ACROSS DISCIPLINES: A graphical display illustrates the publication productivity and impact of three researchers from disparate fields whose names appeared in highlycited.com. The journal’s average impact for the year (gray squares) is compared to the impact of the researcher’s articles (red circles) in the same journal that year. Non-review journals ranked in the top 50 by impact factor, as determined by Journal Citation Reports, are noted in gold. This manner of representing journals equalizes researchers across disciplines such that the impact of a particular manuscript can be appreciated by seeing if the author’s red dot is higher or lower than the journal’s gray/gold one.

ACROSS AGES: This method of visualizing researchers’ productivity can be a useful tool for comparing scientists at different points in their career.

LONG-TERM ANALYSIS: A nearly 20-year stretch (1996–2014) is shown for a newly retired faculty member after a productive research career. Note that this individual did not publish any articles in top 50 non-review journals as determined by Journal Citation Reports impact factors. Although this researcher published several papers before 1996, Scopus has limited reliability for citations prior to that year; therefore the analysis excluded these data.