

Quick Reference Guide

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SciVerse Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature with bibliometric tools to track, analyze and visualize research. It contains over 18,500 journal titles from more than 5,000 publishers around the world, covering the fields of science,

technology, medicine, social sciences as well as the arts and humanities. Scopus has 43 million records, 70% of these containing abstracts dating from 1996 and a wide selection of quality web sources and patent information.

1. Search by Topic

With SciVerse Scopus, easily start your search from the homepage. Ensure you quickly access the article you want by using the detailed search options offered.

Starting a search

1 Document Search

The **Document search** tab is the main search window of the SciVerse Scopus homepage. To begin your search, enter the topic you wish to search for in the space provided. See the box on p.7 for input rules for search terms.

2 Search items

Select by which item you wish to search.

3 Add Search Field

When searching using multiple keywords and search items, click the **Add search field** button to add another search field.

4 Search History

When you return to the search window after carrying out a search, your search history will be displayed on the bottom of the window. The search history is cleared for each new session.

5 Author Search

Search by author with the **Author Search** tab. See p.4 for details.

6 Affiliation Search

Search by affiliation name with the **Affiliation search** tab.

7 Check Source Types

Browse the list of document source types stored in Scopus from the **Sources** tab.

The screenshot shows the SciVerse Scopus search interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Search', 'Sources', 'Analytics', 'My alerts', 'My list', and 'My settings'. The main search area is divided into tabs: 'Document search' (1), 'Author search', and 'Affiliation search' (6). The 'Document search' tab is active, showing a search box with the text 'carbohydrate metabolism' and a dropdown menu for search criteria (2) set to 'Article Title, Abstract, Keywords'. A red box highlights the 'Add search field' button (3) and the 'Search' button. Below the search box, there are filters for 'Limit to' (Date Range, Document Type) and 'Subject Areas' (Life Sciences, Health Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences & Humanities). A 'Search history' section (4) is visible at the bottom, showing a table of previous searches with columns for 'Search', 'Results', and 'Actions'. The footer contains 'About Scopus', 'Contact and Support', and 'About Elsevier' links.

Sorting Options and Refining Search Results

1 Number of Search Results

The number of search results is shown on the Scopus tab.

2 Search Alert

Set to alert you via e-mail (**Set alert**) or RSS feed (**Set feed**) when a new article that matches your search conditions is listed. (Requires login).

3 Refine

In the **Refine results** field either limit (**Limit to**) or exclude (**Exclude**) specific journals or authors and so on. With **Add categories**, you can add additional keywords, original language or other items. Display up to 160 results by using the **Display** drop down button.

4 Sort Options

By default, search results are listed by publication year. By clicking the topic headings, you can also list them in order of relevance, author, journal, or citations.

5 Display Abstract Page

By clicking the article title you can show the details (the abstract and referenced works) of the article.

6 Link to Full Text

By clicking **View at Publisher**, you can link to the full text on each publisher's website.

The screenshot shows the Scopus search results interface. Red callouts are placed over the page to highlight specific features:

- 1**: Points to the search bar at the top.
- 2**: Points to the 'Scopus: 1,771,815' result count.
- 3**: Points to the 'Refine results' sidebar on the left.
- 4**: Points to the action buttons (Print, Email, etc.) above the article list.
- 5**: Points to the article title 'Assay for lipid peroxide in animal tissues by thiobarbituric acid reaction'.
- 6**: Points to the 'View at Publisher' link for the same article.

Batch Processing of Search Results

1 Batch Processing of Selected Articles

You are able to carry out a number of different operations for multiple articles selected in the check boxes.

Print - Displays the articles in a format suited for printing.

E-mail - Sends the articles as an e-mail.

+ Add to My List - Adds the articles to a temporary list. Later, you can check them from the **My list** menu or save the list under a new name.

View citation overview - Analyze documents that cite the selected articles. See p.3

View citations - Displays all documents that cite the selected articles.

View references - Displays all reference works that cite the selected articles.

The screenshot shows the Scopus search results page with a red box highlighting the batch processing options at the top left of the article list. The options include:

- All
- Page
- Download PDF
- Export
- Print
- Email
- Create bibliography
- Add to My List
- View citation overview
- View citations
- View references

Detailed Overview using Abstract Pages

1 Link to Full Text

By clicking **View at Publisher**, you can link to the full text on each publisher's website.

2 Customize Link

Links customized for each customer, such as OPAC or document delivery, may be shown.

3 Citations in Other Documents

In the **Cited by since 1996** field, the last two works to cite this article are shown. You can also display all documents.

4 Document Citation Alert

Set to alert you via e-mail (**Set alert**) or RSS feed (**Set feed**) when this document is cited in another article. (Requires login)

5 Compound Structure Formulae / Reaction Formulae

Clicking **View Compounds** or **View Reactions**, will display the chemical compound structure formulae, reaction formulae, or physical property values. You can perform another search from the structure formulae or reaction formulae.

