

Searching with OVIDA single interface for multiple DBs

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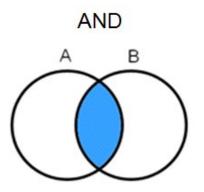
Boolean operators

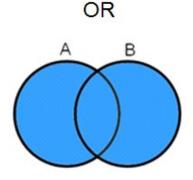
Connecting two terms with ...

AND = both search terms occur

= at least one of the two search terms occurs

NOT = second term must not be present





NOT

Attention: 'NOT' usually leads to unwanted exclusions. Best to contact an information specialist

Boolean operators: Combining the PICO aspects

AND I AND C AND O

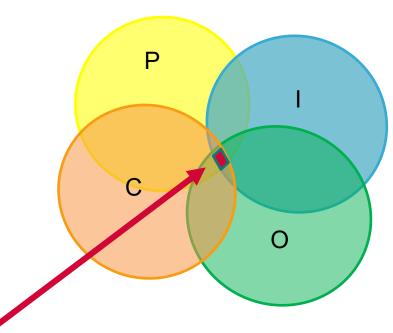
or with synonyms:

(Population 1 OR Population 2 OR ...) AND

(Intervention 1 OR Intervention 2 OR ...) AND

(Control 1 OR Control 2 OR ...) AND

(Outcome 1 OR Outcome 2 OR ...)



Intersection = final search results

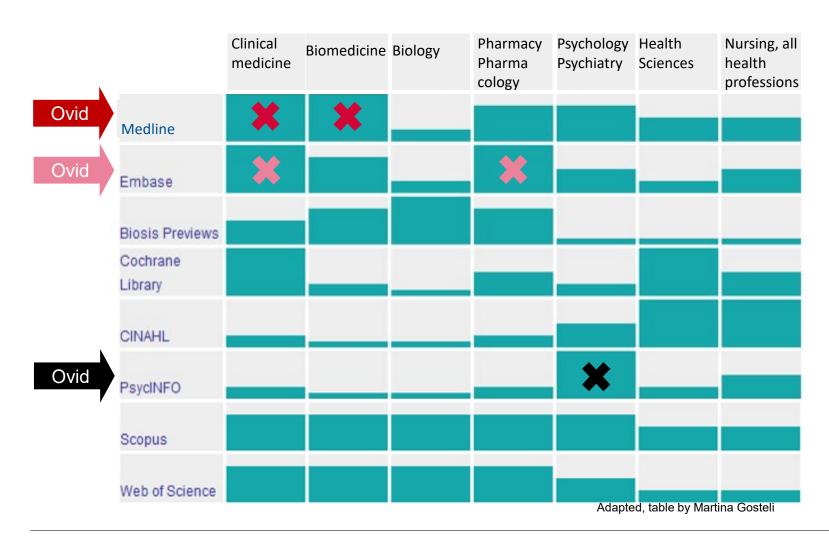
Note: Not all aspects of the PICO question need to be included in a search.

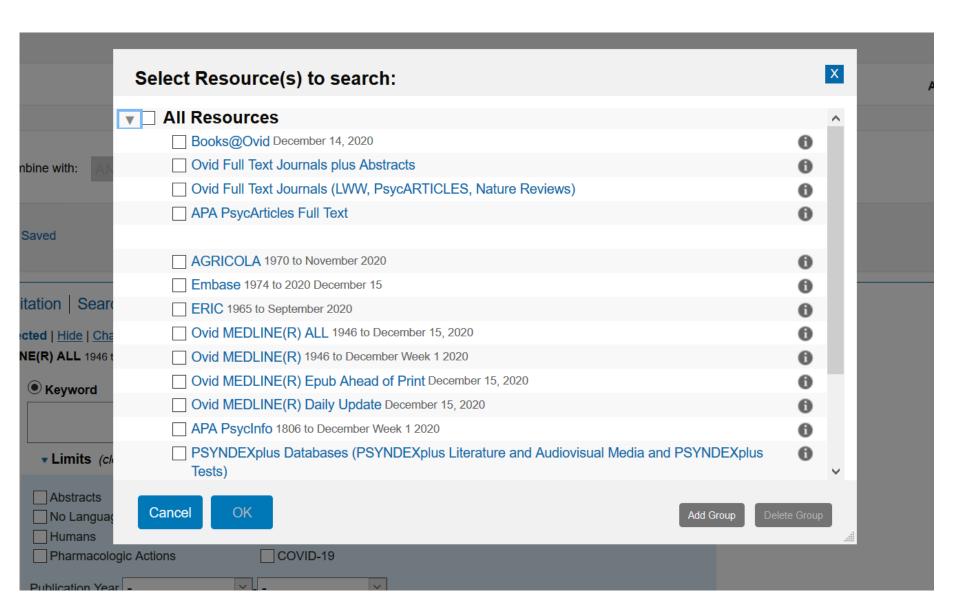
- → initially only search for a few, clearly describable aspects (e.g. drugs)
- → Outcomes often not mentioned in the abstract. Therefore omit them if possible.



