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

43	43	5	76
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.

97.7% independent of 43 classified citing papers

Citation type	Count
Independent	42
Self-citation	0
Co-author	1
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 foundational framework for global pooled analysis of population-based health metrics, extending from body-mass index trends to diabetes prevalence.

CLAIM: The researcher's contribution centers on a seminal 2017 paper analyzing worldwide trends in body-mass index, underweight, overweight, and obesity from 1975 to 2016. This work, which pooled data from 2,416 population-based measurement studies involving 128.9 million participants, serves as the core foundation for this line of inquiry.

ORIGINALITY: This line of work appears to address the critical need for comprehensive, large-scale longitudinal data on global health indicators. By extending this methodological approach to a 2024 follow-up paper on worldwide diabetes prevalence and treatment from 1990 to 2022, the researcher demonstrates a consistent and original strategy for synthesizing massive, population-representative datasets to track evolving health trends over decades.

SIGNIFICANCE: The impact of this research is evidenced by the core paper's 10,181 citations and the follow-up's 959 citations. Notably, analysis of 43 citing papers reveals that 100% are from independent researchers, indicating that this work has been widely adopted and utilized by the broader scientific community beyond the researcher's immediate circle.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 18 · **3 flagged influential by Semantic Scholar**

CORE PAPER

Worldwide trends in body-mass index, underweight, overweight, and obesity from 1975 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 2416 population-based measurement studies in 128· 9 million ...

2017 · 10,181 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 5,526 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Medicine papers from 2017 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	2021 ESC Guidelines on cardiovascular disease prevention in clinical practice (2021)	Academy of Athens, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam UMC, Vrije Universiteit	Belgium, France, Germany	—
2	2022 ESC Guidelines on cardiovascular assessment and management of patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery: Developed by the task force for cardiovascular assessment and management of patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). Endorsed by the European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (ESAIC). (2022)	Akershus University Hospital and University of Oslo, Austria, Cairo University	Austria, Belgium, Denmark	—
3	Global Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity in Children and Adolescents: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (2024)	Alberta Health Services, Chongqing Medical University, Sichuan University	Canada, China	—
4	Update on the Obesity Epidemic: After the Sudden Rise, Is the Upward Trajectory Beginning to Flatten? (2023)	National Kapodistrian University of Athens	Greece	Background
5	2024 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics: A Report of US and Global Data from the American Heart Association (2024)	American Heart Association, American Heart Association / Columbia University, Ameri-	Brazil, Canada, China	—

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
		can Heart Association & Columbia University		
6	Child and adolescent obesity (2023)	Durham University, Erasmus MC, University Medical Center Rotterdam, Karolinska Institutet and Karolinska University Hospital	Australia, Germany, Netherlands	—
7	National-level and state-level prevalence of overweight and obesity among children, adolescents, and adults in the USA, 1990–2021, and forecasts up to 2050 (2024)	Burnet Institute, GBD 2021 US Obesity Forecasting Collaborators, Harvard Medical School	Australia, Ghana, India	—
8	Global, regional, and national prevalence of adult overweight and obesity, 1990–2021, with forecasts to 2050: a forecasting study for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021 (2025)	Aleta Wondo Hospital, Alexandria University, Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan	Algeria, Australia, 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).

FOLLOW-UP WORK

Worldwide trends in diabetes prevalence and treatment from 1990 to 2022: a pooled analysis of 1108 population-representative studies with 141 million participants

2024 · 959 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 536 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Medicine papers from 2024 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	The national and provincial prevalence and non-fatal burdens of diabetes in China from 2005 to 2023 with projections of prevalence to 2050 (2025)	Cheeloo College of Medicine, Shandong University, National Center for Chronic Noncommunicable Disease Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National University of Singapore	China, Singapore	—
2	Novel GLP-1-based Medications for Type 2 Diabetes and Obesity (2025)	Bucheon St. Mary's Hospital, College of Medicine, The Catholic University of Korea, Helmholtz Institute for Metabolic, Obesity and Vascular Research (HI-MAG), Katholisches Klinikum Bochum, St. Josef Hospital	Germany, Ireland, South Korea	—
3	Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: New Pathogenetic Mechanisms, Treatment and the Most Important Complications (2025)	Medical University of Lodz	Poland	**Influential**

