

StemRxiv Search Tips



Exact match searches

Use quotation marks to retrieve publications containing your exact search phrase. For example, "*somatic stem cell biology*" retrieves fewer results than *somatic stem cell biology* because the search in quotation marks looks for documents containing the exact phrase. The search without quotation marks finds documents containing all of the words somatic AND stem AND cell AND biology, but the words may appear anywhere in the text of the document and are not necessarily in close proximity.

Boolean operators

Manually enter search terms in the main search box to execute your own specific search. A Boolean operator is a logical connection; a word that is used to connect two or more search terms. Note that AND is the default operator where multiple search terms are used. You can use the AND, OR and NOT operators to control search results, for example:

Boolean Operators Search	Description
Stem cell*(Ectoderm NOT Endoderm)	Stem cells where ectoderm is mentioned and endoderm is not mentioned
Stem cell*(Ectoderm AND Endoderm)	Stem cells where both ectoderm and endoderm are mentioned
Stem cell*(Ectoderm OR Endoderm)	Stem cells where either ectoderm or endoderm are mentioned

Wildcard operators

The wildcard asterisk character (*) can be used to facilitate searching. You can also use this operator to search for any word that starts with a base word, for example to search for any word that starts with "neuron":

neuron*

This will search for neuron, neurons, neurone, neurones, neuronal, etc.

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