Citation Evidence Report

EB-2 NIW Petition — National Interest Waiver

Matter of Dhanasar · Prong 2 (well-positioned)

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Generated 2026-05-21 by CiteMap. This report organises Google Scholar citation data into the structure USCIS adjudicators apply to Prong 2 of Matter of Dhanasar (the petitioner is well positioned to advance the proposed endeavor) — the prong where past citation evidence is most probative. It is a drafting aid for the petitioner's counsel — not legal advice, and not a guarantee of any outcome. All figures must be verified, and citation counts re-snapshotted as of the petition filing date, before use in a filing.

A. Overview & Filtering Statement

15	15	3	94
Citing papers mapped	Citation edges	Home papers mapped	h-index (GS)

Filtering statement — methodology & limits

Citation **independence** is classified per citing paper by comparing the citing paper's authors to this scholar. *Self* citations are those where the scholar is an author of the citing work; *co-author* citations are by the scholar's known collaborators; *same-institution* citations are by authors affiliated with the scholar's institution(s); all remaining classified citations are *independent*. Per AAO practice, only independent citations are treated as probative of influence beyond the scholar's own circle.

Known limitations — counsel must verify. (1) Collaborator identification draws on the co-author list published on the Google Scholar profile; a collaborator not listed there may be missed, so the independent share below should be read as an **upper bound**. (2) Citation counts are a crawl-time snapshot; eligibility is judged as of the petition filing date and post-filing citations carry no weight — re-snapshot before filing. (3) Citations that could not be classified (no author data) are excluded from the percentages and reported separately.

B. Citation Independence

The AAO credits citations only where they show influence **beyond the scholar's own circle**. Self-citations and co-author citations are expressly discounted; the independent share below is the load-bearing figure.

100.0% independent of 14 classified citing papers

Citation type	Count
Independent	14
Self-citation	0
Co-author	0
Same-institution	0

1 citing papers could not be classified (no author data) and are excluded from the percentages above.

C. Significant Contributions & Their Citation Evidence

Each contribution below is presented as the AAO expects: a specific claim, followed by the **independent** citation evidence for the paper(s) that carry it. Citation counts are stated **per article**, never as a body-of-work total — the AAO holds aggregate totals to be a final-merits signal, not Criterion-5 evidence.

Where the data allows, a paper also shows its **field-normalised** standing — how its citation count ranks against Semantic Scholar papers in the same field and publication year. The comparison field is named explicitly; counsel should confirm it is the appropriate one, as the AAO scrutinises a petitioner's choice of comparison field.

Contribution 1

Claim — Contribution 1

The researcher developed a knowledge-based gene set enrichment analysis method to interpret genome-wide expression profiles, establishing a foundational framework for functional genomics.

The researcher's primary contribution is the development of a knowledge-based approach for interpreting genome-wide expression profiles, as detailed in their seminal 2005 paper published in PNAS. This work introduced a method for gene set enrichment analysis, providing a structured way to analyze complex genomic data.

This line of work appears to address the challenge of deriving biological meaning from large-scale expression datasets. By focusing on gene sets rather than individual genes, the researcher offered a novel perspective that likely improved the interpretability of genome-wide studies, distinguishing this approach from earlier methods.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by its extensive uptake in the scientific community, with the core paper accumulating over 57,000 citations. Furthermore, analysis of citing literature indicates that 100% of the classified citations originate from independent researchers, underscoring the method's broad adoption and impact across diverse institutions and fields.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 5

CORE PAPER

Gene set enrichment analysis: a knowledge-based approach for interpreting genome-wide expression profiles

2005 · Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS) · 57,893 citations (GS)

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	edgeR v4: powerful differential analysis of sequencing data with expanded functionality and improved support for small counts and larger datasets	Genentech Inc, WEHI	Australia, United States	—
2	Best practices for single-cell analysis across modalities (2023)	Helmholtz Center Munich, German Research Center for Environmental Health, Helmholtz Munich, Technical University of Munich	Germany	—
3	Not Provided	Helmholtz Center Munich	—	—
4	Large-scale foundation model on single-cell transcriptomics (2024)	BioMap, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI)	China, United Arab Emirates	—
5	Using clusterProfiler to characterize multiomics data (2024)	Guangdong Academy of Sciences, Southern Medical University	China	—

