

3.0 RESULTS OF THE STUDY

3.1 Iraqi Publications

One of the prime objectives of this study was to develop a baseline of information in order to analyze the trends of published Iraqi biological research. Once a baseline of research in Iraq had been established, questions could be asked about the possible nature of the described research. This report uses the number of scientific publications as a measure of research done. Table 2 gives the total number of publications identified as having research carried out in Iraq. In the time period under consideration, there were **10,100 publications from Iraq**. While thousands of publications would be indicative of a significant level of research, it is important to ask when and where this research was carried out. Of course, the nature of the research is of prime importance. As well, a unique set of publications must be selected on the pertinent topics as described in section 2.6, since the multiple databases may report the same item.

Table 2. Iraqi Publications in Major Scientific Databases

DATABASE	COVERAGE	IRAQI PUBLICATIONS
Biosis Previews	1969-present	2,435
Embase	1974-present	1,361
Medline	1966-present	520
CAB Abstracts	1972-present	2,792
CA Search	1969-present	3,332