

A retrospective cohort study of structured abstracts in MEDLINE, 1992–2006

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Table 2
Label variants mapped to metaterm “PROBLEM”

Term	Number of occurrences
PROBLEM	1,709
STATEMENT OF PROBLEM	1,011
STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM	43
PROBLEM BEING ADDRESSED	10
PROBLEMS	10
BASIC PROBLEM AND OBJECTIVE	9
PROBLEM ADDRESSED	9
BASIC PROBLEM AND OBJECTIVE OF STUDY	8
PROBLEM STATEMENT AND BACKGROUND	8
STATEMENT OF PROBLEMS	8
THE PROBLEM	8
PROBLEM STATEMENT	7
PROBLEM AND METHOD OF STUDY	4
PROBLEM AND OBJECTIVE	4
PROBLEM CONSIDERED	4
PROBLEM AND METHOD	3
BASIC PROBLEM	2
APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM	1
BASIC PROBLEM AND AIM OF STUDY	1
BASIC PROBLEM AND OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY	1
BASIC PROBLEMS AND OBJECTIVE	1
PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND	1
PROBLEM AND METHODS	1
PROBLEM AND PURPOSE	1
PROBLEM ASSESSED	1
PROBLEM STATEMENT AND PURPOSE	1
PROBLEMS ADDRESSED	1
PROBLEMS AND AIMS	1
STATE OF THE PROBLEM	1
STATEMENT OF PROBLEM	1

Term	Number of occurrences
STATEMENT OF PROBLEM AND RATIONALE	1
STATEMENTS OF THE PROBLEM	1
Total label occurrences for PROBLEM metaterm	2,872