

# Citation Evidence Report

EB-2 NIW Petition — National Interest Waiver

Matter of Dhanasar · Prong 2 (well-positioned)

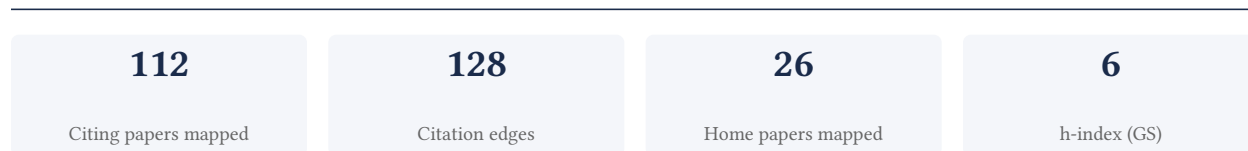
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**Generated 2026-05-21 by CiteMap.** This report organises Google Scholar citation data into the structure USCIS adjudicators apply to Prong 2 of Matter of Dhanasar (the petitioner is well positioned to advance the proposed endeavor) — the prong where 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



### 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.

**80.0% independent** of 45 classified citing papers

Citation type	Count
Independent	36
Self-citation	8
Co-author	1
Same-institution	0

67 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 advanced Chinese pragmatics by critically reassessing politeness frameworks and extending this analysis to individual differences in compliment responses.*

The researcher established a foundational contribution to Chinese pragmatics through the 2021 paper 'Emancipating Chinese (im) politeness research: Looking back and looking forward.' This work serves as the core anchor for a subsequent line of inquiry that includes the 2024 text 'Introduction to pragmatics' and the 2026 study on evaluations of Chinese compliment responses. The titles suggest a deliberate effort to move beyond traditional constraints, proposing a more nuanced understanding of how politeness and pragmatic reasons are attributed within Chinese communicative contexts.

This line of work appears to address a need for theoretical emancipation in the field, shifting focus from rigid frameworks to accounts that incorporate individual differences. By linking a broad retrospective and prospective analysis with specific investigations into compliment responses, the researcher demonstrates a coherent trajectory aimed at refining how pragmatic competence is understood and evaluated in Chinese linguistic studies.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by its uptake in the scholarly community. The core 2021 paper has accumulated 31 citations, while the 2024 follow-up has garnered 24 citations. Notably, 80.0% of the 45 classified citations originate from independent researchers, indicating that this work has resonated beyond the researcher's immediate circle and influenced broader academic discourse in the field.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 20

#### CORE PAPER

### [Emancipating Chinese \(im\) politeness research: Looking back and looking forward](#)

2021 · Lingua 251, 103028, 2021 · 31 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 21 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 10% of Linguistics papers from 2021 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	<a href="#">Politeness and impoliteness by teachers and students in technology-assisted teaching and learning process</a>	Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta	Indonesia	—
2	<a href="#">Analyzing politeness and refusal speech acts in popular Chinese television drama series</a>	Guizhou University, Walailak University	China, Thailand	—
3	<a href="#">Face and favours: Network norms among Chinese migrants and non-migrants in Australia</a>	Hong Kong Baptist University, Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications	China	—
4	<a href="#">Factors Influencing the Language Politeness Behavior of The Z Generation</a>	Universitas Negeri Makassar	Indonesia	Background
5	<a href="#">Presuppositions cross-linguistically: A comparison of soft and hard triggers in Chinese and German</a>	Georg August University of Göttingen	Germany	—
6	<a href="#">Rap Devil versus Rap God: impoliteness in a rap battle</a>	Middle East Technical University	Turkey	—
7	<a href="#">Constructing conflict: a critical metaphor analysis of disagreement patterns in communication among older Chinese adults</a>	Zhejiang Shuren University	China	—

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
8	<a href="#">Disney's two versions of Mulan (1998, 2020) and Twitter: A reception study in terms of (im) politeness</a>	University of Szeged	Hungary	Background
9	<a href="#">Ketidaksantunan Bahasa Larangan di Ruang Publik</a>	Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta	Indonesia	—
10	<a href="#">Criticizing for the public interest and aligning with others: How Jordanians constructed their online criticisms of lockdown breaches during the COVID-19 pandemic</a>	Jordan University of Science and Technology	Jordan	—
11	<a href="#">Flattery in historical China: A pragmatic perspective</a>	Dalian University of Foreign Languages, University of Hamburg	China, Germany	—

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 is Influential signal, Valenzuela et al. 2015), or *Background* (a passing mention).

## FOLLOW-UP WORK

### [Introduction to pragmatics](#)

2024 · Springer Nature, 2024 · 24 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 228 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Linguistics papers from 2024 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	<a href="#">Pragmatics in the era of large language models: A survey on datasets, evaluation, opportunities and challenges</a>	Bosch, Columbia University, LMU Munich	Germany, Germany, United States, United States	—
2	<a href="#">Socio-pragmatic analysis of utterances with polite addressing terms: translation shift across Arabic-English cultures</a>	Universitas Sebelas Maret	Indonesia	—
3	<a href="#">VIOLATION OF POLITENESS PRINCIPLE IN EDDIE HALL THE BEAST YOUTUBE CHANNEL VIDEO KAREN'S DINER EPISODE</a>	Pakuan University, Universitas Pakuan	Indonesia	—
4	<a href="#">Deixis in the Lyrics of " Happier" by Olivia Rodrigo</a>	Universitas PGRI DELTA	Indonesia	—
5	<a href="#">Deixis Meaning in the Movie Sejuta Sayang Untuknya: A Kortara-Based Analysis</a>	Universitas Negeri Jakarta	Indonesia	—
6	<a href="#">Pragma-Semiotic Analysis of Iraqi Parliamentary Election Campaign Billboards: A Multimodal Approach</a>	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, University of Anbar	Iraq	—
7	<a href="#">Comprehension of implied meaning in Chinese second language listening</a>	University of Calgary	Canada	—
8	<a href="#">Cognitive Comparative Study on Temporal Deixis in Russian and Chinese</a>	Beijing Foreign Studies University	China	—

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
9	<a href="#">Declarative speech acts as a discursive practice of disruption: An analysis of same-sex marriage and blessings in German church discourse</a>	Universität Bremen	Germany	—

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#### FOLLOW-UP WORK

### [Evaluations of Chinese compliment responses: Accounting for individual differences in attributed pragmatic reasons](#)

2026 · Journal of Pragmatics 255, 71-82, 2026 · 0 citations (GS)

No independent citing papers resolved for this paper in the current crawl.

