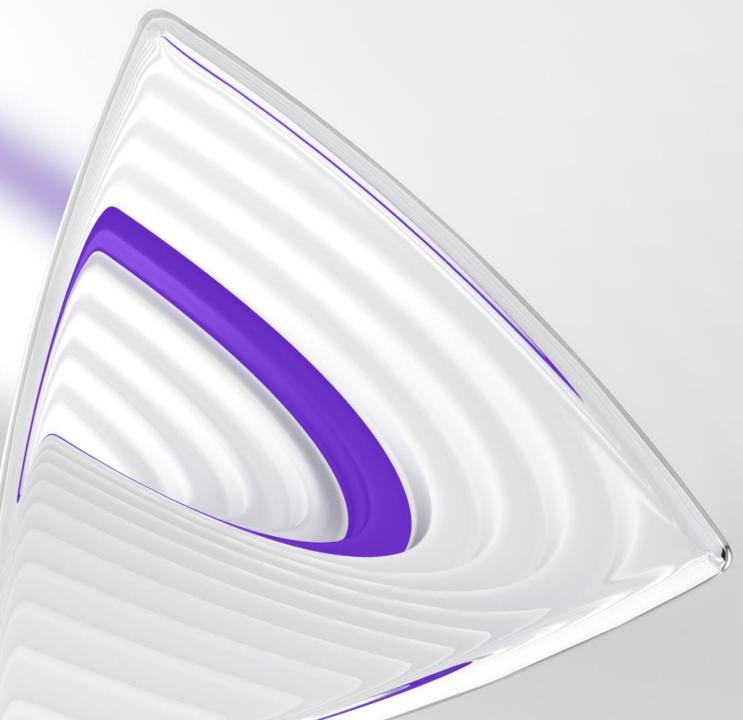


Conducting a Literature Review

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The literature review | your definitive guide (2020)



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This is our ultimate guide on how to write a narrative literature review. It forms part of our <u>Research Smarter series</u>. Learn more best practice tips by registering for our <u>upcoming webinar</u>.

How do you write a narrative literature review?

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Agenda

1. What is a Literature Review

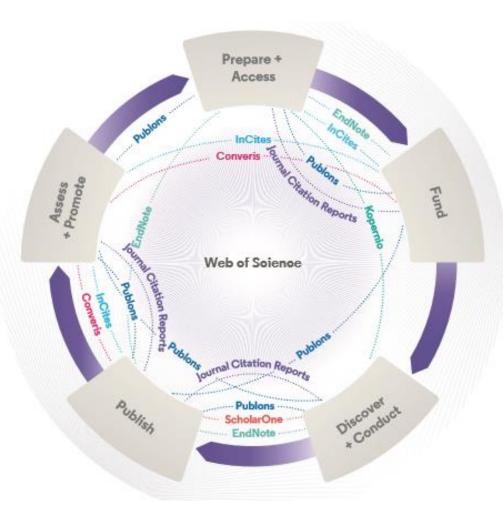
2. Tools to help with the various stages of your review

- Searching
- Evaluating
- Analysing and Interpreting
- Writing
- Publishing

3. Additional Resources



The Literature Research Workflow



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Systematic vs. Literature Review

	Systematic Review	Literature Review
Definition	High-level overview of primary research on a focused question that identifies, selects, synthesizes, and appraises all high quality research evidence relevant to that question	Qualitatively summarizes evidence on a topic using informal or subjective methods to collect and interpret studies
Goals	Answers a focused clinical question Eliminate bias	Provide summary or overview of topic
Question	Clearly defined and answerable clinical question Recommend using PICO as a guide	Can be a general topic or a specific question
Components	Pre-specified eligibility criteria Systematic search strategy Assessment of the validity of findings Interpretation and presentation of results Reference list	Introduction Methods Discussion Conclusion Reference list
Number of Authors	Three or more	One or more
Timeline	Months to years, Average eighteen months	Weeks to months
Requirement	Thorough knowledge of topic Perform searches of all relevant databases Statistical analysis resources (for meta-analysis)	Understanding of topic Perform searches of one or more databases
Value	Connects practicing clinicians to high quality evidence Supports evidence-based practice	Provides summary of literature on the topic

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Literature Review

Sources

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A literature review is a survey of scholarly sources that provides an overview of a particular topic. Literature reviews are a collection of the most relevant and significant publications regarding that topic in order to provide a comprehensive look at what has been said on the topic and by whom.

The basic components of a literature review include:

- ✓ a description of the publication
- a summary of the publication's main points
- a discussion of gaps in research
- an evaluation of the publication's contribution to the topic.

What is the difference between a literature review and an annotated bibliography? An annotated bibliography is a list of your references with a summary of the content and the publication's relationship to your research question. A literature review is an overview of the topic, an explanation of how publications differ from one another, and an examination of how each publication contributes to the discussion and understanding of the topic.



