



Appendix 2 Search strategies

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Search 1: all type of clinical trials; November 2023, updated June 2025

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- SocIndex 13
- Sociological Abstracts 14
- Medline 15
- Scopus 16

Database: APA PsycInfo

Interface: EBSCO

Date of search: 4 June 2025

Note: search for all type of clinical trials

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. DE "Foster Care"	7664
2. DE "Foster Children"	2200
3. DE "Foster Parents"	1295
4. TI ((foster N3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*)) OR AB ((foster N3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*)))	13 317
5. TI ("looked after" N3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*)) OR AB ("looked after" N3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*))	557
6. TI (("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco)) OR AB (("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco))	2815
7. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6	16 668
Study types: clinical trials¹	
8. DE "Randomized Clinical Trials"	629
9. DE "Randomized Controlled Trials"	1166
10. DE "Clinical Trials"	12 517
11. DE "Quasi Experimental Methods"	594
12. TI random* OR AB random* OR MR random*	265 219
13. TI (control* N3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*)) OR AB (control* N3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*)) OR MR (control* N3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*))	231 315
14. TI (clinical N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB (clinical N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR MR (clinical N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	83 207
15. TI (nonrandom* OR quasirandom*) OR AB (nonrandom* OR quasirandom*) OR MR (nonrandom* OR quasirandom*)	3130
16. TI ((crossover OR cross-over) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB ((crossover OR cross-over) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR MR ((crossover OR cross-over) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	5979
17. TI trial OR MR trial	53 922
18. TI ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR MR ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	8832
19. TI ((pragmatic OR practical) N3 trial*) OR AB ((pragmatic OR practical) N3 trial*) OR MR ((pragmatic OR practical) N3 trial*)	1526
20. TI ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies") OR AB ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies") OR MR ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies")	161
21. TI ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR MR ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	1769
22. TI allocated OR AB allocated OR MR allocated	14 286
23. TI ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR MR ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	11 731

¹ Adapted from All Clinical Trials - MEDLINE, Embase. In: CADTH Search Filters Database. Ottawa: CADTH; 2023: <https://searchfilters.cadth.ca/link/117>. Accessed 2023-11-27.

24. 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12 OR 13 OR 14 OR 15 OR 16 OR 17 OR 18 OR 19 OR 20 OR 21 OR 22 OR 23 488 199

Combined sets:

25. 7 AND 24 1171

26. 25 AND Limiters - Publication Year: 2016-2025 563

Final result

27. 563

The final search result, usually found at the end of the documentation, forms the list of abstracts.

AB = Abstract; **DE** = Term from the thesaurus; **TI** = Title; **MR** = Methodology Index; * = Truncation; " " = Quotation marks; searches for an exact phrase; **N** = Near Operator (N) finds the words if they are a maximum of x words apart from one another, regardless of the order in which they appear

Database: SocIndex

Interface: EBSCO

Date of search: 4 June 2025

Note: search for all type of clinical trials

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. DE "FOSTER home care"	5027
2. DE "FOSTER children"	1903
3. DE "FOSTER parents"	1429
4. DE "FOSTER mothers"	41
5. DE "LGBTQ+ foster parents"	6
6. DE "PSYCHOLOGY of foster children"	271
7. DE "SOCIAL conditions of foster children"	22
8. TI (foster N3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*)) OR AB (foster N3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*))	7819
9. TI ("looked after" N3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*)) OR AB ("looked after" N3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*))	816
10. TI ("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco) OR AB ("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco)	2230
11. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10	11 547
Study types: clinical trials²	
12. DE "RANDOMIZED controlled trials"	5338
13. DE "CLINICAL trials"	4918
14. TI random* OR AB random* OR SU random*	51 149
15. TI (control* N3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*)) OR AB (control* N3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*)) OR SU (control* N3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*))	33 535
16. TI (clinical N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB (clinical N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR SU (clinical N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	13 671
17. TI (nonrandom* OR quasirandom*) OR AB (nonrandom* OR quasirandom*) OR SU (nonrandom* OR quasirandom*)	696
18. TI ((crossover OR cross-over) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB ((crossover OR cross-over) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR SU ((crossover OR cross-over) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	615
19. TI trial OR KW trial OR SU trial	24 850
20. TI ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR SU ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	1359
21. TI ((pragmatic OR practical) N3 trial*) OR AB ((pragmatic OR practical) N3 trial*) OR SU ((pragmatic OR practical) N3 trial*)	302
22. TI ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies") OR AB ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies") OR SU ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies")	39
23. TI ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR SU ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	236

