**APPENDIX 1**

**Search strategy – Medline.**

 ((chronic [All Fields] AND ("neck pain"[MeSH Terms] OR ("neck"[All Fields] AND "pain"[All Fields]) OR "neck pain"[All Fields])) OR ((neckache OR neck ache OR cervicodynia OR cervicalgia OR cervicobrachial\*) [tiab]) AND ((randomized controlled trials as topic[MeSH Terms]) OR (randomized controlled trial [All Fields] OR controlled clinical trial[All Fields] OR random\* ))