

## Description

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- Investigational Drugs
- Legislation, Laws, and Regulations
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- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
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- Pharmaceutics
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- Pharmacognosy
- Pharmacy Practice
- Pharmacology
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- Toxicity

## Date Coverage

1970 - present

## Update Frequency

Bi-weekly

## Geographic Coverage

International

## Document Types

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- Meeting Abstracts

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Abstract	AB	ab(diabetes) ab(hepatotoxicity and tuberculosis) ab(muscular NEAR/4 tissue) ab("muscular tissue")	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Use Adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Accession number	AN	an(24-11187)	No	No	No	Yes	A unique document identification number assigned by the information provider, Thomson Reuters.
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Author	AU	au(seidel, p r)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Includes all Authors. Look Up list available. NOTE: Author name is searched with an implied proximity operator of NEAR: peter smith-jones is searched as "peter near/1 smith near/1 jones"
First Author	FAU	fau(kollef, m h)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Use First author to find only the first author of the document. Additional authors will not be searched in this case.

Author affiliation	AF	af("univ calif los angeles med ctr")	Yes	No	No	Yes	Includes as much data as is available in the original document – such as department, organization, address, city, state, country, author email etc.
CAS® Registry Number	RN	rn(29031-19-4), rn("glucosamine sulfate")	No	No	No	Yes	Searches the CAS Registry Number and the Registry Name.
AHFS Pharmacologic Therapeutic Classification name or Classification code	CC	cc("drug evaluation"), cc(6)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Search using either the Classification name or code.
Coden	CODEN	CODEN(DDIPD8)	No	No	No	Yes	
Document title	TI	ti(hiv and women) ti(hiv NEAR/3 women)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Use Adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Document type	DTYPE	dtype(article)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Generic name	GN	gn(rifampin)	No	No	No	No	
ISSN	ISSN	issn(0149-5992) issn(00368075)	No	No	No	Yes	Use of hyphen is optional. Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.
Issue	ISS	iss(12) iss(feb)	No	No	No	Yes	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.
Journal name	JN	jn(journal of clinical pharmacy)	No	No	No	Yes	Use PUB for all Publication titles. Look Up list is available for Publication title (PUB).
Language	LA	la(french)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Language in which the document was originally published.
Last update date	LUPD	lupd(20110101) lupd(20110101-20110531) lupd(>=20110101)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Number of references	NR	nr(80) nr(<20)	No	No	No	No	
Pagination	PG	pg(5-9)	No	No	No	Yes	The start page is searchable on the Look Up Citation page.
Publication date	PD	pd(20081001) pd(2008-01-15) pd(20110101-20110531)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Publication title	PUB	pub(british journal of clinical pharmacology)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Look Up list is available. Title of publication

							where document originally appeared, usually a periodical title.
Publication type	RTYPE	rtype(article)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Look Up list is available.
Publication year	YR	yr(2011) yr(2010-2011) yr(2010:2011)	No	Yes	No	Yes	May also be searched using PY.
Source information	SRC	src("aaps journal") src("aaps journal" AND 2010)	No	No	No	Yes	Includes Publication title, Volume, Issue, ISSN, Publication date, and Pagination. Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.
Subject	SU	su("diabetes mellitus")	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Look Up list is available.
Substance	SUBST	subst(flouxetine), subst(54910-89-3)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Includes all substance types and names.
Title (document)	TI	ti(hiv and women) ti(hiv NEAR/3 women)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Use Adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Trade names	TN	tn(rifampicin)	No	No	No	Yes	Also searchable with SUBST.
Volume	VO	vo(5)	No	No	No	Yes	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.

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### Abstract included

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