

Editorial

Celebrating *Journal of Arthroscopic Surgery and Sports Medicine's* meteoric growth

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The *Journal of Arthroscopic Surgery and Sports Medicine* (JASSM), the official publication of the Indian Arthroscopy Society (IAS), has swiftly established itself as a dominant force within the domain of arthroscopic surgery. Since its inception in 2020,^[1] JASSM has charted a path of remarkable growth and vitality, solidifying its reputation as a primary platform for disseminating innovative research and clinical insights both within the Indian arthroscopic community and across international borders.^[2,3] Professor Mats Brittberg, the innovator of articular cartilage implantation, has witnessed an enormous interest among the Indian orthopedic surgeons regarding arthroscopic surgery and emphasized that the launch of JASSM would especially help showcase the work of Indian Arthroscopic surgeons.^[4] Kambhampati *et al.* confirmed a healthy trend of increased publications on arthroscopy from India and suggested the need for more higher-quality studies in the coming years.^[5]

A platform for progress: The IAS, with its impressive membership of over 4,500 surgeons, represents a formidable collective in the global arthroscopic landscape. JASSM serves as the official voice of this esteemed organization, providing a dedicated channel for its members to share groundbreaking research, clinical experiences, and innovative techniques. In doing so, it significantly shapes and influences the direction of the global arthroscopic narrative. By fostering collaboration and encouraging knowledge exchange, JASSM enhances the educational landscape for practicing surgeons and helps elevate the standards of care.

Key milestones: Marking the Journey The rapid ascent of JASSM can be evidenced by several key milestones that highlight its growing impact on the medical community: **Enhanced Indexing:** One of the journal's significant achievements is its inclusion in prestigious indexing services such as Embase, Google Scholar, and CrossRef. This enhanced discoverability drastically amplifies the journal's visibility, ensuring that its articles reach a wider readership.

The inclusion in these renowned databases is a testament to the journal's commitment to academic rigor and quality, facilitating increased engagement and dialog within the scientific community.

Soaring downloads: The rise in article downloads is a clear indicator of the journal's growing readership and popularity. In 2020, JASSM recorded 30,816 downloads – a respectable figure for a newly established journal. Fast forward to 2024, and that number soared to an astonishing 441,987 downloads [Figure 1], representing a staggering 14.6-fold increase. This impressive growth trajectory not only reflects the high-quality content published in JASSM but also highlights the increasing global recognition and interest in the journal's contributions to the field.

Crossing a million downloads: Another significant milestone is the recent surpassing of one million total downloads ($n = 11,91,283$) in just 5 years of its journey. This achievement is not merely a number; it is a testament to JASSM's unwavering commitment to publishing research that resonates with researchers and clinicians around the world. This landmark signifies the journal's rising influence and reinforces its role as a valuable resource that supports and empowers professionals in their endeavors to advance the field of arthroscopy.

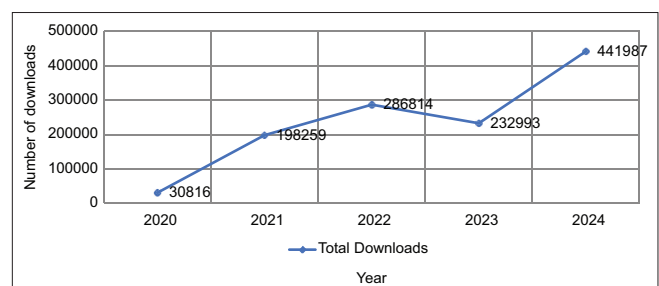


Figure 1: Trend of article downloads of the *Journal of Arthroscopic Surgery and Sports Medicine*.

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Commitment to excellence: These milestones collectively reflect the dedication and tireless efforts of the IAS, the editorial board, and the entire JASSM team. Their commitment to upholding rigorous scientific standards plays a critical role in maintaining the journal's credibility and trustworthiness. Furthermore, they have cultivated a supportive environment for research and encouraged the pursuit of innovation. This ethos not only attracts high-quality submissions but also fosters a collaborative atmosphere that benefits the entire community.

Moreover, JASSM's commitment to open access is pivotal in bridging the knowledge gap in arthroscopic surgery. By promoting accessibility to vital research, the journal empowers practitioners in resource-limited settings and encourages the global exchange of ideas. This aligns with the broader movement toward democratizing medical knowledge, ensuring that advancements in the field can benefit all healthcare providers and their patients, regardless of geographical or economic barriers.

Looking ahead: As JASSM continues its journey, it promises to remain a beacon for quality arthroscopic literature. The evolution of this journal exemplifies the impactful interplay between dedication to scientific inquiry and the pursuit of excellence in medical education. Looking to the future,

JASSM stands poised to further amplify its influence, embracing new technologies and methodologies to continue fostering an engaging and informative forum for academic discussion.

The meteoric growth of the JASSM is not only a reflection of the hard work of its contributors but also a sign of the vibrant future of arthroscopic surgery. By continuing to champion high-quality research and fostering a spirit of collaboration, JASSM is well on its way to becoming an indispensable resource for practitioners and researchers alike, contributing significantly to the advancement of the field.

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