

Supplementary Table 2. Electronic search strategy

Classification	Number	Search terms
Population	1	Hepatitis C, Chronic/ OR Hepatitis C/ OR (chronic hepatitis C or hepatitis C virus or hepatitis C).tw,kw
Intervention	2	(Fibroscan or fibrosis staging or transient elastography or TE or vibration controlled transient elastography or VCTE or fibrosis-4 or FIB-4).tw,kw.
P&I	3	1 AND 2
Outcome	4	Carcinoma, Hepatocellular/ OR Liver Neoplasms/ OR (Hepatocellular carcinoma or HCC or liver cancer).tw,kw.
P&I&O	5	3 AND 4
SIGN Filter	6	exp "Sensitivity and Specificity"/ OR (sensitivity OR specificity OR ((pre-test or pretest) adj probability) OR post-test probability OR predictive value* OR predictive value* OR likelihood ratio*).tw.
	7	AND 6

P, population; I, intervention; O, outcome; TE, transient elastography; VCTE, vibration controlled transient elastography; FIB-4, fibrosis-4 index; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma.