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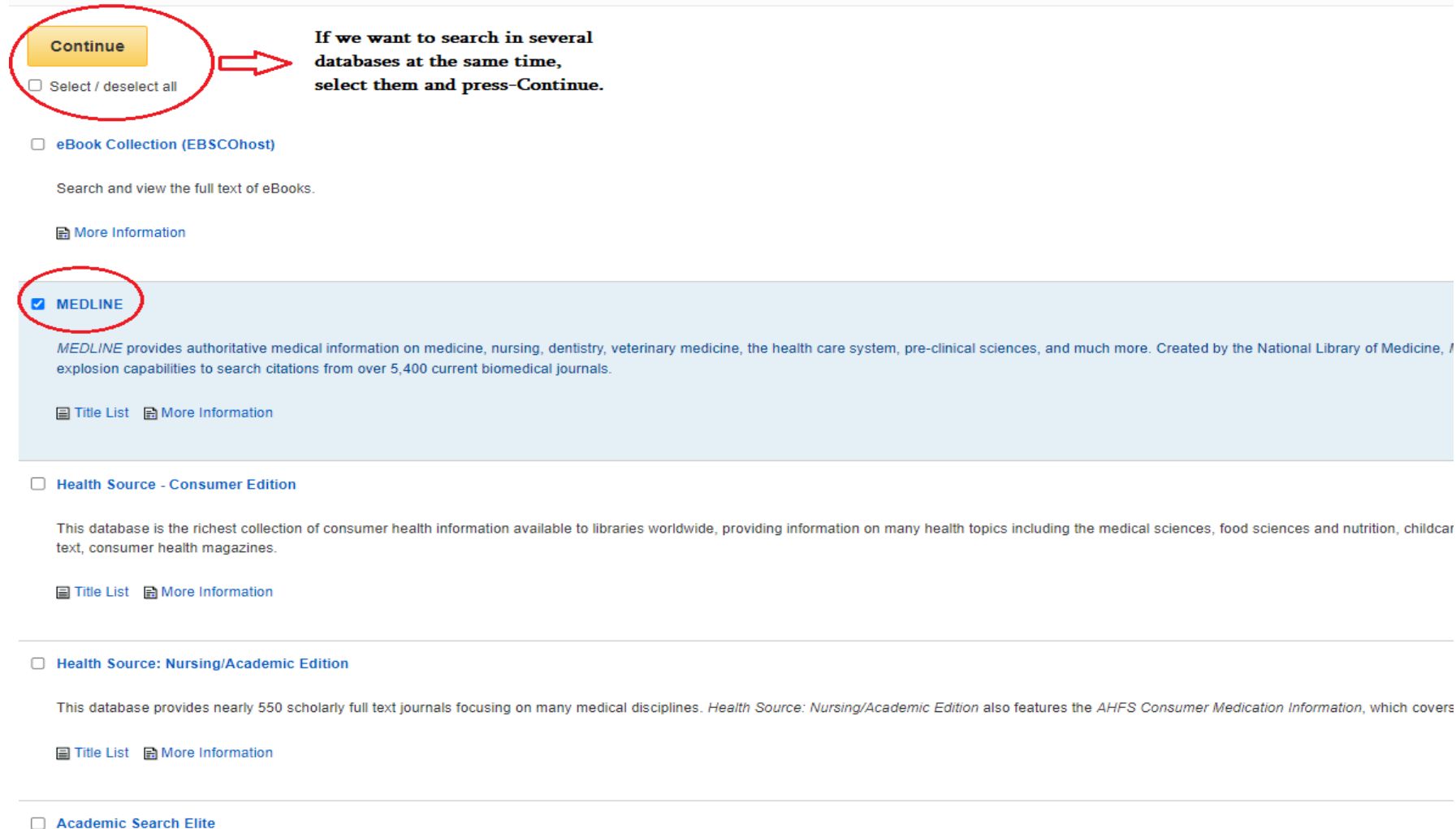
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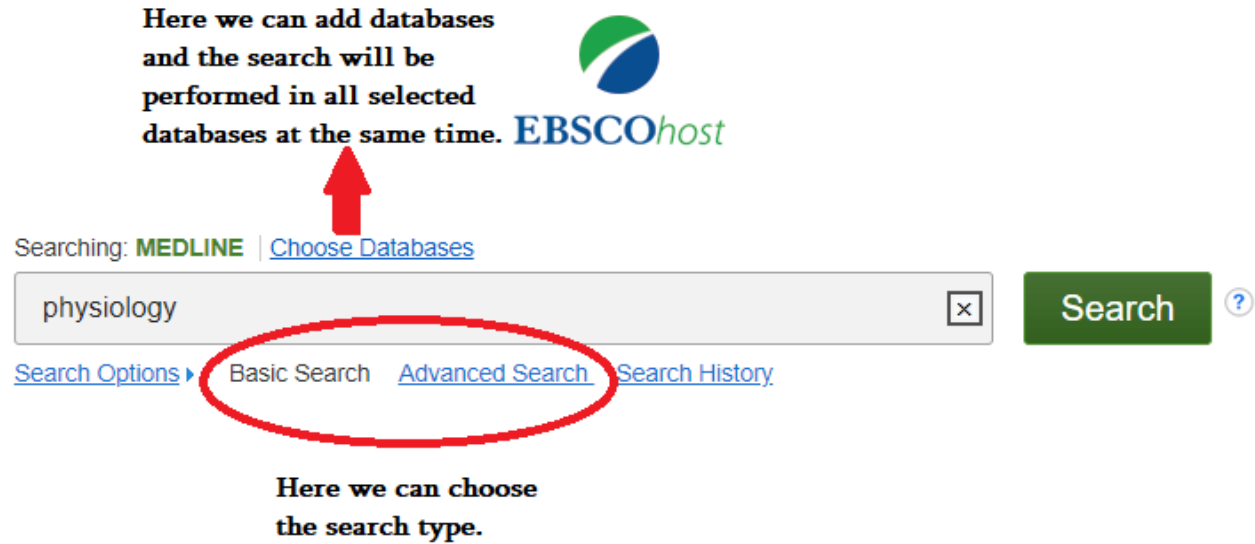
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## Exploring the impact of COVID-19 on the willingness of older adults to participate in physiology research: views from past and potential volunteers

