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Display record(s):	There will be several viewing options for each record listed to the right of the record citation. Under the citation there will also be two options for finding similar articles and finding citing articles. You will also find at the bottom of the display page, a Results Manager section that will allow you to make choices on how your results are displayed as well as output options.
Mark records:	Select records to display, print, e-mail, or download by clicking in the check boxes to the left of items in results sets. Use Results Manager at the bottom of the page for output options.
Specify record format:	Scroll to the bottom of the search results screen. Indicate whether you want to display all records or only marked records (see above). Select format for display under Fields (e.g.: Citation and Abstract). Select sorting options wanted. Click on Display, E-mail, Print Preview, or Save . NOTE: You may customize your display by clicking Select Fields and put a check in the checkboxes to the left of each field name you want as part of the record display. Click on Continue . Records will be displayed, e-mailed, or saved in your custom format.
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