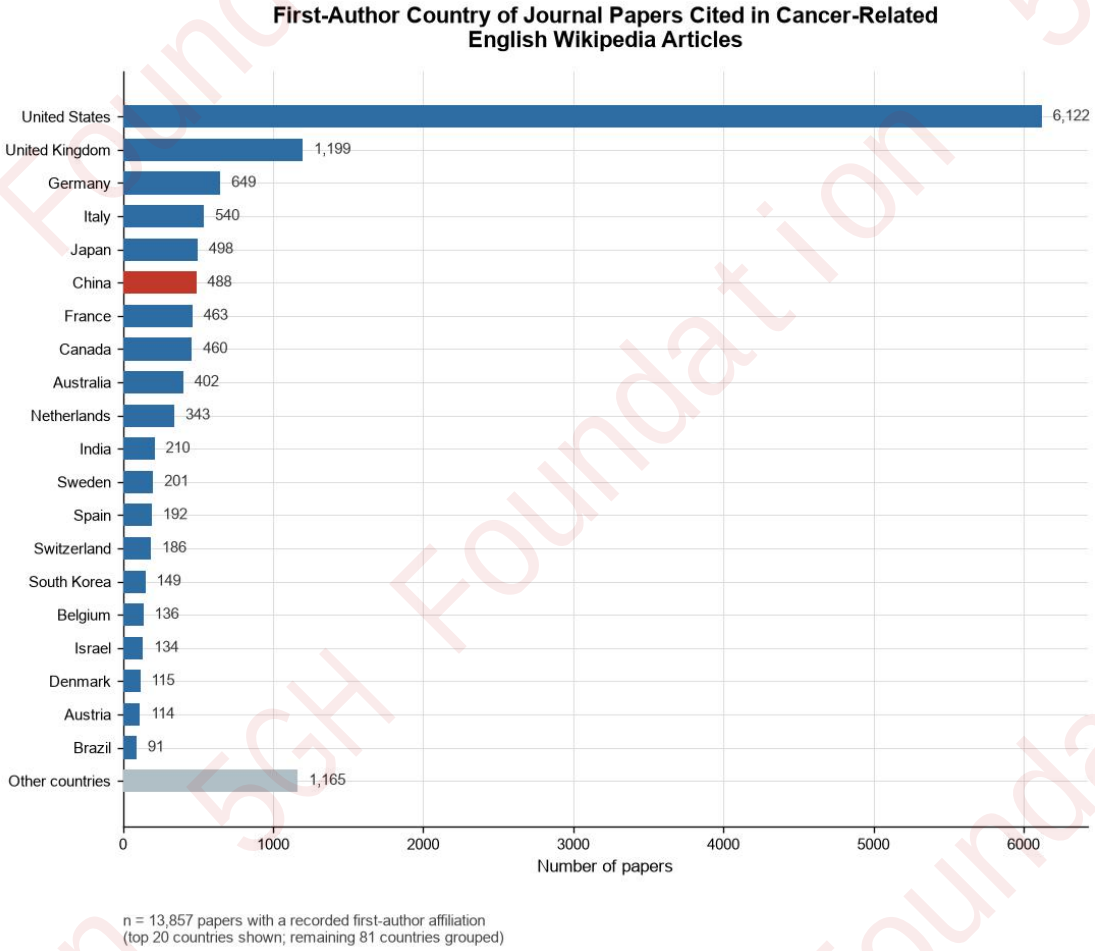
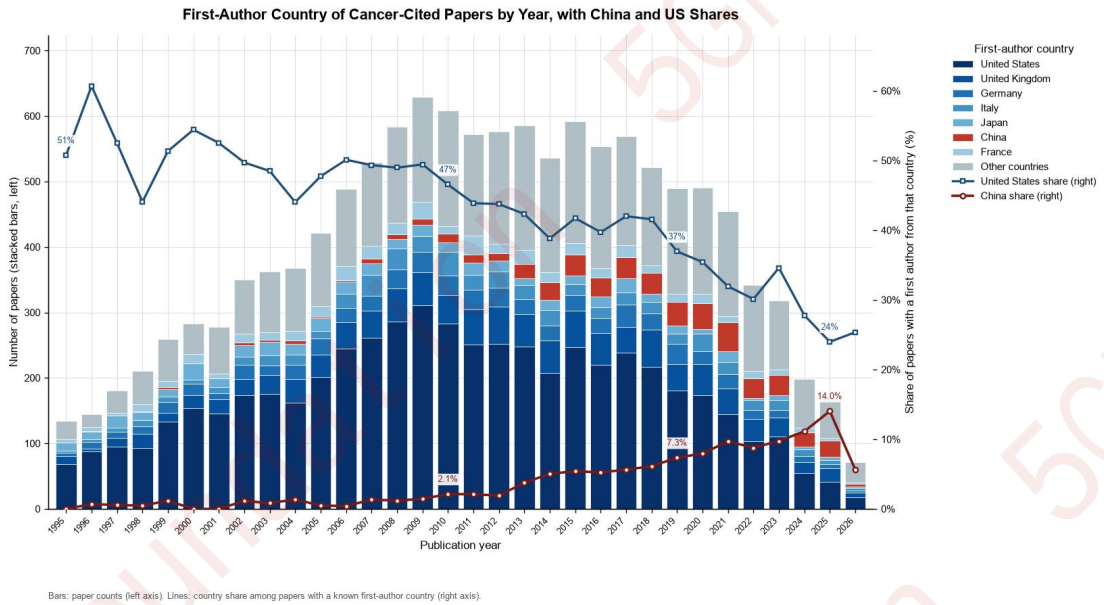
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Wikipedia Is Increasingly Citing Articles by Chinese Authors

