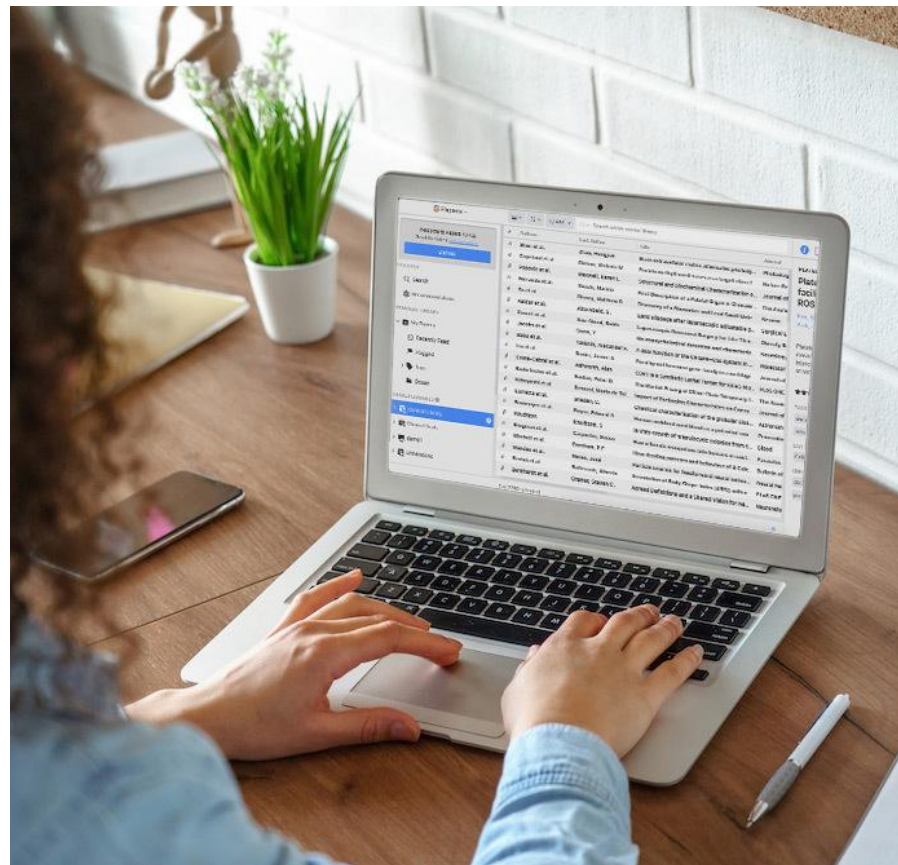


Papers Quick Start Guide

Version 5.0



Quick Start for Papers Pro & Essentials

Welcome to your new personal research assistant! In this guide you will find how to:

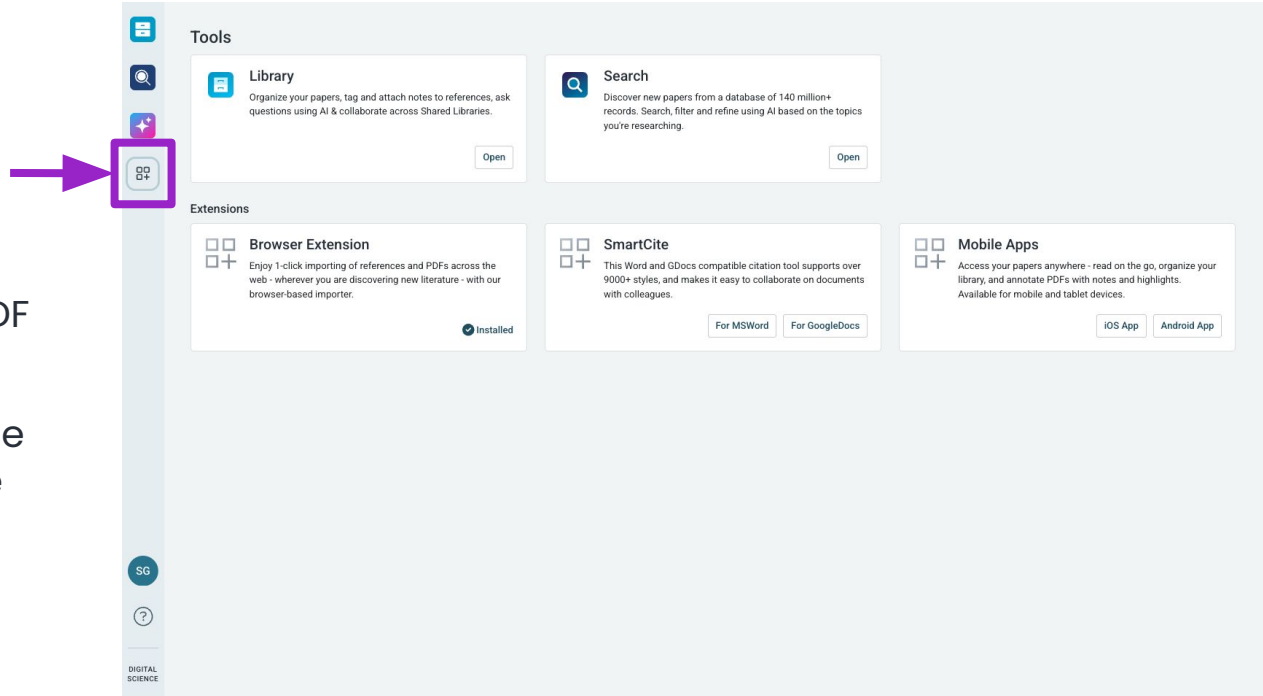
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1. Open your library and install extensions

