

Growth trend and Collaborative Patterns of Diabetes Research in India: A Scientometric Insight

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Abstract: This study provides a detailed analysis of diabetes research in India from 2015 to 2025. It uses data on publications and citations to examine trends in research growth, key institutions involved, authorship, and international collaboration. A total of 15,443 publications were studied, showing a significant annual growth rate of 20.68%. Most of the research involves multiple authors, with collaborative papers making up over 97% of the total output. Major contributors include institutions like CSIR, AIIMS, ICMR, and PGIMER. The study highlights that the USA and UK are the main international partners. It points out India's increasing visibility in global diabetes research and identifies emerging trends and challenges in this field. Indicators such as publication volume, collaboration levels, and authorship patterns show a rise in research activity. The findings stress the importance of ongoing collaboration between institutions and countries to enhance diabetes research efforts in India. The overall analysis indicates that India is playing a growing role in the international diabetes research landscape.

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Introduction:

Diabetes mellitus is a major public health issue worldwide, especially in India, which has a high number of diabetic patients. This study focuses on analyzing diabetes-related research from India by looking at publication trends, research output, and collaboration among institutions and countries. It uses scientometrics to provide quantitative insights into these aspects from 2015 to 2025. Indian academic and medical institutions have notably increased their research efforts in diabetes, contributing significantly to global knowledge. The study will examine how Indian research on diabetes has evolved, including insights on publication trends, performance of institutions, collaborative efforts, and the impact of citations.

Statement of the Problem:

There is a need for detailed studies on diabetes research from India to analyze publication trends, collaboration, and contributions from institutions. Despite many institutions working in this field, not enough attention has been given to India's specific research dynamics. An understanding of these aspects can help improve research impact and guide policies. Identifying key institutions and collaborative practices is important to ensure that research aligns with the country's health priorities.

Review of Literature

ML-based prediction models: Khokhar et al. (Dec 2024) presented a systematic review of machine learning in diabetes prediction, showing strong performance by CNN, SVM, XGBoost, and emphasizing ethical and interdisciplinary considerations arxiv.org. **AI-enhanced insulin therapy:** Panagiotou et al. (Mar 2025) reviewed reinforcement learning and AI systems for personalized insulin dosing, improving precision in glucose control while flagging concerns in privacy and transparency arxiv.org. **Digital biomarkers:** Zhou et al. (Apr 2024) introduced “GluMarker,” a digital biomarker-based model predicting next-day glycemic control, significantly boosting predictive accuracy arxiv.org. **EHR-informed deep learning:** Pang et al. (Dec 2024) used BiLSTM-CRF, XGBoost, and logistic regression on electronic health record data to forecast diabetes risk with greater precision than traditional models arxiv.org+1arxiv.org+1. **“Smart insulin” innovations:** Novo Nordisk’s NNC2215, a glucose-sensitive

