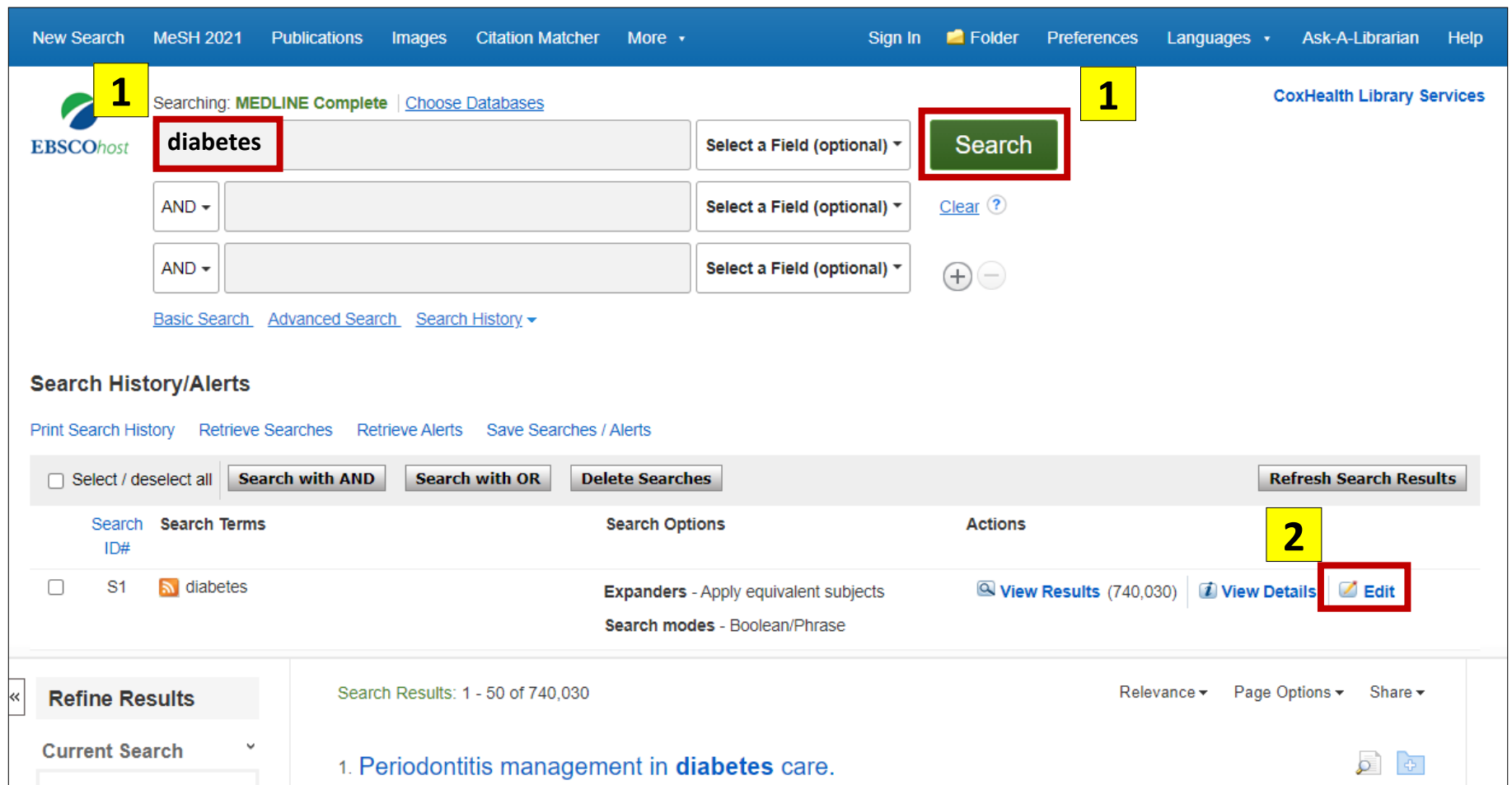


**Limiting a Medline Search to Retrieve Evidence Based Articles**

*Following these steps will help with limiting your search to retrieve evidence based articles when searching EBSCO Medline. Please contact CoxHealth Library Services for additional assistance.*

