

Appendix 1: Database search entries and outputs

Search	Database	Records found
Cochrane Library		
#1	("peer support*") OR ("peer counsel*") OR ("peer mentor*") OR ("peer led") OR ("mother to mother support*") OR ("mother-to-mother support") OR ("M2M") OR ("expert mother") OR ("mentor mother") OR ("mother club")	2,239
#2	("maternal health") OR ("women health") OR ("maternal, newborn and child health") OR ("antenatal care") OR ("pregnancy care") OR ("postnatal care") OR ("child health") OR ("infant feed*") OR ("breastfeed*")	18,905
#3	("Africa") OR ("sub-Saharan Africa") OR ("low and middle income count*") OR ("developing count*")	13,052
#4	#1 AND #2 AND #3 (limited to only Cochrane Reviews –238 and Trials – 5933)	6,171
PubMed Central		
#1	("peer support" OR "peer counsel*" OR "peer mentor*" OR "peer led" OR "mother to mother support" OR "mother-to-mother support" OR "M2M" OR "expert mother" OR "mentor mother" OR "mother club") AND ("maternal health" OR "women health" OR "maternal, newborn and child health" OR "antenatal care" OR "pregnancy care" OR "postnatal care" OR "child health" OR "infant feed*" OR "breast feed*") AND ("Africa" OR "sub-Saharan Africa" OR "low and middle income count*" OR "developing count*")	12,378
CINAHL (EBSCO)		
#1	("peer support" OR "peer counsel*" OR "peer mentor*" OR "peer led" OR "mother to mother support" OR "mentor mother") AND ("maternal health" OR "maternal, newborn and child health" OR "breastfeed*") AND ("sub-Saharan Africa" OR "low and middle income count*" OR "developing count*")	7,753
EMBASE		
#1	("peer support" OR "peer counsel*" OR "peer mentor*" OR "peer led" OR "mother to mother support" OR "mother-to-mother support" OR "M2M" OR "expert mother" OR "mentor mother" OR "mother club")	2,814
#2	("maternal health" OR "women health" OR "maternal, newborn and child health" OR "antenatal care" OR "pregnancy care" OR "postnatal care" OR "child health" OR "infant feed*" OR "breast feed*")	19,832
#3	("Africa" OR "sub-Saharan Africa" OR "low and middle income count*" OR "developing count*")	66,643
#4	#1 AND #2 AND #3	2

#5	(“peer support” OR “peer counsel*” OR “peer mentor*” OR “peer led” OR “mother to mother support” OR “mother-to- mother support” OR “M2M” OR “expert mother” OR “mentor mother” OR “mother club”) AND (“maternal health” OR “women health” OR “maternal, newborn and child health” OR “antenatal care” OR “pregnancy care” OR “postnatal care” OR “child health” OR “infant feed*” OR “breast feed*”) AND (“Africa” OR “sub-Saharan Africa” OR “low and middle income count*” OR “developing count*”)	6,331
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