

Search tips for Scopus

General Rules

- Not case sensitive
- Entering singular nouns will also search for plural nouns and possessives (with some exceptions)
- Entering either variation of Greek letters (a OR alpha, b OR beta,) will search for both variations
- Entering either British or American spellings (colour, color, or tyre, tire) will search for both variations

Phrase Search

- To search as a phrase, enclose it in double quote marks or curly brackets:
 - **Double quotes** " " will search for fuzzy phrases. It will also search for both singular and plurals (with some exceptions). Symbols are ignored. Wildcards can be used. "heart-attack" will search for heart-attack, heart attack, heart attacks, and so on
 - **Curly brackets** { } will search for a specific phrase. It limits the search to only the specified character string, and symbols can be used. {heart-attack} will only search for heart-attack

Wildcards

- * replaces any number of characters toxi* will search for toxin, toxic, toxicity, toxicology, and so on
- ? replaces only one character sawt??th will search for sawtooth and sawteeth

Logical operators and proximity operators

- **AND** Searches for articles containing both words food AND poison
- **OR** Searches for articles containing either or both words weather OR climate
- **AND NOT** Searches for articles that do not contain the following words tumor AND NOT malignant
- **W/n** Restricts to n words between the two words, the word order is not set Pain W/5 morphine
- **PRE/n** Restricts to n words between the two words, the word order is as set newborn PRE/3 screening
- **Operator priority order** (it is possible to change the priority order by using parentheses)
1. OR 2. W/n or PRE/n 3. AND 4. AND NOT