



Embase Enhancement with MEDLINE unique records

Frequently Asked Questions for Dialog Customers

What has changed?

Embase® has been enhanced by the producer, Elsevier, with MEDLINE® records drawn from journals that have not previously been available in Embase. This change increases the number of journals covered in Embase from approximately 5,000 to approximately 7,000.

The new records began appearing in January, and an archive of more than seven million records will be loaded later in 2010. Elsevier has stated that only completed records from MEDLINE are being indexed and added to Embase.

How can I recognize records in Embase that have originated in MEDLINE?

- Accession numbers for records originating from Embase have **10 digits**:
0083460706 EMBASE/MEDLINE No: **2009635403** ← **Embase origin**
- Accession numbers for records originating from Medline **have 8 digits**:
0083450196 EMBASE/MEDLINE No: **19836525** ← **Medline origin**

What do I do if I do not want to receive updates from the MEDLINE records included in Embase?

For either interactive searches or alerts, modify strategies with
NOT FS=MEDLINE

Example:

Paracetamol NOT FS=MEDLINE

How can I de-duplicate Alerts for the same records generated by MEDLINE and Embase respectively?

The Knowledge Center is available for consultation and can help you design an alert strategy according to your specific needs.

Are there any post-processing issues that are raised by this new development?

As with most field changes in our databases, there is potential impact on the display of records in post-processing software. This change may impact the accession number display in some post-processing softwares. Customers using third-party vendor software such as EndNote, Procite, etc. who notice any issues with the display are encouraged to download filter updates from their respective providers.