

Saving your search methodology and result numbers

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For many reviews, it is necessary to report the Abstracting & Indexing (A&I) databases searched, the search strategy employed and the number of results found. The A&I database platform/interfaces provide features to help you get that information in a format to keep.

For CINAHL, on the EBSCOhost platform/interface, in the Search History area, the "Print Search History" function will produce...

Searching: [CINAHL Plus](#), [Show all](#) | [Choose Databases](#)

EBSCOhost

Search: **Select a Field (optional)**

AND **Select a Field (optional)**

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[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)

Search History/Alerts

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Select / deselect all

| Search ID# | Search Terms | Search Options | Actions |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> S8 | S2 AND S5 AND S7 | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects | View Results (76) |

...details which can be saved, eg copied and pasted into a Word document.

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| # | Query | Limiters/Expanders | Last Run Via | Results |
|----|---|--|---|-----------|
| S8 | S2 AND S5 AND S7 | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms | Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL Plus | 73 |
| S7 | rehabilitat* OR therap* | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms | Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL Plus | 2,034,818 |
| S6 | S2 AND S5 | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms | Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL Plus | 278 |
| S5 | S1 OR S4 | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms | Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL Plus | 2,340 |
| S4 | "alcohol related birth" OR "alcohol related neurodevelop*" OR "alcohol related neuro develop" | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms | Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL Plus | 68 |
| S3 | S1 AND S2 | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms | Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL Plus | 278 |
| S2 | cognition OR cognitive | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms | Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL Plus | 217,542 |
| S1 | "foetal alcohol" OR "fetal alcohol" | Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms | Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL Plus | 2,333 |

In the Ovid platform/interface for searching eg Embase, MEDLINE and psycINFO, there are some options in the Search History area, “Email All Search History” or “Copy Search History Details”

The “Email All Search History” provides:

Database:

APA PsycInfo <1806 to August Week 5 2022>

Embase Classic+Embase <1947 to 2022 August 31>

Ovid MEDLINE(R) and Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process, In-Data-Review & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Daily <1946 to September 01, 2022>

| # | Query | Results from 2 Sep 2022 |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | ("foetal alcohol" or "fetal alcohol").mp. [mp=ti, ab, hw, tc, id, ot, tm, mf, tn, dm, dv, kf, fx, dq, bt, nm, ox, px, rx, ui, sy] | 19,013 |
| 2 | (cognitive or cognition).mp. [mp=ti, ab, hw, tc, id, ot, tm, mf, tn, dm, dv, kf, fx, dq, bt, nm, ox, px, rx, ui, sy] | 1,987,176 |
| 3 | (rehabilitat* or therap*).mp. [mp=ti, ab, hw, tc, id, ot, tm, mf, tn, dm, dv, kf, fx, dq, bt, nm, ox, px, rx, an, ui, sy] | 18,425,123 |
| 4 | 1 and 2 and 3 | 575 |

Above the results, are two other ways of capturing this information. A Word document with the details can be generated immediately using the Export function above the results list.

Have Format: “Microsoft Word” but select “Search History” before using “Export”...

Export Citation(s)

Selected: 1
Total: 1

Format: **Microsoft Word**

Fields: **Citation**

Citation Style: **Ovid Citation**

Include:

- Link to External Resolver
- URL
- Search History

Cancel Export

...to get a Word document, at the top of which is the information which “Email All Search History” provides.

Print (above the results) works as it does in EBSCO platform/interface, but with a menu similar to that for “Export” appearing before the Print Preview page opens for copying and pasting/saving, requiring “Search History” to be selected/ticked:

Print Citation List:

Selected Results: 1

▼ Select Fields to Display

- Citation
- Citation, Abstract
- Citation, Abstract, Subject Headings
- Complete Reference
- Custom

▼ Select Citation Style

Ovid Citation

▼ Include

- Search History

Cancel Print Preview

Some extra information which Ovid supplies, and which you may want to note down but which is not captured in the functions above, are the numbers found by each A&I database searched, when more than one has been searched at the same time.

Get this from the Search History, expanding the set of interest using the triangular arrow beside the search outline.

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▼ **Search History (4)**

| <input type="checkbox"/> | # ▲ | Searches | Results |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | ▶ ("foetal alcohol" or "fetal alcohol").mp. [mp=ti, ab, hw, tc, id, ot, tm, mf, tn, dm, dv, kf, fx, dq, bt, nm, ox, px, rx, ui, sy] | 19013 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 | ▶ (rehabilitat* or therap*).mp. [mp=ti, ab, hw, tc, id, ot, tm, mf, tn, dm, dv, kf, fx, dq, bt, nm, ox, px, rx, an, ui, sy] | 18425123 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 and 2 and 3 APA PsycInfo <1806 to August Week 5 2022> Embase Classic+Embase <1947 to 2022 August 31> Ovid MEDLINE(R) and Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process, In-Data-Review & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Daily... | 575 89 324 162 |

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From the EBSCO platform/interface, this information is found when "Database" in the "Refine Results" area has been expanded.

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| <p>Gender ></p> <p>Geography ></p> <p>Database ▼</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Databases</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CINAHL Plus (73)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child Development & Adolescent Studies (3)</p> | <p>54. Systematic review of interventions for children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.  </p> <p> Academic Journal</p> <p>(includes abstract) Peadon E; Rhys-Jones B; Bower C; Elliott EJ; Peadon, Elizabeth; Rhys-Jones, Biarta; Bower, Carol; Elliott, Elizabeth J BMC Pediatrics, 2009; 9 35-35. 1p. (journal article - research, systematic review) ISSN: 1471-2431 PMID: NLM19463198, Database: CINAHL Plus</p> <p>Subjects: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Therapy; Substance Use Disorders Therapy; Child: 6-12 years; Child, Preschool: 2-5 years; Infant: 1-23 months; Female; Male</p> |
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