6 Keywords

Author keywords and keywords assigned from a thesaurus are shown in the **Author keywords** and **Index keywords** fields.

7 References

A list of references cited by this article are displayed in the **References** field. You can use links from here to the abstract pages and to the full text of each reference.

8 Cites by Web References

The number of cites in web sources such as institution repositories and graduate theses is shown in the **Cited by – Web sources** field.

9 Cites by Patents

The number of cites in patents is shown in the **Cited by – Patents** field.

10 Search for Related Articles

Search for articles sharing the same references, authors, or keywords as this article in the **Find related documents** field.

Analyze Citations (Citation overview)

Analyze citations by clicking **View citation overview**. This will display in a table format the number of citations per year for each article.

This multipurpose tool allows you to see at a glance the citation trend for any given article.

1 Sorting Options

Filter the list by publication year or by number of citations.

2 Display Articles

Clicking the article title will display the article's abstract page.

3 Number of Citations

Clicking the number of citations in the table will display a list of the documents citing that article.

	Citations					Subtotal	Total
	<2009	2009	2010	2011	>2011		
Total	22631	1321	1315	79	2715	0	25646
1 2009 Newsmaker interview. Torigawa re...					0	0	0
2 2009 Hippocampal CA3 Output Is Crucia...		1	7		8	8	8
3 2008 Brain-derived neurotrophic facto...		6	8	9	3	20	26
4 2008 Transgenic inhibition of synapt...		5	33	21		54	59
5 2008 The Ins and Outs of Hippocampal ...					0	0	0
6 2007 Lack of self-administration of c...		5	9	14	2	25	30
7 2007 CA3 NMDA receptors are required ...			1	2		3	3
8 2007 Inhibition of p21-activated kina...		21	12	16	1	29	50
9 2007 Spatial Exploration Is Required...		2	2			2	4
10 2007 Genetic analysis of the calcineu...		13	14	8	3	25	38
11 2006 Impaired sequential egocentric a...		6	3	4		7	13

3. Using Personal Functions

By registering as a user, you are able to use useful personal functions such as e-mail alerts. Your username and password are the same as for SciVerse ScienceDirect, and you only need a single sign-on.

User Registration, Login

1 Login

If you already have a username and password then click **Login** and enter them in the login box.

If you check **Remember me**, your login information will be stored in your computer and you will be permanently logged in.

2 User Registration

To register as a new user, click **Register**. Enter the required information, such as your name and e-mail address, in the registration window.

To have access to subscribed content outside of your institution, you can easily set up a self remote access account. Select the remote access option here.

3 Username

Your username will be displayed when registration is complete. If someone with the same full name has already registered, your username will have a number added to it, as in taroyamada5.

4 Check Registered Alerts

You can check the list of registered e-mail alerts from the **My alerts** menu.

- Search Alert
- Author Citation Alert
- Document Citation Alert

5 Check My List

You can check the articles in the temporary list or the list you saved.

6 Change Individual Settings / Password

You can change your e-mail address, password, RefWorks ID/PW, and so on from the **My settings** menu.

Quick Search [] Search Library catalogue

Register

Registration is quick and free. It allows you to personalize these Elsevier products if you have access. For example you can stay up-to-date with Search Alerts and Document Citation Alerts or keep track of your research with Saved Searches.

(* = required field)

Your details [Privacy policy](#)

Your username will be automatically generated from your name.

First name: [] *

Family name: [] *

E-mail and password

Enter a password between 5 and 20 characters.

E-mail address: [] *

Password: [] *

Confirm password: [] *

Your role and field of interest

Your role: Select your role in your organization *

Please select at least one subject area of interest *

- Agricultural and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Humanities
- Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology
- Business, Management and Accounting
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistv

Show optional fields []

4. Analyzing Journals (Journal Analyzer)

1 Search for Journals

Search by entering part of the candidate journal name in the **Search** box.

2 Sorting Option

Sort the search results in order of SJR or SNIP values, from highest to lowest.

3 Select Journal

Double-click the journal you wish from the search results or drag and drop it to the right-hand frame. You can select up to ten titles.

4 Evaluation Indices

Compare and evaluate the journals from various perspectives.

SJR (SCImago Journal Rank) Using an algorithm similar to that for Google PageRank, this index weights citations by the quality of the citing journal and allows comparison between fields.

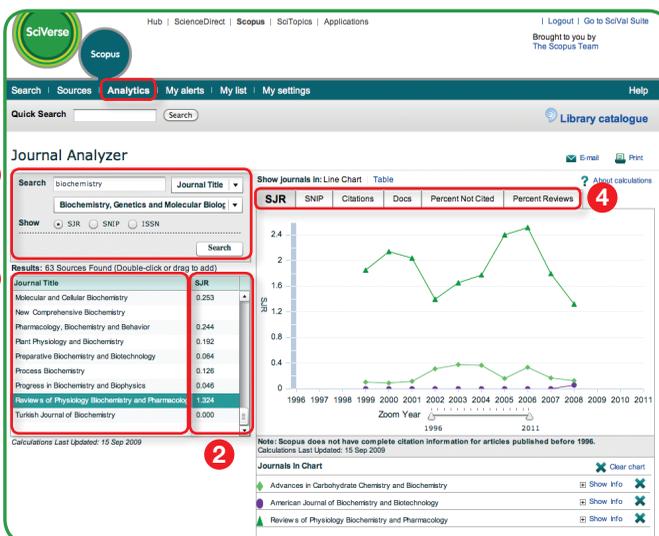
SNIP (Source Normalized Impact per Paper) Taking the ease of citation by field into account, this index adjusts the citation ratio and allows comparison between journals in different fields.

