



# Brief Guide to Scopus

## Content

[www.scopus.com](http://www.scopus.com)

Elsevier's SciVerse Scopus database is a multi-disciplinary bibliographic database that holds records of journals, book series, patents, conferences, and useful websites. In addition to providing bibliographic records, Scopus analyses and tracks citations across its indexed content, and offers both individuals and institutions a profile of indexed records from which to gather research output evaluation and analysis data.

## Coverage

The majority of Scopus content is in the fields of science, medicine, technology and social science, although some arts and humanities titles are indexed as well. Journals and conference proceedings indexes range from 1823 to present, most records for references after 1996 have an abstract. Journals are indexed from all geographical regions, however the majority of journals are from Western Europe and North America.

## Access

Scopus is a subscribed resource. It is available freely on campus but you will have to login to access the service off campus. Access Scopus through the Library Discovery tool or subject pages.

## Searching

- Select 'document search' tab
- Enter simple search
- Select where to search using the dropdown list (e.g. Article Title, Abstract, Keywords)
- Add search fields to combine title/author terms or other combination searches
- Use limits to filter your searches to specific dates or datasets

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Search Alerts My list

Document search | Author search | Affiliation search | Advanced search Browse Sources Compare journals

influenza Article Title, Abstract, Keywords

+ Add search field

Limit to:

Date Range (inclusive)  
 Published All years to Present  
 Added to Scopus in the last 7 days

Document Type  
ALL

Subject Areas  
 Life Sciences (> 4,300 titles.)  
 Health Sciences (> 6,800 titles. 100% Medline coverage)  
 Physical Sciences (> 7,200 titles.)  
 Social Sciences & Humanities (> 5,300 titles.)

Search history

#3 AND #4

4 TITLE-ABS-KEY (vaccination) 176,023 document results

3 TITLE-ABS-KEY (influenza) 113,191 document results

## Combining Searches

- View searches in your Search history
- Use the combine queries box to join the queries together.

## Results


Your results are displayed in a new search results page.

### Filter, Export and Save

- Use left-hand limit boxes to filter results.
- Export single or batches of results to email, CSV or bibliographic formats such as Endnote and BibTex.

The screenshot shows a Scopus search results page. At the top, there are tabs for 'Search', 'Alerts', and 'My list'. Below the search bar, the search criteria are '(TITLE-ABS-KEY ( influenza ) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ( vaccination ) )'. The results count is 26,532 document results. A 'Refine' sidebar on the left allows filtering by Year (2011-2015), Author Name (Zimmerman, R.K., Poland, G.A., Osterhaus, A.D.M.E., Nichol, K.L., Rimmelzwaan, G.F.), and Subject Area (Medicine, Immunology and Microbiology). The main results list includes titles like 'Influenza activity in Thailand and occurrence in different climates', 'One versus two doses: What is the best use of vaccine in an influenza pandemic?', 'On the relative role of different age groups in influenza epidemics', 'Estimating dynamic transmission model parameters for seasonal influenza by fitting to age and season-specific influenza-like illness incidence', 'Medical research: Missing patients', and 'Characteristics of commercial and traditional village poultry farming in Mali with a focus on practices influencing the risk of transmission of avian influenza and Newcastle disease'. Each result has a 'Library - check full text' button and a 'View at Publisher' link.

### View Documents

- Click on a title to view its complete record.
- Hover over the title and click on related documents to find more papers on the same topic.
- Click on the number in the cited by column on the right hand side of a title and you will open a list of documents that have cited the selected article.
- View other documents by the same author, by clicking on the author's name.
- Check for full text availability using the QM  button

## Help

Scopus has an extensive help section with useful tutorials and search tips.

For more support you can contact your Faculty Liaison Librarian (find the details at [http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/contact/library\\_staff\\_list](http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/contact/library_staff_list) )

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