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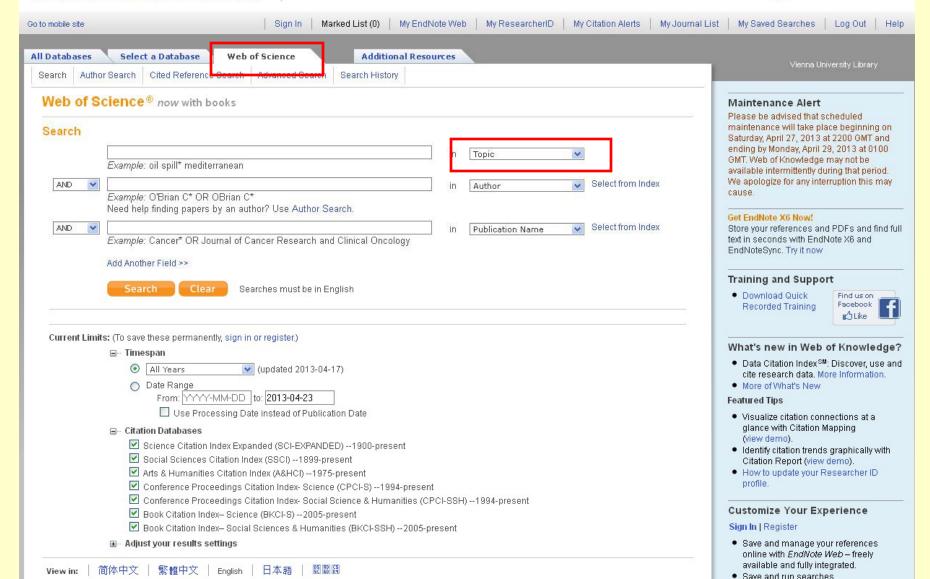
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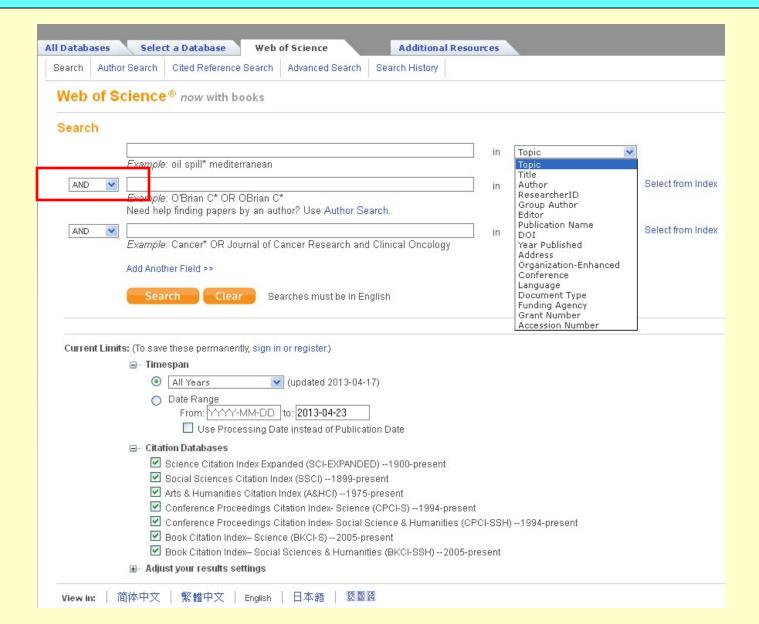
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