² Adapted from All Clinical Trials - MEDLINE, Embase. In: CADTH Search Filters Database. Ottawa: CADTH; 2023: <https://searchfilters.cadth.ca/link/117>. Accessed 2023-11-27.

24.	TI allocated OR AB allocated OR SU allocated	4754
25.	TI ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR AB ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR SU ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	1216
26.	12 OR 13 OR 14 OR 15 OR 16 OR 17 OR 18 OR 19 OR 20 OR 21 OR 22 OR 23 OR 24 OR 25	94 432
Combined sets		
27.	11 AND 26	477
28.	27 AND Limiters - Publication Date: 20160101-20251231	207
Final result		
29.		207

The final search result, usually found at the end of the documentation, forms the list of abstracts.

AB = Abstract; **DE** = Term from the thesaurus; **TI** = Title; **SU** = Searches for a part of or an entire subject heading; * = Truncation; " " = Quotation marks; searches for an exact phrase; **N** = Near Operator (N) finds the words if they are a maximum of x words apart from one another, regardless of the order in which they appear

Database: Sociological Abstracts

Interface: ProQuest

Date of search: 4 June 2025

Note: search for all type of clinical trials

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Foster carers")	780
2. MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Foster care")	8134
3. MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Foster children")	3694
4. title(foster N/3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*)) OR abstract(foster N/3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*))	10 496
5. title("looked after" N/3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*)) OR abstract("looked after" N/3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*))	676
6. title("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco) OR abstract("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco)	2467
7. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6	13 891
Study types: clinical trials³	
8. title(random*) OR abstract(random*) OR subject(random*)	42 782
9. title(control* N/3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*)) OR abstract(control* N/3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*)) OR subject(control* N/3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*))	21 753
10. title(clinical N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR abstract(clinical N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR subject(clinical N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	7803
11. title(nonrandom* OR quasirandom*) OR abstract(nonrandom* OR quasirandom*) OR subject(nonrandom* OR quasirandom*)	857
12. title((crossover OR cross-over) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR abstract((crossover OR cross-over) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR subject((crossover OR cross-over) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	118
13. title(trial) OR subject(trial)	13 292
14. title((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR abstract((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR subject((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	1370
15. title((pragmatic OR practical) N/3 trial*) OR abstract((pragmatic OR practical) N/3 trial*) OR subject((pragmatic OR practical) N/3 trial*)	146
16. title("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies") OR abstract("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies") OR subject("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies")	40
17. title((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR abstract((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR subject((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	132
18. title(allocated) OR abstract(allocated) OR subject(allocated)	3114
19. title((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR abstract((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR subject((multicent* OR multi-cent*) N/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	462
20. 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12 OR 13 OR 14 OR 15 OR 16 OR 17 OR 18 OR 19	70 381

³ Adapted from All Clinical Trials - MEDLINE, Embase. In: CADTH Search Filters Database. Ottawa: CADTH; 2023: <https://searchfilters.cadth.ca/link/117>. Accessed 2023-11-27.

Combined sets	
21. 7 AND 20	738
22. 21 AND <i>Applied filters 2016 - 2025</i>	294
Final result	
23.	294

The final search result, usually found at the end of the documentation, forms the list of abstracts.