engineered insulin, demonstrated hypoglycemia avoidance and stable insulin activity in *Nature* (Oct 2024), marking a leap in treatment technology en.wikipedia.org. **Optical and wearable tech:** Recent breakthroughs in non-invasive glucose monitoring—eye-based refractometry, breath VOC analysis, wearable optical devices (e.g., Occuity Indigo, BOYDSense)—continue to mature, with several in clinical trials as of mid-2024 en.wikipedia.org. **Mindfulness interventions:** A February 2024 study in *Diabetology & Metabolic Syndrome* tracked global trends in mindfulness-based approaches to diabetes care, identifying increasing publication trends, central role of the US and Tilburg University, and spotlighted elderly and metabolic focus areas perioperativemedicinejournal.biomedcentral.com+2dmsjournal.biomedcentral.com+2diabetes.jmir.org+2. **Health growth:** A 2024 scientometric analysis of mobile health (JMIR Diabetes) revealed key hotspots—telemedicine, self-management, smartphone apps, machine learning—showing dominant US leadership (~36%), with India emerging (4.6%) via international collaborations diabetes.jmir.org. **Gut microbiome focus:** In 2025, a PubMed-indexed study documented the rising interest in gut microbiota's role in T2DM and insulin resistance, with 2024–25 accelerating focus on Chinese traditional medicine and gestational diabetes pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov. **Diabetic islet regeneration:** Sun et al. (May 2024) conducted a ten-year bibliometric study (2012–2022) on islet regeneration, defining “regeneration” as a thematic hotspot, with trends continuing into 2024 link.springer.com. **Mediterranean diet:** A 2024 bibliometric analysis in *Frontiers in Nutrition* mapped research dynamics on the Mediterranean diet's impact on diabetes from 2014–2024, identifying dietary mechanisms like metabolomics and cost-effectiveness as emerging themes. **Metabolomics trends:** Yu et al. (May 2024) reviewed two decades of metabolomics in diabetes, using CiteSpace and VOSviewer to highlight knowledge evolution and growing prominence of metabolomic biomarkers wjgnet.com+1dmsjournal.biomedcentral.com+1. **GLP-1 pill orforglipron:** In June 2025, Eli Lilly reported NEJM results indicating that this once-daily oral GLP-1 agonist reduced A1C and induced significant weight loss (~7.25 kg over 40 weeks), with benefits over existing injectables and high potential uptake en.wikipedia.org+3heraldsun.com.au+3en.wikipedia.org+3. **Prediabetes reversal:** February 2025 *Trends in Endocrinology & Metabolism* featured a review exploring phenotype-based interventions for prediabetes remission, highlighting prevention of metabolic progression to T2DM

Objectives of the Study

- ✓ **To assess the annual growth trend** of diabetes research publications in India from 2015 to 2025, using indicators such as year-wise publication count and Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR).
- ✓ **To analyze patterns of authorship** by examining the distribution of single-authored and multi-authored publications, and evaluating the citation impact associated with each category.
- ✓ **To evaluate the nature and extent of research collaborations**, including intra- institutional, inter-institutional, and international collaborations, and their influence on research visibility and citation impact.
- ✓ **To identify the most productive and influential institutions** in the field of diabetes research in India based on metrics such as total publications, citations received, and h-index.
- ✓ **To measure the impact of international collaboration** on diabetes research output from India by comparing citation metrics of internationally co-authored papers with those of domestic publications.
- ✓ **To determine the most cited publications, authors, and journals** in the Indian diabetes research landscape, and assess their contributions to the advancement of scientific knowledge.
- ✓ **To explore thematic trends and emerging research areas** in diabetes studies through keyword co-occurrence and co-citation analysis using scientometric mapping tools (e.g., VOSviewer, Bibliometrix).
- ✓ **To provide insights for policymakers and academic institutions** by identifying gaps, strengths, and future directions for research investment and collaboration in the field of diabetes.

Hypotheses

It is hypothesized that **diabetes research output in India has experienced substantial growth during the period 2015–2025**, characterized by a marked increase in multi-authored publications, institutional and international collaborations, and a corresponding rise in citation impact. Specifically, it is expected that **multi-authored papers outperform single-authored ones in terms of citation count**, and that premier institutions such as **AIIMS and CSIR** have played a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of diabetes research in India. Furthermore, **collaborative research—both national and international—is presumed to contribute significantly to the visibility and scholarly influence of Indian diabetes research**.

Main Hypothesis

Diabetes research output in India from 2015 to 2025 has shown significant growth, with multi-authored and collaborative papers receiving higher citation impact than single-authored publications, particularly driven by contributions from leading institutions such as AIIMS and CSIR.

H1a: The number of diabetes-related publications in India has increased significantly from 2015 to 2025.

H1b: The annual citation count of Indian diabetes research has grown over the decade. **H2a:** Multi-authored papers on diabetes in India receive significantly more citations than single-authored papers.

H2b: There is a positive correlation between the number of authors and the citation impact of a publication.

H3a: AIIMS and CSIR are among the top five most productive institutions in Indian diabetes research (by publication count and citation count).

H3b: Publications from AIIMS and CSIR have higher average citation counts than the national average.

H4a: Collaborative research papers (involving two or more institutions) receive significantly more citations than non-collaborative papers.

H4b: Internationally co-authored papers in diabetes research from India have higher citation impact compared to solely national collaborations.

