

## Sherif Ovid Enhancement Group meeting 2023

15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – held virtually

### Attendees

Wolters Kluwer: Mauro Castillo Garcia-Maurino and Jo Delderfield

Sherif Ovid Enhancement Group: Delyth Morris (Chair), Helen Fulbright, Samantha Johnson, Alison Ashmore

### Apologies

Honor Penman and Amy McEwan

### Pre-submitted questions

#### Question 1:

The following question was submitted:

Folders for saved searches – are we anywhere closer to getting this feature?

#### Response 1:

Have been focusing on development of this for the last few months and it remains in roadmap for development.

Ovid are about to release 'Find & Replace' functionality which could help in the meantime. 'Find & Replace' will be available in My Workspace and it allows for searching for part of a search strategy, finding the search/es/auto-alerts and replacing search terms.

#### Question 2:

The following question was submitted:

Suggestion for development of citation alerts, specifically the option to be alerted when saving a search, is it possible for the name of the database to be automatically included so that you can distinguish between searches run across different databases without having to remember to add in the database name yourself? EBSCO does this with CINAHL.

#### Response 2:

Agreed that this would be a good feature and has been raised previously.

**ACTION: Mauro to follow up and provide progress update**

#### Question 3:

The following question was submitted:

Adjacency searching: ADJ1 both search as words next to each other as a phrase. ADJ2 is words found within 1 word of each other, etc. This puts OVID out of line with just about every other database, so ADJ5 in OVID needs to N/4 in ProQuest. Is there a reason for this? Can it be brought into line with the other providers?

#### Response 3:

There are no “proximity syntax standards” for research platforms. Ovid are aware that competitors’ research platforms employ wide variations with proximity searching. They understand it would be helpful to standardised but it was deemed to be problematic for users with saved auto-alerts etc. if it were to be changed.

The group asked if the help and guidance could be made clearer to explain what the number means in Ovid in comparison to other platforms.

**ACTION: Mauro to speak to Technical Manager to look at help files**

#### Question 4:

The following question was submitted:

Endnote export/import issue with Embase that is ongoing (I reported it to Ovid about a year ago I think).

This is what records exported with the ‘EndNote’ format look like after import into Endnote:

All References  
3,902 References

Reco...	Author	Year	Title	Journal/Secondary TL...	Volume	Number	Pages	Name of Database
10214		2013	A multi centre laboratory study of Gram negative ba...	The Ceylon medical...	58(2)		56-61	Embase
7168	A. LYounis A; A. Lha...	2022	HSD27 Optimizing Antimicrobials Use in Hemodialys...	Value in Health	25(7 Supple...		5484	Embase
10458	Aagaard, E. M.; Gon...	2010	Physician champions are key to improving antibiotic ...	Joint Commission j...	36(3)		109-116	Embase
9505	Ab Rahman, N.; Ten...	2016	Antibiotic prescribing in public and private practice: ...	BMC Infectious Dis...	16(1) (no pa...			Embase
9046	Ababneh, M. A.; Iss...	2017	Evaluation of core elements of antimicrobial steward...	Jordan Journal of P...	10(2)		127-134	Embase
8861	Abanyie-Bimbo, F.; ...	2018	Evaluation of vancomycin prescribing quality in hosp...	Open Forum Infecti...	5(Supplemen...		5114	Embase
8753	Abbas, M.; Pires, D.;...	2018	Conflicts of interest in infection prevention and cont...	Intensive Care Medi...	44(10)		1679-1690	Embase
8985	Abbas, Q.; Humaira,...	2018	Impact of introduction of rounding checklist in pedia...	Pediatric Critical Ca...	19(6 Supple...		173	Embase
8389	Abbas, S.; Lee, K.; P...	2019	Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of bedside nursi...	American Journal o...	47(3)		230-233	Embase
10092	Abbo, L.; Lo, K.; Sink...	2013	Antimicrobial stewardship programs in Florida's acut...	Infection Control an...	34(6)		634-637	Embase
10435	Abbo, L.; Sinkowitz-...	2011	Faculty and resident physicians' attitudes, perceptio...	Infection Control an...	32(7)		714-718	Embase

... so Number field is appearing within the Volume field.

