**Additional file 3** – Search strategy

**Database:** Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR), accessed via The Cochrane Library (issue 4, 2017) (http://www.cochranelibrary.com/)

**Date accessed:** 15/04/2017

**Search terms:** search all text with \*

**Search limits:**

* Database: Cochrane reviews (only reviews)
* Dates of publication: between 1992 and 2016

**Procedure:** all the *CDSR* records were exported to the reference management software *Endnote* X7.7.1 [1] where Cochrane reviews defined as ‘published’, ‘active’, and ‘intervention review’ were identified and exported to *EPPI-Reviewer 4* software [2].

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