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DistillerSR

The Insider's Guide

Literature review software for systematic reviews and surveillance



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI research tools, read from DistillerSR's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from DistillerSR's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on DistillerSR's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 5 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade

DistillerSR is a web platform for managing literature-based research such as systematic reviews, from reference import and screening through data extraction and reporting. It is sold to companies and government bodies by quote, with published monthly plans for students and academics. It lists an AI feature that reorders references by relevance.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about DistillerSR**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **No store rating on record, and a review project has to be configured before use.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for managing systematic reviews with an audit trail**

DistillerSR covers a systematic review from screening to reporting, with an audit trail and AI-assisted screening.

2 **Paid plans start at $19.95 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $19.95 per month (Student).

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Review lifecycle management**

Centrally manages importing references, screening, extraction and reporting with a configurable workflow.

5 **AI-assisted screening**

Reorders references by predicted relevance and can double-check exclusion decisions; plan availability is shown only as icons.

6 **Audit trail**

Integrated audit trail and version control, which the vendor presents as making evidence traceable.

7 **A 1.8 GPA, above 5 of 69**

That is against the other AI research tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

To replace DistillerSR you would be making a library of papers and sources to search. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

DistillerSR at a glance

PRICING Paid, from $19.95 per month (Student)	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY DistillerSR Inc.	CATEGORY AI Research Tools
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for managing systematic reviews with an audit trail

DistillerSR covers a systematic review from screening to reporting, with an audit trail and AI-assisted screening. The cheapest plan is $19.95 a month, for one project, and the faculty and project plans go through sales. No free plan or trial is stated.

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DistillerSR

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	D	Student is $19.95 a month, Faculty $94 and Research Project $194, against a category middle of $10. Corporate pricing is quote only.
Free plan and trial	F	No free tier or free trial is stated on the pages read.
Features	B	Review lifecycle management, AI screening, an audit trail, reference alerts, full-text retrieval and BI and API links. The listing names no gap in the core review work.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and a review project has to be configured before use.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, with links to PubMed, EBSCO, OVID, Power BI and Tableau, and an API. No phone or desktop apps are listed.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who DistillerSR is for

- ✓ Fits if you run reviews that need a full audit trail for regulators
- ✓ Works for university teams who would buy the Faculty or Research Project plan

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want to try before paying, because no free tier or trial is stated
- ✗ Tight if you are a student: the Student plan covers 1 project
- ✗ Pricey if you are faculty: Faculty is $94 a month for 5 projects, and plans are bought through sales
- ✗ Watch out: corporate and government pricing is a quote form only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Pharma, device and public-sector teams running regulated literature reviews
- ✓ Universities buying seats for students and faculty
- ✓ Organizations that need audit trails across many reviews

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Corporate and government pricing is not published; it is quote-only through a form.
- ⓘ No free tier or free trial is stated on the pages read.
- ⓘ The Student plan is limited to 1 project, and faculty and project plans to 5 projects.
- ⓘ Faculty and Research Project plans are bought by contacting sales, not self-serve checkout.

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What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$19.95

A month to start

DistillerSR is a paid product, starting at $19.95 per month (Student).

> **No free tier or free trial is stated on the pages read.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

STUDENT

$19.95

per month, billing basis not stated

Three subscriptions for the price of one; 1 project and standard support; the page lists 3 users.

FACULTY

$94

per month, billed annually

One faculty user with 5 projects and standard support; bought through sales.

RESEARCH PROJECT

$194

per month, billed annually

One faculty member plus 4 students and 5 projects; bought through sales.

DEPARTMENTAL

Custom

Manage multiple subscriptions across a department, with 20 to 45 projects; contact sales.

INSTITUTIONAL

Custom

Capabilities for an entire institution, with 80 to 150 projects; request a quote.

CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT

Custom

No published price; a quote form is used for companies and public-sector teams.

Read from distillersr.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

EDUCATION

Student and academic pricing

Discounted plans from $19.95 a month for students, with faculty and research-project plans billed annually.

Stated on distillersr.com

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Literature review software for systematic reviews and surveillance. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, real-time collaboration, research, reports.

> **Review lifecycle management, AI screening, an audit trail, reference alerts, full-text retrieval and BI and API links.**
>
> From our grade for features

Review lifecycle management

Centrally manages importing references, screening, extraction and reporting with a configurable workflow.

AI-assisted screening

Reorders references by predicted relevance and can double-check exclusion decisions; plan availability is shown only as icons.

