**Appendix S2 : Key search terms for clinical trials**

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| **Key concept** | **Subject heading in EMBASE** |
| Clinical trial | prospective study |
|  | major clinical study |
|  | controlled clinical trial |
|  | outcome assessment |
|  | comparative study |
|  | retrospective study |
|  | "clinical trial (topic)" |
|  | "randomized controlled trial (topic)" |
|  | control group |
|  | "controlled clinical trial (topic)" |
|  | \*clinical trial |
|  | exp intervention study |
|  | treatment outcome |
|  | pilot study |
|  | clinical study |
|  | randomized controlled trial |
|  | \*feasibility study |
|  | validation study |
|  | observational study |