

Scopus

Top tips to make your search of Scopus more efficient.

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1 How to access the database

The best way to access all databases is to go via the Medical Library website: <https://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/research-support/databases/> and then select the database you want to search.

Please note that Scopus is only available to users with a Raven login.

2 Advanced search – building your search strategy

For most searches, the front page Document search will be sufficient to combine your search terms with AND, OR and NOT. Your search will be most efficient if you add individual search terms one by one, and combine them in the Combine queries box. Type in # and the line numbers you want to combine, see the example in the box below.

[Combine queries...](#)

Search history #3 AND #6

- 6 (TITLE-ABS-KEY (diabetes)) OR (TITLE-ABS-KEY (diabetic))
- 5 TITLE-ABS-KEY (diabetic)
- 4 TITLE-ABS-KEY (diabetes)
- 3 (TITLE-ABS-KEY ("patient information")) OR (TITLE-ABS-KEY ("patient education"))
- 2 TITLE-ABS-KEY ("patient education")



3 Filters – how to narrow down your search

Too many search results? Use the filters on the results page to narrow things down. You will find them in the left-hand sidebar of the results page.

4 Accessing full text

The links under each article found in your search results will either take you directly to the publisher website, or search through the Cambridge Libraries collection to check for full-text access that way.

5 Saving your search history

To save your search click on   on your search history, the bell will create an alert, the disk will save the search. You will need an account with Scopus in order to save your search.

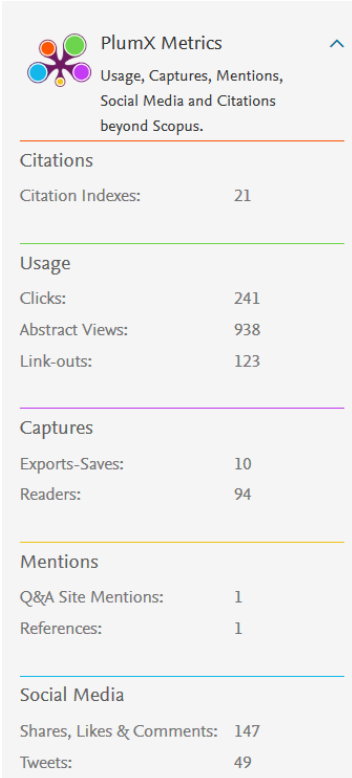
6 Saving your search results

You have the option to email results to yourself, or save them in multiple file types. Simply click the Export option above the search results. RIS is a format which is compatible with all reference managers. Make sure you select the Abstract before you export the results.

7 Extra features

Scopus tracks citations, and allows you to access those citing articles as well as generate citation reports, and analyse results.

Scopus also allows you to see the PlumX Metrics which include mentions on Twitter.



PlumX Metrics	
Usage, Captures, Mentions, Social Media and Citations beyond Scopus.	
Citations	
Citation Indexes:	21
Usage	
Clicks:	241
Abstract Views:	938
Link-outs:	123
Captures	
Exports-Saves:	10
Readers:	94
Mentions	
Q&A Site Mentions:	1
References:	1
Social Media	
Shares, Likes & Comments:	147
Tweets:	49

8 More help and support

There are tutorial videos available on YouTube.

The Scopus user guide may also be helpful.

Or contact the Medical Library training team.

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