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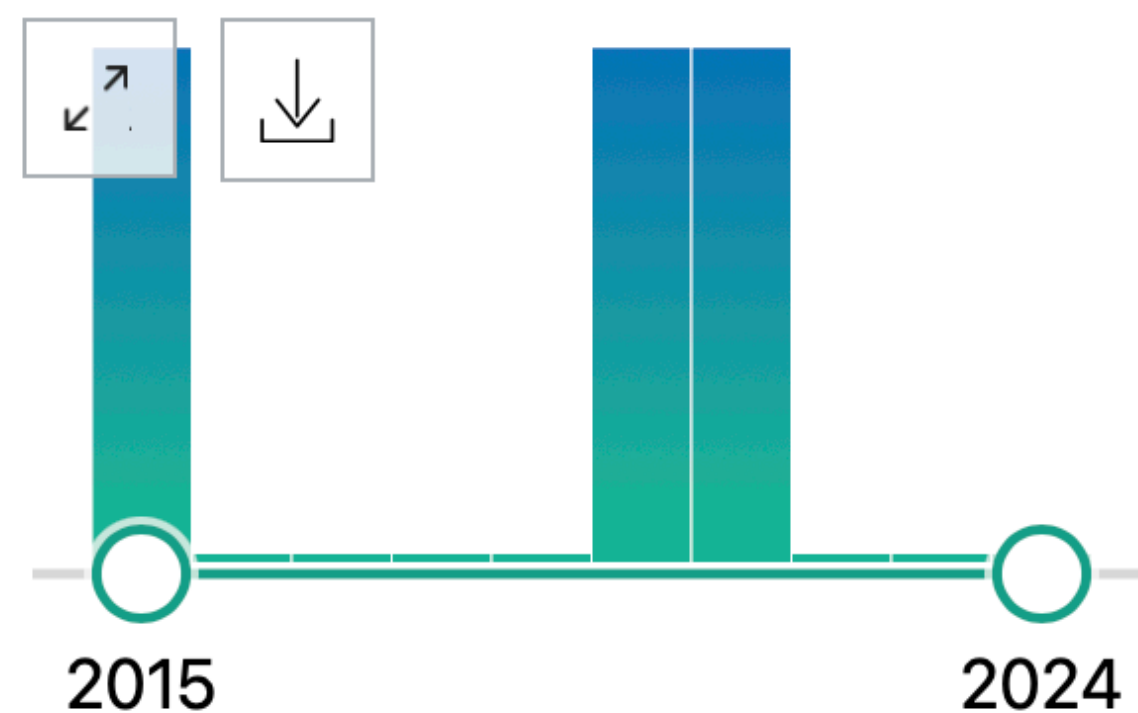
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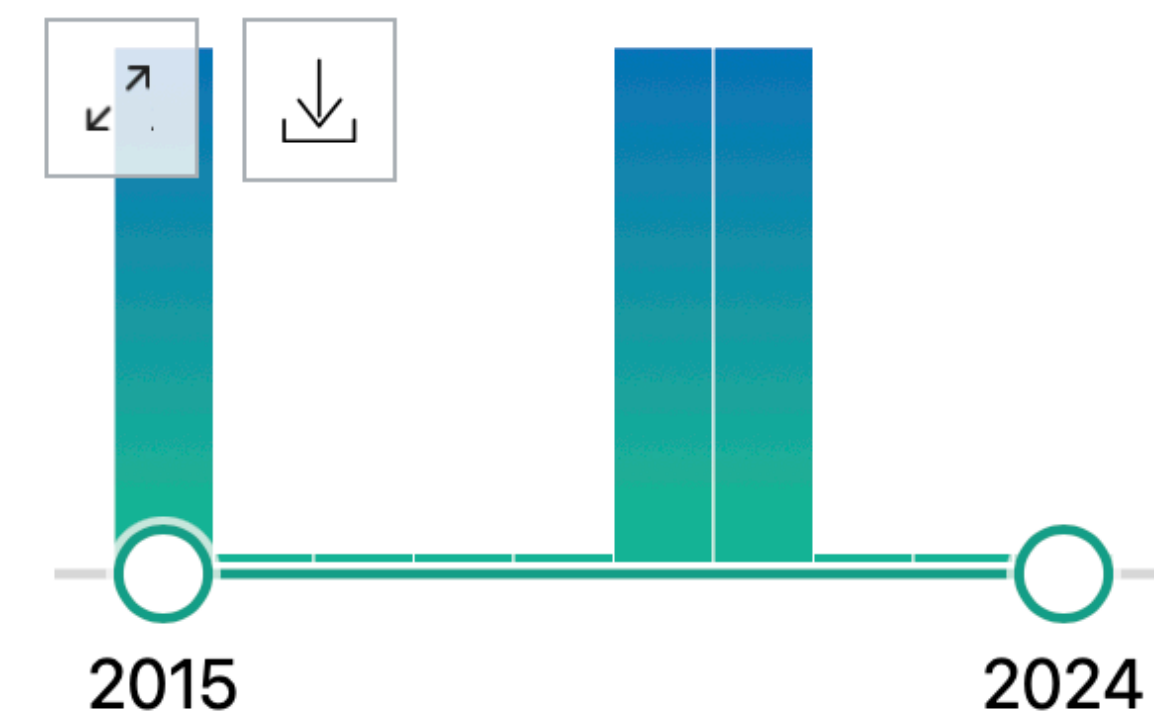


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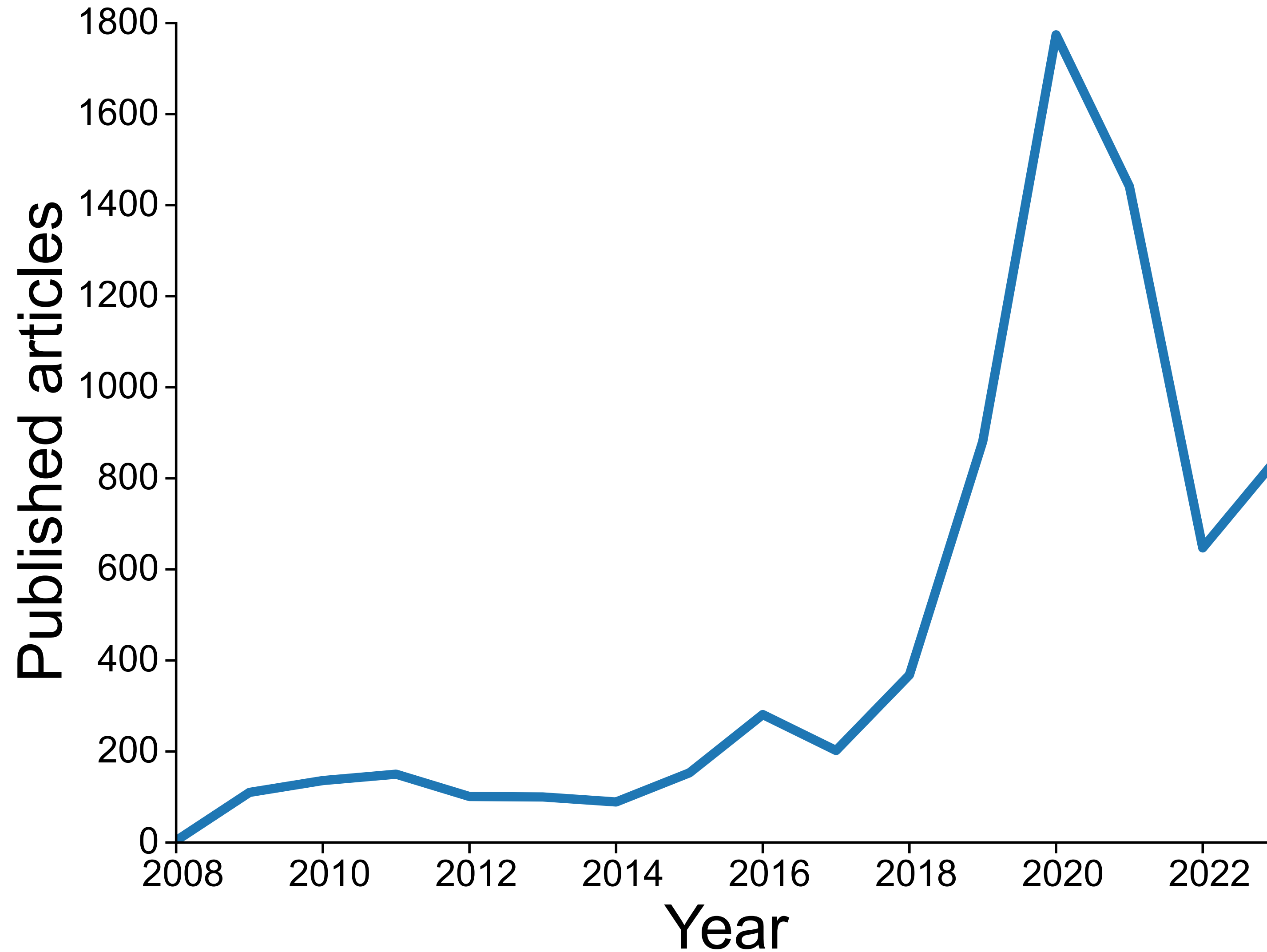
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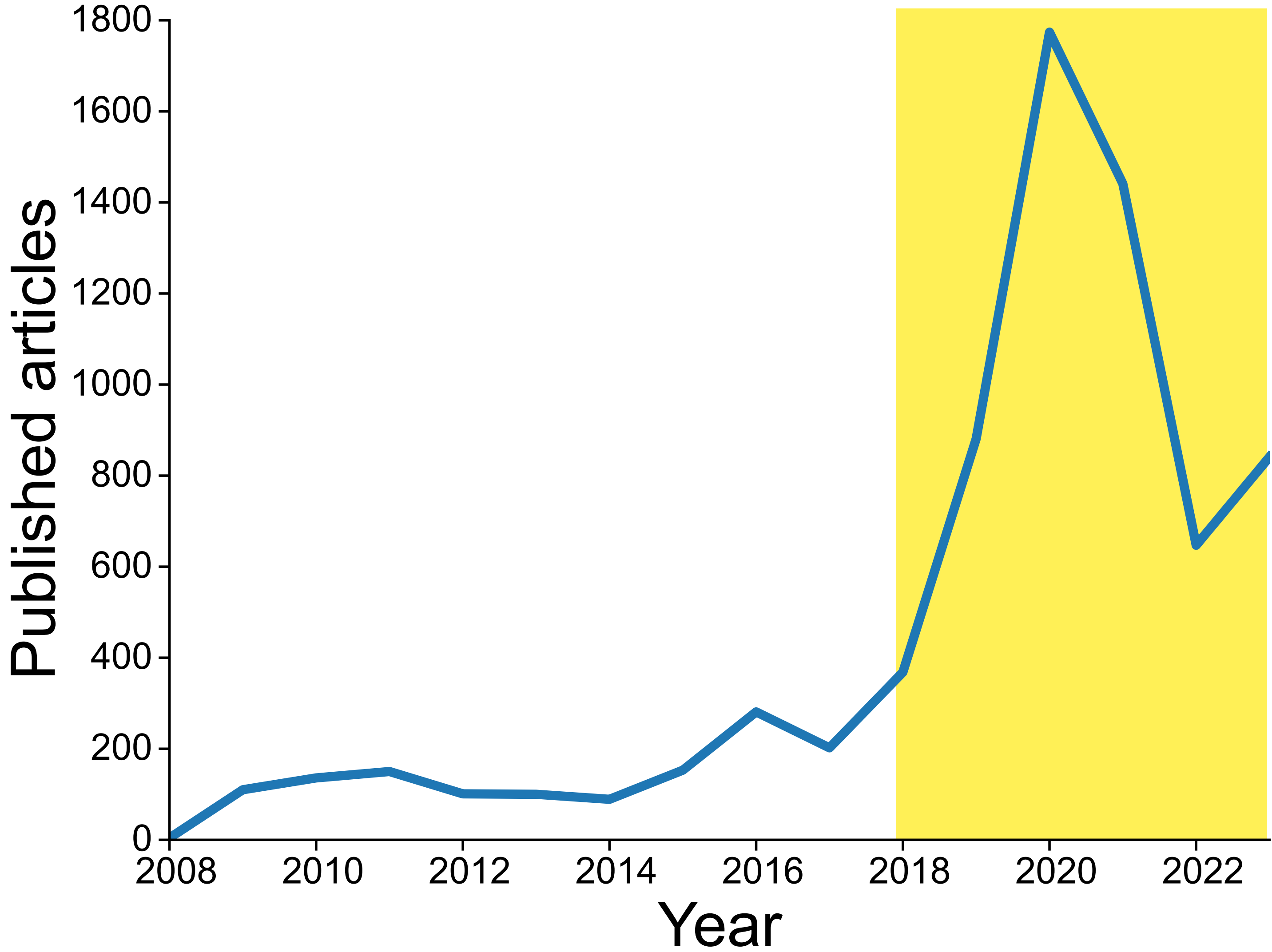
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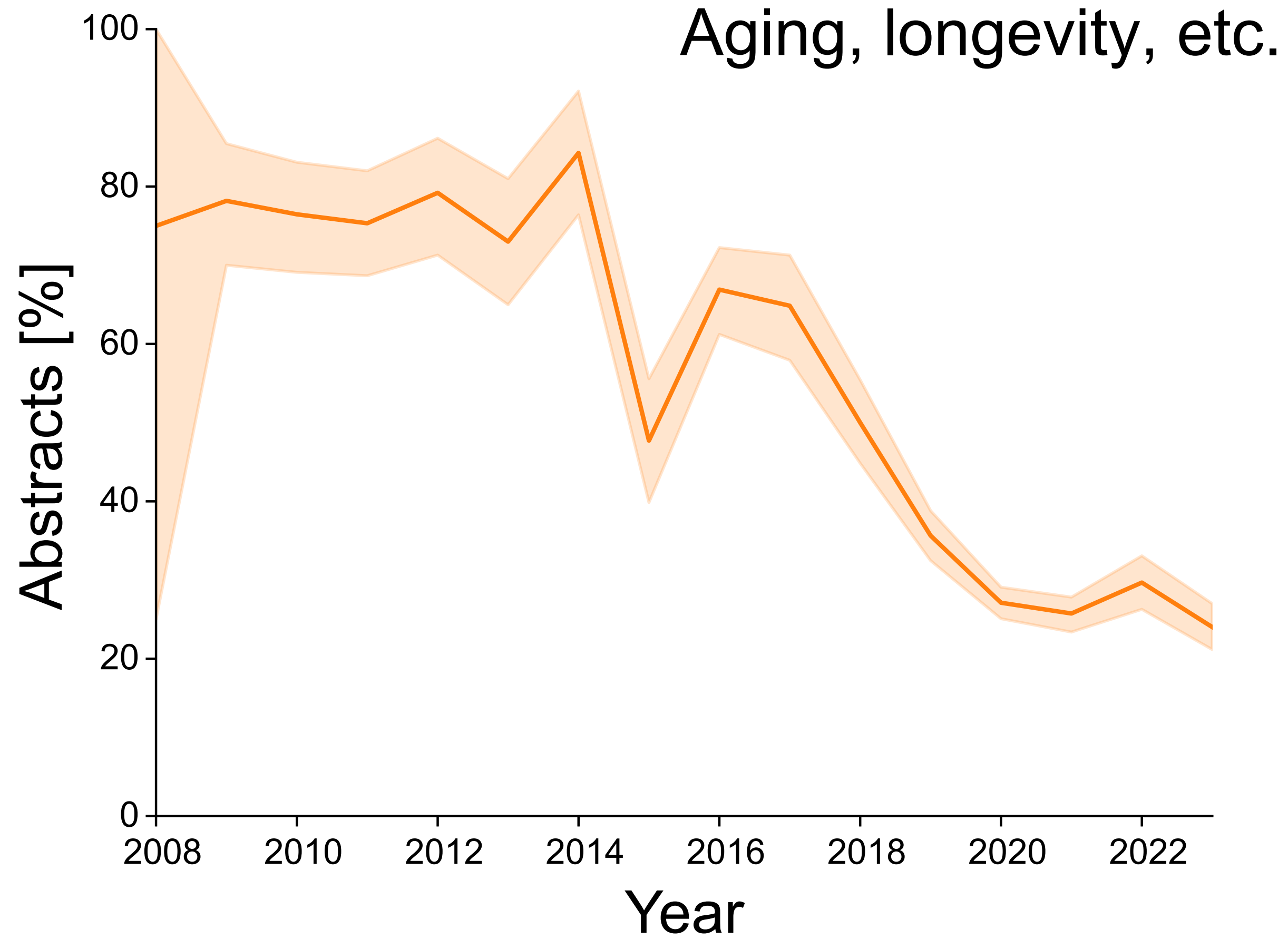
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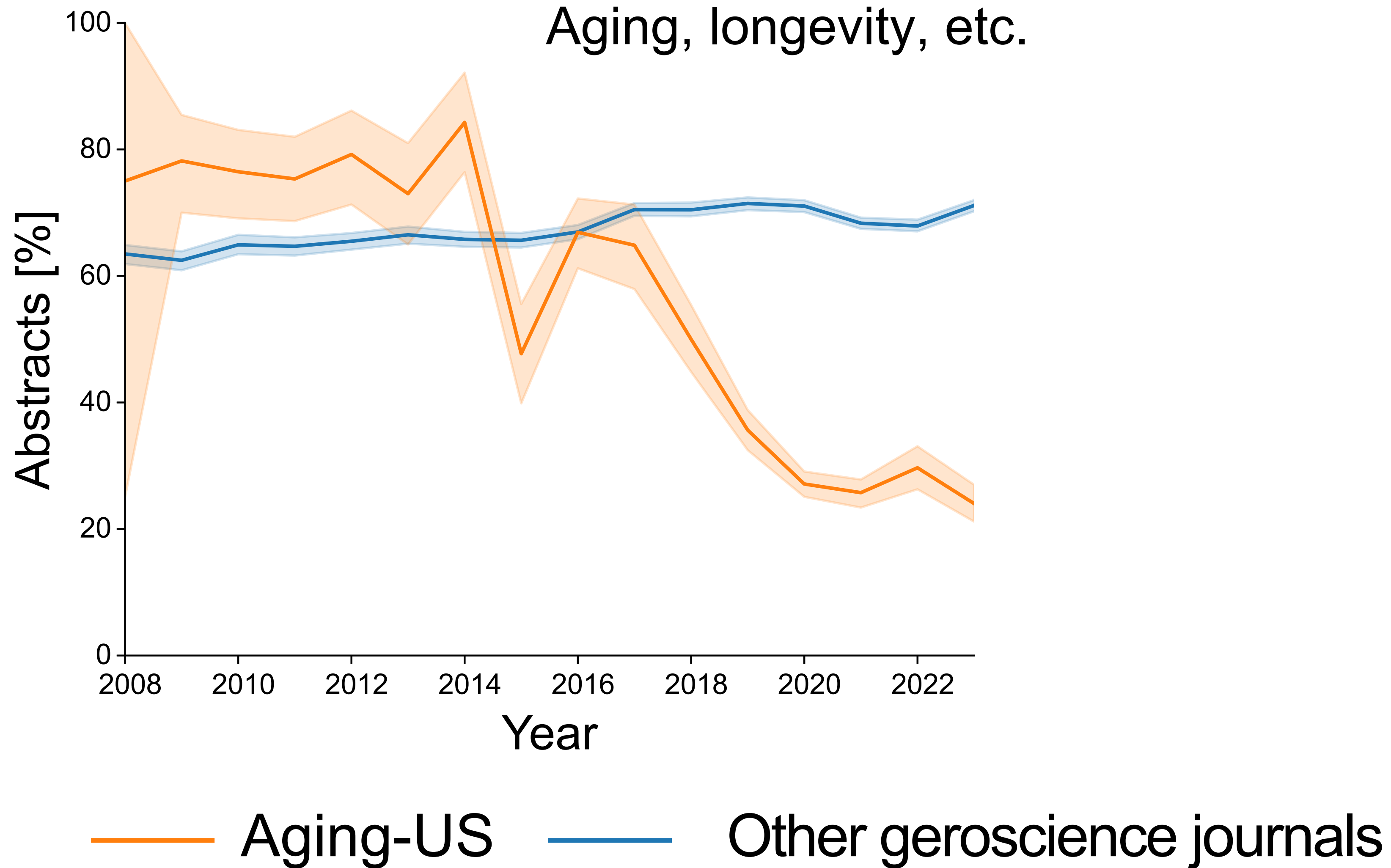