The Literature Review Process



Problem formulation

Clearly defining which topic or field is being examined and what its component issues are.

Literature search



Finding all materials relevant to the subject being explored and keeping up to date during the review process.

Data evaluation

Determining which literature makes a significant contribution to the understanding of the topic.

Analysis and interpretation

Discussing the findings and conclusions of pertinent literature.

Write and Publish

Produce a formatted document that you can get published in an appropriate journal to inform everyone of your findings.

- An **overview** of the subject, issue or theory under consideration, along with the objectives of the literature review
- Division of works under review into categories (e.g. those in support of a particular position, those against, and those offering alternative theses entirely)
- **Explanation** of how each work is similar to and how it varies from the others
- Conclusions as to which pieces are best considered in their argument, are most convincing of their opinions, and make the greatest contribution to the understanding and development of their area of research

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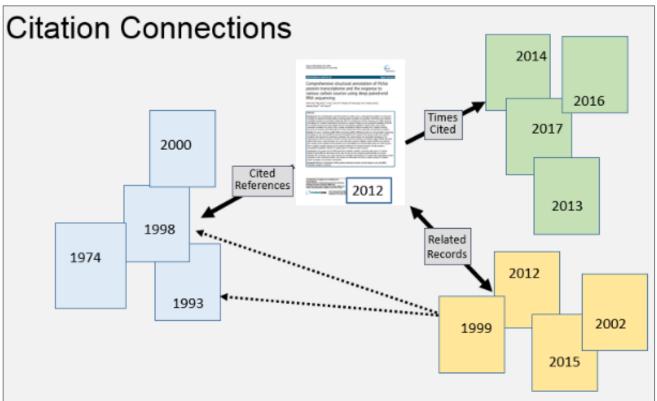
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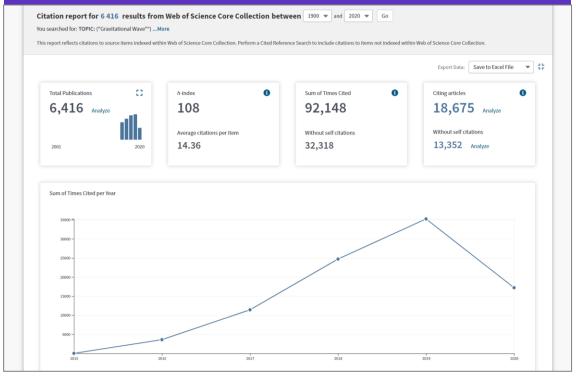
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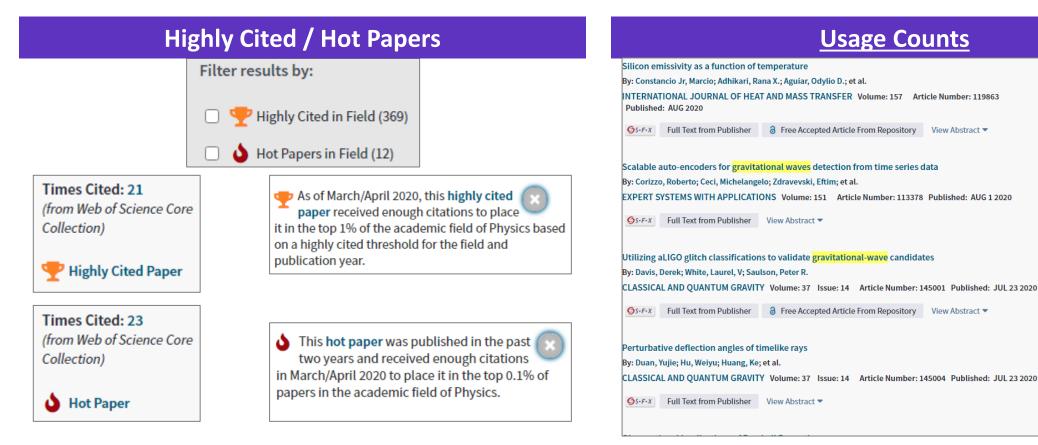
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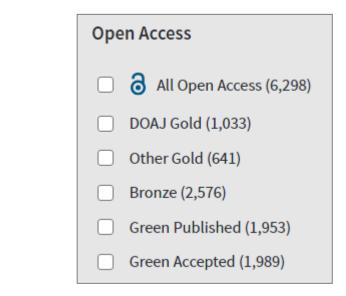
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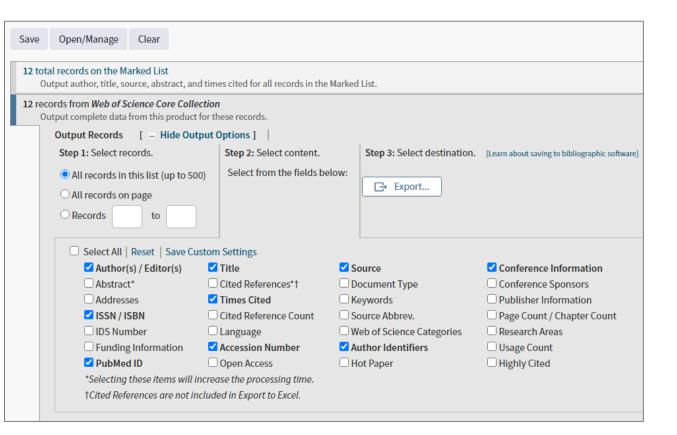
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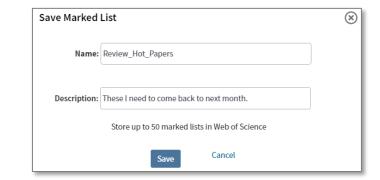