MAINSUBJECT.EXACT = Term from the thesaurus, does not include terms found below this term in the hierarchy; **subject** = Subjects; **title** = Title; **abstract** = Abstract; **N/n** = Requests terms that are within 'n' words of each other in either direction; * = Truncation; " " = Quotation marks; searches for an exact phrase

Database: Medline

Interface: OvidSP

Date of search: 4 June 2025

Note: search for all type of clinical trials

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. Foster Home Care/	4084
2. Child, Foster/	237
3. (foster adj3 (care* or child* or famil* or home* or orphan* or parent* or placement* or teen* or youth*)).ti,ab,kf.	5945
4. (looked after adj3 (adolescen* or baby* or babies or child* or infant* or juvenile* or sibling* or teen* or toddler* or tween* or young* or youth*)).ti,ab,kf.	301
5. (children in care or fostering orphan* or fostering provider* or intensive fostering or lacyp or out of home care or mtfc or oohc or substitute care or tfco).ti,ab,kf.	1170
6. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5	8570
Study types: clinical trials⁴	
7. (Adaptive Clinical Trial or Clinical Study or Clinical Trial or Controlled Clinical Trial or Equivalence Trial or Multicenter Study or Pragmatic Clinical Trial or Randomized Controlled Trial).pt.	1 236 988
8. Clinical Studies as Topic/ or Clinical Trials as Topic/ or exp Clinical Trial/	1 161 461
9. Multicenter Study/ or Multicenter Studies as Topic/	396 158
10. Random Allocation/ or Double-Blind Method/ or Single-Blind Method/ or Control Groups/ or Cross-Over Studies/	355 014
11. random*.ti,ab,kf.	1 642 680
12. (control* adj3 (study or studies or trial* or group*)).ti,ab,kf.	1 393 075
13. (clinical adj3 (study or studies or trial*)).ti,ab,kf.	896 542
14. (nonrandom* or quasirandom*).ti,ab,kf.	25 235
15. ((crossover or cross-over) adj3 (study or studies or trial*)).ti,ab,kf.	57 091
16. ((multicent* or multi-cent*) adj3 (study or studies or trial*)).ti,ab,kf.	184 720
17. allocated.ti,ab,kf.	95 512
18. ((equivalence or superiority or non-inferiority or noninferiority) adj3 (study or studies or trial*)).ti,ab,kf.	14 361
19. (pragmatic study or pragmatic studies).ti,ab,kf.	717
20. ((pragmatic or practical) adj3 trial*).ti,ab,kf.	7450
21. ((quasiexperimental or quasi-experimental) adj3 (study or studies or trial*)).ti,ab,kf.	15 904
22. trial.ti,kf.	365 057
23. 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22	3 878 332
Combined sets	
24. 6 and 23	971
25. limit 24 to yr="2016 - 2025"	480
Final result	
26.	480

The final search result, usually found at the end of the documentation, forms the list of abstracts.

.ab. = Abstract; .ti. = Title; exp = Term from the Medline controlled vocabulary, including terms found below this term in the MeSH hierarchy; .kf. = Author keywords; / = Term from the Medline controlled vocabulary, but does not include terms found below this term in the MeSH hierarchy; * = Truncation; adjn = Adjacency operator that retrieve records containing terms (in any order) within a specified number (n) of words

⁴ All Clinical Trials - MEDLINE, Embase. In: CADTH Search Filters Database. Ottawa: CADTH; 2023: <https://searchfilters.cadth.ca/link/117>. Accessed 2023-11-27.