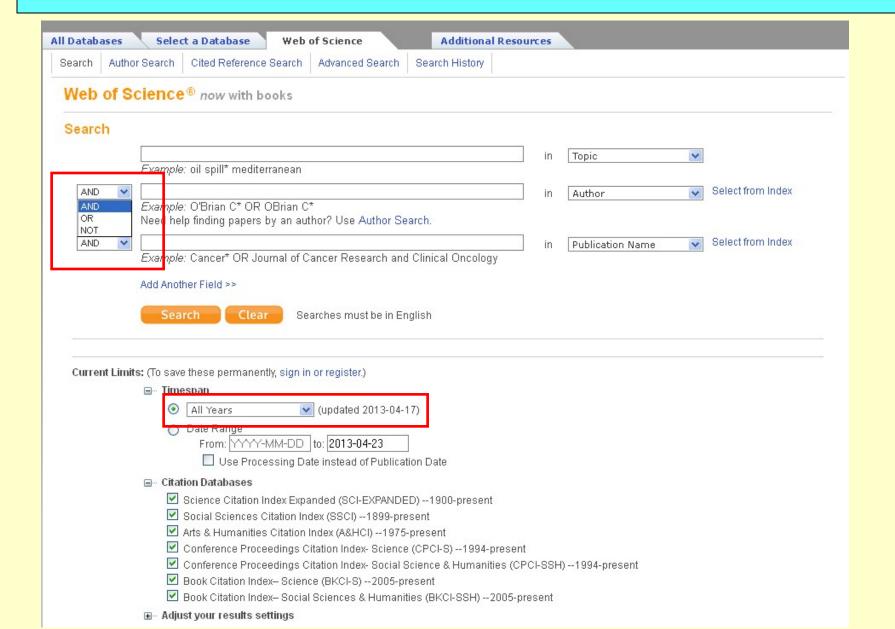
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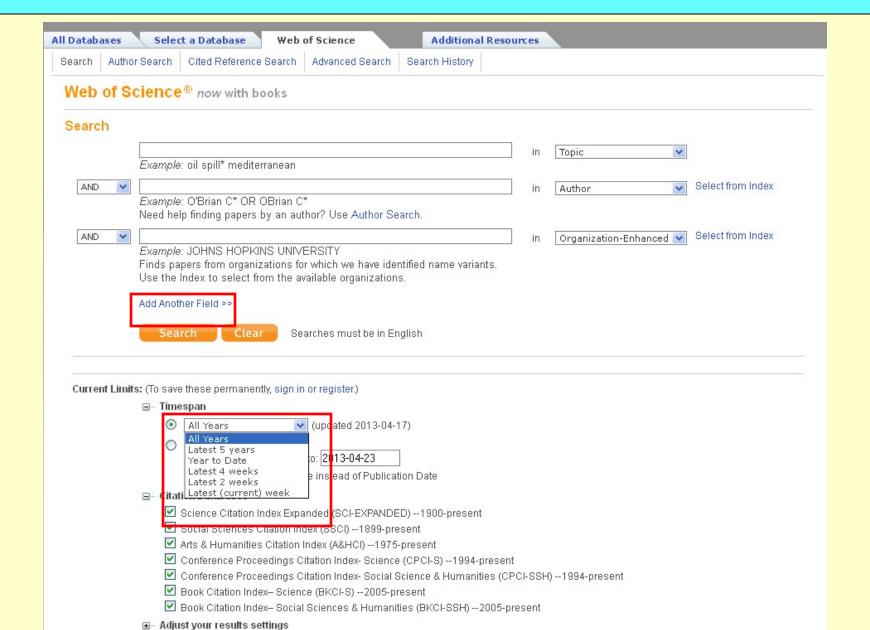
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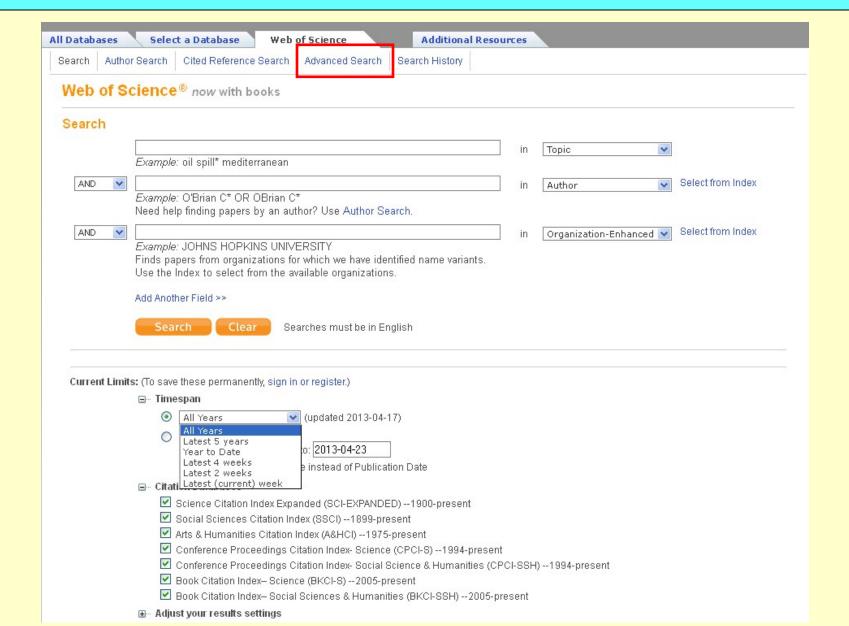


