



Scopus

Search tips

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Searching for Documents, Authors, Affiliations

Basic search

Simultaneous search in article title, abstract and keywords (default setting) or in one of the search fields from the drop-down menu.

Author search

This search mode offers 2 fields, one for the surname and one for the initials / first name. The affiliation name allows to narrow the results. An *affiliation search* returns a list of institutions/organizations with links to documents and a summary of the institution's research areas, collaborations, and publications.

Affiliations

Advanced document search

Search with field codes taken from "Field codes" drop down menu. More search fields are available as in the basic search mode.

Truncation / Wildcards

behav*

Finds:

behave, behavior, behaviour, behavioural etc.

(* replaces a string of zero or more characters and can be used at every position)

wom?n

woman or women

(? replaces exactly one character)

Automatic plural search

A singular term finds also plural and possessive forms (day's) of most words (and vice versa) including irregular plural forms (child / children)

Phrase searching (braces or double quotation marks)

{quality management}

Finds:

quality management in exact order next to each other (please note: a simultaneous truncation is not possible, no automatic plural search within phrase searching)

"cell behaviour"

"*cell behaviour*" in double quotation marks finds loose or approximate phrases (plurals are included, punctuation is ignored (e.g. hyphens), wildcards (*, ?) can be used

Combining search terms with operators

cloning **and** human

Finds:

both terms in the same record

biogas **or** biofuel

at least one of the terms in the same record

animal **not** mouse

„*animal(s)*“, but exclusion of records which contain the term „*mouse*“

cell **pre/5** adult

both terms (in exact order) within 5 words of one another



cell **w/5** adult

both terms if they are within 5 words of one another regardless of the order

Search History / Combining searches

Search history	The searches which have been made are automatically added to the Search History list. The history is available during a session, but will be deleted after leaving Scopus. Click “More” to “Save” searches. The function Set Alert saves a search in a way that it will be started automatically after an update of the database and email the results to a certain address. Both saving functions require a free registration in advance.
Combining searches	You can combine two or more searches with the operators OR, AND, and AND NOT using Combine queries.

Results

Refine	“Refine” offers an overview (ranking) of the found records. The results within the different categories are listed according to the number of hits. Via “Limit to” or “Exclude” the result can be narrowed.
Export	Scopus offers integrated export functionality with Mendeley and Refworks. To use a different reference manager, choose a file format.
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View citation view	Citation overview of the selected documents.
View cited by	View documents citing the selected documents.
Add to list	Add selected documents to a temporary list.
More	View references of the selected references or create bibliography for the selected references (offers the output in a certain format/style)
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