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| DoPHER | #1 Freetext (All but Authors): "method\*"#2 Freetext (All but Authors): "health econom\*"#3 Freetext (All but Authors): "cost effectiveness"#4 Freetext (All but Authors): "economic eval\*"#5 Freetext (All but Authors): "prevention program"#6 Freetext (All but Authors): "health promotion"#7 Freetext (All but Authors): "public health"#8 Freetext (All but Authors): "public health intervention"#9 (#2 OR #3 OR #4)#10 (#5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8)#11 (#1 AND #9 AND #10) |
| CDSR | #1 MeSH decriptor: [Methods] explode all trees#2 ("method\*"):ti,ab,kw#3 MeSH descriptor: [Costs and Cost Analysis] explode all trees#4 ("cost-effectiveness"):ti,ab,kw#5 ("economic evaluation"):ti,ab,kw#6 ("health econom\*"):ti,ab,kw#7 ("econ\* eval\*"):ti,ab,kw#8 ("prevention program"):ti,ab,kw#9 ("prevention"):ti,ab,kw#10 ("health promotion"):ti,ab,kw#11 ("public health"):ti,ab,kw#12 MeSH descriptor: [Public Health] explode all trees#13 (#1 OR #2)#14 (#3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7)#15 (#8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12)#16 (#13 AND #14 AND #15) |
| EMBASE via Elsevier | #1 method\*: ab,ti#2 'methodology'/exp#3 'health economics'/exp#4 'health economics':ab,ti#5 'econ\* evaluation\*':ab,ti#6 'cost-effectiveness':ti,ab#7 'preventive health service'/exp#8 'prevention program':ab,ti#9 'health promotion':ab,ti#10 'public health':ab,ti#11 'public health intervention\*':ab,ti#12 'systematic review':ab,ti#13 'scoping review':ab,ti#14 (#1 OR #2)#15 (#3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6)#16 (#7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11)#17 (#12 OR #13)#18 (#14 AND #15 AND #16 AND #17)#19 (#18 AND [embase]/lim NOT ([embase]/lim AND [medline]/lim))#20 (#19 NOT ('conference abstract'/it OR 'conference paper'/it OR 'conference review'/it)) |