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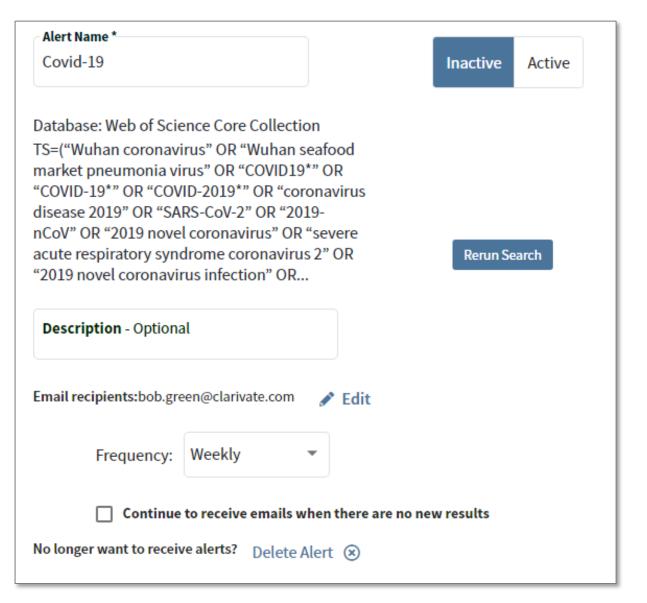
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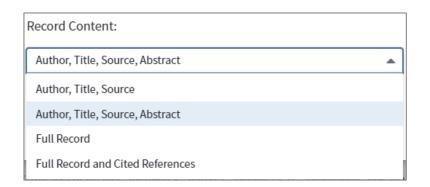
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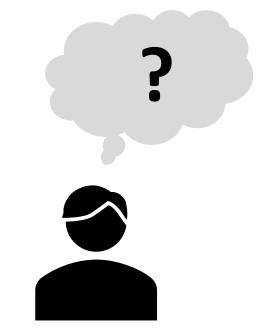
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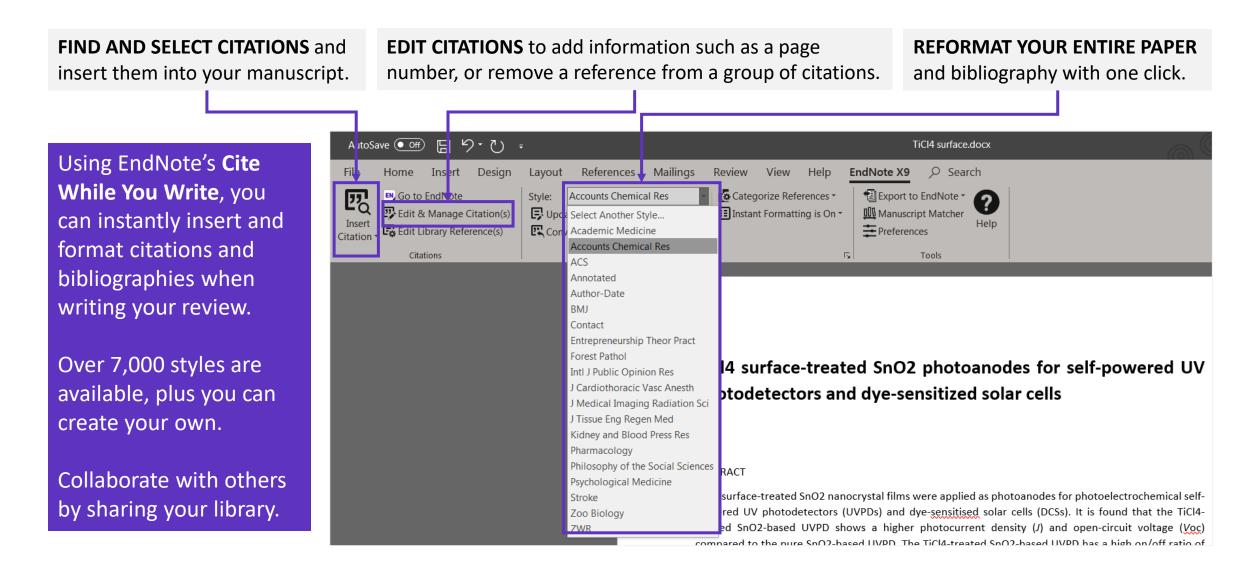
Analysis and Interpretation