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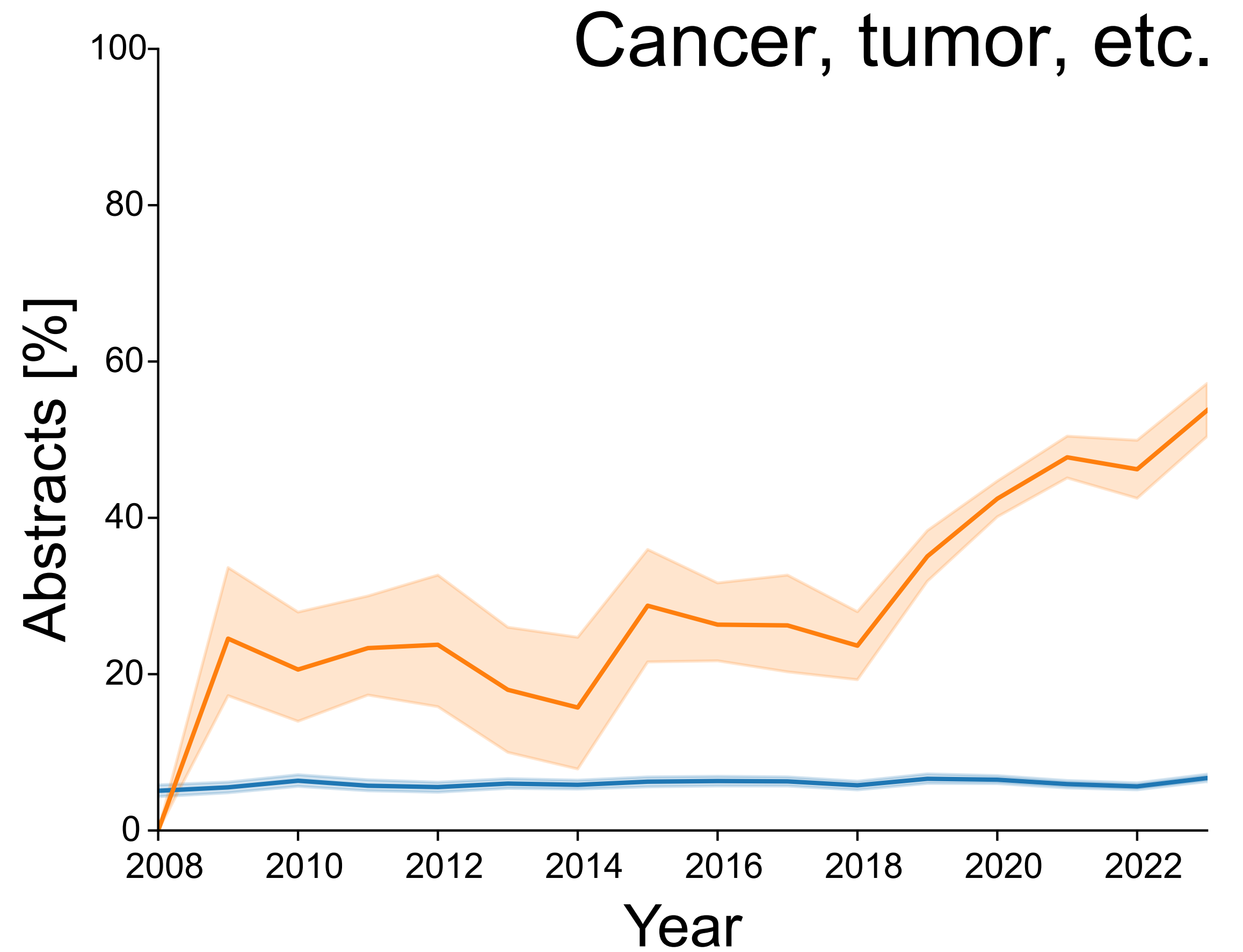
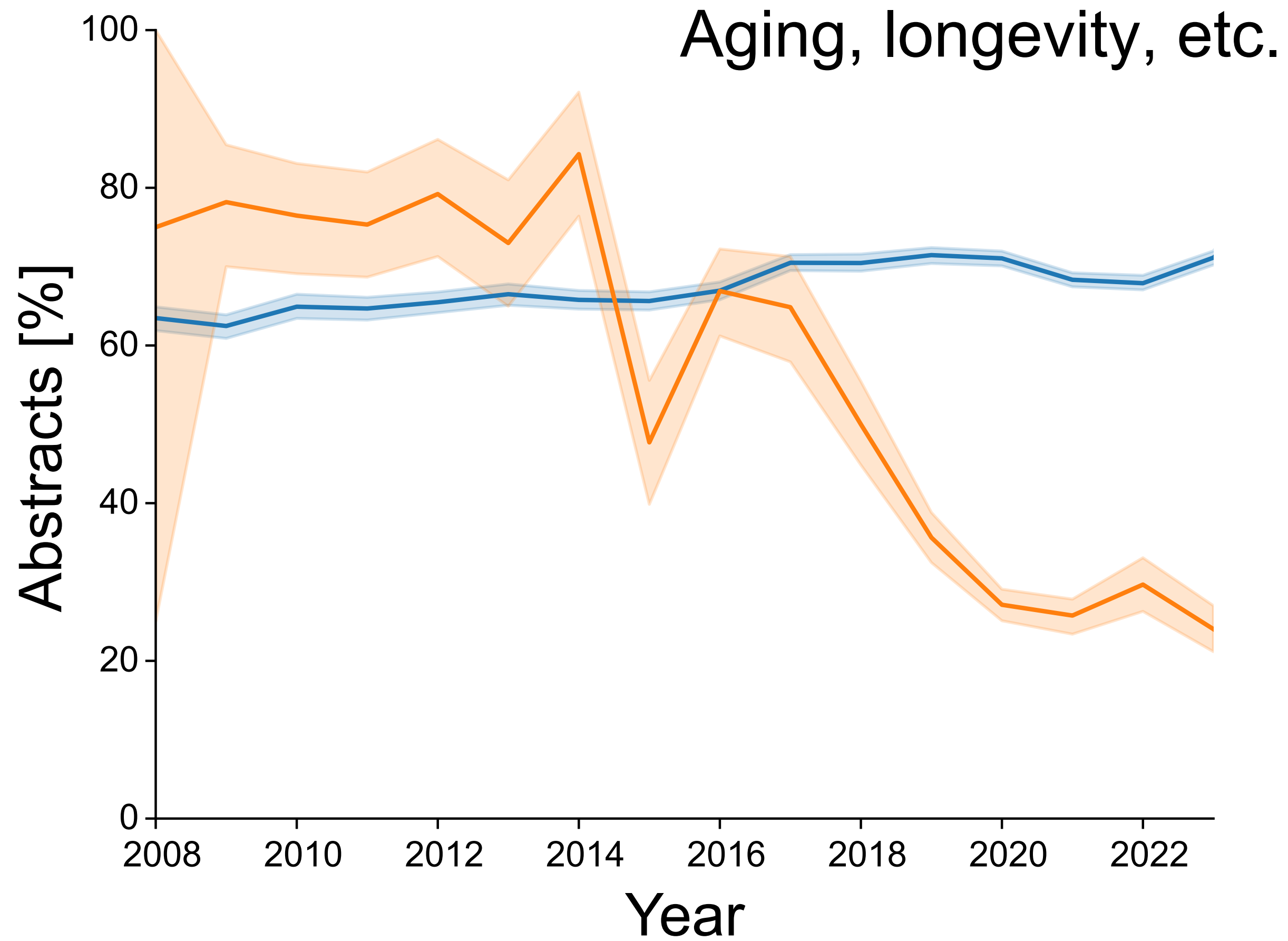


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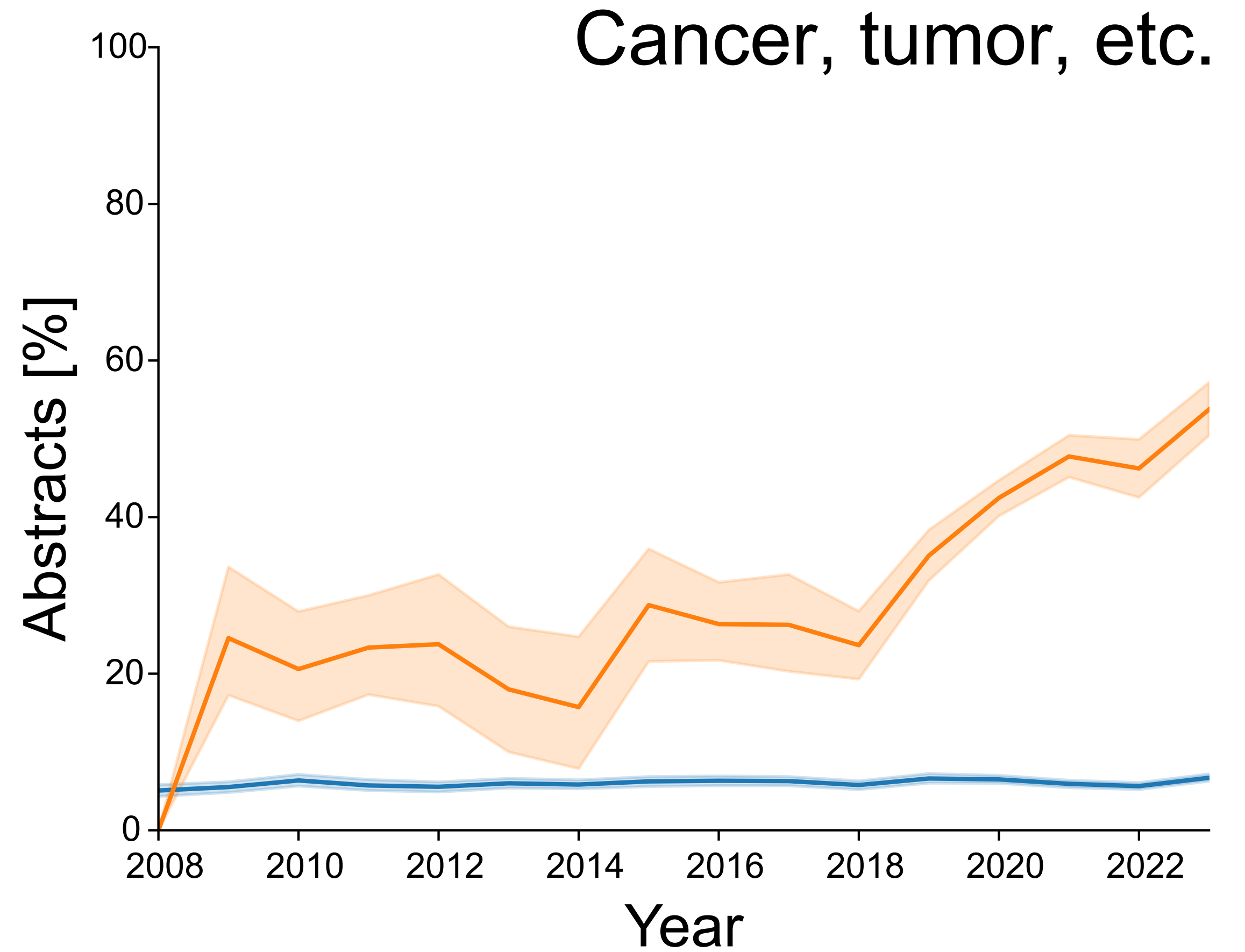
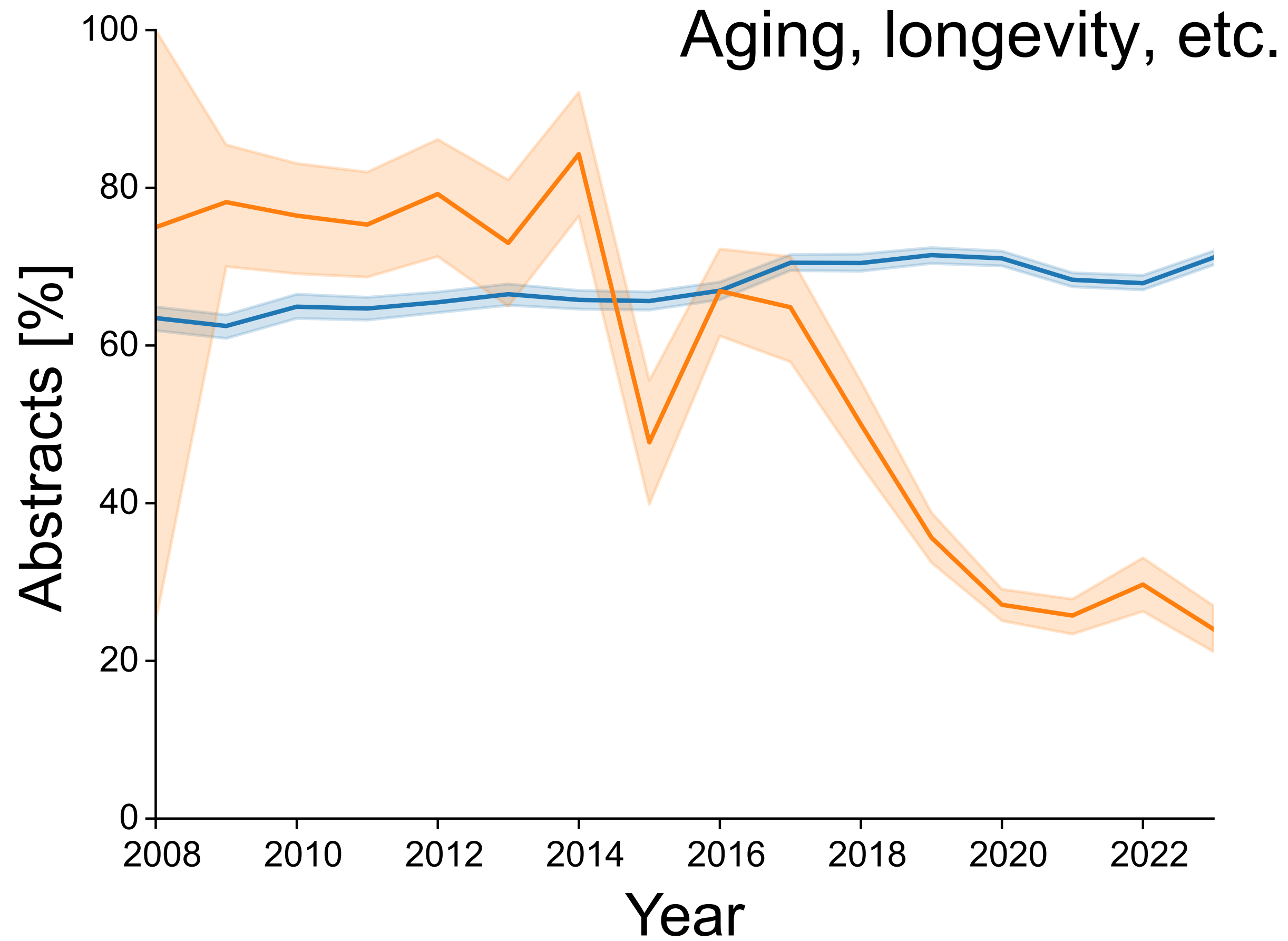