Database: Scopus

Interface: scopus.com

Date of search: 4 June 2025

Note: search for all type of clinical trials

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. TITLE-ABS-KEY (foster W/3 (care OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*))	18 924
2. TITLE-ABS-KEY ("looked after" W/3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*))	1264
3. TITLE-ABS-KEY ("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR mtfc OR "out of home care" OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco)	3703
4. 1 OR 2 OR 3	22 006
Study types: clinical trials⁵	
5. TITLE-ABS-KEY (random*)	3 589 084
6. TITLE-ABS-KEY (control* W/3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*))	9 935 636
7. TITLE-ABS-KEY (clinical W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	6 072 008
8. TITLE-ABS-KEY (nonrandom* OR quasirandom*)	33 659
9. TITLE-ABS-KEY ((crossover OR cross-over) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	85 932
10. (TITLE (trial) OR KEY (trial))	2 234 371
11. TITLE-ABS-KEY ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	34 043
12. TITLE-ABS-KEY ((pragmatic OR practical) W/3 trial*)	11 618
13. TITLE-ABS-KEY ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies")	1147
14. TITLE-ABS-KEY ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	23 914
15. TITLE-ABS-KEY (allocated)	175 717
16. TITLE-ABS-KEY ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*))	493 141
17. 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12 OR 13 OR 14 OR 15 OR 16	15 175 604
Combined sets	
18. 4 AND 17	4010
19. 18 AND PUBYEAR > 2015 AND PUBYEAR < 2026	2256
Final result	
20.	2256

The final search result, usually found at the end of the documentation, forms the list of abstracts.

TITLE-ABS-KEY = Title, abstract or keywords; **ALL** = All fields; **PRE/n** = "precedes by", i.e. the first term in the search must precede the second by a specified number of terms (n); **W/n** = "Within", i.e. the terms in the search must be within a specified number of terms (n) in any order; * = Truncation; " " = Quotation marks; searches for a exact phrase; ? = replaces one letter; **LIMIT-TO (SRCTYPE, "j")** = Limit to source type journal; **LIMIT-TO (DOCTYPE, "ar")** = Limit to document type article; **LIMIT-TO (DOCTYPE, "re")** = Limit to document type review

⁵ Adapted from All Clinical Trials - MEDLINE, Embase. In: CADTH Search Filters Database. Ottawa: CADTH; 2023: <https://searchfilters.cadth.ca/link/117>. Accessed 2023-11-27.

Database: Scopus

Interface: scopus.com

Date of search: 4 June 2025

Note: citation search; references compiled from two previous SBU reports, see below

Search terms	Items found
Cited articles: 27 (1 not in Scopus) included in SBU 2017 (265)⁶	
1. EID(2-s2.0-84999029583 OR 2-s2.0-84987945049 OR 2-s2.0-84958765727 OR 2-s2.0-84974588523 OR 2-s2.0-84938259600 OR 2-s2.0-84903828930 OR 2-s2.0-84880016544 OR 2-s2.0-84879916678 OR 2-s2.0-84875632823 OR 2-s2.0-84868314356 OR 2-s2.0-84866010278 OR 2-s2.0-84863526310 OR 2-s2.0-82955239985 OR 2-s2.0-79951533341 OR 2-s2.0-77955392184 OR 2-s2.0-70349796397 OR 2-s2.0-48949116378 OR 2-s2.0-44649152943 OR 2-s2.0-41149161141 OR 2-s2.0-36049038300 OR 2-s2.0-34248223735 OR 2-s2.0-33750442884 OR 2-s2.0-33645336315 OR 2-s2.0-12444333521 OR 2-s2.0-34248605791 OR 2-s2.0-0002251109 OR 2-s2.0-84973805629)	1808
2. 1 AND PUBYEAR > 2015 AND PUBYEAR < 2026 AND (TITLE-ABS-KEY (random* OR sham OR placebo*) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((singl* OR doubl*) W/1 (blind* OR dumm* OR mask*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((tripl* OR trebl*) W/1 (blind* OR dumm* OR mask*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (control* W/3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (clinical W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (nonrandom* OR "non random*" OR non-random* OR quasi-random* OR quasirandom*) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (phase W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((crossover OR cross-over) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS (allocated) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (("open label" OR open-label) W/5 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((pragmatic OR practical) W/3 trial*) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE (trial) OR KEY (trial))	353
Citing articles	
3. #2 View cited by	353

