Embase™
Fact Sheet

ANSWERS BASED ON COMPREHENSIVE, UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION
In the biomedical domain users are looking for answers based on comprehensive, up-to-date information. With over 8,500 currently published biomedical journals, including all titles covered by MEDLINE, this is just what Embase is able to offer.
**What Is It and Why Is It Needed?**
With over 29 million indexed records and more than 8,500 currently indexed peer-reviewed journals, Embase is a highly versatile, multipurpose and up-to-date database covering the most important international biomedical literature from 1947 to the present day. All articles are indexed in depth using the Elsevier Life Science thesaurus (‘Emtree’), and the entire database is available on multiple platforms.

On the Elsevier platform, (www.embase.com), users looking for drug, medical device and disease-related information (and much more besides), are provided with the intuitive search tools they need to find answers to their research questions.

**FEATURES**

**EMBASE COVERAGE IN A NUTSHELL:**
- Journal coverage, when Embase Classic is included, back to 1947
- Over 29 million records, including 1.8 million records from Embase Classic and records from all MEDLINE titles
- Over 8,500 journals from over 90 countries are currently indexed, including all MEDLINE titles
- Over 2,800 currently indexed journals are unique to Embase, i.e. are not available from MEDLINE
- Each year over 1.4 million records are added to Embase, with on average more than 5,000 records each working day
- Coverage includes more than 1.75 million conference abstracts indexed from over 5,500 conferences (from 2009)
- In addition, Embase now includes indexed Articles in Press and In-Process records for over 25% and 45% of records respectively

**EMBASE INDEXING**
- All records are indexed in depth with Emtree terms
- Emtree includes over 70,000 preferred terms half of which are drug and chemical terms: over three times as many as listed by MeSH
- In addition, Emtree now lists over 3,000 medical devices
- All MeSH terms are mapped to Emtree
- Drug, disease and medical device terms are qualified by subheadings which define the context of use of each term
- Five key drug subheadings (from 2009) and two device subheadings (from 2014) are further qualified to show the linked drug, disease or device terms
- Additional index terms include drug and medical device trade names and manufacturer names, CAS registry numbers and molecular sequence numbers
**EMBASE FUNCTIONALITY**

- All records in Embase, including all MEDLINE content, are searchable with a single query; deduplication by the user is not required.
- Choice of Emtree or MeSH terminology to carry out searches.
- Emtree explosion searches for retrieval of records indexed with the same class, particularly for drugs, diseases and devices.
- Daily updates for high currency.
- Provisionally indexed “in process” and pre-publication (“articles in press”) records ensure the best possible currency.
- Email alerts and RSS feeds can be run on any schedule as defined by the user.
- Search results can be refined using biomedical and bibliographic filters.
- Search results are linked to full text data (e.g. via OpenURL), subject to availability.
- Data exports are available in a variety of formats (including RIS).

**EMBASE SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Embase has a broad biomedical scope, with in depth coverage of pharmacology, pharmaceutical science and clinical research. Basic biomedical science, veterinary science and extensive allied health topics are also included.

![Pie chart showing the core topics, grouped into 19 super categories.](chart.png)

*The pie chart shows the core topics, grouped into 19 super categories.*

**SUMMARY OF DATA**

- With a total content over 8,500 journal titles, Embase covers over 60 topic areas.
- 30 core pharmacology and clinical topics* represent over 70% of Embase content (from over 5,000 journal titles).
- Over 30% of Embase journal titles are unique**, including 30% of titles covering core pharmacology and clinical topics.

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