

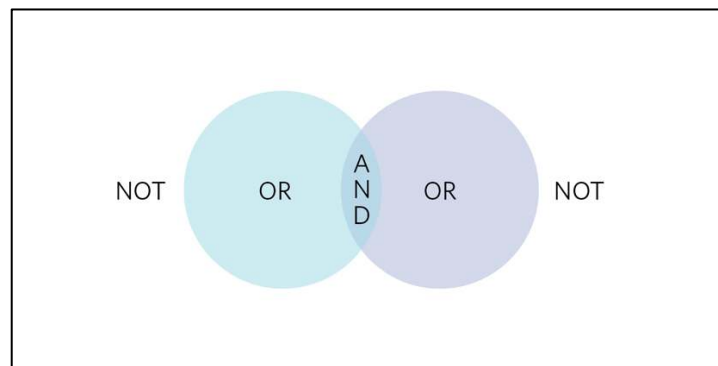
ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Access Ovid through your library’s website. If you need assistance, contact your librarian.

This quick reference guide will demonstrate how to search APA PsycInfo® on the Ovid platform. APA PsycInfo is an electronic bibliographic database that provides abstracts and citations for scholarly literature in the behavioral and social sciences. It contains a rich, interdisciplinary backfile that includes 4.8 million records.

SEARCH BASICS

Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT) combine search terms to narrow or broaden results.



Phrases (“”): Enclose phrases in quotation marks if you want to find results in that exact order. For example, searching “perceived stress scale” will not retrieve “stress scale,” “scale of perceived stress,” or any other variation. It will retrieve only “perceived stress scale.”

Truncation (*): The “*” replaces any number of characters and will find all forms of a word root, for example, **therap*** finds therapy, therap**ies**, therap**ist**, therap**ists**, therap**eutic**, therap**eutically**, etc.

DEFINITIONS OF SELECT FIELDS

Abstract (ab): brief summary of the article

All Fields (af): automatically searches all fields

Key Concepts (id): natural language terms describing the content

Subject Headings (sh): controlled vocabulary from the *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*®

Tests & Measures (tm): lists the test used in the methodology of a study

TITLE SEARCH

On the **Advanced Search** screen, select **Title** to search for the title of an article, book, chapter, or dissertation.

Enter the complete title, or the word(s) you want contained in the title in the search box.



The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' tab selected in a navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, it indicates '1 Resource selected' with links for 'Show' and 'Change'. The search criteria are set to 'Title', and the search term 'hypnotherapy' is entered in the search box. A 'Search' button is visible on the right.

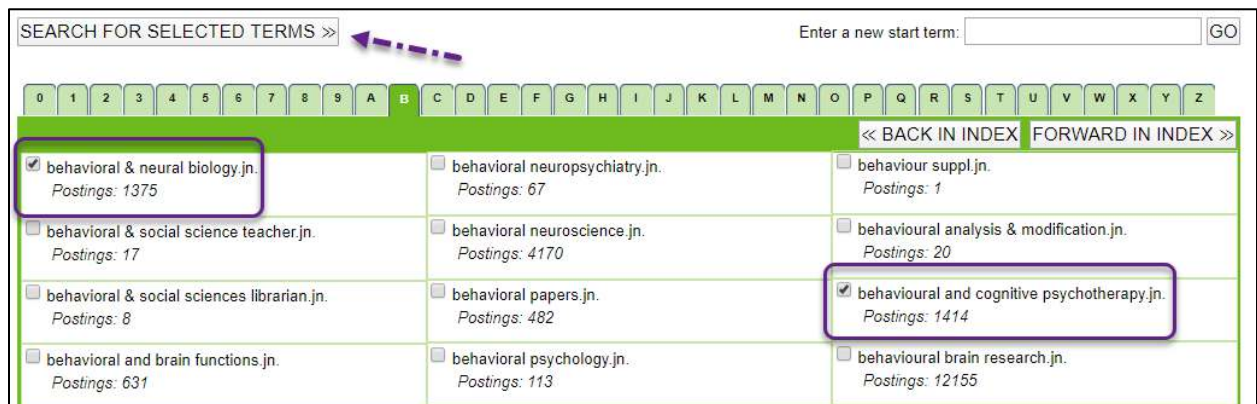
JOURNAL SEARCH

Select **Advanced Search** and then select **Journal**. Enter the journal title.



