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- **Dissertations and Theses Global** - <https://library.carleton.ca/find/databases/dissertations-and-theses-global>
- **PsycInfo** – select Methodology such as Clinical Trials
- **Business Source Complete** - select publication type "Grey literature", also search market reports and company information - <https://library.carleton.ca/find/databases/business-source-complete>

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