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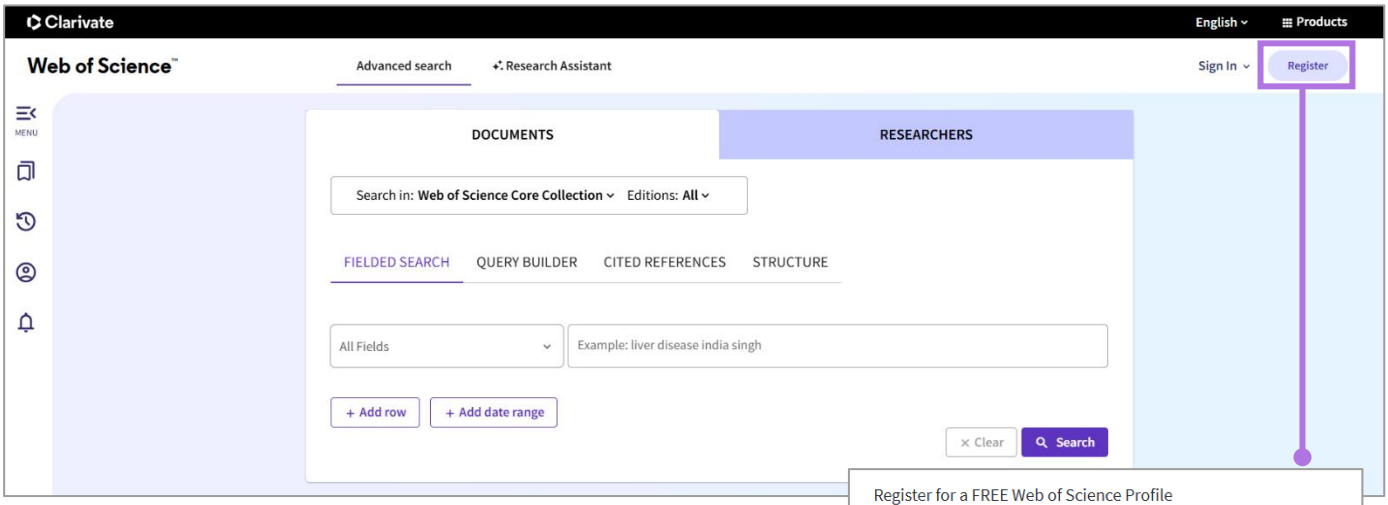
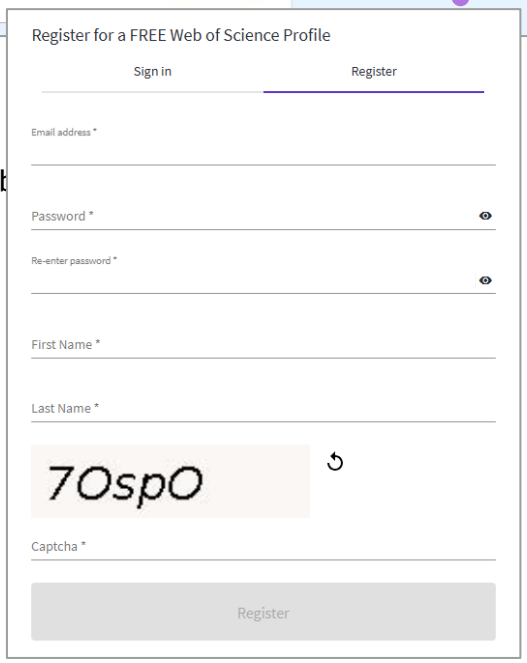
Quick Reference Guide

Search the top journals, conference proceedings, and books in the sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities to find the high-quality research most relevant to your area of interest. Using linked cited references, explore the subject connections between articles that are established by the expert researchers working in your field.

