**Appendix 1. Search strategies (*MEDLINE (Ovid Online))***

1. exp Chronic Pain/
2. exp Pain, Intractable/
3. exp Fibromyalgia/
4. exp Neuralgia/
5. exp Headache Disorders/
6. exp Arthritis/
7. (pain\* or fibromyalgia\* or neuralgia\* or neuropath\* or headache\* or migraine\* or arthriti\* or osteoarthriti\*).mp.
8. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7
9. exp Analgesics, Opioid/
10. exp Opiate Alkaloids/
11. exp Morphine Dependence/
12. (opioid\* or opiate\* or morphine or meperidine or methadone or buprenorphine or fentanyl or hydrocodone or oxycodone or codeine).mp.
13. 9 or 10 or 11 or 12
14. exp Acupuncture/
15. exp Acupuncture therapy/
16. exp Electroacupuncture/
17. exp Acupuncture points/
18. exp Meridians/
19. (acupuncture or electroacupuncture or electro-acupuncture or auriculoacupuncture or auriculo-acupuncture or dry needling or acupuncturist\* or acupoint\* or meridian\*).mp.
20. 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19
21. 7 and 12 and 19