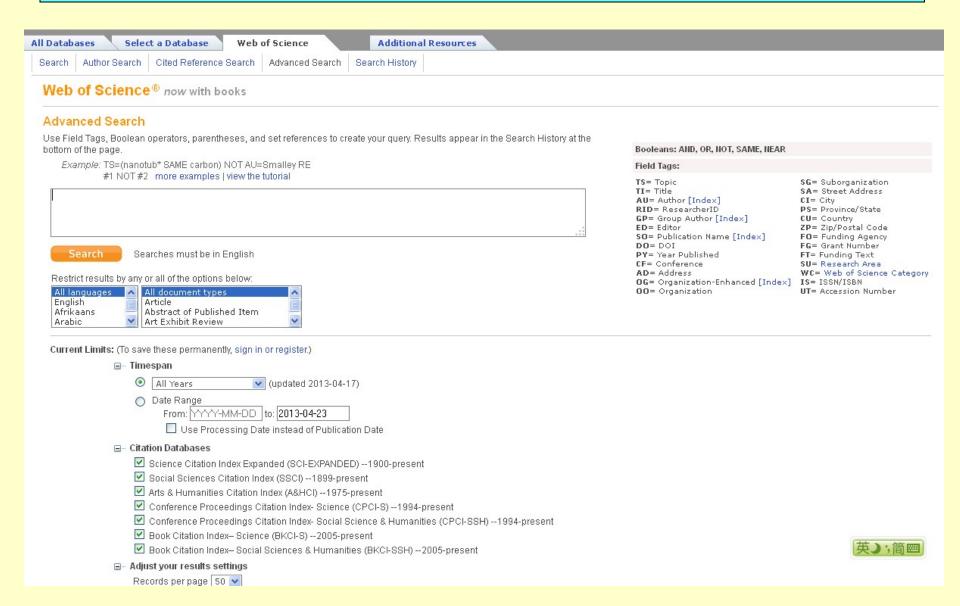


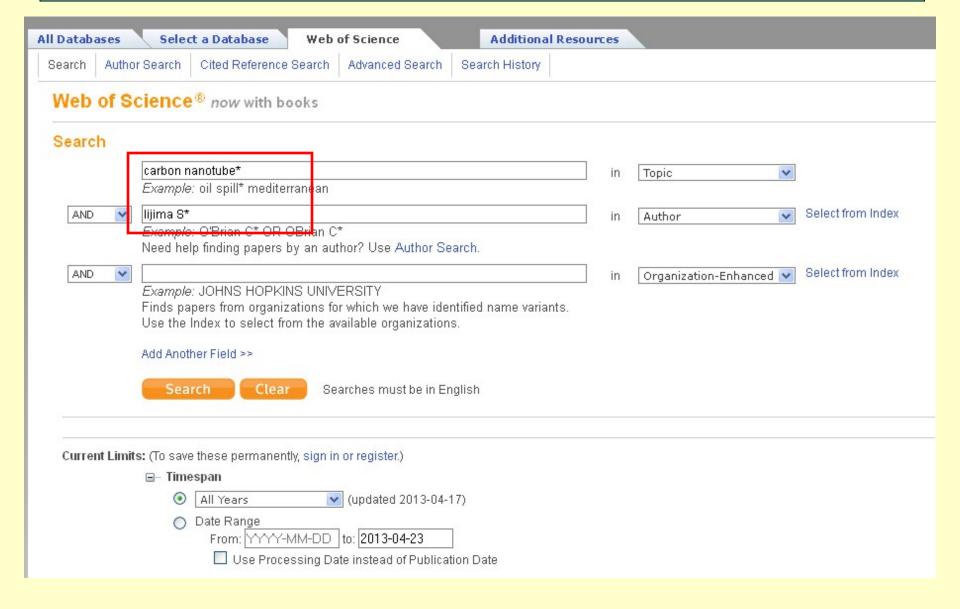


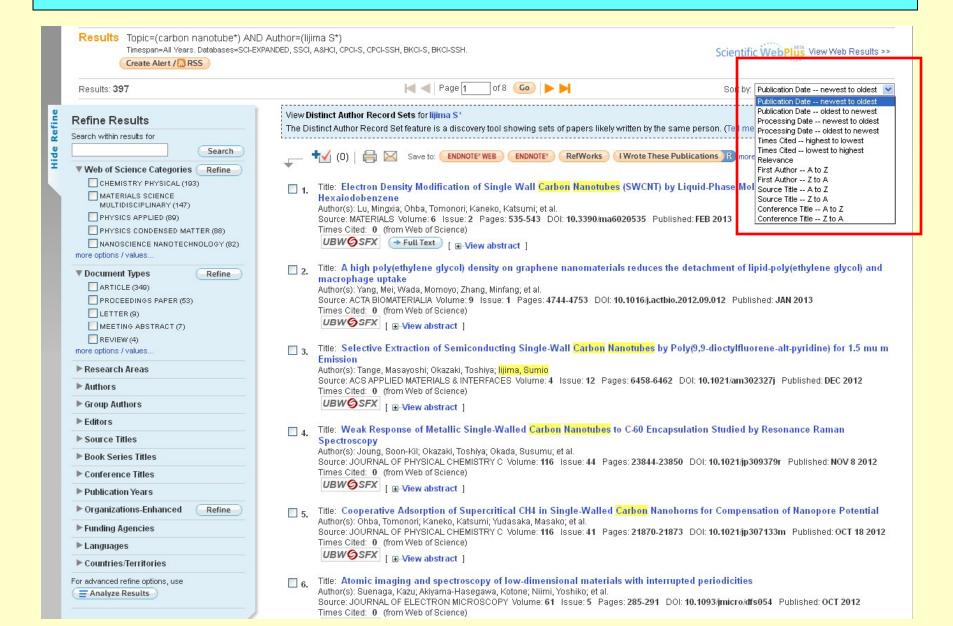












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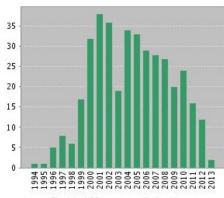
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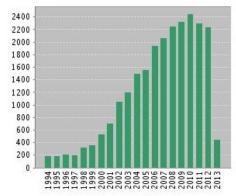
