# Search fields with examples

**Always refer to the database help text for detailed search guidance for each database**

| Interface (and database name) | Search fields for: Title, Abstract, Author assigned keywords | Subject headings available (Y/N) | Search example   1. Subject heading 2. Title, Abstract, Author assigned keywords |
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| OvidSP (Medline and Embase) | ti ab kw | Y | 1. *Subject heading*/ 2. *Search term*.ti,ab,kw |
| EBSCOhost (CINAHL) | TI AB | Y | 1. MH (“*Subject heading”)* 2. TI *search term* OR AB *search term* |
| EBSCOhost (APA PsycINFO) | TI  AB  KW | Y | 1. DE *“Subject heading”* 2. TI *search term* OR AB *search term* OR KW *search term* |
| Web of Science (Core Collection) | TI AB AK | N | 1. TI=(*search term*) OR AB=(*search term*) OR AK=(*search term*) |
| Web of Science (BIOSIS Previews) | TI AB | Y (although this is a Taxonomic Data field, not subject headings per se) | 1. TA=(*Taxonomic data*) 2. TI=(*search term*) OR AB=(*search term*) |
| Web of Science (Zoological Record) | TI AB | Y (although this is Subject Descriptors, which searches the fields: Broad Terms, Descriptors Data, Systematics (including Super Taxa), Taxa Notes | 1. SD=(*Subject Descriptors*) 2. TI=(*search term*) OR AB=(*search term*) |
| Web of Science (Global Health and CAB Abstracts) | TI AB | Y (CABICODES) | 1. CCO=(CABICODE) 2. TI=(*search term*) OR AB=(*search term*) |
| Cochrane Library (all databases) | TI AB KW | Y | 1. MeSH descriptor: [*Subject heading*] 2. *search term*:ti,ab,kw |
| ProQuest (ASSIA) | TI AB IF (not author assigned keywords, but additional “Identifier” indexed on a record) | Y | 1. MAINSUBJECT.EXACT(“*Subject heading*”) 2. TITLE(*search term*) OR ABSTRACT(*search term*) OR IF(*search term*) |
| PubMed | TI AB OT  (searching the [Title/Abstract field](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/help/#tiab) also includes author keywords) | Y (Use:   * [mh] to explode a subject heading * [mh:noexp] for that exact subject heading * “*subject heading*” in double quotes to turn off mapping   See [MeSH Terms guidance](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/help/#mh). | 1. “*Subject heading*”[mh] 2. *search term*[Title/Abstract] |
| Scopus | TITLE ABS KEY  (AUTHKEY is the author assigned keywords. However, the KEY field also searches AUTHKEY, INDEXTERMS, TRADENAME, and CHEMNAME, which can be useful in a systematic or scoping review search) | Y (although only on Medline and Embase indexed records) | TITLE-ABS-KEY(*search term*) |