The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' tab selected. The search criteria are set to 'Journal', and the search term 'behavioral' is entered in the search box. A 'Search' button is visible on the right.

For example, typing in “behavioral” will yield a list of journal titles beginning with the word “behavioral.” Put a check box next to the title(s) you want to search and click **Search for Selected Terms**.



The screenshot shows the search results page for the term 'behavioral'. At the top, there is a 'SEARCH FOR SELECTED TERMS' button and a 'GO' button. Below this is a navigation bar with letters A through Z. The search results are displayed in a table with checkboxes next to each journal title and the number of postings. Two titles are selected: 'behavioral & neural biology.jn.' and 'behavioural and cognitive psychotherapy.jn.'.

Journal Title	Postings	Selected
behavioral & neural biology.jn.	1375	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
behavioral & social science teacher.jn.	17	<input type="checkbox"/>
behavioral & social sciences librarian.jn.	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
behavioral and brain functions.jn.	631	<input type="checkbox"/>
behavioral neuropsychiatry.jn.	67	<input type="checkbox"/>
behavioral neuroscience.jn.	4170	<input type="checkbox"/>
behavioral papers.jn.	482	<input type="checkbox"/>
behavioral psychology.jn.	113	<input type="checkbox"/>
behaviour suppl.jn.	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
behavioural analysis & modification.jn.	20	<input type="checkbox"/>
behavioural and cognitive psychotherapy.jn.	1414	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
behavioural brain research.jn.	12155	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUBJECT HEADING SEARCH

Subject Headings are taken from the *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*. This is the controlled vocabulary for the database to help you find precise and relevant results.

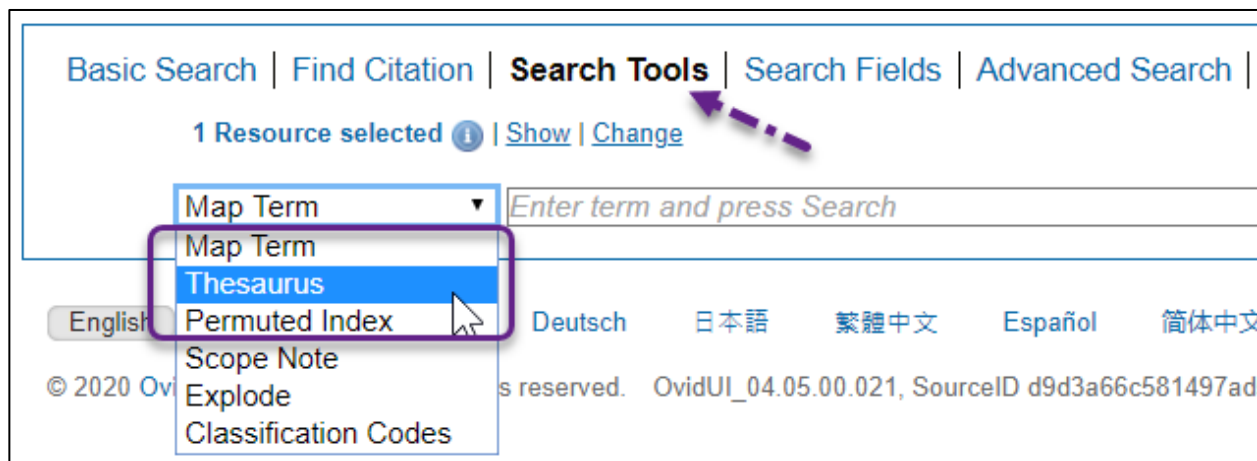
Select **Advanced Search**, leave the **Keyword** radio button checked, and check the box next to **Map Term to Subject Heading**. Enter your search term(s) into the search box to map your term to the most relevant Subject Heading.



The screenshot shows the search interface with the following elements:

- Navigation tabs: Basic Search | Find Citation | Search Tools | Search Fields | **Advanced Search** | Multi-Field Search
- Resource status: 1 Resource selected | Show | Change
- Search input: Enter keyword or phrase (* or \$ for truncation) with a search box containing "dissociative patterns" and a "Search" button.
- Search criteria: Radio buttons for Keyword (selected), Author, Title, and Journal.
- Options: A "Limits (close)" link, an unchecked "Include Multimedia" checkbox, and a checked "Map Term to Subject Heading" checkbox.

To browse and search the online Thesaurus, select **Search Tools** and then pick the **Thesaurus** option from the drop-down menu.



