

Additional file 2. Search terms

Database and search string
<p>CINAHL (EBSCOHost)</p> <p>TI ("realist review*" OR "realist synthesis" OR "realist syntheses" OR "realist evaluation" OR "meta-method*" OR "meta method*" OR "realist approach*" OR "meta-evaluation*" OR "meta evaluation*" OR "rapid literature review*" OR "rapid systematic review*" or "rapid scoping review*" OR "rapid review*" or "rapid approach*" or "rapid synthesis" OR "rapid syntheses" OR "rapid evidence assess*" OR "evidence summar*") OR AB ("realist review*" OR "realist synthesis" OR "realist syntheses" OR "realist evaluation" OR "meta-method*" OR "meta method*" OR "realist approach*" OR "meta-evaluation*" OR "meta evaluation*" OR "rapid literature review*" OR "rapid systematic review*" or "rapid scoping review*" OR "rapid review*" or "rapid approach*" or "rapid synthesis" OR "rapid syntheses" OR "rapid evidence assess*" OR "evidence summar*")</p> <p>Limiters - Published Date: 20040101-20151231</p>
<p>Cochrane Library</p> <p>#1 realist next review:ti,ab,kw or realist next syntheses:ti,ab,kw or "realist evaluation":ti,ab,kw or meta-method:ti,ab,kw or meta next method:ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#2 realist next approach*:ti,ab,kw or meta-evaluation*:ti,ab,kw or meta next evaluation*:ti,ab,kw or rapid next literature next review*:ti,ab,kw or rapid next systematic next review*:ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#3 rapid next scoping next review:ti,ab,kw or rapid next review*:ti,ab,kw or rapid next approach*:ti,ab,kw or rapid next syntheses:ti,ab,kw or rapid next evidence next assess*:ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#4 evidence next summar*:ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#5 #1 or #2 or #3 or #4</p>
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<p>EMBASE (Ovid)</p> <p>1. (realist review\$ or realist synthesis or realist syntheses or realist evaluation or meta-method\$ or meta method\$ or realist approach\$ or meta-evaluation\$ or meta evaluation\$ or rapid literature</p>

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[mp=title, abstract, subject headings, heading word, drug trade name, original title, device manufacturer, drug manufacturer, device trade name, keyword]

2. limit 1 to yr="2004 -Current"

Health Systems Evidence¹

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LILACS (BVSalud)

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MEDLINE (Ovid)

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Website and search terms

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¹ The search of Health Systems Evidence was conducted by Kaelan Moat, McMaster Health Forum, McMaster University, to enable all relevant records to be viewed and imported into the EndNote database.