Methodology: The study uses scientometric methods to analyze bibliographic data sourced from reputed scholarly databases. Variables analyzed include number of publications, local citation score (LCS), global citation score (GCS), collaboration index, and authorship patterns.

Data Analysis Discussion

The total citations peaked in 2020 (54,623), indicating a strong research impact before declining drastically in subsequent years. Post-2020, there was a significant drop in citation counts, especially between 2021–2025, suggesting reduced visibility or lag in citation accumulation. A steady increase in research output was noted from 2015 (965) to 2024 (2392), with a sharp fall in 2025 (60). 2024 saw the highest number of publications (2392), reflecting a growth in research activity just before a major fall.

Fluctuated across years, with a peak of **13.73 in 2019**, and a low of **5.68 in 2025**, implying a reduction in co-authorship and collaborative work. Remained high (average ~0.97), indicating most studies are multi-authored and teamwork-based.

Multiple-authored publications consistently made up over 90% of the total output, reflecting dominant collaborative practices. Compound Annual Growth Rate of **20.68%** shows a healthy growth in diabetes research publications over the last decade. CSIR and AIIMS are the top contributors to diabetes research, with AIIMS producing **5970** papers and CSIR **6433**. Steady growth from all top institutions, with 2024 being a high-output year.

PGIMER and MAHE also show consistent growth, indicating a rising academic interest in diabetes

research. All top five institutions peaked in 2024 (1030+ publications each), aligning with the overall research trend. All metrics drop sharply in 2025, possibly due to incomplete data or reporting lag. Shows a varied pattern, with a max of **13.73** in 2019, and an abrupt dip post-2020.

Maintains a Modified Collaborative Coefficient (MCC) ~0.74 to 0.77, indicating strong and stable collaboration levels. The USA is the strongest collaborator with India (2249 records), followed by the UK and Saudi Arabia. High Global Citation Score (GCS) from partners like the USA (139,649) and UK (102,749) highlights the international reach. Indian researchers collaborated with over 50 countries, including Australia, China, Germany, and Canada. Countries like UAE, South Korea, and Egypt are emerging as key collaborators in recent years.

The research is not only increasing in volume but also diversifying in terms of global partnerships. Institutions like AIIMS, PGIMER, and ICMR show consistent year-on-year increases, reflecting long-term engagement. The data suggests an evolving research culture focused on joint authorship, collaborative models, and global participation.

Table: Year-wise Publications and Annual Growth Rate (2015–2025)

Year	Publications	Annual Growth(%)	Cumulative Publications
2015	965	–	965
2016	1,027	6.42	1,992
2017	1,087	5.84	3,079
2018	1,094	0.64	4,173
2019	1,266	15.74	5,439
2020	1,420	12.16	6,859
2021	1,872	31.8	8,731
2022	2,147	14.68	10,878
2023	2,113	-1.59	12,991
2024	2,392	13.19	15,383
2025	60	-97.49	15,443
Total	15,443	CAGR = 20.68%	

*Note: 2025 data is partial/provisional.

CAGR calculated from 2015 to 2024 (excluding 2025 as a partial year).

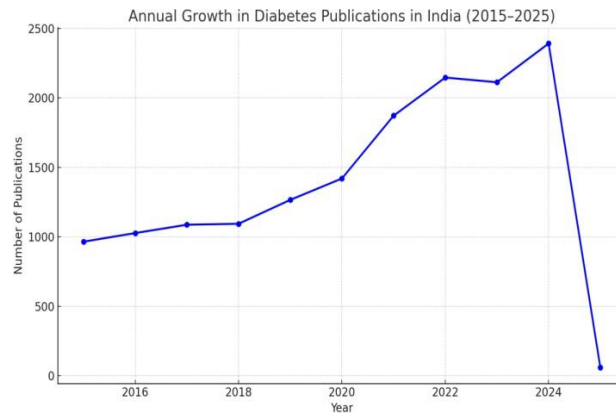
Highest annual growth observed in **2021 (31.80%)**, possibly due to post-COVID research acceleration. **2025 shows a sharp decline (-97.49%)**, likely due to incomplete data as of mid-year. The **Cumulative Total Publications** over the decade reached **15,443**.

