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Assessing the Productivity of Grant Awards

We are interested in feedback from the scientific community on the most appropriate procedure to calculate the productivity of grant awards.

Should each grant award listed on a paper get full credit for the RCR for that paper, or should the RCRs be divided up between the different grant awards in some way?

- Give each grant listed equal, full credit.
- Give each grant listed partial but equal credit.
- Give each grant listed credit proportional to amount of the awards. For example, an award of \$500,000 would get five times as much credit as an award of \$100,000.
- Give each grant credit based on the position of the related author on the author line. For example, awards from the first author should be more heavily weighted than awards from middle authors.
- Do not use bibliometric indices to measure the productivity of grant awards.
- None of the above.

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A Bigger Question You May Want to Weigh in On

What role should bibliometrics (publications and citations) play in assessing NIH grant productivity and application potential?

- None.
- Study their relevance.
- Use with other tools to evaluate the NIH review process and the productivity of grant awards.
- Employ them to help guide peer review and/or funding decisions.
- Give them a primary role in changing review procedures and making funding decisions.

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