

BiblioMerge

BiblioMerge: A Python-based automated tool to merge WoS and Scopus bibliographic data, compatible with Biblioshiny, Bibexcel, VOSviewer, SciMAT and ScientoPy

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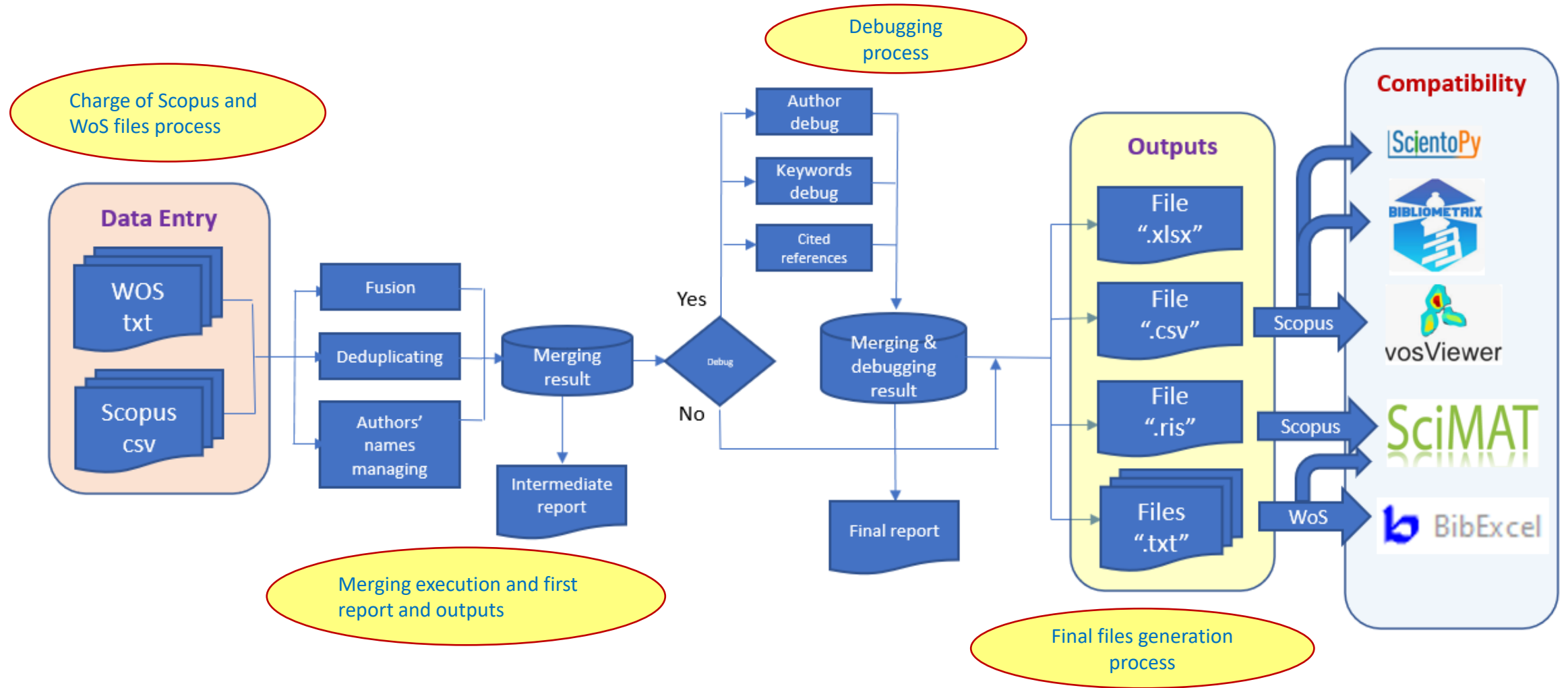
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General process view

