

Table S1. Search strategies.

CENTRAL (via Cochrane Register of Studies)	PUBMED	EMBASE (Ovid)
#1 MeSH descriptor: [Head and Neck Neoplasms] explode all trees	#1 "head and neck neoplasms"[MeSH Terms]	#1 ('head' OR 'head'/exp OR head) AND ('neck' OR 'neck'/exp OR neck) AND ('tumor' OR 'tumor'/exp OR tumor)
#2 MeSH descriptor: [Otorhinolaryngologic Neoplasms] explode all trees	#2 "otorhinolaryngologic neoplasms"[MeSH Terms]	#2 ('head'/exp OR head) AND ('neck'/exp OR neck) AND ('neoplasms'/exp OR neoplasms)
#3 MeSH descriptor: [Otorhinolaryngologic Neoplasms] explode all trees	#3 "larynx"[Title/Abstract] OR "laryngeal"[Title/Abstract] OR "glottis"[Title/Abstract] OR "glottic"[Title/Abstract] OR "oral cavity"[Title/Abstract] OR "oral"[Title/Abstract] OR "oropharynx"[Title/Abstract] OR "oropharyngeal"[Title/Abstract]	#3 otorhinolaryngologic AND ('neoplasms'/exp OR neoplasms)
#4 MeSH descriptor: [Head and Neck Neoplasms] explode all trees	OR "nasopharynx"[Title/Abstract] OR "nasopharyngeal"[Title/Abstract] OR "hypopharynx"[Title/Abstract]	#4 'cancer*':ab,ti OR 'carcinoma*':ab,ti OR 'neoplasm*':ab,ti OR 'tumor*':ab,ti OR 'tumour*':ab,ti OR 'metastas*':ab,ti
#5 (head and neck):ti,ab,kw	OR "hypopharyngeal"[Title/Abstract] OR "pharynx"[Title/Abstract] OR "pharyngeal"[Title/Abstract] OR "parapharyngeal"[Title/Abstract] OR "mouth"[Title/Abstract] OR "paranasal"[Title/Abstract]	#5 neoplasm
#6 (larynx or laryngeal or glottis or glottic or oral cavity or oral or oropharynx or oropharyngeal or nasopharynx or nasopharyngeal or hypopharynx or hypopharyngeal or pharynx or pharyngeal or parapharyngeal or mouth or paranasal):ti,ab,kw	#4 "cancer*"[Title/Abstract] OR "carcinoma*"[Title/Abstract] OR "neoplasm*"[Title/Abstract] OR "tumor*"[Title/Abstract] OR "tumour*"[Title/Abstract] OR "metastas*"[Title/Abstract]	#6 #4 OR #5 #7 larynx:ti,ab,kw OR laryngeal:ti,ab,kw OR glottis:ti,ab,kw OR glottic:ti,ab,kw OR 'oral cavity':ti,ab,kw OR oral:ti,ab,kw OR oropharynx:ti,ab,kw OR oropharyngeal:ti,ab,kw OR nasopharynx:ti,ab,kw OR nasopharyngeal:ti,ab,kw
	#5 "neoplasms"[MeSH Terms]	

<p>#7 #5 OR #6</p> <p>#8 (cancer* or carcinoma* or neoplasm* or tumor* or tumour* or metastas*):ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#9 MeSH descriptor: [Neoplasms] explode all trees</p> <p>#10 #8 OR #9</p> <p>#11 #7 AND #10</p> <p>#12 #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #11</p> <p>#13 (albumin to globulin ratio):ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#14 (albumin globulin ratio):ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#15 #13 OR #14</p> <p>#16 #15 AND #12</p>	<p>#6 #4 OR #5</p> <p>#7 #6 AND #3</p> <p>#8 #1 OR #2 OR #7</p> <p>#9 "Albumin/globulin ratio"[Title/Abstract]</p> <p>#10 "albumin to globulin ratio" [Title/Abstract]</p> <p>#11 "albumin-to-globulin ratio" [Title/Abstract]</p> <p>#12 "albumin globulin ratio" [Title/Abstract]</p> <p>#13 #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12</p> <p>#14 #8 AND #13</p>	<p>OR hypopharynx:ti,ab,kw OR hypopharyngeal:ti,ab,kw OR pharynx:ti,ab,kw OR pharyngeal:ti,ab,kw OR parapharyngeal:ti,ab,kw OR mouth:ti,ab,kw OR paransal:ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#8 #7 AND #6</p> <p>#9 #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #8</p> <p>#10 ' Albumin/globulin ratio ':ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#11 ' albumin to globulin ratio ':ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#12' albumin-to-globulin ratio ':ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#13' albumin globulin ratio ':ti,ab,kw</p> <p>#14 #10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13</p> <p>#15 #9 AND #14</p>
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