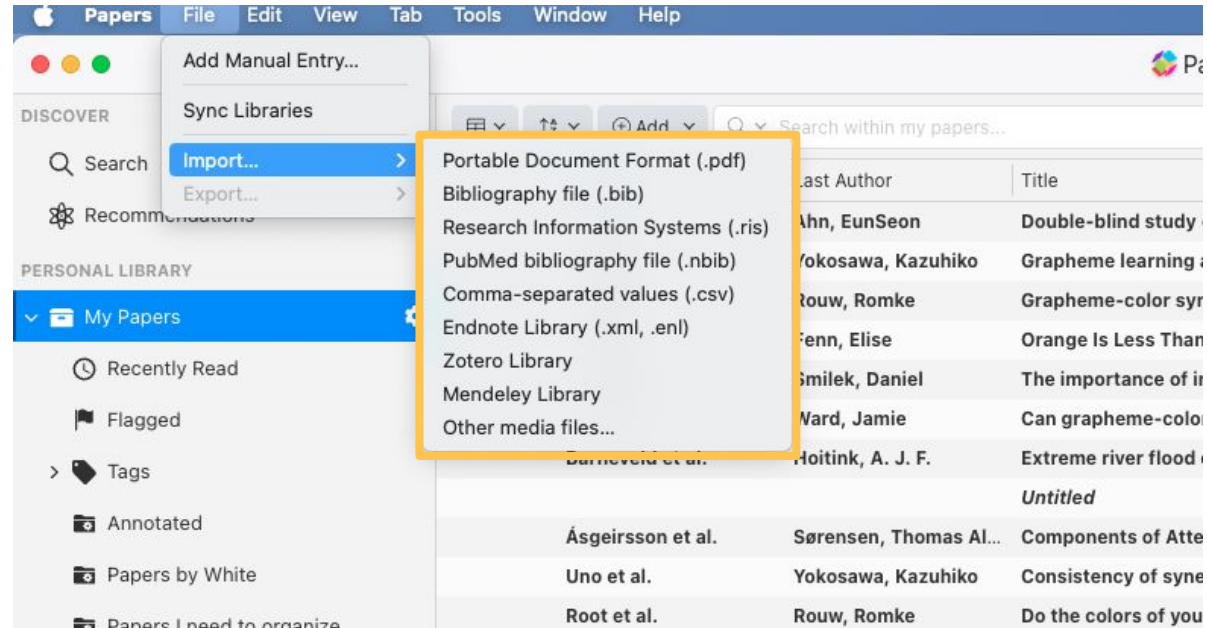
1. Open a web browser and go to app.readcube.com
2. Click on "Tool" icon in left menu to find extensions.
3. Install the browser extension for one-click PDF import.
4. Install SmartCite if you use Microsoft Word or Google Documents.
5. Install the mobile app on your phone or tablet.



2. Copy over libraries from other reference managers

If you have existing libraries in Endnote, Mendeley or Zotero

1. Install the Papers desktop for MacOS or Windows from the [download center](#).
2. Open desktop app and choose File – Import.
3. Select reference manager.
4. Allow time for the import to process and remain online so that the items can sync with your Papers account.

