To preserve the history of your search strategies for each database in a permanent repository, follow these steps:

1. Export the Search History

Most databases allow exporting search histories. Here's how to do it for common databases:

1. PubMed: Save the search strategy using the "Advanced" search page, then click "Download" or save it to your NCBI account.
2. Scopus: Use the "Search history" option and export as a text file or CSV.
3. Web of Science: Access "Search History" and save the strategy as a query file.
4. Cochrane Library: Save the search strategies from the "Search Manager" as a file.
5. Google Scholar: Manually document the search strategy, as it does not have a built-in export feature.

2. Organize and Standardize

Use a template to standardize search strategy documentation. For instance:

1. Database: [Name]
2. Date of Search: [Date]
3. Search Terms/Query String: [Query]
4. Filters Applied: [Filters]
5. Results: [Number of results]

Store this information in a structured format like a spreadsheet or a text document.

1. **Database:** Name of the platform searched.
2. **Date of Search:** Ensures a record of when the search was conducted.
3. **Search Terms/Query String:** Boolean queries or keywords used for the search.
4. **Filters Applied**: Additional parameters to refine results.
5. **Results**: Number of items retrieved.
6. **Notes**: Details on how the search was saved/exported.

Table 1 : Table the history of search strategy for each database

| **Database** | **Data of search** | **Search term/quary string** | **Filters applied** | **Result** | **Notes** |
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| Scopus | 16-09-2024 | 1. Term 1 : Assistance or assist, and 2. Term 2 : Family risk stunting or family stunting 3. Term 3 : Dietary behavior or dietary behavior factors or behavior stunting 4. Term 4 : Stunting or risk stunting 5. Term 5 : Costal area, or coastal family, or fisher family | English, Original research, health, Last 7 years | 80 | Saved search to Scopus account. |
| CINAHL | 07-09-2024 | 1. Term 1 : Assistance or assist, and 2. Term 2 : Family risk stunting or family stunting 3. Term 3 : Dietary behavior or dietary behavior factors or behavior stunting 4. Term 4 : Stunting or risk stunting 5. Term 5 : Costal area, or coastal family, or fisher family | English, Original research, peer-reviewed, health, Last 7 years, open access | 583 | Saved search to EBSCOhost account. |
| Science direct | 13-08-2024 | 1. Term 1 : Assistance or assist, and 2. Term 2 : Family risk stunting or family stunting 3. Term 3 : Dietary behavior or dietary behavior factors or behavior stunting 4. Term 4 : Stunting or risk stunting 5. Term 5 : Costal area, or coastal family, or fisher family | English, Original research, health, Last 7 years | 80 | Exported as PDF summaries for relevant papers. |
| Pubmed | 08-09-2024 | 1. Term 1 : Assistance or assist, and 2. Term 2 : Family risk stunting or family stunting 3. Term 3 : Dietary behavior or dietary behavior factors or behavior stunting 4. Term 4 : Stunting or risk stuntin 5. Term 5 : Costal area, or coastal family, or fisher family | English, Original research, health, Last 7 years | 322 | Exported as .nbib file, saved in Google Drive. |
| Google scholar | 08-09-2024 | 1. Term 1 : Assistance or assist, and 2. Term 2 : Family risk stunting or family stunting 3. Term 3 : Dietary behavior or dietary behavior factors or behavior stunting 4. Term 4 : Stunting or risk stunting 5. Term 5 : Costal area, or coastal family, or fisher family | English, Original research, health, Last 7 years, open access | 19.000 | Documented strategy manually. |