

# CONVERTING PMIDS TO PMCID

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**Note:** The PMCID is not the same as the PubMed reference number (PMID), which is assigned to articles when they are indexed in PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>). However, if you know the PMID of an article, you can use a batch converter to find the PMCID if the article has already been submitted to PubMed Central.

- Step 1:** Search for the articles on PubMed to find their PMIDs.  
If you already 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).
- Step 4:** Go to the converter at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/pmctopmid>.

The screenshot shows the PubMed.gov search interface. At the top, there are navigation links for NCBI, Resources, and How To. The search bar contains the query: `(("Blood"[Journal]) AND "2009/03/01"[Publication Date] : "2009/03/31"[Publicat`. Below the search bar, there are options for RSS, Save search, Limits, Advanced search, and Help. The results section shows "Results: 1 to 20 of 229" and "Selected: 1". A red arrow labeled '1' points to a checkbox next to the first result, which is checked. The result is: "Long-term polyclonal and multilineage engraftment of methylguanine meth... modified dog hematopoietic cells in primary and secondary recipients." Below the title, there is a list of authors, the journal name, volume, issue, and page numbers, the publication date, and the PMID: 19336761. There are links for "Free full text" and "Related citations". A red arrow labeled '2' points to the "Send to:" dropdown menu, which is open. The "Choose Destination" menu shows options: File, Clipboard (selected), Collections, E-mail, Order, and My Bibliography. A red arrow labeled '3' points to the "Clipboard" option. Below the menu, there is a button labeled "Add to Clipboard" with a red arrow labeled '4' pointing to it.