Audit trail

Integrated audit trail and version control, which the vendor presents as making evidence traceable.

Reference database alerts

LitConnect brings in new articles from databases such as EBSCO, OVID and PubMed; it is not on the Student or Faculty plans.

BI and API integration

Connects to business-intelligence tools such as Power BI and Tableau, and exposes an API as a paid module.

Full-text retrieval

Links references to source material through DOI.org and works with the Unpaywall plugin.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

PubMed
EBSCO
OVID
Power BI
Tableau
Unpaywall

DistillerSR is made by DistillerSR Inc.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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Other AI research tools it is graded above

DistillerSR's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 5 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade, and level with 2.

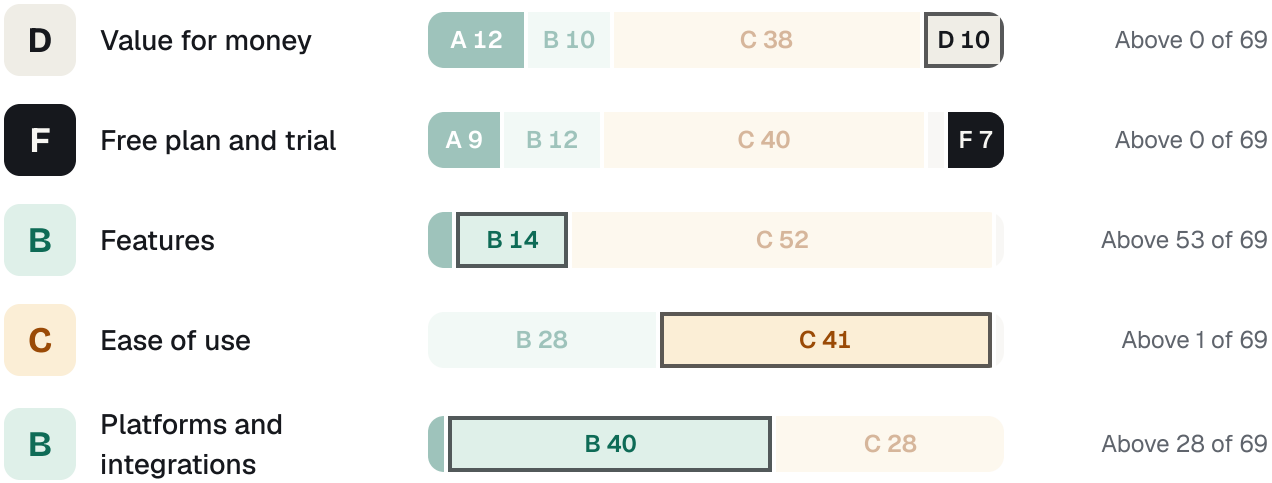
It stands best on features (B, above 53 of 69) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $19.95 a month, against a middle price of $10 for the category: 40 of the 48 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 5 tools score higher and cost less.

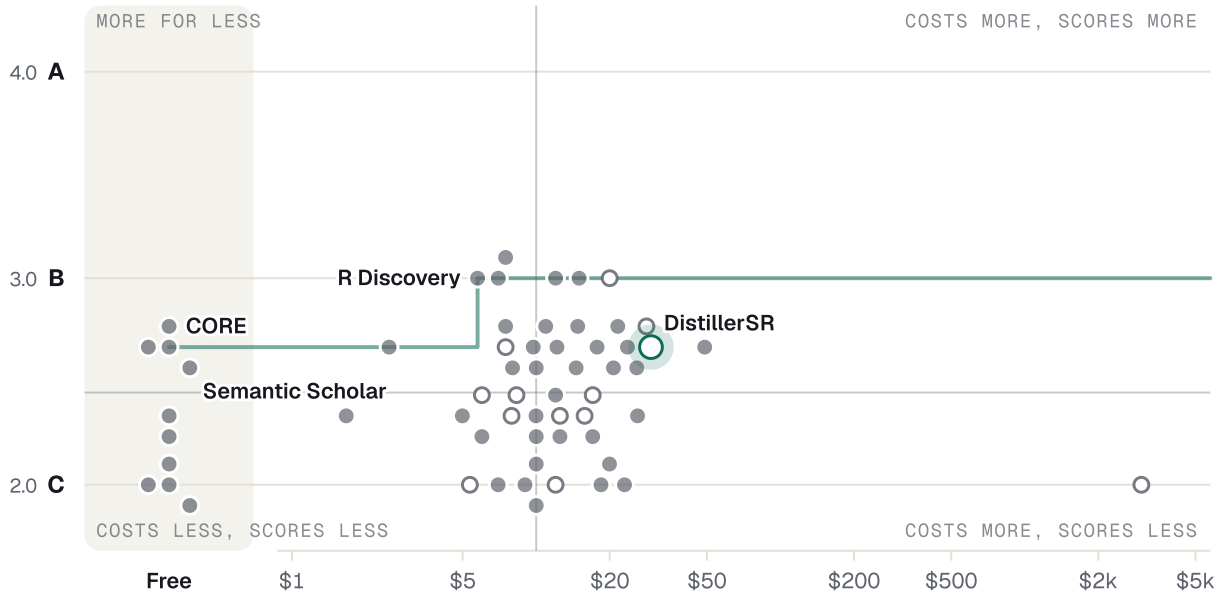
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 70 AI research tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. DistillerSR's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 59 AI research tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. DistillerSR is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace DistillerSR you would be making a library of papers and sources to search. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 62 of the 69 other AI research tools grade higher. It costs $239.40 a year.