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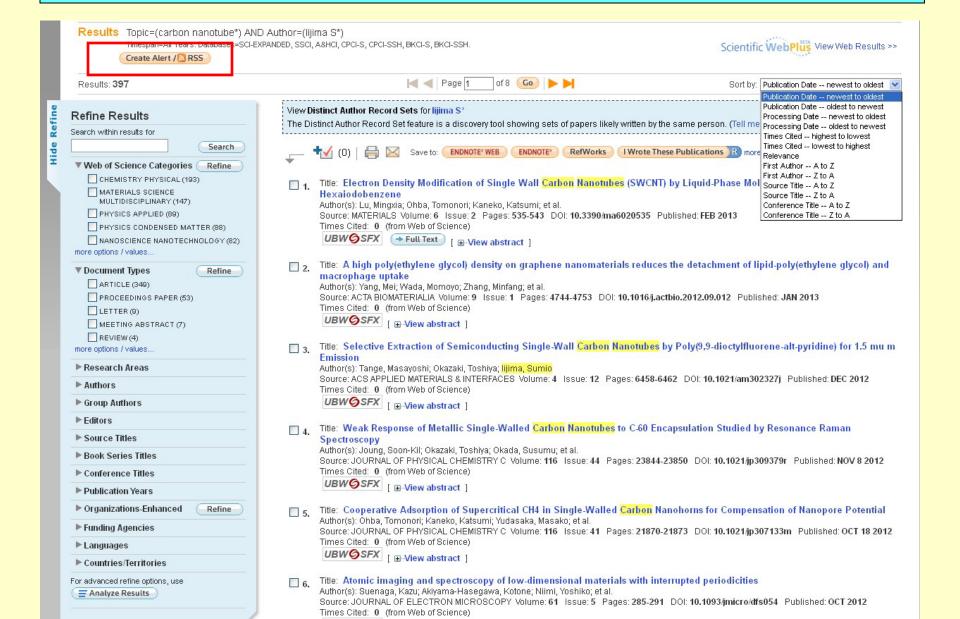
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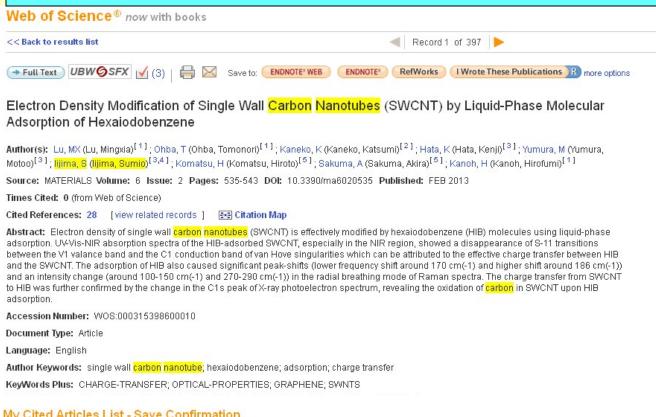
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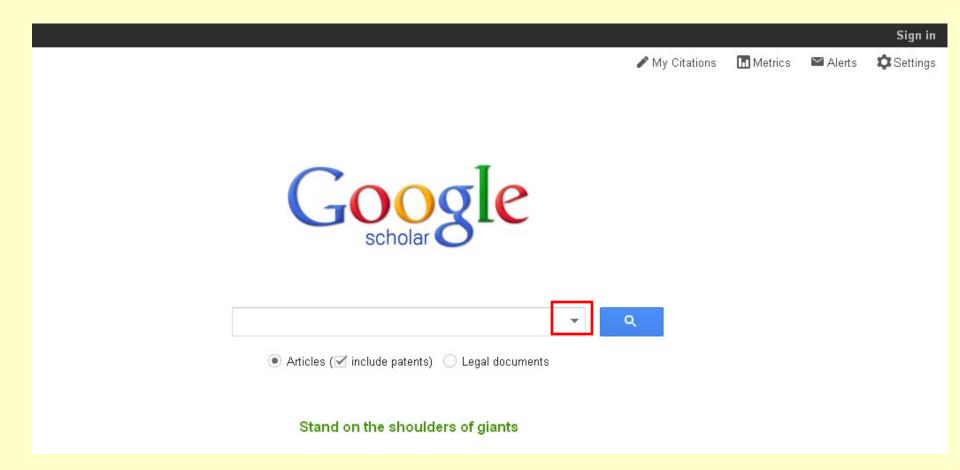
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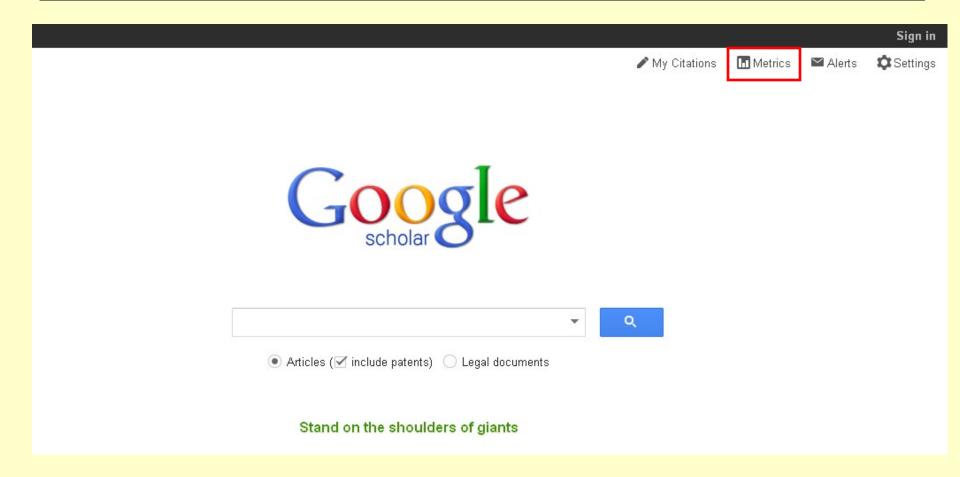
