

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

3 Citing papers mapped	3 Citation edges	1 Home papers mapped	88 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.

100.0% independent of 3 classified citing papers

Citation type	Count
Independent	3
Self-citation	0
Co-author	0
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 conducted a seminal systematic review and meta-analysis on suicide rates following psychiatric discharge, establishing a critical evidence base for post-discharge risk assessment.

CLAIM: The researcher's primary contribution is a comprehensive systematic review and meta-analysis published in JAMA Psychiatry in 2017, which synthesizes existing evidence regarding suicide rates after patients are discharged from psychiatric facilities.

ORIGINALITY: This work addresses a critical gap in understanding post-discharge vulnerability by aggregating disparate studies into a unified analysis. The titles indicate a focus on quantifying risk during a high-stakes transition period, providing a consolidated view where individual studies may have offered limited scope.

SIGNIFICANCE: With 846 citations, this paper is highly influential in the field. Notably, 100% of the classified citing papers originate from independent researchers, demonstrating that the work has been widely adopted and relied upon by the broader scientific community beyond the researcher's immediate circle.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 3

CORE PAPER

[Suicide Rates After Discharge From Psychiatric Facilities: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis](#)

2017 · JAMA Psychiatry · 846 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 560 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Psychology papers from 2017 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	Epidemiology of Suicide and the Psychiatric Perspective (2018)	Clenia Littenheid AG, University Halle (Saale)	Germany, Switzerland	—
2	Suicide and Suicide Risk in Adolescents (2024)	Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, South Bend Clinic	United States	—
3	Ensuring mental health care during the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic in France: A narrative review (2020)	AP-HP, Hôpital Paul Brousse, Université Paris Saclay, AP-HP, Université Paris Est Créteil, Inserm, Fondation FondaMental, Centre Hospitalier Le Vinatier	France	—

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
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University	United States	—	1
Université de Lorraine	France	SCImago #1399 · QS 751-760	1
Université de Paris	France	—	1
Clienia Littenheid AG	Switzerland	—	1
University Halle (Saale)	Germany	—	1
South Bend Clinic	United States	—	1
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	United States	—	1
University of Colorado School of Medicine; Children's Hospital Colorado	United States	—	1
HEC	France	—	1
Institut de psychiatrie et neurosciences de Paris	France	SCImago #1717	1
CHU Lille, Université de Lille	France	—	1
CHU de Nantes	France	—	1
AP-HP, Hôpital Paul Brousse, Université Paris Saclay	France	—	1
Groupe Hospitalier pitié Salpêtrière	France	—	1
Nightingale Hospitals-Paris, Clinique du Château de Garches	France	—	1

Geographic distribution of citing authors

Country	Citing papers
France	1
Germany	1
Switzerland	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.

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	Suicide Rates After Discharge From Psychiatric Facilities: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis	3	8 CFR 204.5(h)(3)(v) – Criterion 5