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PREPRINTS IN CAPLUS

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What are Preprints?

- Pre-publication versions of articles are often released ahead of print
- Some (but not all) of these preprints are eventually published in scholarly journals
- The published document often differs from the preprint in terms of indexing, authors, etc., depending on editing that occurs prior to publication
- Preprint publications are often the earliest public mention of scientific discovery/invention





Preprint coverage in CAPLUS

- CAS acquires preprint data from a number of thirdparty preprint servers for inclusion in CAplus
- Over 910K preprint records currently (11/23) included in CAplus
- Major sources of coverage include ARXIV servers, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Beilstein, and open access preprint publications
- COVID-19 specific preprint servers included as well





PREPRINT SERVER COVERAGE IN CAPLUS BY YEAR



2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023



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Why include preprint searching?

- Preprints are often the first public mention of new technology, treatments, or inventions
- Preprint publications sometimes are cited by research that is published prior to the publication of the eventual document, which can also give early data in IP searching
 - While the majority of citations will be to the publication, over 100K preprints in CAplus contain citation information for citing documents
- Since these are early publications, they can be used to follow breakthroughs and early trends in new areas of research – this was shown to be true since the early pandemic with emerging treatments for COVID-19





Example: Emerging treatment options

- Find preprint materials in Caplus covering the emerging findings that COVID-19 replication is inhibited by the SSRI fluoxetine – a new potential use for this existing drug
- Find eventual publications in scholarly journals of these documents
- Compare and contrast entry date to show earlier availability of preprint materials, as well as indexing and other published data to see differences between preprint and eventual publication





Broad keyword search combined with /DT





Preprint search yields highly relevant research

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			interface by the clin. licensed antidepressant fluoxetine)
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Compare preprints with publications

Title	Accession Number Preprint	Accession Number Pub	Author/Inventor Preprint	Author/Inventor Publication	PA/CS Preprint	PA/CS Pub	Publisher Preprint	Publisher Publication	Source Preprint	Source Publication
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Example: Keeping up with trends

- In the early pandemic, preprints were very useful to researchers trying to find existing drugs that might have activity against COVID-19, but many were quickly found to be ineffective.
- Analysis of preprint data for this type of substance can give us an idea of whether a potential treatment was later found to have any efficacy
 - The publication patterns of preprint data can shed insight into how viable a candidate a potential treatment turned out to be





Analyze preprint results for substances by year to see trends

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Hydroxychloroquine

Ivermectin





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- Preprints can be the earliest available mention of a new technology or substance, which can be crucial for IP searching
 - Sometimes the preprint is available over a year in advance of the publication!
- Analysis of preprint publications trends gives insight into whether a promising potential invention resulted in publishable results
- Preprints add even more value to the timely coverage of documents in CAplus





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