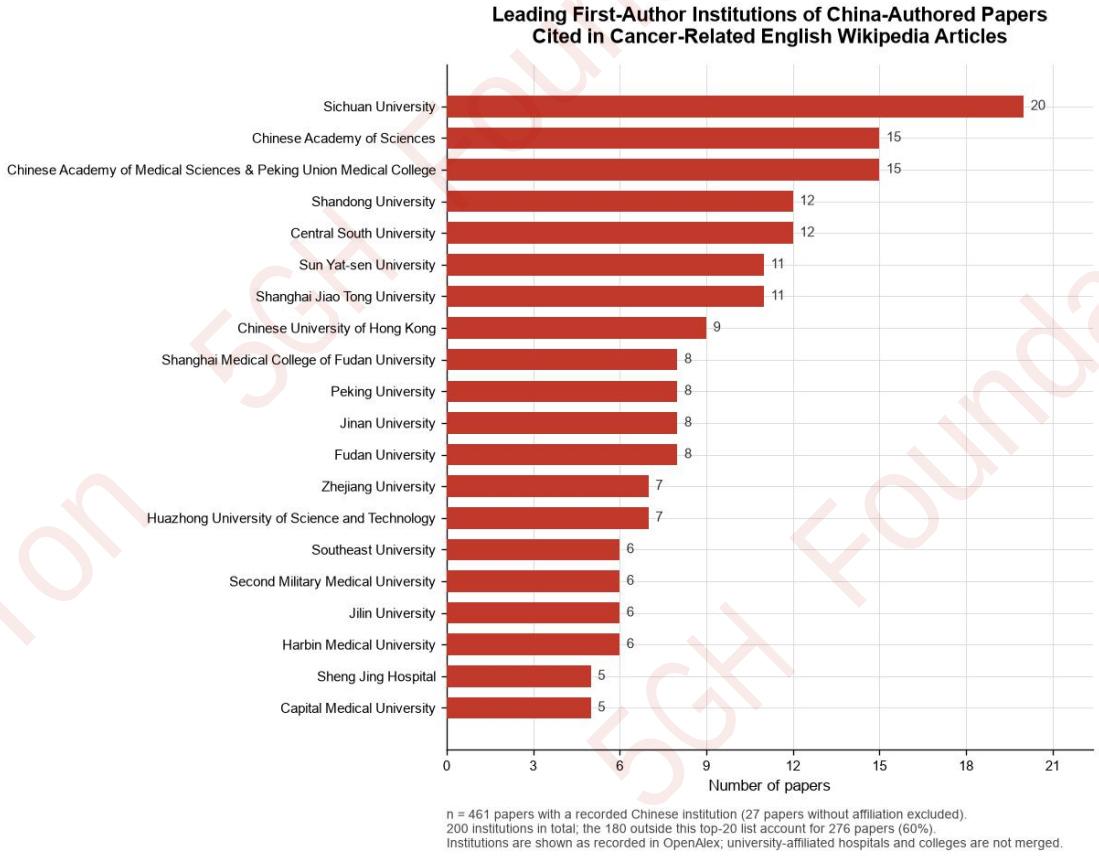
An analysis on 2,185 cancer related Wikipedia pages reveals that Chinese-authored articles are increasingly cited on Wikipedia.



Of the 2,185 Wikipedia pages, 1,171 cite at least one journal article, and these pages collectively cite 14,972 journal articles. The 5GH Team retrieved metadata for all 14,972 articles from the OpenAlex database. Author details were obtained for 13,857 of these articles. Among them, 6,122 (44.2%) had a first author affiliated with the United States, followed by the United Kingdom (1,199; 8.7%), Germany (649; 4.7%), Italy (540; 3.9%), and Japan (498; 3.6%). China ranked sixth, with 488 articles (3.5%) whose first author was affiliated with a Chinese institution.



The share of articles with a Chinese first author increased over the publication years, rising from 2.1% in 2010 to 14% in 2025. In contrast, the share of articles with a United States first author decreased from 47% to 24%.



Among the 488 articles with a Chinese first author, 20 had a first author affiliated with Sichuan University, followed by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (15), Peking Union Medical College (15), Shandong University (12), and Central South University (12).

Overall, these findings show that Wikipedia's cancer-related content draws on an increasingly diverse international literature. Although articles with a US-affiliated first author still account for the largest share of cited articles.

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