



ScienceDirect

What is ScienceDirect?

ScienceDirect is a multi-disciplinary electronic resource that provides full-text access to over 1,100 Library-subscribed e-journals.

Access

1. At the Library Home Page (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), select the **Databases** tab.
2. Select **ScienceDirect** from the alphabetical list of databases.

OR

1. At the Library Homepage (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), select **E-Resources**.
2. Click on Featured Collections under **E-Journals**.
3. Select **ScienceDirect** from the alphabetical list.

Search

Select a search mode:

Quick Search

1. Enter search terms in one or more boxes and click **Search ScienceDirect**

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1. Click on the **Journals** tab.
2. Enter search terms.
3. Select field(s) to search.
4. Select an operator to combine the search terms in different fields.
5. Select "*Subscribed journals*" to search Library subscribed journals only.
6. Select one or more subjects, if desired.
7. Limit the search to particular document type(s), if desired.
8. Specify a date range.
9. Specify volume, issue and page numbers, if desired.
10. Click the **Search** button to start searching

Expert Search

1. Select to search **Subscribed** Library journals only
2. Select to include articles that have been accepted for publication but have not yet been formally published.

Search Tips (for all search modes)

- Search terms are NOT case-sensitive.
- Phrases should be enclosed in quotation marks, e.g. **“acid rain”**.
- Using the singular word form will retrieve the singular, plural, and possessive forms of most words, e.g., **city** would find *city*, *cities*, *city’s* and *cities’*.
- Use Boolean and proximity operators to broaden or narrow your search:

Operator	Example	Finds records ...
OR	mri or magnetic resonance imaging	containing <i>MRI</i> or <i>magnetic resonance imaging</i> or both
AND	lesion and pancreatic	containing both <i>lesion</i> and <i>pancreatic</i>
AND NOT	tumor and not malignant	containing <i>tumor</i> but not <i>malignant</i>
W/n [#]	raymond w/3 smith	containing <i>Raymond</i> and <i>Smith</i> within 3 words of each other, e.g., <i>Raymond J. Smith</i> , and <i>Raymond J. A. Smith</i>
PRE/n	behavioural pre/3 disturbances	in which <i>behavioural</i> precedes <i>disturbances</i> by 3 or less words

[#] Use the following guidelines when choosing a number for n:

- To find terms in the same phrase, use W/3, W/4, or W/5
- To find terms in the same sentence, use W/15
- To find terms in the same paragraph, use W/50
- Use parentheses to change the connector priority, i.e. operators inside parentheses are executed before operators used outside parentheses.
For example, *(physician and suicide) or euthanasia*
→ articles that contain the words *physician* and *suicide* will be found first.
→ articles that contain the word *euthanasia* will be found next.
- Use of wildcard symbols:


Symbol	Function	Example	Matches
*	replaces zero or more characters in a search word	behav* sul*ur	<i>behave</i> , <i>behaving</i> , <i>behaviour</i> , <i>behavioural</i> <i>sulphur</i> or <i>sulfur</i>
?	represents a single character	wom?n	<i>woman</i> or <i>women</i>

- ScienceDirect supports the UTF-8 character set, which means that you can enter all UTF-8 characters directly in the search form, including non-Roman and accented characters.
- Special characters and formula searching:
 - To search the Greek letter Ω, enter **Ω** or **omega**.
 - Enter subscripted and superscripted characters on the same line as the other characters, e.g. to search for H₂O, enter **H2O**
 - To search for the name Fürst, enter **Fürst** or **Furst**

