



Introduction to the WHO Library

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Objective

- To introduce readers to the WHO Library resources and how to search for information in the Library



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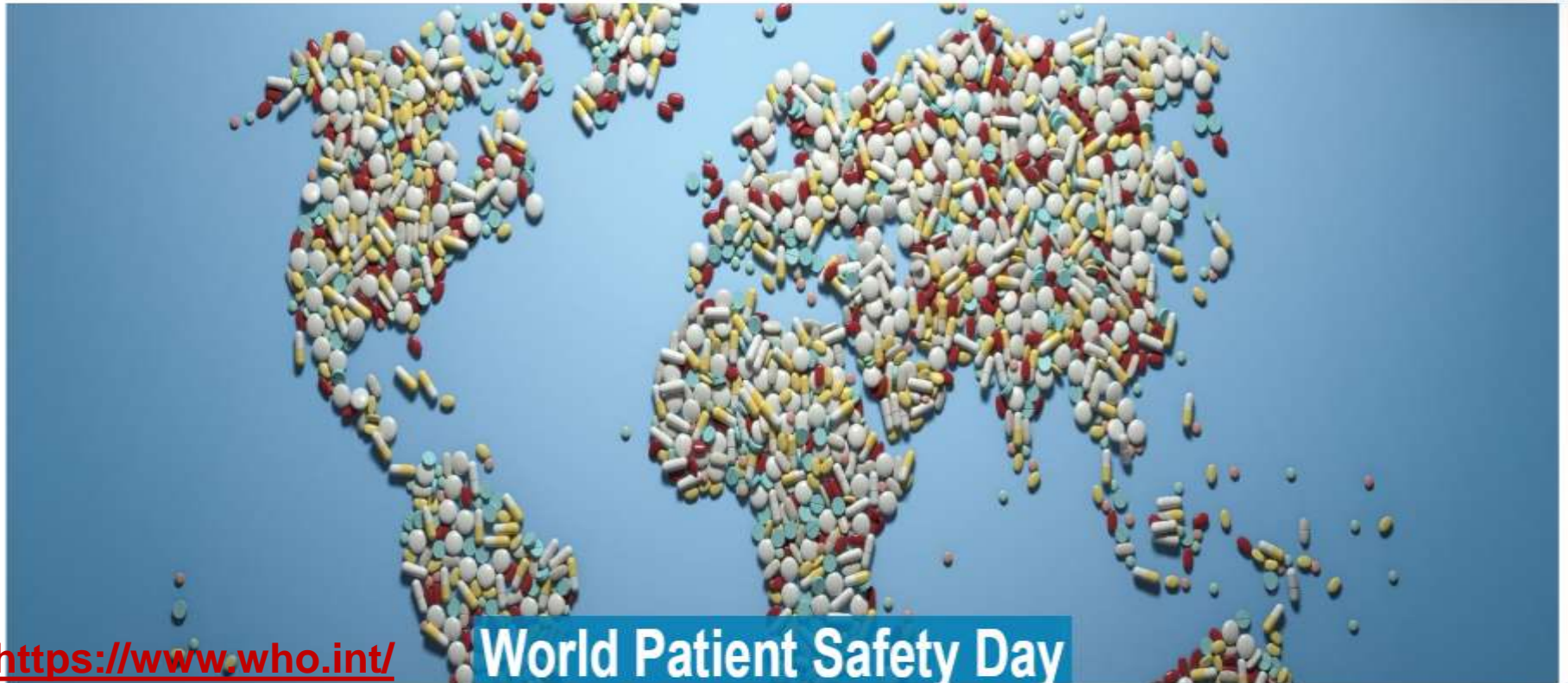
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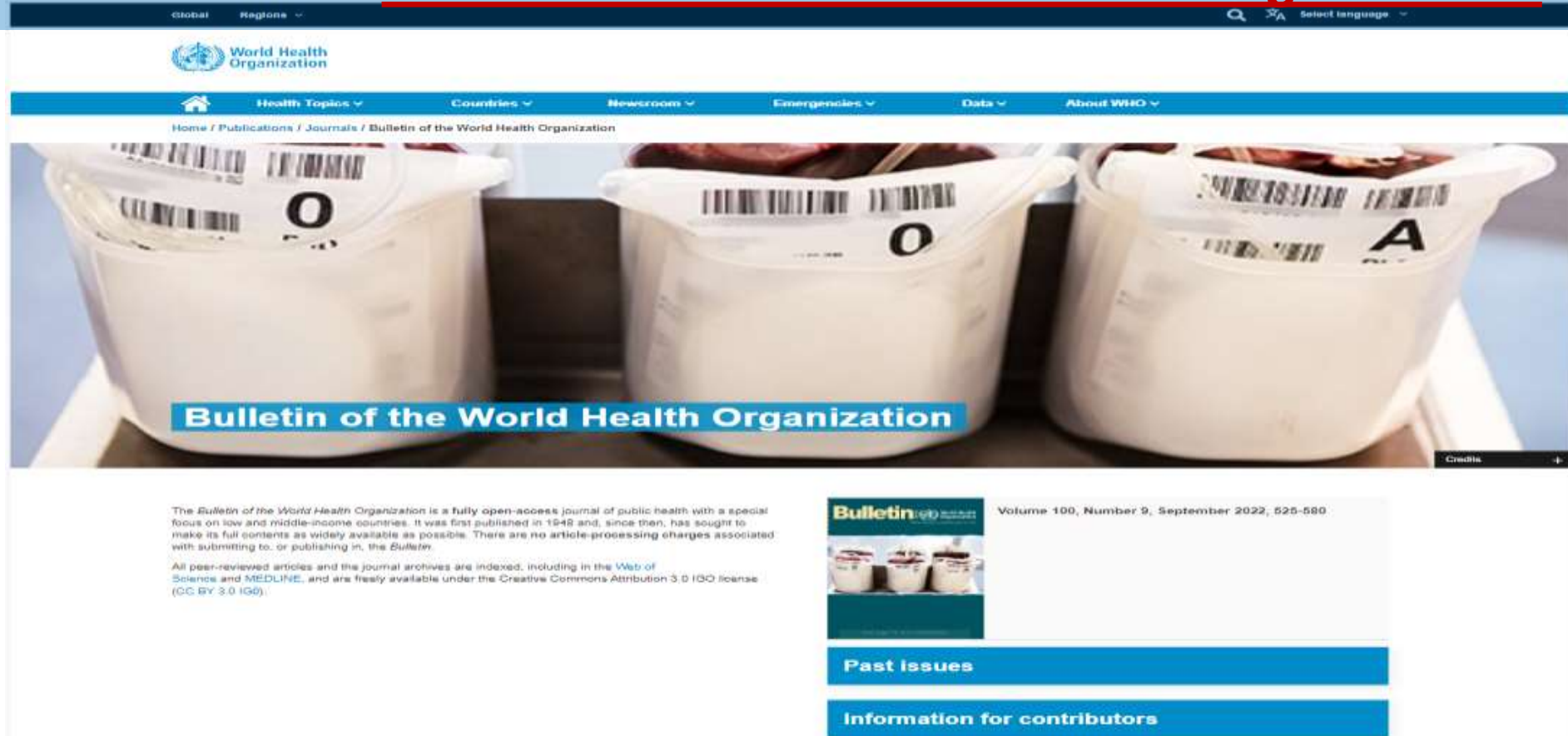