Search terms	Items found
Cited articles: 17 (1 not in Scopus) included in SBU 2018 (279)⁷	
1. EID(2-s2.0-84959128754 OR 2-s2.0-84930744124 OR 2-s2.0-84912068605 OR 2-s2.0-84894074729 OR 2-s2.0-84905098463 OR 2-s2.0-84895791394 OR 2-s2.0-84880019524 OR 2-s2.0-84863876614 OR 2-s2.0-84872248411 OR 2-s2.0-80052168822 OR 2-s2.0-77955898531 OR 2-s2.0-35148887064 OR 2-s2.0-33846945061 OR 2-s2.0-31544477407 OR 2-s2.0-18744383627 OR 2-s2.0-1642377280 OR 2-s2.0-0031813415)	828
2. 1 AND PUBYEAR > 2015 AND PUBYEAR < 2026) AND (TITLE-ABS-KEY (random* OR sham OR placebo*) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((singl* OR doubl*) W/1 (blind* OR dumm* OR mask*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((tripl* OR trebl*) W/1 (blind* OR dumm* OR mask*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (control* W/3 (study OR studies OR trial* OR group*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (clinical W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (nonrandom* OR "non random*" OR non-random* OR quasi-random* OR quasirandom*) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (phase W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((crossover OR cross-over) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((multicent* OR multi-cent*) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS (allocated) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY (("open label" OR open-label) W/5 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((equivalence OR superiority OR non-inferiority OR noninferiority) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ("pragmatic study" OR "pragmatic studies") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((pragmatic OR practical)	120

⁶ SBU. Interventions to improve foster children's mental and physical health: A systematic review and assessment of the economic, social and ethical aspects. Stockholm: Swedish Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Assessment of Social Services (SBU); 2017. SBU Assessment 265. Available from: <https://www.sbu.se/265e>

⁷ SBU. Treatment Foster Care Oregon for seriously delinquent adolescents: A systematic review and assessment including economic and ethical aspects. Stockholm: Swedish Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Assessment of Social Services (SBU); 2018. SBU Assessment 279. Available from: <https://www.sbu.se/279e>

W/3 trial*) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ((quasiexperimental OR quasi-experimental) W/3 (study OR studies OR trial*)) OR TITLE (trial) OR KEY (trial)

Citing articles

3. **#2 View cited by**

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The final search result, usually found at the end of the documentation, forms the list of abstracts.

TITLE-ABS-KEY = Title, abstract or keywords; **EID** = Document identifier in Scopus; **W/n** = "Within", i.e. the terms in the search must be within a specified number of terms (n) in any order; * = Truncation; " " = Quotation marks; searches for an exact phrase

Database: APA PsycInfo

Interface: EBSCO

Date of search: 30 January 2025

Note: search for economic studies

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. DE "Foster Care"	7578
2. DE "Foster Children"	2190
3. DE "Foster Parents"	1282
4. TI ((foster N3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*)) OR AB ((foster N3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*)))	13 174
5. TI ("looked after" N3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*)) OR AB ("looked after" N3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*))	555
6. TI (("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco)) OR AB (("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco))	2782
7. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6	16 491
Economic aspects: CDA narrow economic search filter⁸	
8. (MM "Economics" OR DE "Costs and Cost Analysis" OR MM "Budgets" OR MM "Cost Containment" OR MM "Health Care Costs" OR MM "Health Care Economics" OR MM "Pharmacoeconomics" OR TX (economic N1 model*) OR TI ("cost minimi*" or cost-utilit* or "health utilit*" or "economic evaluation*" or "economic review*" or "cost outcome" or "cost analys#s" or "economic analys#s" or "budget* impact analys#s") OR AB ("cost minimi*" or cost-utilit* or "health utilit*" or "economic evaluation*" or "economic review*" or "cost outcome" or "cost analys#s" or "economic analys#s" or "budget* impact analys#s") OR KW ("cost minimi*" or cost-utilit* or "health utilit*" or "economic evaluation*" or "economic review*" or "cost outcome" or "cost analys#s" or "economic analys#s" or "budget* impact analys#s") OR TI (cost-effective* or pharmaco-economic* or pharmaco-economic* or cost-benefit or costs) OR KW (cost-effective* or pharmaco-economic* or pharmaco-economic* or cost-benefit or costs) OR AB ("life year" or "life years" or qaly* or "cost-benefit analys#s" or "cost-effectiveness analys#s") OR KW ("life year" or "life years" or qaly* or "cost-benefit analys#s" or "cost-effectiveness analys#s") OR ((TI (cost or economic*) OR KW (cost or economic*)) AND AB (costs or cost-effectiveness or markov or "monte carlo" or model or modeling or modelling)))	71 359
Combined sets:	
9. 7 AND 8	183
Final result	
10.	183

