

Supplementary Table 2. PubMed search

Query	Items found
(((appendicitis[MeSH Terms]) OR appendix[MeSH Terms]) OR appendectomy[MeSH Terms]) OR appendic*[Text Word]) OR appendix[Text Word]) OR appendectomy[Text Word]	38,005
AND	
(((Intestinal perforation[MeSH Terms]) OR perforat*[Text Word]) OR rupture[Text Word]) OR complicat*[Text Word]) OR gangren*[Text Word]	14,012
AND	
("2012/01/01"[Date - Publication] : "2013/12/31"[Date - Publication])	1,121
AND	
Human[Mesh Terms]	839