

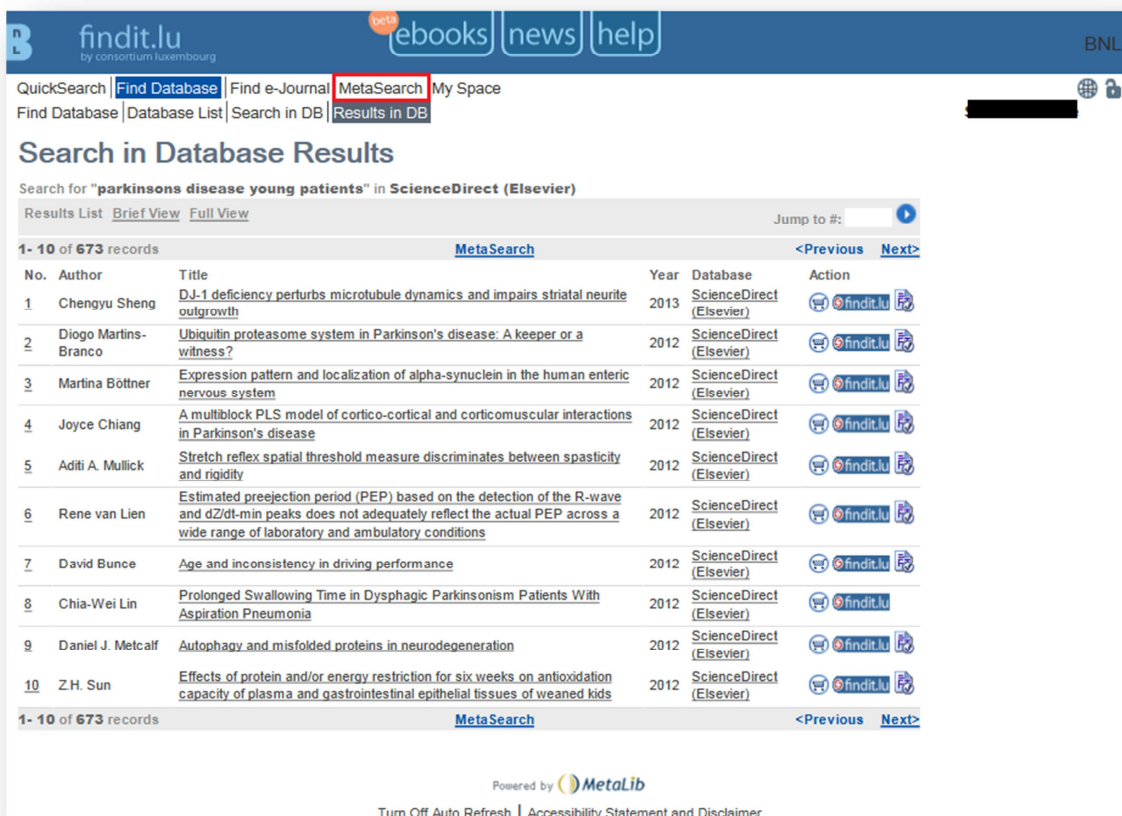
 Tutorials

Episode 16: How do I save a search and create an alert?

Once you have performed a search, you may want to save it for future use – re-running it in the future to check for new results. Saving a search is also useful if you want to set up an alert.

Connect to findit.lu and perform a search from within the portal (see [Episode 5: “Quick Sets – How to search within pre-defined groups of databases?”](#) or [Episode 12: “How to search a database via findit.lu”](#) for detailed information).

Once you have a list of results from your search, click on “MetaSearch” in the menu. If you want to know more about “MetaSearch” options, have a look at [Episode 15: “MetaSearch”](#).



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Search in Database Results

Search for "parkinsons disease young patients" in ScienceDirect (Elsevier)