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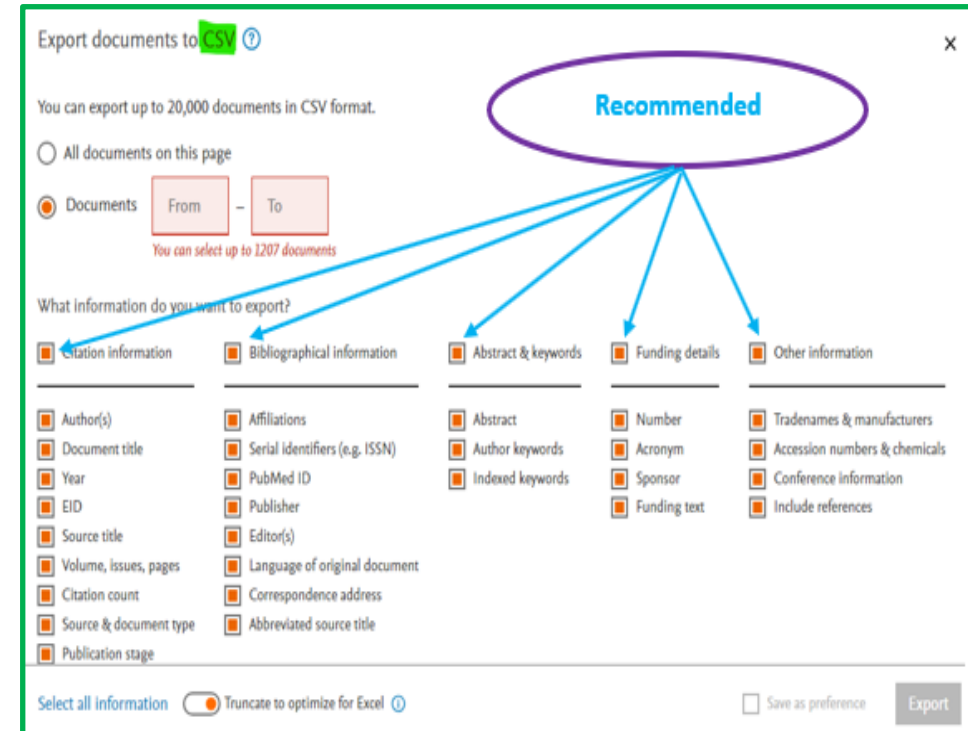
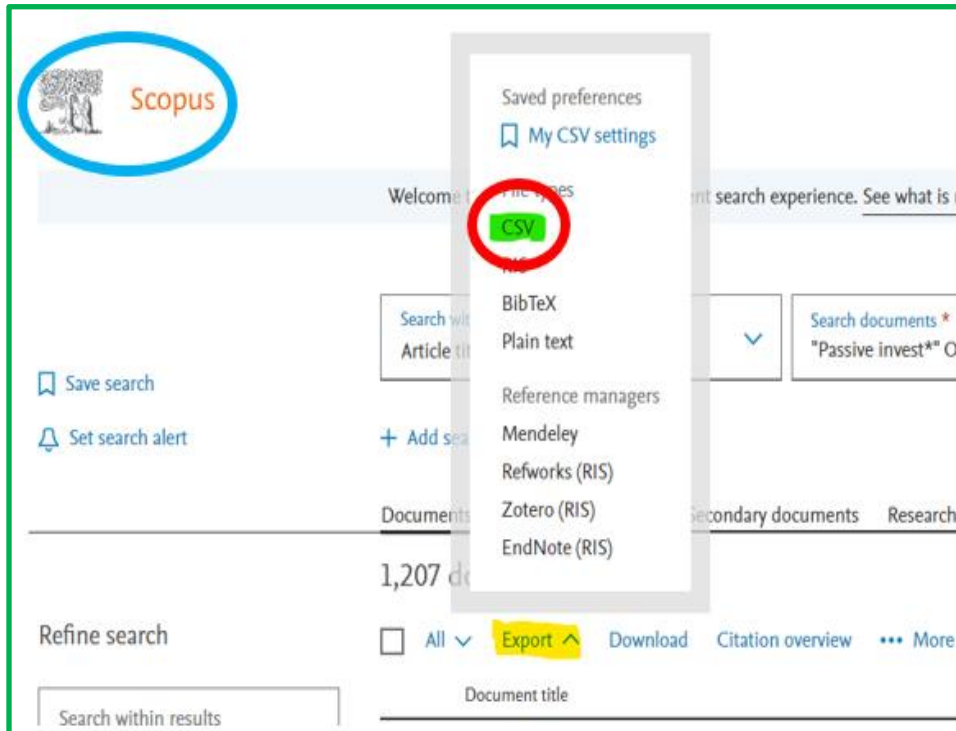
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Preliminary steps

1. We need to export **Scopus** documents in CSV format

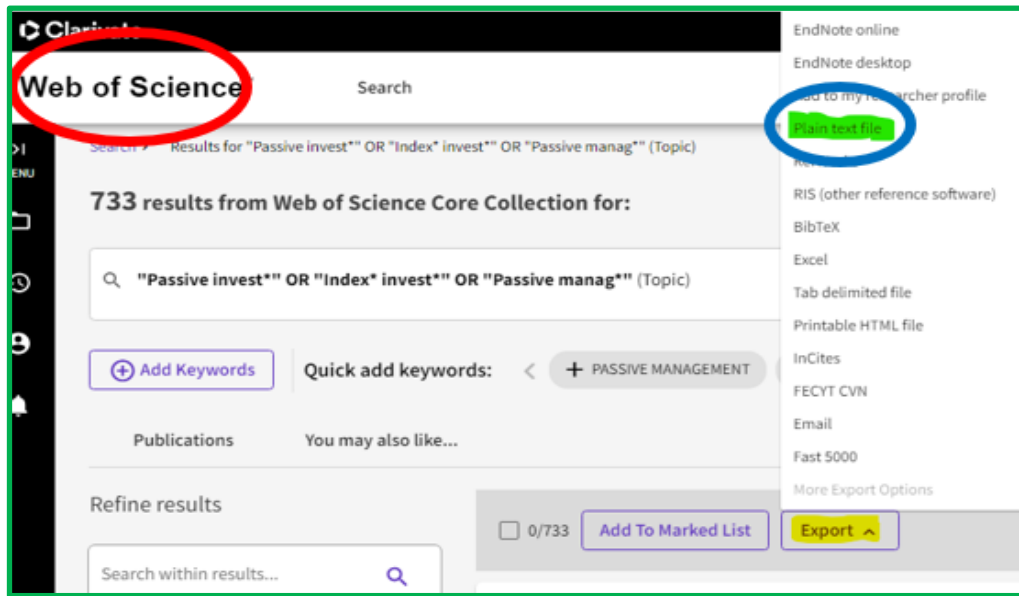
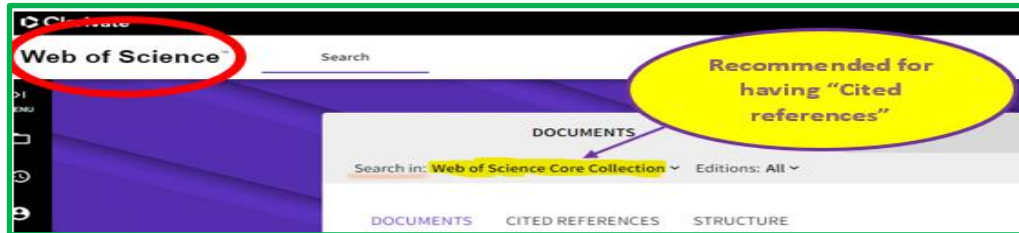
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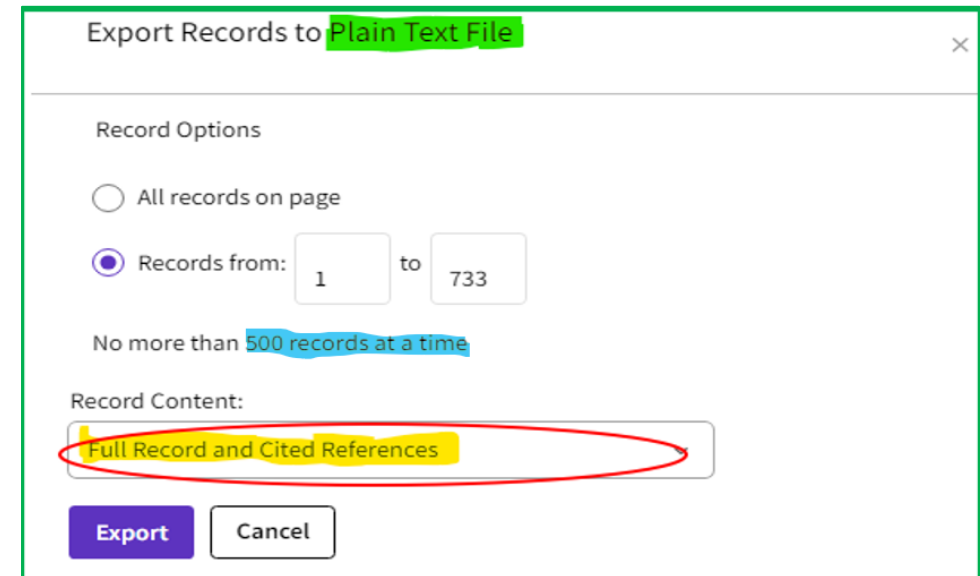
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Preliminary steps

