

Appendix

Table A1. Search strategy

MEDLINE (n = 180)	EMBASE (n = 583)	PubMed (n = 541)
<p>Strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ankle.mp. 2. Sprain.mp. 3. Syndesmosis.mp. 4. Return to Sport.mp. or Return to Sport/ 5. Return to Play.mp. 6. Athlete.mp. or Athletes/ 7. 2 or 3 8. 4 or 5 or 6 9. 7 and 8 10. 1 and 9 	<p>Strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ankle.mp. 2. Sprain.mp. 3. Syndesmosis.mp. 4. Return to Sport.mp. or Return to Sport/ 5. Return to Play.mp. 6. Athlete.mp. or Athletes/ 7. 2 or 3 8. 4 or 5 or 6 9. 7 and 8 10. 1 and 9 	<p>Strategy:</p> <p>Ankle AND ((Sprain OR Syndesmosis) AND (Return to play OR return to sport OR athlete))</p>