



Database Search operator comparison

	Dialog	STN	Datastar	OVID	Lexis Nexis
Words in the same record	AND	AND	AND	AND	AND
Words not in the same record	NOT	NOT	NOT	NOT	AND NOT
Words next to one another (same order)	(W)	(W)	ADJ	ADJ	PRE/1
Words within <i>n</i> words of one another (same order)	(<i>n</i> W)	(<i>n</i> W)	--	ADJ <i>n</i>	PRE/ <i>n</i>
Words next to one another (any order)	(N)	(A)	--	--	W/1
Words within <i>n</i> words of one another (any order)	(<i>n</i> N)	(<i>n</i> A)	--	--	W/ <i>n</i>
Proximity operator ¹ - broadest e.g. Field	(F)	(L)	SAME	--	W/P
Proximity operator ¹ - midrange e.g. Sentence	(S)	(P)	WITH	--	W/S
Proximity operator ¹ - narrowest e.g. Keywords	(L),(T)	(S)	NEAR	--	--
Zero or Single Wildcard	tumor??	tumor#	tumor\$1	tumor?	tumor*
Multiple Wildcard (Unspecified)	tumor?	tumor?	tumor\$	tumor\$	tumor!
Multiple Wildcard (Specified e.g. 3)	tumor???	tumor###	tumor\$3	tumor\$3	tumor***
Zero or Single Internal Wildcard ²	tumo?r	tumo!r	--	tumo?r	tumo*r
Multiple Internal Wildcard ² (Specified e.g. 3)	tumo??r	tumo!!!r	--	--	tumo***r
Lefthand Wildcard ²	--	?tumor	--	--	--

¹ Varies by Database; ² Not available in all Databases