

Appendix- I

Search history from PubMed:

Search	Search words	No. of articles
#1	neck OR back OR shoulder OR lumbar OR spine OR spinal	640 124
#2	pain OR ache	480 193
#3	factor* OR prognos*	2 855 696
#4	“return* to work” OR “return-to-work” OR “job re-entry” OR “work absence” OR “work ability” OR “ability to work”	9 146
#1 AND #2		96 755
#1 AND #2 AND #3		14 969
#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4		412
#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4 NOT acute		342

Search history from CINAHL:

Search	Search words	No. of articles
#1	neck OR back OR shoulder OR lumbar OR spine OR spinal	114,940
#2	pain OR ache	140,366
#3	factor* OR prognos*	697,302
#4	“return* to work” OR “return-to-work” OR “job re-entry” OR “work absence” OR “work ability” OR “ability to work”	6,483
#1 AND #2		35,759
#1 AND #2 AND #3		8,895
#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4		370
#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4 NOT acute		312

Search history from PsycINFO:

Search	Search words	No. of articles
#1	neck OR back OR shoulder OR lumbar OR spine OR spinal	86,952
#2	pain OR ache	92,828
#3	factor* OR prognos*	848,437
#4	“return* to work” OR “return-to-work” OR “job re-entry” OR “work absence” OR “work ability” OR “ability to work”	4,265
#1 AND #2		16,448
#1 AND #2 AND #3		4,646
#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4		148
#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4 NOT acute		115

* , Used for single key word; “”, used if more than a key word.