2. We need to export **Web of Science** records in Plain text format



Selecting **all available information** and exporting it in batches of **500 records each**



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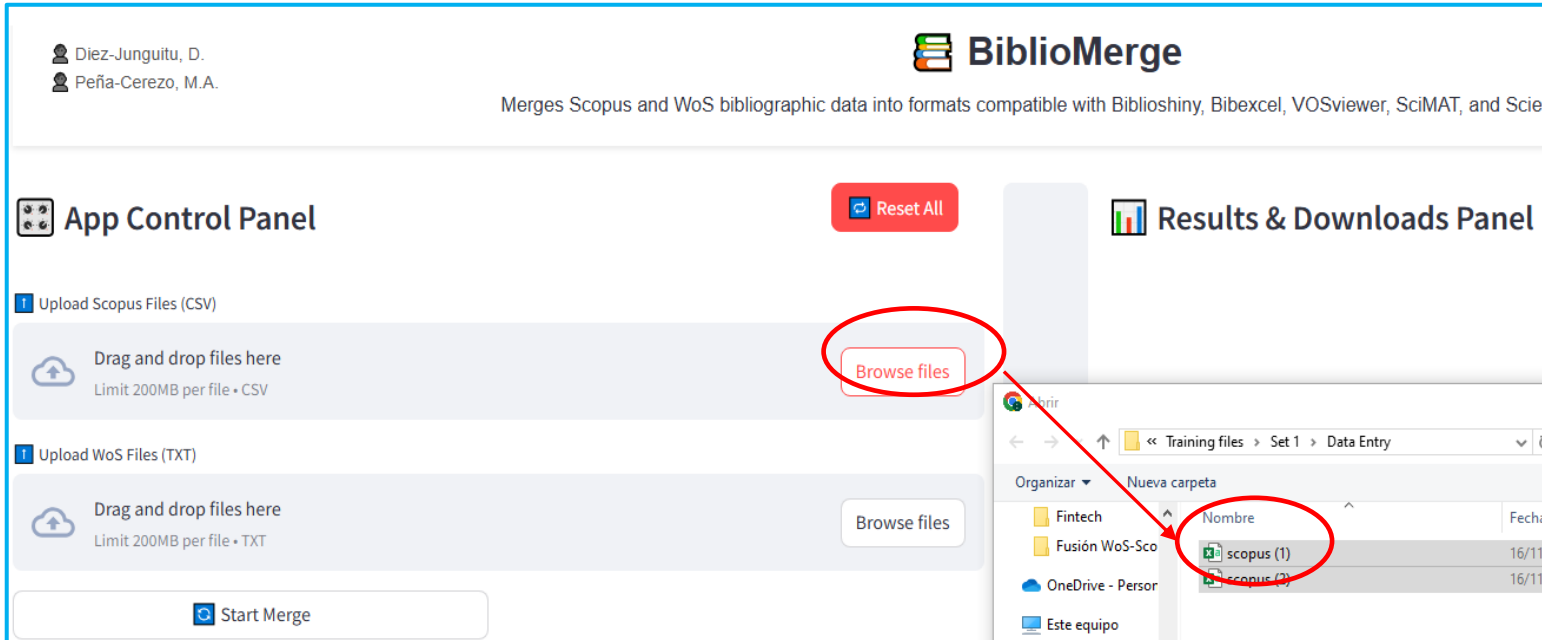
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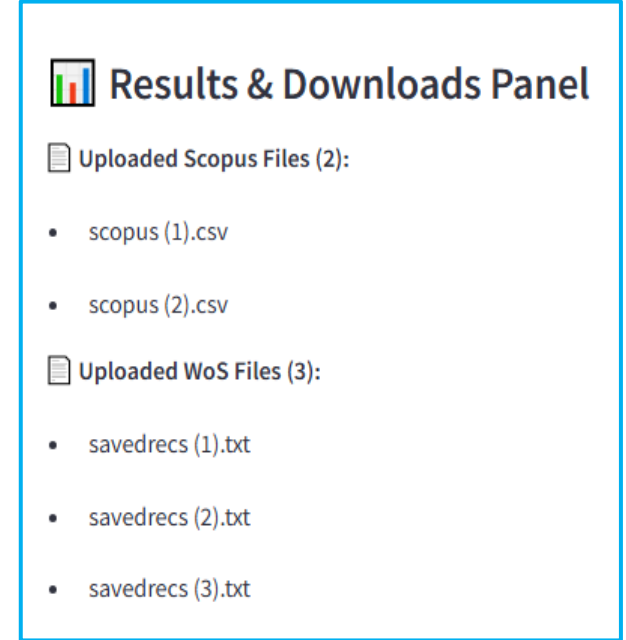
Charge of Scopus and WoS files process

