**Appendix: Search equation in PUBMED**

The following search strategy was developed for PUBMED and was adapted for the other databases to be searched

1. randomized controlled trial[Publication Type]
2. controlled clinical trial[Publication Type].
3. randomized[Title/Abstract]
4. placebo[Title/Abstract]
5. drug therapy[sh]
6. clinical trials as topic[sh]
7. randomly[Title/Abstract]
8. trial [Title/Abstract]
9. groups[Title/Abstract])
10. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9
11. Animals[mh] not (humans)[mh]
12. 10 not 11
13. surgery[sh]
14. mastectomy [Title/Abstract]
15. thoracotomy[Title/Abstract]
16. arthroplasty[Title/Abstract]
17. arthroplasty[Title/Abstract]
18. 13 OR 14 OR 15 or 16 OR 17
19. pregabalin
20. Lyrica
21. 20 or 21
22. 12 and 18 and 21