

Supplementary file 1: Description of the literature search with the search terms

BLOCK 1	Subject headings in PubMed	arthritis, rheumatoid [MeSH]
	Subject headings in Embase	exp rheumatoid arthritis/
	Subject headings in Cinahl	MH arthritis, rheumatoid+
	Subject headings in PsycINFO	exp rheumatoid arthritis/
	Subject headings in SveMed	exp rheumatoid arthritis/
	No Subject headings in Web of Science	
AND	Each subject heading OR these keywords	((rheumatoid OR reumatoid OR rheumatic OR reumatic OR rheumat* OR reumat*) AND (arthrit* OR artrit* OR diseas* OR condition* OR nodule*)) mp.
BLOCK 2	Subject headings in PubMed	asthenia [MeSH] fatigue[MeSH]
	Subject headings in Embase	exp asthenia/ exp fatigue/ exp lassitude/
	Subject headings in Cinahl	MH fatigue
	Subject headings in PsycINFO	exp asthenia/ exp fatigue/
	Subject headings in SveMed	exp asthenia/ exp fatigue/ exp lassitude
	No use of subject headings in Web of Science	
	Each subject heading OR these keywords	fatigue* or tired* or sleepy or sleepi* or drows* or lassitude or letharg* or weary or weariness or exhaustion or exhausted or lacklustre or ((asthenia or asthenic) and syndrome) or ((lack or loss or lost) and (energy or vigour))mp.