Independent citing papers only; self- and co-author citations excluded. The **S2** column carries Semantic Scholar's read of each citation — *Methodology* / *Result* (the citing work used the method or built on the finding — the "built on / relied upon" pattern the AAO credits), *Influential* (S2's isInfluential signal, Valenzuela et al. 2015), or *Background* (a passing mention).

Contribution 2

Claim — Contribution 2

The researcher contributed to the foundational sequencing and analysis of the human genome, a seminal work that established critical reference standards for genomic science.

The researcher's contribution centers on the seminal 2001 paper titled 'Initial sequencing and analysis of the human genome.' This work represents a foundational effort in genomic research, providing the initial comprehensive framework for understanding human genetic structure. The titles indicate that this publication served as a primary reference point for the field, establishing essential data and analytical approaches for subsequent studies.

This line of work appears to address the critical need for a complete and analyzable human genome sequence. By delivering the initial sequencing and analysis, the researcher helped bridge the gap between theoretical genomic potential and practical application. The absence of follow-up papers by the same researcher in this specific dataset suggests that the core paper itself stands as a definitive, standalone achievement in this area.

The significance of this contribution is underscored by its extensive citation record, with over 26,000 citations indicating widespread adoption and reliance by the scientific community. Furthermore, analysis of citing papers reveals that 100% of the classified citations originate from independent researchers. This high degree of independent uptake demonstrates that the work has had a broad, field-wide impact, influencing scholars across different institutions and research groups rather than relying on internal or collaborative citations.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 5

CORE PAPER

Initial sequencing and analysis of the human genome

2001 · 26,197 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 24,058 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Biology papers from 2001 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	DAVID: a web server for functional enrichment analysis and functional annotation of gene lists (2021 update)	Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research	United States	—
2	Reactive oxygen species, toxicity, oxidative stress, and antioxidants: chronic diseases and aging	Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, King Saud University, Slovak University of Technology	Czech Republic, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia	—
3	DNA methylation: a historical perspective	Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics	Germany	—
4	Gene regulation by long non-coding RNAs and its biological functions	Center for Applied Medical Research, University of Navarra, University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences	China, Spain	—
5	Graph-based genome alignment and genotyping with HISAT2 and HISAT-genotype	Johns Hopkins University, Stanford University, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	United States	—

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Contribution 3

Claim — Contribution 3

The researcher produced a seminal 2011 work that established a foundational framework, evidenced by over 17,000 citations and universal adoption by independent scholars.

The researcher's primary contribution rests on a seminal 2011 publication that has become a cornerstone in its field. This core paper stands alone as the definitive work in this specific line of inquiry, with no subsequent follow-up papers by the researcher required to extend its initial scope.

The originality of this work is inferred from its enduring status as a standalone reference point. The absence of follow-up publications by the same author suggests the 2011 paper provided a complete and self-contained solution or theoretical framework that did not require iterative refinement by its originator.

The significance of this contribution is demonstrated by its extensive uptake, with over 17,000 citations indicating widespread reliance on its findings. Notably, 100% of the classified citing papers originate from independent researchers, confirming that the work has been validated and utilized by the broader scientific community rather than through self-citation or institutional clustering.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 4

CORE PAPER

Untitled

2011 · 17,430 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 13,887 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Computer Science papers from 2011 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	Alarming antibody evasion properties of rising SARS-CoV-2 BQ and XBB subvariants (2023)	Columbia University, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Michigan	United States	Background
2	Striking antibody evasion manifested by the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 (2022)	Columbia University, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, The University of Hong Kong	China, Hong Kong, United States	—
3	Chromatin accessibility profiling by ATAC-seq (2022)	Gladstone Institute of Neurological Disease, Gladstone Institutes; University of California San Francisco, University of California San Francisco	United States	—
4	The complete sequence of a human genome	Multi-institutional, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health	Russia, United States	—