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AB = Abstract; **DE** = Term from the thesaurus; **TI** = Title; **MR** = Methodology Index; * = Truncation; " " = Quotation marks; searches for an exact phrase; **N** = Near Operator (N) finds the words if they are a maximum of x words apart from one another, regardless of the order in which they appear; # = replaces one or no letters

⁸ Adapted from: Economic - Narrow - MEDLINE, Embase. In: Canada's Drug Agency Search Filters Database. Ottawa: Canada's Drug Agency (CDA); 2025: <https://searchfilters.cda-amc.ca/link/20>. Accessed 2025-01-30.

Database: SocIndex

Interface: EBSCO

Date of search: 30 January 2025

Note: search for economic studies

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. DE "FOSTER home care"	4952
2. DE "FOSTER children"	1866
3. DE "FOSTER parents"	1413
4. DE "FOSTER mothers"	41
5. DE "LGBTQ+ foster parents"	6
6. DE "PSYCHOLOGY of foster children"	267
7. DE "SOCIAL conditions of foster children"	22
8. TI (foster N3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*)) OR AB (foster N3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*))	7689
9. TI ("looked after" N3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*)) OR AB ("looked after" N3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*))	815
10. TI ("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco) OR AB ("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco)	2190
11. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10	11 367
Economic aspects: CDA narrow economic search filter⁹	
12. (DE "ECONOMICS" OR DE "COST" DE "COST benefit analysis" DE "BUDGET" OR TX (economic N1 model*) OR TI ("cost minimi*" or cost-utilit* or "health utilit*" or "economic evaluation*" or "economic review*" or "cost outcome" or "cost analys#s" or "economic analys#s" or "budget* impact analys#s") OR AB ("cost minimi*" or cost-utilit* or "health utilit*" or "economic evaluation*" or "economic review*" or "cost outcome" or "cost analys#s" or "economic analys#s" or "budget* impact analys#s") OR KW ("cost minimi*" or cost-utilit* or "health utilit*" or "economic evaluation*" or "economic review*" or "cost outcome" or "cost analys#s" or "economic analys#s" or "budget* impact analys#s") OR TI (cost-effective* or pharmaco-economic* or pharmaco-economic* or cost-benefit or costs) OR KW (cost-effective* or pharmaco-economic* or pharmaco-economic* or cost-benefit or costs) OR AB ("life year" or "life years" or qaly* or "cost-benefit analys#s" or "cost-effectiveness analys#s") OR KW ("life year" or "life years" or qaly* or "cost-benefit analys#s" or "cost-effectiveness analys#s") OR ((TI (cost or economic*) OR KW (cost or economic*)) AND AB (costs or cost-effectiveness or markov or "monte carlo" or model or modeling or modelling)))	74 230
Combined sets	
13. 11 AND 12	171
Final result	
14.	171

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⁹ Adapted from: Economic - Narrow - MEDLINE, Embase. In: Canada's Drug Agency Search Filters Database. Ottawa: Canada's Drug Agency (CDA); 2025: <https://searchfilters.cda-amc.ca/link/20>. Accessed 2025-01-30.