Your Web of Science Profile





Creating a profile gives you a chance to

- Save records to EndNote online
- Claim your Researcher Profile and provide author feedb
- Save search histories and alerts
- Save your custom search settings
- Save Marked Lists

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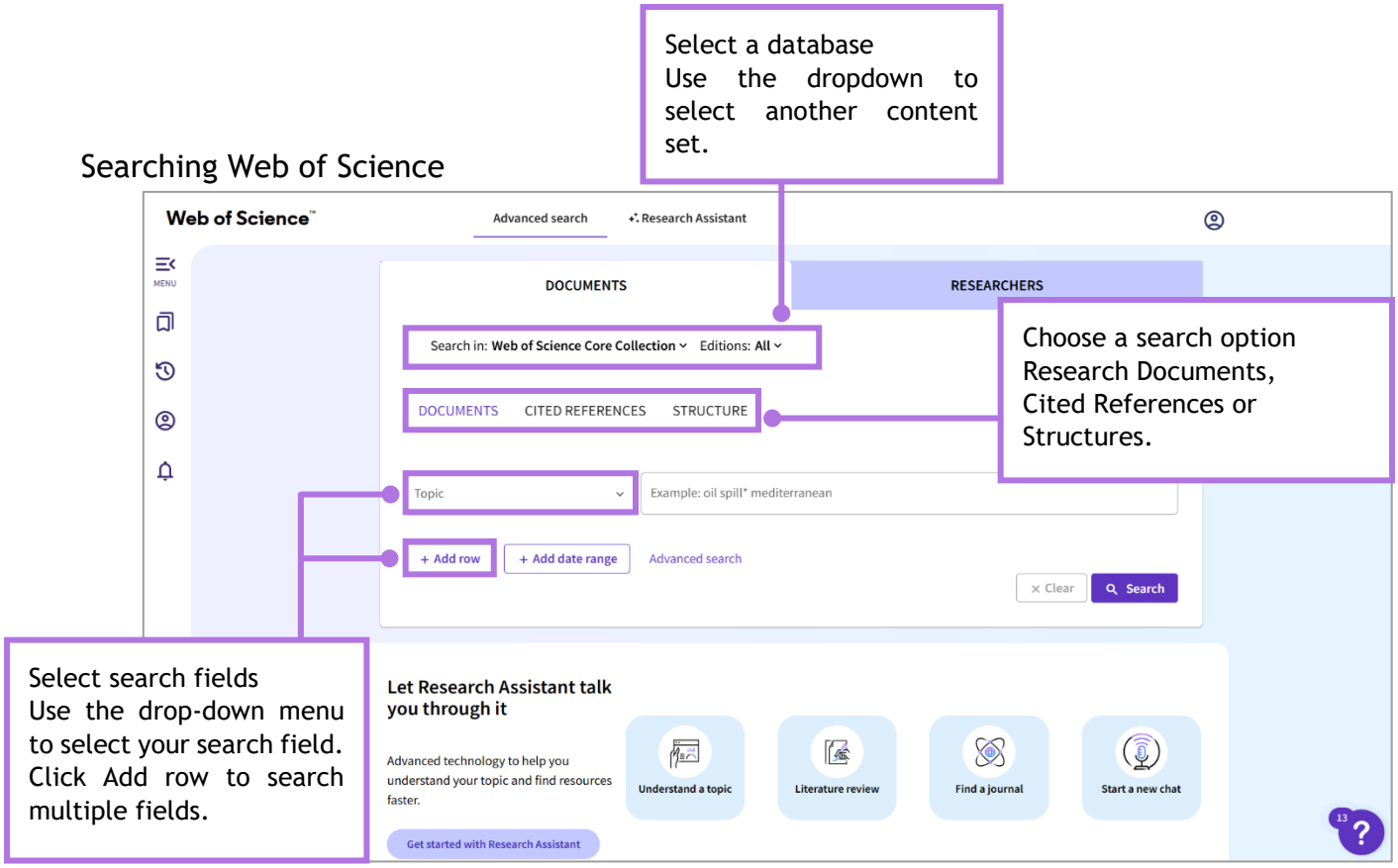
Searching Web of Science



Search tools

Search operators

Use AND to find records containing all of your search terms.

Use OR to find records containing any of your search terms.

Use NOT to exclude records containing certain words from your search.

Use NEAR/n to find records containing all terms within a certain number of words (n) of each other (stress NEAR/3 sleep).

Use SAME in an Address search

Wildcard Options

Use truncation for more control of

the retrieval of plurals and variant

spellings.