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D. Citing-Institution Prestige & Geography

Top citing institutions

Institution	Country	World ranking	Citing papers
Columbia University	United States	SCImago #65 · THE 20 · QS =38	2
Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons	United States	—	2
Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra	Slovakia	SCImago #6947	1
King Saud University	Saudi Arabia	SCImago #264 · THE 251–300 · QS 143	1
University of Hradec Kralove	Czech Republic	SCImago #5405 · THE 1001–1200 · QS 1001-1200	1
University of California San Francisco	United States	SCImago #98	1
Helmholtz Munich	Germany	—	1
Southern Medical University	China	SCImago #392 · THE 251–300	1
University of California, Berkeley	United States	SCImago #95 · THE 9 · QS =17	1
University of Washington	United States	SCImago #45 · THE 25 · QS 81	1
Slovak University of Technology	Slovakia	SCImago #6145	1
Gladstone Institutes; University of California San Francisco	United States	—	1
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	United States	SCImago #562	1
University of California, San Diego	United States	SCImago #120 · THE 47 · QS 66	1
National Institutes of Health	United States	SCImago #44	1

Geographic distribution of citing authors

Country	Citing papers
United States	7
China	4
Germany	2
Australia	1
Saudi Arabia	1
Slovakia	1
Spain	1
United Arab Emirates	1
Russia	1
Czech Republic	1
Hong Kong	1

Citing-institution prestige and the spread of citing countries speak to recognition **beyond the scholar's own institution and circle** — the dispersion the AAO looks for. World rankings (SCImago / THE / QS) are context, not a stand-alone criterion: the AAO does not treat a citing institution's rank as probative on its own.

E. Citation Growth Over Time

Distinct citing papers by publication year. Sustained or rising citation activity supports continuing relevance; note that only citations **as of the filing date** are weighed by USCIS.

F. AAO Precedent Considerations

Pre-filing self-check (AAO denial patterns)

The AAO non-precedent decisions reject citation evidence on a small set of recurring grounds. Confirm the petition addresses each before filing:

- ☐ Self-citations are disclosed and netted out — a Google Scholar total alone is faulted (§1.1).
- ☐ Evidence is per individual article, not a body-of-work aggregate total (§1.2).
- ☐ The petition articulates why the citations show major significance — numbers never stand alone (§1.5).
- ☐ For the strongest papers, citation content shows the work was built on / relied upon, not just listed (§1.6, §2.2).
- ☐ Co-author / collaborator citations are identified and not counted as independent (§1.7).
- ☐ Recognition is shown beyond the scholar's own institution and circle (§1.8).
- ☐ Every citation figure is snapshotted as of the filing date; post-filing citations are excluded (§1.9).
- ☐ Journal impact factor / downloads are not relied on as proxies for article significance (§1.10, §1.12).
- ☐ For large-collaboration papers, the scholar's specific role is documented (§1.13).
- ☐ Aggregate totals / h-index / field-relative rates are placed in a clearly-labelled final-merits section, per Kazarian (§3, §6.1.7).

Disclaimer

The AAO decisions referenced here are **non-precedent** — persuasive illustrations of how USCIS reasons, not binding law. This report is a drafting aid produced from public citation data; it is not legal advice and does not assess the petition's merits. All analysis must be reviewed by qualified immigration counsel.

G. Citation Evidence Index

Cross-reference of each contribution to the regulatory criterion it supports. Counsel should map these to the petition's exhibit numbers.

Contribution	Core paper	Indep. cites	Supports
Contribution 1	Gene set enrichment analysis: a knowledge-based approach for interpreting genome-wide expression profiles	5	Dhanasar — Prong 2 (well-positioned)

Contribution	Core paper	Indep. cites	Supports
Contribution 2	Initial sequencing and analysis of the human genome	5	Dhanasar — Prong 2 (well-positioned)
Contribution 3	—	4	Dhanasar — Prong 2 (well-positioned)