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Section 6: Did You Know?

...Scopus is home to stars?

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In 2011 a paper published in Current Biology listed Colin Firth as co-author – Firth’s lab skills weren’t involved, but his guest editor spot at Radio 4’s Today program prompted the research¹ – and with publication, comes a Scopus [author profile](#).

Firth joins others more familiar for their screen careers, such as [Natalie Hershlag](#) (alias Portman, star of films such as Black Swan and V for Vendetta), and [Danica McKellar](#) (best-known for her role in The Wonder Years, an American drama series from the late 1980s). McKellar even lends her name to the Chayes-McKellar-Winn theorem (which relates the Curie temperature of an iron bar magnet to the temperature below which percolation can occur)².

Each of these authors’ papers has been cited since publication – and unsurprisingly, each actor has an h-index equal to their number of publications.

More generally speaking, celebrities can be found in Scopus as a topic of research. A search across the database looking for “celebrity” or “celebrities” in titles, abstracts and keywords of journal articles finds almost 3,000 papers, with more than 200 per year from 2008 to 2011.

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