

Appendix 1.

Search strategy for EMBASE

Search title, abstract, keywords only

("embodied agent*" OR "embodied conversation* agent" OR "embodied conversation* interface agent*" OR "embodied social agent*" OR "embodied virtual agent*" OR "embodied companion agent*" OR "embodied computer agent*" OR relational agent*" OR "empathic agent*" OR "conversation* agent*" OR "interface agent*" OR "animated agent*" OR "computer agent*" OR "emotion agent*" OR "exercise agent*" OR "motivation* agent*" OR "virtual agent*" OR "virtual character*" OR "virtual human*" OR "virtual coach*" OR "virtual advisor*" OR "virtual specialist*" OR "virtual dialog agent*" OR "virtual dialogue agent*" OR avatar OR "e-health advisor*" OR "ehealth advisor*") AND ("social* close*" OR rapport OR bond OR intimacy OR relationship OR friend* OR "relationship quality" OR "therapeutic alliance") AND (trial OR experiment* OR "pilot study")