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Electronic databases







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Subject headings are database-specific

Database	Subject headings
Medline	MeSH
Embase	Emtree
PsycINFO	PsycINFO subject headings
etc.	

Subject headings – Text words Two complementary search modalities

1. Subject heading search: Dementia

2. Text word search: Dement* OR Alzheimer* OR...

AND

AND

1. Subject heading search: Animal-assisted therapy

2. Text word search: Animal-assisted therapy OR hippotherapy OR...

1. Subject heading search:

Psychomotor agitation

2. Text word search: agitation OR restlessness

OR...

Finding subject headings in Ovid Advanced Search

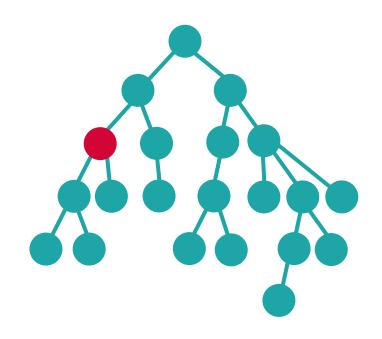
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SH Search: Possibilities to narrow the scope

Not «Auto Explode»

 Limitation to articles indexed with exactly this subject heading (e.g. MeSH-Term).

SH «Tree»

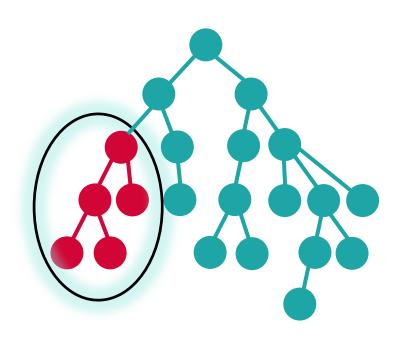


SH Search: Possibilities to narrow the scope

Focus

 Limitation to articles in which the MeSH term was indexed as the major topic



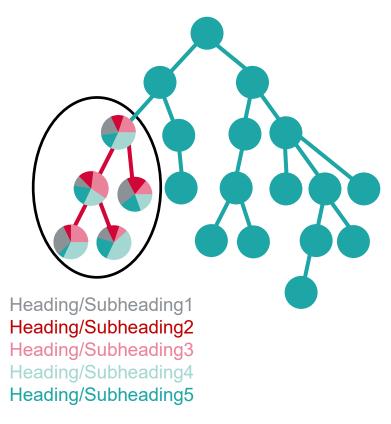


SH Search: Possibilities to narrow the scope

Subheadings

Limitation to articles for which the subject heading has thematically been further restricted.

SH «Tree»





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Searching titles/abstracts in Ovid

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ADJn operators (proximity operators)

ADJn Operator

ADJn is a positional operator that lets you retrieve records that contain your terms (in any order) within a specified number (n) of words of each other. To apply adjacency, separate your search terms with the ADJ operator and a number from 1 to 99.

The ADJ operators finds two terms next to each other in the specified order. The ADJ1 operators finds two terms next to each other in any order. The ADJ2 operator finds terms in any order and with one word (or none) between them. The ADJ3 operator finds terms in any order with two words (or fewer) between them. The ADJ4 operator finds terms in any order and with three words (or fewer) between them, and so on.