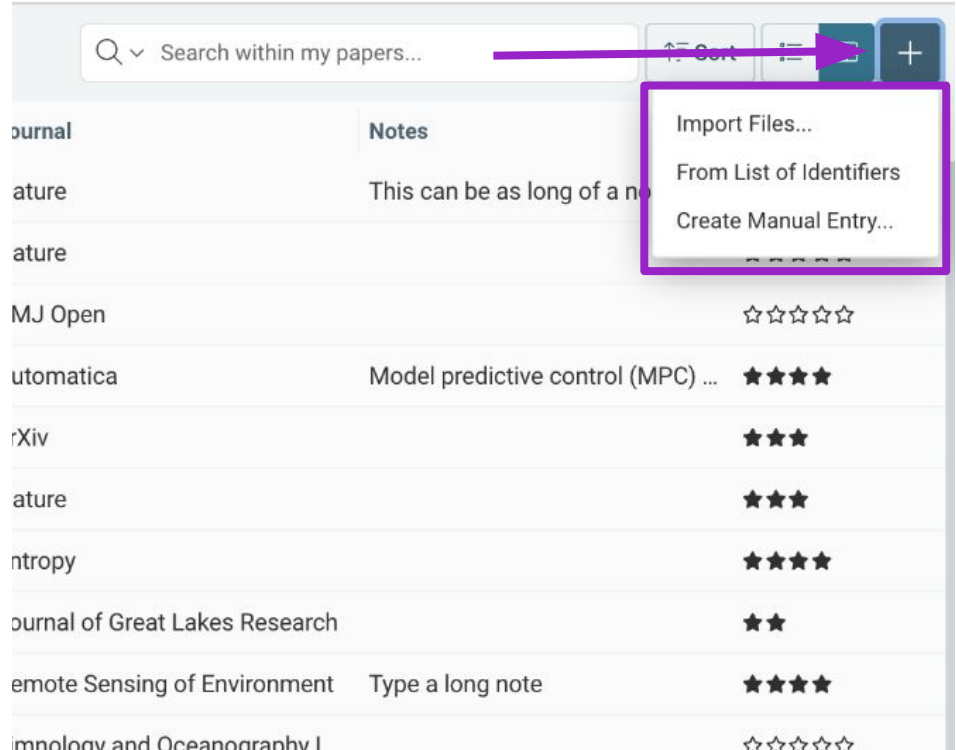


3. Import your first articles including full-text PDFs

Click on + in top right corner

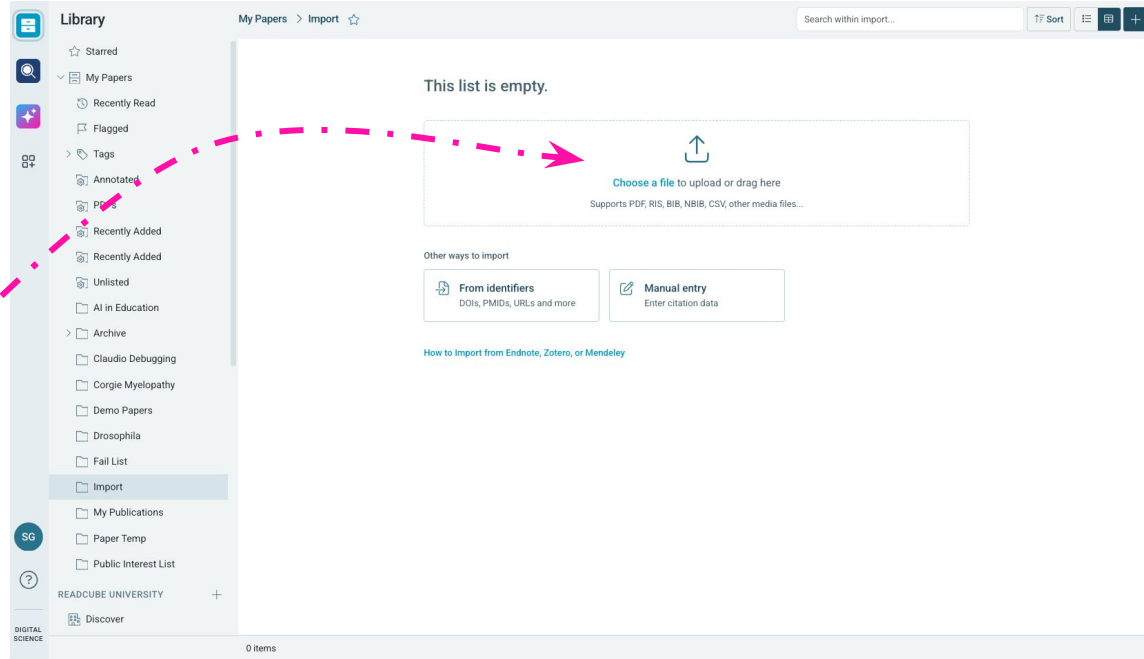
Add new files by:

1. Upload .bib, .ris, .nbib, or .csv file
2. Enter PMIDs, DOI, ArXiv
3. Create a record by typing in metadata yourself



3. Import your first articles including full-text PDFs

If you have PDFs on your computer, drag and drop them onto the library window.



3. Import your first articles including full-text PDFs

To locate full-text for saved items:

1. Make sure you have your proxy settings stored in your account, you are at your institution, or you are connected to your institution through a VPN server.
2. Click on "Locate PDF" in right-hand panel or by right-clicking with mouse on a record.
3. You can also select "Locate PDFs" in the list or library menu.