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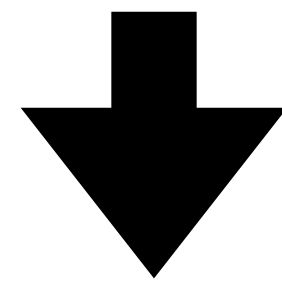


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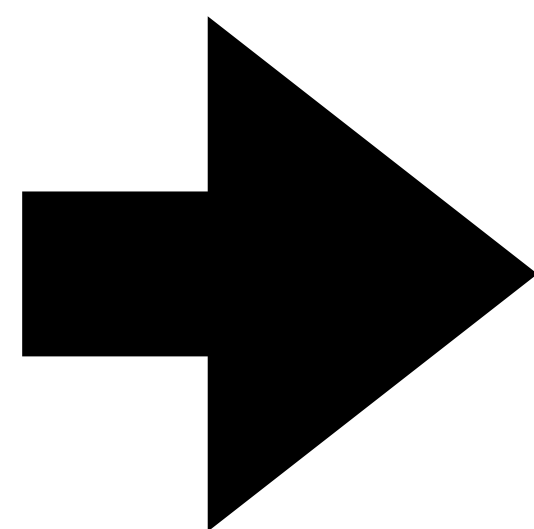


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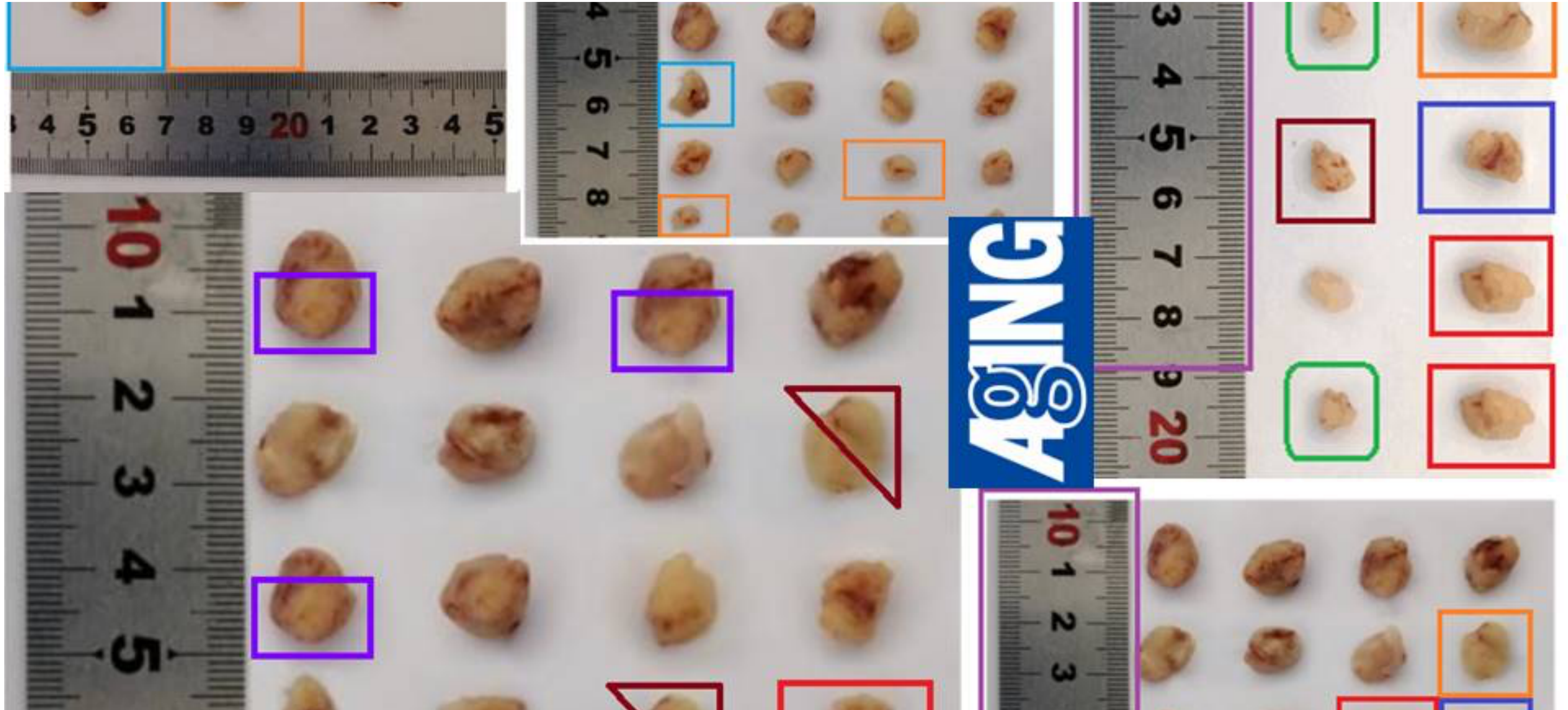
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**Smut Clyde observed that formally independent publications in Aging-US share the same ruler.**



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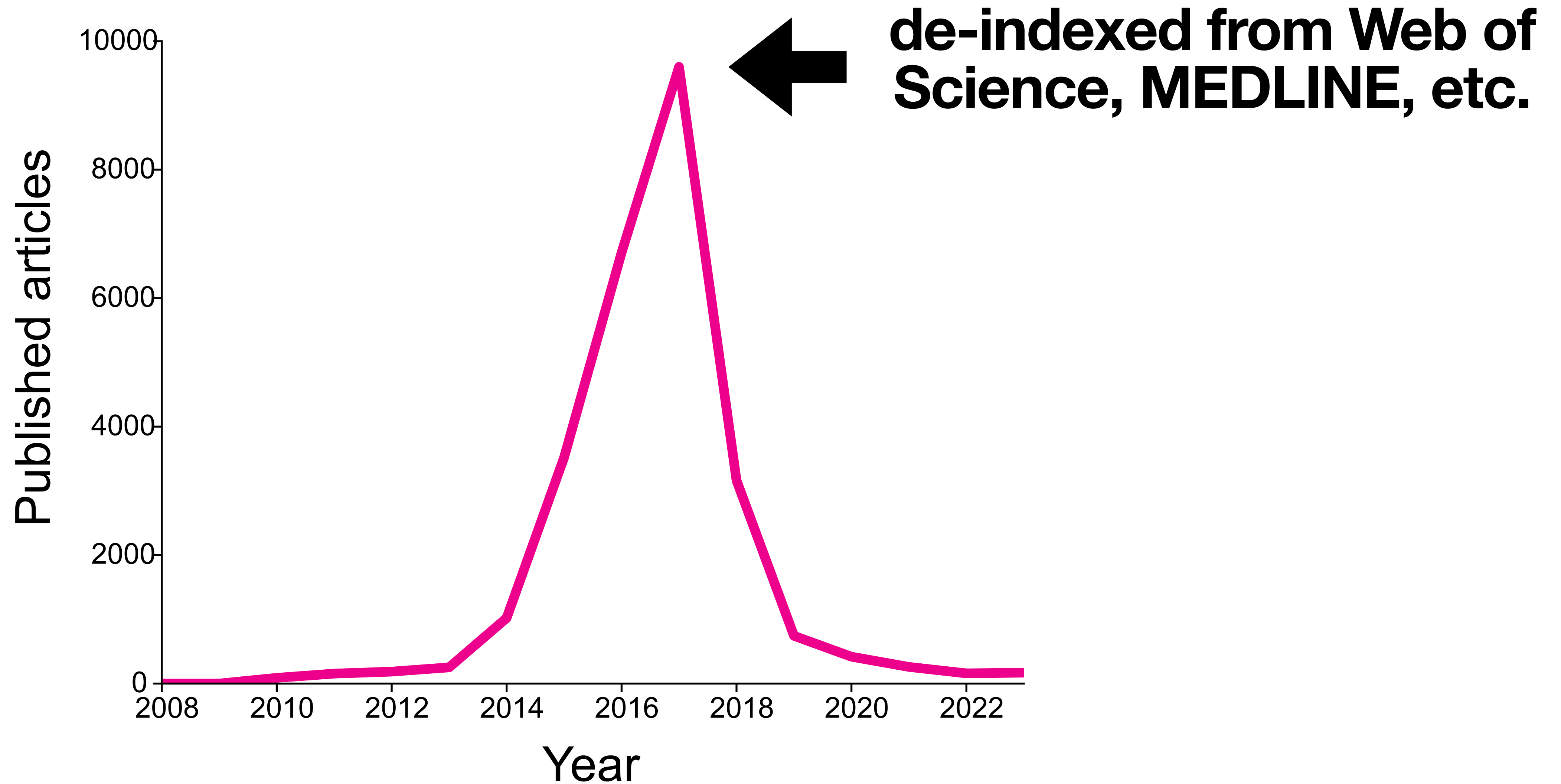


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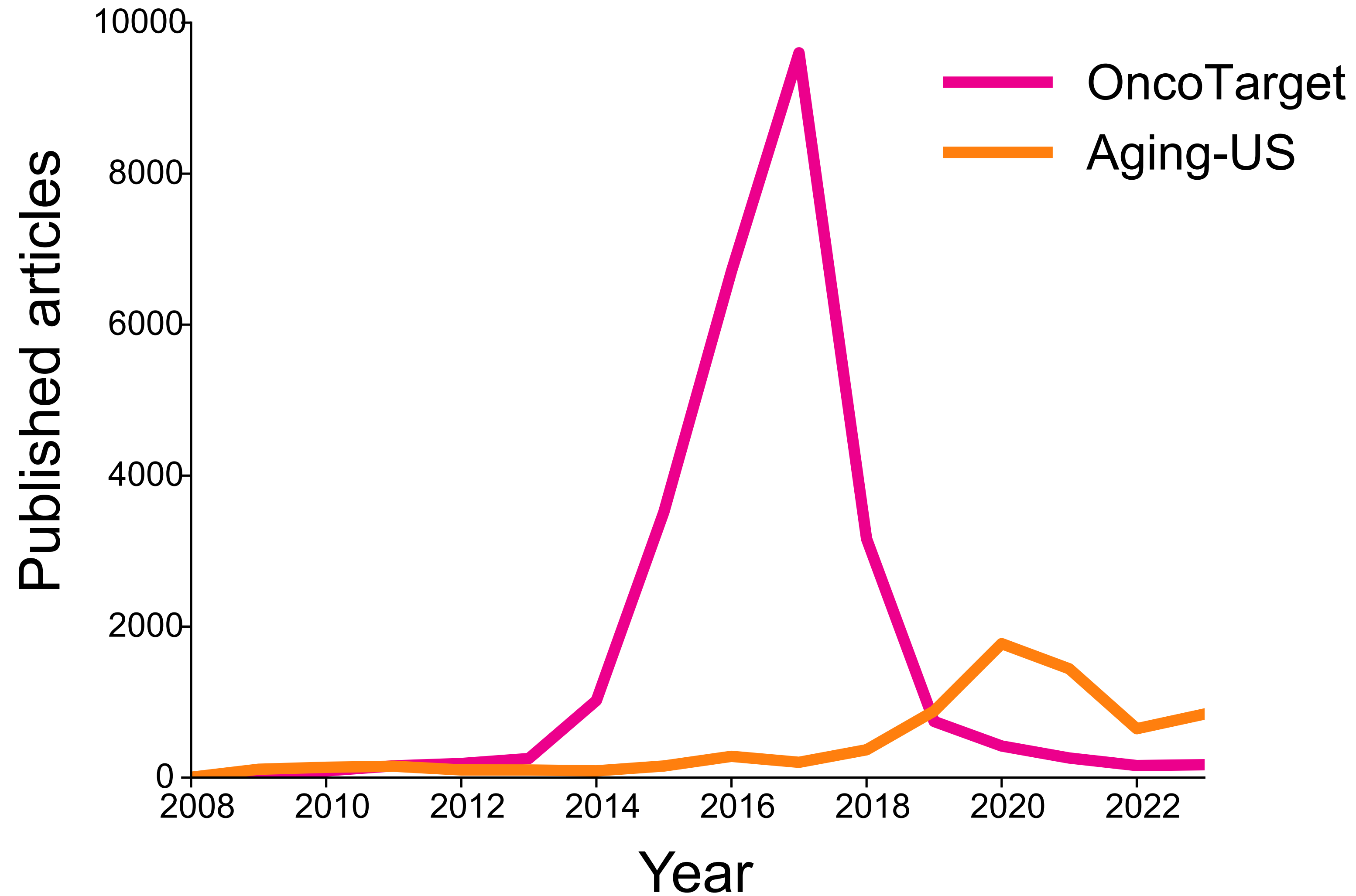


