**MESH terms**

The search strategy consisted of the following thesaurus terms and text words.: ("Anesthesia, Epidural"[majr] OR "Epidural Anesthesia"[ti] OR "Epidural Anaesthesia"[ti] OR "Epidural Analgesia"[ti] OR "Analgesia, Epidural"[majr]) AND ("thoracic"[ti] OR "cervicothoracic"[ti]) AND ("sympathectomy"[MeSH ] OR "sympathectomy"[tw] OR "sympathicolysis"[tw] OR (("Heart"[tw] OR "Heart"[Mesh] OR "cardiac" ) AND ("adrenergic activation"[tw] OR "sympathetic innervation"[tw] OR "autonomic innervation"[tw])) OR "Cardiac"[tw] OR "cardiovascular"[tw] OR "blood circulation"[MeSH ] OR "circulation"[tw] OR "circulatory"[tw] OR "cardiopulmonary"[tw] OR "heart rate"[MeSH ] OR "heart rate"[tw] OR "baroreceptor"[tw] OR "haemodynamic"[tw] OR "hemodynamic"[tw] OR "hemodynamics"[MeSH ] OR "hemodynamics"[tw] OR "haemodynamics"[tw] OR "Echocardiography"[Mesh] OR "Echocardiography"[tw] OR "echocardiographic"[tw] OR "Coronary Vessels"[Mesh] OR "coronary"[tw] OR "ventricular"[tw] OR "Heart Ventricles"[Mesh] OR ventricle\*[tw] OR "Ventricular Function"[Mesh] OR "Diastole"[Mesh] OR "Systole"[Mesh] OR "systolic"[tw] OR "diastolic"[tw] OR "myocardial"[tw] OR "Myocardial Contraction"[Mesh] OR "Contraction"[tw] OR "contractility"[tw] OR "contractile"[tw] OR "stress"[tw] OR "exercise"[MeSH ] OR "exercise"[tw] OR "ischemic heart disease"[tw] OR "ischaemic heart disease"[tw] OR "Myocardial Ischemia"[Mesh] OR "Coronary Artery Disease"[Mesh] OR "Myocardial Infarction"[Mesh] OR "Hypertension, Pulmonary"[Mesh] OR "pulmonary hypertension"[tw] ).