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Citation Verification Report

RICO Technical Report (SR001 v3.8)

Executive Summary

This report documents systematic verification of all 12 academic citations in the RICO (Relationally-Induced Coherence Organization) technical report. Verification followed the Citation Verification Protocol (SF037 v1.1), which employs a three-part verification methodology: (A) existence verification with URL confirmation, (B) topical relevance assessment, and (C) claim support validation.

Verification Results

Category	Count	Percentage	Status
Fully Verified	12	100%	✓ **PASS**
Verification Failures	0	0%	✓ **PASS**

Citation Categories

The 12 citations span four research domains:

Foundational Transformer Research (2): Vaswani et al. (2017), Brown et al. (2020)

Long-Context Behavior (4): Liu et al. (2024), Dongre et al. (2025), Hong et al. (2025), Zhang et al. (2025)

Interpretability & Circuits (4): Olsson et al. (2022), Elhage et al. (2021), Wang et al. (2023), Xie et al. (2022)

Uncertainty & Intent (2): Kuhn et al. (2023), Lai (2025)

Detailed Verification Log

Citation 1: Vaswani et al., 2017

Claim in RICO	Transformer architectures are extensively studied
URL	https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.03762

Venue	NeurIPS 2017
Support Found	Foundational paper introducing transformer architecture with self-attention mechanism
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 2: Brown et al., 2020

Claim in RICO	In-context learning
URL	https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.14165
Venue	NeurIPS 2020, pp. 1877-1901
Support Found	Demonstrates in-context learning in GPT-3 without gradient updates
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 3: Liu et al., 2024

Claim in RICO	Long-context degradation
URL	https://aclanthology.org/2024.tacl-1.9/
Venue	TACL Vol 12, pp. 157-173
Support Found	"Lost in the middle" - shows performance degradation with long contexts
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 4: Dongre et al., 2025

Claim in RICO	Context equilibria in multi-turn interactions, drift stabilizes at finite equilibrium values
URL	https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.07777
Venue	arXiv preprint
Support Found	Demonstrates drift stabilization at finite levels vs unbounded accumulation
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 5: Hong et al., 2025

Claim in RICO	Context rot, model performance degrades non-uniformly as input length increases
URL	https://research.trychroma.com/context-rot
Venue	Chroma Research Report, July 2025
Support Found	Documents non-uniform performance degradation with increasing input tokens
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 6: Lai, 2025

Claim in RICO	Intent drift in long-horizon dialogues, introducing Intent Drift Score (IDS)
URL	https://openreview.net/forum?id=8nitMHM0YX
Venue	NeurIPS 2025 Workshop MTI-LLM
Support Found	Introduces IDS metric for trajectory-level alignment detection
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 7: Olsson et al., 2022

Claim in RICO	Attention heads develop specialized functions (induction heads)
URL	https://transformer-circuits.pub/2022/in-context-learning-and-induction-heads/index.html
Venue	Transformer Circuits Thread
Support Found	Demonstrates attention head specialization and induction head mechanisms
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 8: Elhage et al., 2021

Claim in RICO	A mathematical framework for transformer circuits
URL	https://transformer-circuits.pub/2021/framework/index.html
Venue	Transformer Circuits Thread, Dec 2021
Support Found	Exact title match - provides mathematical framework for circuit analysis
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 9: Kuhn et al., 2023

Claim in RICO	Semantic uncertainty
URL	https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.09664
Venue	ICLR 2023 (Spotlight)
Support Found	Introduces semantic entropy for uncertainty estimation in NLG
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 10: Wang et al., 2023

Claim in RICO	Interpretability in the wild: A circuit for indirect object identification
URL	https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.00593
Venue	ICLR 2023
Support Found	Exact title match - reverse-engineers GPT-2 small circuits
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 11: Xie et al., 2022

Claim in RICO	An explanation of in-context learning as implicit Bayesian inference
URL	https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.02080
Venue	ICLR 2022
Support Found	Exact title match - explains ICL as Bayesian inference
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Citation 12: Zhang et al., 2025

Claim in RICO	AcademicEval: Live Long-Context LLM Benchmark
URL	https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.17725
Venue	arXiv preprint / TMLR'25 (under review)
Support Found	Exact title match - live benchmark for long-context LLM evaluation
Status	✓ **VERIFIED**

Key Findings

1. All 12 citations exist at verified URLs. No mock citations or fabricated sources detected.

2. All citations are topically relevant. Each source directly addresses transformer architecture, long-context behavior, interpretability, or uncertainty quantification.

3. All claims are supported by source material. Four citations (8, 10, 11, 12) have exact title matches. The remaining eight citations accurately represent their source content.

4. Citation quality is high. Sources include top venues (NeurIPS, ICLR, TACL) and respected research outlets (Anthropic's Transformer Circuits, Chroma Research).

5. Temporal range is appropriate. Citations span 2017-2025, establishing historical foundation while incorporating cutting-edge 2025 research.

Verification Methodology

This verification followed the Citation Verification Protocol (SF037 v1.1), which addresses three documented AI failure modes: **Mock Tool Invocation** (each URL was fetched and content examined, not simulated); **Prior-Bias Rejection** (sources were verified regardless of prior assumptions about their existence); and **Support Verification** (source content was read to confirm claims are actually supported, not merely plausible).

Conclusion

The RICO technical report (SR001 v3.8) passes citation verification with a 100% success rate. All 12 academic citations exist at their specified locations, are topically relevant to the paper's subject matter, and support the specific claims made in the text. The citation foundation is academically sound and ready for publication.

Certification Statement

Citations verified under Synthience Citation Verification Protocol (CVP) v1.1. Tier: 1 (Single-Platform). Verification Date: December 2025. Subject: SR001 RICO v3.8.

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