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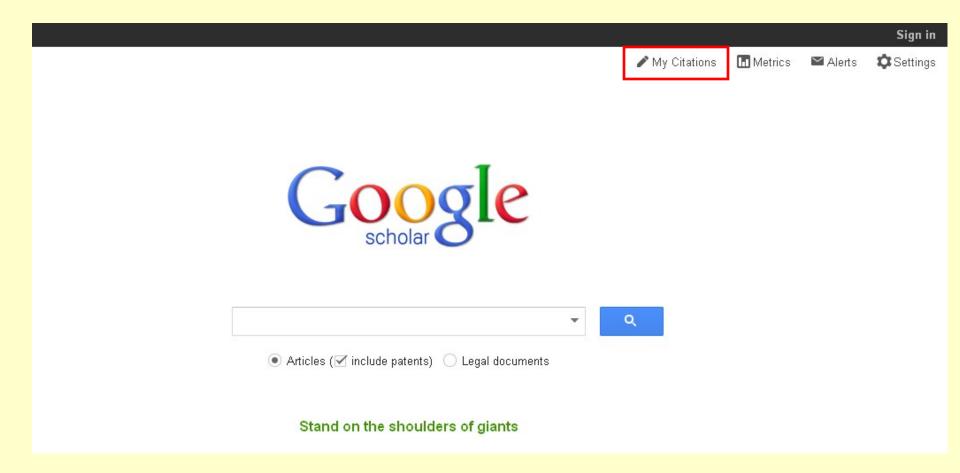
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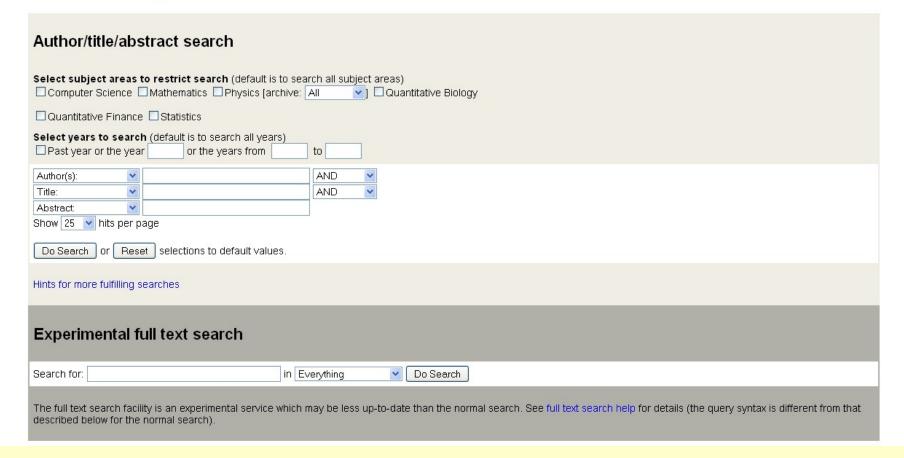
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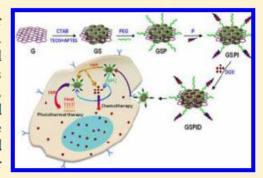
The significance of the results.

