Translating SR textword strings

A streamlined process for accurately translating your final search strategy from Medline to other databases

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Copy and paste the Medline textword search lines below this, keeping the concept lines separate.

- Remove .tw.
- Add double quotes around phrases (two words or more)
- Globally change lowercase ‘or’ to uppercase ‘OR’
- Make 3 copies of this

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CINAHL copy
- Change adjacency (adjx) to Nx
- Change ? to #
Note: Do not use # as an internal wildcard if also using end truncation. Write out variations instead, e.g. gynaecolog* OR gynecolog*

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PubMed
- Replace adjacency (adjx) with uppercase AND
- Spell out any words with wildcards (e.g. tumour* OR tumor*)
- Use ‘Replace’ function to change OR to OR[tia][b]
- Add brackets around whole string, then add NOT medline[sb] to the end of string

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Scopus copy
- Change adjacency to W/x
- Change ? wildcards to *
- Spell out single character end truncation (?) – e.g. memo, memos
- Note: Scopus automatically searches for plurals

Search String Master copy
- Combine each concept search string with an uppercase AND
- Check brackets balance
- Look for extra spaces between words

Web of Science
- Change adjacency (adjx) to NEAR/x
- Change wildcard ? to $