

Using Hedges on Dialog

Hedges are standardized pre-made searches. The goal is to utilize institutional knowledge to help limit retrievals to highly relevant articles. The hedges on Dialog are designed to work in all Dialog databases including biomedical, pharmaceutical, news and patent databases. You can even combine hedges to create complex strategies.

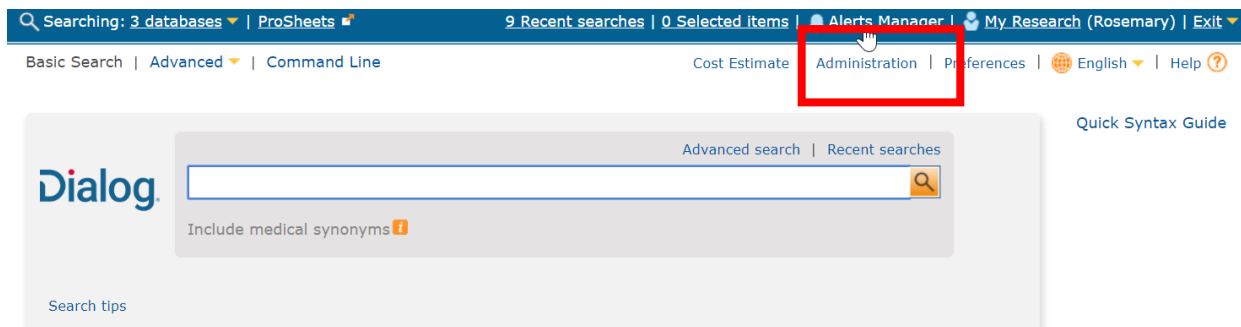
Hedges Available on Dialog

There are seven currently available hedges:

1. COVID-19
2. Adverse Effects
3. Animals
4. Child
5. Clinical Trials
6. Elderly
7. Humans

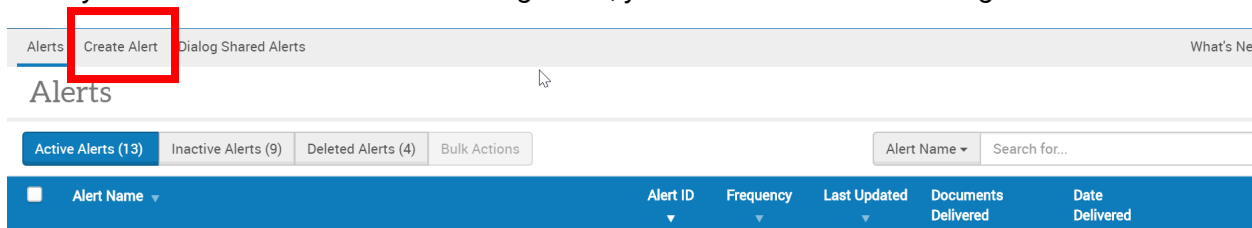
To Access Dialog Hedges

Click on the **Alerts Manager** link. This link can be found within the Dialog platform, on any page. Simply go to the dark blue banner at the top of the page, and on the right-hand side, you'll see the Alerts Manager link.



Create Searches with Dialog Hedges

Once you've clicked on the Alerts Manager link, you'll enter the Alerts Manager tool. Click on **Create Alert**



When you click on Create Alert, you'll be able to see **Insert Hedge**

Alerts > Create Alert

Alert Details | Delivery History | Audit History

Search Strategy

Strategy Databases	n/a
S1	0

Preview Counts

* Duplicates are removed from the search results, but included in the result count.
* Duplicates are removed from the search results and from the result count.

Click on **Insert Hedge**, and you'll be able to see the 7 Hedges. At this point, you have two options:

1. Use the hedge to create an alert
2. Copy/paste the hedge to use in a search

To Create an Alert:

Click insert on the Hedge you're interested in

Hedge Selection [Cancel](#)

COVID-19 <>Syntax Info + Insert

Adverse Effects <>Syntax Info + Insert

Animals <>Syntax Info + Insert

This will populate the search box

Strategy Databases

S1 ti, ab, su (coronavirus OR corona-virus OR "corona virus" OR Coronavirinae OR coronavirus OR coronavirus OR betacoronavirus OR "covid 19" OR covid19 OR covid19 OR covi-19 OR "2019 nCoV" OR 2019nCoV OR 2019-nCoV OR nCoV OR CoV-2 OR CoV2 OR "CoV 2" OR sarscov2 OR sars-cov-2 OR "sars cov 2" OR "novel CoV" OR "wuhan virus" OR ((wuhan OR hubei OR huanan) AND ("severe acute respiratory" OR pneumonia)))

Note: Don't forget to select databases

You can even combine hedges

In this case we combined the COVID-19 hedge with the Clinical Trials one. Then save your alert as usual.

Strategy Databases		6
S1	<code>ti,ab,su(coronavirus OR corona-virus OR "corona virus" OR coronavirinae OR coronaviridae OR betacoronavirus OR "covid 19" OR covid19 OR covid-19 OR covi-19 OR "2019 nCoV" OR 2019nCoV OR 2019-nCoV OR nCoV OR CoV-2 OR CoV2 OR "CoV 2" OR sarscov2 OR sars-cov-2 OR "sars cov 2" OR "novel CoV" OR "wuhan virus" OR ((wuhan OR hubei OR huanan) AND ("severe acute respiratory" OR pneumonia)))</code>	6
S2	<code>su.exact.explode("clinical trial" OR "clinical trial (topic)" OR "clinical trials as topic") OR qu("clinical trial") OR dtype,ti,su,subst("clinical trial" OR "clinical trials" OR "clin trial" OR "equivalence trial" OR "equivalence trials" OR "meta-analysis" OR "meta-analyses" OR "multicenter study" OR "multicenter studies" OR "observational study" OR "observational studies" OR "randomized controlled trial" OR "randomized controlled trials")</code>	6
S3	<code>S1 and S2</code>	6

To Use the Hedge in an Ad Hoc Search:

Click on **Insert Hedge**. Find the hedge of interest. Instead of clicking on Insert, click on the arrow next to the name of the hedge.

Hedge Selection [Cancel](#)

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▼ Adverse Effects <>Syntax i Info + Insert

This will open up the strategy so you can copy/paste into your search box

COVID-19 [<>Syntax](#) i Info + Insert

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Advanced Search

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