

Appendix (Supplementary Data):

The complete search strategy for MEDLINE.

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(((((((((Hemoglobins[Title/Abstract]) OR Hemoglobin A, Glycosylated[Title/Abstract])  
OR Hb A1c[Title/Abstract]) OR Glycosylated Hemoglobin A[Title/Abstract]) OR  
Hemoglobin, Glycosylated[Title/Abstract]) OR Glycosylated Hemoglobin[Title/Abstract])  
OR Glycated Hemoglobins[Title/Abstract]) OR Hemoglobins, Glycated[Title/Abstract]))  
AND (((((Ethnic Groups[Title/Abstract]) OR African Continental Ancestry  
Group[Title/Abstract]) OR Oceanic Ancestry Group[Title/Abstract]) OR European  
Continental Ancestry Group[Title/Abstract]) OR Asian Continental Ancestry  
Group[Title/Abstract])
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The complete search strategy for EMBASE.

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'hemoglobin'/exp AND a1c AND [embase]/lim OR glycosylated AND 'hemoglobin'/exp  
AND [embase]/lim AND 'ethnicity'/exp AND [embase]/lim OR ethnic AND racial AND  
groups AND [embase]/lim OR ethnic AND group AND [embase]/lim OR ethnic, AND  
racial AND religious AND groups AND [embase]/lim
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