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- Navigation tabs: Basic Search | Find Citation | **Search Tools** | Search Fields | Advanced Search
- Resource status: 1 Resource selected | Show | Change
- Search input: A search box with the placeholder text "Enter term and press Search".
- Dropdown menu: A menu is open below the search box, listing options: Map Term, Map Term, **Thesaurus** (highlighted), Permuted Index, Scope Note, Explode, and Classification Codes.
- Language options: English, Deutsch, 日本語, 繁體中文, Español, 简体中文.
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HOW TO LIMIT YOUR SEARCH

When you are in **Basic Search**, **Advanced Search**, or **Multi-Field Search** mode, click on **Limits** under the search box to focus your search.

Age Groups: the age of human research subjects

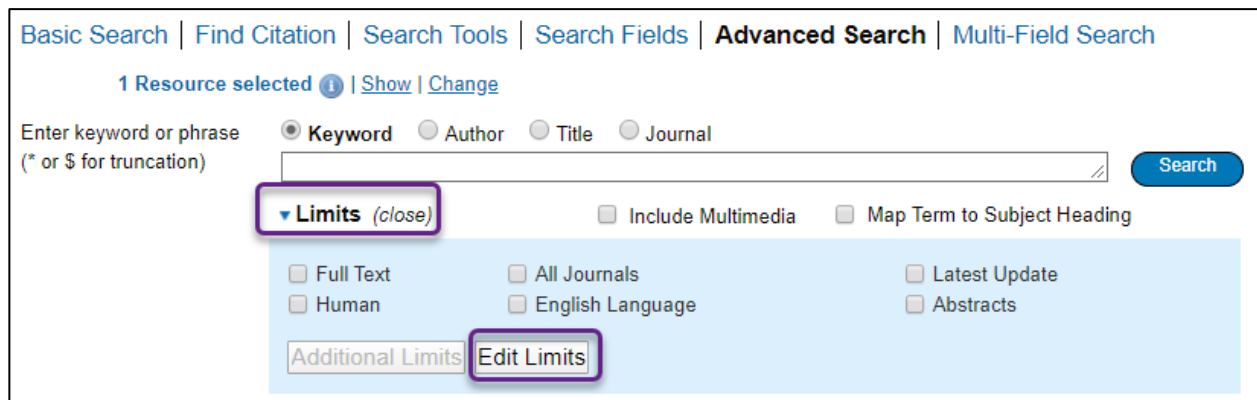
APA PsycInfo Classification Code: general areas of psychology which are used to classify each document. You can find the classification codes here:

www.apa.org/pubs/databases/training/class-codes.aspx

Document Types: limit your search to document types, such as bibliography, editorial, review, etc.

Methodology: limit your search to the methodology used in a research study, such as clinical case study, literature review, meta-analysis, etc.

Population Groups: the group of participants in a research study, such as human, animal, female, male, etc.

