Additional file 1. Example search strategy for MEDLINE (adapted for other databases)

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| **Search string**  | **Content**  |
| #1 | (co-production or co-design or co-creation or co-evaluation or co-produc\* or co-creat\* or co-evaluat\*).m\_titl |
| #2 | Limit 1 to yr=”2010-2020” |
| #3 | (applied health research or health research or healthcare research of health care research).m.titl |
| #4 | Limit 3 to yr=”2010-2020” |
| #5 | 2 and 4 |