

Functionality	Ovid	Dialog	ProQuest
<b>Truncation &amp; wildcard</b>		<b>Automatic retrieval of variants in English, active by default:</b> Plurals, -er,-est adjectives and UK/US spelling are automatically detected, unless disabled by choice	<b>Automatic retrieval of variants in English active by default:</b> Plurals, -er,-est adjectives and UK/US spelling are automatically detected, unless disabled by choice
Truncate	<p>* or \$</p> <p>nurs* (nurse nurses nursing etc) nurs\$ (nurse nurses nursing etc)</p> <p>with any number of character</p>	<p><b>* end, middle or beginning of the word</b></p> <p>NURS* (NURSe, NURSeS, NURSIng etc) TOX*C (TOXIC, TOXigeniC) *TOXIC (genoTOXIC, hepatoTOXIC etc)</p> <p><b>MAX 10 CHARACTERS</b></p> <p>[*#] defined <b>nurs[*3]</b> excludes <b>nurseries, nurslings</b></p>	<p><b>* end or middle of the word</b></p> <p>NURS* (NURSe, NURSeS, NURSIng etc) TOX*C (TOXIC, TOXigeniC)</p> <p><b>MAX 5 CHARACTERS</b></p> <p>[*#] defined <b>nurs[*3]</b> excludes <b>nurseries, nurslings</b></p>
Wild card	<p>? with 1 or 0 characters</p> <p>wom?n finds woman or women p?ediatrics finds paediatrics or pediatrics</p>	<p>? retrieves only 1 character at a time T?RE finds TIRE, TYRE, TORE</p> <p>?? retrieves <b>only</b> 2 more characters; ??? retrieves <b>only</b> 3 more characters etc.</p> <p>If automatic retrieval of plurals and US/UK spellings needs to be disabled, some are better retrieved with the defined truncation: CAT[*1] finds CAT or CATS TUMO[*1]R finds TUMOR or TUMOUR</p>	<p>? retrieves 0 or 1 more character T?RE finds TRE, TIRE, TYRE, TORE</p> <p>?? Retrieves <b>up to</b> max 2 more characters; ??? Retrieves <b>up to</b> max 3 more characters, etc</p> <p>Can be used if automatic retrieval of plurals and US/UK spellings needs to be disabled: WOM?N finds WOMAN or WOMEN CAT? Finds CAT or CATS</p>
<b>Combining terms</b>			

<p><b>Boolean operators</b></p>	<p><b>AND / OR</b> button choices</p> <p>Type “<b>not</b>” into the search bar if using (e.g. 2 NOT 1)</p> <p>Option: <b>or/1-4</b> as shortcut to 1 or 2 or 3 or 4</p>	<p><b>Space between terms = AND</b></p> <p><b>AND / OR / NOT</b> menu Advanced Search</p> <p><b>AND / OR</b> buttons in Recent Searches</p> <p>type <b>AND / OR / NOT</b> in any search box: <i>(cat OR dog) AND (feed OR nutrition) NOT trial</i></p>	<p><b>Space between terms = AND</b></p> <p><b>AND / OR / NOT</b> menu Advanced Search</p> <p><b>AND / OR</b> buttons in search Recent Searches</p> <p>type <b>AND / OR / NOT</b> in any search box: <i>(cat OR dog) AND (feed OR nutrition) NOT trial</i></p> <p><b>[S1]--[S4].OR</b> shortcut x [S1] or [S2] or [S3] or [S4] (similar for AND)</p>
<p><b>Phrase searching</b></p>	<p>Default phrase searching, space between terms without ""</p>	<p>Can use " " around terms, or hyphen - or operator <b>p/O</b> between terms, for phrase searching</p> <p>“myocardial infarction” Myocardial-infarction myocardial <b>P/O</b> infarction</p> <p>note: the " " quotation marks are EXACT search: will disable the automatic retrieval of variants</p>	<p>Can use " " around terms, or hyphen - or operator <b>p/O</b> between terms, for phrase searching</p> <p>“myocardial infarction” Myocardial-infarction myocardial <b>P/O</b> infarction</p> <p>note: the " " quotation marks and the hyphen are EXACT search: will disable the automatic retrieval of variants</p>
<p><b>Proximity</b></p> <p><b>Near within</b> (either direction)</p>	<p><b>adjX</b> adj5 = four words or less</p>	<p><b>NEAR</b> = default max 4 <b>intervening</b> words <b>near/X or n/X</b> changes the default near/5 = five intervening words or less SKIN n/2 CANCER finds SKIN CANCER, CANCER OF THE SKIN</p>	<p><b>NEAR</b> = default max 4 <b>intervening</b> words <b>near/X or n/X</b> changes the default near/5 = five intervening words or less SKIN n/2 CANCER finds SKIN CANCER, CANCER OF THE SKIN</p>
<p><b>Proximity</b></p> <p><b>Next to</b> (in exact order)</p>	<p>adj</p>	<p><b>PRE</b> = default max 4 intervening words <b>pre/X or p/X</b> changes the default pre/0 exact adjacency = phrase searching pre/5 = five intervening words or less</p>	<p><b>PRE</b> = default max 4 intervening words <b>pre/X or p/X</b> changes the default pre/0 exact adjacency = phrase searching pre/5 = five intervening words or less</p>

