

A failed attempt at developing a search filter for systematic review methodology articles in Ovid Embase

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APPENDIX

Tables 1–3 VOSViewer twenty most common terms

Table 1 The twenty most common terms located in the subject heading field, as identified by VOSViewer software

Frequency range	Term	(Count)	Term	(Count)
1–5		–		
6–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysis of variance (9) • analytic method (9) • clinical practice guidelines (10) • comparative effectiveness (10) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparative effectiveness research (9) • evidence-based medicine (10) • grade (10) • heterogeneity (9) 	
11–15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to information (13) • algorithm (15) • clinical research (13) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decision making (11) • human (13) 	
16–20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accuracy (19) • adult (19) • clinical trial (19) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clinical trial (19) • meta-analysis (17) 	
21–25		–		
26–30		–		
31–35	bias	(34)		
36–40		–		
41+	article	(267)		

Note: Candidate terms, as-yet unstandardized descriptors that may one day become subject headings, are indexed in the Ovid Embase Subject Heading Field.

Table 2 The twenty most common terms located in the title field, as identified by VOSViewer software

Frequency range	Term	(Count)	Term	(Count)
1-50	• effect	(45)	• model	(48)
	• intervention	(43)	• outcome	(44)
51-100	• approach	(52)	• guideline	(54)
	• bias	(67)	• quality	(91)
	• clinical trial	(59)	• reporting	(64)
	• comparison	(51)	• review	(68)
	• data	(79)		
101-150	• analysis	(101)	• study	(114)
	• method	(102)	• trial	(103)
151-200	• evidence	(173)		
201-250	• meta analysis	(244)	• systematic review	(229)

Table 3 The twenty most common terms located in the abstract field, as identified by VOSViewer software

Frequency range	Term	(Count)	Term	(Count)
1-100		—		
101-200	• checklist	(174)	• heterogeneity	(175)
	• health	(170)	• synthesis	(197)
201-300	• abstract	(204)	• report	(278)
	• database	(300)	• search	(264)
	• decision	(267)	• test	(287)
	• development	(243)	• treatment effect	(238)
	• item	(224)		
301-400	• author	(394)	• process	(344)
	• estimate	(321)	• recommendation	(345)
	• journal	(400)	• reporting	(339)
401-500		—		
501-600	• model	(565)		