

### COMBINING TERMS: BOOLEAN OPERATORS

**AND** : both (or all) terms present



Search History (2) ^

<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▲ Searches	Results	Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 osteoporosis.mp.	2937	Advanced
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 dairy.mp.	23505	Advanced

Save Remove Combine with: **AND** OR

Search each term separately, then select them in the search history and combine with AND.

<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▼ Searches	Results
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 1 and 2	238

**OR** : either (or both) terms present



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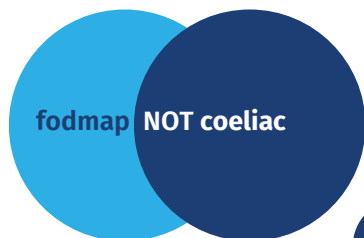
<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▼ Searches	Results	Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 osteopenia.mp.	235	Advanced
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 osteoporosis.mp.	2937	Advanced

Save Remove Combine with: AND **OR**

When you combine searches with OR, the number of results will be larger than each individual set.

<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▼ Searches	Results
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 1 or 2	3006

**NOT** : removes a term



Search History (2) ^

<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▼ Searches	Results
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 coeliac.mp.	1811
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Fodmap/ or fodmap.mp.	323

Save Remove Combine with:

To run a NOT search, first search each of your terms, then use the **Advanced Search** tab to combine lines from your search strategy.

Basic Search Find Citation Search Tools Search Fields **Advanced Search** Multi-Field Search

1 resource selected Hide Change

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Keyword  Author  Title  Journal

1 not 2

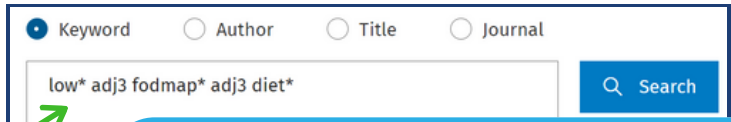
Search

**Advanced Search** can also be used for more sophisticated searches. Typing **(1 AND 3) NOT 2** would "and" together your 1 and 3 search sets while omitting results contained in your #2 search set.

# COMBINING TERMS: ADJACENT TERMS AND PHRASES

**ADJ#** : ADJ5 terms are within five words of each other (and ADJ3 within three, ADJ4 within four, etc.)

This search brings back results for **low FODMAP diet, low-FODMAP** and other related **diets, dietary components with lower FODMAPs**, and more.



Ovid ignores this short list of stopwords: **and, as, for, from, is, of, that, the, this, to, was, were**.  
It counts each as a space holder, but will substitute any word in its place if you have used them in a search.

**Phrase search** : "straight quotation marks" around two or more words



Note: Ovid will return an error message if curled quotation marks are copied into the search box from a word document.

This search returns results that have either the phrase **lactose intolerant** or **lactose intolerance** in them.

# TRUNCATION AND WILDCARDS

Truncation symbols capture a variety of possible word endings. Wildcards, inserted into the middle of words, capture international spelling variants.

**\* or \$** : unlimited characters at the end of a word

- toxi\* = toxic
- toxicity
- toxicities
- toxin
- toxins
- toxicology
- toxicological
- toxicologist
- toxigenic
- toxigenicity
- toxicglycosides
- toxicokinetics, etc.

Search History (5) ^		
<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▲ Searches	Results
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 ("low glycemic index diet" or "glycemic index" or "glycemic load").mp. [mp=title, abstract, heading words, commercial names, original title]	2716
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 "polycystic ovar* syndrome".mp. [mp=title, abstract, heading words, commercial names, original title]	529
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 PCOS.mp. [mp=title, abstract, heading words, commercial names, original title]	449
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 2 or 3	546
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 1 and 4	29

**\*2 or \$2** : two characters after a word

- toxi\$2 = toxin
- toxins
- toxic
- toxics

**?** : one or zero characters at the end of or within a word

- flavo?r = flavor
- flavour

- #** : one variable character
- organi#ation = organization
- organisation

The FSTA thesaurus also captures international spelling variants when a word like flavor/flavour is a key concept in an article. Learn more [here](#).

Mix and match search tools to build an effective search strategy.