

BIOSIS PREVIEWS / BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS DATABASES

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SEARCH GUIDE

BIOSIS Previews/Biological Abstracts (1980-2008) covers life sciences and biological and biomedical research. This includes traditional areas of biology, such as botany, zoology and microbiology, as well as experimental, clinical and veterinary medicine, biotechnology, environmental studies, and agriculture. Interdisciplinary fields such as biochemistry, biophysics and bioengineering are also included.

Access

1. At the Library Home Page (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), click on the **Databases** tab.
2. Select **BIOSIS Previews / Biological Abstracts** from the alphabetical list of databases.

OR

At the Library Homepage (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), select **E-Resources**.

1. Select **Databases ▶ Title List**.
2. From the alphabetical list, select **BIOSIS Previews / Biological Abstracts**.

Search

1. Click on **Basic Search**.
2. Enter search term(s).
3. *Optional.* Click on **Limits** to select options to filter search.
4. *Optional.* Check box to exclude **Related Terms** to narrow search results.
5. Click on **Search**.

Basic Search | Find Citation | Search Tools | Search Fields | Advanced Search | Multi-Field Search

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④ Limits (expand) Include Related Terms

Advanced Search

1. Click on **Advanced Search**.
2. Enter search term(s).
3. Select field to search. Default is **Keyword**.
4. *Optional.* Click on **Limits** to select options to filter search.
5. Click on **Search**.

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Enter keyword or phrase (* or \$ for truncation) Keyword Author Title Journal

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★ Search Tips ★

- **Basic Search** results are given a star rating based on relevancy with most starred records displayed first. Ranking and display of search results in **Advanced Search** varies between databases.
- Select **Multi-Field Search** option to search by a specific field, e.g. journal abbreviation.
- Use **Find Citation** option to retrieve specific journal article citations.
- Use **Search Tools** to match search terms with relevant subject headings. Also provides access to thesaurus, permuted index and scope notes for subject headings.
- Use only the database navigational aids and not your browser's back and forward arrows to move between pages.
- Use **Boolean Operators** to combine multiple words/phrases:

Operators	Examples	Finds
AND	fertilizer AND algae	records with both the words <i>fertilizer</i> and <i>algae</i>
OR	pollution OR contamination	records with the word <i>pollution</i> or <i>contamination</i> or both
NOT	cloning NOT ethics	records with the word <i>cloning</i> but not <i>ethics</i>

- ◆ Use brackets () to specify the order of the Boolean operators in your search statement. For example, *air AND (pollution OR contamination)*, the operator inside the brackets (OR) is executed before the operators used outside the brackets (AND).
- ◆ Boolean operators are not case sensitive.
- ◆ Two adjacent search terms are automatically combined with the operator AND and also are searched for as a phrase.

- **Wildcard Symbols:**

Symbol	Function	Example	Finds articles containing...
?	to substitute zero or one character	Colo?r	<i>color</i> or <i>colour</i>
\$ or *	to replace characters at the end of a search word	gene\$ gene*	<i>gene, genes, genetics, generation</i> etc.

Display Search Results

Check box to select record for later **printing, emailing or exporting.**

Select from viewing options to limit display to title, citation or abstract information.

Click on relevant icon to either **print, email** or **export** selected record(s).

Click down arrow to view sort options e.g. by Year of publication, by Title, by Author.

Click to customize options for display of fields and style of display.

Select from available options to filter search results by **Years** or by other **Subject, Authors** or **Journals** based on search results.

The screenshot shows a search results interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Search Information' and 'Filter By' sections. The main area displays a list of search results, each with a checkbox, a title, a citation, and several action icons (Abstract, My Projects, Annotate, Print, Email, Export, Find Similar, Check Availability). Annotations with arrows point to these elements, explaining their functions.

Click to read abstract.

Click to view more information about the record.

Click to check availability of full text.

Select to create a new project.

Click to add record to **My Projects.**

Click to view content of **My Projects.**

Click to add annotations to record. (Only available if logged into **My Account.**)

Search History

To review search results sets, click **Search History** above the search dialogue box (top left of screen). Options are available to combine, remove, or display previous searches. Search histories and search results can be saved into a **personal account** and retrieved later.

Click to select all **Searches.**

Click to sort by search number.

Click to remove selected search from the display.

**Click to Save Search History into a personal account.

The screenshot shows the 'Search History' interface. It features a table with columns: #, Searches, Results, Type, Actions, and Annotations. Below the table are buttons for 'Save', 'Remove', 'Combine with: AND OR', 'Save All', 'Edit', and 'View Saved'. Annotations with arrows point to these elements, explaining their functions.

**Click to View Saved searches in a personal account.

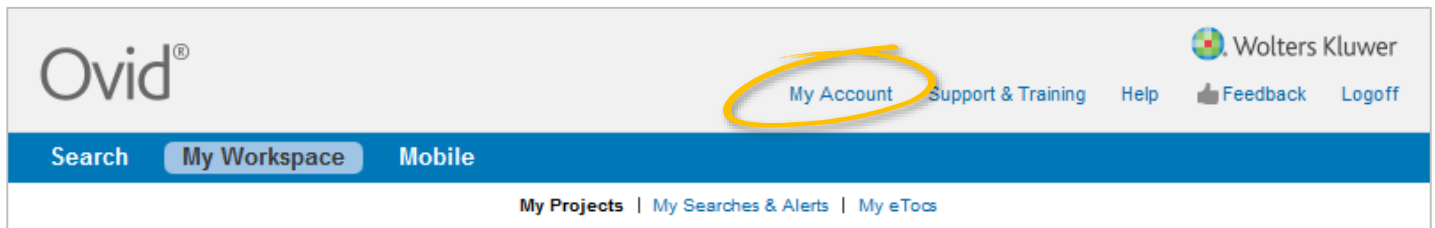
**Click to save search into a personal account or to edit / remove search.

Selected searches can be combined with relevant operator. (For Advanced Search Type only).

Click to Display search results.

**You will be directed to log in to a personal account or to create an account if you do not have one already.




My Account



Select **My Account** on the top right hand side of page to login to or to create an account to have access to the following **My Workspace** features and other OvidSP features:

- **My Searches & Alerts** - save searches on a temporary or permanent basis. Set up expert searches or auto alerts.
- **My Projects** – save images, links and articles on an easy to access page.
- **My eTOCs** – receive email alert when **Table Of Contents** of a selected journal is updated.
- **Ovid toolbar** - to collect and organize citations to journal articles, books, and websites from any online site.
- Record annotations on records in search display results.
- Email jumpstarts - use jumpstarts to connect directly to pages in the database.

Print / Email / Export Selected Records

Click on either the **Print**, **Email** or **Export** icon  **Print**  **Email**  **Export** at the top of the list of search results. Select from the list of options in **Fields to Display** and from the list of available **Citation Styles** (for printing and emailing only).