## Contribution 2

### Claim – Contribution 2

*The researcher developed a framework for mitigating antibiotic misuse and enhancing vaccination intent through strategic linguistic agency assignment and multimodal messaging cues.*

The researcher established a foundational approach to behavioral health communication, anchored by the 2023 paper on communicating antibiotic resistance via linguistic agency assignment. This core work appears to introduce a novel method for framing health messages to influence public behavior regarding medication use.

This line of work addresses the challenge of designing effective public health interventions by exploring how language structure and visual cues, such as color, can prevent antibiotic misuse. The subsequent 2026 paper on language and color cues suggests an expansion of this theoretical framework, while the 2024 study on HPV vaccination messaging indicates the application of these strategies to diverse populations and health contexts.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by the independent uptake of the core paper, which has received 11 citations. Notably, 80% of the citing papers across the researcher's portfolio originate from independent researchers, suggesting that this specific methodological approach has resonated beyond the immediate academic circle and influenced broader scholarly discourse.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 9

#### CORE PAPER

### [Communicating antibiotic resistance via linguistic agency assignment](#)

2023 · Health Communication 38 (14), 3287-3300, 2023 · 11 citations (GS)

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	<a href="#">Who's in Charge Here: How Linguistic Agency in Climate Messages Shapes Public Interpretations and Responses?</a>	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	China	—
2	<a href="#">Can You Read Between the Lines?: A Comparison of Human and ChatGPT As Support Providers</a>	Renmin University of China, University of California Davis	China, United States	—

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
3	<a href="#">Addressing related but competing risks: Effectiveness of an antibiotic stewardship intervention during COVID-19</a>	Pennsylvania State University, University at Buffalo	United States	—
4	<a href="#">Building Trust and Inclusivity: Navigating Layered Stigma and Risk Communication for LGBTQ+ Individuals During COVID-19 Outbreaks</a>	Auburn University, Salve Regina University, University of Maryland College Park	United States	—
5	<a href="#">Testing Upward/Downward Comparison Messages in Antibiotic Stewardship: The Role of Self-Construal and Regulatory Orientation</a>	Western Washington University	United States	—
6	<a href="#">Gender, Grammar, and Personification in the Marketplace: Understanding Stock Prices Through the Lens of Gender in a High-Stakes Setting</a>	University of Illinois	United States	—
7	<a href="#">Farmacorresistência bacteriana no contexto de Uma Só Saúde: Uma revisão integrativa da literatura</a>	Instituto Federal de Brasília	Brazil	—

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#### FOLLOW-UP WORK

### [Pills, rebel yells, and red dye spills: Preventing the misuse of antibiotics via language and color cues](#)

2026 · Health Communication, 1-13, 2026 · 0 citations (GS)

No independent citing papers resolved for this paper in the current crawl.

#### FOLLOW-UP WORK

### [Multiple messaging strategies for increasing HPV vaccination intentions among English-and Spanish-speaking parents in the United States and Mexico](#)

2024 · Vaccines 12 (6), 650, 2024 · 5 citations (GS)

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	<a href="#">Who's in Charge Here: How Linguistic Agency in Climate Messages Shapes Public Interpretations and Responses?</a>	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	China	—
2	<a href="#">Co-creating HPV Vaccination Messages for Rural Washington: Application of a Boot Camp Translation Approach</a>	Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah, Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research, Sea Mar Community Health Centers	United States	—

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## D. Citing-Institution Prestige & Geography

### Top citing institutions

Institution	Country	World ranking	Citing papers
The University of Texas at Austin	United States	THE 50 · QS 68	9
Western Washington University	United States	SCImago #6440	2
Università di Bologna	Italy	—	1
Universitas PGRI DELTA	Indonesia	—	1
Pakuan University	Indonesia	—	1
Universitas Negeri Jakarta	Indonesia	SCImago #6285 · THE 1501+	1
Instituto Federal de Brasília	Brazil	—	1
Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta	Indonesia	THE 1201–1500	1
St. Mary's College of Maryland	United States	—	1
National University of Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan	SCImago #9562	1
Shanghai Municipal Centers for Disease Control & Prevention	China	—	1
Sea Mar Community Health Centers	United States	—	1
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong	SCImago #483 · THE =58 · QS 44	1
Zhejiang Shuren University	China	SCImago #4918	1
Universitas Negeri Makassar	Indonesia	—	1

### Geographic distribution of citing authors

Country	Citing papers
United States	18
China	11
Indonesia	7
Germany	4
Canada	2
Italy	1
Jordan	1
Thailand	1
Turkey	1
United Kingdom	1
Brazil	1
Uzbekistan	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.

## F. AAO Precedent Considerations

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### 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

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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	Emancipating Chinese (im) politeness research: Looking back and looking forward	20	Dhanasar – Prong 2 (well-positioned)
Contribution 2	Communicating antibiotic resistance via linguistic agency assignment	9	Dhanasar – Prong 2 (well-positioned)