Colleen S. Deane, Amanda Gates, Gemma D. Traviss-Turner, Daniel J. Wilkinson, Kenneth Smith, Philip J. Atherton, and Bethan E. Phillips

**Abstract:** We explored the views of older ( $\geq 65$  years) past and potential volunteers in regard to participating in physiology research during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using an online questionnaire and focus groups, we found that past volunteers ( $n = 55$ ) were more likely to take part in both acute ( $p < 0.05$ ) and chronic ( $p < 0.05$ ) physiology studies, compared with potential future volunteers ( $n = 57$ ). Both cohorts demonstrated a positive attitude towards volunteering during the COVID-19 pandemic, although concern was evident.

**Novelty:**

- Volunteers demonstrated a positive attitude and also concern towards participating in physiology research during COVID-19.

**Key words:** ageing, COVID-19, physiology, research, recruitment, clinical trials.

**Résumé :** Nous explorons les points de vue de bénévoles âgés ( $\geq 65$  ans) anciens et éventuels en ce qui concerne la participation à la recherche en physiologie pendant la pandémie de COVID-19. À l'aide d'un questionnaire en ligne et de groupes de discussion, nous constatons que les anciens bénévoles ( $n = 55$ ) sont plus enclins à participer à des études de physiologie à court ( $p < 0,05$ ) et long ( $p < 0,05$ ) terme comparativement aux éventuels bénévoles ( $n = 57$ ). Les deux cohortes font preuve d'une attitude positive envers le bénévolat pendant la pandémie de COVID-19 même si l'inquiétude est évidente. [Traduit par la Rédaction]

**Les nouveautés :**

- Les bénévoles présentent une attitude positive tout en demeurant soucieux de participer à la recherche en physiologie pendant la COVID-19.

**Mots-clés :** vieillissement, COVID-19, physiologie, recherche, recrutement, essais cliniques.

### Introduction

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic was announced in March 2020 (World Health Organization (WHO) 2020) and by June 2021 >174 million cases and >3.7 million deaths were recorded across 191 countries (WHO 2021). The risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19 increases with chronological ageing, thus posing a significant threat to the health and well-being of older adults (The Physiological Society 2020).

COVID-19 continues to cause significant disruption to human clinical trials, just as previous pandemics have (Gobat et al. 2018; Padala et al. 2020b), which is a major cause for concern since these

the subsequent pausing of certain clinical and physiological research programmes. The initial halt to human physiology trials at the onset of the pandemic required principal investigators to consider the risk to volunteers, local/national guidance and ethical considerations, before deciding on the appropriate course of action and the possible re-start of such trials (Padala et al. 2020a, 2020b). Yet, despite the fact that such studies ultimately depend on the willingness of volunteers to participate, their views and opinions are rarely sought and considered (Padala et al. 2020a, 2020b).

As such, it is imperative to understand the factors that shape volunteer willingness to participate in research during unprece-