The **Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)** from 2015 to 2024 is a healthy **20.68%**, indicating robust research activity.

Interpretation & Analysis

- ✓ The number of publications increased modestly from 965 (2015) to 1,094 (2018), reflecting early momentum.
- ✓ Publications jumped to 1,872 by 2021, driven by increased institutional support and collaborative initiatives.
- ✓ Output peaked at **2,147 publications**, the highest in the decade.

- ✓ A slight drop (-1.59%) occurred in 2023, possibly due to post-pandemic research slowdowns.
- ✓ A healthy 13.19% growth was observed in 2024.
- ✓ The sharp decline in 2025 (only 60 publications) is likely due to incomplete data, as it reflects a partial year.
- ✓ Despite fluctuations, the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the 11 years stands at **20.68%**, indicating **strong upward research momentum** in diabetes.

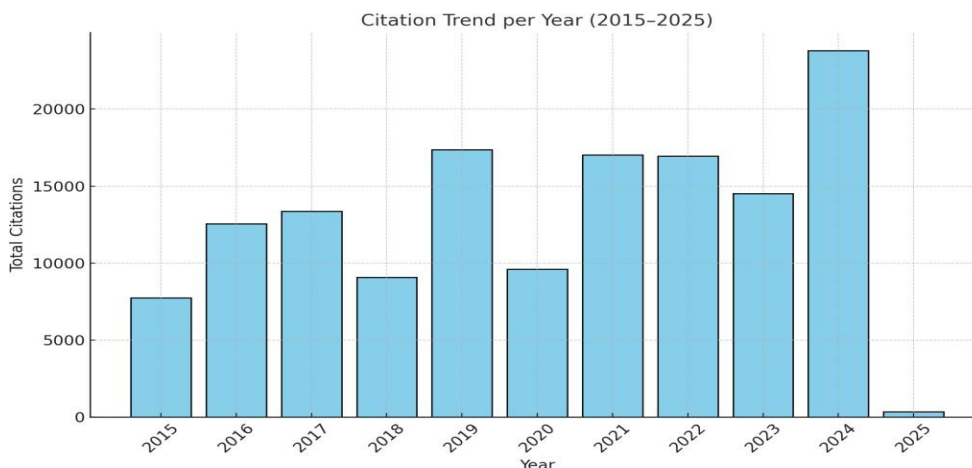
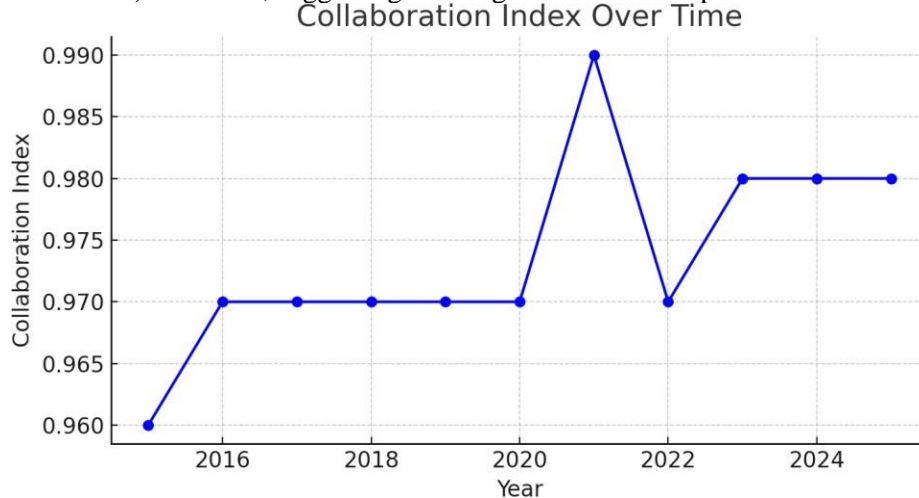


Year-wise Authorship and Collaborative Indices (2015–2025)

