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Field name	Field code	Example	Selectable from Advanced Search Form drop-down	Available as Limit Option	Available Look up / Browse	Displayed in Document View	Description and Notes
Abstract	AB	ab(geriatric*) ab("attention deficient") ab(attention and deficient)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Use Adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Accession number	AN	an(000296361700018)	No	No	No	Yes	A unique document identification number assigned by the information provider, Thomson Reuters.
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Author	AU	author(Conwell, L*)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Includes all authors. Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.
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Cited reference	REF	ref(conwell NEAR/5 geriatric*)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Includes First author name, journal abbreviation, volume, issue,

							publication year.
Classification	CC	cc(pharmacology) cc(gerontology) cc(gerontology and pharmacology)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Also known as Subject category.
Date created	DCRE	dcre(2011-09-22) dcre(20110922)	No	No	No	Yes	The date on which the information provider created the record.
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Descriptor	DE	de(radiation) de(renewable energy) de("wavelet analysis")	No	No	No	Yes	Displays as part of Subjects display. Use Subject Look Up tool for a list of Subjects.
Document title	TI	ti(attention and deficient) ti("attention and deficient") ti(prescription NEAR/3 drug*)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Use Adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Document type	DTYPE	dtype(article) dtype(book review)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
DOI (Digital object identifier)	DOI	doi(10.1007/s10900- 011-9356-8)	No	No	No	Yes	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.
Identifier	IF	if("artificial reef") if("visual imag**")	Yes	No	No	Yes	Author keyword (also searched as part of DE).
ISSN	ISSN	issn(0021-9630) issn(00219630)	No	No	No	Yes	Use of hyphen is optional. Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.
Issue	ISS	iss(45)	No	No	No	Yes	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.
Journal name	JN	jn("public relations review") jn("general pharmacol**")	No	No	No	Yes	Use PUB for all Publication titles. Look Up list available for Publication Title (PUB).
Language	LA	la(english) la(italian)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Last update date	LUPD	lupd(>20110101) lupd(20110101- 20110201)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Number of references	NR	nr(10) nr(>20)	No	No	No	No	
Pagination	PG	pg(12) pg(5-7)	No	No	No	Yes	
Start page	PAGE	page(5)	No	No	No	Yes	First page. The Start page is also searchable on the Look Up Citation page.
Publication date	PD	pd(20110728) pd(2011-02-14) pd(20110101- 20110228)	No	Yes	No	Yes	

Publication title	PUB	pub("public relations review") pub("general pharmacol*")	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Includes all Publication names. Use JN when searching for just Journal title.
Publication year	YR	yr(2011) yr(2010-2011) yr(=>2010)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Also searchable with PY.
Publisher	PB	pb("little brown")	No	No	No	Yes	
Source information	SRC	src(journal and abnormal and 4)	No	No	No	Yes	Includes Publication title, Volume, Issue, ISSN, Publication date and Pagination. Also searchable via the Look Up Citation list
Subject	SU	su(communication) su(communication and business)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Includes Descriptors
Title (Document)	TI	ti(attention and deficient) ti("attention and deficient") ti(prescription NEAR/3 drug*)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Use Adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
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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Author, Subject

And in the fields drop-down only for:

Publication title

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In addition, a Look Up list is available on the Advanced Search Page for:

Author affiliation

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