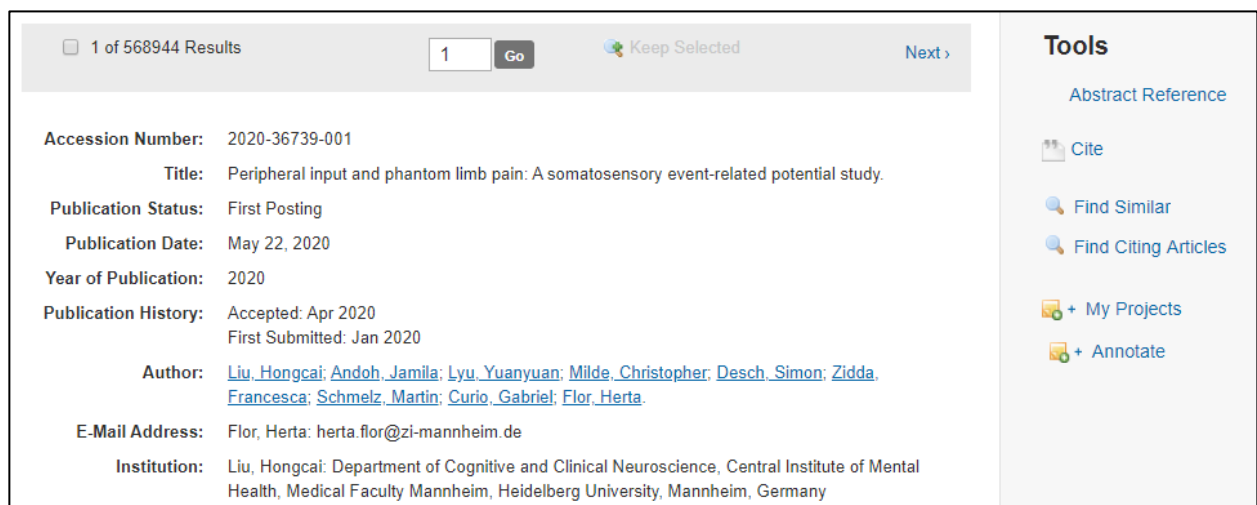


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- Resource selection: 1 Resource selected | Show | Change
- Search input: Enter keyword or phrase (* or \$ for truncation) with radio buttons for Keyword, Author, Title, and Journal.
- Search button: Search
- Limit options: **Limits (close)** (highlighted), Include Multimedia, Map Term to Subject Heading.
- Filter options: Full Text, All Journals, Latest Update, Human, English Language, Abstracts.
- Buttons: Additional Limits, Edit Limits (highlighted).

RECORD DISPLAY

From the Results list, select the **Complete Reference** to view the Title, Author(s), Author Contact Information, Abstract, Publication Source, Publisher, ISSN, Language, Keywords, and much more.

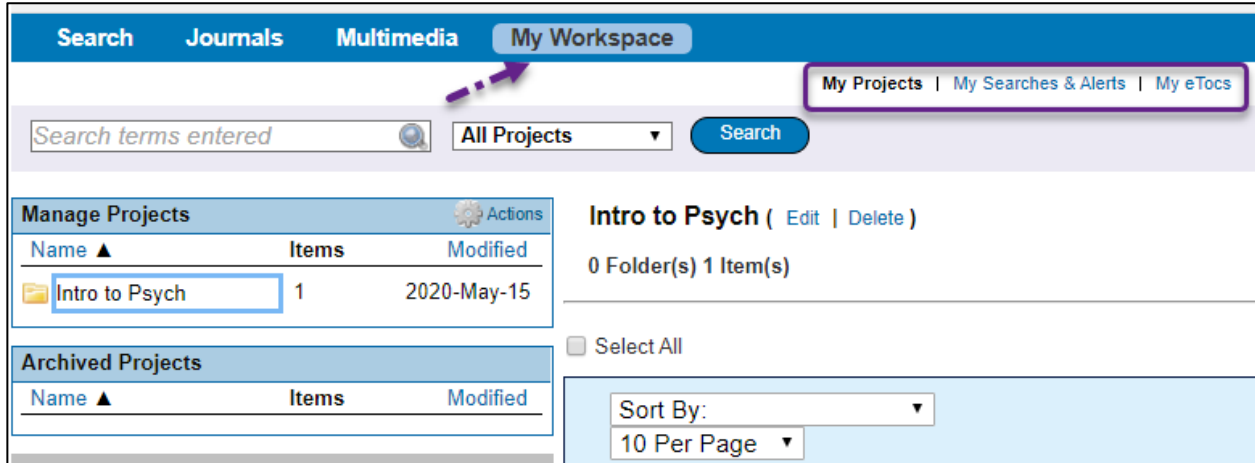


The screenshot shows a record display page with the following information:

- Results: 1 of 568944 Results, page 1, Go, Keep Selected, Next >
- Accession Number: 2020-36739-001
- Title: Peripheral input and phantom limb pain: A somatosensory event-related potential study.
- Publication Status: First Posting
- Publication Date: May 22, 2020
- Year of Publication: 2020
- Publication History: Accepted: Apr 2020, First Submitted: Jan 2020
- Author: [Liu, Hongcai](#); [Andoh, Jamila](#); [Lyu, Yuanyuan](#); [Milde, Christopher](#); [Desch, Simon](#); [Zidda, Francesca](#); [Schmelz, Martin](#); [Curio, Gabriel](#); [Flor, Herta](#)
- E-Mail Address: Flor, Herta: herta.flor@zi-mannheim.de
- Institution: Liu, Hongcai: Department of Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience, Central Institute of Mental Health, Medical Faculty Mannheim, Heidelberg University, Mannheim, Germany
- Tools: Abstract Reference, Cite, Find Similar, Find Citing Articles, My Projects, Annotate

