

Table 1: Search strategy used, adapted to each of our databases

Database	Search strategy	Last search date
PubMed	("Mental health" OR "Psychological" OR "Psychiatric" OR "Stress" OR "Anxiety" OR "Depression" OR "Depressive disorder*" OR "Mood" OR "Addiction" OR "Substance abuse" OR "Substance use disorder*") AND ("Students") AND ("COVID-19" OR "Coronavirus disease 2019" OR "SARS-CoV-2" OR "Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2" OR "2019-nCoV" OR "2019 novel coronavirus") AND (((("Africa"[MeSH Terms] OR "africa*" OR "Algeria" OR "Angola" OR "Benin" OR "Botswana" OR "Burkina Faso" OR "Burundi" OR "Cameroon" OR "Cape Verde" OR "Central African Republic" OR "Chad" OR "Comoros" OR "Congo" OR "Democratic Republic of Congo" OR "Djibouti" OR "Egypt" OR "Equatorial Guinea" OR "Eritrea" OR "Ethiopia" OR "Gabon" OR "Gambia" OR "Ghana" OR "Guinea" OR "Guinea Bissau" OR "Ivory Coast" OR "Cote d'Ivoire" OR "Jamahiriya" OR "Kenya" OR "Lesotho" OR "Liberia" OR "Libya" OR "Libia" OR "Madagascar" OR "Malawi" OR "Mali" OR "Mauritania" OR "Mauritius" OR "Morocco" OR "Mozambique" OR "Mocambique" OR "Namibia" OR "Niger" OR "Nigeria" OR "Principe" OR "Rwanda" OR "Sao Tome" OR "Senegal" OR "Seychelles" OR "Sierra Leone" OR "Somalia" OR "South Africa" OR "Sudan" OR "Swaziland" OR "Tanzania" OR "Togo" OR "Tunisia" OR "Uganda" OR "Western Sahara" OR "Zaire" OR "Zambia" OR "Zimbabwe" OR "Central Africa" OR "Central African" OR "West Africa" OR "West African" OR "Western Africa" OR "Western African" OR "East Africa" OR "East African" OR "Eastern Africa" OR "Eastern African" OR "North Africa" OR "North African" OR "Northern Africa" OR "Northern African" OR "South African" OR "Southern Africa" OR "Southern African" OR "sub Saharan Africa" OR "sub Saharan African" OR "subSaharan Africa" OR "subSaharan African") NOT ("guinea pig" OR "guinea pigs" OR "aspergillus niger" OR "African American" OR "African Americans"))))	July 24, 2021 at 00:00 GMT (Greenwich Mean Time)
EMBASE	('mental health'/exp OR 'mental health' OR (mental AND ('health'/exp OR health)) OR psychological OR psychiatric OR 'stress'/exp OR stress OR 'anxiety'/exp OR anxiety OR 'depression'/exp OR depression OR 'depressive disorder'/exp OR 'depressive disorder' OR (depressive AND ('disorder'/exp OR disorder)) OR 'mood'/exp OR mood OR 'addiction'/exp OR addiction OR 'substance abuse'/exp OR 'substance abuse' OR (substance AND ('abuse'/exp OR abuse)) OR 'substance use disorder'/exp OR 'substance use disorder' OR (substance AND use AND ('disorder'/exp OR disorder))) AND ('students'/exp OR 'students') AND ('covid-19'/exp OR 'covid-19' OR 'coronavirus disease' OR 'sars-cov-2'/exp OR 'sars-cov-2' OR 'severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2'/exp OR 'severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2' OR '2019-ncov'/exp OR '2019-ncov' OR	July 24, 2021 at 00:15 GMT

	<p>'2019 novel coronavirus'/exp OR '2019 novel coronavirus') AND ('africa'/exp OR africa OR 'algeria'/exp OR algeria OR 'angola'/exp OR angola OR 'benin'/exp OR benin OR 'botswana'/exp OR botswana OR 'burkina faso'/exp OR 'burkina faso' OR 'burundi'/exp OR burundi OR 'cameroon'/exp OR cameroon OR 'cape verde'/exp OR 'cape verde' OR 'central african republic'/exp OR 'central african republic' OR 'chad'/exp OR chad OR 'comoros'/exp OR comoros OR 'congo'/exp OR congo OR 'djibouti'/exp OR djibouti OR 'egypt'/exp OR egypt OR 'equatorial guinea'/exp OR 'equatorial guinea' OR 'eritrea'/exp OR eritrea OR 'ethiopia'/exp OR ethiopia OR 'gabon'/exp OR gabon OR 'gambia'/exp OR 'gambia' OR 'ghana'/exp OR ghana OR 'guinea'/exp OR guinea OR 'guinea bissau'/exp OR 'guinea bissau' OR 'cote d'ivoire'/exp OR 'cote d'ivoire' OR 'kenya'/exp OR kenya OR 'lesotho'/exp OR lesotho OR 'liberia'/exp OR liberia OR 'libya'/exp OR libya OR 'libia'/exp OR libia OR 'madagascar'/exp OR madagascar OR 'malawi'/exp OR malawi OR 'mali'/exp OR mali OR 'mauritania'/exp OR mauritania OR 'mauritius'/exp OR mauritius OR 'morocco'/exp OR morocco OR 'mozambique'/exp OR mozambique OR 'mocambique'/exp OR mocambique OR 'namibia'/exp OR namibia OR 'niger'/exp OR niger OR 'nigeria'/exp OR nigeria OR principe OR 'rwanda'/exp OR rwanda OR 'sao tome' OR (sao AND tome) OR 'sénégal' OR 'seychelles'/exp OR seychelles OR 'sierra leone'/exp OR 'sierra leone' OR (sierra AND leone) OR 'somalia'/exp OR somalia OR 'south africa'/exp OR 'south africa' OR (south AND ('africa'/exp OR africa)) OR 'sudan'/exp OR sudan OR 'swaziland'/exp OR swaziland OR 'tanzania'/exp OR tanzania OR 'togo'/exp OR togo OR 'tunisia'/exp OR tunisia OR 'uganda'/exp OR uganda OR 'zambia'/exp OR zambia OR 'zimbabwe'/exp OR zimbabwe OR 'central africa'/exp OR 'central africa' OR 'eastern africa'/exp OR 'eastern africa' OR 'western africa'/exp OR 'western africa' OR 'northern africa'/exp OR 'northern africa' OR 'southern africa'/exp OR 'southern africa' OR 'sub saharan africa'/exp OR 'sub saharan africa') NOT ('guinea pig'/exp OR 'guinea pig' OR 'guinea pigs'/exp OR 'guinea pigs' OR 'aspergillus niger'/exp OR 'aspergillus niger' OR 'african american'/exp OR 'african american' OR 'african americans'/exp OR 'african americans')</p>	
AJOL	("Coronavirus 2019" OR "COVID-19") AND "Students" AND ("Mental health" OR "Psychological")	July 24, 2021 at 00:30 GMT