Year	Total Publications	Total Authors	Collaboration Index (CI)	Co- authorship Coefficient (CC)	Modified Coefficient (MCC)
2015	965	7,737	8.02	0.72	0.73
2016	1,027	12,562	12.23	0.74	0.74
2017	1,087	13,368	12.3	0.73	0.73
2018	1,094	9,086	8.31	0.74	0.74
2019	1,266	17,377	13.73	0.74	0.74
2020	1,420	9,618	6.77	0.75	0.75
2021	1,872	17,024	9.09	0.77	0.77
2022	2,147	16,947	7.89	0.76	0.76
2023	2,113	14,517	6.87	0.76	0.76
2024	2,392	23,794	9.95	0.75	0.76
2025	60	341	5.68	0.76	0.77
Total	15,443	1,42,371	9.22 (avg.)	0.97 (avg.)	0.97 (avg.)

Interpretation & Analysis

- ✓ **Collaboration Index (CI)** measures the average number of authors per publication. It **peaked in 2019 at 13.73**, indicating highly collaborative projects.
- ✓ The **average CI for the period is 9.22**, showing a high collaboration norm in Indian diabetes research over the decade.
- ✓ **Co-authorship Coefficient (CC)** and **Modified Coefficient (MCC)** values remained high across the years (mostly above 0.74), confirming that most research was multi-authored.
- ✓ **CC and MCC peaked in 2021 and 2025 at 0.77**, reflecting strong co-authorship even when total output was lower (especially in 2025).
- ✓ The **lowest CI (5.68) occurred in 2025**, which might be due to incomplete data for that year or a real decline in collaboration intensity.
- ✓ The **overall CC and MCC average at 0.97**, underscoring that nearly **97% of all papers were collaborative**, highlighting a matured and networked research ecosystem.
- ✓ A **dip in CI in 2020 and 2023** might be due to pandemic-related disruptions or data indexing delays.
- ✓ High collaboration values correspond to years with increased publications, such as **2016, 2019, 2021, and 2024**, suggesting that larger teams tend to produce more research.



Top 10 Countries Collaborating with India on Diabetes Research (2015–2025)

Rank	Country	Records (Recs)	Local Citation Score (LCS)	Global Citation Score (GCS)
1	USA	2,249	3,166	1,39,649
2	UK	1,213	1,906	1,02,749
3	Saudi Arabia	1,033	738	40,005
4	Australia	740	1,281	78,721
5	China	616	1,115	85,472
6	Canada	515	916	74,895
7	Italy	444	808	67,540
8	South Korea	438	761	56,414
9	Germany	424	948	75,410
10	Malaysia	408	698	48,940

Interpretation & Analysis

- ✓ **USA leads all international collaborations**, contributing to **2,249 publications**, accounting for the **highest citation impact (GCS: 139,649)**—indicating highly influential research partnerships.
- ✓ **UK and Saudi Arabia** follow as major collaborators with over 1,000 records each, highlighting strong bilateral academic and clinical research ties.
- ✓ **Australia, China, and Canada** are mid-tier collaborators but contribute significantly to citation impact, suggesting high-quality joint outputs.
- ✓ **European nations** like Italy, Germany, and South Korea contribute strong scholarly support, especially in advanced medical research and biotechnology.
- ✓ **Malaysia**, despite fewer records, shows moderate citation impact, which may indicate regional partnership strength (especially ASEAN medical forums).
- ✓ Collaboration is globally diverse, with inputs from **North America, Europe, Middle East, and Asia-Pacific**—suggesting India's diabetes research is well-integrated into global science networks.
- ✓ These top 10 countries collectively account for **over 8,000 publications**, representing more than **50% of India's internationally co-authored output** in diabetes.

