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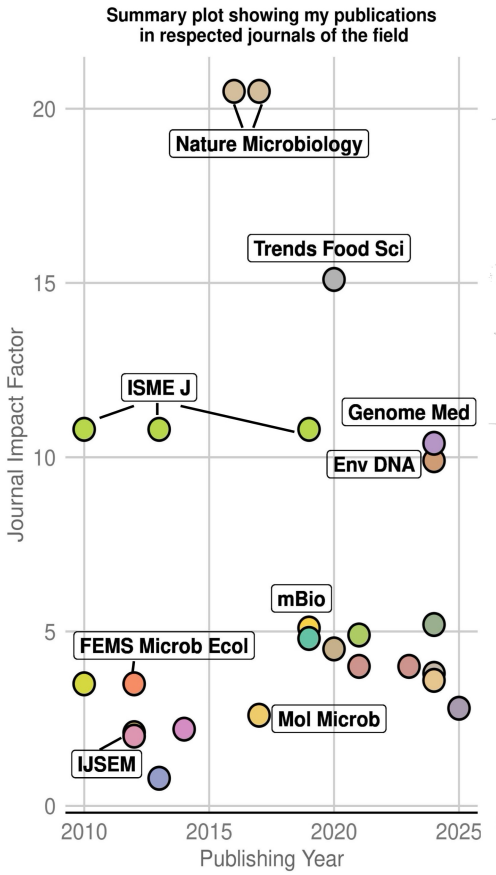

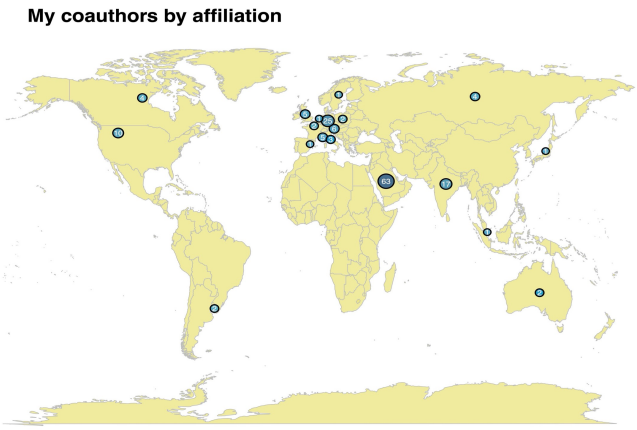

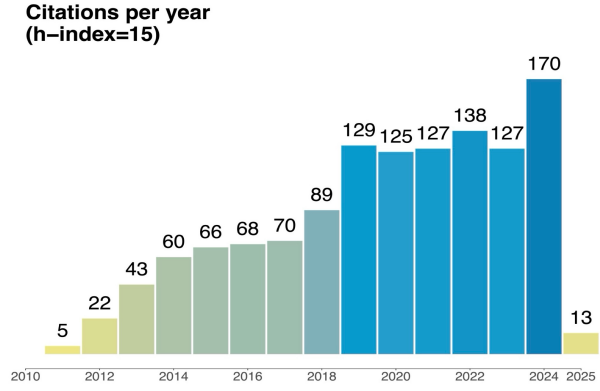

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Honors, Awards & Achievements

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- NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP) Reviewer (2017-2022)
- Max Planck Society (MPG) Postdoctoral Fellowship, MPIMM (2015-2016)
- Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship, Humboldt Foundation (2013-2015)
- Visiting Researcher, California Institute of Technology (CALTECH), July, 2015
- Max Planck Society (MPG) Visiting Research Fellowship, MPIMM (2013)
- Junior & Senior Research Fellowships, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Government of India (2008, 2010)
- UKIERI Research Fellowship, British Council (during visits to the UK between 2008-2010)
- Visiting Research Fellowship, National Centre for Biological Sciences-Tata Institute for Fundamental Research (2007)
- 7th rank holder in National-level Post Graduate Entrance Examination, Cochin University of Science & Technology (2005)
- 'Best Personality of the College' Award (during B.Sc.), Muthayammal College of Arts & Science (2002-2005)
- Academic Topper Award (during B. Sc.), Muthayammal College of Arts & Science (2002-2004)
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