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| Appendix 1. Literature Search Strategy\* |
| Database | Search Terms |
| PubMed/MEDLINE, National Library of Medicine, (1946-2018) | ("Polymyalgia Rheumatica"[Mesh] OR "Giant Cell Arteritis"[Mesh] OR "forestier certonciny sydrome"[ALL] OR "polymyalgia arteritica"[ALL] OR "polymyalgia rheumatica"[ALL] OR "pseudopolyarthritis rhizomelica"[ALL] OR "rheumatic myalgia"[ALL] OR "rheumatic polymyalgia "[ALL] OR "rheumatic polymyalgia "[ALL] OR "inflammatory rhizomelic rheumatism"[ALL] OR "rhizomelic pseudopolyarthritis"[ALL] OR "Giant Cell Arteritis"[ALL] OR "cranial arteritis"[ALL] OR "giant cell arteriitis"[ALL]) AND ("Cortisone"[Mesh] OR "Cortone Acetate"[ALL] OR "deflazacort"[Supplementary Concept] OR Deflazacort[ALL] OR Emflaza[ALL] OR "Dexamethasone"[Mesh] OR Decadron[ALL] OR Dexamethasone[ALL] OR Intensol[ALL] OR DexPak[ALL] OR Maxidex[ALL] OR "Dekpak 13 Day Taperpak"[ALL] OR "Baycadron Elixer"[ALL] OR Ozurdex[ALL] OR Fludricortisone[ALL] OR "Florinef Acetate"[ALL] OR "Hydrocortisone"[Mesh] OR Ala-Cort[ALL] OR "Ala-Scalp HP"[ALL] OR "Anusol HC"[ALL] OR "Aquanil HC"[ALL] OR "Beta HC"[ALL] OR Cetacort[ALL] OR Colocort[ALL] OR "Corta-Cap"[ALL] OR "Methylprednisolone"[Mesh] OR Medrol[ALL] OR "Methylpred-DP"[ALL] OR "Medrol Dosepak"[ALL] OR "Paramethasone"[Mesh] OR "Prednisone"[Mesh] OR Deltasone[ALL] OR Prednicot[ALL] OR "Prednisone Intensol"[ALL] OR Sterapred[ALL] OR "Sterapred DS"[ALL] OR Rayos[ALL] OR "Prednisolone"[Mesh] OR Cotolone[ALL] OR Prelone[ALL] OR Millipred[ALL] OR "Millipred DP"[ALL] OR "Veripred 20"[ALL] OR "Orapred ODT"[ALL] OR "Orapred orally disintegrating tablet"[ALL] OR Orapred[ALL] OR "Triamcinolone"[Mesh] OR Aristocort[ALL] OR "Betamethasone"[Mesh] OR Celestone[ALL] OR "Budesonide"[Mesh] OR Entocort[ALL] OR "Entocort EC"[ALL] OR Uceris[ALL]) AND ("Drug Administration Schedule"[Mesh] OR "dosage regimen"[ALL] OR "dosage schedule"[ALL] OR "dose regimen"[ALL] OR "dose schedule"[ALL] OR "drug dose regimen"[ALL] OR "drug dose schedule"[ALL] OR "drug dose reduction"[ALL] OR "dosage decrease"[ALL] OR "dosage reduction"[ALL] OR "dose reduction"[ALL] OR "reduction of drug dosage"[ALL] OR "reduction of drug dose"[ALL] OR "tapering regimen"[ALL] OR "tapering"[ALL] OR "drug tapering"[ALL] OR "alternate-day"[ALL] OR "alternate day"[ALL] OR "alternate-daily"[ALL] OR "alternate daily"[ALL] OR "every other day"[ALL]) |
| \*The search method for PubMed/MEDLINE was used to develop search strategies for all the databases. No limits on language or publication status were applied. |