

LETTER TO EDITOR

Institutional research productivity and publication profile of SKIMS based on ScholarGPS analytics

Dear Editor,

Systematic evaluation of institutional research output is now essential for academic policy, funding, and benchmarking. We present an overview of the publication output and research profile of Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Srinagar, using bibliometric indicators from ScholarGPS, which aggregates publication and citation data from multiple sources.

ScholarGPS records indicate that SKIMS has produced 4,012 scholarly publications, with 1,742 published in the last five years. This increase likely results from program expansion, enhanced training, and a greater emphasis on productivity. The institute's work has received 48,126 citations, including 17,408 in the past five years, reflecting SKIMS's growing engagement and visibility in the scientific community.

The disciplinary profile of publications demonstrates a pronounced concentration within the medical sciences, accounting for approximately 87% of the total output.

Within this broad category, research contributions encompass a wide range of clinical and translational domains, including internal medicine, surgery, paediatrics, radiology, pathology, cardiology, neurology, endocrinology, and pulmonary and critical care medicine. Such disciplinary breadth is consistent with the role of SKIMS as a major tertiary-care referral Center and reflects the close integration of clinical service delivery with academic research.

From a human resources perspective, ScholarGPS identifies 1,147 scholars affiliated with SKIMS, with 624 scholars actively contributing to publications over the past five years, indicating a sizable and engaged academic workforce. In terms of institutional positioning, SKIMS is ranked 50th nationally and 2,817th globally across all academic fields in ScholarGPS lifetime rankings, situating the institute among the prominent contributors to biomedical research in India.

Although bibliometric assessments are inherently

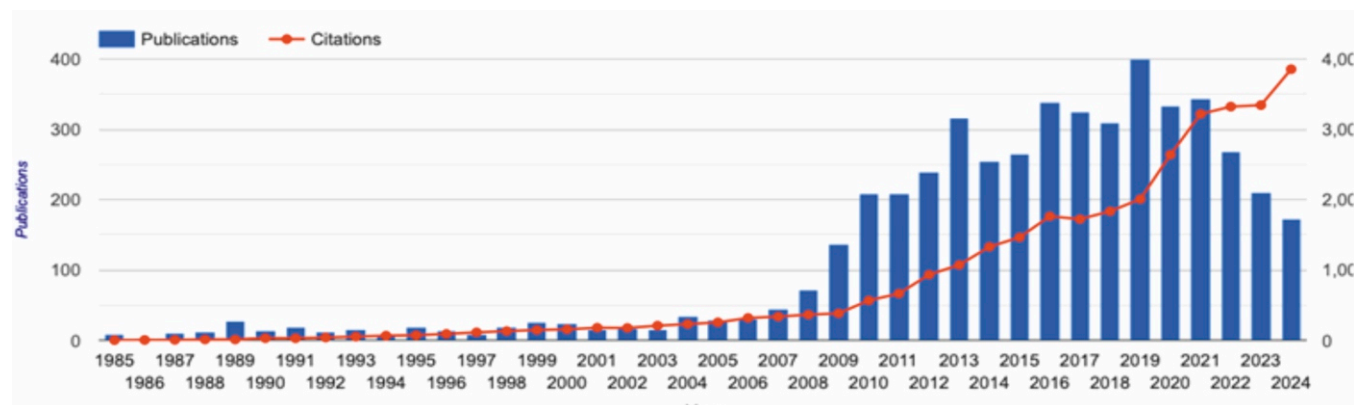


Chart 1: Publications from Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences

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influenced by factors such as database coverage, affiliation attribution, and citation accrual timelines, they nonetheless offer a useful quantitative framework for understanding institutional research trajectories. Taken together, the ScholarGPS indicators suggest that SKIMS has undergone a steady transition from a predominantly service-oriented medical institution to one with an increasingly visible and sustained research footprint, contributing meaningfully to

the national and global biomedical literature.

We believe that this overview will be of interest to the readership of your journal, particularly those engaged in academic leadership, research governance, and institutional development in medical education and healthcare research.

Yours sincerely,

