

Abnormal Citation Pattern on 10.1016/j.apmt.2023.101766

Abnormal citation pattern is observed on the review article [1]. The article has 112 reference, a high proportion of 19% (21/112) were authored by a same group from Changchun University of Science and Technology, with core authors including but not limited to DONG Xiangting.

There is no overlap between this group in Changchun University of Science and Technology and the authors of the article [1], suggesting these 21 reference are not self-cited. Indeed, 14 (13%) of the reference in the article [1] are self-cited.

Although there is no a guideline on "how many citations to specific researcher(s) is too many", the proportion of 19% to a same group is unusual.

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