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Web of Science
This is actually a platform that includes several databases, including Web of Science Core Collection and CAB Abstracts. Each database can be searched individually or all can be searched together. Click on the Find it UF links to look for full-text.

Web of Science Core Collection
- Broad coverage includes Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, and Humanities Citation Index – over 10,000 journals in total.
- Citations go back to 1900.
- There is no controlled vocabulary for this database – simply use keywords (with as many synonyms as possible for each concept to get a comprehensive search).
- Once you have done a search, use facets on the right-hand side to narrow your results.
- An important feature of this database is the ability to search forward or backward from an individual article (cited reference searching).

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CAB Abstracts

- Includes over 7.4 million citations of the life sciences literature from 1910 onwards.
- Focuses on agriculture, but has significant coverage of veterinary science. Has particularly strong international coverage.
- Like Web of Science Core Collection, you can refine your results using filters on the right.
- Uses a controlled vocabulary of CABICODES (like MeSH headings) to help refine your searches. Find the CABICODES list under Advanced Search, or simply use them as a filter.

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