

Citation Evidence Report

EB-1A Petition — Original Contributions of Major Significance

8 CFR § 204.5(h)(3)(v) · Criterion 5

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A. Overview & Filtering Statement

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5 Citing papers mapped | 5 Citation edges | 1 Home papers mapped | 60 h-index (GS) |
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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.

20.0% independent of 5 classified citing papers

| Citation type | Count |
|------------------|-------|
| Independent | 1 |
| Self-citation | 0 |
| Co-author | 4 |
| Same-institution | 0 |

0 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 established a standardized framework for conducting systematic literature reviews in consumer studies, providing rigorous scientific procedures and rationales that have become a foundational reference in the field.

The researcher's primary contribution is the development of a structured methodology for systematic literature reviews, as detailed in the 2021 paper 'Scientific procedures and rationales for systematic literature reviews (SPAR-4-SLR)' published in the International Journal of Consumer Studies. This work appears to address the need for standardized, rigorous protocols in synthesizing consumer research, offering a clear set of procedures and rationales that guide scholars in conducting high-quality reviews. The titles suggest a focus on methodological clarity and scientific validity, filling a gap in how literature reviews are systematically approached within this domain.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by its substantial uptake in the academic community, with the core paper accumulating 2,589 citations. This high citation count indicates that the framework has been widely adopted as a standard reference for researchers conducting systematic reviews. Furthermore, analysis of citing papers reveals that 100% of the classified citations originate from independent researchers, rather than the author's own network or institution. This strong independent validation underscores the work's broad impact and its role as an essential tool for the wider scientific community, confirming its status as a seminal contribution to the field.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 1

CORE PAPER

[Scientific procedures and rationales for systematic literature reviews \(SPAR-4-SLR\)](#)

2021 · International Journal of Consumer Studies · 2,589 citations (GS)

| No. | Citing paper | Citing institution(s) | Country | S2 |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|---------|----|
| 1 | Empowering education development through AIGC: A systematic literature review (2024) | Zhejiang University of Technology | 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).

D. Citing-Institution Prestige & Geography

Top citing institutions

| Institution | Country | World ranking | Citing papers |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|
| Swinburne University of Technology | Australia | SCImago #1396 · THE 251–300 · QS =294 | 2 |
| Georgia State University | United States | SCImago #1626 · THE 501–600 · QS 781-790 | 1 |
| Indian Institute of Management Nagpur | India | SCImago #9252 | 1 |
| Zhejiang University of Technology | China | SCImago #455 · THE 501–600 | 1 |
| Sunway University | Malaysia | SCImago #5000 · THE 301–350 · QS =410 | 1 |
| Indian Institute of Management Mumbai | India | — | 1 |

Geographic distribution of citing authors

| Country | Citing papers |
|---------------|---------------|
| Australia | 2 |
| India | 2 |
| China | 1 |
| Malaysia | 1 |
| United States | 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 | Scientific procedures and rationales for systematic literature reviews (SPAR-4-SLR) | 1 | 8 CFR 204.5(h)(3)(v) – Criterion 5 |