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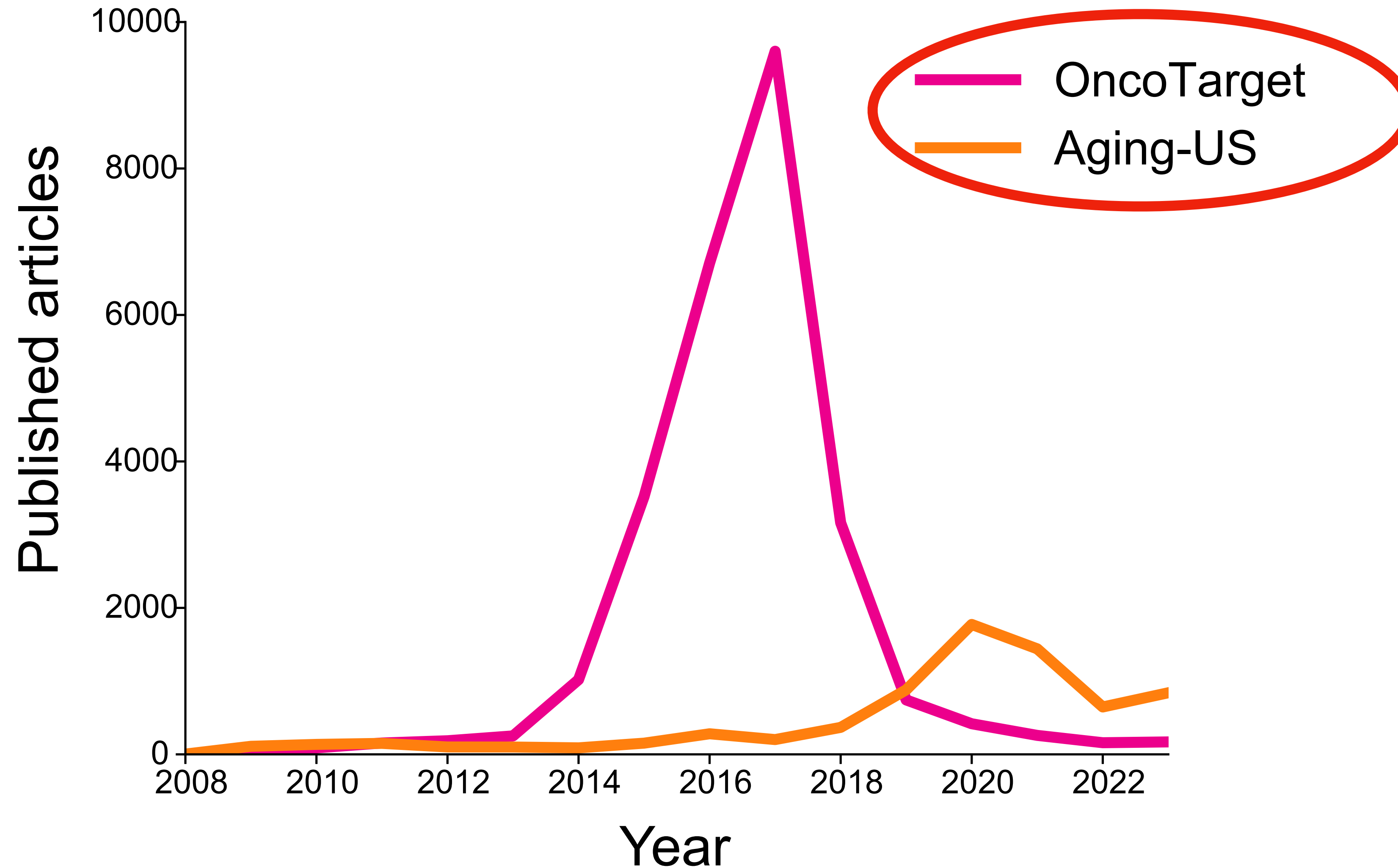


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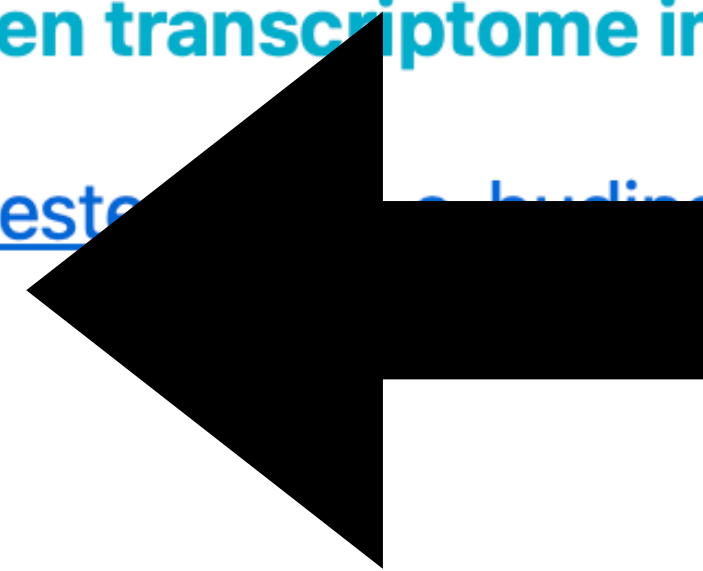
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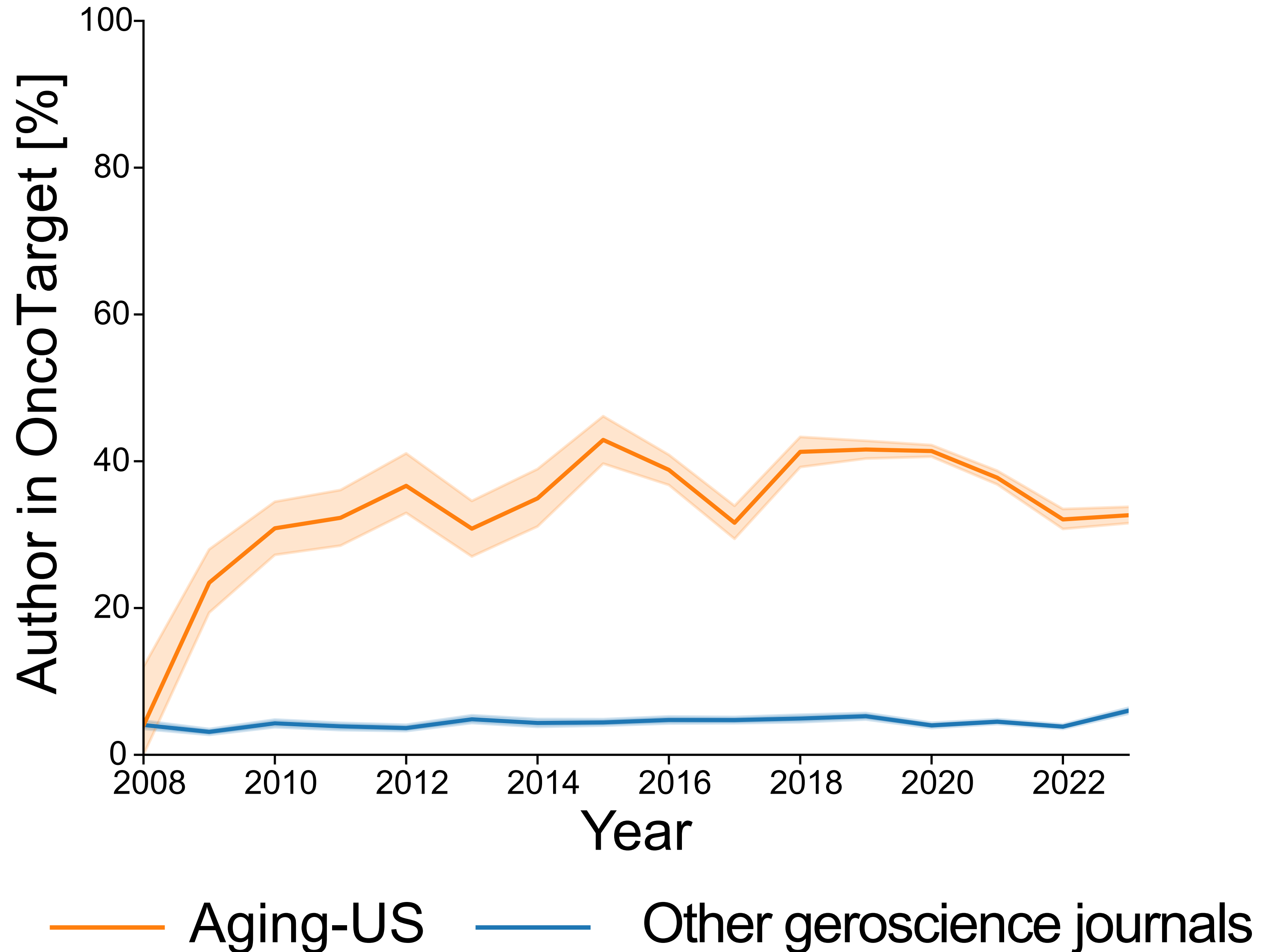
