Dear Editor,

The attached files contain a manuscript entitled “Inequality in measuring scholarly success: Variation in the h-index within and between disciplines” which we are submitting as a research article. This research article uses data on researchers to examine within and between discipline inequality in h-index scores, which are a common metric used to evaluate research productivity. Results suggest significant within-discipline variation in several forms, specifically sole-authorship and female penalties, as well as significant between discipline variation in terms of sole authorship. Field-specific models emphasize the “apples-to-oranges” property of cross-discipline comparison. This work contributes to work showing a variety of difficulties with common metrics of scholarly productivity and advances this work by showing the substantial between field variation that makes h-indices difficult to compare across scholars.

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