

Documenting your search strategy

Sample text:

Searches were conducted in the following databases.....

The limits applied to the search results are identified in the table below.

All identified documents were examined and those that were relevant were retrieved for inclusion in the literature review. Reference lists of retrieved documents were searched to identify additional publications. Citation searching was also carried out where applicable.

Databases searched	Search terms and search strategy	Results
ProQuest	#1 obesity OR overweight OR "body weight" OR Over-weight OR "Over weight" OR "Body weight" #2 Prevent* OR control #3 Adolescen* OR teen* OR youth #4 Australia* #1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4 Search was conducted using the "Anywhere except full text" option	1202
	Limiters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scholarly journals • date range: 2010-2017 • language: English 	597
Medline (Ovid)	Keyword search: #1 obesity OR overweight OR "body weight" OR Over-weight OR "Over weight" OR "Body weight" #2 Prevent* OR control MeSH search: #3 Pediatric Obesity/ OR Obesity/ OR Obesity, Abdominal/ #4 Primary Prevention/ #5 exp Australia/ NOTE: this term was exploded to include the narrower terms i.e. all Australian states (#1 OR #3) AND (#2 OR #4) AND #5	1004
	Limiters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age group: Adolescent 13 to 18 years • date range: 2010-2017 • language: English 	195