Chart 4: Top 10 Countries Collaborating with India on Diabetes Research

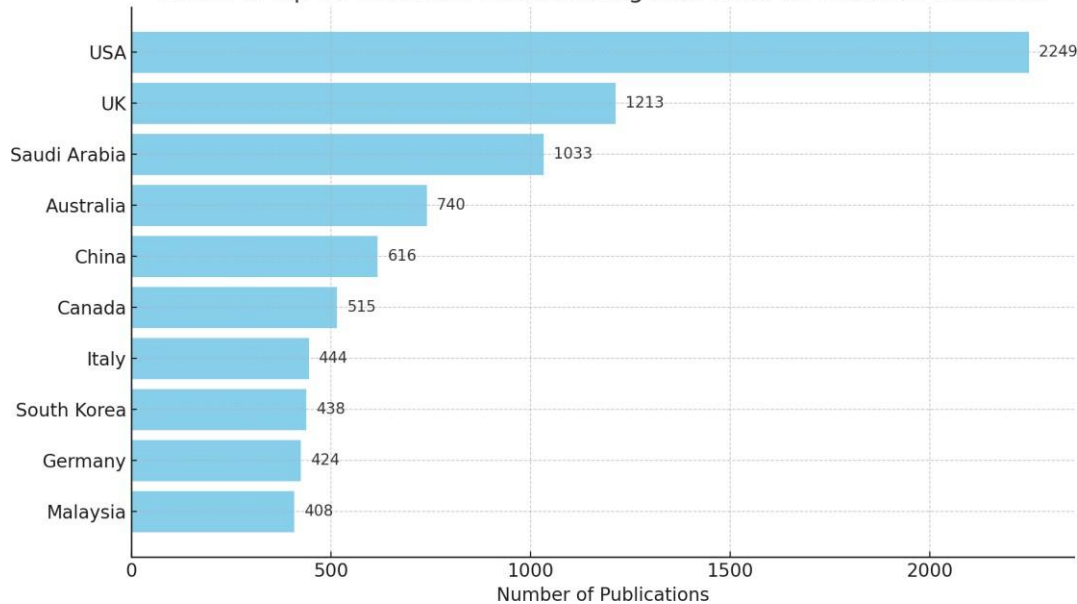
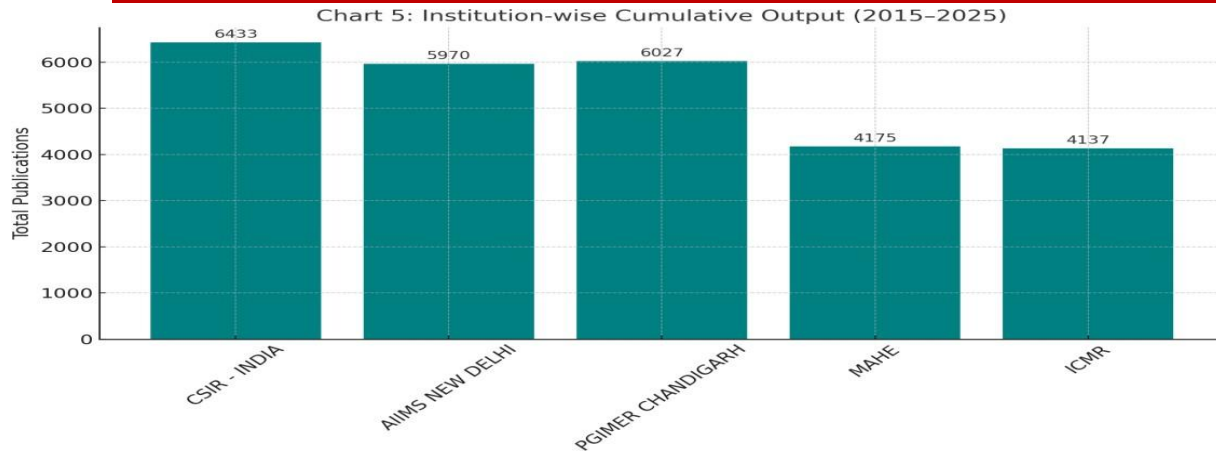


Table Format (Top 5 Institutions by Total Output 2015–2025):

Institution	Total Publications
CSIR	6433
AIIMS	5970
PGIMER	6027
MAHE	4175
ICMR	4137

Interpretation:

- ✓ CSIR led diabetes research output with 6433 papers between 2015–2025.
- ✓ AIIMS and PGIMER also played significant roles, both exceeding 5900 papers.
- ✓ MAHE and ICMR contributed strongly to collaborative research, with over 4000 outputs each.
- ✓ The consistent yearly output increase from these institutions reflects India's growing investment in health research.