Database: Sociological Abstracts

Interface: ProQuest

Date of search: 30 January 2025

Note: search for economic studies

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Foster carers")	758
2. MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Foster care")	8009
3. MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Foster children")	3656
4. title(foster N/3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*)) OR abstract(foster N/3 (care* OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*))	10 359
5. title("looked after" N/3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*)) OR abstract("looked after" N/3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*))	674
6. title("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco) OR abstract("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR "out of home care" OR mtfc OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco)	2436
7. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6	13 695
Economic aspects: CDA narrow economic search filter¹⁰	
8. MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Economics") OR MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Costs") DE MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Benefit cost analysis") MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Budgets")	40 377
9. title((economic NEAR/1 model*) OR ("cost minimization" OR "cost minimizing") OR cost-utilit* OR "health utilit*" OR ("economic evaluation" OR "economic evaluations") OR ("economic review") OR "cost outcome" OR ("cost analyses" OR "cost analysis" OR "cost analyst") OR ("economic analyses" OR "economic analysis" OR "economic analyst" OR "economic analysts") OR "budget* impact analys*") OR abstract((economic NEAR/1 model*) OR ("cost minimization" OR "cost minimizing") OR cost-utilit* OR "health utilit*" OR ("economic evaluation" OR "economic evaluations") OR ("economic review") OR "cost outcome" OR ("cost analyses" OR "cost analysis" OR "cost analyst") OR ("economic analyses" OR "economic analysis" OR "economic analyst" OR "economic analysts") OR "budget* impact analys*") OR title(cost-effective* or pharmaco-economic* or pharmaco-economic* or cost-benefit or costs) OR abstract(cost-effective* or pharmaco-economic* or pharmaco-economic* or cost-benefit or costs) OR (title(cost or economic*) AND abstract(costs or cost-effectiveness or markov or "monte carlo" or model or modeling or modelling))	60 777
10. 8 OR 9	74 786
Combined sets	
11. 7 AND 10	359
Final result	
12.	359

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MAINSUBJECT.EXACT = Term from the thesaurus, does not include terms found below this term in the hierarchy; **subject** = Subjects; **title** = Title; **abstract** = Abstract; **N/n** = Requests terms that are within 'n' words of each other in either direction; * = Truncation; " " = Quotation marks; searches for an exact phrase

¹⁰ Adapted from: Economic - Narrow - MEDLINE, Embase. In: Canada's Drug Agency Search Filters Database. Ottawa: Canada's Drug Agency (CDA); 2025: <https://searchfilters.cda-amc.ca/link/20>. Accessed 2025-01-30.

Database: Medline

Interface: OvidSP

Date of search: 30 January 2025

Note: search for economic studies

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. Foster Home Care/	4086
2. Child, Foster/	226
3. (foster adj3 (care* or child* or famil* or home* or orphan* or parent* or placement* or teen* or youth*)).ti,ab,kf.	5784
4. (looked after adj3 (adolescen* or baby* or babies or child* or infant* or juvenile* or sibling* or teen* or toddler* or tween* or young* or youth*)).ti,ab,kf.	296
5. (children in care or fostering orphan* or fostering provider* or intensive fostering or lacyp or out of home care or mtfc or oohc or substitute care or tfco).ti,ab,kf.	1132
6. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5	8379
Economic aspects: CDA narrow economic search filter¹¹	
7. *Economics/ or exp *"Costs and Cost Analysis"/ or *Economics, Pharmaceutical/ or *Quality-Adjusted Life Years/ or "Costs and Cost Analysis"/ or Cost-Benefit Analysis/ or Cost-Effectiveness Analysis/ or (economic adj2 model*).mp. or (cost minimi* or cost-utilit* or health utilit* or economic evaluation* or economic review* or cost outcome or cost analys?s or economic analys?s or budget* impact analys?s).ti,ab,kf,kw. or (cost-effective* or pharmaco-economic* or pharmaco-economic* or cost-benefit or costs).ti,kf,kw. or (life year or life years or qaly* or cost-benefit analys?s or cost-effectiveness analys?s).ab,kf,kw. or ((cost or economic*).ti,kf. and (costs or cost-effectiveness or markov or monte carlo or model or modeling or modelling).ab.)	308 985
Combined sets	
8. 6 and 7	196
Final result	
9.	196

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.ab. = Abstract; **.ti.** = Title; **exp** = Term from the Medline controlled vocabulary, including terms found below this term in the MeSH hierarchy; **.kf.** = Author keywords; **/** = Term from the Medline controlled vocabulary, but does not include terms found below this term in the MeSH hierarchy; ***** = Truncation; **adjn** = Adjacency operator that retrieve records containing terms (in any order) within a specified number (n) of words

¹¹ Economic - Narrow - MEDLINE, Embase. In: Canada's Drug Agency Search Filters Database. Ottawa: Canada's Drug Agency (CDA); 2025: <https://searchfilters.cda-amc.ca/link/20>. Accessed 2025-01-30.