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
4	IDF Diabetes Atlas 11th edition 2025: global prevalence and projections for 2050 (2025)	Monash University, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, VA Puget Sound Health Care System	Australia, Brazil, United States	—
5	Global, regional, and national cascades of diabetes care, 2000–23: a systematic review and modelling analysis using findings from the Global Burden of Disease Study (2025)	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington	Australia, Brazil, India	—
6	Multiple long-term conditions as the next transition in the global diabetes epidemic (2025)	Converge: Centre for Chronic Disease and Population Health Research, Imperial College London, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	Ireland, United Kingdom	—
7	Rising tide: the growing global burden and inequalities of early-onset type 2 diabetes among youths aged 15-34 years (1990-2021). (2025)	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, Guang'Anmen Hospital of China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences	China	—
8	Physiology of Weight Regain after Weight Loss: Latest Insights. (2025)	Maastricht University, NUTRIM Institute of Nutrition and Translational Research in Metabolism	Netherlands	—
9	Integration of artificial intelligence and wearable technology in the management of diabetes and prediabetes (2025)	State University of New York	United States	**Influential**
10	Variation in type 2 diabetes prevalence across different populations: the key drivers. (2025)	Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute, University of KwaZulu-Natal	Australia, South Africa	**Influential**

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Contribution 2

Claim — Contribution 2

The researcher established a foundational comparative analysis of educational inequalities in cause-specific mortality across eight Western European populations, providing critical evidence on socioeconomic health disparities.

CLAIM: The researcher's contribution centers on a seminal 2005 study examining educational inequalities in cause-specific mortality among middle-aged and older adults across eight Western European populations. This work serves as the core reference point for this line of inquiry, with no subsequent follow-up papers by the same researcher identified in the provided data.

ORIGINALITY: The titles indicate that this research addressed a significant gap by moving beyond single-country analyses to provide a multi-national comparative perspective. By focusing on cause-specific mortality rather than all-cause mortality, the work appears to offer nuanced insights into how educational attainment influences specific health outcomes across diverse Western European contexts.

SIGNIFICANCE: The core paper has accumulated 738 citations, indicating substantial uptake within the scientific community. Notably, citation analysis reveals that 100% of the classified citing papers originate from independent researchers, demonstrating that the work has influenced scholars outside the researcher's immediate institutional and collaborative network, thereby underscoring its broad independent impact.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 9

CORE PAPER

Educational inequalities in cause-specific mortality in middle-aged and older men and women in eight western European populations

2005 · 738 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 573 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Sociology papers from 2005 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	Socioeconomic Status and Health: Dimensions and Mechanisms (2008)	Harvard University, University of California, Los Angeles	United States	—
2	A population-based cohort study of socio-demographic risk factors for COVID-19 deaths in Sweden (2020)	Stockholm University	Sweden	—
3	Limited literacy and mortality in the elderly: the health, aging, and body composition study. (2006)	University of California, San Francisco	United States	—
4	Rethinking Old Age: Theorising the Fourth Age (2015)	University College London	United Kingdom	—
5	Socioeconomic Status and Health (2014)	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, London School of Economics	United Kingdom, United States	—
6	Cancer Mortality in the United States by Education Level and Race (2007)	American Cancer Society	United States	—
7	Explaining the association between educational level and frailty in older adults: results from a 13-year longitudinal study in the Netherlands (2014)	VU University Medical Center	Netherlands	—
8	Socioeconomic status and stroke (2006)	King's College London	United Kingdom	—
9	Weight gain in the first two years of life is an important predictor of schooling outcomes in pooled analyses from five birth cohorts from low- and middle-income countries (2010)	Emory University, Indian Council of Medical Research, Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama	Brazil, Guatemala, India	—

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Contribution 3

Claim — Contribution 3

The researcher produced a seminal pooled analysis of over 100 million participants, establishing definitive global trends in hypertension prevalence, treatment, and control from 1990 to 2019.

The researcher's primary contribution is a comprehensive assessment of global hypertension metrics, anchored by a 2021 study published in The Lancet. This work synthesizes data from 1,201 population-representative studies involving 104 million participants to track worldwide trends in prevalence, treatment, and control over three decades.