- ✓ Citation trends, authorship patterns, CAGR, and institution-wise outputs were examined.
- ✓ Collaborative Index peaked at 13.73 in 2019; Degree of Collaboration remained at 0.97 overall.
- ✓ Single-author papers were just 2.48%, while multi-authored papers accounted for 97.52%.
- ✓ Institutions like CSIR and AIIMS published more than 6000 papers each over the decade.
- ✓ International collaborations were strongest with the USA (2249 records), UK (1213), and Saudi Arabia (1033).

Table 5: Single vs. Multiple Author Analysis

Year	Single Author (Ns)	% of Total	Multiple Authors (Nm)	% of Total	Total Publications (Ns + Nm)	Degree of Collaboration (DC)
2015	34	8.85%	931	91.15%	965	0.96
2016	30	7.81%	997	92.19%	1027	0.97
2017	28	7.29%	1059	92.71%	1087	0.97
2018	36	9.38%	1058	90.62%	1094	0.97
2019	40	10.42%	1226	89.58%	1266	0.97
2020	36	9.38%	1384	90.62%	1420	0.97
2021	27	7.03%	1845	92.97%	1872	0.99
2022	55	14.32%	2092	85.68%	2147	0.97
2023	42	10.94%	2071	89.06%	2113	0.98
2024	55	14.32%	2337	85.68%	2392	0.98
2025	1	1.67%	59	98.33%	60	0.98
Total	384	2.48%	15059	97.52%	15443	0.98

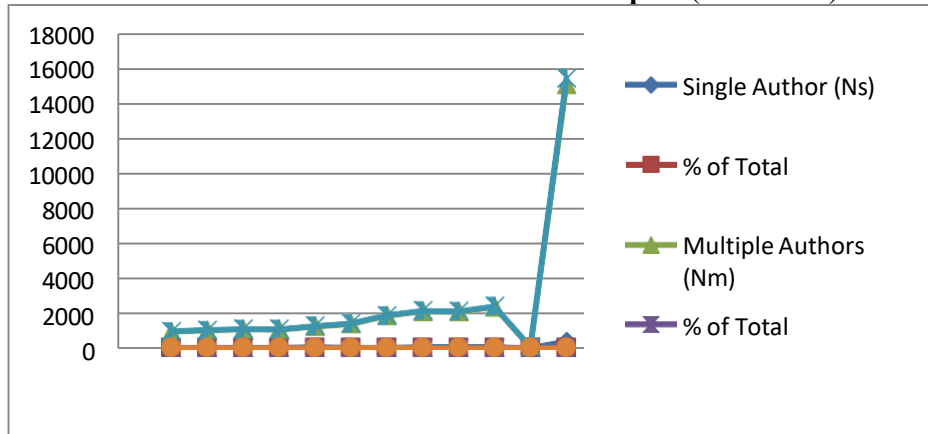
Interpretation and Analysis

- From 2015 to 2025, an overwhelming 97.52% of diabetes research publications in India were produced by **multiple authors**, highlighting the strong culture of collaboration in this field.
- Only **2.48%** (384 out of 15,443 publications) were authored by a single researcher, indicating that solo

research efforts are rare in diabetes studies.

- The **Degree of Collaboration (DC)** remained consistently high throughout the years, ranging from **0.96 to 0.99**, with an overall value of **0.98**, signifying a mature, cooperative research ecosystem.
- While the number of publications grew, the percentage of single-author works fluctuated slightly, reaching a **low of 1.67% in 2025**, reinforcing the shift toward inter-disciplinary, team-based research.
- High collaboration suggests enhanced resource sharing, access to broader expertise, and improved research quality and visibility. It also reflects the complexity of diabetes as a research domain, which often requires multidisciplinary approaches.

