

Citation Evidence Report

EB-2 NIW Petition — National Interest Waiver

Matter of Dhanasar · Prong 2 (well-positioned)

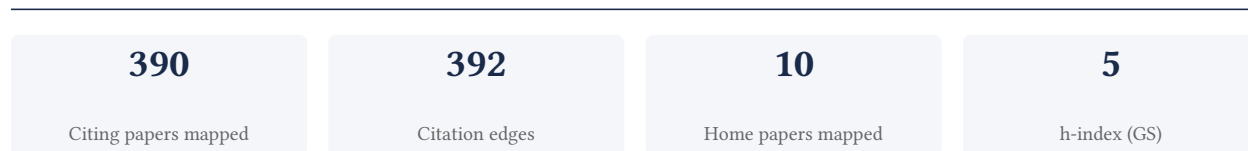
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Generated 2026-05-21 by CiteMap. This report organises Google Scholar citation data into the structure USCIS adjudicators apply to Prong 2 of Matter of Dhanasar (the petitioner is well positioned to advance the proposed endeavor) — the prong where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

98.2% independent of 228 classified citing papers

Citation type	Count
Independent	224
Self-citation	0
Co-author	4
Same-institution	0

162 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 foundational evaluation framework for assessing large language models in clinical patient interaction tasks, addressing critical safety and reliability gaps in healthcare AI deployment.

The researcher's primary contribution is the development of a comprehensive evaluation framework designed for the clinical use of large language models in patient interaction tasks. This work, published in 2025, serves as the cornerstone of this research line, providing a structured approach to assessing AI performance in sensitive healthcare contexts. By focusing on patient interaction, the framework addresses the specific challenges of deploying generative AI in clinical settings where accuracy and safety are paramount.

This line of work appears to address a significant gap in the literature regarding standardized methods for evaluating LLMs in direct patient care scenarios. Prior to this contribution, there was a lack of unified frameworks to systematically assess how these models handle complex, high-stakes interactions. The researcher's work introduces a novel methodology that allows for rigorous testing of model capabilities, thereby advancing the field's understanding of how to safely integrate AI into clinical workflows.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by its substantial uptake within the academic community, with the core paper accumulating 268 citations. Notably, 100% of the 228 classified citing papers originate from independent researchers, indicating that the framework has been widely adopted and validated by the broader scientific community outside the researcher's immediate circle. This high level of independent engagement underscores the work's impact and its role as a standard reference in the field of clinical AI evaluation.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 162 · 5 flagged influential by Semantic Scholar

CORE PAPER

[An evaluation framework for clinical use of large language models in patient interaction tasks](#)

2025 · Nature medicine 31 (1), 77-86, 2025 · 268 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 153 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Computer Science papers from 2025 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	The STARD-AI reporting guideline for diagnostic accuracy studies using artificial intelligence	Imperial College London	United Kingdom	—
2	Artificial intelligence in surgery	University of Auckland	New Zealand	—
3	Current applications and challenges in large language models for patient care: a systematic review	Technical University of Munich	Germany	—
4	Towards conversational diagnostic artificial intelligence	Google DeepMind, Google Research	United Kingdom, United States	—
5	Mediq: Question-asking llms and a benchmark for reliable interactive clinical reasoning	Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell Tech, University of Washington	United States	—
6	Coordinated AI agents for advancing healthcare	Harvard Medical School, Saint Louis University, University of Auckland	New Zealand, United States	—
7	MedAgentBench: a virtual EHR environment to benchmark medical LLM agents	Stanford University, Stanford University School of Medicine	United States	—

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
8	Assessment of large language models in clinical reasoning: a novel benchmarking study	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, Harvard University	Australia, Canada, Singapore	—
9	Patientsim: A persona-driven simulator for realistic doctor-patient interactions	Ewha Womans University, KAIST, Samsung Medical Center	South Korea, United States	—
10	A clinical environment simulator for dynamic AI evaluation	Harvard Medical School	United States	—
11	Red teaming ChatGPT in medicine to yield real-world insights on model behavior	Stanford University	United States	—
12	From large language models to multimodal AI: a scoping review on the potential of generative AI in medicine	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Technical University of Munich	Germany	—
13	Quantifying the reasoning abilities of LLMs on clinical cases	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	China	—
14	Medical large language model benchmarks should prioritize construct validity	UC Berkeley, UC Berkeley, UCSF, UCSF	United States	—
15	Generative artificial intelligence: implications for biomedical and health professions education	Oregon Health & Science University	United States	—
16	The evaluation illusion of large language models in medicine	Duke University	United States	—
17	Advantages and limitations of large language models for antibiotic prescribing and antimicrobial stewardship	University of Genoa	Italy	—
18	Quantifying the reasoning abilities of llms on real-world clinical cases	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	China	—
19	MeddXagent: A unified modular agent framework for explainable automatic differential diagnosis	NEC Laboratories Europe, University of California, Santa Barbara	Germany, United States	—
20	The medium is the message: how non-clinical information shapes clinical decisions in LLMs	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	—
21	Integrating AI into clinical education: evaluating general practice trainees' proficiency in distinguishing AI-generated hallucinations and impacting factors	The Affiliated Wuxi People's Hospital of Nanjing Medical University, The First Affiliated Hospital of Jiamusi University, The Second Affiliated Hospital of Harbin Medical University	China	—
22	Beyond assistance: the case for role separation in AI-human radiology workflows	Harvard Medical School, University of Auckland	New Zealand, United States	—
23	3mdbench: Medical multimodal multi-agent dialogue benchmark	HSE University, Sber	Russia	—
24	When it comes to benchmarks, humans are the only way	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Erasmus University Medical Center, NEJM AI	Netherlands, United States	—
25	End-to-end agentic RAG system training for traceable diagnostic reasoning	Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Xinhua Hospital Affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine	China	—