The screenshot displays the 'My Papers' library interface. On the left, a sidebar shows 'My Papers' with a list of folders like 'Recently Read', 'Flagged', 'Tags', 'Annotated', 'Papers by White', 'Papers I need to organize', 'Image Fraud', 'NIH Proposal', 'Papers 101', 'Monday Import', 'Reading List', and 'Red Tide'. Below these are 'SHARED LIBRARIES' and 'ARCHIVE'. The main area shows a table of papers with columns for Year, Title, Authors, Last Author, and Journal. A right-click context menu is open over a paper titled 'Protein methylation...', with 'Locate PDFs' highlighted. The right-hand panel shows details for a paper titled 'Protein methyltransferases as a target class for drug discovery' by Copeland, Robert A.; Solomon, Michael E.; Richon, Victoria M. A 'Locate PDF' button is visible in the bottom right of this panel. At the bottom left, a purple arrow points to a small 'SG' icon next to a URL, with the word 'Account' written below it.



3. Import your first articles including full-text PDFs

Use Papers browser extension to add PDFs and metadata from journal websites and databases.



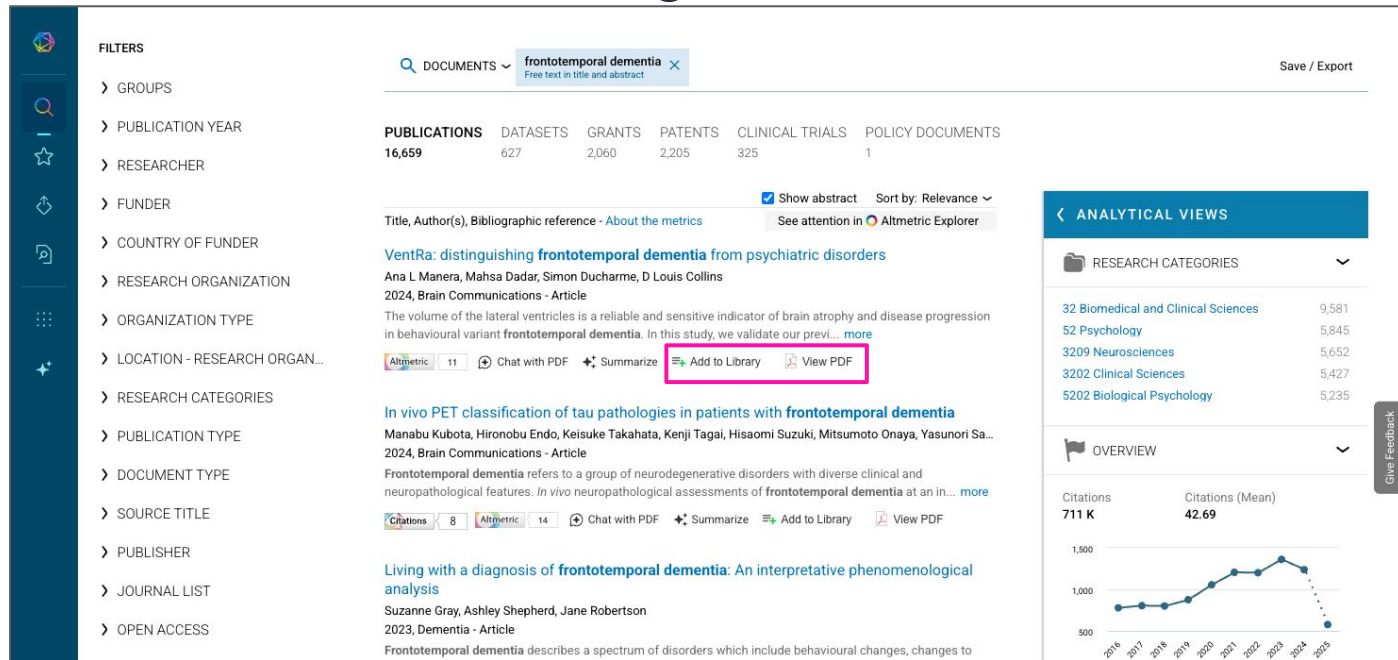
1. On a website with an article, a side panel opens on the left.
2. Choose “Add to Library” to import metadata and PDF (if access available) to your library. 
3. Hover over “Add to Library” to select a library and/or list to save to.



3. Import your first articles including full-text PDFs

Inside a database, the browser extension automatically adds “Add to Library” and “View PDF” next to each record.

 Add to Library  View PDF



The screenshot displays a research database interface with a sidebar on the left containing filters such as GROUPS, PUBLICATION YEAR, RESEARCHER, FUNDER, COUNTRY OF FUNDER, RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, ORGANIZATION TYPE, LOCATION - RESEARCH ORGAN..., RESEARCH CATEGORIES, PUBLICATION TYPE, DOCUMENT TYPE, SOURCE TITLE, PUBLISHER, JOURNAL LIST, and OPEN ACCESS. The main content area shows search results for 'frontotemporal dementia' with a search bar and a 'DOCUMENTS' dropdown. A table lists various document types: PUBLICATIONS (16,659), DATASETS (627), GRANTS (2,060), PATENTS (2,205), CLINICAL TRIALS (325), and POLICY DOCUMENTS (1). Below this, two article entries are shown. The first article, 'VentRa: distinguishing frontotemporal dementia from psychiatric disorders', includes a snippet of the abstract and a list of authors. The second article, 'In vivo PET classification of tau pathologies in patients with frontotemporal dementia', also includes a snippet and authors. Both articles have an 'Add to Library' button highlighted with a red box. On the right side, there is an 'ANALYTICAL VIEWS' section with a 'RESEARCH CATEGORIES' dropdown and a list of categories with their respective counts. Below this is an 'OVERVIEW' section with a line graph showing 'Citations (Mean)' from 2016 to 2024, with a total of 711 K citations and a mean of 42.69.

