

DAI Shifeng Received Massive Citations Through More Special Issues

Previously, our investigation [1] revealed that DAI Shifeng from the China University of Mining and Technology (Beijing), as a guest editor, received a large number of citations via the topical collection "Critical Metals and Minerals in Coal and Coal Combustion Products" published in the MDPI journal "Minerals". Our further investigations show that similar citation patterns exist in other topical collections and special issues.

Topical Collection: Toxic Mineral Matter in Coal and Coal Combustion Products						
Guest Editor: DAI Shifeng, Xibo Wang, Lei Zhao						
DOI	Author_Nation	Dai_Authored	Author_from_CUMT	Total_Reference	Citation_to_Dai	Proportion
10.3390/min7110219	China	No	No	86	41	48%
10.3390/min8030104	China	No	No	96	44	46%
10.3390/min8030083	China	No	Yes	57	22	39%
10.3390/min7090170	China	No	Yes	114	38	33%
10.3390/min8030089	China	No	Yes	63	19	30%
10.3390/min7120239	China	No	No	103	30	29%
10.3390/min8020059	China	No	No	48	12	25%
10.3390/min7070114	China	No	No	161	39	24%
10.3390/min8020048	China	No	No	124	30	24%
10.3390/min8050202	China US	No	Yes	99	22	22%
10.3390/min8020049	China	No	Yes	91	14	15%
10.3390/min8030090	China	No	Yes	54	8	15%
10.3390/min8030082	China	No	No	116	15	13%
10.3390/min8040164	China Australia	No	No	69	8	12%
10.3390/min8040140	Portugal Poland Romania	No	No	57	3	5%
10.3390/min7120231	UK	No	No	49	0	0%

Another topical collection, "Toxic Mineral Matter in Coal and Coal Combustion Products", contains 16 published articles. A total of 345 references in these articles were co-authored by DAI. Of these 16 articles, 5 articles (about 31%) included at least 30% of references co-authored by him. The corresponding proportions reached 48% and 46% in articles [2] and [3], respectively.

Special Issue: Minerals in Coal						
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DOI	Author_Nation	Dai_Authored	Author_from_CUMT	Total_Reference	Citation_to_Dai	Proportion
10.3390/min6030066	China	No	Yes	74	40	54%
10.3390/min6020047	China	No	Yes	55	25	45%
10.3390/min6030074	China	No	No	67	28	42%
10.3390/min6020040	China	No	No	51	21	41%
10.3390/min6030058	China	No	Yes	58	22	38%
10.3390/min5040525	China	No	No	37	14	38%
10.3390/min6020029	China	No	Yes	61	23	38%
10.3390/min5040530	China	No	No	21	7	33%
10.3390/min6020030	China	No	Yes	53	17	32%
10.3390/min6020028	China	No	No	40	11	28%
10.3390/min5030380	China	No	Yes	49	13	27%
10.3390/min6020050	China	No	Yes	46	10	22%
10.3390/min5040531	China Australia	No	Yes	65	14	22%
10.3390/min6020045	China	Yes	Yes	63	11	17%
10.3390/min6020032	US	No	No	58	10	17%
10.3390/min6020035	China	No	No	47	8	17%
10.3390/min5040532	US China	Yes	Yes	43	6	14%
10.3390/min5040528	China	No	Yes	36	5	14%
10.3390/min5030511	US China	Yes	Yes	111	12	11%
10.3390/min6030064	Spain	No	No	41	3	7%
10.3390/min5040513	China	No	No	53	3	6%
10.3390/min6020027	China	No	Yes	38	2	5%
10.3390/min5040512	Australia	No	No	29	0	0%

For the special issue "Minerals in Coal", 23 articles were published, from which DAI received a total of 305 citations. Among these 23 articles, 9 articles (approximately 39%) contained more than 30% references co-authored by DAI. The highest proportion was found in article [4], at 54%.

These patterns raise concerns regarding the necessity of such citations and whether these citation practices have been inappropriately manipulated.

[1] 5GH.2026.000012.R5

[2] 10.3390/min7110219

[3] 10.3390/min8030104

[4] 10.3390/min6030066

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