, the Becker Model, for tracking diffusion of research outputs and activities to locate evidence of biomedical research impact. The authors have revised the Becker Model to include additional indicators of research impact based on review of other research projects. Using the Becker Model in tandem with publication analysis provides a more robust and comprehensive perspective of biomedical research impact.

The revised Becker Model and supplemental information is located on the Becker Medical Library website <http://www.becker.wustl.edu/impact/assessment/>. The site offers streamlined access to content and robust supplementary support documentation. The changes and updates that have been made to the Becker Model include incorporation of the additional indicators of impact and reflect the authors’ intention to make the model more user friendly. Feedback is most welcome as are examples of additional indicators that can be used to document evidence of biomedical research impact. Please contact Cathy Sarli or Kristi Holmes with feedback or questions.

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