Year-wise Publications and Citation Impact (2015–2025)



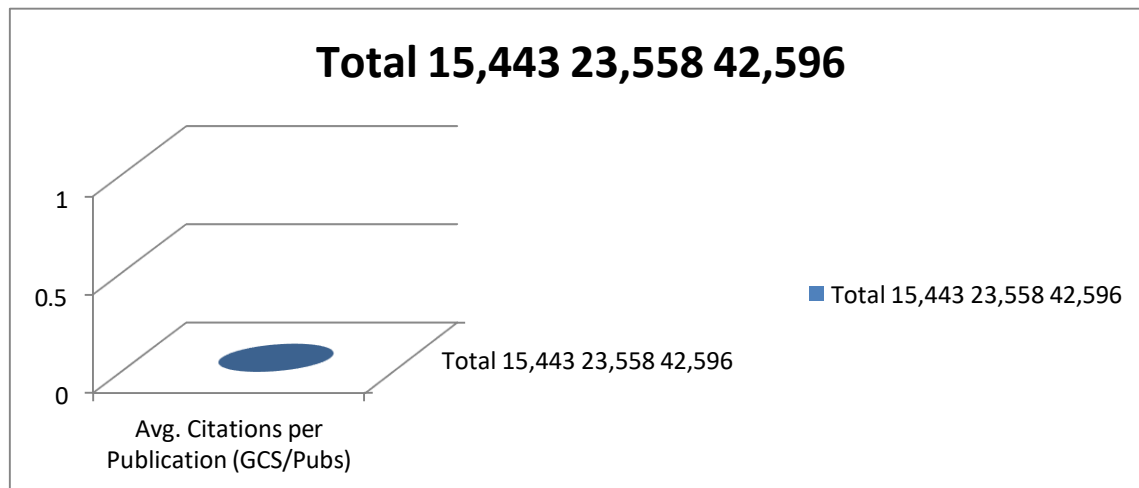
Year	No. of Publications	Local Citations (LCS)	Global Citations (GCS)	Avg. Citations per Publication (GCS/Pubs)
2015	965	3,621	7,562	7.84
2016	1,027	3,258	6,498	6.33
2017	1,087	3,105	5,992	5.51
2018	1,094	3,032	5,408	4.94
2019	1,266	2,901	4,907	3.88
2020	1,420	2,676	4,246	2.99
2021	1,872	2,087	3,812	2.04
2022	2,147	1,439	2,291	1.07
2023	2,113	1,020	1,372	0.65
2024	2,392	411	498	0.21
2025	60	8	10	0.17
Total	15,443	23,558	42,596	2.76 (average)

Interpretation and Analysis

- ✓ Publications increased from **965 in 2015** to **2,392 in 2024**, showing a more than two-fold growth over a decade.
- ✓ The CAGR for publications from 2015–2025 is **20.68%**, indicating rapid expansion in research

activity.

- ✓ The highest global citation score (GCS: 7,562) occurred in **2015**, as older articles typically accumulate more citations over time.
- ✓ The average global citations per publication steadily declined from **7.84 in 2015** to **0.17 in 2025**, due to:
 - Newer articles having less time to be cited
 - Possibly declining research impact or overproduction
- ✓ The highest number of publications occurred in **2024 (2,392)** and **2023 (2,113)**, suggesting a focus on volume.
- ✓ The most recent years (2023–2025) have significantly lower citation counts due to the time-lag nature of citations.
- ✓ The trend suggests a shift toward **quantity-driven research** in the latter years with relatively lower citation impact.
- ✓ Local citations were higher in earlier years and steadily declined, mirroring the global citation pattern.
- ✓ Very low numbers in 2025 likely reflect incomplete indexing or recency of publication rather than an actual drop.
- ✓ Across all years, each article received an average of **2.76 global citations**, which is moderate by international standards.



Conclusion :

The study shows that diabetes research in India is growing, supported by strong institutions and international teamwork. It indicates a mature research atmosphere, though a drop in activity in 2025 should be viewed cautiously, possibly due to incomplete data. Key institutions like AIIMS and ICMR are major contributors, and collaborations with the USA and UK significantly improve research quality. There is a focus on multi-author projects, reflecting interdisciplinary cooperation. The findings suggest that policymakers and academic leaders should keep encouraging these trends and invest in new partnerships to tackle the increasing diabetes issue effectively.

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