

RefLookUp: Managing Citations for Biosketches

Use RefLookUp to easily verify your publications and easily import them into MyNCBI for your NIH Biosketch.

1. Export References

Export your selected references from Google Scholar (or another manager) as a .bib or .csv file.

The screenshot shows a software interface for managing citations. At the top, there are buttons for 'MERGE', 'DELETE', and 'EXPORT'. Below this, a list of selected references is displayed:

- Prospective associations between physical activity behavior, and healthy longevity. ET Hyde, GE Bandoli, J Zou, NC Crimmins, et al. The Journals of Gerontology, Series A: Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences, 2025.
- Chronic pancreatitis patient-derived organoids reveal new paths to precision therapeutics. V Osorio-Vasquez, J Zhu, JC Lumibao, R Landau, RC Peck, MKK Stamp, et al. bioRxiv, 2024.10. 30.620903.

On the right side of the list, there are columns for citation style (BibTeX, EndNote, RefMan), abstract text, and year (2025).

2. Verify in RefLookUp

Go to the **RefLookUp Web App**:

<https://reflookup.streamlit.app/>

browse, or drag and drop your exported file into the upload field, and click **Search References**.

The screenshot shows the RefLookUp web application interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Options' and settings for 'Citation Style' (NLM), 'Sort Order' (Newest), and 'Group by Type (Articles/Abstracts)' (checked). The main area has a title 'RefLookUp: Reference Metadata Search' with a book icon. It includes instructions to 'Upload a text file containing your references (one per line). The app will search PubMed for PMIDs, PMCIDs, DOIs, and updated citation metadata.' A file upload section shows a file named 'mypapers.bib' (15.1KB) being processed. A red button labeled 'Search References' is visible. At the bottom, a progress bar indicates 'Processing 15/31' and a message 'Parsed 31 items from mypapers.bib'.

Once finished, look for the RIS download button. This format is specifically designed for citation managers on myNCBI.

The screenshot shows the 'Download Results' section of the NCBI My Bibliography interface. On the left, there are filter options: 'Citation Style' set to 'NLM', 'Sort Order' set to 'Newest', and 'Group by Type' checked (Articles/Abstracts). To the right is a table of citation results. At the bottom of the table are three download buttons: 'Download CSV', 'Download Text File', and 'Download RIS (NCBI)'.

Liu HC, Williamson CW, Zou J, Todd JR, Nelson TJ, Hill LM, Linnemeyer KE, Henderson 36410204	10.1101/j.oncology.2022.10	None	2023	
Williamson CW, Kotha NV, Zou J, Brown D, Scanderbeg D, Rash D, Einck J, Yashar C, M 36631374	10.1101/j.brachy.2022.12.005	None	2023	
Hibbing, Paul R; Carlson, Jordan A; Steel, Chelsea; Greenwood-Hickman, Mikael Anne			2023	
Liu, HC; Morse, R; Nelson, TJ; Williamson, CW; Vitzthum, L; Zakeri, K; Henderson, G; Todc			2023	
Morse, R; Nelson, TJ; Liu, HC; Williamson, CW; Sacco, A; Chitti, BS; Henderson, G; Todc			2023	
Lin T, Karthikeyan S, Satterlund A, Schooley R, Knight R, De Gruttola V, Martin N, Zou . 38001346	PMC10673837	10.1038/s41598-023-47859-2	None	2023
Zou J, Lin T, Di C, Bellettiere J, Jankowska MM, Hartman SJ, Sears DD, LaCroix AZ, Roc 38835721	PMC11149895	10.1214/23-aaoas1758	None	2023
Stadnick NA, Laurent LC, Cain KL, Seifert M, Burola ML, Salgin L, Watson P, Oswald W, 37784200	PMC10544564	10.1186/s13012-023-01306-y	None	2023
Makowski, Carolina; Westwater, Margaret L; Rhee, Kyung E; Bischoff-Grethe, Amanda;			2023	
Wang, Yu; Zou, Jingjing; Lin, Jingyang; Ling, Qing; Pan, Yingwei; Yao, Ting; Mei, Tao; C			2022	

3. Import to MyNCBI

Go to your MyNCBI Bibliography. Click "Manage My Bibliography" -> "Add Citations" -> "From a file". Upload the .ris file you just downloaded.

The screenshot shows the 'My Bibliography' page. At the top, it displays 'Jingjing Zou's Bibliography 28 0 22 0'. Below this is a message about NIH Public Access Policy. The main area shows citation management options: 'Manage citations', 'Add citations', 'Filter citations', and a search bar. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'From PubMed', 'From a file' (which is selected), and 'Manually'. To the right, there is a sidebar for 'Public Access Compliance' which says 'Not defined [Edit Status]'. Buttons for '+ Add Award' and 'Edit Non-PubMed Article' are also visible.