

Annex 1 Search Strategy in PubMed

Search	Query	Items found
#1	Heart Failure[MeSH Terms]	
#2	heart failure[Title/Abstract]	
#3	cardiac failure[Title/Abstract]	
#4	heart decompensation[Title/Abstract]	
#5	heart dysfunction[Title/Abstract]	
#6	cardiac dysfunction[Title/Abstract]	
#7	ventricular dysfunction[Title/Abstract]	
#8	heart dificiency[Title/Abstract]	
#9	cardiac dificiency[Title/Abstract]	
#10	heart insufficiency[Title/Abstract]	
#11	cardiac insufficiency[Title/Abstract]	
#12	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11	
#13	Medicine, Chinese Traditional[Mesh]	
#14	traditional Chinese medicine[All Fields]	
#15	Chinese traditional medicine[All Fields]	
#16	Chinese medicine[All Fields]	
#17	Drugs, Chinese Herbal[Mesh]	
#18	Chinese herbal drug\$[All Fields]	
#19	Chinese herbal medicine[All Fields]	
#20	Chinese patent drug\$[All Fields]	
#21	Chinese patent medicine[All Fields]	
#22	Chinese proprietary drug[All Fields]	
#23	Chinese proprietary medicine[All Fields]	
#24	Chinese crude drug\$[All Fields]	
#25	Chinese materia medica[All Fields]	
#26	traditional Chinese medicine patent prescription\$[All Fields]	
#27	traditional Chinese patent medicines and simple preparations[All Fields]	
#28	traditional Chinese medicine injection\$[All Fields]	
#29	Chinese medicine injection\$[All Fields]	
#30	Complementary Therapies[MeSH]	
#31	#13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30	
#32	Injections[MeSH]	
#33	injection\$[Title/Abstract]	
#34	injectable\$[Title/Abstract]	
#35	#32 OR #33 OR #34	
#36	Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic[Mesh]	
#37	Randomized Controlled Trial[Publication Type]	
#38	Controlled Clinical Trial[Publication Type]	
#39	Equivalence Trial[Publication Type]	
#40	randomized controlled trial[Title/Abstract]	
#41	Random Allocation[Mesh]	
#42	Double-Blind Method[Mesh]	
#43	Single-Blind Method[Mesh]	
#44	Clinical Trial[Publication Type]	

#45 Research Design[Mesh]
#46 Placebos[Mesh]
#47 placebo\$[Title/Abstract]
#48 random*[Title/Abstract]
#49 trial\$[Title]
#50 #36 OR #37 OR #38 OR #39 OR #40 OR #41 OR #42 OR#43 OR #44 OR #45 OR #46
OR #47 OR #48 OR #49
#51 Systemic Review[Publication Type]
#52 systemic review[Title/Abstract]
#53 systemic literature review[Title/Abstract]
#54 Meta Analysis[Publication Type]
#55 Meta analysis[Title/Abstract]
#56 Meta-analysis[Publication Type]
#57 Meta-analysis[Title/Abstract]
#58 pooled analysis[Title/Abstract]
#59 Consensus Development Conference as Topic[Mesh]
#60 Consensus Development Conference[Publication Type]
#61 consensus development conference[Title/Abstract]
#62 expert consensus[Title/Abstract]
#63 Practice Guideline as Topic[Mesh]
#64 Practice Guideline[Publication Type]
#65 practice guideline[Title/Abstract]
#66 Cochrane database systemic review[Title/Abstract]
#67 Evidence-based Medicine[Mesh]
#68 evidence-based medicine[Title/Abstract]
#69 best practice[Title/Abstract]
#70 evidence synthesis[Title/Abstract]
#71 synthesis analysis[Title/Abstract]
#72 #51 OR #52 OR #53 OR #54 OR #55 OR #56 OR #57 OR #58 OR #59 OR #60 OR #61
OR #62 OR #63 OR #64 OR #65 OR #66 OR #67 OR #68 OR #69 OR #70 OR #71
#73 #12 AND #31 AND #35 AND #50 AND #72
