

# Import Search Files

RIS files are generated to load studies from search databases other than PubMed into NK. After performing a search on SCOPUS, Web of Science, Embase, etc. there is an option to export the search as a RIS (or nBIB) file. It **must be exported as an RIS or nBIB file** because that is the format needed for NK to read it correctly.

Make sure you export all the studies in the search. Specific tips on search databases are below.

## Generating a RIS File

### Embase

- Export all studies as Format: RIS and Field: "Citation"

### Scopus

- Leave all preselected items on "Citation Format" alone
- Export as "RIS Format"

### ClinicalTrials.gov

- ClinicalTrials.gov offers [XML and JSON formats](#) and not RIS format for downloading files, which currently are not supported in the NK software.
- Alternatively, you may want to check out [our API with ClinicalTrials.gov](#), and perform an automatic search within the software.

### Other Search Engine

- Follow the steps in any Search Engine that supports RIS Export
- When in doubt, select the file type that is 'for Reference Managers' or similar

## Upload RIS File

- Log into the specific nest on NK. Go to Literature Search.
- From the Literature Search page, select "Add Search"
- In the modal that appears, select "File Import"

The screenshot shows the 'Create New Search' modal in the Literature Search application. The modal is titled 'Create New Search' and has two tabs: 'Automatic' and 'File Import'. The 'File Import' tab is selected. It contains a 'Query' field with a red box around it, an 'Import Search' button, an 'Upload File (.ris, .nbib, .txt)' button, a 'Search Engine' dropdown menu with 'PubMed' selected and a red box around it, a 'Note' field, a 'Date of Search' field with '11/19/2022' and a red box around it, and 'Cancel' and 'Add' buttons at the bottom. The background shows a sidebar with navigation options like 'Nest Home', 'Literature Search', 'Dual Screening', 'Tagging', 'Extraction', 'Risk of Bias', 'Study Inspector', and 'Synthesis'. The main area shows a search term and a table of search results.

- If your RIS File resulted from a search on an index, enter the full query you used and identify the Search Engine/Index in the drop-down.
- If the Search Engine of interest is not present, select **“Other”**. A text box will appear below this menu; enter the search engine name there.
- Enter the date of your search

### Why do you need to add this information?



We use the Query, Search Engine, and Date as part of the record-keeping on where the records you screened came from. You will be able to access this information in the “History” tab on any study, and it also impacts your PRISMA Chart.

- When done, click “Add” in the bottom right of the modal.

## Format for RIS file

If the RIS file does not load any of the studies, check to make sure the RIS file is formatted correctly. Change the file to a .txt file and look at the format. It should be in the format below; if not, edit the file before uploading or contact support.

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File Edit View
1.
TY - JOUR
AB - BACKGROUND Until recently, the benefits of endovascular treatment in stroke were not proven. Care trials have been designed to simultaneously offer yet-to-be validated interventions
METHODS The study was offered to all patients considered for endovascular management of acute ischemic stroke in one Canadian hospital. Inclusion criteria were broad: onset of symptoms≤5h
RESULTS Seventy-seven patients were recruited in 19 months (March 2013-October 2014) at a single center. Randomized allocation was interrupted when other trials showed the benefits of endo
CONCLUSION A care trial was implemented to offer verifiable care to acute stroke patients. This approach offers a promising means to manage clinical dilemmas and guide uncertain practices.
AU - Khoury, Naim N
AU - Darsaut, Tim E
AU - Ghostine, Jimmy
AU - Deschaintre, Yan
AU - Daneault, Nicole
AU - Durocher, André
AU - Lanthier, Sylvain
AU - Poppe, Alexandre Y
AU - Odier, Céline
AU - Lebrun, Louise-Hélène
AU - Guilbert, François
AU - Gentic, Jean-Christophe
AU - Batista, André
AU - Weill, Alain
AU - Roy, Daniel
AU - Bracard, Serge
AU - Raymond, Jean
AU - ,
DA - 2017-06-01
DB - pubmed
DO - 10.1016/j.neurad.2017.01.126
IS - 3
JO - J Neuroradiol
LA - eng
VL - 44
TI - Endovascular thrombectomy and medical therapy versus medical therapy alone in acute stroke: A randomized care trial.
UR - None
Y2 - 2022-05-20
ER -

2.
TY - JOUR

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## Updating the search

There is **no automatic updating of RIS import**. To update your RIS file, we recommend that you do not delete or alter your past import; add an entirely new search term and file; our system will automatically de-duplicate the imported results.

