Appendix

Search Strategy and Results

PubMed (Apr 1, 2021)

1. “Painful diabetic neuropathy” = 23,119
2. #1 AND (randomized blinded controlled trial) = 602
3. #1 AND (pilot study) = 298
4. #1 AND (retrospective study) = 1,389
5. #1 AND (systematic review) = 498
6. #1 AND (meta-analysis) = 386
7. #1 AND (spinal cord stimulation) = 113
8. #1 AND (acupuncture) = 103
9. #1 AND (botulinum toxin) = 39
10. #1 AND (surgical decompression) = 111

Scopus (Apr 1, 2021)

1. “Painful diabetic neuropathy” = 19,896
2. #1 AND (“randomized blinded controlled trial”) = 17
3. #1 AND (“pilot study”) = 275
4. #1 AND (“retrospective study”) = 954
5. #1 AND (“systematic review”) = 388
6. #1 AND (meta-analysis) = 348
7. #1 AND (“spinal cord stimulation”) = 601
8. #1 AND (acupuncture) = 989
9. #1 AND (“botulinum toxin”) = 345
10. #1 AND (“surgical decompression”) = 95

Google Scholar

1. “Painful diabetic neuropathy” = 18,897
2. #1 AND (“randomized blinded controlled trial”) = 28
3. #1 AND (“pilot study”) = 249
4. #1 AND (“retrospective study”) = 1,389
5. #1 AND (“systematic review”) = 408
6. #1 AND (“meta-analysis”) = 321
7. #1 AND (“spinal cord stimulation”) = 1,123
8. #1 AND (acupuncture) = 2,014
9. #1 AND (“botulinum toxin”) = 823
10. #1 AND (“surgical decompression”) = 354

Cochrane Library

1. “Painful diabetic neuropathy” = 17
2. #1 AND (“randomized blinded controlled trial”) = 0
3. #1 AND (“pilot study”) = 21
4. #1 AND (“retrospective study”) = 0
5. #1 AND (“systematic review”) = 3
6. #1 AND (“meta-analysis”) = 2
7. #1 AND (“spinal cord stimulation”) = 18
8. #1 AND (acupuncture) = 11
9. #1 AND (“botulinum toxin”) = 1
10. #1 AND (“surgical decompression”) = 3

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1. “Painful diabetic neuropathy” = 40
2. “Painful diabetic neuropathy Intervention” = 0
3. “Painful diabetic neuropathy Treatment” = 0
4. “Painful diabetic neuropathy therapy” = 0