

Supplementary Table 1: The search strategies and information sources used to identify relevant research articles for this systematic review and meta-analysis; 2024

Database	Search strategy/ Terms	Number of retrieved articles
African Journals Online	(Necrotizing Enterocolitis) AND (Ethiopia)	22
PubMed/Medline	(Necrotizing Enterocolitis) AND (Ethiopia)	10
Google scholar	(Necrotizing Enterocolitis) AND (Ethiopia)	1910
Cochrane library	(Necrotizing Enterocolitis) AND (Ethiopia)	2
Others	Snow ball searching, repositories, and direct searching by title on Google	4
Total		1948