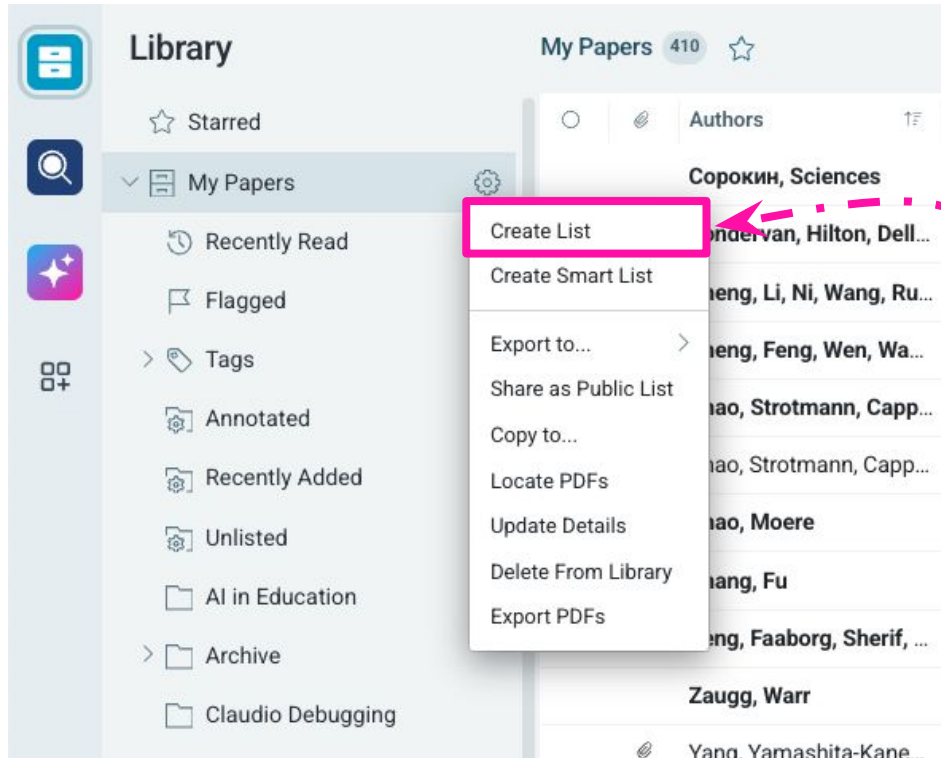
Category	Count
32 Biomedical and Clinical Sciences	9,581
52 Psychology	5,845
3209 Neurosciences	5,652
3202 Clinical Sciences	5,427
5202 Biological Psychology	5,235

Year	Citations (Mean)
2016	~800
2017	~850
2018	~900
2019	~1,000
2020	~1,100
2021	~1,200
2022	~1,300
2023	~1,400
2024	~1,300
2025	~500

Tip: Want to export multiple records? Export using .ris or .bib format to import into Papers. Then choose “Locate PDF” in list menu to automatically find and attach PDFs.



4. Organize Library with Lists & Tags



Items can be organized into lists and tagged with keywords that you create.

There is no limit to the items you can save, and lists or tags that you use.

Create a new list by clicking on the cogwheel next to "My Papers".

You can also create lists within lists. Click on the cogwheel next to a list to create a sublist.

4. Organize Library with Lists & Tags

My Papers 410 ☆

Search within my papers...

Sort

Authors	Last Author	Title	Journal
Warnat-Herresthal, Sch...	Schultze, Joachim L	Swarm Learning for decentralized and confidentialia...	Nature
Bartlett, Rudolph, Spek...	Spekkens, Robert W.	Reference frames, superselection rules, and quan...	Reviews of
Mondaini, Fratus, Sred...	Rigol, Marcos	Eigenstate thermalization in the two-dimensional ...	Physical R
Johansen, Lars	Lars, M.	Reconstructing weak values without weak measu...	Physics Le
Venkatesh, Lee, Ravi, ...	Warren, Wesley C.	Elephant shark genome provides unique insights i...	Nature
		Systematic review or scoping review? Guidance f...	

Open an item and click on the “Tags +” to create new tags.

Tags can be multiple words and are case sensitive.

NATURE 2014

Elephant shark genome provides unique insights into gnathostome evolution

Venkatesh, Byrappa; Lee, Alison P.; Ravi, Vydianathan; Maurya, Ashish K.; Lian, Michelle M.