Clicking **Browse files** options the Explorer will help to guide you to the entry files

You will have a **notice** when the upload is completed



The screenshot shows the BiblioMerge application interface. The top bar includes the user profile (Diez-Junguito, D. and Peña-Cerezo, M.A.) and the application name "BiblioMerge". Below the top bar, there is a "Reset All" button. The main area is divided into two panels: "App Control Panel" on the left and "Results & Downloads Panel" on the right. The "App Control Panel" has two sections: "Upload Scopus Files (CSV)" and "Upload WoS Files (TXT)". Each section has a "Drag and drop files here" area with a "Limit 200MB per file" note. A "Browse files" button is located next to each upload section. A red circle highlights the "Browse files" button in the "Upload Scopus Files (CSV)" section. A red arrow points from this button to a file explorer window. The file explorer window shows the "Training files" directory, and a red circle highlights the "scopus (1)" file. A blue arrow points from the "Results & Downloads Panel" in the application to the "Results & Downloads Panel" on the right.



The screenshot shows the "Results & Downloads Panel" with a bar chart icon. It displays two sections: "Uploaded Scopus Files (2):" and "Uploaded WoS Files (3):".

- Uploaded Scopus Files (2):
 - scopus (1).csv
 - scopus (2).csv
- Uploaded WoS Files (3):
 - savedrecs (1).txt
 - savedrecs (2).txt
 - savedrecs (3).txt

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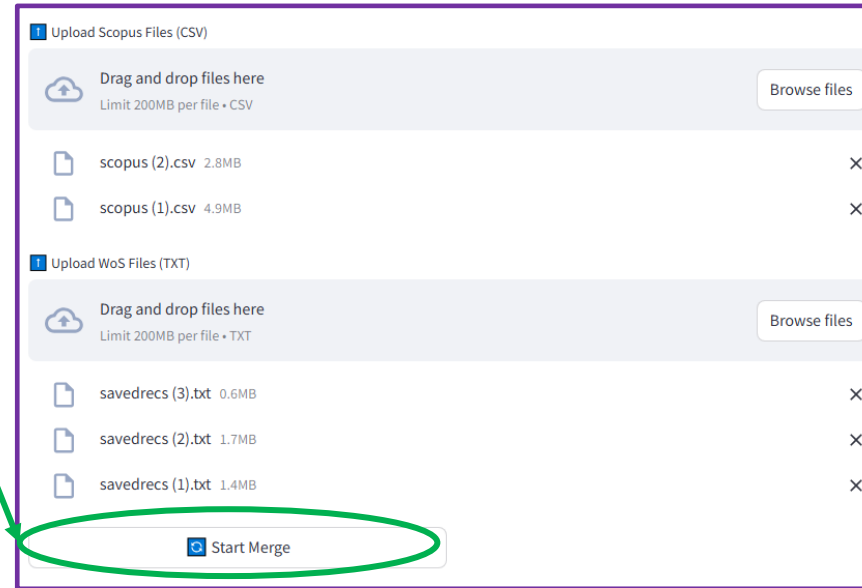
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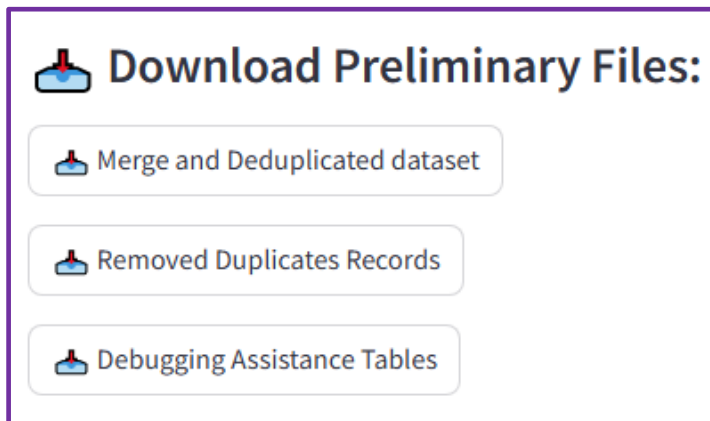
Merging execution and first report and outputs


After uploading Scopus and WoS records, **Start Merge** should be clicked to continue the merging process,