This is what records exported with the ‘RIS’ format look like:

Imported References									
436 References									
Reco...	Author	Year	Title	Journal/Secondary TI...	Volume	Number	Pages	Name of Database	
24657	Abaza, H.; Marschol...	2017	mHealth Application Areas and Technology Combina...	Methods of informa...	56	7	e105-e122		
24435	Abo, Y. N.; Freyne, B...	2022	The Impact of Antimicrobial Stewardship in Children ...	Pediatric Infectious ...	41	3	S10-S17		
24485	Acharya, K. P.; Subr...	2020	Inclusion of next-generation leaders and cost-effecti...	JAC-Antimicrobial ...	2	2	dlaa032		
24410	Afshar, M.; Arain, E.;...	2019	Patient Outcomes and Cost-Effectiveness of a Sepsis ...	Critical Care Medici...	47	10	1371-1379		
24606	Alcalde-Rico, M.; M...	2018	Methods for measuring the production of quorum se...	Methods in Molecul...	1736		1-15		
24725	Alfandari, S.; Bertho...	2014	Antifungal stewardship: Implementation in a French ...	Medecine et Maladi...	44	4	154-158		
24580	Allen, V. M.; Yudin, ...	2018	No. 276-Management of Group B Streptococcal Bact...	Journal of Obstetric...	40	2	e181-e186		
24679	Alseiri, M.; D'Agat...	2016	Cost effectiveness of infection control precautions fo...	American Journal o...	67	5	A24		
24458	Ananthkrishnan, A...	2021	A protocol for a systematic literature review of econ...	Systematic Reviews	10	1	242		
24554	Andrews, J. R.; Bake...	2019	Typhoid conjugate vaccines: a new tool in the fight a...	The Lancet infectio...	19	1	e26-e30		
24559	Anne, M.; Leye, M. ...	2019	Seasonal malaria chimio prevention 2017 in the healt...	American Journal o...	101	5 Supple...	270		
24730	Anonymous,	2014	3rd World Congress on Vascular Access, WoCoVA 2014	Journal of Vascular ...	15	3	193		
24629	Anonymvous.	2017	Home-based subcutaneous infusion of immunoglobu...		17	16			

... so the Number is in the right place, but 'Name of Database' is not automatically completed.

This isn't a massive issue, but when I used the Endnote format once it meant my deduplication process was longer as many that would have been exact dupes with Medline records were not identified straight away. (The issue is not evident with Endnote format export from Medline).

#### Response 4:

This has been reported by many customers. It has been escalated and is being worked on.

**ACTION: Mauro to follow up and provide progress update**

#### Question 5:

The following question was submitted:

When you sign into Saved Searches, it would be preferred if there was an option to automatically show the searches that you have starred as Favourites, rather than having to tick the Favourites Only box each time to display them. It's not critical but would be a nice additional feature, although if we had folders this wouldn't be necessary.

#### Response 5:

Noted it was a good suggestion. 'Find & Replace' (as outlined in response to Q1) may also help in the meantime.

#### Question 6:

The following question was submitted:

Why does the term "vitamin c" map to the MeSH term 'ascorbic acid' in PubMed but it doesn't in Medline?

#### Response 6:

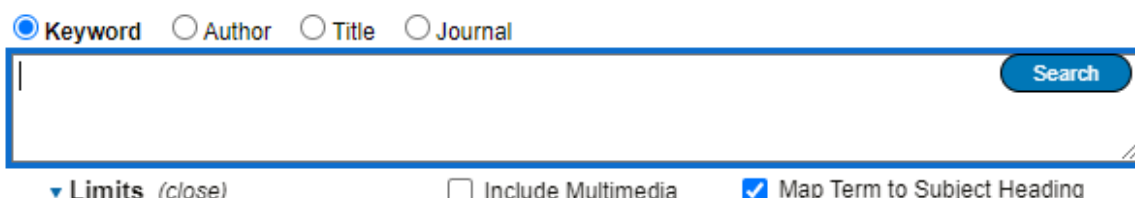
This was reported and escalated previously and was fixed but the problem is happening again. It could be related to the reload.

**ACTION: Mauro to follow up**

#### Question 7:

The following question was submitted:

I really like being able to expand the search box when I have a long search string, the search box expands but the Search button does not move and so often looks like it's part of the search string, can we do anything about this? (see below)



The screenshot shows a search interface with four radio buttons:  Keyword,  Author,  Title, and  Journal. Below them is a search box containing a long string of characters. A blue 'Search' button is positioned at the end of the search box, partially overlapping the search string. Below the search box are three options: a dropdown menu labeled 'Limits (close)', an unchecked checkbox for 'Include Multimedia', and a checked checkbox for 'Map Term to Subject Heading'.

We spend a lot of time explaining to users that in OVID they need to use the .mp. field for keyword searching, which does not come naturally to them, and it searches a wide number of fields. In Scopus the default fields for keyword searching are the title, abstract and author keywords, could we not have a similar drop-down option in OVID? Or even maybe a new field label that is equivalent to .ti,ab,kf,kw. Maybe this is my lack of knowledge but having looked at the field labels in OVID I don't really understand the difference between kf and kw, or is that just me?