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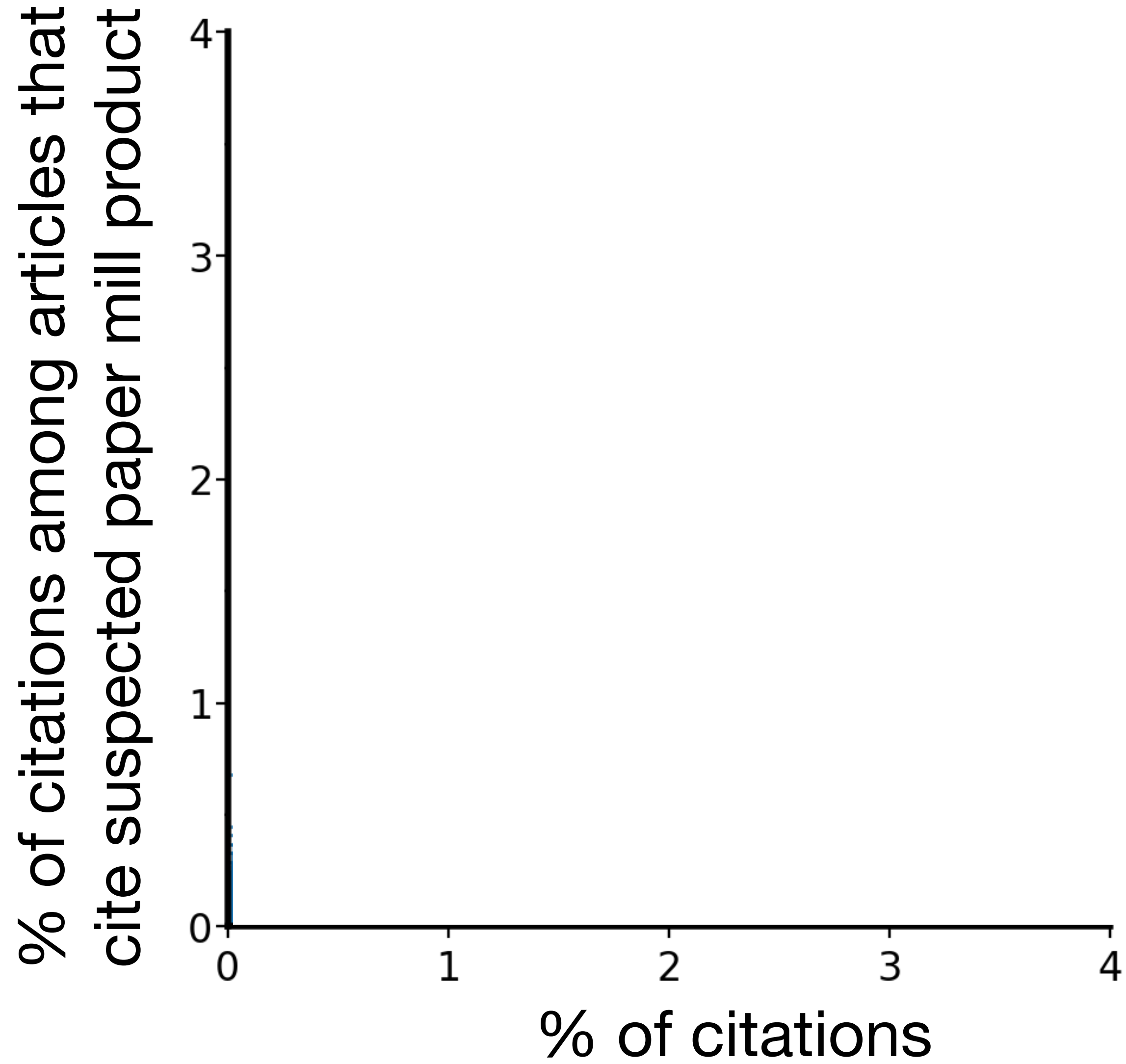
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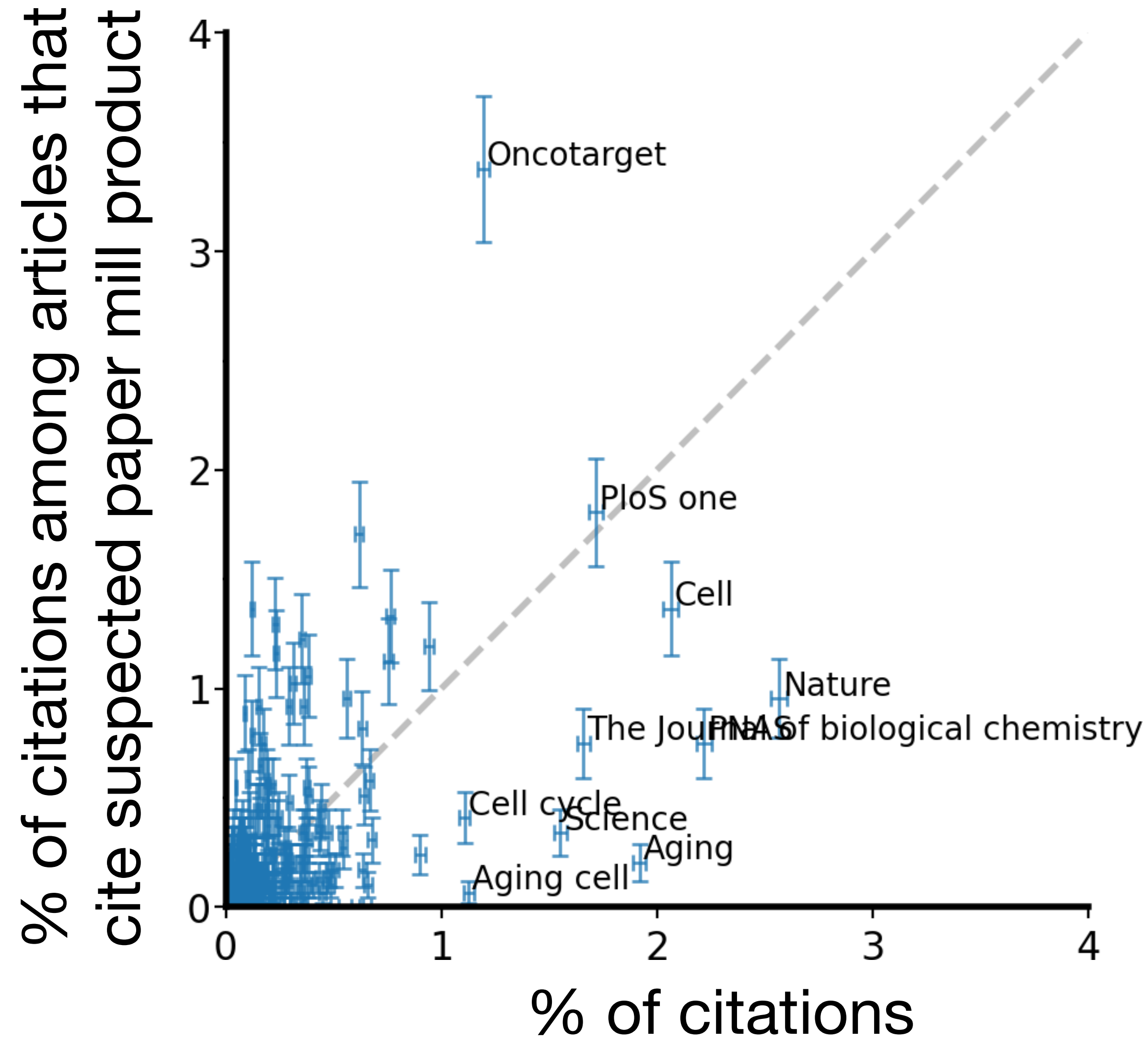
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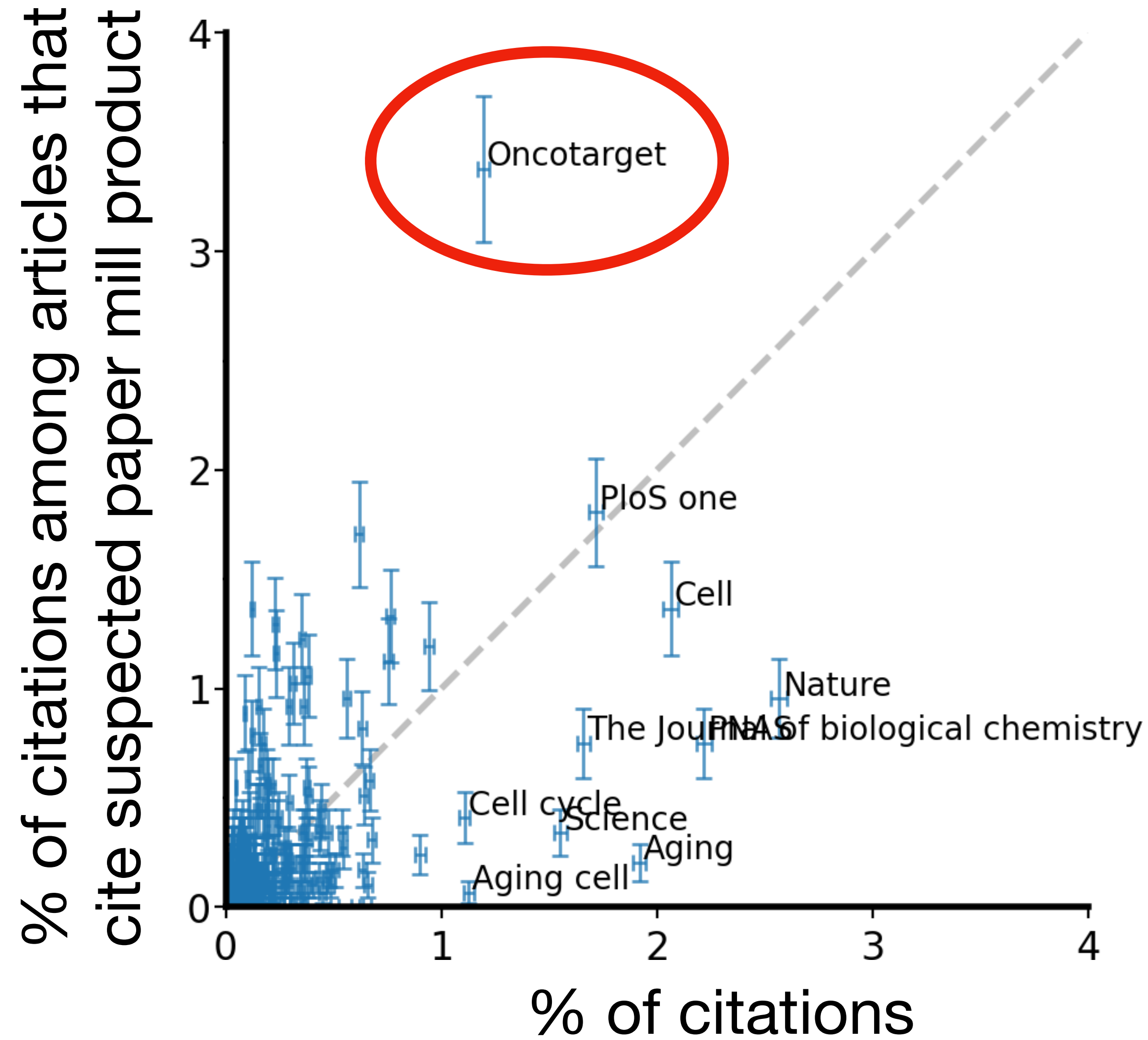
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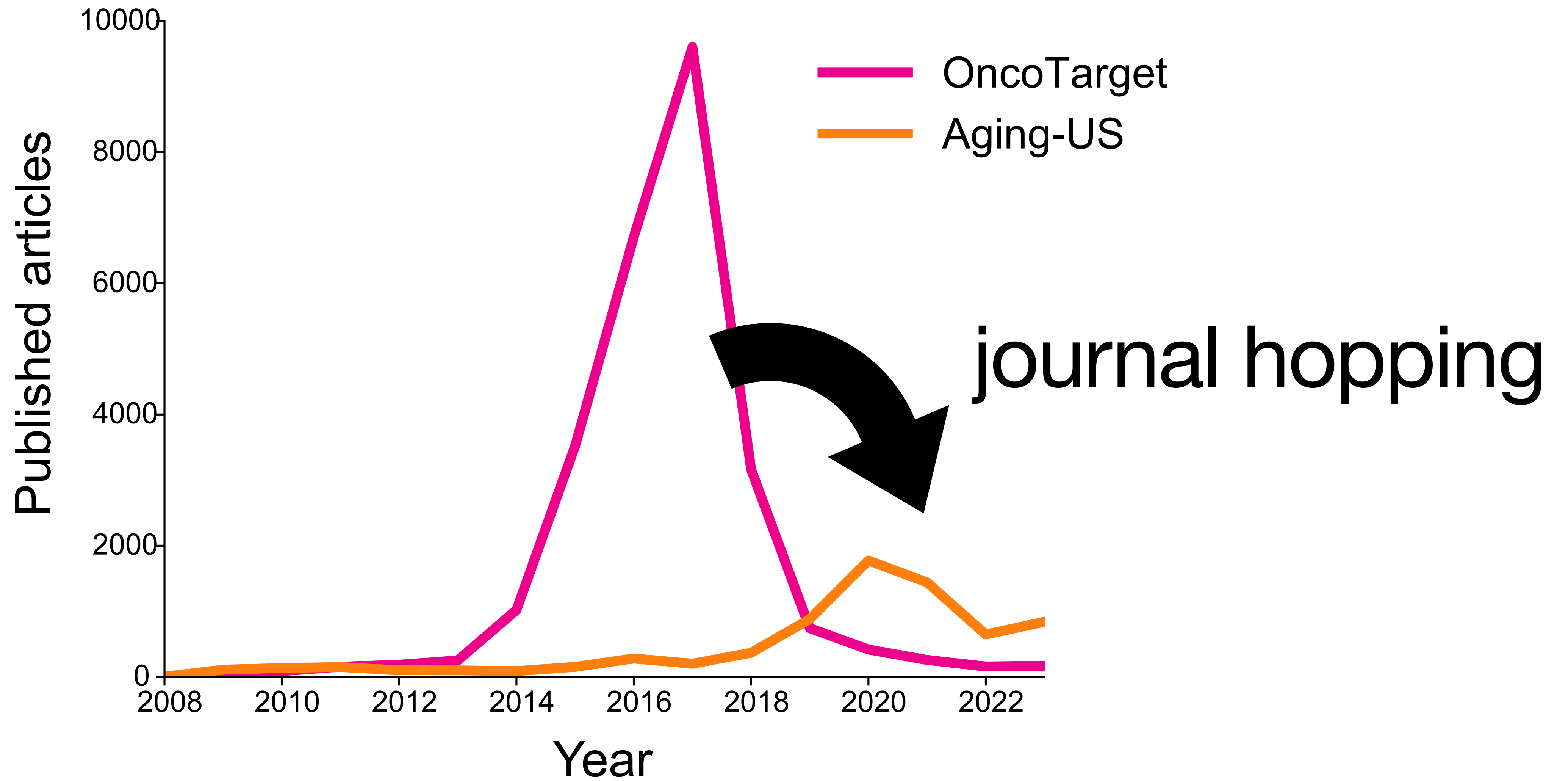


