

**APPENDIX 1. Sample search strategy (OVID Medline)**

1 Empathy/ or empath\*.mp. 34040  
2 Compassion.mp. 8379  
3 Students, Medical/ 41045  
4 (medic\* adj3 student\*).mp. 69694  
5 1 or 2 38849  
6 3 or 4 69694  
7 5 and 6 1829  
8 (((("semi-structured" or semistructured or unstructured or informal or "in-depth" or  
indepth or "face-to-face" or structured or guide) adj2 (interview\* or discussion\* or  
questionnaire\*)) or (focus group\* or qualitative or ethnograph\* or fieldwork or "field work"  
or "key informant")).tw,kw. or interviews as topic/ or focus groups/ or narration/ or  
qualitative research/ 475014  
9 ((mixed or multi\*) adj2 method\*).ti,ab. 95691  
10 multimethod\*.ti,ab. 2265  
11 8 or 9 or 10 544371  
12 7 and 11 426  
13 limit 7 to "qualitative (maximizes sensitivity)" 1254  
14 12 or 13 1347