

Search Tips for OvidSP databases (CAB, FSTA, Agricola, Agris, Biosis, Medline m.fl.)

Do not use Basic Search, which is too simple and not suitable for serious literature search in the databases. Instead use the Advanced Ovid Search.

Operators in Advanced Ovid Search

OR

Searching for: *swine or pig* will retrieve references to journal articles or books containing either the word *swine* or the word *pig* (or both words).

AND

Searching for: *salmonella and cattle* will retrieve references containing both the word *salmonella* and the word *cattle*

parentheses ()

Searching for: *salmonella and (swine or pig)* will retrieve references containing the word *salmonella* and either the word *swine* or the word *pig*.

ADJn (n is a number between 1 and 99)

Searching for: *obesity adj2 sugar* will retrieve references containing *obesity* within 2 words of *sugar* (in any order).

Searching for: *obesity adj3 sugar* will retrieve references containing *obesity* within 3 words of *sugar* (in any order).

phrases

Searching for: *organic acids* will retrieve references containing the words *organic* and *acids* next to each other (i.e. as a phrase).

Truncation – wildcards

? = 0-1 character

Searching for: *flavo?r* will retrieve references containing the word *flavor* or the word *flavour*

Searching for: *pig?* will retrieve references containing the word *pig* or the word *pigs*.


* = 0-more characters

Searching for: *pig** will retrieve references containing the word *pig*, *pigs*, *piggery*, *piggeries*, *piglet*, *piglets*, *pigeon* or *pigeons* etc.

Searching for: *functional food** will retrieve *functional food*, *functional foods*, *functional foodstuff*, *functional foodstuffs*.

Search limits

Using fields to limit a search

If the Title radio button  **Title** is selected, searching for *swine or pigs* will only retrieve references containing the word *swine* or the word *pigs* in the title of the article.


Searching for: *(swine or pigs).ti* will only retrieve references containing the word *swine* or the word *pigs* in the title of the article (in the title field, TI).

Searching for: *(swine or pigs).ti,hw* will retrieve references containing the word *swine* or the word *pigs* in the title (TI) and/or the heading words (HW) of the article.

If search number 2 was: *swine or pigs*, searching for: *2.ti* will retrieve references containing the word *swine* or the word *pigs* in the title of the article.

Search Fields is also suitable for searching in specific fields..

Limits

Apply  **Limits** to limit the search to e.g. specific **languages** or **publication years**.

Search Tools

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Search Tools provides different lists of subject headings, thesaurus, index.

Use Search Tools to find search terms, synonyms, similar terms and related terms.

Change database

You may choose other OvidSP databases and repeat the search: [Change Database](#)

When searching in multiple databases simultaneously, it is possible to Unfortunately, all duplicates are not removed.

Remove Duplicates