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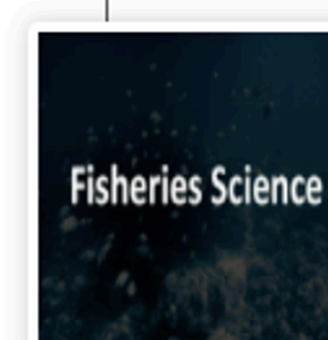


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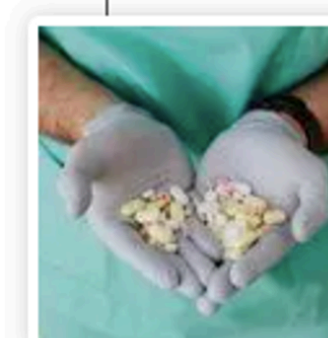


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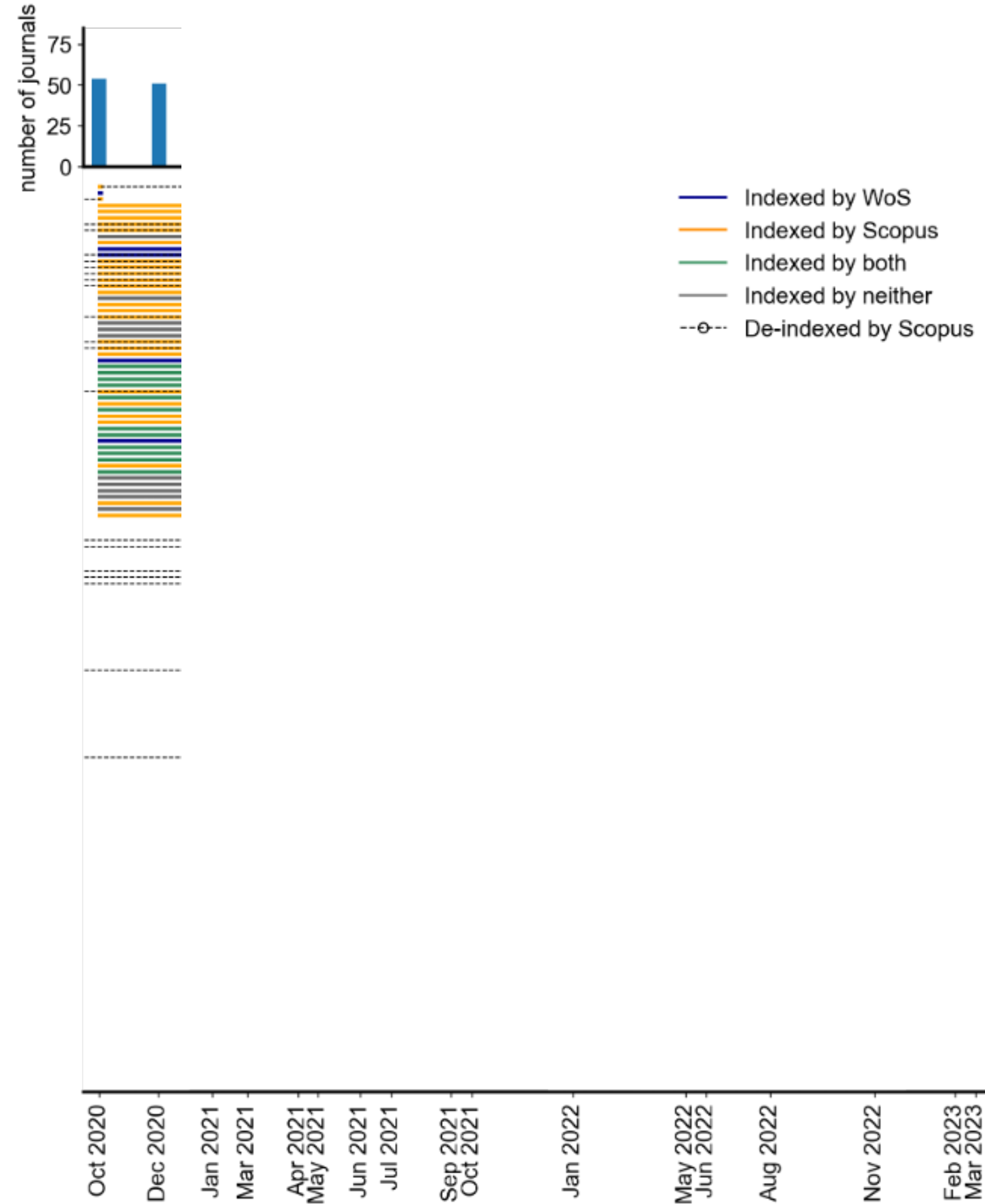
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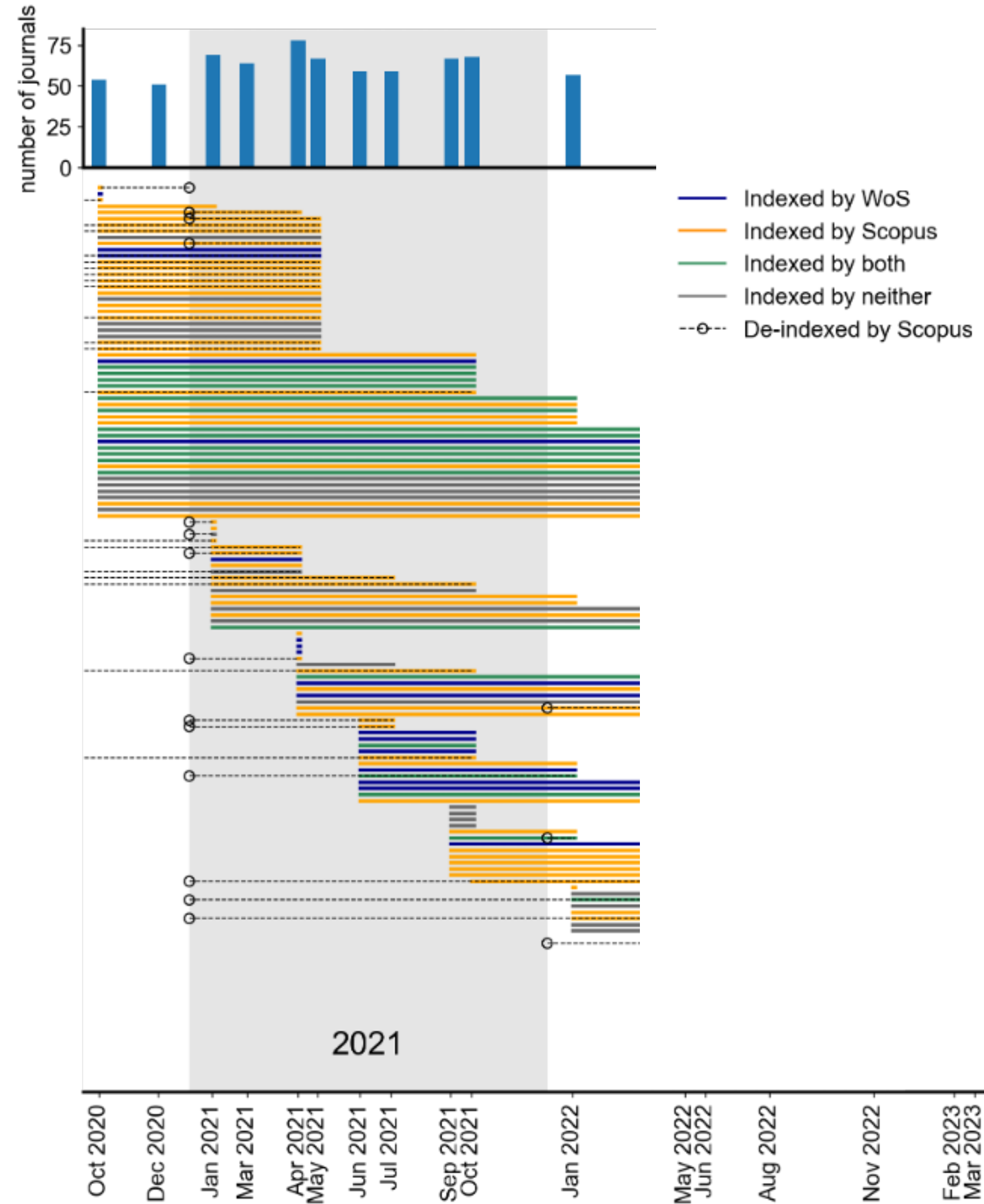
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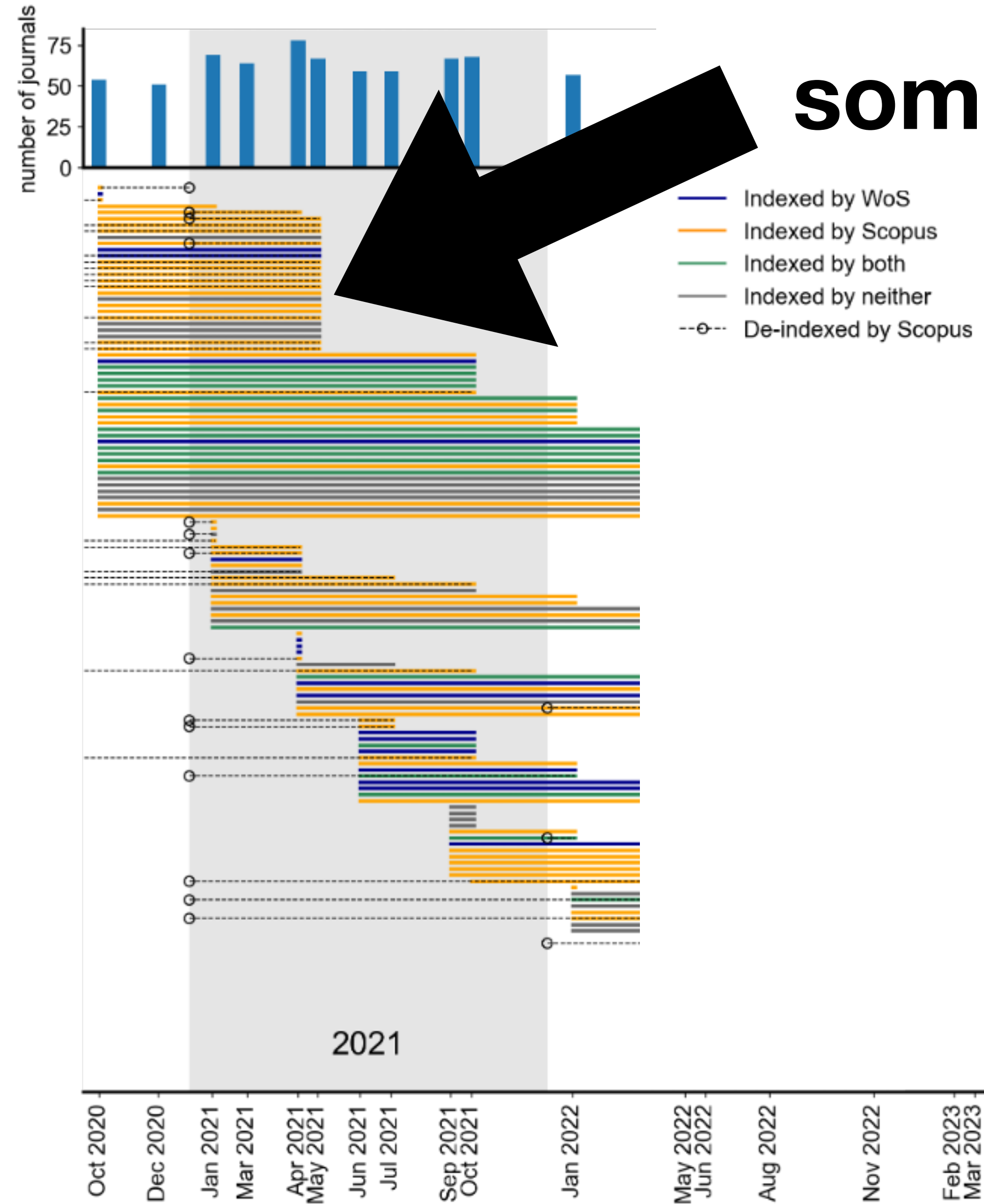
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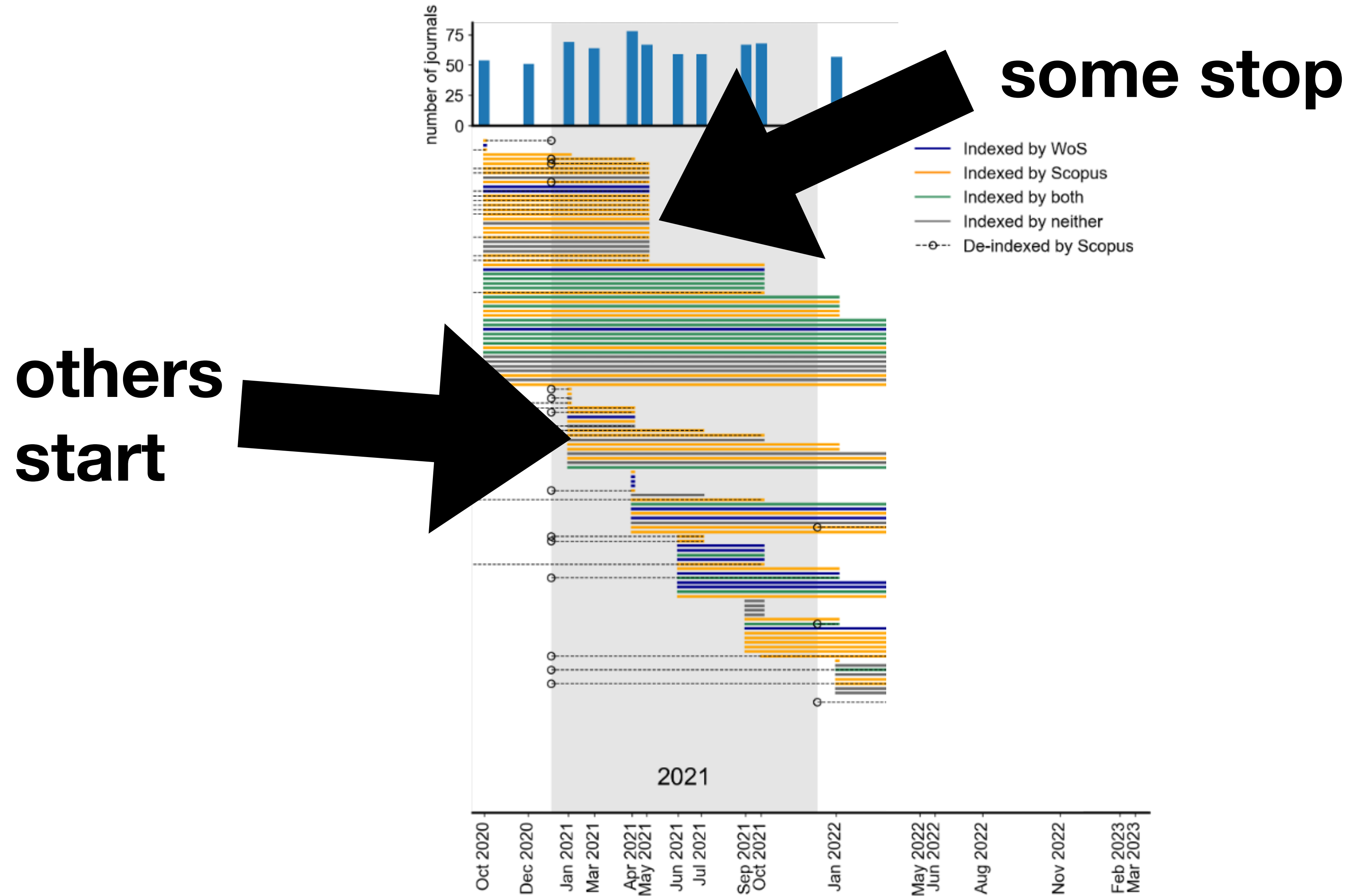
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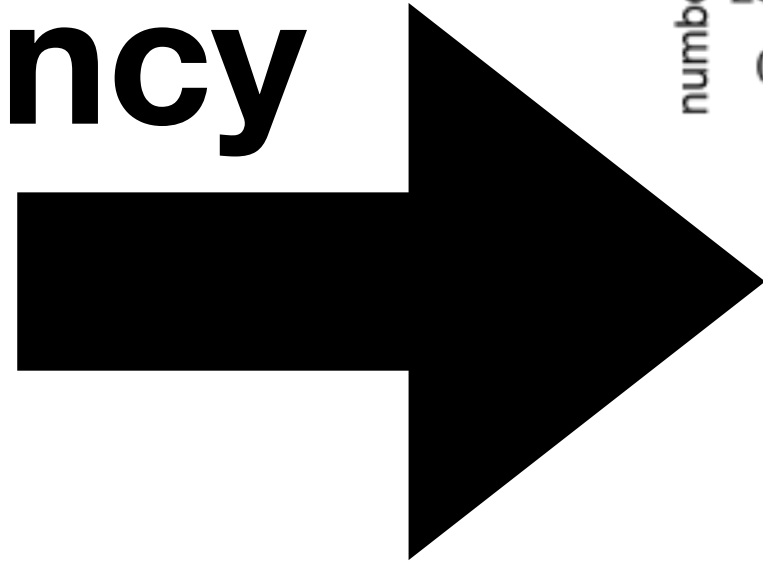


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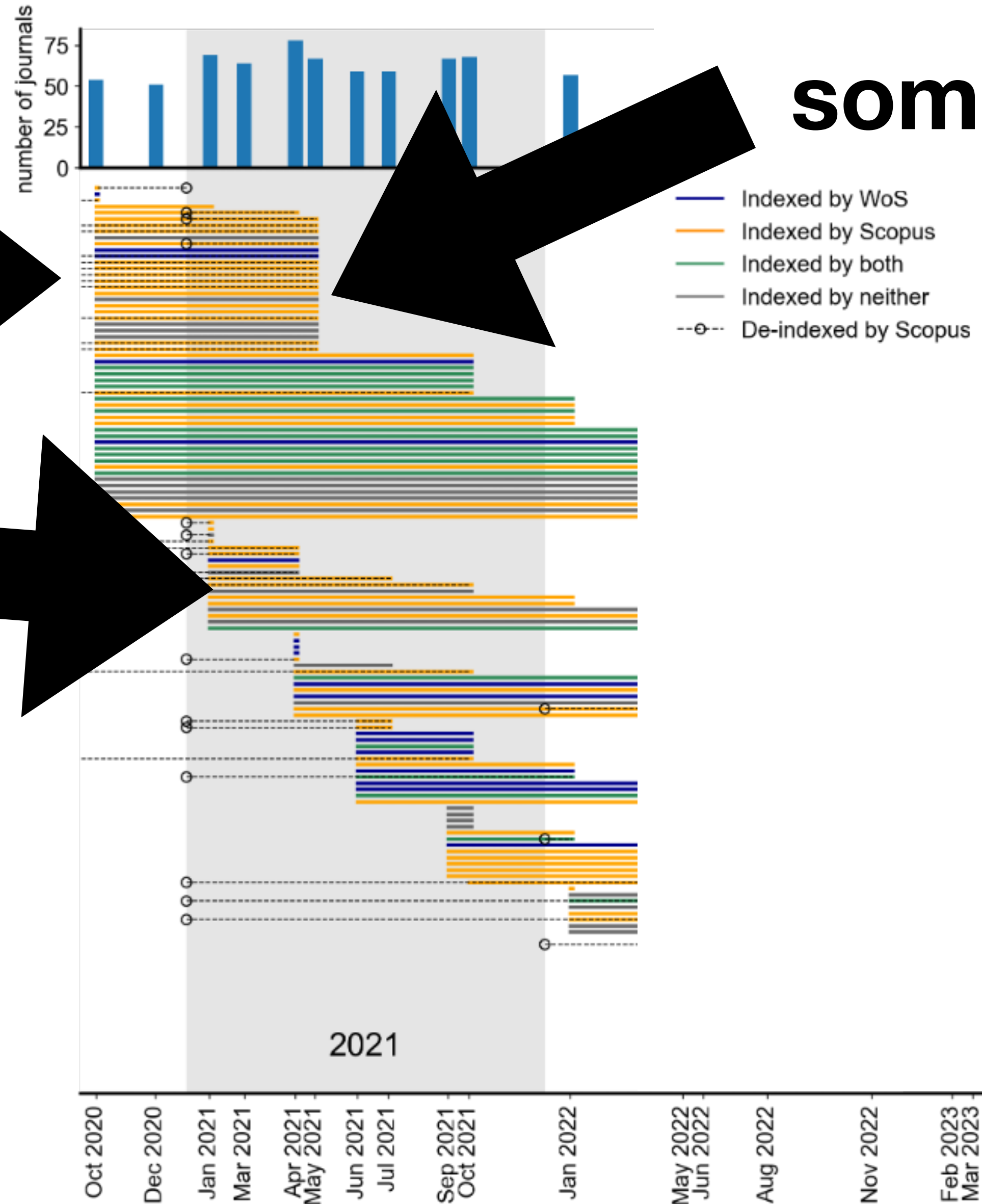
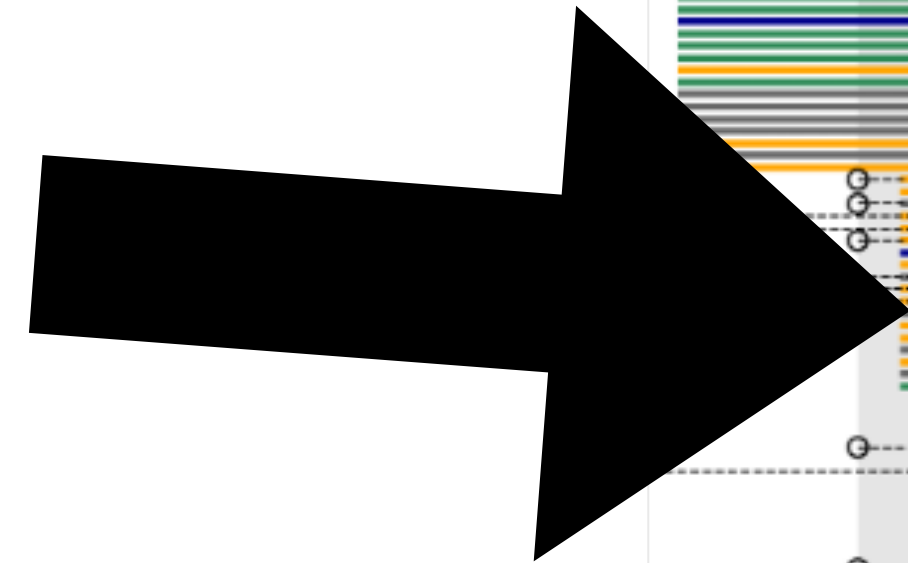