What you could make

- Reports: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A library of papers and sources to search.

- Several people working in it at the same moment.
- It plugs into other products, PubMed, EBSCO and OVID among them.
- AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. DistillerSR's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Covidence, Rayyan, Nested Knowledge, Laser AI and Silvi

The 5 tools DistillerSR is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Covidence

Free trial · from $339/yr

Web platform for screening and extracting data in systematic reviews.

- DistillerSR also covers reports.
- Covidence also covers citations.

DistillerSR and Covidence compared in full

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Rayyan

Free plan · from $4.99/mo

Systematic review screening with AI relevance predictions.

- Rayyan has a free plan. DistillerSR does not.
- DistillerSR also covers reports.
- Rayyan also covers citations.

DistillerSR and Rayyan compared in full



2.0 GPA

Nested Knowledge

Free plan · from $19.95/mo

Systematic review and meta-analysis platform with AI screening.

- Nested Knowledge has a free plan. DistillerSR does not.

DistillerSR and Nested Knowledge compared in full



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Laser AI

From $3000/mo

AI-assisted screening and data extraction for systematic reviews.

- DistillerSR also covers reports.
- Laser AI also covers citations.

DistillerSR and Laser AI compared in full



2.6 GPA

Silvi

Free plan · from €19/mo

Literature review platform with AI screening and data extraction.

- Silvi has a free plan. DistillerSR does not.
- DistillerSR also covers reports.
- Silvi also covers citations.

DistillerSR and Silvi compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is DistillerSR free?

No. DistillerSR is a paid product, starting at $19.95 per month (Student).

How much does DistillerSR cost?

DistillerSR lists 6 plans. Student: $19.95 per month, billing basis not stated.

What platforms does DistillerSR work on?

DistillerSR is available on Web.

Does DistillerSR offer any discounts?

DistillerSR publicly lists the following: Student and academic pricing.

Does DistillerSR have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. DistillerSR is listed for Web.

Does DistillerSR have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. DistillerSR is listed for Web.

Is DistillerSR open source?

DistillerSR is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does DistillerSR integrate with?

DistillerSR's listing names PubMed, EBSCO, OVID, Power BI, Tableau and Unpaywall.

Does DistillerSR have a student discount?

Student and academic pricing. Discounted plans from $19.95 a month for students, with faculty and research-project plans billed annually.

Who makes DistillerSR?

DistillerSR is made by DistillerSR Inc.

What are the alternatives to DistillerSR?

The closest alternatives to DistillerSR in our directory are Covidence, Rayyan, Nested Knowledge, Laser AI and Silvi.

How does DistillerSR compare with other AI research tools?

DistillerSR's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 5 of the 69 other AI research tools we grade, and level with 2.

Is DistillerSR good value for money?

ToolGPA grades DistillerSR D for value for money. Its paid plans start at $19.95 a month, against a middle price of $10 for the category: 40 of the 48 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of DistillerSR?

To replace DistillerSR you would be making a library of papers and sources to search.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from DistillerSR's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from DistillerSR's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by DistillerSR Inc. Prices change, so check distillersr.com before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

DistillerSR, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/distillersr

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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AI Research Tools Insider's Guide

Every one of the 70 AI research tools we grade, compared

Ai2 Asta Insider's Guide

AI research assistant for finding papers and analyzing data

3.2 GPA

Brave Search Insider's Guide

Private web search engine with its own index and AI answers

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CORE Insider's Guide

Open access research search backed by a free API

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