MY WORKSPACE

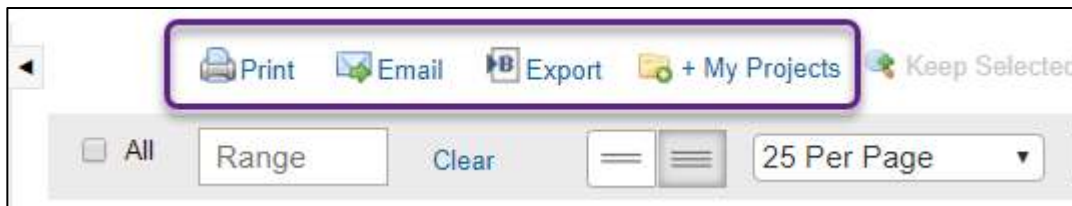
Set up a personalized account in **My Workspace** to manage your work and preferences, including **My Projects**, **My Searches & Alerts**, and **My eTOCS**.



The screenshot shows the 'My Workspace' section of a web application. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Search', 'Journals', 'Multimedia', and 'My Workspace' (which is highlighted). Below the tabs is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search terms entered' and a search button. To the right of the search bar are links for 'My Projects', 'My Searches & Alerts', and 'My eTocs'. Below the search bar is a 'Manage Projects' section with a table listing projects. The first project is 'Intro to Psych' with 1 item and a modified date of 2020-May-15. Below this is an 'Archived Projects' section with a similar table. To the right of the project tables is a section for 'Intro to Psych' with options to 'Edit' or 'Delete', showing '0 Folder(s) 1 Item(s)'. There is also a 'Select All' checkbox, a 'Sort By:' dropdown menu, and a '10 Per Page' dropdown menu.

PRINT, EMAIL, SAVE RECORDS

After selecting records, click on the appropriate icon to **Print**, **Email**, **Export** or **Add to My Projects**.

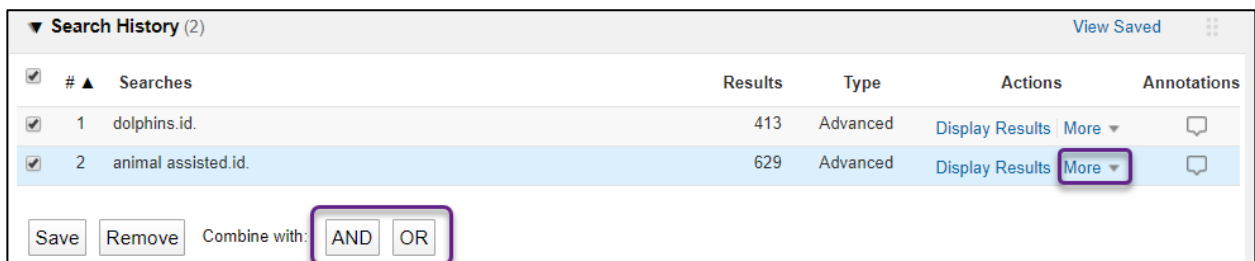


The screenshot shows a horizontal action bar with several icons and buttons. From left to right, there is a back arrow, a 'Print' icon, an 'Email' icon, an 'Export' icon, a '+ My Projects' icon, and a 'Keep Selected' icon. Below the action bar are several other controls: a 'Range' input field, a 'Clear' button, a '25 Per Page' dropdown menu, and a 'View Saved' link.

SEARCH HISTORY

Your **Search History** allows you to combine recent searches with AND or OR Boolean operators.

Click on **More** under **Actions** to select options to **Remove** or **Save** the search and set up an **Auto-Alert** or an **RSS Feed**.



The screenshot shows the 'Search History' section of a web application. It features a table with columns for '#', 'Searches', 'Results', 'Type', 'Actions', and 'Annotations'. There are two search entries: '1 dolphins.id.' with 413 results and '2 animal assisted.id.' with 629 results. Both are of type 'Advanced'. The 'Actions' column for the second entry has a 'More' dropdown menu highlighted. Below the table are buttons for 'Save', 'Remove', and 'Combine with:' followed by 'AND' and 'OR' buttons.

TRAINING AND SEARCH HELP

Find search tips and tools from APA training experts:

www.apa.org/pubs/databases/training/index.aspx

View database tutorials on the APA Publishing Training YouTube page:

www.youtube.com/apapublishingtraining

Register for a free webinar led by an APA training specialist:

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Contact Customer Engagement for **training and search help** at psycinfo@apa.org

For additional tutorials, user guides and training materials, visit: www.ovid.com/support-training.html