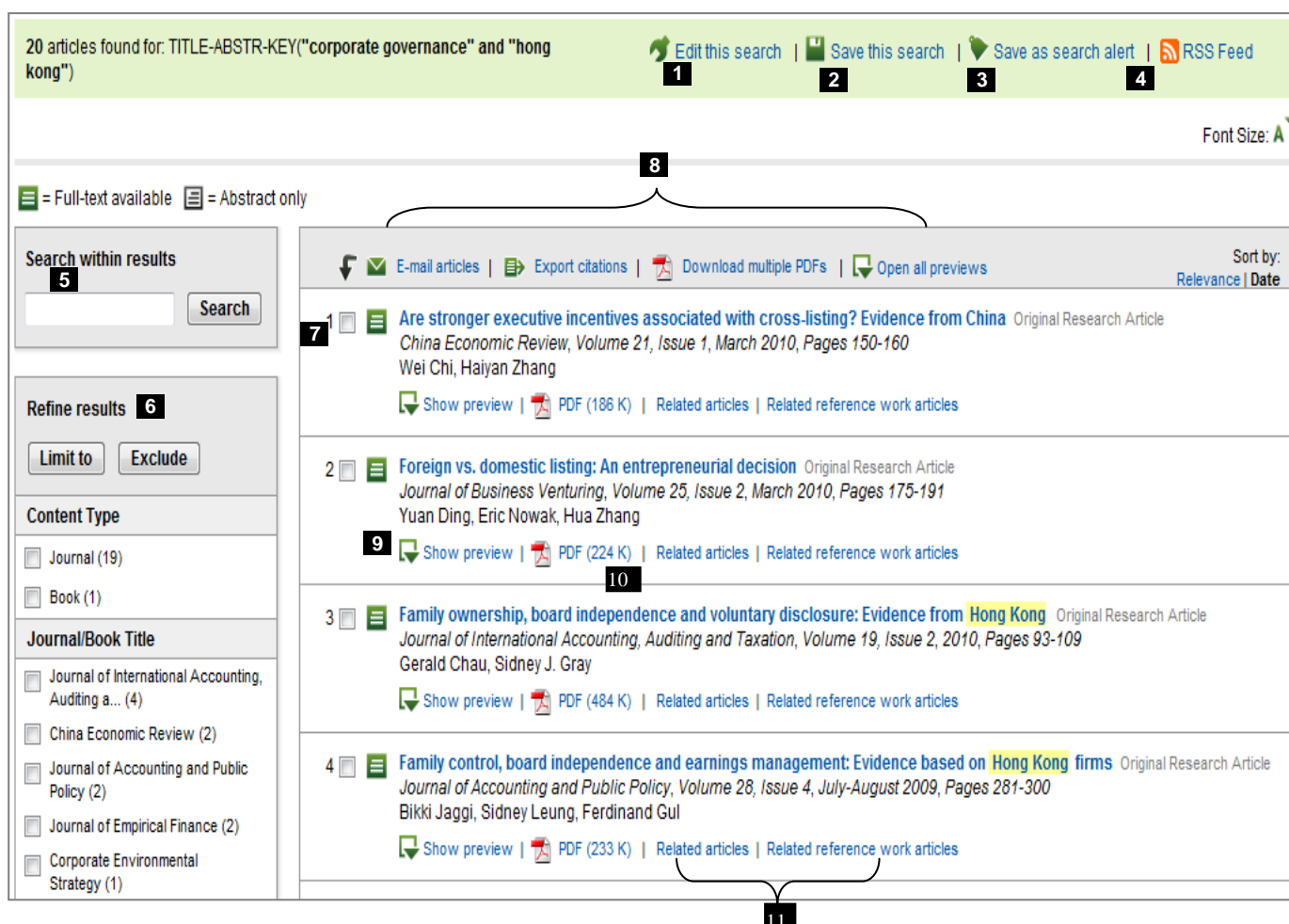
Certain non-alpha/numeric special characters (e.g. hyphens, brackets, asterisks, bullets, arrows etc.) are NOT searchable unless they are enclosed in brackets, e.g. high-risk, enter {high-risk}.

Field-specific searching (for Expert search only)

To search a specific field, type the field name, a space, and the search term enclosed in parentheses. e.g. *title (neurotoxin)* will find articles containing *neurotoxin* in the article title.

A list of field names is available on the search tips page accessed by clicking on  Search Tips and selecting the “fields” link under Journals Expert Search Tips.

Display Search Results



The screenshot shows a search results page for the query "TITLE-ABSTR-KEY('corporate governance' and 'hong kong')". The page includes a top navigation bar with options to edit, save, or alert on the search, and an RSS feed. Below this is a search filter section with a search box and a search button. To the left is a 'Refine results' sidebar with options to limit or exclude results, and a 'Content Type' section with checkboxes for Journal (19) and Book (1). The main results area lists four articles, each with a checkbox, a title, journal information, author names, and links for preview, PDF, and related articles. The page is sorted by Relevance and Date. A 'Font Size' control is visible in the top right.

1. Click to refine your search.
2. Click to save this search for future use. Personal login is required to use this service.
3. Click to save this search as a Search Alert. Personal login is required to use this service.
4. Click to subscribe to an RSS Feed on this search.
5. To further narrow down your search, enter a more specific search term or phrase to be searched within the current result listing.
6. To refine your search results, select from the available options listed under :**Content Type**, **Title**, **Topic**, or **Publication Year** to limit to (i.e.include in) your search results or to exclude from your results.
7. Check boxes to mark desired articles for later viewing, printing, downloading, and exporting.
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- **Save Searches** – you may save executed searches for later use.
- **Search Alerts** – you will be notified by email when a saved search retrieves new results.
- **Citation Alerts** – you will be notified by email when new articles that cite the article you specify are added to ScienceDirect.
- **Volume/Issue Alerts** – you will be notified by email when new articles on the topics you specify are available.
- **Topic Alerts** – you will be notified by email when new issues of the journals you specify are available.

A tutorial on setting up alerts in ScienceDirect is available at:

<http://help.sciencedirect.com/flare/Content/tutorials/alerts.html>

Click on **My Settings** on the Search Page menu bar to modify your personalized services.