### **Abstract**

### > Tips

- The abstract should be a little less technical than the article itself.
- Your abstract should be one paragraph, of 100-250 words.
- Don't use abbreviations or citations in the abstract.

ABSTRACT: Current therapy of malignant glioma in clinic is unsatisfactory with poor patient compliance due to low therapeutic efficiency and strong systemic side effects. Herein, we combined chemo-photothermal targeted therapy of glioma within one novel multifunctional drug delivery system. A targeting peptide (IP)-modified mesoporous silica-coated graphene nanosheet (GSPI) was successfully synthesized and characterized, and first introduced to the drug delivery field. A doxorubicin (DOX)-loaded GSPI-based system (GSPID) showed heat-stimulative, pH-responsive, and sustained release properties. Cytotoxicity experiments demonstrated that combined therapy mediated the highest rate of death of glioma cells compared to that of single chemotherapy or photothermal therapy. Furthermore, the IP modification could significantly enhance the



accumulation of GSPID within glioma cells. These findings provided an excellent drug delivery system for combined therapy of glioma due to the advanced chemo-photothermal synergistic targeted therapy and good drug release properties of GSPID, which could effectively avoid frequent and invasive dosing and improve patient compliance.

## Introduction

> Why is this study of scientific interest?

➤ What is your objective?

