

Additional file 2: Search strategy

Database, Search Strategy	# of records identified
Pub Med	
((("positive deviance"[Text Word] OR "positive deviant*"[Text Word] OR (((("positive"[All Fields] OR "positively"[All Fields] OR "positiveness"[All Fields] OR "positives"[All Fields] OR "positivities"[All Fields] OR "positivity"[All Fields]) AND ("deviance"[All Fields] OR "deviances"[All Fields] OR "deviancies"[All Fields] OR "deviancy"[All Fields])) AND "health"[Text Word]) OR "positive outlier*"[Text Word]) AND "nutrition"[Text Word]) AND (1990:2025[pdat])	61
Web of science	
(((((TS=(positive deviance)) OR TS=(positive deviant*)) OR TS=(positive deviance/hearth)) OR TS=(positive outlier*)) AND TS=(nutrition) AND English (Languages) AND Article OR Review Article (Document type)	101
Psycinfo	
((Positive deviance OR positive deviant* OR positive deviant hearth OR positive outlier*) AND nutrition).mp.	14
Science Direct	
"Positive deviance" OR "Positive deviants" OR "Positive deviance/Hearth" OR "Positive Outliers" AND "Nutrition. " Year:1990-2024	52
CINHAL	
MW Positive deviance OR MW Positive deviant* OR TX positive deviance/Hearth OR TX Positive outlier* AND MH Nutrition	8
Total	236