Box 1: Details of electronic data base searches (searches run January 2011)

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Search ("knowledge transfer"[all fields ~~TI/AB]~~) OR "knowledge translation"[all fields ~~TI/AB]~~) OR "knowledge utilization"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) OR "knowledge broker"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) OR "payback"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) OR "research uptake"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) OR "research utilisation"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) OR "research utilization"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) OR "research impact"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) OR "research implementation"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) OR "research uptake"[all fields ~~TI/AB~~]) AND "policy" ~~"[TI/AB]~~)

CINAHL (Ebsco host)

policy OR policies (all txt) AND knowledge transfer OR knowledge translation OR knowledge utilisation OR knowledge utilization OR knowledge utilisation OR knowledge broker* OR payback OR research impact OR research influence OR research uptake OR research utilization OR research utilisation (all txt) AND systematic review OR meta-analysis OR evidence synthesis. (all txt)

Cochrane library

knowledge transfer OR knowledge translation OR knowledge utilization OR knowledge utilisation OR knowledge broker OR payback OR research uptake OR research utilization OR research utilisation OR research impact OR research implementation OR research uptake **in** Title, Abstract or Keywords **and** policy **in** Title, Abstract or Keywords

Web of Science

Topic=(knowledge transfer OR knowledge translation OR knowledge utilization OR knowledge broker OR payback OR research uptake OR research utilization OR research utilisation OR research impact OR research implementation OR research uptake) AND Topic=(policy) AND Topic=(systematic review OR meta-analysis OR evidence-synthesis OR evidence syntheses)