Appendix 1. Search terms and search strings

Date	Database	Search strings	Hits
27/6/2024	Scopus #1	(TITLE-ABS-KEY (activation) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("sickness absence" OR "sick leave")) AND PUBYEAR > 2000 AND (LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Sweden") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Norway") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Denmark"))	19
27/6/2024	Scopus #2	(TITLE-ABS-KEY ("activating sick-listed") AND PUBYEAR > 2000 AND (LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Sweden") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Norway") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Denmark"))	1
27/6/2024	Scopus #3	(TITLE-ABS-KEY ("graded sick leave") AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("return to work")) AND PUBYEAR > 2000 AND (LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Sweden") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Norway") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Denmark"))	2
27/6/2024	Scopus #4	(TITLE-ABS-KEY ("part-time sick leave") AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("return to work")) AND PUBYEAR > 2000 AND (LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Sweden") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Norway") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Denmark"))	12
27/6/2024	Scopus #5	(TITLE-ABS-KEY ("active labour market programs") AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("return to work")) AND PUBYEAR > 2000 AND (LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Sweden") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Norway") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Denmark"))	1
27/6/2024	Scopus #6	(TITLE-ABS-KEY ("part-time sickness absence") AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("return to work")) AND PUBYEAR > 2000 AND (LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Sweden") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Norway") OR LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY, "Denmark"))	1
27/6/2024	ScienceDirect #1	(TITLE-ABS-KEY (activation) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("sickness absence" OR "sick leave"))	347
27/6/2024	ScienceDirect #2	TITLE-ABS-KEY “activating sick-listed”	1
27/6/2024	ScienceDirect #3	(TITLE-ABS-KEY (“active labour market programs”) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("sickness absence" OR "sick leave"))	345
27/6/2024	ScienceDirect #4	(TITLE-ABS-KEY (“graded sick leave” OR “graded sickness absence”) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("return to work"))	2
27/6/2024	ScienceDirect #5	(TITLE-ABS-KEY (“partial sick leave” OR “partial sickness absence”) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("return to work"))	3