

Annex 2: detail search strategy		
PubMed	("Neural tube defects"[MeSH terms] or "Neural tube defects"[All fields] or "anencephaly"[All Fields] or "encephalocele"[All fields] or "spina bifida"[All fields] or "meningocele"[All Fields] or "myelomeningocele"[All fields]) and (((("epidemiology"[MeSH subheading] or "epidemiology"[All fields] or "prevalence"[All fields] or "prevalence"[MeSH terms] or "prevalance"[All fields] or "prevalences"[All fields] or "prevalence s"[All fields] or "prevalent"[All fields] or "prevalently"[All fields] or "prevalents"[All fields]) and " or "[All Fields]) and ("epidemiology"[MeSH subheading] or "epidemiology"[All fields] or "incidence"[All fields] or "incidence"[MeSH terms] or "incidences"[All fields] or "incident"[All fields] or "incidents"[All fields])) and "or"[All fields]) and ("epidemiologies"[All fields] or "epidemiology"[MeSH subheading] or "epidemiology"[All fields] or "epidemiology"[MeSH terms] or "epidemiology s"[All fields])) Translations prevalence: "epidemiology"[Subheading] or "epidemiology"[All fields] or "prevalence"[All fields] or "prevalence"[MeSH terms] or "prevalance"[All fields] or "prevalences"[All fields] or "prevalence's"[All fields] or "prevalent"[All fields] or "prevalently"[All fields] or "prevalents"[All fields] incidence: "epidemiology"[Subheading] or "epidemiology"[All fields] or "incidence"[All fields] or "incidence"[MeSH terms] or "incidences"[All fields] or "incident"[All fields] or "incidents"[All fields] epidemiology: "epidemiologies"[All fields] or "epidemiology"[Subheading] or "epidemiology"[All fields] or "epidemiology"[MeSH terms] or "epidemiology's"[All fields]	2354
Embase	'neural tube defects'/exp or 'neural tube defects' or 'anencephaly'/exp or 'anencephaly' or 'encephalocele'/exp or 'encephalocele' or 'spina bifida'/exp or 'spina bifida' or 'meningocele'/exp or 'meningocele' or 'myelomeningocele'/exp or 'myelomeningocele' and 'prevalence' or 'incidence' or 'epidemiology' and 'india'	30
Google Scholar	("Neural tube defects"[Mesh] or "neural tube defects" or "anencephaly" or "encephalocele" or "spina bifida" or "meningocele" or "myelomeningocele") and (prevalence" or "incidence" or "epidemiology") and "India")	500