

Appendix 1

Taking the search strategy in PubMed as an example, the specific search strategy followed were: (((comprehensive evaluation[Title/Abstract] OR efficacy evaluation[Title/Abstract] OR (comprehensive evaluation[MeSH Terms] OR efficacy evaluation[MeSH Terms]))) AND (((((traditional Chinese medicine[Title/Abstract] OR (Chinese herbal medicine[Title/Abstract] OR (traditional Chinese medicine[MeSH Terms] OR (Chinese herbal medicine[MeSH Terms] OR (alternative medicine[Title/Abstract] OR (alternative medicine[MeSH Terms])))))))).