**Supplementary file 1:** Search details

**Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to present>**

1 (depression or (depressive and disorder) or (mood and disorder) or (mental and disorder) or (mental and illness) or (psychiatr\* and disorder) or (psychiatr\* and illness) or (psychological and autopsy)).ab. or (depression or (depressive and disorder) or (mood and disorder) or (mental and disorder) or (mental and illness) or (psychiatr\* and disorder) or (psychiatr\* and illness) or (psychological and autopsy)).ti. 478228

2 (self?harm\* or suicid\*).ab. or (self?harm\* or suicid\*).ti. 82107

3 (Afghanistan\* or Bangladesh\* or Bhutan\* or India\* or Maldiv\* or Nepal\* or Pakistan\* or Sri Lanka\*).ab. or (Afghanistan\* or Bangladesh\* or Bhutan\* or India\* or Maldiv\* or Nepal\* or Pakistan\* or Sri Lanka\*).ti. 231616

4 1 and 2 and 3 568

5 limit 4 to (english language and yr="2001 - 2020") 463

**Embase <1980 to 2021 Week 39>**

1 (depression or (depressive and disorder) or (mood and disorder) or (mental and disorder) or (mental and illness) or (psychiatr\* and disorder) or (psychiatr\* and illness) or (psychological and autopsy)).ab. or (depression or (depressive and disorder) or (mood and disorder) or (mental and disorder) or (mental and illness) or (psychiatr\* and disorder) or (psychiatr\* and illness) or (psychological and autopsy)).ti. 663358

2 (self?harm\* or suicid\*).ab. or (self?harm\* or suicid\*).ti. 103154

3 (Afghanistan\* or Bangladesh\* or Bhutan\* or India\* or Maldiv\* or Nepal\* or Pakistan\* or Sri Lanka\*).ab. or (Afghanistan\* or Bangladesh\* or Bhutan\* or India\* or Maldiv\* or Nepal\* or Pakistan\* or Sri Lanka\*).ti. 306157

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5 limit 4 to (english language and yr="2001 - 2020") 697

**APA PsycInfo <1806 to September Week 4 2021>**

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2 (self?harm\* or suicid\*).ab. or (self?harm\* or suicid\*).ti. 68501

3 (Afghanistan\* or Bangladesh\* or Bhutan\* or India\* or Maldiv\* or Nepal\* or Pakistan\* or Sri Lanka\*).ab. or (Afghanistan\* or Bangladesh\* or Bhutan\* or India\* or Maldiv\* or Nepal\* or Pakistan\* or Sri Lanka\*).ti. 47057

4 1 and 2 and 3 474

5 limit 4 to (english language and yr="2001 - 2020") 374