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Two ways to combine search elements (implications for documentation)

Subject heading search elements
Text word search elements
PICO concepts



Combination in Word Doc

Building a search strategy

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Adding limits to database searches

Two ways:



Adding limits during searching

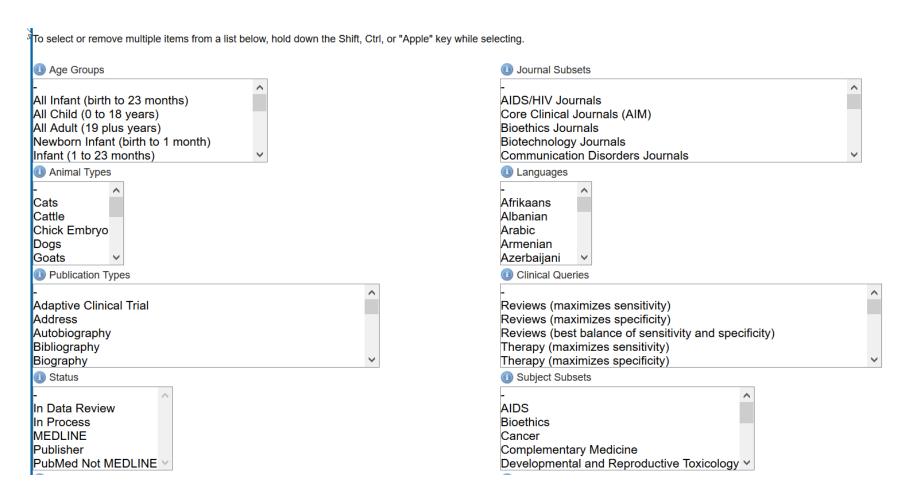


Adding limits to completed searches

Adding limits to database searches

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Additional limits: Both very simple and professional search filters as basis



Find limit details here:

https://ospguides.ovid.com/OSPguides/medline.htm#limits

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Changing Ovid resources

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Adapt subject headings for new database!



Transfer of premade search strategies into other databases via «change resource» does not automatically adapt the subject headings, which are database-specific.

Subject headings from different databases may differ in their level of detail and hierarchical structure

E.g. Indexing of pharmacological substances is more detailed in Emtree than in MeSH terms.

Indexing of Psychosocial disorders is more detailed in PsycINFO subject headings than in other thesauri.

etc



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Multi-database searches



Multi-database searches should list the relevant subject headings from all databases and combine them with Boolean ORs.

Multi-database searches and deduplication

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The deduplication feature is only available for results sets that have less than 6,000 records. For larger sets, the deduplicate link is not available.



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Exporting search results

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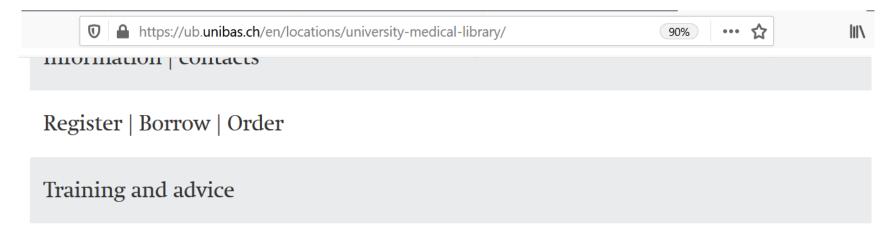
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https://ub.unibas.ch/en/university-medical-library/support-for-literature-searching/

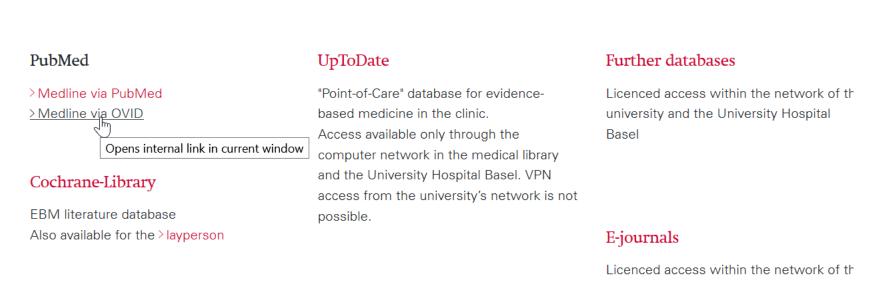
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Unibas access to Ovid (e.g. Medline)