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Add or edit tags

Tags +

- #2016
- alpha project
- antibody
- beta
- braf1
- cancer cells
- cas9
- epigenetics
- evolution
- hagfishes
- shark

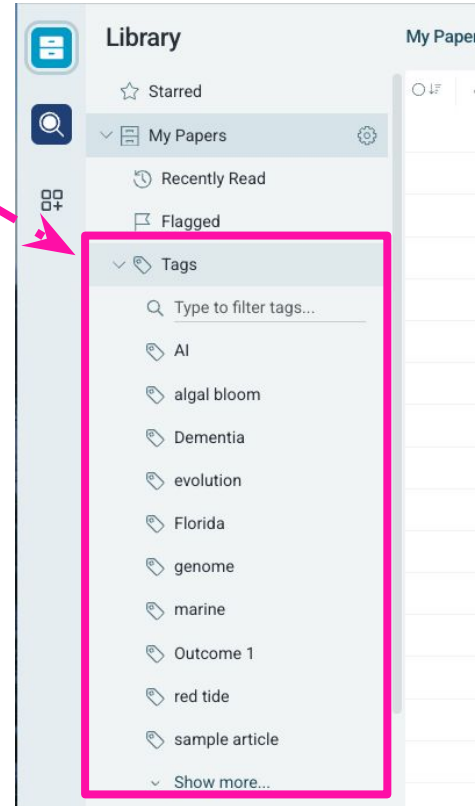


4. Organize Library with Lists & Tags

Find tagged items by expanding the “Tags” list inside your library.

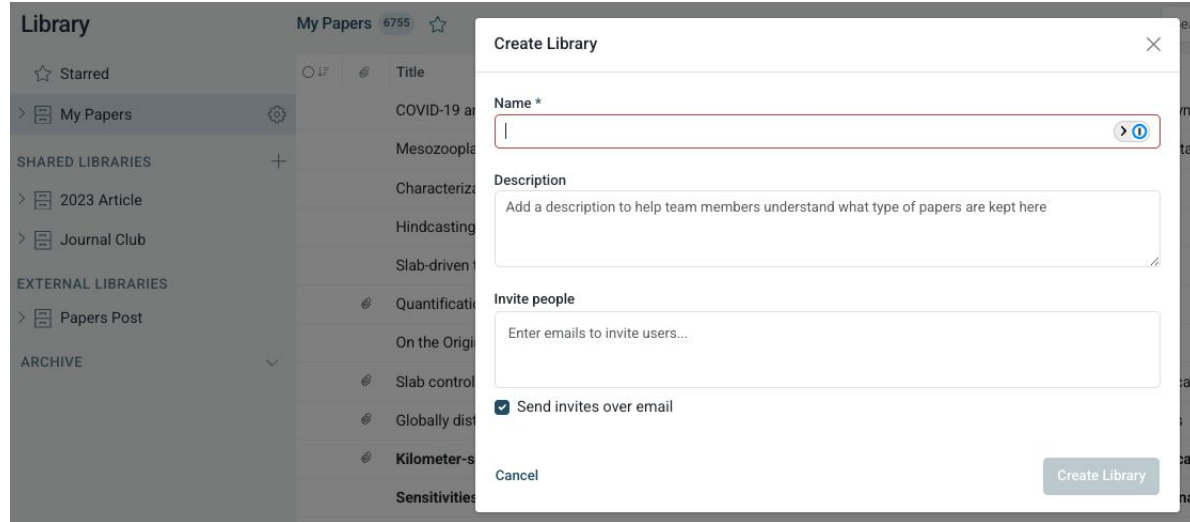
Click on a tag to see all the items with that tag.

To quickly add a tag to an item, drag and drop it to the tag.



5. Create a Shared Library with Collaborators

- Click on + next to “Shared Libraries”
- Give your shared library a title
- Add emails of your collaborators
- Add new or copy items from your library



The screenshot shows the 'Create Library' dialog box overlaid on a sidebar menu. The sidebar menu includes sections for 'Library' (with a 'Starred' filter), 'My Papers' (6755 items), 'SHARED LIBRARIES' (with a '+' icon), 'EXTERNAL LIBRARIES', and 'ARCHIVE'. The 'SHARED LIBRARIES' section lists '2023 Article', 'Journal Club', and 'Papers Post'. The 'Create Library' dialog has the following fields: 'Name *' (a text input field with a blue circular icon to the right), 'Description' (a text area with placeholder text: 'Add a description to help team members understand what type of papers are kept here'), 'Invite people' (a text input field with placeholder text: 'Enter emails to invite users...'), and a checked checkbox for 'Send invites over email'. At the bottom right of the dialog is a 'Create Library' button, and at the bottom left is a 'Cancel' button.



Essential users can create 5 shared libraries.

Pro users can create 15 shared libraries and 2 custom fields per shared library.

6. Read and Annotate PDFs

Open Details or Files tabs on a specific reference in your library.