## Introduction

#### ➤ Tips

- Move from general information to specific information.
- Emphasize your specific contribution to the topic.
- The last sentences should be a statement of objectives and a statement of hypotheses. This will be a good transition to the next section (Method).
- Make sure you give a full citation.

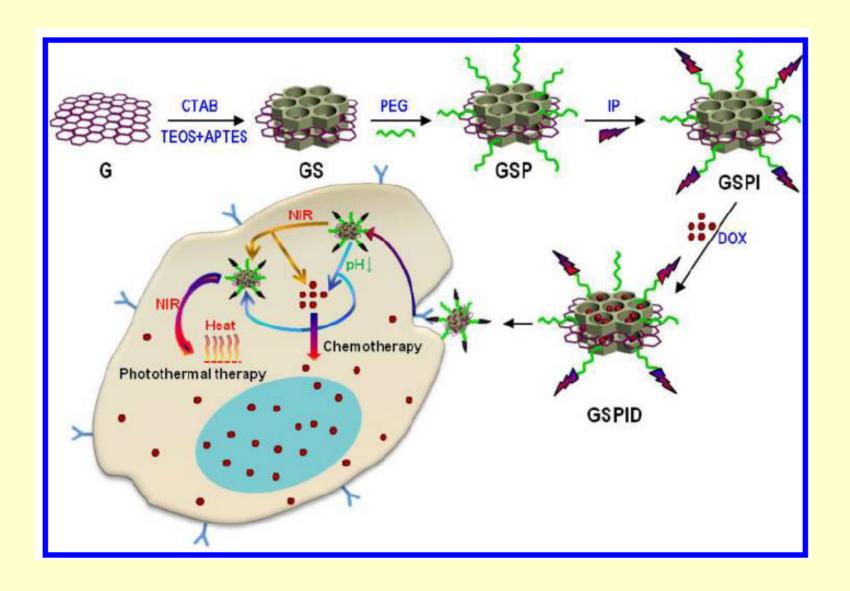
## **Methods**

This section provides all the methodological details necessary for another scientist to duplicate your work.

#### **≻**Tips

- Do not put results in this section.
- Include a diagram, table or flowchart to explain the methods.
- Provide a brief description of characterization

## **Methods**



### Results and discussion

Present the results you've gotten.

➤ What the results mean or why they differ from what other workers have found.

### Results and discussion

#### **≻**Tips

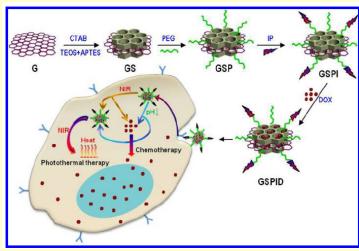
- Use graphs and tables
  - Number tables and figures separately beginning with 1 (i.e. Table 1, Table 2, Figure 1, etc.).
  - You must refer in the text to each figure or table you include in your paper.
- Interpret your results in light of other published results.
- Suggest future directions for research, new methods, explanations for deviations from previously published results, etc.
- End with a one-sentence summary of your conclusion, emphasizing why it is relevant.

## **Tables and Graphs**

- Check the author guideline
  - Format (.tiff, .eps, .png, ...)
  - Black and white, or in Color (CMYK or RGB)
  - Size (single column, double column?)
  - Dpi

Make the figures more beautiful and

attractive



# Conclusion and Acknowledgements

- Conclusion / Abstract / The last sentences of introduction
- > Acknowledgements (Optional)
  - Funds, fellowship
  - Thank those who either helped with the experiments
  - Or made other important contributions, such as discussing the protocol, commenting on the manuscript

## References

- ➤ In the text, cite the literature in the appropriate places
- ➤ In the References section list citations in order (appear, alphabetical).

- ➤ Tips (Using the template)
  - The format (authors, title, journal name, year, volume, issue, pages)
  - Latex (JabRef), Word (Endnote)

## Supplementary material

- Supporting Information
- Material that is not needed for reading the paper but which should be available to document experiments or calculations for future researchers
- ➤ Tables, figures, Videos/movies, ...
- ➤ Appendices can appear in the Supporting Information

## The order for Writing

- 8 > Title
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- Supplementary material
- 4 ➤ Appendix ...

## After the writing

- Using a spellchecker
- ➤ Don't Forget to revise the paper by yourself and other co-authors, or other people who are familiar with your research field!

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## Thank you for your attention!