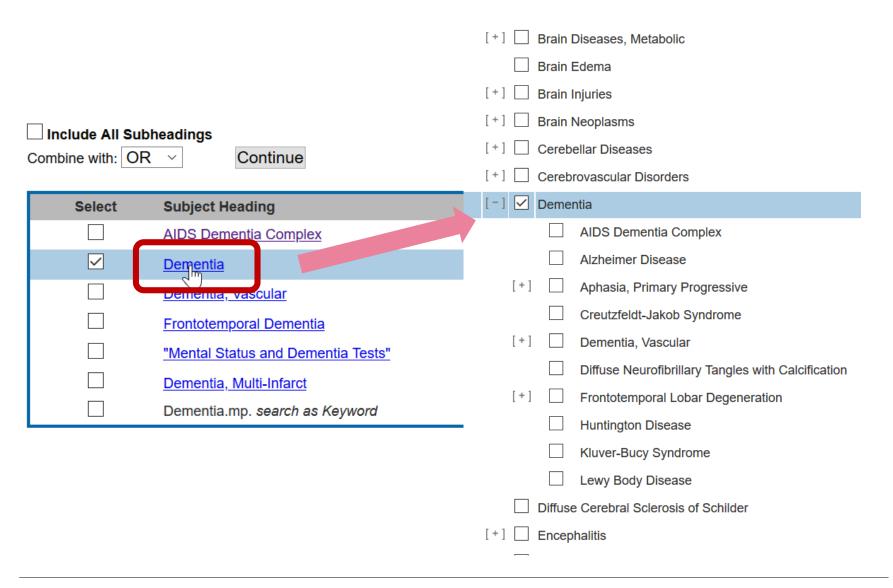
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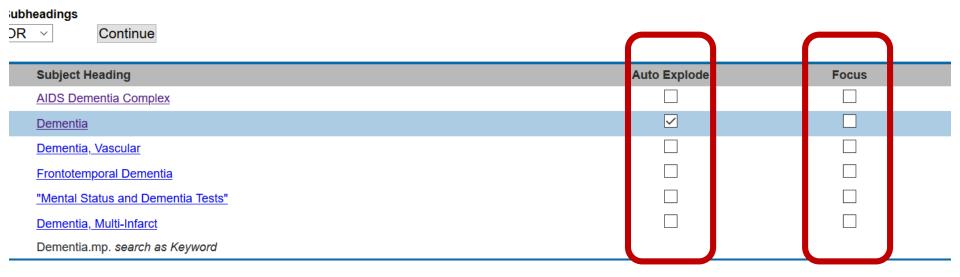
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Finding subject headings in Ovid Advanced Search



Using subject headings in Ovid Advanced Search



Scope notes and «used for» synonyms

Scope Note for: Dementia

MeSH HEADING: DEMENTIA

ubheadings

OR ×

Continue

Subject Heading

AIDS Dementia Complex

Dementia

Dementia, Vascular

Frontotemporal Dementia

"Mental Status and Dementia Tests"

Dementia, Multi-Infarct

Dementia.mp. search as Keyword

SCOPE: An acquired organic mental disorder with loss of i behavior, personality, judgment, attention, spatial relations,

YEAR of ENTRY: 1981(1963)

REFERENCES: See Related:

TAUOPATHIES

Used For:

amentia

amentias

dementia

dementia, familial

dementias

dementias, familial

dementias, senile paranoid

familial dementia

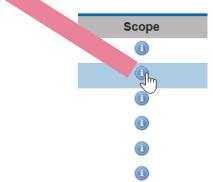
familial dementias

paranoid dementia, senile

paranoid dementias, senile

senile paranoid dementia

senile paranoid dementias



Using subject headings in Ovid Advanced Search

Subheadings for: exp Dementia

Combine with: OR ×	
Combine with.	
Include All Subheadings	
or choose one or more of these subheadings	
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① □ /cn - Congenital	① □ /ps -
	⑩ □ /pa -
① ☐ /dg - Diagnostic Imaging	⑩ □ /ph -
	① □ /pp -
① □ /dt - Drug Therapy	①

i /ip - Isolation & Purification
i /ij - Legislation & Jurisprudence
i /me - Metabolism
i /mi - Microbiology
i /mo - Mortality
i /nu - Nursing
i /ps - Parasitology
i /pa - Pathology
i /ph - Physiology
i /pp - Physiopathology
i /pc - Prevention & Control

Using subject headings in Ovid Advanced Search

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1	exp Dementia/	172026				

Searching in title/abstract fields in Search Fields mode

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Searching in title/abstract fields in Advanced mode