Citations The total number of citations a journal gets per year.

Documents The total number of articles published by a journal per year.

Percentage Not Cited The percentage of articles published each year that have not been cited even once previously.

Percentage Reviews The percentage of articles in a journal that are categorized as a review type article.



Download PDF

Batch Download and Automatic Naming

Download multiple PDF files and assign them names based on specified rules. The file names can be a combination of author, publication year, article title, journal, and so on.

The maximum number of files you can download at one time is 50. Java required.

The screenshot shows the 'Document Download Manager' interface. At the top, there are logos for SciVerse and Scopus, and the text 'Document Download Manager - Powered by QUOSA_'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Help'. The main content area has a heading: 'To download the selected PDFs, select your preferences and click **Begin Download**.' Underneath is a 'Download Options' section. It includes a 'Select PDF file naming:' dropdown menu with the value '(Article Title)_(Publication Year)_(Journal Title).p', a 'Create my own' button, and a 'Remove Item' button. Below that is a 'Download to:' field with the path 'C:\Documents and Settings\takahashi\My Documents' and a 'Browse...' button. A checkbox labeled 'Download abstract if full text is not available' is checked. At the bottom of this section is a 'Begin Download' button. Below the options is a table with columns for 'Title', 'Format', 'Availability', and 'Download Status'. The first row of the table shows the title 'Ubiquitous healthcare service system with context-awareness capability: Design and implementation'.

Export

Export bibliographic information

Export as RefWorks, RIS format (for document management programs such as EndNote), text format, BibTeX format, and Excel format.

If you are using RefWorks, you can link seamlessly by embedding your RefWorks ID/PW in the My settings menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Output: Export, Print, E-mail or Create a Bibliography' interface. At the top, there are logos for SciVerse and Scopus, and the text 'Hub | ScienceDirect | Scopus | SciTopics | Applications | Logout | Go to SciVal Suite'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Search | Sources | Analytics | My alerts | My list | My settings | Help'. The main content area has a heading: 'Output: Export, Print, E-mail or Create a Bibliography'. Below this is a section for selecting the output type: 'Select the desired output type for the 2 selected documents.' There are radio buttons for 'Export', 'Print', 'E-mail', and 'Bibliography'. The 'Export' option is selected. Below this is a section for 'Export: Choose your preferences and click **Export**.' It includes an 'Export format:' dropdown menu with the value 'RefWorks direct export', an 'Output:' dropdown menu with the value 'Citations only', and a note: 'Note: Output may not be complete for non-Scopus documents.' Below this are '< Back' and 'Export' buttons. At the bottom is a section for 'Selected output includes:' with a list of citation information: 'Citation information', 'Author(s)', 'Document title', 'Year', 'Source Title', 'Volume, Issue, Pages', 'Citation count', and 'Source and Document Type'.

Create bibliography

Reference list format for submission

Change the output to a typical reference list format to use when submitting a journal.

The screenshot shows the 'Output: Export, Print, E-mail or Create a Bibliography' interface. At the top, there are logos for SciVerse and Scopus, and the text 'Hub | ScienceDirect | Scopus | SciTopics | Applications | Logout | Go to SciVal Suite'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Search | Sources | Analytics | My alerts | My list | My settings | Help'. The main content area has a heading: 'Output: Export, Print, E-mail or Create a Bibliography'. Below this is a section for selecting the output type: 'Select the desired output type for the 2 selected documents.' There are radio buttons for 'Export', 'Print', 'E-mail', and 'Bibliography'. The 'Bibliography' option is selected. Below this is a section for 'Bibliography: Choose your preferences and click **Create**.' It includes a 'Format:' dropdown menu with the value 'HTML', a 'Style:' dropdown menu with the value 'APA - American Psychological Association, 5th Edition', and '< Back' and 'Create' buttons. At the bottom is a section for 'Selected output includes:' with a list of citation information: 'Citation information', 'Author(s)', 'Document title', 'Year', 'Source Title', 'Volume, Issue, Pages', 'Citation count', and 'Source and Document Type'.

Rules for Entering Search Terms

1 General Rules

- Not case sensitive
- Entering singular nouns will also search for plural nouns and possessives (with some exceptions)
- Search for Greek alphabet letters using α OR alpha, β OR beta.

2 Phrase Search

- Multiple words set off by spaces will be processed with the AND operator.
- 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.

3 Wildcards

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

4 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 word. 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

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