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Fabricated Science on the Rise

What happens if research is faulty? A new study uncovered 4,000 fabricated citations among 2,800 research papers. The study found that the fabrication rate has increased by more than 12-fold from 2023 to 2026.

AI hallucinations are to blame, say the researchers, and it's only going to get worse. Two former editors of a medical journal say, "A fabricated reference in a published manuscript is consistent with research misconduct." They say papers with fabricated citations should be retracted.

The lead researcher of the study says it's alarming that a clinician providing care based on treatment guidelines could find the citation providing rationale for that care leads to nowhere.

"Science is becoming less disruptive. Is an aging workforce to blame?" Anil Oza, STAT, May 7, 2026:

<https://www.statnews.com/2026/05/07/young-researchers-more-innovative-new-study-says/>

"Tip of the Iceberg': Study Uncovers AI-Fabricated Citations in Research Papers," Rachael Robertson, MedPage Today, May 7, 2026:

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/practicemanagement/informationtechnology/121165>

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