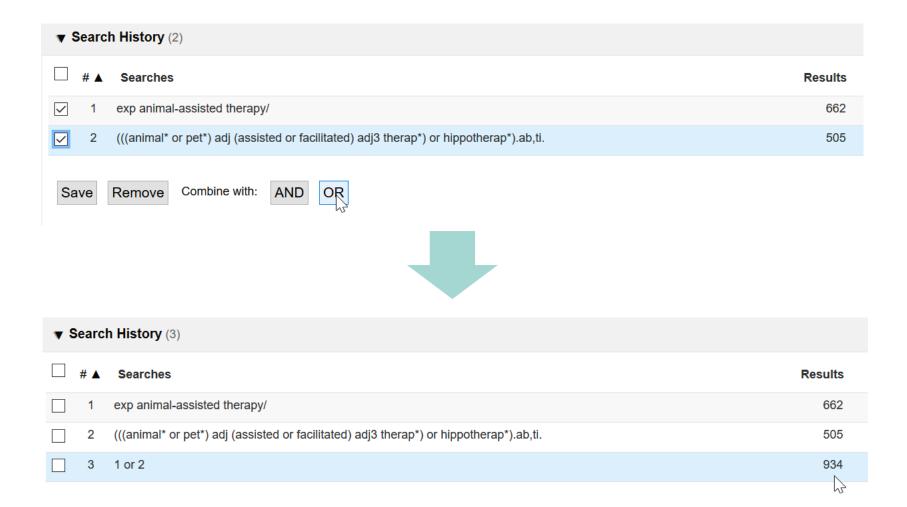
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▼ Search History (6)

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2	animal-assisted therap*.ab,ti.	294
3	pet-facilitated therap*.ab,ti.	15
4	(animal-assisted therap* or pet-facilitated therap*).ab,ti.	309
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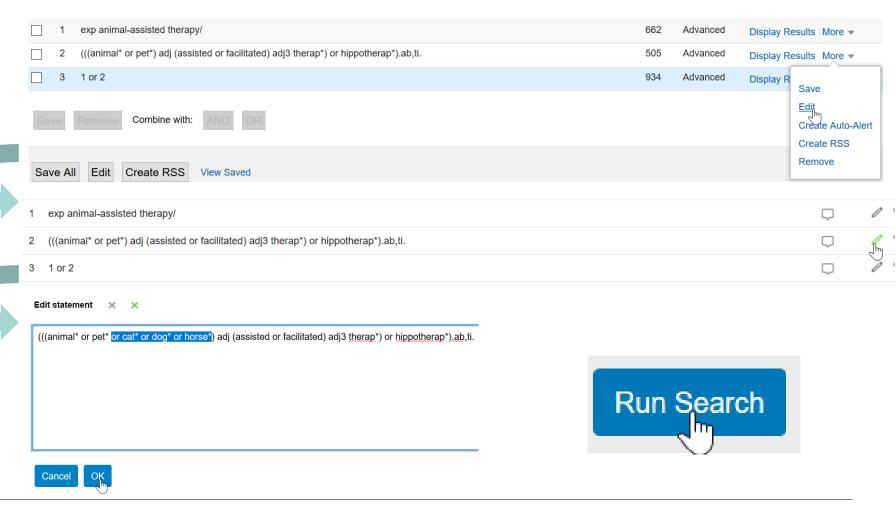
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Combination of searches in OVID



Editing (and saving*) of searches in OVID

* Requires an OVID account



Composing, optimizing, and documenting search strings in MS Word

exp animal-assisted therapy/ or therapy animals/ or (((animal* or pet* or cat* or dog* or horse*) adj (assisted or facilitated) adj3 (therap* or intervention*)) or hippotherap* or ((animal* or pet* or cat* or dog* or horse*) adj1 therapy) or AAT or aquarium or aquaria or fish tank* or resident cat* or visiting animal*).ab.ti.

