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CITATION IS NOT CONFIRMATION

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this is basically reframing a recent [Twitter thread](#)



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The point of my tweet is that vanishingly few of those thousands of positive citations have any value. Yet your career is mostly decided by metrics based on such. (Scite aims to classify citations, but I doubt many were negative, even if replication difficulties were noted.)



Excellence depends on citation. Citation depends on popularity. Popularity depends on fanciness. Fanciness on newsworthiness. Newsworthiness on excellence. Excellence depends on citation ...