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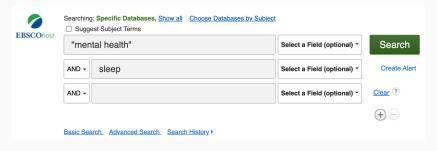
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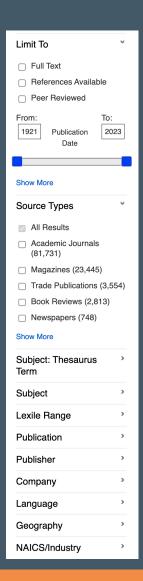




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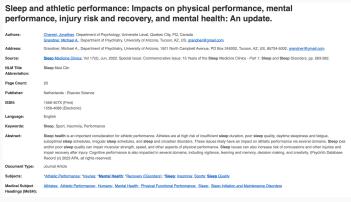




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Click on the title of the item of interest to access additional information, full-text options, and tools.



- View important information like authors, publisher, publication, and more on the items record.
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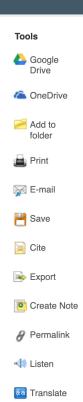




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