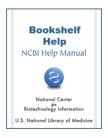


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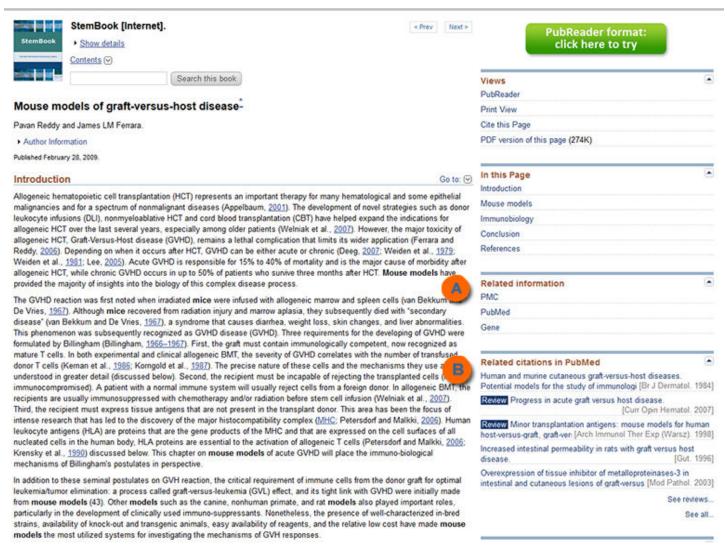


Figure 1. Among the discovery panels located along the right margin of a book page are those displaying links to PubMed and other NCBI resources. **A)** "Related Information" provides links to other databases at NCBI, such as PMC, PubMed Substance, Gene and OMIM. **B)** Links to related PubMed abstracts can be found in the "Related citations in PubMed" panel.