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Search tips

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Search interfaces

Basic Search	Simultaneous search in article title, abstract and keywords or in one of the search fields from the drop-down menu.
Advanced Search (one or more search fields)	Search with field codes taken from "code suggestions". More search fields are available as in the Basic Search mode.
Author Search	This search mode offers 2 fields – one for the surname and one for the initials / first name. The result can be combined by subject, affiliation or co-authors. Names with umlauts (ä, ö, ü) should be searched additionally without umlaut (simplified) and in dispensed form: *Müller / Muller / Mueller.*

Truncation / Wildcards

Finds:

behav*****	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)

Finds:

{quality management}	*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

Combinating search terms with operators

Finds:

cloning **and** human	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

Limits

- Date Range
- Document Type
- Subject Areas

Reuse or combining previous search queries/steps from the „search history" with #n via the field "Combine queries"

#1 and human	AND combination of search step 1 with the term „human"
#1 or #2	OR combination of search step 1 and search step 2
#1 and #2 and not #3	AND combination of search step 1 with search step 2 but exclusion of the results of search step 3

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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More	View references, Add to my list, Create Bibliography (offers the output in a certain format/style), Email or Print selected results.
	Via „Search History" you can „Edit" and „Save" previous search questions. 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 functions require a free registration in advance.

Still questions?

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