**Step 1:** After accessing EBSCO Medline, enter search terms in **Medline** and click **Search**.

**Step 2:** The search results will be displayed. Click **Edit** to open the **Search Limits** menu.



The screenshot shows the EBSCO Medline search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links like 'New Search', 'MeSH 2021', 'Publications', 'Images', 'Citation Matcher', 'More', 'Sign In', 'Folder', 'Preferences', 'Languages', 'Ask-A-Librarian', and 'Help'. Below this, the search area features the EBSCOhost logo, a search input field containing 'diabetes', and a green 'Search' button. There are also options for 'Select a Field (optional)', 'AND' operators, and a 'Clear' button. Below the search area, there are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'. The 'Search History/Alerts' section includes buttons for 'Print Search History', 'Retrieve Searches', 'Retrieve Alerts', and 'Save Searches / Alerts'. A table of search results is shown with columns for 'Search ID#', 'Search Terms', 'Search Options', and 'Actions'. The first result is 'S1 diabetes'. The 'Actions' column for this result includes 'View Results (740,030)', 'View Details', and 'Edit'. A 'Refine Results' sidebar is visible on the left, and the main content area shows 'Search Results: 1 - 50 of 740,030' and a list of results starting with '1. Periodontitis management in diabetes care.'

**Step 3:** Once the **Search Limits** menu has opened, scroll down to the section, **Publication Type**.

*NOTE: This section may show in the left column depending on monitor settings.*

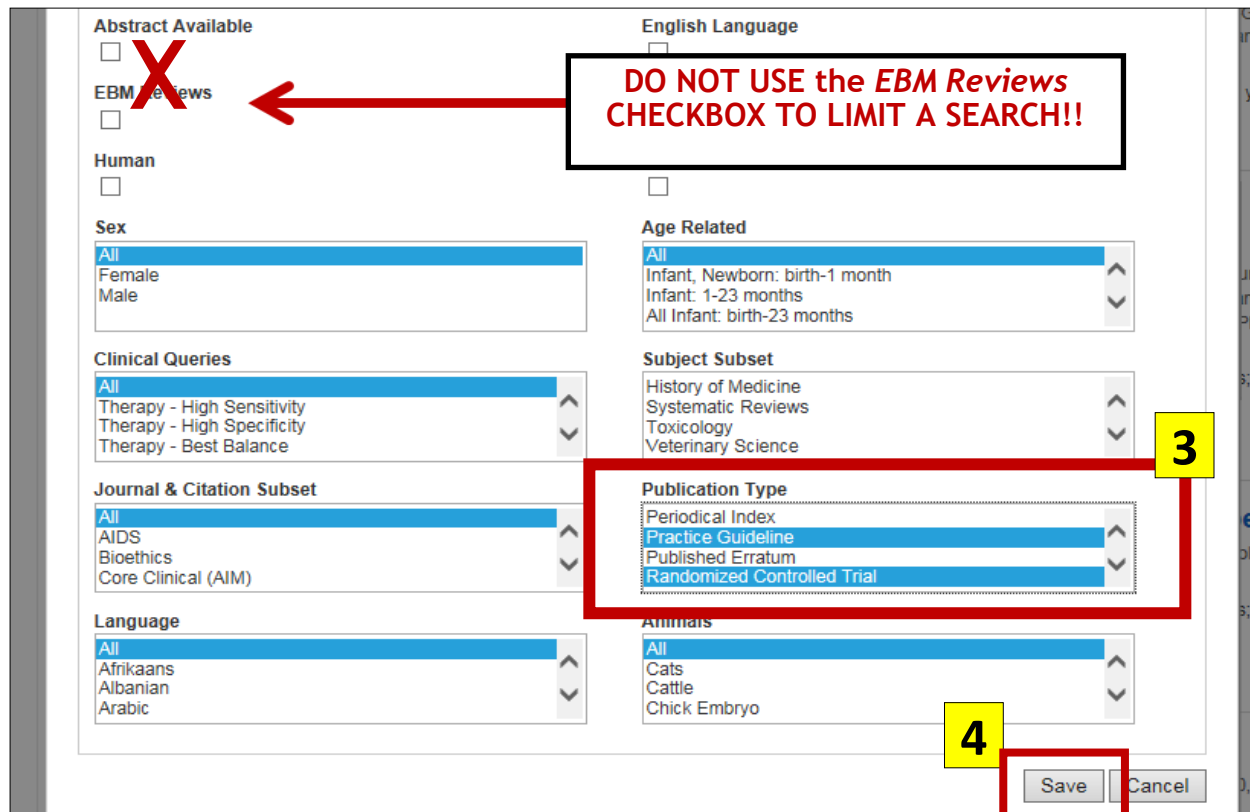
Set limits by selecting evidence based publication types including:

- Clinical Trial
- Comparative Study
- Controlled Clinical Trial
- Evaluation Study
- Guideline
- Meta-Analysis
- Multicenter Study
- Practice Guideline
- Randomized Controlled Trial
- Review
- Validation Studies

Hold down the **Ctrl** key as you click to select multiple publication types.