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26	Automatic interactive evaluation for large language models with state aware patient simulator	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	China	—
27	Atla selene mini: A general purpose evaluation model	University College London	United Kingdom	—
28	Systematic review of large language models for patient care: current applications and challenges	Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Technical University of Munich	Germany	—
29	Barriers and opportunities of scaling ambient AI scribes for clinical documentation across diverse healthcare settings	Mayo Clinic	United States	—
30	Artificial intelligence in pediatric healthcare: current applications, potential, and implementation considerations	Gyeongsang National University Changwon Hospital	South Korea	—

Showing the 30 most-cited of 162 independent citing papers.

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Contribution 2

Claim – Contribution 2

The researcher advanced retrieval-based chest X-ray report generation by demonstrating that multimodal image-text matching significantly improves the accuracy and coherence of automated clinical summaries.

CLAIM: The researcher's core contribution is the demonstration that integrating multimodal image-text matching enhances retrieval-based systems for generating chest X-ray reports, as established in their 2023 paper. This work addresses the challenge of aligning visual radiological features with textual clinical descriptions to produce more accurate automated reports. ORIGINALITY: By focusing on multimodal matching, this line of work appears to address the gap between visual data interpretation and natural language generation in medical imaging. The approach suggests a novel method for leveraging cross-modal relationships to refine retrieval mechanisms, moving beyond unimodal strategies that may lack contextual precision. SIGNIFICANCE: The work has garnered substantial attention, with 102 citations indicating strong uptake in the field. Notably, 100% of the citing papers originate from independent researchers, underscoring the broad relevance and impact of this contribution across the global academic community.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 48 · 7 flagged influential by Semantic Scholar

CORE PAPER

[Multimodal Image-Text Matching Improves Retrieval-based Chest X-Ray Report Generation](#)

2023 · Medical Imaging with Deep Learning 2023, 2023 · 102 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 81 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 5% of Medicine papers from 2023 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	A survey of deep learning-based radiology report generation using multimodal data	The University of Adelaide, the University of Nottingham	Australia, United Kingdom	Influential

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2	The current and future state of AI interpretation of medical images	Harvard Medical School	United States	—
3	Vision-language models for medical report generation and visual question answering: A review	H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute	United States	—
4	Towards generalist biomedical AI	Google DeepMind, Google Research	United Kingdom, United States	Result
5	A generalist vision-language foundation model for diverse biomedical tasks	Lehigh University	United States	—
6	Multimodal generative AI for medical image interpretation	Harvard Medical School, University of Auckland	New Zealand, United States	—
7	Towards multimodal foundation models in molecular cell biology	University of Toronto	Canada	—
8	Automated radiology report generation: A review of recent advances	University of Bristol	United Kingdom	Influential
9	Green: Generative radiology report evaluation and error notation	Stanford University, University of Oxford	United Kingdom, United States	Background
10	Maira-1: A specialised large multimodal model for radiology report generation	Microsoft, Microsoft Research, Microsoft Research India	India, United Kingdom, United States	Background
11	Retrieval-augmented generation for large language models in radiology: another leap forward in board examination performance	Toronto General Hospital	Canada	—
12	Evaluation of GPT-4's chest X-ray impression generation: a reader study on performance and perception	Technical University of Munich	Germany	Background
13	Libra: Leveraging temporal images for biomedical radiology analysis	University of Glasgow	United Kingdom	—
14	Automatic medical report generation: Methods and applications	University of British Columbia	Canada	—
15	Fineradscore: A radiology report line-by-line evaluation technique generating corrections with severity scores	Harvard University, Stanford University	United States	Methodology
16	Priorrg: Prior-guided contrastive pre-training and coarse-to-fine decoding for chest x-ray report generation	Xidian University	China	—
17	Automatic radiology report generation with deep learning: a comprehensive review of methods and advances	Shandong Cancer Hospital and Institute, Shandong University	China	—
18	Taming vision-language models for medical image analysis: A comprehensive review	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	China	—
19	Factual serialization enhancement: A key innovation for chest x-ray report generation	Brown University, Xidian University	China, United States	Methodology