Typical considerations when working on your literature review

- What is the balance between description and comment?
- Have I missed out any important dimension of the argument, or literature?
- Have I supported the development of each step in my argument effectively?
- Is the material presented in the most effective order?
- Are there places where the reader is left with unanswered questions?
- Is every element of my research question supported by the preceding material?
- Have I explained to the reader the relevance of each piece of evidence?
- Is there any material that is interesting but which does not contribute to the development of the argument?
- Have I explained adequately the justification for this research approach / topic / question?
- Are my references up to date?
- How effective is my linking of all the elements?



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Journal Citation Reports (JCR) provides detailed metrics on journals in the Web of Science.

Use these metrics to make an **informed decision** on which journal to try to get published in.

One example is the **% Articles in Citable Items**. If this is 0% the journal is focused on reviews, if it is 100% they do not publish reviews.

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	3	Nature Ecolog	gy & Evolution	12.541	175	93.14
	4	FRONTIERS I ENVIRONMEN	N ECOLOGY AND THE	9.295	51	64.71
	5	ISME Journal		9.180	250	99.20
	6	ECOLOGY LE	TTERS	8.665	196	91.84
	7	GLOBAL CHA	NGE BIOLOGY	8.555	321	95.02
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The Master Journal List provides plenty of useful information too

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Useful information includes **Open Access** status, including **APC fees**.

There is also valuable information on a journal's **review process**, like whether they operate 'blind' or 'double blind' reviews.

It also provides the **average time from submission to publication**.

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Frequency	Continuous publication	Issues Per Year	1
Country / Region	ENGLAND	Primary Language	English
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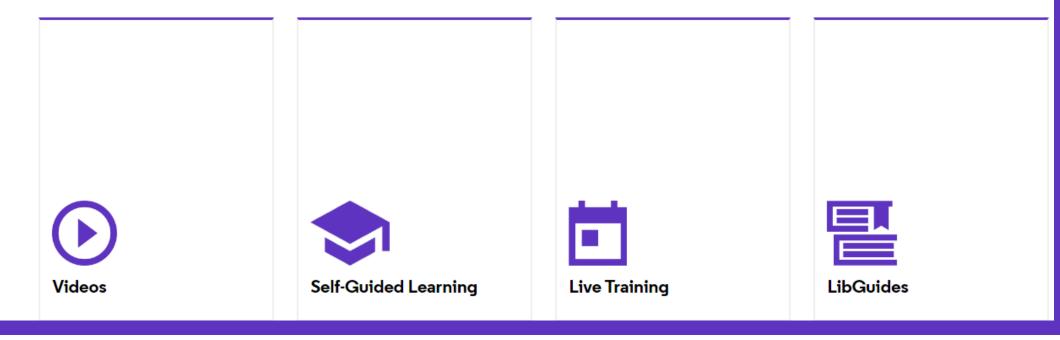
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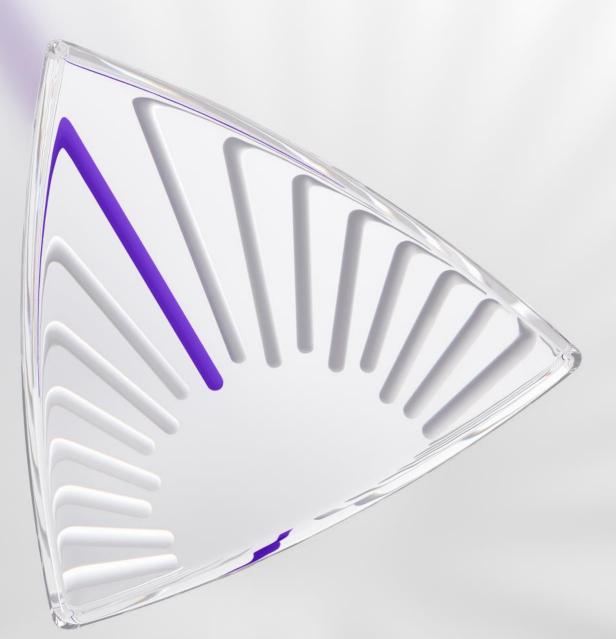


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