Example optimization path for *Animal-Assisted Therapy* concept

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	1	exp animal-assisted therapy/	662
	2	(((animal* or pet* or cat* or dog* or horse*) adj (assisted or facilitated) adj3 therap*) or hippotherap*).ab,ti.	538
	3	1 or 2	952
	4	exp animal-assisted therapy/ or (((animal* or pet* or cat* or dog* or horse*) adj (assisted or facilitated) adj3 (therap* or intervention*)) or hippotherap* or ((animal* or pet* or cat* or dog* or horse*) adj therapy)).ab,ti.	1617
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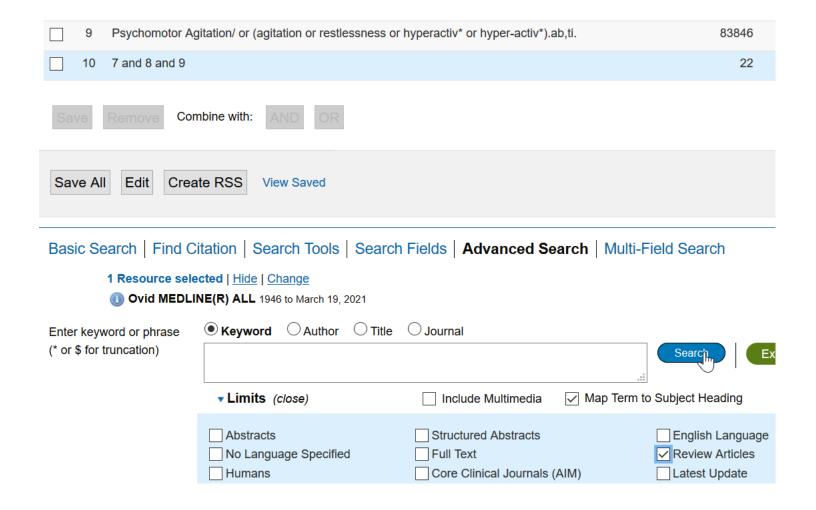
Full topical Medline-Search

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	8	exp dementia/ or (dement* or Alzheimer* or senile forgetfulness).ab,ti.	267661			
	9	Psychomotor Agitation/ or (agitation or restlessness or hyperactiv* or hyper-activ*).ab,ti.	83846			
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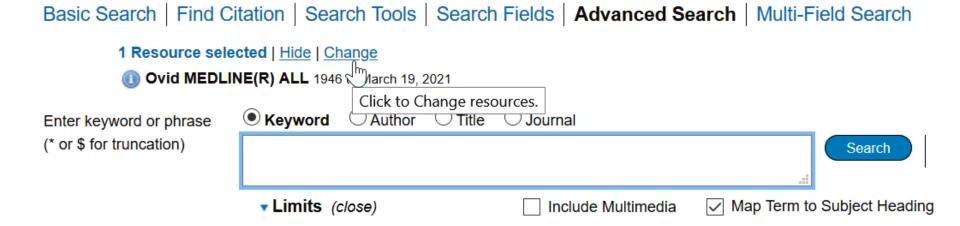
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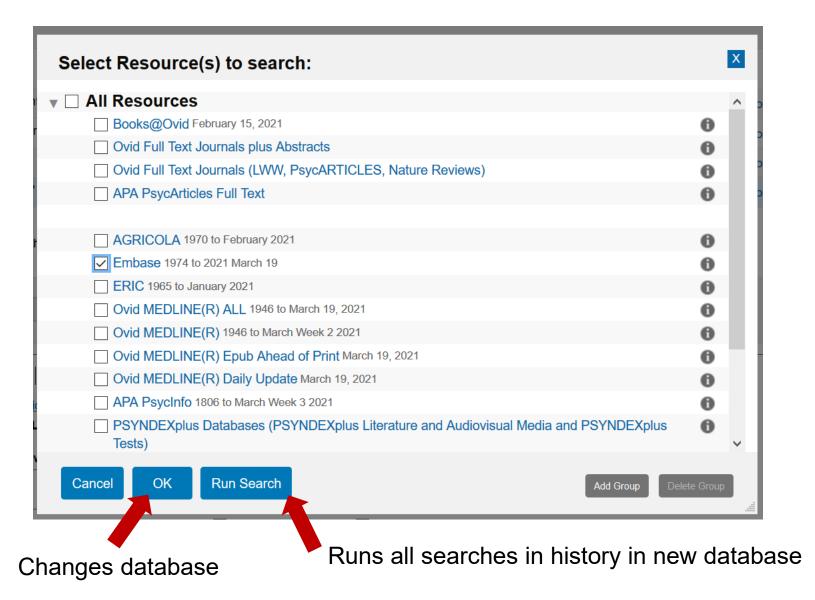
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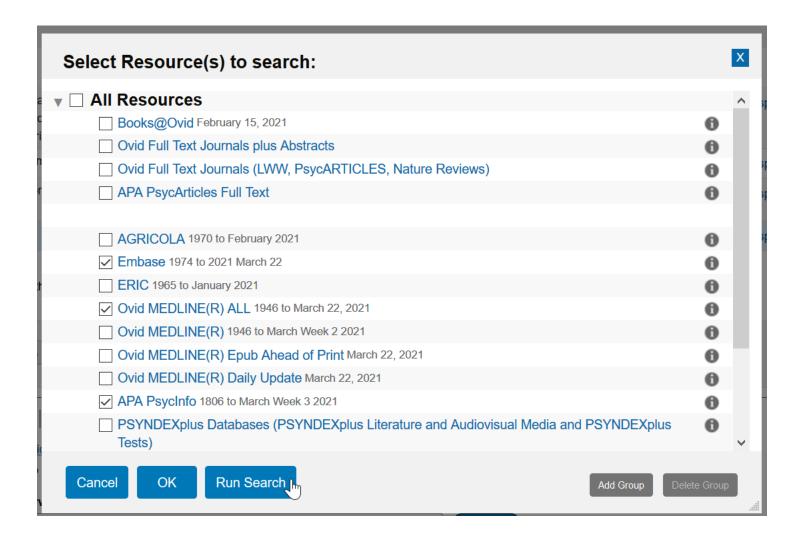
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Multi-database searches