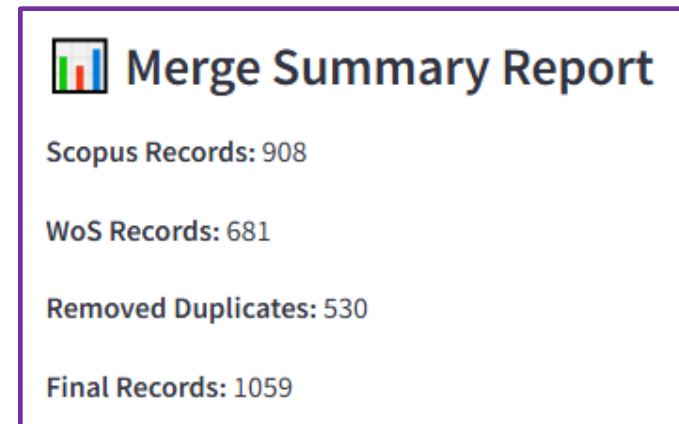
and after a few seconds, the process will have been concluded and generated 3 preliminary files that can be downloaded into your device.....


...and a summary report of the merge and some graphs of key parameters



 **Download Preliminary Files:**

-  Merge and Deduplicated dataset
-  Removed Duplicates Records
-  Debugging Assistance Tables



 **Merge Summary Report**

Scopus Records: 908

WoS Records: 681

Removed Duplicates: 530

Final Records: 1059

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Debugging of Authors, Keywords and Cited References process



Meaning of Debugging:

- We have a database of scientific documents over which we plan to perform bibliometric analysis
- For the analysis it will be needed to account the **authors, keywords, and cited references** in their respective fields in the database, and establish metrics and connections
- Frequently, these concepts in the data base are expressed in different orthographies or in synonymous words. As for example:
 - For Authors: “Cheng Y” could be the same orthography for two different Authors
 - For Keywords: “Trade”, “Trading”, “trading strategy”, “trading strategies”, could be synonymous to “trading” from a particular point of view
- The object of Debugging is to disambiguate, harmonize or group these situations in order to get the clearest interpretation of the analysis results

Debugging process:

- The process consists in three steps:
 1. **Identify** the situations to be disambiguated, harmonized or grouped
 2. **Establish the association** of these situations with their alternative, decided by the researcher, in an Excel file
 3. Incorporate this association in the App to **replace** the old words (group of words) by the new ones in the database
- For facilitate the three steps, in the Merging process, it was generated the Excel file “[Debugging-Tables.xlsx](#)”. It has four sheets, for the managing of **Authors**, **Author Keywords**, **Index Keywords**, and **Cited References** debugging
- Although the general process is the same for the four concepts, it would be explained one by one as some particularities could be worth to focus the identification step in a different way

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Debugging of Authors, Keywords and Cited References process



Authors debugging:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Authors	Author full names	Author(s) ID	Indices	Posiciones	Articles	New Author
1	dammhauser cd	dammhauser, carlin d.	57194611331	0	0	1	0-change-0
3	spilker hd iii	spilker, harold d.	57225917930	0	1	1	0-change-0
4	kanamura t	kanamura, takashi	23667362100	1	0	1	0-change-0
5	song x	song, xiaochuan	57222517164	2	0	1	0-change-0
6	daher t	daher, trevor	58103334700	3	0	1	0-change-0
7	rapp dj	rapp, david j.	56900836300	3	1	1	0-change-0
8	gormley ta	gormley, todd a.	32667824600	4;369;447	0;1;1	3	0-change-0
9	gupta vk	gupta, vishal k.	57212154514	4	1	1	0-change-0
10	matsa da	matsa, david a.	24449449900	4	2	1	0-change-0
11	mortal sc	mortal, sandra c.	15061797900	4	3	1	0-change-0
12	yang l	yang, lukai	58143793300	4	4	1	0-change-0
13	faison ek	faison, edward k.	6603090363	5	0	1	0-change-0
35	boyd r	boyd, reiko	55955084700	12	0	1	0-change-0
36	williams-butler	williams-butler, abige	57202515102	12	1	1	0-change-0
37	ploch k	ploch, katarina	58199007600	12	2	1	0-change-0

Authors
Author Keywords
Index Keywords
Cited References
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Fields explanation:

- **Authors:** correspond to the list of different authors in the Authors field of the database
- **Authors full names:** correspond to the long name of the author. It will help to distinguish different authors with the same short name
- **Author(s) ID:** it is an identification code for each individual author in Scopus databases. In base to this ID, previous debugging was already performed in merging execution, so no need for debugging in the "Scopus part" of the merged database, **and only need to check the WoS origin records**
- **Indices:** it points out in which records of the database appears the corresponding author
- **Posiciones:** it points out in which position within the Author field of the database appears the corresponding author
- **Articles:** number of articles in which it appears the corresponding author
- **New Author:** it is the field where the alternative word or group of words should be place, and that will be the one/s that will replace the word or group of words appearing in the "Author" field. **This field should be filled if necessary or the whole line eliminated (if the application find the message "0-change-0" any debugging would be performed)**

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Authors debugging:

Recommended procedure:

1. Order the Excel table by alphabetically by Author

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Authors	Author full names	Author(s) ID	Indices	Posiciones	Articles	New Author
dannhauser cd	dannhauser, caitlin d.	57194611331	0	0	1	0-change-0
spilker hd iii	spilker, harold d.	57225917930	0	1	1	0-change-0
kanamura t	kanamura, takashi	23667262100	1	0	1	0-change-0

Ordenar

+ Agregar nivel X Eliminar nivel Copiar nivel

Ordenar por: **Authors** Ordenar según: **Valores de celda** Orden: **A a Z**

2. Pay attention to lines with Author's(ID) empty field, and check if in the rows before or after there are authors with identical orthographies. Help yourself with Excel utility for identifying duplicates (Conditional Formats) in Authors column

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Authors	Author full names	Author(s) ID	Indices	Posiciones	Articles	New Author
halim maa	halim, muhammad ak	57225141471	285	0	1	0-change-0
hall b	hall, brian	7401720066	5	4	1	0-change-0
hall tw	hall, thomas w.	7402483608	862	0	1	0-change-0
halvorson ad	halvorson, ardell d.	7003346085	790	1	1	0-change-0
hamdani a	hamdani, anas	57218364520	34	5	1	0-change-0
hamdani a	hamdani, assaf		971	0	1	0-change-0
hamel pb	hamel, paul b.	7006780462	575	3	1	0-change-0
hamid ba	hamid, baharom abdu	57217223819	265	2	1	0-change-0
hamilos na	hamilos, paula	57105663900	473	0	1	0-change-0

3. Choose an alternative name to disambiguate one of them, and assign it in the 'New Author' field

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Authors	Author full names	Author(s) ID	Indices	Posiciones	Articles	New Author
halim maa	halim, muhammad ak	57225141471	285	0	1	0-change-0
hall b	hall, brian	7401720066	5	4	1	0-change-0
hall tw	hall, thomas w.	7402483608	862	0	1	0-change-0
halvorson ad	halvorson, ardell d.	7003346085	790	1	1	0-change-0
hamdani a	hamdani, anas	57218364520	34	5	1	0-change-0
hamdani a	hamdani, assaf		971	0	1	hamdani a_1

4. Erase all the rows that have not been associated, that are the ones that still have the original legend "o-change-0"

The final aspect of the table should be like that:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Authors	Author full names	Author(s) ID	Indices	Posiciones	Articles	New Author
chen y	chen, y.		1465	0	1	chen y_3
hamdani a	hamdani, assaf		971	0	1	hamdani a_1
lin cy	lin, che-yang		1470	0	1	lin cy_1
wang xl	wang, xiaoli		1475	0	1	wang xl_1
xu k	xu, kuan		1073	0	1	xu k_1
zhang yj	zhang, yaojie		1096	0	1	zhang yj_1

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Author Keywords debugging (identical procedure for Index Keywords):

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Author Keyword	Indices	Posiciones	Conteo	New Keyword
2	active management	0;199;201;267;	0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0	20	0-change-0
3	competition	0;601	1;1	2	0-change-0
4	cross-trading	0	2	1	0-change-0
5	moral hazard	0;482	3;1	2	0-change-0
6	mutual fund families	0	4	1	0-change-0
7	passive management	0;46;58;129;15	5;2;2;3;4;4;5;4;2	25	0-change-0
33	social networks	12	3	1	0-change-0
34	double auction	13	0	1	0-change-0
35	esg investing	13;278;1362	1;0;2	3	0-change-0
36	heterogeneous value	13	2	1	0-change-0

Authors Author Keywords Index Keywords Cited References

Recommended procedure:

1. Use ordering by "Count" (number of appearances) or/and by "Author Keyword" alphabetically to find similar orthographies or synonymous
2. Chose one of the orthographies and associate it to the other one in the field "New Keyword"
3. Erase all the rows that have not been associated, that are the ones that still have the original legend "0-change-0"

The final aspect of the table should be like that:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Author Keyword	Indices	Posiciones	Conteo	New Keyword
2	accounting and ratio analysis	1338	0		1 accounting
3	accounting annual report	261	0		1 accounting
4	accounting information	321	0		1 accounting
5	active investment	82;127	0;0		2 active management
6	active investment management	465	0		1 active management
7	active investment strategy	712	0		1 active management
8	active network management	434	0		1 active management
9	active portfolio management	137;246	0;0		2 active management
10	active strategies	1301	0		1 active management
11	active and passive management	126;303;501	0;0;0		3 active vs. passive manager
12	active management versus passive	612	0		1 active vs. passive manager
13	active versus passive investment st	725	0		1 active vs. passive manager
14	active versus passive investors	1397	3		1 active vs. passive manager
15	active vs. passive management	677	0		1 active vs. passive manager
16	active/passive investment manage	703	1		1 active vs. passive manager
17	agent-based modeling	675	0		1 agent-based model
18	agent-based modelling	441;513	0;0		2 agent-based model
19	agent-based modelling and simula	819	0		1 agent-based model

Fields explanation:

- **Author Keyword:** correspond to the list of different author keywords in the Author Keywords field of the database
- **Indices:** The concept is the same as in authors debugging
- **Posiciones:** The concept is the same as in authors debugging
- **Count:** number of times the corresponding author keyword appears in the database
- **New Keyword:** it is the field where the alternative word or group of words should be place, and that will be the one/s that will replace the word or group of words appearing in the "Author Keyword" field. **This field should be filled if necessary or the whole line eliminated (if the application find the message "0-change-0" any debugging would be performed)**

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Cited References debugging

A	B	C	D	E
References	Indices	Posiciones	Count	New Reference
adams j., bayunga d., mansi s., index	0	0	1	0-change-0
agarwal v., ren h., shen k., zhao h., (0	1	1	0-change-0
amihud y., goyenko r., mutual fund	0	2	1	0-change-0
appel i.r., gormley t.a., keim d.b., p	0;123	3;2	2	0-change-0
appel i.r., gormley t.a., keim d.b., st	0;123	4;3	2	0-change-0
azar j., schmalz m.c., tecu i., anticom	0	5	1	0-change-0
baker a.c., larcker d.f., wang c.c.y., h	0	6	1	0-change-0
massa m., how do family strategies i	0;322	32;28	2	0-change-0
mccahery j.a., sautner z., stark s l.t., l	0	33	1	0-change-0
mccullough a., (2018)	0	34	1	0-change-0