* zero to many characters

? one character

$ zero or one character

Phrase searching

To search exact phrases in Topic or Title searches, enclose a phrase in quotation marks.

For example, the query “*energy conservation*” finds records containing the exact phrase *energy conservation*.

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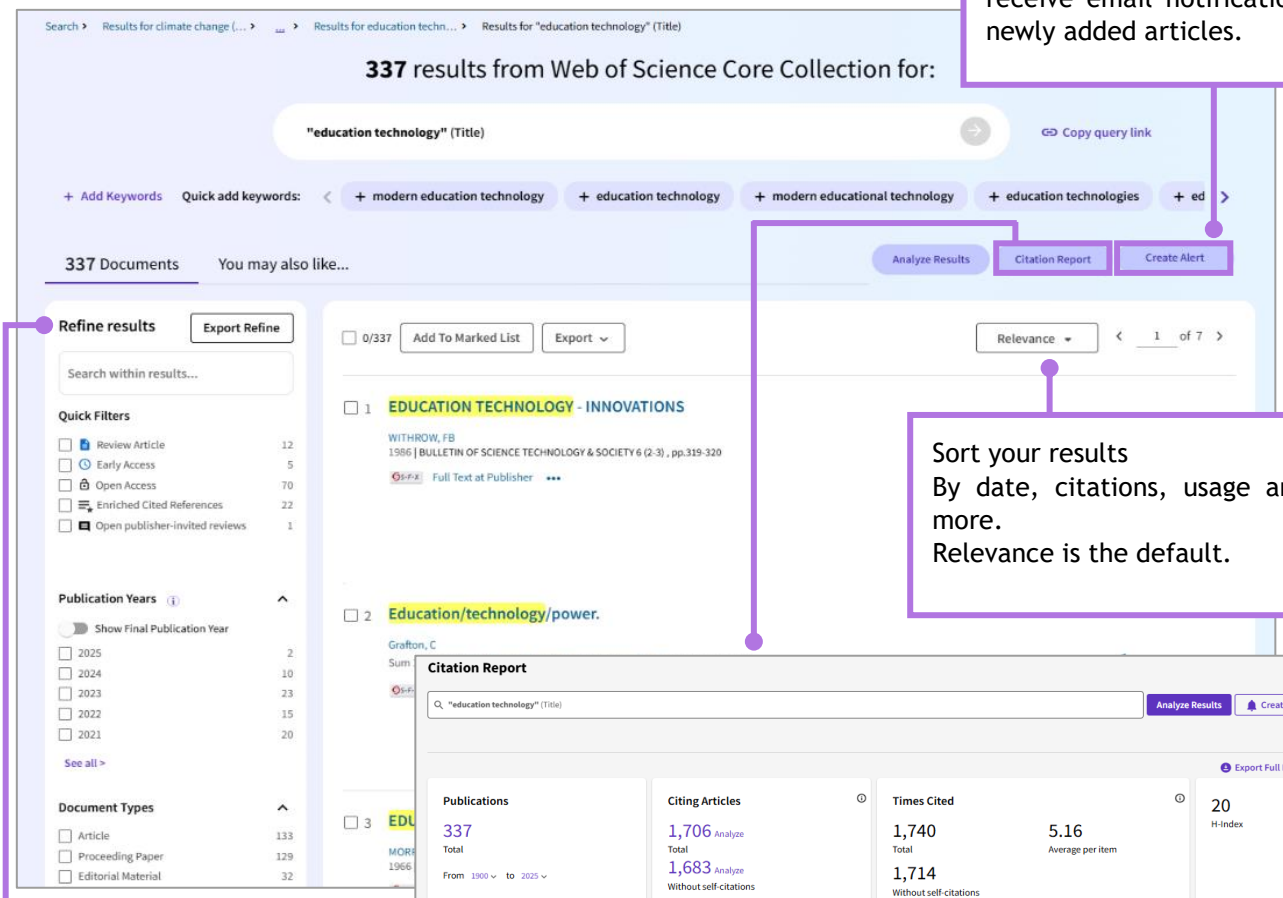
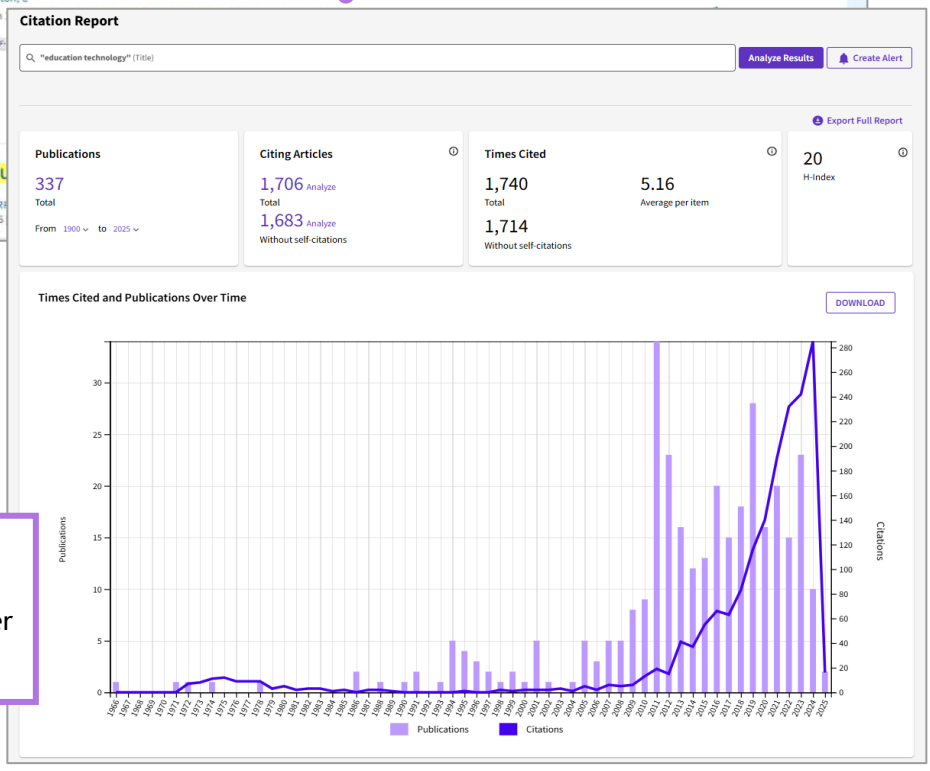
Search results