## Deleting a Search

- In the Literature Search page, find the line representing your RIS Import by identifying its Term/Query, Search Engine, and/or Date.
- In the far right column, click the red trash can icon.
- A warning will appear; if you are certain that you want to delete all records from your RIS Import, and any history of its presence in the nest, click “Proceed.”

### Deletion Warning:



If you delete a search or a RIS file, it will remove all studies and associated screening, tagging, and extraction data from the nest. If a study is found in two different searches and you only delete one search, that study will not be deleted from the nest. **The deletion of a search cannot be reversed!**

## Using NBIB Files instead of RIS Files

Where available, NBIB files can be exported from your database of interest and uploaded into the Literature Search module.

The most commonly used platform that offers NBIB export is PubMed, available from its main search page.

## Downloading an NBIB File from PubMed

First, run your search on [PubMed](#).

Then, in the “Send To:” menu at the top of the search results page (see image), select Send To: **Citation Manager**.

The screenshot shows the PubMed search results page for the query "nested knowledge". The search bar at the top contains the text "nested knowledge" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar are links for "Advanced", "Create alert", "Create RSS", and a "User Guide" link. A "Send to" button is highlighted with a red box. Below the search bar, there are buttons for "Save", "Email", and "Send to". The "Send to" button is highlighted with a red box. The results are sorted by "Best match" and displayed in a grid. The first result is "Mechanical Thrombectomy With and Without Intravenous Tissue Plasminogen Activator for Acute Ischemic Stroke: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Using Nested Knowledge". The second result is "Corticosteroid therapy for COVID-19: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials".

Next, select the records you want to export. The “Send To:” menu automatically selects “all results on this page,” so if you want to export all search results, **ensure that you select “all results”!**

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**Create a file for external citation management software**

Selection: **All results on this page**

**Create file** **Cancel**

**Change to "All Results" if those are the citations you want!**

Click Create file.

Your web browser will prompt you to save the file on your computer. Import this saved file into your citation management program, and then proceed to uploading your file into your nest.

### Uploading, Updating, and Deleting NBIB Files

The steps to upload (and delete) an NBIB file are the same as those for a RIS file ([above](#)).

Similarly, there is **no automatic updating of NBIB files**. In order to update an NBIB file, you must rerun and re-import the NBIB file from the database.

### Spreadsheet-based Upload of Studies

You can also bulk upload studies via a spreadsheet. For accurate data retrieval, there must be a column for DOI, PMID or PubMed ID. Ideally there should also be a column for Title, Year and Authors. For example:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Title	Author	Year	DOI	PubMed ID
2	Cardiovas	Packer, Mi	2020	10.1056/n	32865377
3	The AWAK	Khandwal	2021	10.1007/s	32978755
4	Cardiac M	Teerlink, J	2021	10.1056/n	33185990
5	Vericiguat	Armstrong	2020	10.1056/n	32222134
6	Effect of S	Desai, Aks	2019	10.1001/ja	31475296
7	Dapagliflo	McMurray	2019	10.1056/n	31535829
8	Ivabradine	Swedberg	2010	10.1016/s	20801500
9	Eplerenon	Zannad, Fa	2011	10.1056/n	21073363
10	Angiotens	McMurray	2014	10.1056/n	25176015

Once your spreadsheet is formatted correctly, you go to File Import and select your spreadsheet under Import Search. Then you must add an applicable query in order for the Add button to be enabled. Then click Add to add the studies to your nest.

Create New Search

AutomaticFile Import

Query\*Need help generating a file?

1 [here you would insert an applicable query]

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4

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Import Search\*test spreadsheet.xlsx

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Your sheet must contain one or both the following case-insensitive columns: DOI, "PubMed ID" or "PMID". Bibliographic data will be retrieved from PubMed and/or CrossRef.

Search Engine\*PubMed

NoteEnter your note

Date of Search\*06/06/2023

CancelAdd

This search will be added to the top of existing searches as below:

Add Search +

SearchesIntersections

Query	Search Engine	Schedule	Search Now	Details	
[here you would insert an applicable query]	PubMed	Never	RunFile	Run: 2023-06-06Results: 1	More
test	PubMed	Never	RunFile	Run: 2023-06-06Results: 1	More
"cheese" AND "diabetes" AND "heart"	PubMed	Never	RunFile	Run: 2023-04-25Results: 37	More

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