WHO Drug Information



WHO South-East Asia Journal of Public Health

WHO website: The Bulletin of the World Health Organization



- A **fully open-access** journal of public health with a special focus on low and middle-income countries, first published in 1948.
- There are **no article-processing charges** associated with submitting to, or publishing in, the *Bulletin*.
- All peer-reviewed articles and the journal archives are indexed, including in the Web of Science and MEDLINE, and are freely available under the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 IGO license (CC BY 3.0 IGO).

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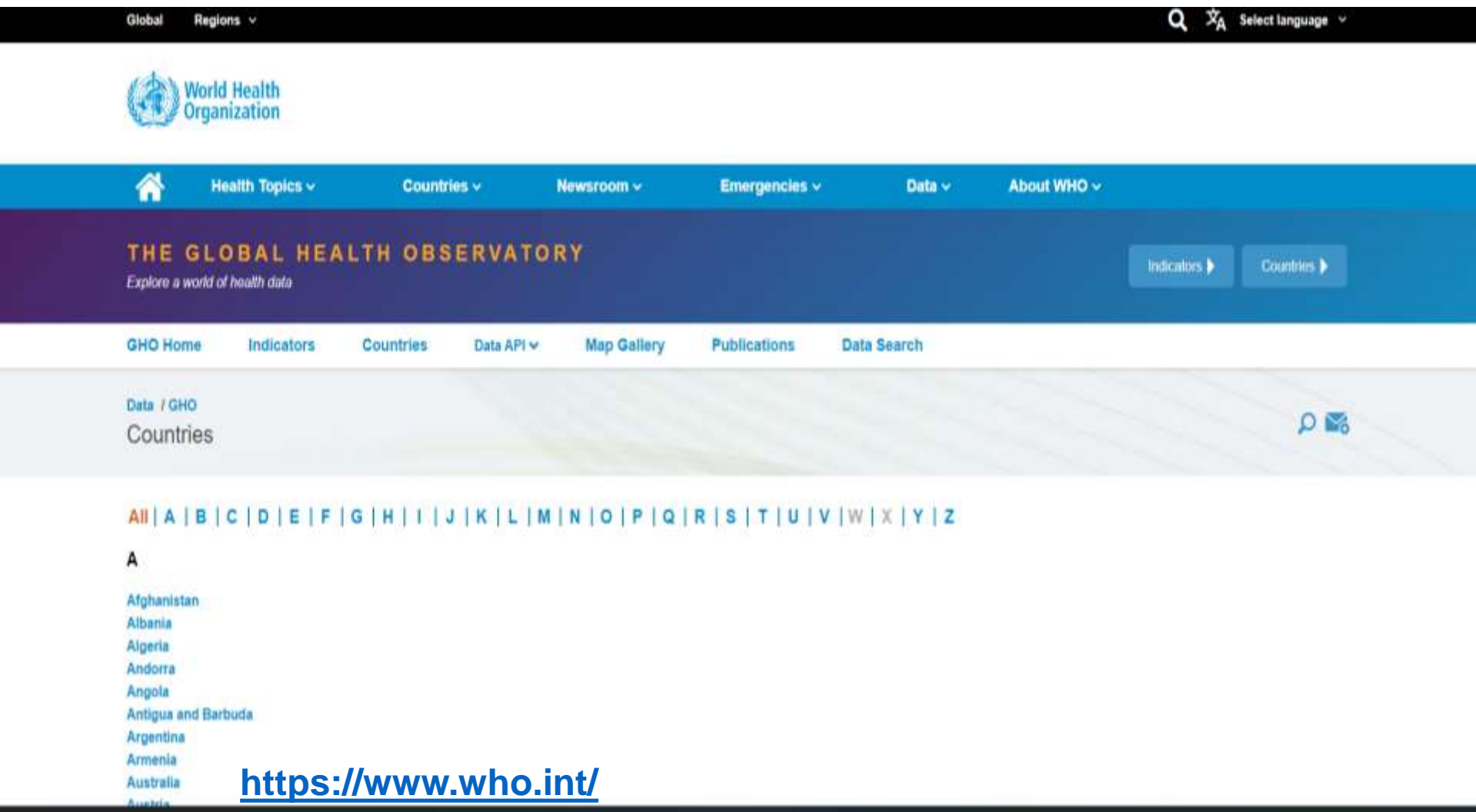
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The Global Health Observatory



The screenshot displays the WHO Global Health Observatory website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Global', 'Regions', a search icon, a star icon, and a 'Select language' dropdown. Below this is the WHO logo and a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Health Topics', 'Countries', 'Newsroom', 'Emergencies', 'Data', and 'About WHO'. The main header area features the text 'THE GLOBAL HEALTH OBSERVATORY' and 'Explore a world of health data', along with buttons for 'Indicators' and 'Countries'. A third navigation bar contains links for 'GHO Home', 'Indicators', 'Countries', 'Data API', 'Map Gallery', 'Publications', and 'Data Search'. The main content area is titled 'Data / GHO Countries' and shows a list of countries under the letter 'A', including Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, and Australia. A URL is provided at the bottom of the page.

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WHO Library

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- The world's leading library on public health.
- It provides access to knowledge from WHO as well as to other sources of scientific literature produced around the world.
- WHO library resources and expertise provide scientific evidence and knowledge to low- and middle- income countries through a set of low-cost/high-use initiatives.

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Institutional Repository for Information Sharing (IRIS)

IRIS is the digital library of WHO's published material and technical information in full text produced since 1948. Its content is freely accessible and searchable in the six official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish).



WHOLIS: WHO Geneva Library print catalogue

All library collections in print are included in an unified database



Global Index Medicus

The Global Index Medicus (GIM) provides universal access to biomedical and public health literature produced by and within low- and middle-income countries.



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Global literature on coronavirus disease

- Institutional Repository for Information Sharing (IRIS) <https://apps.who.int/iris/>
- Global Index Medicus <https://www.globalindexmedicus.net/>
- WHOLIS: WHO Geneva Library print catalogue <http://kohahq.searo.who.int/>
- COVID-19 Database <https://search.bvsalud.org/global-literature-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

Institutional Repository for Information Sharing (IRIS)

- Accessible from: <https://apps.who.int/iris/>
- Digital library of WHO's published material and technical information in full text produced since 1948
- Freely accessible and searchable content in the six official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish)
- Information can be browsed by WHO communities, issue date, authors, titles, subjects, countries or the most popular subject

- **Watch the following video guides:**

1. [New IRIS interface – quick tour](#) (1:13 mins)
2. [How to search in IRIS - quick tour](#) (2.28 mins)



