



Google Scholar

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According to its webpage, "Google Scholar provides a way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles, from academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories, universities and other scholarly organizations." Google Scholar **does not** index popular or trade magazines. **NOTE:** Accessing Google Scholar through the Libraries' **Electronic Databases** list will enable full text access to more articles.

Basic Searching

Type your keywords into the search box, and press **Enter**, or click on the **Search** button. Enter **single words** or **phrases**, but **enclose phrases in quotation marks**. You do not need to include the word **and** between keywords, because Google Scholar automatically searches for all of your search terms. For example, the search below will find the same results as the search **adolescents and "drug abuse"**

adolescents "drug abuse" Search Advanced Scholar Search

Articles (include patents) Legal opinions and journals

Author Searching

Enter authors' names using **initials**, and surround the name in **quotation marks**. Using only the **first initial** results in a more comprehensive search, and will provide results for the author's name that include both first and middle initials. A more limited search is created when you use both first and middle initials in the search -- only items where both initials appear with the author's last name are retrieved. Spelling out the author's first name ("andrew coats") results in an even more limited search, as authors are most frequently cited using their initials rather than full first names.

"a coats" Search Advanced Scholar Search

Using the Advanced Scholar Search

Use the **Advanced** search option to add restrictions to your search, such as a journal title or date of publication. To bring up the **Advanced** search screen, click on the **Advanced Scholar Search** link to the right of the Google Scholar search box.

The screenshot shows the Google Scholar Advanced Search page. It features a search bar with the text "a coats" and a "Search Scholar" button. Below the search bar are several filter options: "Find articles with all of the words", "with the exact phrase", "with at least one of the words", "without the words", and "where my words occur". There are also input fields for "Author" (with the example "a coats"), "Publication" (with the example "lancet"), and "Date" (with the example "1990 - 1990"). Callout boxes point to these fields with labels: "Author's name", "Title of journal", and "Year of publication".

Using the Results Screen

Search results are ranked. Ranking factors include frequency of appearance of the search term in the text, author, perceived value of the publication, number of times cited by others, etc. The results screen has a number of special features that help you expand your research. The **Cited by** link allows you to identify other publications which have cited an article of interest to you. The **Related Articles** link leads you to publications which are similar to the article in which you are interested.

The screenshot shows the Google Scholar results page for the search term "a coats". The search bar at the top contains "a coats" and "Advanced Scholar Search". Below the search bar are several search filters: "patents", "anytime", and "include". Callout boxes provide instructions for various features:

- Article Title**: Click here to view abstract and, occasionally, full article.
- More search options**: Search for specific dates, journal titles, etc.
- Set options to import citations**: Set options to import citations into EndNote and to link to your library's holdings.
- Click here to see if the full text of this article is**: Click here to see if the full text of this article is available.
- Send this reference to your EndNote library**: Send this reference to your EndNote library – must first click on Scholar Preferences to select this as an option.
- Find other articles on this topic**: Find other articles on this topic.
- See other articles that have cited this article**: See other articles that have cited this article.

 The results list includes:

- Kinetic parameters from thermogravimetric data** by AW Coats, JP Redfern - 1964 - nature.com. Cited by 2615. Includes links for Related articles, Check Library Holdings, and Import into EndNote.
- Effect of carvedilol on survival in severe chronic heart failure** by M Packer, AJS Coats, MB Fowler, ... - The New England Journal of Medicine, 2001. Cited by 1749. Includes links for Related articles, Cached, BL Direct, All 19 versions, and Import into EndNote.
- Ethical authorship and publishing** by AJS Coats - International Journal of Cardiology, 2009 - Elsevier. Cited by 1211. Includes links for Related articles, All 9 versions, and Import into EndNote.
- Value of natriuretic peptides in assessment of patients with possible new heart failure in primary care** by MR Cowie, AD Struthers, DA Wood, AJS Coats, SG ... - The Lancet, 1997 - Elsevier. Cited by 815. Includes links for Related articles, AONE Full Text @ Blue Skyways, and EndNote.

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