

ESM Table 1. Pubmed search terms

Search terms	Selection criteria	Number of hits
(Brain Injur* [Title/Abstract]) AND (Epidemiology [Title/Abstract])	- English - Full text available - Publication dates: 1990-2014	273
(Head Injur* [Title/Abstract]) AND (Epidemiology [Title/Abstract])	- English - Full text available - Publication dates: 1990-2014	216
(Brain injur*[Title/Abstract]) AND (Incidence[Title/Abstract] AND Europe	- English - Full text available - Publication dates: 1990-2014	125
(Head Injur*[Title/Abstract]) AND Incidence[Title/Abstract] AND Europe	- English - Full text available - Publication dates: 1990-2014	129
Total identified articles	Duplicates	Potentially relevant citations
743	109	634