**Randomized Controlled Trials / Controlled Clinical Trials: A Cut and Paste Search Strategy for Scopus adapted from Glanville et al (2006)**

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