

# Step-by-Step Searching in Biological Abstracts

This help sheet will walk you through a sample search in the database **Biological Abstracts**. For more detailed information on the **Biological Abstracts** database, please consult the **Biological Abstracts** help sheet or contact Mulford Reference Assistance at [MulfordReference@utoledo.edu](mailto:MulfordReference@utoledo.edu) or 419-383-4218.

## Our topic:

We are looking for research articles to determine which animal models are used to study Alzheimer's disease

1. From the library's homepage (<http://hsc.utoledo.edu/lib/index.html>), go to the **Databases by Subject** link at the top of the page (<http://hsc.utoledo.edu/lib/dblisting.html>). From the listing of databases, click on the **Biology** link and from the databases listed, click on **Biological Abstracts**.
2. On the **Biological Abstracts** search page, type in **animal model\$.su.** (we are using the truncation symbol \$ to look for animal models, animal model, etc; also, we are typing in .su. after our term to tell Biological abstracts that we are looking for our term as a subject heading)
3. Click on **submit search**
4. Next, in the search box at the top of the page, type in **Alzheimer's disease.su.** (we are typing in .su. after our term to tell Biological abstracts that we are looking for our term as a subject heading)
5. Click on **submit search**
6. To bring our two searches together, click on **Search History**
7. To combine, click in the boxes to the right of the sets
8. Next to **Combine marked sets with**, choose **And** from the drop down menu
9. Click on the **Combine Sets** button
10. To limit our search to articles written in English only, click on **All Limit Options** in the blue box which is under the search box
11. On the limiting screen, under **Language**, select any desired language; to find article published within the past 5 years, under the **Year** heading, in the first drop-down menu choose **From** and type in 2001; in the second drop-down menu choose **To** and type in 2006
12. Click on **Limit Results Now**

