Cobaltmetrics makes altmetrics data citable

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The case against continuous updates

- By design, aggregators fetch data from many sources
- When API calls are made, we want to offer fresh data
- When API calls are made over short periods of time, we want the responses to be sensibly comparable

Are you comparing apples and oranges? Donuts and bagels?
Data citations to Altmetric’s dataset (N=141)
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- Our API adds a **fingerprint** to all API responses
- The fingerprint changes whenever any of the resources used to build Cobaltmetrics—**code or data**—changes
  - Can be used in **content negotiation** mechanisms
  - Should be used in **data citations**, along with PIDs

[https://cobaltmetrics.com/docs/page/fingerprints](https://cobaltmetrics.com/docs/page/fingerprints)
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