Quick Start Guide: Selector

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Up to **50% of reagents** are unsuitable and fail to produce reproducible results. Within the **ASCEND by BenchSci platform**, our **Selector** application helps scientists streamline the selection of suitable reagents and model systems and avoid unnecessary purchases and validation experiments.

1. Video Overview of Selector
2. Impact of Selector on Biomedical Research
3. Steps to Get Started with Selector

What is Selector?

Impact on Biomedical Research

Over **50,000 scientists** at pharmaceutical companies, biotech companies, and 4,500+ academic institutions use **Selector**. BenchSci has developed powerful technology that is **proven to**:

Accelerate research by selecting products in seconds vs. weeks

Reduce reagent spending and save millions per year

Optimize experiment success and increase research productivity

Have a quantifiable impact with a proven, turnkey application

Explore data for a range of common reagents and model systems

Antibodies

Represents about 40-50% of reagent waste, with millions of products and hundreds of vendors

CRISPR

Requires complex selection of compatible vectors, Cas nucleases, and guide RNA

Proteins

Includes recombinant and purified proteins which are often the second-highest source of waste after antibodies

Animal Models

Often need to consult many studies to identify a model that has been successfully utilized in similar experiments

RNAi

Challenging to search for since products are often custom and cited by their sequence

PCR Primers & Probes

Fundamental molecular biology techniques with millions of products with slight variations that can be difficult to choose from

Cell Products

A critical component of experiments that are prone to mislabeling and unclear validation methods

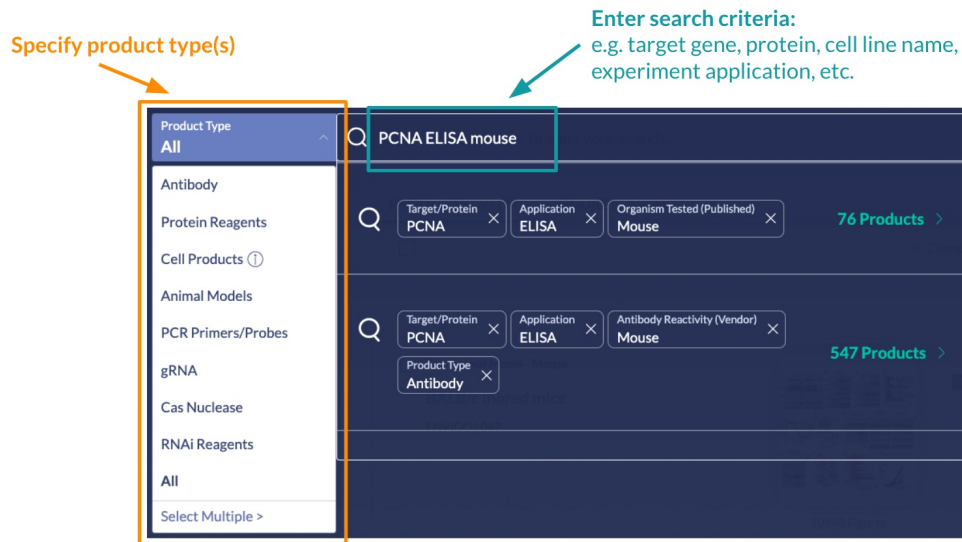## Comprehensive coverage of trusted literature sources and vendor databases

Experiment data from over **27 million** preprint, open- and closed-access publications

Partnerships with leading scientific publishers including **Springer Nature** and **Wiley**
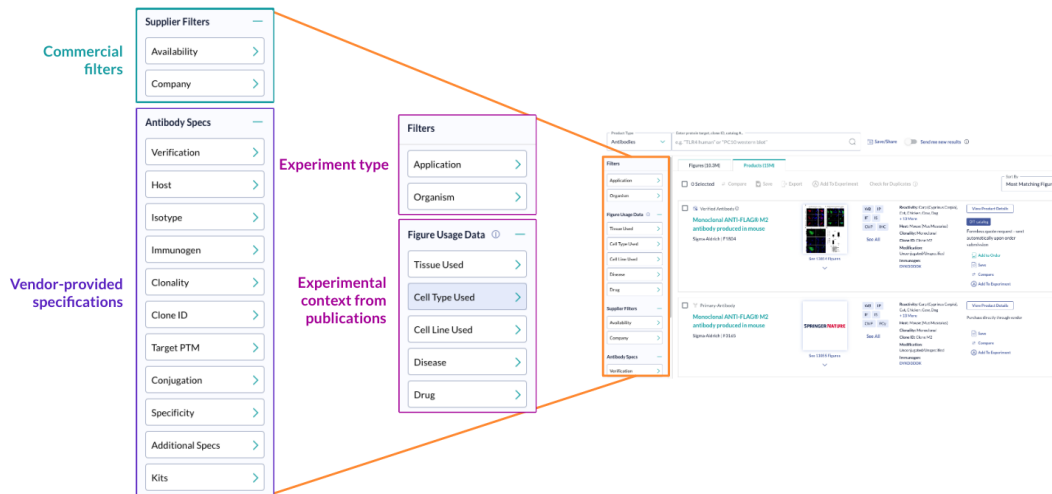
Independent validation sources including **The Human Protein Atlas** and **EuroMAbNet**