If needed, a definition for each is provided on the handout: [Evidence Based Limits for Medline Publication Types](#)

**Step 4:** After setting limits, click **Save**.



**Step 5.** After clicking **Save** you will return to the main search menu. Click **View Results**.

**Step 6:** Click on the title of the article to review the complete record for this article.

**Search History/Alerts**

Print Search History   Retrieve Searches   Retrieve Alerts   Save Searches / Alerts

Select / deselect all   **Search with AND**   **Search with OR**   **Delete Searches**   **Refresh Search Results**

Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Options	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> S1	diabetes	<p><b>Limiters</b> - Publication Type: Case Reports, Clinical Study, Clinical Trial, Comparative Study, Consensus Development Conference, Consensus Development Conference, NIH, Controlled Clinical Trial, Evaluation Study, Government Document, Guideline, Meta-Analysis, Multicenter Study, Practice Guideline, Randomized Controlled Trial, Review, Systematic Review, Twin Study</p> <p><b>Expanders</b> - Apply equivalent subjects</p> <p><b>Search modes</b> - Boolean/Phrase</p>	<p><b>5</b> <a href="#">View Results (245,018)</a>   <a href="#">View Details</a>   <a href="#">Edit</a></p>

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**Refine Results**

Current Search

**Boolean/Phrase:**  
diabetes

**Expanders**  
Apply equivalent subjects

**Limiters**  
Date of Publication: 20160101-20211231   
English Language

**Limit To**  
 Full Text  
 Abstract Available  
 English Language

Search Results: 1 - 50 of 238,127   Relevance ▾   Page Options ▾   Share ▾

- 1. Periodontitis management in diabetes care.**

(English) ; Abstract available. By: Mathew JE; Jacob JJ; Kalra S, JPMA. The Journal of the Pakistan Medical Association [J Pak Med Assoc], ISSN: 0030-9982, 2021 Aug; Vol. 71 (8), pp. 2097-2099; Publisher: Pakistan Medical Association; PMID: 34418040

**Subjects:** Diabetes Complications therapy; Diabetes Mellitus epidemiology; Diabetes Mellitus therapy; Hyperglycemia; Periodontal Diseases; Periodontitis complications; Periodontitis epidemiology; Periodontitis therapy

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- 2. The interrelationship between diabetes mellitus and peripheral arterial disease.**

(English) ; Abstract available. By: Stoberock K; Kaschwich M; Nicolay SS; Mahmoud N; Heidemann F; Rieß HC; Debus ES; Behrendt CA, VASA. Zeitschrift für Gefasskrankheiten [Vasa], ISSN: 0301-1526, 2021 Sep; Vol. 50 (5), pp. 323-330; Publisher: Hogrefe AG; PMID: 33175668

**Subjects:** Diabetes Mellitus diagnosis; Diabetes Mellitus epidemiology; Diabetes Mellitus therapy; Peripheral Arterial Disease diagnosis; Peripheral Arterial Disease epidemiology; Peripheral Arterial Disease therapy

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**Step 7:** Review the **Publication type** field in the complete record. The example shows this article is a **Multicenter Study**.

Based on the definitions provided in **Step #3**, **Multicenter Study** is an evidence based publication type and this article is most likely evidence based.



The screenshot shows a library record interface. On the left, there are options for 'Detailed Record', 'HTML Full Text', and 'PDF Full Text', along with a 'Find Similar Results' button. The main content area displays the title 'Diabetes increases the mortality of patients with COVID-19: a meta-analysis.' Below the title, the 'Authors' field lists 'Wu ZH; Department of Infectious Diseases, Union Hospital, Tongji Medical College, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, 430022, China.' The 'Source' field is 'Acta diabetologica [Acta Diabetol] 2021 Feb; Vol. 58 (7) 139-144. Date of Electronic Publication: 2020 Jun 24.' The 'Publication Type' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the text 'Journal Article; Meta-Analysis; Systematic Review'. The 'Language' field is 'English'. The 'Journal Info' field includes 'Publisher: Springer Verlag, Country of Publication: Germany NLM ID: 9200299 Publication Model: Print-Electronic Cited Medium: Internet ISSN: 1432-5233 (Electronic) Linking ISSN: 09405429 NLM ISO Abbreviation: Acta Diabetol Subsets: MEDLINE'. A yellow box with the number '7' is placed over the volume and issue information in the source field.

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