Create a search alert
Save this search as an alert to receive email notifications for newly added articles.



Sort your results
By date, citations, usage and more.
Relevance is the default.



Refine your results
Focus your search to find the results most relevant to your research.

Create a Citation Report
See a citation overview for any set of results with fewer than 10,000 records.

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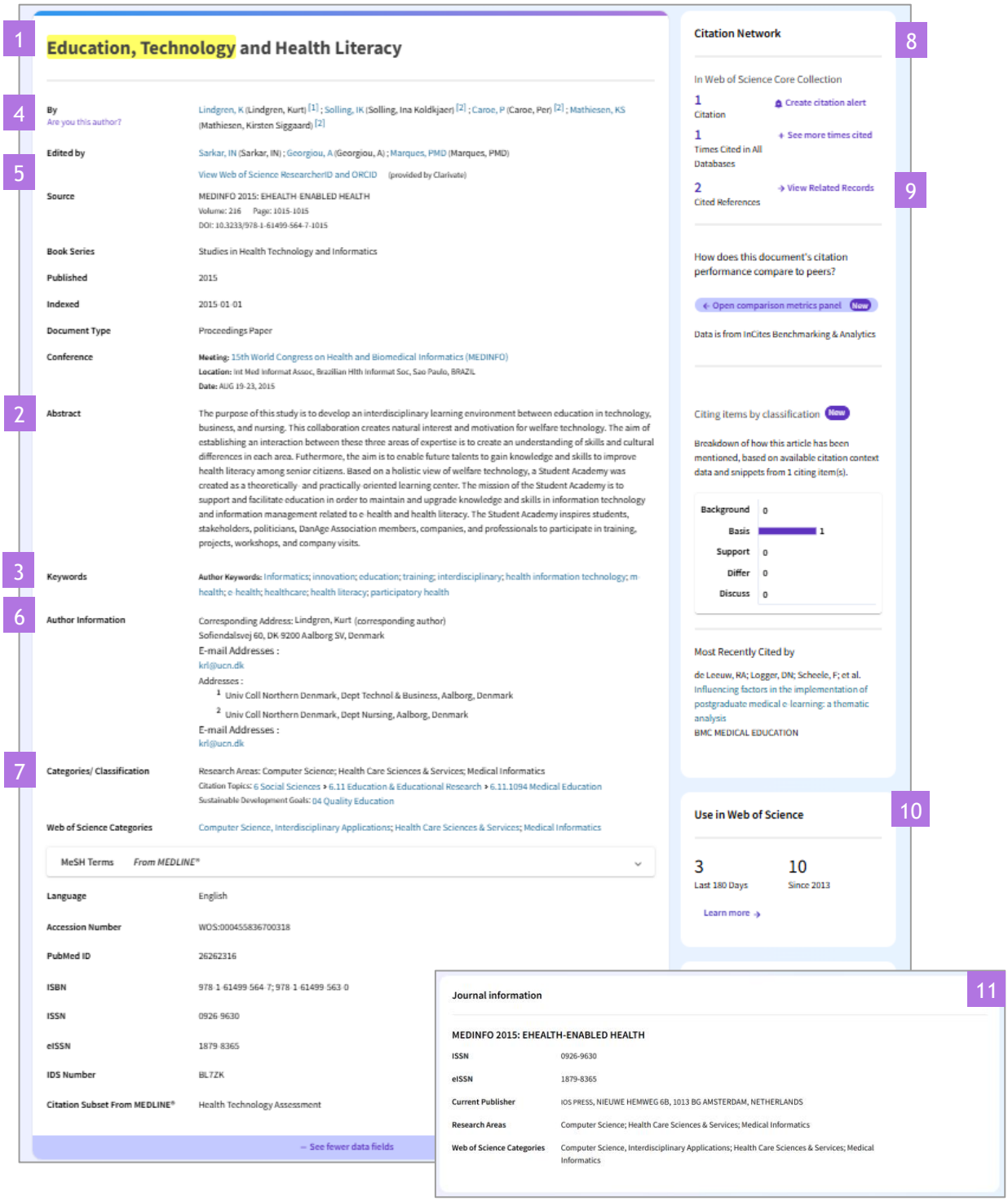
Article Record



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1 Title

All titles are indexed as published. Foreign language titles are translated into US English.

2 Abstract

All abstracts are indexed as provided by the journal (1991 to present)

3 Author keywords

Author Keywords are indexed from the original article and are searchable.

4 Author names

All authors are indexed. Search using last names and initials (*e.g. Garfield e*).

5 Author identifiers

Web of Science ResearcherIDs and ORCID IDs are searchable and displayed when available.

ORCID data is harvested from orcid.org.

6 Addresses and Affiliation

All author addresses are indexed and searchable.

Affiliation names are unified and used to help identify institutions with complex names, or with many address variations.

7 Categories and Classification

Categories/Classification are systems to organize and group items based on shared traits.

Web of Science Categories are subject areas assigned to articles in the Web of Science database.

8 Citation Network

- Cited References
- Times Cited Counts
- Related Record Search
- Citation Alerts

Times cited counts for the Web of Science Core Collection and the Web of Science platform are displayed on each record. Counts reflect all correct citations and are not limited by your subscription.

9 Cited References

All cited references are indexed and searchable via Cited Reference Search.

Click the “Cited References” link in the Citation Network to move to the cited reference view.

10 Usage Count

See the number of full text click-throughs or bibliographic exports for this item in the last 180 days or since 2013.

11 Journal Information

Journal citation performance data is sourced from Journal Citation Reports. It includes the Web of Science subject category or categories where the journal is placed, as well as rank in category and quartile in category performance. The Journal Impact Factor is displayed for those users whose organization has an active subscription to Journal Citation Reports.