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No.	Author	Title	Year	Database	Action
1	Chengyu Sheng	DJ-1 deficiency perturbs microtubule dynamics and impairs striatal neurite outgrowth	2013	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
2	Diogo Martins-Branco	Ubiquitin proteasome system in Parkinson's disease: A keeper or a witness?	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
3	Martina Böttner	Expression pattern and localization of alpha-synuclein in the human enteric nervous system	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
4	Joyce Chiang	A multiblock PLS model of cortico-cortical and corticomuscular interactions in Parkinson's disease	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
5	Aditi A. Mullick	Stretch reflex spatial threshold measure discriminates between spasticity and rigidity	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
6	Rene van Lien	Estimated preejection period (PEP) based on the detection of the R-wave and dZ/dt-min peaks does not adequately reflect the actual PEP across a wide range of laboratory and ambulatory conditions	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
7	David Bunce	Age and inconsistency in driving performance	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
8	Chia-Wei Lin	Prolonged Swallowing Time in Dysphagic Parkinsonism Patients With Aspiration Pneumonia	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
9	Daniel J. Metcalf	Autophagy and misfolded proteins in neurodegeneration	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
10	Z.H. Sun	Effects of protein and/or energy restriction for six weeks on antioxidation capacity of plasma and gastrointestinal epithelial tissues of weaned kids	2012	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	

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MetaSearch

Select Search Type: My Databases

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Social Science Journals

Simple | **Advanced**

All Fields | parkinsons disease young patient | And | GO

All Fields |

Set: Social Science Journals contains 2 databases

Database Name	Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> SAGE Journals Online Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	Index , Searchable	i +

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The “Previous Searches” screen displays all the searches you have done during your current connection to the portal. If you already performed some searches before, there will be more than one entry in the list. To save your search, click on the plus sign.

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Previous Searches

No.	Query	Databases	Hits	Actions
1	parkinsons disease	Wiley Online Library	919	+
2	parkinsons disease	Wiley Online Library	919	+
3	freud psychoanalytic theory	15 Databases	19616	+
4	parkinsons disease young patients	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	673	+

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The plus sign will turn grey and it will have a small blue arrow on it.

Your search will be saved in your “My Space” area under “History”.

The screenshot shows the 'History' section of the findit.lu website. At the top, there are navigation links: QuickSearch, Find Database, Find e-Journal, MetaSearch, My Space, eShelf, My Databases, My e-Journals, History, and Preferences. The 'History' table has the following content:

No.	Query	Databases	Alert	Interval	Last Run	Actions
1.	parkinsons disease young patients	1 Databases.				 

Below the table, it says 'Powered by MetaLib' and provides links for 'Turn Off Auto Refresh' and 'Accessibility Statement and Disclaimer'.

From here, it is possible to create an alert using these search terms that can be run at a specified interval and will notify you, via e-mail, of any new results. To do so, click on the bell icon. The “Add Alert” screen will display:

The 'Add Alert' form contains the following fields and options:

- Add Alert**
- You have requested an alert for this search:
WRD=(parkinsons disease young patients)
- All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory
- Enter an alert name of your choice: *
- Enter recipient's e-mail for alert results: *
- Do you want a message even if there are no new results: Yes No
- Run this alert every: * [input field] Days [dropdown menu]
- Select resources for alert: ScienceDirect (Elsevier)
- Buttons: Save, Cancel

Here you can specify the name for your alert, the e-mail address to be notified, whether or not you want an e-mail even if there are no new results, and the frequency of the notification. When you have completed the information, click on the “Save” button.

Add Alert

You have requested an alert for this search:
WRD=(parkinsons disease young patients)

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory

Enter an alert name of your choice: * SD parkinsons

Enter recipient's e-mail for alert results: * [redacted]@bnl.etat.lu

Do you want a message even if there are no new results: Yes No

Run this alert every: * 1 Weeks

Select resources for alert: ScienceDirect (Elsevier)

The system will notify you that the alert has been saved. Once saved, you can modify (pen icon) or delete (crossed out bell icon) the alert by using the appropriate icon in the Actions column. The saved search can be deleted with the X icon.

The screenshot shows the findit.lu website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'ebooks', 'news', and 'help'. Below the navigation bar, there are several menu items including 'QuickSearch', 'Find Database', 'Find e-Journal', 'MetaSearch', 'My Space', 'eShelf', 'My Databases', 'My e-Journals', 'History', and 'Preferences'. A confirmation message in a red box states 'Your Alert request has been accepted'. Below this, the 'History' section displays a table with the following data:

No.	Query	Databases	Alert	Interval	Last Run	Actions
1	<u>parkinsons disease young patients</u>	<u>1 Databases.</u>	SD parkinsons	1 Weeks	14/11/12	

At the bottom of the page, it says 'Powered by MetaLib' and provides links for 'Turn Off Auto Refresh' and 'Accessibility Statement and Disclaimer'.

In episode 17 we will have a look at [reference management tools](#) and how they can help you improving your search.

List of all Episodes: <http://blog.findit.lu/help>