Database: Scopus

Interface: scopus.com

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Note: search for economic studies

Search terms	Items found
Population: foster home care	
1. TITLE-ABS-KEY (foster W/3 (care OR child* OR famil* OR home* OR orphan* OR parent* OR placement* OR teen* OR youth*))	18 415
2. TITLE-ABS-KEY ("looked after" W/3 (adolescen* OR baby* OR babies OR child* OR infant* OR juvenile* OR sibling* OR teen* OR toddler* OR tween* OR young* OR youth*))	1254
3. TITLE-ABS-KEY ("children in care" OR "fostering orphan*" OR "fostering provider*" OR "intensive fostering" OR lacyp OR mtfc OR "out of home care" OR oohc OR "substitute care" OR tfco)	3590
4. 1 OR 2 OR 3	21 420
Economic aspects: CDA narrow economic search filter¹²	
5. ((TITLE-ABS-KEY(economic W/1 model*)) OR (TITLE("cost minimi*" OR cost-utilit* OR "health utilit*" OR "economic evaluation*" OR "economic review*" OR "cost outcome" OR "cost analysis" OR "cost analyses" OR "economic analysis" OR "economic analyses" OR "budget* impact analysis" OR "budget* impact analyses"))) OR (AUTHKEY("cost minimi*" OR cost-utilit* OR "health utilit*" OR "economic evaluation*" OR "economic review*" OR "cost outcome" OR "cost analysis" OR "cost analyses" OR "economic analysis" OR "economic analyses" OR "budget* impact analysis" OR "budget* impact analyses"))) OR (TITLE(cost-effective* OR pharmaco-economic* OR pharmaco-economic* OR cost-benefit OR costs)) OR (AUTHKEY(cost-effective* OR pharmaco-economic* OR pharmaco-economic* OR cost-benefit OR costs)) OR (ABS("life year" OR "life years" OR qaly* OR "cost-benefit analysis" OR "cost-benefit analyses" OR "cost-effectiveness analysis" OR "cost-effectiveness analyses"))) OR (AUTHKEY("life year" OR "life years" OR qaly* OR "cost-benefit analysis" OR "cost-benefit analyses" OR "cost-effectiveness analysis" OR "cost-effectiveness analyses"))) OR (((TITLE(cost OR economic*)) OR (AUTHKEY(cost OR economic*))) AND (ABS(costs OR cost-effectiveness OR markov OR "monte carlo" OR model OR modeling OR modelling))))	777 395
Combined sets	
6. 4 AND 5	237
Final result	
7.	237

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TITLE-ABS-KEY = Title, abstract or keywords; **ALL** = All fields; **PRE/n** = "precedes by", i.e. the first term in the search must precede the second by a specified number of terms (n); **W/n** = "Within", i.e. the terms in the search must be within a specified number of terms (n) in any order; * = Truncation; " " = Quotation marks; searches for an exact phrase; ? = replaces one letter; **LIMIT-TO (SRCTYPE, "j")** = Limit to source type journal; **LIMIT-TO (DOCTYPE, "ar")** = Limit to document type article; **LIMIT-TO (DOCTYPE, "re")** = Limit to document type review

¹² Adapted from: Economic - Narrow - MEDLINE, Embase. In: Canada's Drug Agency Search Filters Database. Ottawa: Canada's Drug Agency (CDA); 2025: <https://searchfilters.cda-amc.ca/link/20>. Accessed 2025-01-30.