

CONVERTING PMIDS TO PMCID

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) now requires researchers to cite the PubMed Central (<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>) reference numbers (PMCID) of any articles they authored or that came out of their NIH funds in all paperwork submitted to the NIH. The PMCID is assigned to an article when it is successfully submitted to PubMed Central. This is a different number than the PubMed reference number (PMID), which is assigned to articles when they are indexed in PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>). If you know the PMID of an article, you can use a batch converter to find out the PMCID.

Step 1: If you do not already know the PMIDs for your articles, search for the articles on PubMed. If you know the PMIDs, skip to Step 4.

Step 2: In PubMed, check the boxes beside the articles you want.

Step 3: Send the articles you selected to the Clipboard (see graphic below).

The screenshot shows the PubMed search interface. The search bar contains 'bmc psychiatry'. Below the search bar, there are buttons for 'Limits', 'Preview/Index', 'History', 'Clipboard', and 'Details'. The 'Clipboard' button is highlighted. A dropdown menu is open over the 'Clipboard' button, showing options: 'Send to', 'Send to Text', 'File', 'Printer', 'Clipboard', 'Collections', 'E-mail', 'RSS Feed', and 'Order'. The 'Clipboard' option is selected. The search results show 400 items, with the first item selected: 'Discontinuation of hypnotics during cognitive behavioural therapy' by Zavesicka L, Brunovsky M, Matousek M, Sos P. The article details include the journal 'BMC Psychiatry', date '2008 Sep 18;8:80', and PMID '18801160'. A 'Recent Activity' sidebar on the right shows the search 'bmc psychiatry (400)' and 'nih funded research (1217)'.

Step 4: Go to the converter at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/pmctopmid>.

Step 5: Either type the PMIDs into the box or click “Get IDs from PubMed Clipboard” (see graphic below).

PMID : PMCID Converter

If an article is in PubMed and in PMC, it will have both a PubMed ID (PMID) and a PMC ID. Use this converter to translate one type of ID to the other.

Choose what you want to convert

PMID to PMCID PMCID to PMID

Enter IDs below or

Step 6: Click Convert at the bottom of the page. If the PMCID number has not been assigned to an article yet, you will see “No match” listed (see graphic below).

Converter Result

PMID	PMCID
18799017	PMC2561028
18801160	PMC2562375
19108731	No match
19116040	PMC2628663
19133132	No match

Clear

If you have any questions about this process or the NIH Public Access Policy, please contact Tracey Minzenmayer at 214.648.9173 or tracey.minzenmayer@utsouthwestern.edu.

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