Click on “View PDF” to open the PDF viewer in a new window.

Note: You can also double click the reference in the library view to open the PDF viewer.



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Tags +
Florida genome marine shark

Lists +
NIH Proposal Papers 101
Reading List

Citekey
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Identifiers
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pmid: 24402279 →

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Files

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Nature-Warren-2014_2.pdf
8.2 MB
7 Pages

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pq004449.pdf
157.1 KB
4 Pages

View PDF More ▾
Supplement 1.pdf
18.1 MB
255 Pages

6. Read and Annotate PDFs


- Right click with the mouse to change the page layout
- Use the menu in bottom right to zoom, rotate, search
- To annotate the reference click on the Annotate button in the top right of the screen
- Select the type of annotation in menu that appears on right side
- Choose color in bottom menu



Annotate

The screenshot displays a PDF viewer with a scientific article. The article title is "Elephant shark genome provides unique insights into gnathostome evolution". The viewer's interface includes a top toolbar with a right-click menu icon (a square with a diagonal line) highlighted by a purple arrow. A right sidebar contains a vertical menu of annotation tools: a close button (X), a text tool (A), a highlight tool (U), a selection tool (S), a lasso tool (L), and a crop tool (D). The bottom toolbar features zoom in (+) and zoom out (-) buttons, a search icon (magnifying glass), and a "Add Note" button. The article text is visible in the background, discussing the emergence of gnathostomes from jawless vertebrates.

Click on AI button in top left corner of the PDF viewer to open an AI Assistant session.



Ask the AI Assistant questions about the PDF and click on the arrows to view the source's location within the article.



*Find the AI Assistant in the Papers
web and iOS app*

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7. Use the AI Assistant to query PDFs and your library

The screenshot displays the Papers Pro application interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Library, My Papers, Recently Read, Flagged, Tags, Annotated, Papers I White, Papers I need to organize, Unmatched, and a list of folders including NIH Proposal, Papers 101, July 10 Import, Reading List, Red Tide, and ULVZ. Below these are sections for SHARED LIBRARIES (2023 Article, Journal Club) and EXTERNAL LIBRARIES (Papers Post). The main area shows a table of papers under the 'Image Fraud' filter. A right-click context menu is open over the table, listing actions like Copy, Select all, Deselect all, Add Flag, Mark as Read, Mark as Unread, Copy to..., Delete from Library, Remove Items from List, Export to..., Clear Details, Update Details, and 'Ask AI Assistant' (highlighted). A 'Chat with Papers' button is also visible at the bottom right of the menu.

Title	Authors	Last Author
AI-enabled image fraud in scie...	Gu, Wang, Li, Zhao, Fu, Liang, Qiu	Qiu, Jing
Deepfakes: A new threat to im...	Wang, Zhou, Yang, Yu	Yu, Rongshan
The Prevalence of Inappropriat...	Bik, Casadevall, Fang	Fang, Ferric C.
A Quantitative Study of Inappr...	David	David, Sholto
Analysis and Correction of Ina...	Bik, Fang, Kullas, Davis, Casadevall	Casadevall, Arturo
Why do scientists fabricate an...	Fanelli, Costas, Fang, Casadevall, Bik	Bik, Elisabeth M.
Decontamination of the scienti...	Cabanac	Cabanac, Guillaum
Analysis and Correction of Ina...	Bik, Fang, Kullas, Davis, Casadevall	Casadevall, Arturo
The Prevalence of Inappropria...	Bik, Casadevall, Fang	Fang, Ferric C
Testing Hypotheses on Risk F...	Fanelli, Costas, Fang, Casadevall, Bik	Bik, Elisabeth M.
Ethical dilemmas in scientific...	Callahan, Momen	Momen, Hooman
Misconduct Policies in High-Im...	s, Doti, Maru...	Marušić, Ana
How Many Scientists Fabricate...	Fanelli, Daniele	Fanelli, Daniele
Public availability of published...	allah, Ioanni...	Ioannidis, John P

Papers Pro Feature!

Query sets of up to 20 PDFs using AI Assistant

- Select multiple items with PDFs using shift key + mouse click
- Right click with mouse to open menu
- Choose "Ask AI Assistant - Chat with Papers"

Note: You must have PDFs saved as attachments and be online to ask questions of your library.

7. Use the AI Assistant to query PDFs and your library

- Ask questions of your article sets. Choose one of the suggestions or ask your own.
- Superscripts in answer refer to articles.
- Click on “Show References” to see article summary.
- “Show Evidence” will open PDF and highlight passages relevant to the answer.



Assistant ⓘ

Analyzing 3 papers in **Image Fraud** based on full text availability.

Use AI to ask questions, uncover insights, and identify key themes between papers.



What are the main research methods?