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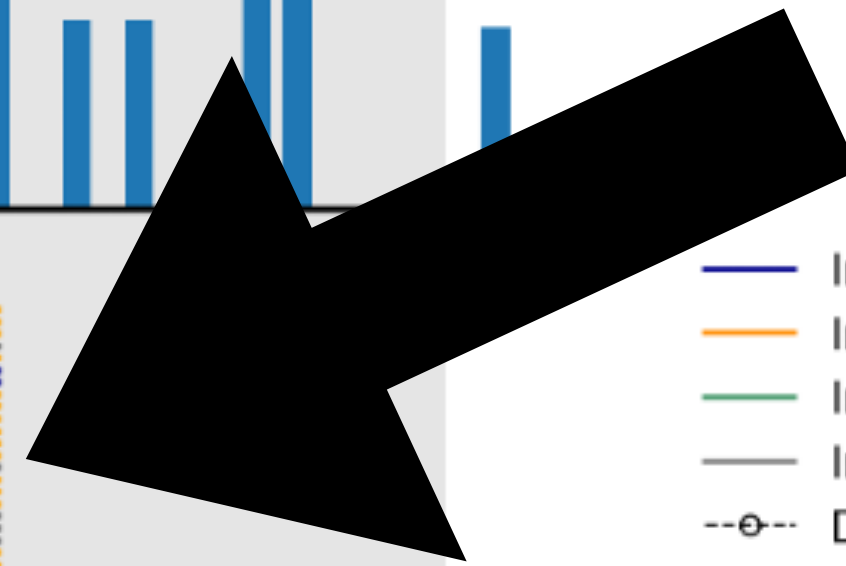
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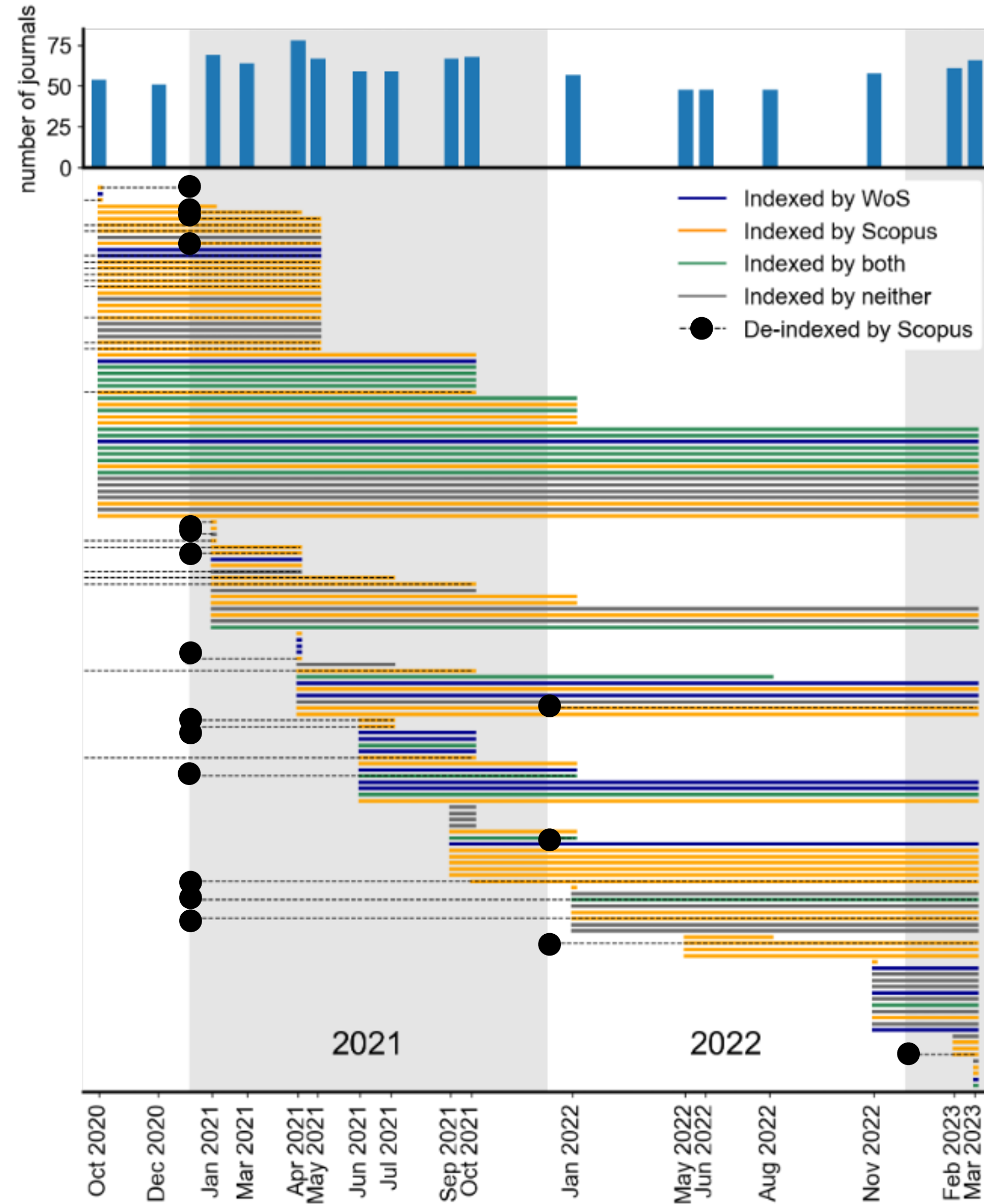
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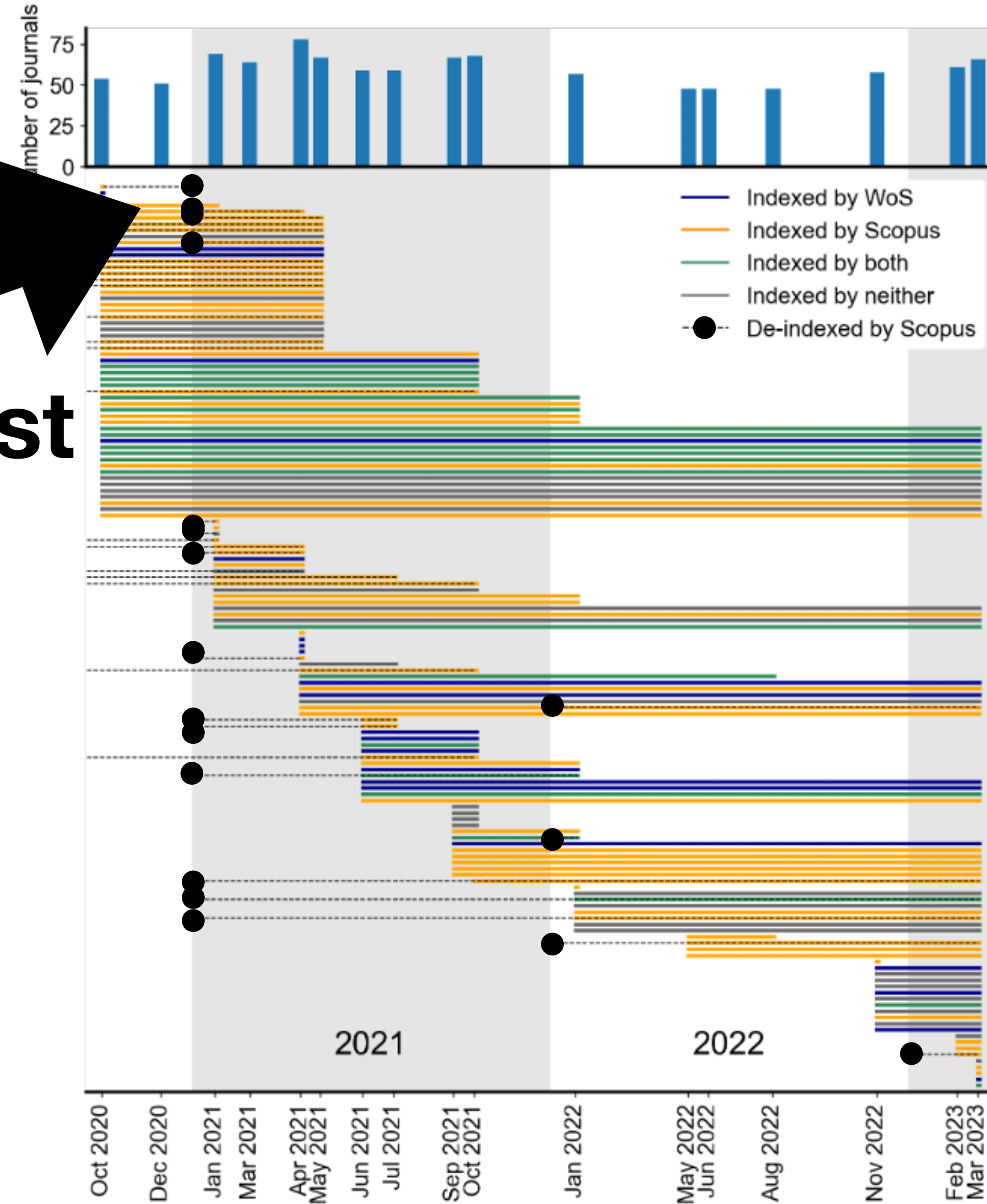
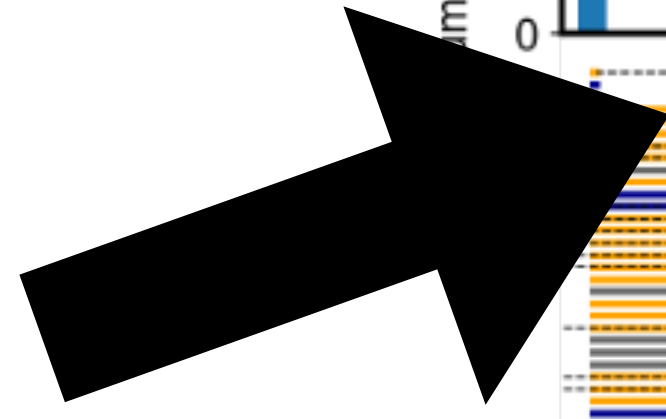


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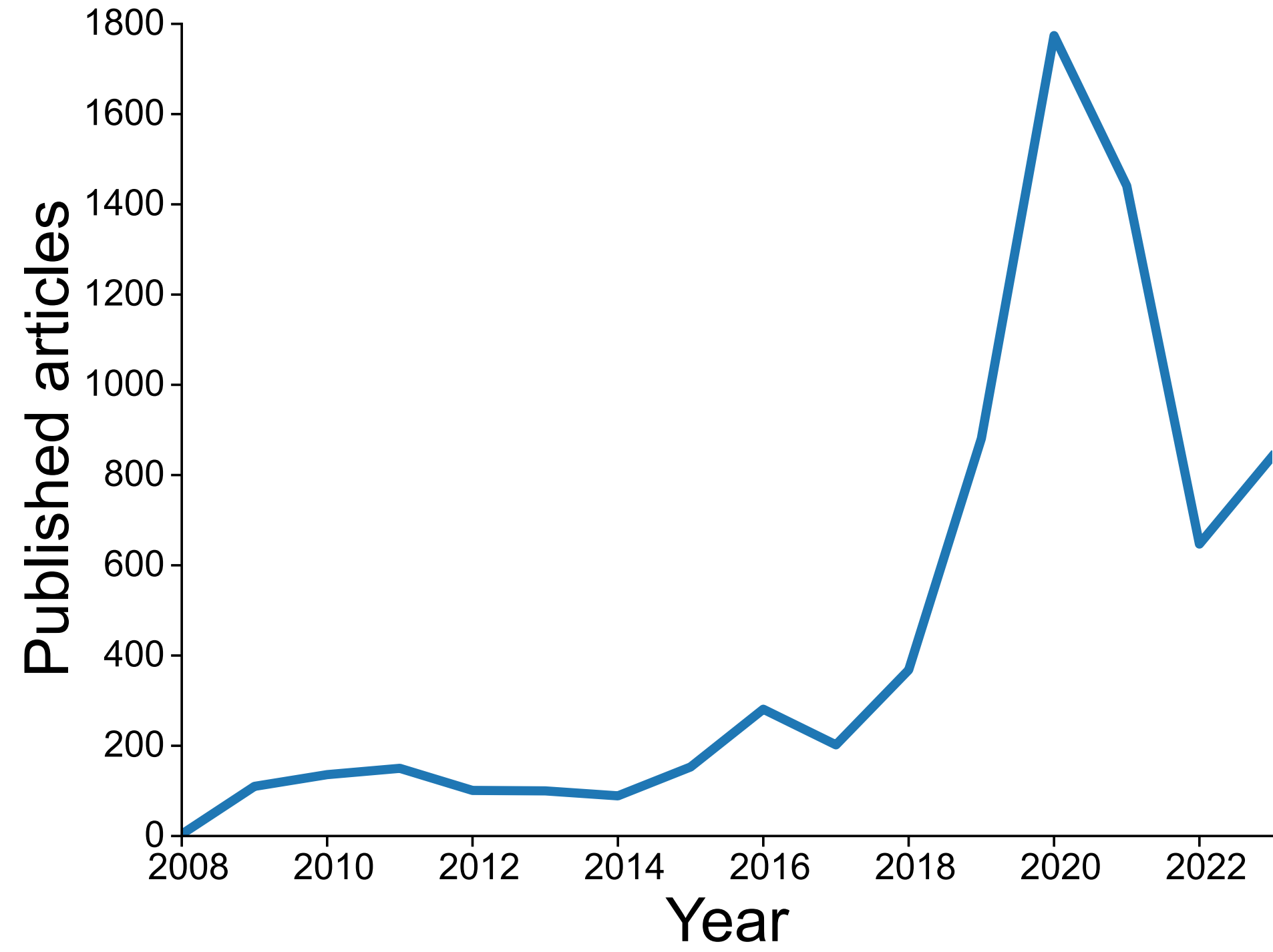
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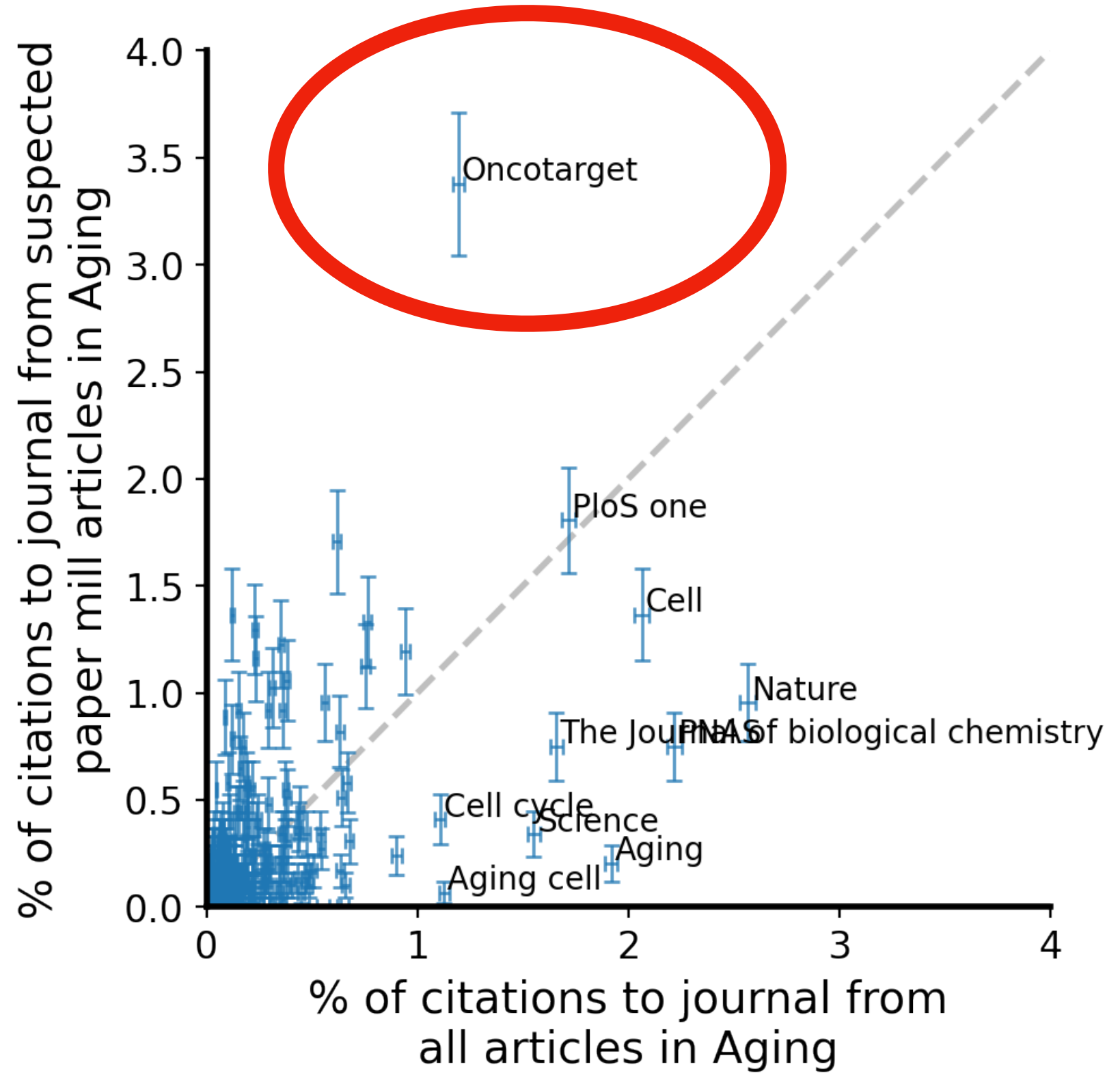
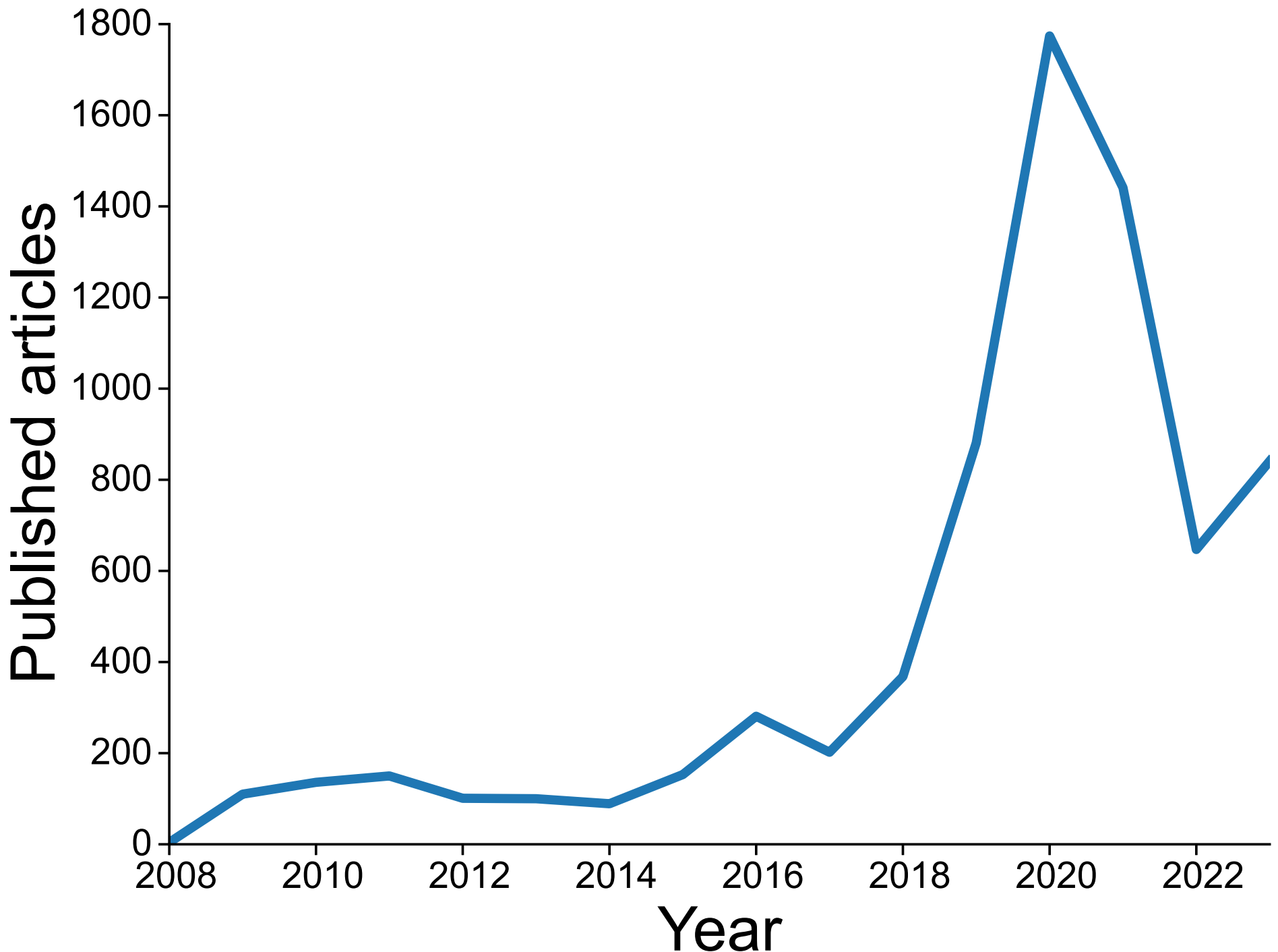