Deduplicate multi-database searches

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	2	exp dementia/ or exp dementia assessment/ or (dement* or Alzheimer* or senile forgetfulness).ab,ti.	832749
	3	▶ psychomotor agitation/ or restlessness/ or agitation/ or akathisia/ or hyperkinesis/ or (agitation or restless* or hyperactiv* or hyper-activ*).ab,ti.	299053
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① Embase 1974 to 2021 March 22, ① Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL 1946 to March 22, 2021, ① APA PsycInfo 1806 to March Week 3 2021

Edit Deduping Preferences

Field Preferences	Database Preferences
Has Abstract	1. Embase ~
○ Has Full Text ○ Has Index Terms	2. APA PsycInfo
O No Field Preference	3. Ovid MEDLINE(R) Y

? Hints:

- . Use the Field and Database Preferences options to determine how the Ovid system will dedup your set.
- . Select a single Field Preference. This Field Preference will be applied first in determining which results to keep versus which res
- Rank the databases based on which result format you prefer. Your Database Preferences will be applied in the order chosen, after
- . Once your set has been deduped, you will have an opportunity to review the duplicate results.



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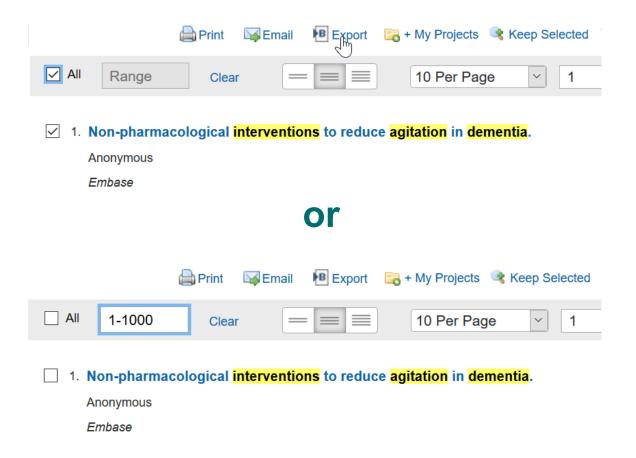


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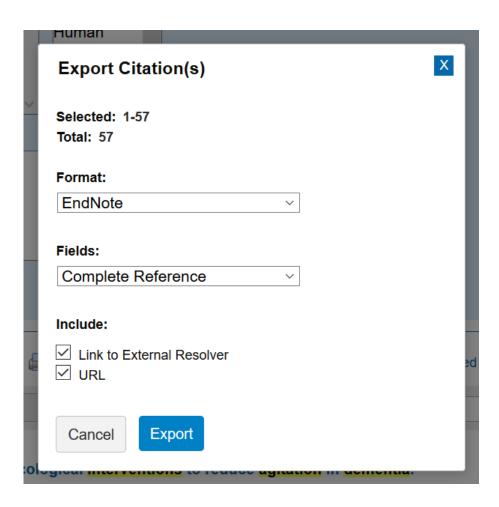
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Exporting search results



1000 records is the maximal exportable volume.

Exporting search results



Format: EndNote (or whatever else favorite literature management software)

Fields: Complete Reference recommended