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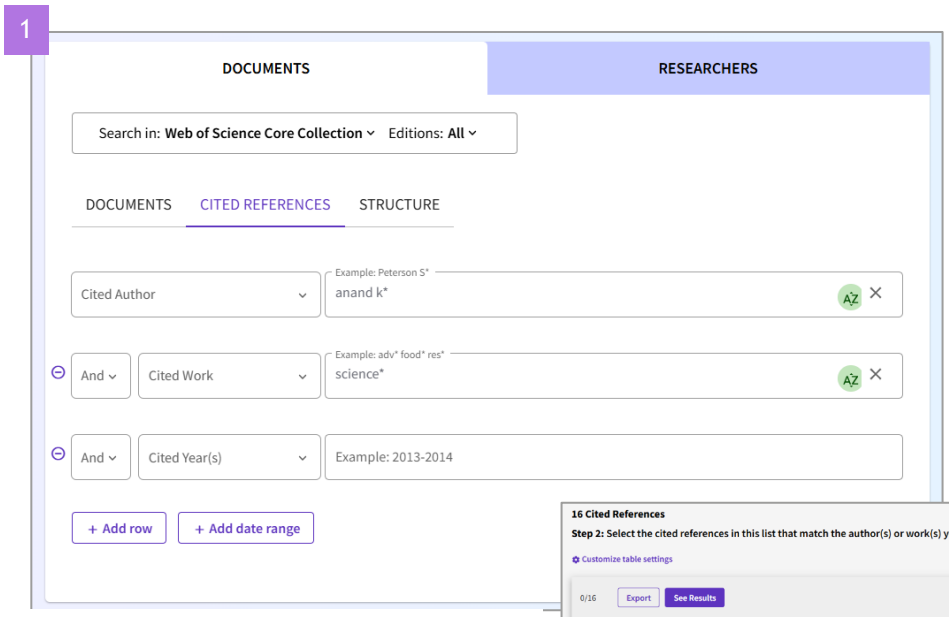
Cited Reference Search

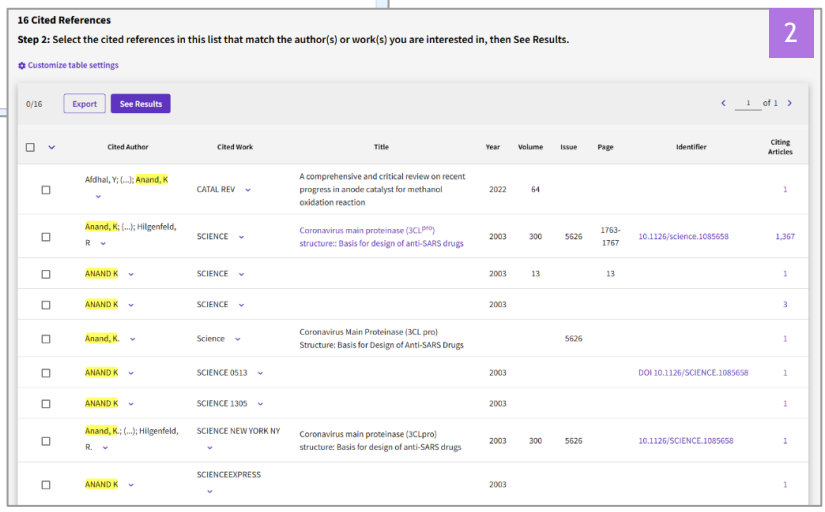
Step one

- Navigate to Cited Reference Search.
- Search by Cited Title, Cited Author, Cited Work, Cited Year, Volume, Issue, or Page.

Step two

- Select the references, including variants, to include in your search, then click See Results to display your search results.





Cited Reference search tips

- Use wild card characters on Cited Authors and Cited Work.
- Look for variants (sometimes papers are cited incorrectly) before finishing your search.
- The “Citing Articles” count reflects citations from all years and all editions of the Web of Science Core Collection – even those years and editions you don’t subscribe to.

- All cited references are indexed and searchable, including references to books, patents, government documents, etc. Secondary cited authors, full source titles, and non-standard source abbreviations are automatically searched across all source records in the Web of Science. Keep in mind that a search of this sort may only return partial results.
- Since 2012, all references to ‘non source’ items (books, newspaper items, etc.) are fully indexed (full list of authors, full title, etc.) as published. Click “Show Expanded Titles” to see the full reference information.

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Click the Help button on any page to get detailed in-product walkthroughs, including search tips and examples, automatically searched across all source records in the Web of

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