#### Response 7:

The new interface should resolve the issue with the search box.

Fields can be customised by creating new field codes for each database institutionally.

**ACTION: Alison and Mauro to discuss the .mp. field in more detail following the meeting**

#### Question 8:

The following question was submitted:

When you attach a subheading to a MeSH term, the Focus and Explode options disappear. At the moment to get around it I have to type \* in front of the thesaurus term which is OK, but it is a pain when you have to type manually all the narrower thesaurus terms or the qualifiers next to each narrower terms, depending which way around you go.

#### Response 8:

Unfortunately neither Mauro nor some of the group in attendance could replicate this problem. More information required.

**ACTION: Delyth to contact colleague to ask further questions**

#### Question 9:

The following question was submitted:

When you're on a full detail view in the Search Results listing, the thesaurus terms are no longer displayed. To access them you have to click on each title which is very time consuming when scanning results for relevancy.

Response 9:

Fields can be customised by clicking on 'Customize Display' under 'Search Information' on left hand side.

Question 10:

The following question was submitted:

In the past, when I clicked on a title of a paper in the search results page, the full record would open and by clicking on "Back to Search Results" I was taken back to the results page showing the record I've just opened and the full complete page. So, for example, if I was looking at record 10, it would take me back to record 10, but record 1 to 9 on the page would show above it as usual. Now when I click on the Back to Search Results link it takes me back to the results page where the record, I've just opened shows at the top of the page but not the previous records. To access the previous records, I need to click on the previous link. I find it quite unpractical and don't see really the point of it. Could Ovid explain why they changed something that in my eyes worked perfectly well. Maybe I'm missing something.

Response 10:

This was discussed in detail but the group felt this wasn't a necessary change.

**ACTION:** Delyth to contact colleague and query what the benefit would be and Mauro to follow up if this is possible to revert back for institutions if requested

Question 11:

The following question was submitted:

The other option that seems to have disappeared is the possibility to organise your results by chronological or reverse chronological order. I think there might have been more options, but these were the ones I used. I'm assuming the results are organised by reverse chronological order; Could OVID confirm, please, and explain why they've got rid of the option. I know that to organise the results by chronological / reverse chronological order didn't work perfectly and I was told they were going to look into it. Maybe they couldn't fix it and this is why they decided to get rid of it all together.

Response 11:

Advanced search is always chronological.

Basic search can be sorted by chronological ('Sort By' option under 'Search Information' on left hand side).

**ACTION:** Delyth to contact colleague to confirm that we haven't misunderstood

### Question 12:

The following question was submitted:

At the moment, if you want to save a search for posterity you have to save it as a “permanent search” under “My Searches & Alerts”. However, that list of saved searches can get very long. I already have over 30 and I’ve only been here just over a month! It would be helpful if Ovid could either add the opportunity for a folder structure under My Searches and Alerts, or allowed us to save searches to “My Projects”. While we can save searches to My Projects, they’re just saved as text files, so if we wanted to run or use them again, we’d have to paste them in. Given many of the searches I do tend to be quite long, this is quite a barrier to its usefulness

### Response 12:

Similarly to the response to Q1, it was acknowledged that there’s still work to do but ‘Find & Replace’ might help to address this.

### Further discussion/questions/updates raised at the meeting

- Note the positive feedback which was provided by colleagues: the functionality OVID introduced enabling us to share search strategies with users has gone down really well and we like being able to share an active link as we know it will save the users time. I have lots of saved searches so again we librarians are really grateful for the work they’ve done on improving this
- Ovid enquired about the Sherif group’s opinion on how long to run the old and new interface. It was noted that generally resources in universities tend to be updated in the summer months and, with students returning in September, changing to the new interface during the summer would be preferable
- As part of the update to the basic search, highlights of words/phrases will now be different colours. Yellow = specific terms searched for. Green = not specifically searched for but a suggested term
- Updates were provided relating to changes made since last Sherif meeting based on feedback e.g. search lines now different colours in edit search history to make editing easier
- PsycInfo now has TermFinder
- A suggestion was raised that Ovid could consider developing a tool/function which suggests updated MeSH terms/headings which would be particularly useful when running update searches
- A suggestion was raised for Ovid to develop tool/function which automatically creates a key of field codes when downloading the search strategy
- A question was raised about how to keep up to date with changes to the Ovid platforms. Ovid Communications was recommended: <https://tools.ovid.com/ovidemailresource/>

### Date of next meeting

Spring 2024 - TBC