Searching Scopus
What is Scopus

- Multidisciplinary database of approximately 21,000 journals, relating to science, technology, medicine, social sciences, and arts & humanities.

- Use the U Find It button to link out to the full text.

- Updated daily
Open up Scopus and familiarise yourself with the screen.
You can add search rows, change the search fields and choose publication years.
The Search Strategy

- Databases contain huge collections of material

- Think about what you are going to look for. Have a question and pull out the main keywords.

- Searching using individual keywords or concepts – don’t type everything into a single search box as this will return only superficial results.

- Analyse the keywords, do they have any synonyms or alternative terms?
  - e.g. high blood pressure, hypertension
  - Social media, Facebook, twitter
Search techniques
Use **OR** to connect similar terms
This will increase the number of results as **any** articles containing the terms will be found.
Use **AND** to combine different terms. This will reduce the number of results returned and only the articles containing **all** terms will be found.

Only the articles that contain both terms will be found.
Phrase Searching and Truncation

- **“Phrase Searching”**
  Use double quotation marks to search for terms that naturally occur as a phrase
  e.g. “lower limb”, “physical activity”

- **Truncation**
  Place an asterisk at the end of the main part of a word (or stem) to find all variations
  e.g. child* will find child, children, childhood
  therap* will find therapy, therapies, therapeutic
Scopus Example Search
Enter the search terms, using phrase searching and truncation if appropriate, then click on Search to find articles.

Select publication years

OR terms in the same box from left to right
AND from top to bottom

This is the easiest way for the database to process the query.
183 document results

Search within results...

Lucifensins, the insect defensins of biomedical importance: The story behind maggot therapy

Myiasis of the Foot and Leg Caused by Chrysomya bezziana

A retrospective, quality improvement review of maggot debridement therapy outcomes in a foot and leg ulcer clinic

Diyabetik bir hastada Sarcophaga spp. larvalarinin neden olduğu kutanoz miyazis [Cutaneous myiasis caused by Sarcophaga spp. larvae in a diabetic patient]

Maggot therapy for chronic ulcer: A retrospective cohort and a meta-analysis
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