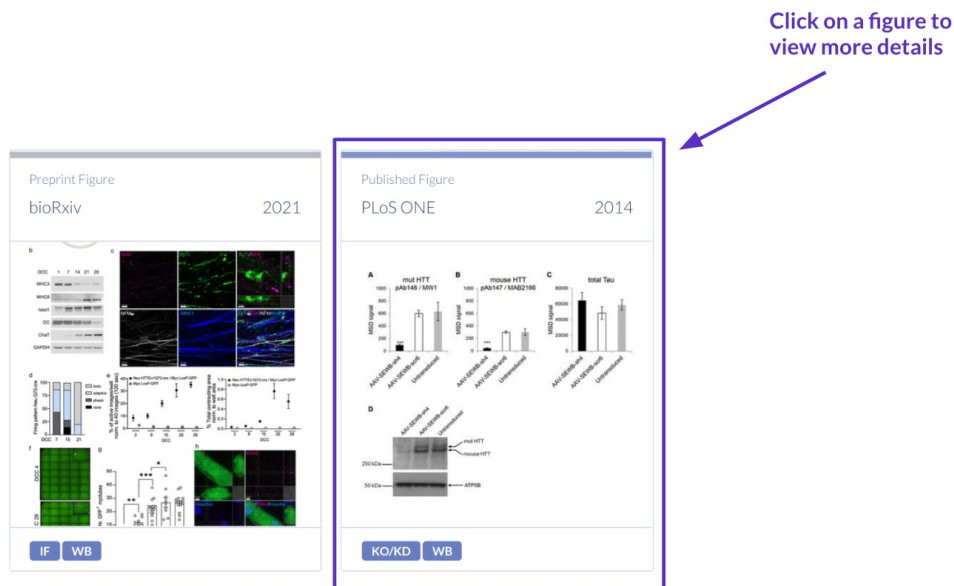Product catalog data for more than 85 **million** products from **450 vendors**

Leverage AI technology to advance your workflow

Before

- Manually scanning papers for experiment details

- Manually scanning through vendor catalogs for suitable reagents and model systems

- Spreadsheets to track potential reagents

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After

- Text and image-based AI detects details from a figure/experiment like a Ph.D. scientist

- Bioinformatics data and ontologies connect reagent and model usage to diseases, experiment types, and other contexts

- Streamlined gene/protein datasets to reduce common challenges with aliases

- Intuitive interface to curate lists of products that match experiment criteria and validation conditions

Start Searching with Selector!

Also available in [Japanese (日本語)](#) and [Chinese (中文)](#).

1. Log into Selector

Log in with your institutional email address at **app.benchsci.com** or click your company logo in this article.

2. Enter search criteria

Specify product type(s)

Enter search criteria:
e.g. target gene, protein, cell line name, experiment application, etc.

Product Type
All

PCNA ELISA mouse

Antibody

Protein Reagents

Cell Products ⓘ

Animal Models

PCR Primers/Probes

gRNA

Cas Nuclease

RNAi Reagents

All

Select Multiple >

Target/Protein	Application	Organism Tested (Published)	
PCNA ✕	ELISA ✕	Mouse ✕	76 Products ›

Target/Protein	Application	Antibody Reactivity (Vendor)	
PCNA ✕	ELISA ✕	Mouse ✕	
Product Type			547 Products ›
Antibody ✕			

3. Filter and view search results that match your experiment conditions

Commercial filters

Supplier Filters —

Availability ›

Company ›

Antibody Specs —

Verification ›

Host ›

Isotype ›

Immunogen ›

Clonality ›

Clone ID ›

Target PTM ›

Conjugation ›

Specificity ›

Additional Specs ›

Kits ›

Vendor-provided specifications

Experiment type

Experimental context from publications

Filters

Application ›

Organism ›

Figure Usage Data ⓘ —

Tissue Used ›

Cell Type Used ›

Cell Line Used ›

Disease ›

Drug ›

4. View figures from **peer-reviewed publications, preprints, vendors,** and **third-party sources**

Click on a figure to view more details

Preprint Figure
bioRxiv   2021

IF   WB

Published Figure
PLoS ONE   2014

KO/KD   WB

5. Review details from figures to learn more about what reagents/model systems are used in experiments

Link to view publication
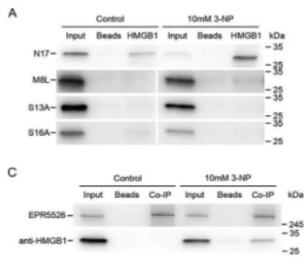
Products detected in the figure

6. Review product details

View product specifications

Target	HTT, HUNTINGTIN
Host	Mouse
Clonality	Monoclonal
Clone ID	1HU-4C8

Application	Published Figures	Vendor Recommended
Western Blot	571	⊘
Immunostaining	140	
Immunoprecipitation	120	⊘

Published Application Distribution

762 Published Figures from **292** Publications

Learn more about how the reagent or model system has been used in experiments

7. Explore custom data integrations to build confidence in your search

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