

Appendix 1 Search terms of Medline

| Search syntax | Record |
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| 1. Accidental Falls/ | 500 |
| 2. fall*.tw. | |
| 3. 1 or 2 | |
| 4. exp China/ | |
| 5. Taiwan/ | |
| 6. china*.tw. | |
| 7. chinese.tw. | |
| 8. (hong adj1 kong).tw. | |
| 9. macao.tw. | |
| 10. macau.tw. | |
| 11. Hong Kong.tw. | |
| 12. taiwan*.tw. | |
| 13. (tai adj1 wan*).tw. | |
| 14. tibet.tw. | |
| 15. beijing.tw. | |
| 16. 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 | |
| 17. exp Aged/ | |
| 18. old*.tw. | |
| 19. elder*.tw. | |
| 20. aged*.tw. | |
| 21. 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 | |
| 22. exp "Costs and Cost Analysis"/ | |
| 23. cost*.tw. | |
| 24. burden*.tw. | |
| 25. incidence*.tw. | |
| 26. rate*.tw. | |
| 27. exp Risk Factors/ | |
| 28. risk factor.tw. | |
| 29. 22 or 23 or 24 or 25 or 26 or 27 or 28 | |
| 30. 3 and 16 and 21 and 29 | |