The research articles collectively explore various methods for detecting and understanding scientific image fraud, including manual visual inspection of images in research papers to identify duplications or manipulations², the use of automated detection algorithms and computational techniques such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and frequency domain analysis to distinguish real from synthetic or manipulated images³, and the evaluation of AI generative models for creating fraudulent images through generation, regeneration, and editing¹. These approaches combine human expertise, subjective quality assessments, and advanced algorithmic tools to empirically estimate the prevalence of image fraud and assess the effectiveness of detection methods in scientific literature. ⓘ

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1 AI-enabled image fraud in scientific publications

Gu, Wang, Li, Zhao, Fu, Liang, Qiu 2022 Patterns

The article discusses three main methods for scientific image fraud using AI generative models: (1) image generation (creating entirely new fake images), (2) image regeneration or resampling (regenera...

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2 The Prevalence of Inappropriate Image Duplication in Biomedical Research Publi...

Bik, Casadevall, Fang 2016 mBio

The main research method used in this study was **visual inspection** of images in scientific papers. Specifically, the researchers: - Selected 20,621 original research papers from 40 journals in fie...

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3 Deepfakes: A new threat to image fabrication in scientific publications?

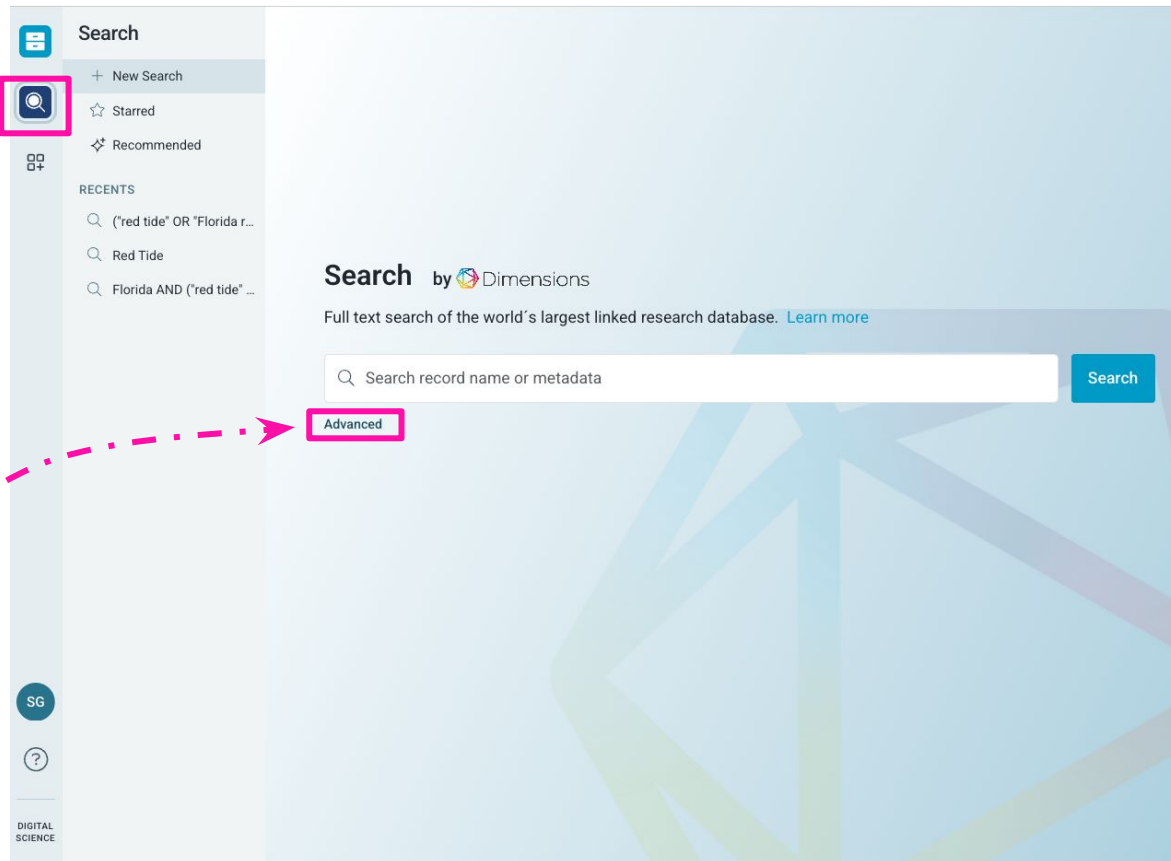
Wang, Zhou, Yang, Yu 2022 Patterns

The main research methods discussed in the article are: 1. **Manual Examination**: Bik et al. manually examined several thousand articles to identify deliberate image manipulation, finding that 1.9% ...

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8. Discover new research

- Search for new research using the magnifying glass icon in left menu.
- Search is powered by [Dimensions.ai](#). Learn more about the [world's largest linked research database](#).
- Search using keywords
- Choose "Advanced" for a query builder and AI Assisted search (Pro only).



9. Create bibliographies in Word and Google Docs

- [Install SmartCite](#) to connect Papers to Google Docs and Microsoft Word.
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- Choose the bibliography style.
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