

## **¿Sabe usted cómo recuperar una referencia consultada en *PubMed* a partir de algunos de sus datos?**

**Do you know how to retrieve a *PubMed* reference if you don't have the complete citation?**

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A menudo, al tomar los datos de una referencia lo hacemos de manera incompleta y más tarde es muy difícil volver a encontrarla. Entre las facilidades que ofrece *PubMed* (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>) se encuentra la posibilidad de recuperar una referencia a partir de algunos de sus datos solamente. Veamos. Una vez en la página inicial de *PubMed*, damos clic sobre la opción *Advanced Search*. Inmediatamente, el sistema nos presenta la interfaz para esta opción ([figura 1](#)). Si deseamos que el sistema nos ofrezca campos adicionales por donde poder realizar la búsqueda volvemos a dar clic sobre la opción *Add More Citation Search Fields*. El sistema nos ofrece nuevas alternativas ([figura 2](#)).

The screenshot shows the PubMed Advanced Search page. At the top, there is the NCBI logo and the PubMed logo with the text "A service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health" and the URL "www.pubmed.gov". On the right, there are links for "My NCBI", "Sign In", and "Register". The main heading is "Advanced Search" with a "Details" link. Below this is a search bar with "Clear", "Preview", and "Search" buttons. A section titled "PubMed Search History" is expanded to show "Search by Author, Journal, Publication Date, and more". It includes a prompt "Fill in any or all of the fields below, as needed." and radio buttons for "All of these (AND)" (selected) and "Any of these (OR)". There are three search fields: "Author", "Journal", and "Publication Date", each with a dropdown menu and an "Index" button. The "Publication Date" field includes a date range selector and a note "(yyyy/mm/dd - month and day are optional)". A link "Click here! Add More Citation Search Fields" is present. At the bottom of this section are "Clear All" and "Search" buttons. Below this is a section "Limit by Topics, Languages, and Journal Groups" with a "Full Text, Free Full Text, and Abstracts" section containing checkboxes for "Links to full text", "Links to free full text", and "Abstracts", along with a "Clear" button.

Fig. 1. PubMed.

This screenshot is similar to Fig. 1 but shows the "Add More Citation Search Fields" section expanded. It includes a "Title" field with a dropdown menu and an "Index" button. Below it are "Volume", "Issue", and "Page" fields, each with a dropdown menu and an "Index" button. A "Reset" button is located below these fields. The "Clear All" and "Search" buttons are also present at the bottom of this section.

Fig. 2. Citation Search Fields.

Como puede observarse, disponemos de múltiples cajas de búsqueda con menús desplegables, en los que podemos seleccionar el campo de la base de datos por el que deseamos realizar la búsqueda e índices (index) para cada campo con la facilidad de autocompletamiento, además de la posibilidad de enlazar con AND u OR las claves de búsqueda.

Supongamos que en cierto momento consultamos la siguiente referencia en PubMed:

Velázquez Pérez L, Sánchez Cruz G, Canales Ochoa N, Rodríguez Labrada R, Rodríguez Díaz J, Almaguer Mederos L, Laffita Mesa J. Electrophysiological features in patients and presymptomatic relatives with spinocerebellar ataxia type 2. *J Neurol Sci.* 2007 Dec 15;263(1-2):158-64. Epub. 2007 Aug 13.

Y que de ella solo recordamos que el trabajo que intentamos recuperar era de un autor de apellidos *Velázquez Pérez* y que trataba sobre ataxia espinocerebelosa (spinocerebellar ataxia). Pues bien, coloquemos esos datos en las ventanas correspondientes y oprimamos el botón *Search* (figura 3).

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Fig. 3. Search.

El sistema nos devuelve una relación de trabajos que cumplen la condición de búsqueda solicitada. El segundo de los trabajos relacionados es el que buscábamos (figura 4).

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- 1: [Saccade velocity is reduced in presymptomatic spinocerebellar ataxia type 2.](#)  
Velázquez-Pérez L, Seifried C, Abele M, Wirjatijasa F, Rodríguez-Labrada R, Santos-Falcón N, Sánchez-Cruz G, Almáguer-Mederos L, Tejeda R, Canales-Ochoa N, Fetter M, Ziemann U, Klockgether T, Medrano-Montero J, Rodríguez-Díaz J, Laffita-Mesa JM, Auburger G. Clin Neurophysiol. 2009 Mar;120(3):632-5. Epub 2009 Feb 7. PMID: 19201647 [PubMed - in process] [Related Articles](#)
- 2: [Electrophysiological features in patients and presymptomatic relatives with spinocerebellar ataxia type 2.](#)  
Velázquez Pérez L, Sánchez Cruz G, Canales Ochoa N, Rodríguez Labrada R, Rodríguez Díaz J, Almáguer Mederos L, Laffita Mesa J. J Neurol Sci. 2007 Dec 15;263(1-2):158-64. Epub 2007 Aug 13. PMID: 17706249 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [Related Articles](#)
- 3: [Spinocerebellar ataxia type 2 olfactory impairment shows a pattern similar to other major neurodegenerative diseases.](#)  
Velázquez-Pérez L, Fernandez-Ruiz J, Díaz R, González RP, Ochoa NC, Cruz GS, Mederos LE, Góngora EM, Hudson R, Drucker-Colín R.

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Fig. 4. Relación de referencias que cumplen la condición de búsqueda.

Utilizamos dos claves para lograr recuperar el trabajo que se nos había extraviado. Pero cuantas más se utilicen es más probable recuperar la referencia perdida, y con mayor precisión.