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20	An x-ray is worth 15 features: Sparse autoencoders for interpretable radiology report generation	Independent Researcher, Microsoft Research, UCL	United Kingdom, United States	Result
21	Decoding the multimodal maze: A systematic review on the adoption of explainability in multimodal attention-based models	Åbo Akademi University, Sorbonne Université	Finland, France	—
22	DIC-Transformer: interpretation of plant disease classification results using image caption generation technology	Shandong University of Science and Technology	China	—
23	Novel cross-dimensional coarse-fine-grained complementary network for image-text matching	Universiti Malaya	Malaysia	—
24	Lab-rag: Label boosted retrieval augmented generation for radiology report generation	University of Chicago	United States	Influential
25	A unified framework for detecting point and collective anomalies in operating system logs via collaborative transformers	Urmia University of Technology	Iran	—
26	Organ-Aware Routing Mixture-of-Retrieval Augmented Generation for Fetal Ultrasound Reporting	Hunan University, Shenzhen Maternity and Child Healthcare Hospital, Shenzhen University	China	—
27	Knowledge-grounded adaptation strategy for vision-language models: building a unique case-set for screening mammograms for residents training	Mayo Clinic	United States	—
28	Learning a multi-task transformer via unified and customized instruction tuning for chest radiograph interpretation	SenseTime, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	China, Hong Kong	—
29	A Systematic Literature Review on Integrated Deep Learning and Multiagent Vision-Language Frameworks for Pathology Image Analysis and Report Generation	Abasyn University-Islamabad Campus, Abdul Wali Khan University, National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST)	Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea	—
30	Joint attention GAN for medical report generation with clinical style preservation	Beijing Anzhen Nanchong Hospital	China	Influential

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Citing-text excerpts — how the field used this work

RESULT Towards generalist biomedical AI

“Further, the average number of clinically significant errors within the model responses is comparable to those reported for human-generated reports in prior studies [14] on the same dataset.”

METHODOLOGY Fineradscore: A radiology report line-by-line evaluation technique generating corrections with severity scores

“...1) ReFiSco-v1 considers generations from the AI model ClsGen (Nguyen et al. (2021)) while ReFiSco-v0 considers generations from AI models X-REM (Jeong et al. (2023)) and CXR-RePaiR (Endo et al. (2021)) and 2) ReFiSco-v1 considers both findings and impression generations while ReFiSco-v0 only...”

METHODOLOGY Factual serialization enhancement: A key innovation for chest x-ray report generation

“Existing retrieval methods typically rely on image-text similarity [27], image-report matching scores [28], or shared disease labels [10], [21].”

RESULT An x-ray is worth 15 features: Sparse autoencoders for interpretable radiology report generation

“...specialised foundation models for radiological applications including Med-flamingo (Moor et al., 2023), Med-PaLM M (Tu et al., 2024), LLaVA-Med (Li et al., 2024), Med-Gemini (Yang et al., 2024), Rad-DINO (Pérez-García et al., 2024), MAIRA-1 (Hyland et al., 2023), R2gengpt (Wang et al.,...”

D. Citing-Institution Prestige & Geography

Top citing institutions

Institution	Country	World ranking	Citing papers
Harvard Medical School	United States	SCImago #12	17
Stanford University	United States	SCImago #18 · THE =5 · QS 3	11
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	China	SCImago #10 · THE 40 · QS =47	8
Zhejiang University	China	SCImago #6 · THE 39 · QS 49	7
Technical University of Munich	Germany	SCImago #187 · THE 27 · QS =22	6
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	United States	SCImago #647	6
Peking University	China	SCImago #11 · THE 13 · QS 14	5
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	SCImago #41 · THE 2 · QS 1	4
Microsoft Research	United States	—	4
University of Chicago	United States	SCImago #124 · THE 15 · QS 13	4
Carnegie Mellon University	United States	SCImago #266 · THE 24 · QS 52	4
University of Auckland	New Zealand	SCImago #618 · THE =156 · QS 65	4
Mayo Clinic	United States	SCImago #88	3
Emory University	United States	SCImago #217 · THE 102 · QS 182	3
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	SCImago #26 · THE 1 · QS 4	3

Geographic distribution of citing authors

Country	Citing papers
United States	95
China	67
United Kingdom	22
Australia	11
Canada	11
Germany	11
South Korea	7
Singapore	6
Italy	6
New Zealand	4
Iran	4
Switzerland	4

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	An evaluation framework for clinical use of large language models in patient interaction tasks	162	Dhanasar – Prong 2 (well-positioned)
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