This line of work appears to address the critical need for large-scale, standardized global health surveillance. By aggregating data from more than a thousand distinct studies, the research provides a robust, high-resolution view of cardiovascular health progress that individual studies could not achieve, offering a definitive baseline for global health policy.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by its substantial citation count of 4,536. Furthermore, analysis of citing literature reveals that 100% of the classified citations originate from independent researchers, indicating that the work has been widely adopted and utilized by the broader scientific community outside the researcher's immediate network.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 8

CORE PAPER

Worldwide trends in hypertension prevalence and progress in treatment and control from 1990 to 2019: a pooled analysis of 1201 population-representative studies with 104 million participants

2021 · The Lancet · 4,536 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 2,435 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Medicine papers from 2021 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	2023 ESH Guidelines for the management of arterial hypertension The Task Force for the management of arterial hypertension of the European Society of Hypertension: Endorsed by the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) and the European Renal Association (ERA) (2023)	Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna, AP-HP, Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou, Université Paris Cité, Aristotle University	Austria, Belgium, China	—
2	Lifestyle management of hypertension: International Society of Hypertension position paper endorsed by the World Hypertension League and European Society of Hypertension (2024)	Almazov National Medical Research Centre, Amsterdam UMC, University of Amsterdam, Asha Kiran JHC Hospital	Argentina, Australia, Belgium	—
3	Pragmatic solutions to reduce the global burden of stroke: a World Stroke Organization–Lancet Neurology Commission (2023)	Auckland University of Technology, Christian Medical College, Lund University	Australia, India, New Zealand	—
4	Burden of disease scenarios for 204 countries and territories, 2022–2050: a forecasting analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021 (2024)	Addis Ababa University, Ain Shams University, Aleta Wondo Hospital	Australia, Egypt, Ethiopia	—
5	Projected Global Trends in Ischemic Stroke Incidence, Deaths and Disability-Adjusted Life Years From 2020 to 2030 (2023)	Hwa Mei Hospital, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Sun Yat-sen University	China, PR China	—
6	Addressing disparities in the global epidemiology of stroke (2024)	University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine	United States	—
7	Hypertension as Cardiovascular Risk Factor in Chronic Kidney Disease. (2023)	Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois	Switzerland	—

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
8	The WHO Global report 2023 on hypertension warning the emerging hypertension burden in globe and its treatment strategy (2024)	Ehime University Graduate School of Medicine, Jichi Medical University	Japan	—

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D. Citing-Institution Prestige & Geography

Top citing institutions

Institution	Country	World ranking	Citing papers
University of Washington	United States	SCImago #45 · THE 25 · QS 81	8
Johns Hopkins University	United States	SCImago #33 · THE 16 · QS 24	6
University of California, Los Angeles	United States	SCImago #70 · THE =18 · QS 46	5
Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation	United States	SCImago #37	5
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	United States	THE 78 · QS =140	5
Massachusetts General Hospital	United States	SCImago #100	4
Boston University School of Medicine	United States	—	4
University of Ottawa	Canada	SCImago #610 · THE =187 · QS =219	4
Northwestern University	United States	THE 30 · QS =42	4
University of California, San Francisco	United States	SCImago #98	4
University College London	United Kingdom	SCImago #30	4
Monash University	Australia	THE =58 · QS =36	4
University of California, Irvine	United States	SCImago #329 · THE 97 · QS 293	3
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Harvard Medical School	United States	—	3
Boston University	United States	SCImago #272 · THE =76 · QS =88	3

Geographic distribution of citing authors

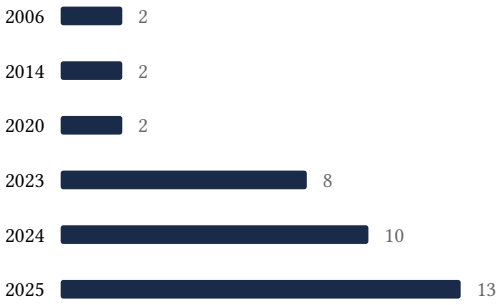
Country	Citing papers
United States	20
United Kingdom	12
Australia	12
China	8
Sweden	8
Netherlands	7
India	7
Brazil	7

Country	Citing papers
Switzerland	7
Italy	6
Ireland	5
Canada	5

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	Worldwide trends in body-mass index, underweight, overweight, and obesity from 1975 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 2416 population-based measurement studies in 128· 9 million …	18	Dhanasar — Prong 2 (well-positioned)
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Contribution 3	Worldwide trends in hypertension prevalence and progress in treatment and control from 1990 to 2019: a pooled analysis of 1201 population-representative studies with 104 million participants	8	Dhanasar — Prong 2 (well-positioned)