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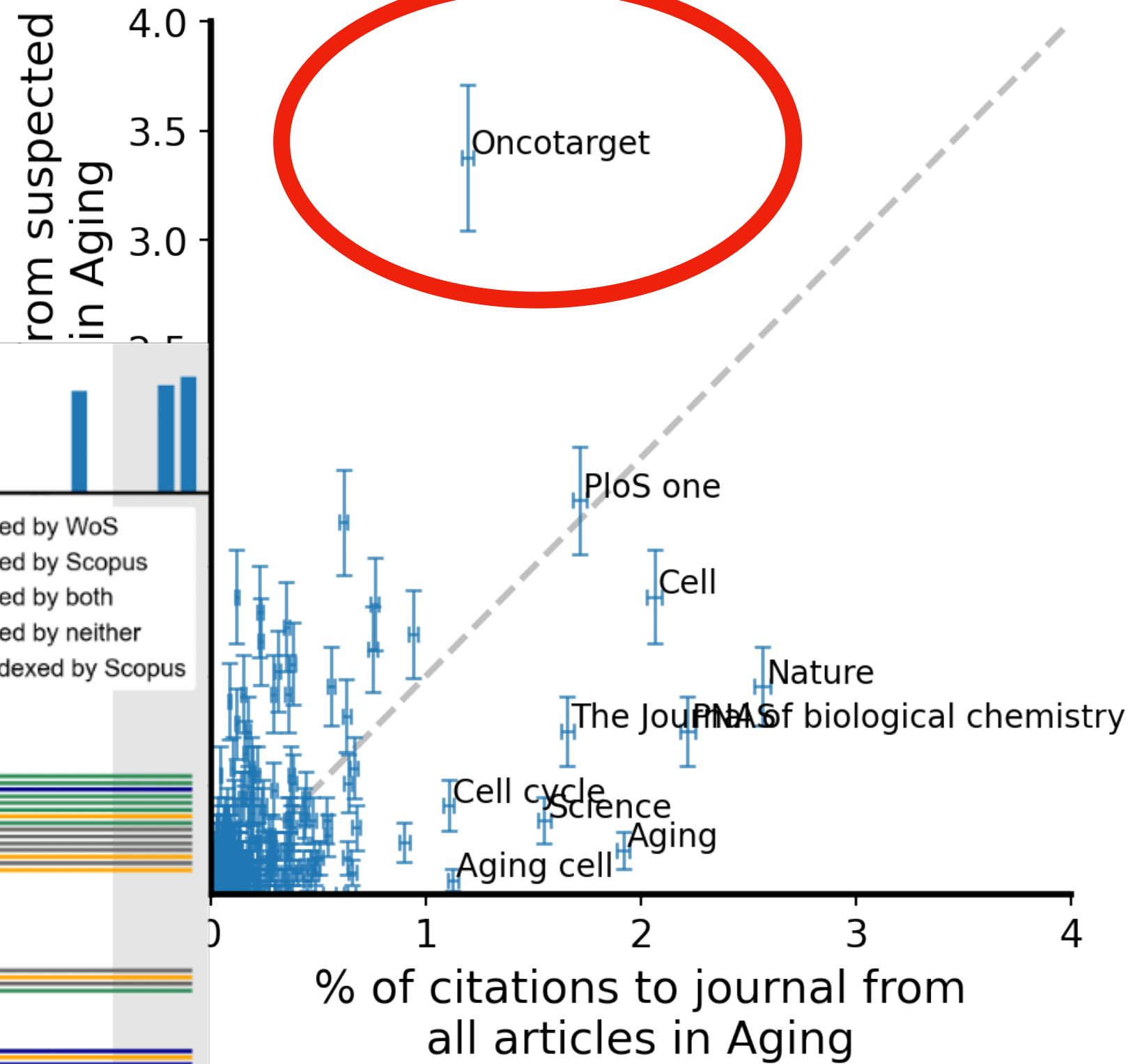
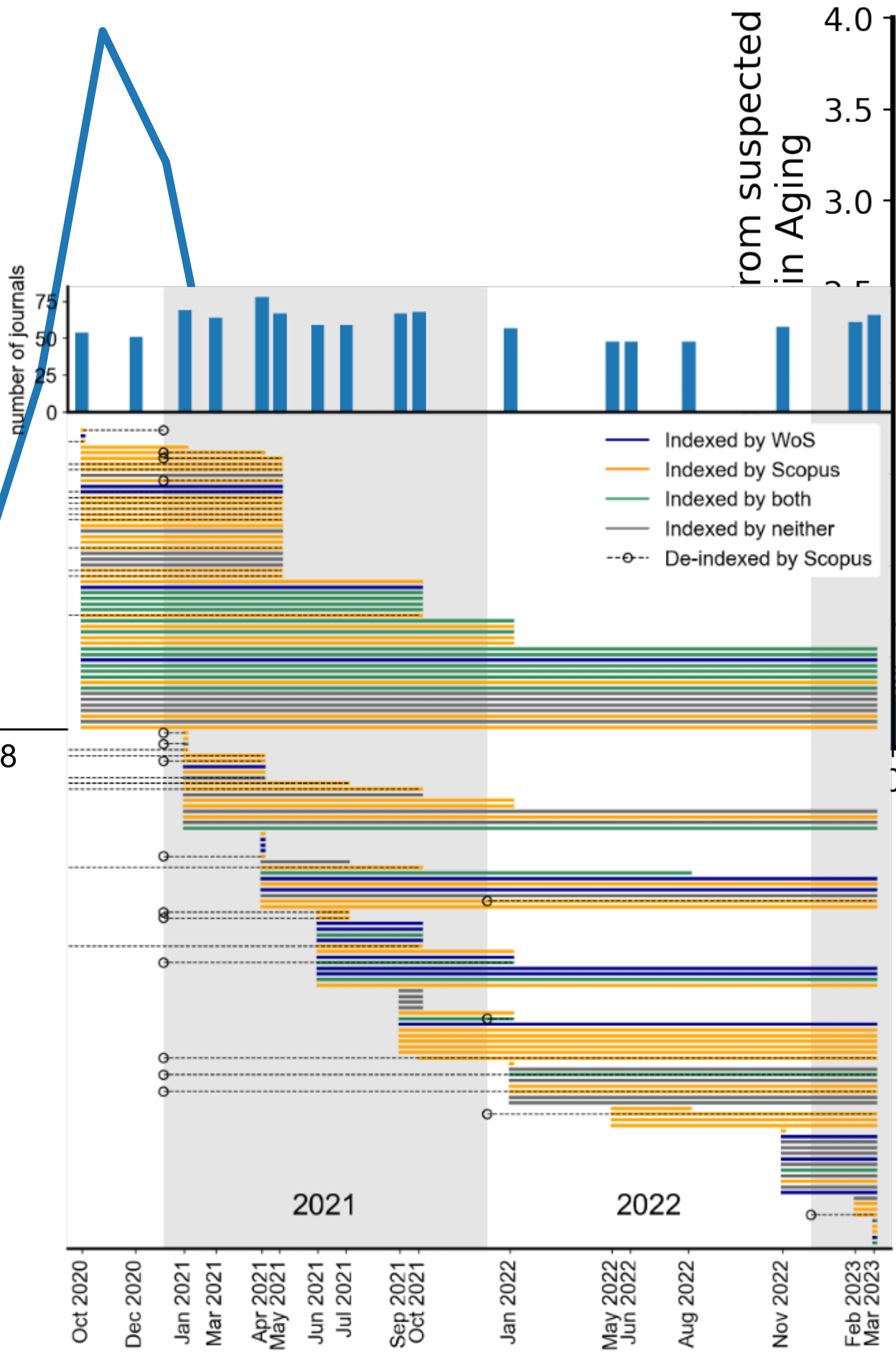
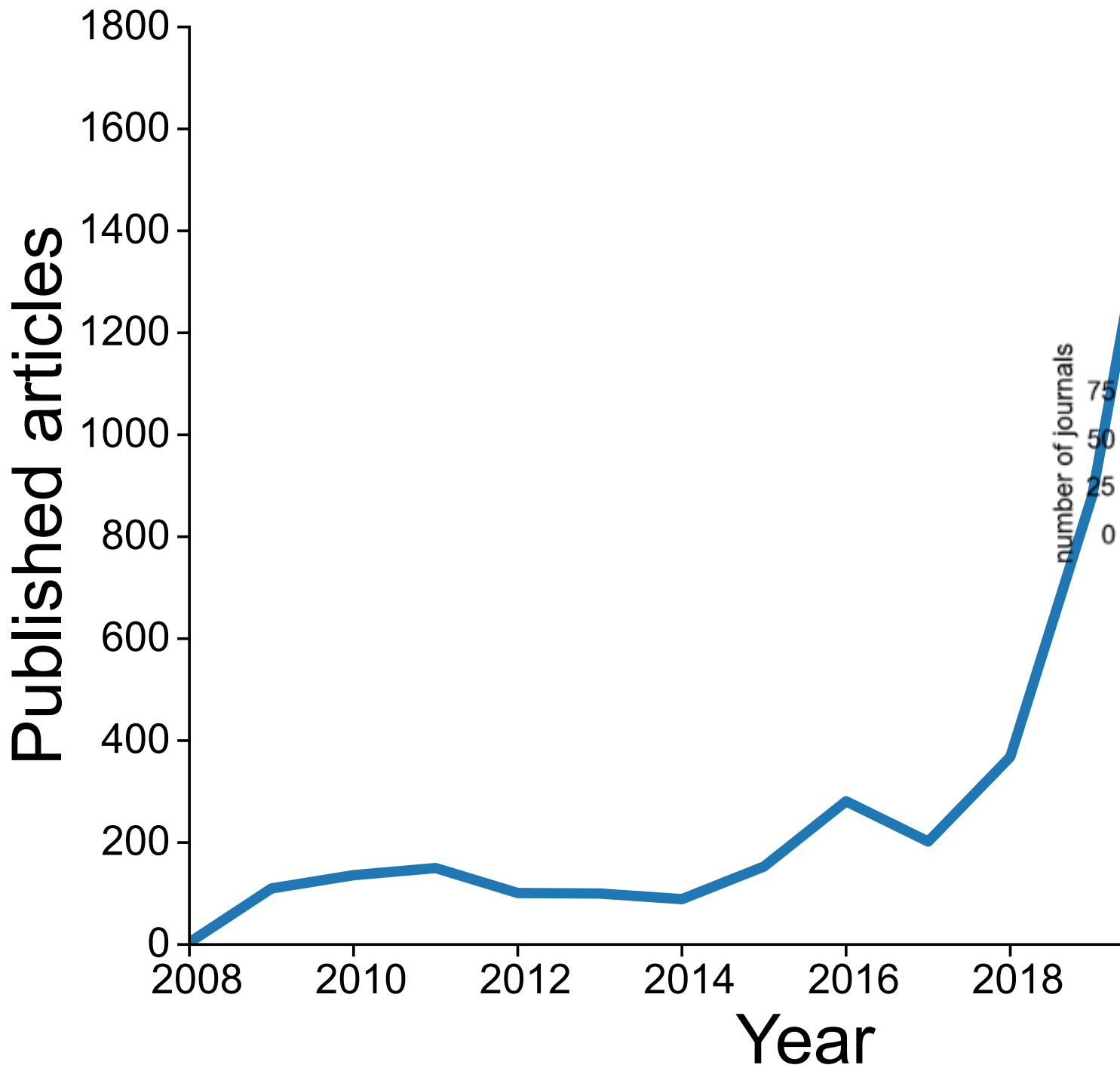
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