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Field indexing			
Default field code	.mp. This is database specific. Typically puts together the text or subject related fields <i>Myocardial infarction.mp.</i>	All fields or <b>TI,AB,SU</b> "myocardial infarction" <i>TI,AB,SU("myocardial infarction")</i>	All fields or <b>TIABSU</b> "myocardial infarction" <i>TIABSU("myocardial infarction")</i>
Title/Abstract	Heart attack. <b>ti,ab.</b>	<i>TI("heart attack") or AB("heart attack")</i>  <i>TI,AB("heart attack")</i>	<i>TI("heart attack") or AB("heart attack")</i>  <i>title,abstract("heart attack")</i>  <i>TI,AB("heart attack")</i>  <i>TIAB("heart attack")</i>
Author	Patel. <b>au.</b>	<i>au(patel)</i>	<i>au(patel) AUTHOR(patel)</i>
Subject headings	<i>Examples use AMED thesaurus</i>		
Standard	Lymphedema/	<i>SU.EXACT("Lymphedema")</i>	<i>MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Lymphedema ")</i>
Exploded	Exp ARM/	<i>SU.EXACT.EXPLODE("ARM")</i>	<i>MAINSUBJECT.EXACT.EXPLODE("ARM")</i>
Extra subject heading functionality	"Term Finder" (in Medline only) gives access to controlled vocabulary, definitions and related terms from Unified Medical Languages System (UMLS).	"Apply equivalent subjects" in Advanced Search uses mapped vocabulary terms to expand the search, when a search term matches a known concept. <b>Include medical synonyms</b> - click on this after entering a medical term and it will append more relevant medical terms to the original search: CANCER will find (cancer or cancerous or malignancy or tumor or neoplasm etc)	

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<b>Post Processing</b>			
<b>Display sorting options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronological – default</li> <li>• Can sort by any field (e.g. database, author, entry date, journal etc) but does not list relevance as an option except in Basic search</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevance</li> <li>• Oldest first</li> <li>• Most recent first</li> </ul> <p>Default among these can be set in your preferences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevance</li> <li>• Oldest first</li> <li>• Most recent first</li> </ul> <p>Default among these can be set in your preferences</p>
<b>Export functionality</b>	<p>1000 per set</p> <p>(first set 1-1000, second set 1001-2000, etc)</p>	<p>Can export full set of hits up to 1,500</p>	<p><b>Export results</b> feature allows bulk download of set of up to 20K results/time. 10 downloads x day x user. Needs My Research.</p>
<b>Export formats</b>	<p>Microsoft Word, PDF, txt, Microsoft Excel, EndNote, RefWorks, RIS, XML.</p>	<p>RefWorks, EndNote, RIS, HTML, PDF, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, TXT, XML2.0.</p>	<p>RefWorks, EndNote, RIS, PDF, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, txt.</p> <p>Formats for Export Results: RIS, csv, tsv.</p>