Authors Author Keywords Index Keywords **Cited References** (+)

Fields explanation:

- **References:** correspond to the list of different cited references in the correspondent field of the database. Typical structure: “authors, title, journal, etc”
- **Rests of fields:** similar structure and meaning than in previous cases
- **New Reference:** This field should be filled if necessary or the whole line eliminated (if the application find the message “aaa – add equivalence or erase the row” any debugging would be performed)

Special characteristics:

1. It uses to be a large file, with around 50 K rows
2. It uses to contain “trash” row that have nothing to do with bibliographical references

Recommended procedure:

1. Order by “References” alphabetically to find this “trash” rows, for example:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	References	Indices	Posiciones	Count	New Reference
2	(2023)	3;5;5	52;62;63	3	0-change-0
3	(2022)	4;4;4;36;47;77;96;5	46;60;65;13;25;3	14	0-change-0
4	(2021)	2;4;4;90;90;122;12	43;14;71;6;39;1;3	18	0-change-0
5	(2020)	4;36;48;105;122;12	72;16;21;93;35;10	11	0-change-0
6	(2019)	4;105;111;144;147; 77;92;10;7;10;19;		18	0-change-0
7	(2018)	4;99;175;178;228;2	13;32;52;4;37;53;	17	0-change-0

2. Empty the field “New Reference”, and so, the “trash” data will be erased in the data base

	A	B	C	D	E
1	References	Indices	Posiciones	Count	New Reference
2	(2023)	3;5;5	52;62;63	3	
3	(2022)	4;4;4;36;47;77;96;5	46;60;65;13;25;3	14	
4	(2021)	2;4;4;90;90;122;12	43;14;71;6;39;1;3	18	
5	(2020)	4;36;48;105;122;12	72;16;21;93;35;10	11	
6	(2019)	4;105;111;144;147; 77;92;10;7;10;19;		18	
7	(2018)	4;99;175;178;228;2	13;32;52;4;37;53;	17	

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Cited References debugging

Recommended procedure:

- Putting apart these treated rows, it could be ordered the rest by “count” to try to identify the relevant references and get a workable number of rows
- Order alphabetically by “References” and identify the different orthographies for a same reference
- Chose one of the orthographies and associate it to the other one in the field “New Reference”
- Join this part with the one worked in the point number 2

The final aspect of the table should be like that

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	References	Indices	Posiciones	Count	New Reference	
287	abushosheh m., bohara s., contu d., elsharei	99	0	1	abushosheh m., bohara s., contu d., e	
288	abramov a., akshentseva k., determinants of	368	1	1	abramov a., akshenseva k., the deter	
289	aber j.w., li d., can l., price volatility and trad	385	0	1	aber j.w., li d., can l., price volatility a	
290	aber j.w., li d., can l., price volatility and trad	310	0	1	aber j.w., li d., can l., price volatility a	
291	abdullah f., hassan t., mohamad s., investiga	244	0	1	abdullah f., hassan t., mohamad s., in	
292	abbott p.c., hurt c., tyner w.e., what's driving	264	0	1	abbott p.c., hurt c., tyner w.e., what's	
293	aarons kj, 2011, mich law rev, v109, p1293	939	0	1	aarons k.j., the real world roadless ru	
294	(2004)	145;400;45	34;9;17;41	23		
295	(2019)	5;31;105;1	77;0;92;30	19		
296	(2021)	3;5;5;36;78	43;14;71;3	16		
297	(2022)	5;5;5;36;40	46;60;65;4	16		
298	(2014)	145;157;153	3;0;26;42;5	16		
299	(1994)	61;235;336	9;6;26;73;7	10		
300	(2003)	112;127;231	31;79;11	6		
301	(2006)	65;157;172	2;15;21;6;2	5		
302	(2008)	94;214;232	17;16;82;3	6		
303	(2010)	282;336;421	5;28;12;1	6		
304	(2011)	61;65;144;262	10;28;	8		
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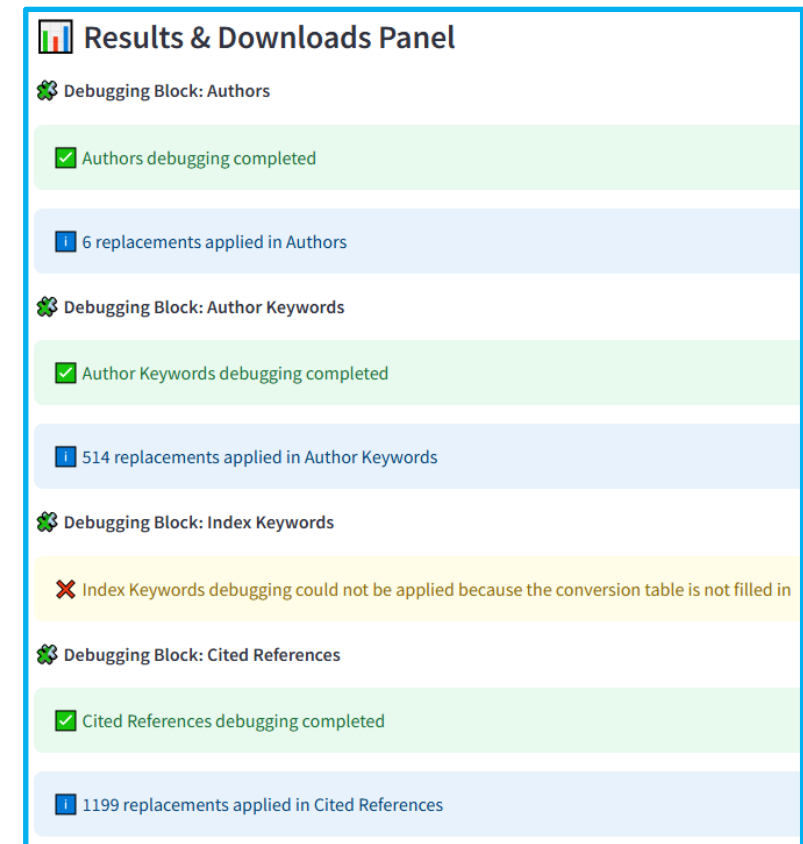
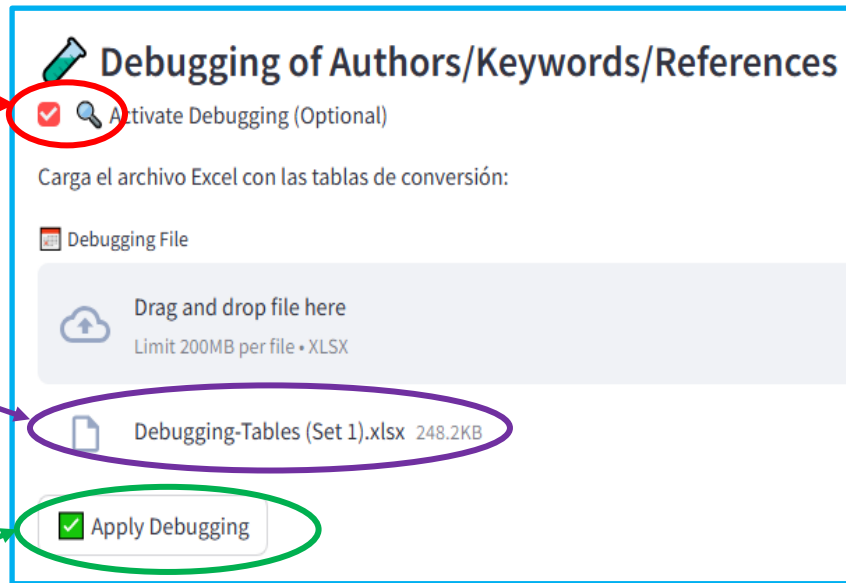
Final Step:

- Once established the associations on any or all the four sheets, the file “[Debugging-Tables.xlsx](#)” used for this task should be saved with either this name or a different one.

- Next, we will go to the App, clicking “**Activate Debugging**” ...

- Then we will upload the file

- ...and clicking the “**Apply Debugging**” the process will be executed



Results & Downloads Panel

- Debugging Block: Authors
 - Authors debugging completed
 - 6 replacements applied in Authors
- Debugging Block: Author Keywords
 - Author Keywords debugging completed
 - 514 replacements applied in Author Keywords
- Debugging Block: Index Keywords
 - Index Keywords debugging could not be applied because the conversion table is not filled in
- Debugging Block: Cited References
 - Cited References debugging completed
 - 1199 replacements applied in Cited References

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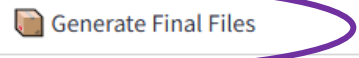
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Final files and reports generation


- By activating this “**Generate Final Files**”, with or without debugging ...





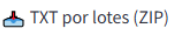
 **Debugging of Authors/Keywords/References (Optional)**
☐  Activate Debugging (Optional)

 **Generation of Final Files and Summary Reports**
You can now generate the final files based on merged and/or cleaned data.



...the following files will be generated and can be downloaded in your device:

 **Exported files summary**

Download	Structure	Compatible with
 Excel	Scopus	Manual use / Excel
 CSV	Scopus	Biblioshiny, VOSviewer, ScientoPy
 RIS	Scopus	SciMAT, BibExcel
 TXT completo	WoS	SciMAT
 TXT por lotes (ZIP)	WoS (500 records per file)	BibExcel

...and some general information:

 **Final Summary Report**

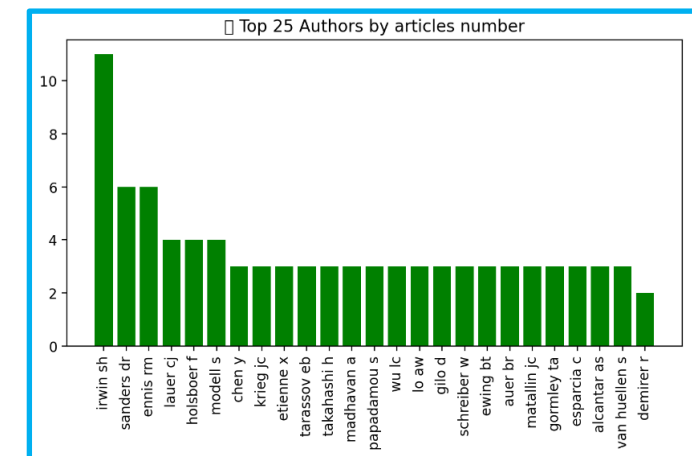
 **Registros finales:** 1059

 **Authors:** 2999

 **Author Keywords:** 2940

 **Index Keywords:** 5193

 **Cited References:** 39433



The End

Thanks for your attention

BiblioMerge

BiblioMerge: A Python-based automated tool to merge WoS and Scopus bibliographic data, compatible with Biblioshiny, Bibexcel, VOSviewer, SciMAT and ScientoPy

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