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Report: meeting on onchocerciasis surveillance tools, 30-31 January 2008

World Health Organization; African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control (African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control, 2008)



Rapport pour le mois d'août 1985: secteur Bamako

Organisation mondiale de la Santé; Programme de Lutte contre l'Onchocercose dans la Région du Bassin de la Volta (Programme de Lutte contre l'Onchocercose dans la Région du Bassin de la Volta, 1985)



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Organisation mondiale de la Santé; Programme de Lutte contre

Global Index Medicus (GIM)

<https://www.globalindexmedicus.net/>

- Provides universal access to biomedical and public health literature produced by and within low- and middle-income countries.
- Main objective is to increase the visibility and usability of these resources.
- Contents come from the Regional Indexes Medici, coordinated by each WHO Regional Office.
- Material is collated and aggregated by WHO Regional Office Libraries on a central search platform allowing retrieval of bibliographical and full text information.



Global Index Medicus (GIM)

<https://www.globalindexmedicus.net/>

- All information from the Regions can be found in the same [search interface](#).
- Also possible to access them individually from the following links:
 - [African Index Medicus – AIM](#) (AFRO/WHO)
 - [Scientific and Technical Literature of Latin America and the Caribbean – LILACS](#) (AMRO-PAHO/WHO, by its specialized center BIREME)
 - [Index Medicus for Eastern Mediterranean Region – IMEMR](#) (EMRO/WHO)
 - [Index Medicus for South-East Asia Region – IMSEAR](#) (SEARO/WHO)
 - [Western Pacific Region Index Medicus WPRIM](#) (WPRO/WHO)



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[Read the GIM search quick guide](#)

Global Index Medicus (GIM)

<https://www.globalindexmedicus.net/>

- Main contents: More than 1.9 million of documents available in all Regional Indexes Medici together, of which more than 1 million have full text access.

Regional Indexes Medici



African Index Medicus (AIM)

More than 18.000 bibliographic references
from 258 scientific journals



Index Medicus for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (IMEMR)

More than 272.785 bibliographic references
from 880 scientific journals



Index Medicus for the South-East Asia Region (IMSEAR)

More than 187.000 bibliographic references
from 49 scientific journals



Latin America and the Caribbean Literature on Health Sciences (LILACS)

More than 914.000 bibliographic references
from more than 800 scientific journals



Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRO)

More than 776.000 bibliographic references
from 678 scientific journals

Global Index Medicus (GIM)

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- Menu: search by title, author or subject

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- Menu: search by information sources

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WHOLIS: WHO Geneva Library print catalogue

<http://kohahq.searo.who.int/>

- Contains all library collections in print in a unified database.

The screenshot shows the WHO Library Catalog website. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with links for 'Cart', 'Lists', 'Log in to your account', 'Search history', and a 'Clear' button. Below this is the WHO logo and the title 'WHO Library Catalog'. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'About Us', 'Online Database', 'More Resources', 'WHO Library Homepage', and 'Contact Us'. The main search area features a 'Search' dropdown menu with 'Library catalog' selected, a search input field, and a 'Go' button. Below the search bar, there are links for 'Advanced search', 'Tag cloud', 'Most popular', and 'Library'. A welcome message is displayed on the left, and a login section is on the right. A dropdown menu is open over the search bar, showing options: 'Library catalog', 'Title', 'Author', 'Subject', 'ISBN', 'ISSN', 'Series', and 'Call number'. The 'Library catalog' option is highlighted.

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<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/#>

COVID-19 Database

- Latest international multilingual scientific findings and knowledge on COVID-19.
- Updated daily (Monday through Friday)
- A comprehensive multilingual source of current literature on the topic.
- A collaborative work between WHO evidence retrieval subgroup and key partners.
- The database is built by BIREME, the Specialized Center of PAHO/AMRO and part of the Regional Office's Department of Evidence and Intelligence for Action in Health.

- Read the [WHO COVID-19 Research Database: user guide and information](#)



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Predictive ability of viscoelastic testing using ClotPro® for short-term outcome in patients with severe Covid-19 ARDS with or without ECMO therapy: a retrospective study

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Other information sources

- [PAHO IRIS](#) – Institutional Repository of PAHO/WHO
- [Hinari](#) – Access to Research for Health programme
- [Virtual Health Library \(VHL/BVS\)](#) – coordinated by BIREME/PAHO/WHO, contains more than 30 information sources, including Medline and LILACS, with about 30 million of bibliographic records.
- [Pubmed](#) – Comprises more than 29 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites.
- [SciELO](#) – Scientific Electronic Library Online.
- [Epistemonikos](#) – Combines the best of Evidence-Based Health Care, information technologies and a network of experts to provide a unique tool for people making decisions concerning clinical or health-policy questions
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