**Additional file 1**

**Main search strategies**

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Cochrane Methodology Register

<http://www.cochranelibrary.com>

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Meth4ReSyn library

<http://www.citeulike.org/user/Meth4ReSyn>

overviews

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or “meta-synthesis”

or “meta-syntheses”

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or “Cochrane overview”

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or “reviews of reviews”

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Cochrane Colloquium abstracts

<http://abstracts.cochrane.org>

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Scientific Resource Center Methods library of the AHRQ Effective Health Care Program

<http://www.refworks.com/refworks2/?site=027181135918800000%2F57381342557464357%2FSRC+Methods+Library>

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<http://www.citeulike.org/user/EHCSRCMethodsLibrary/tag/systematic-reviews---reviews-of>

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Tag: meta-reviews

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