

Supplementary material appendix A: Number of results each search phrase obtained from different databases

	PubMed	Medline (Proquest)	Scopus	Cochrane Libraries	Web of Science Core Collection	Total
Selected fields	Title/ abstract	Abstract	Title/ abstract/ keyword	Title/ abstract/ keyword	Topic (Title/ abstract/ keyword)	
Search terms	Number of responses					
(cleft lip and palate) AND (associated risk factors)	430	15	504	4	326	1 279
(cleft lip and palate OR cleft lip OR cleft palate OR orofacial cleft) AND (associated risk factors)	577	24	504	8	409	1 522
(cleft lip and palate) AND (associated risk factors) AND (non-syndromic OR syndromic)	136	2	104	0	90	322
(cleft lip and palate OR cleft lip OR cleft palate OR orofacial cleft) AND (associated risk factors) AND (non-syndromic OR syndromic)	185	5	104	1	95	390
(cleft lip and palate) AND (associated risk factors) AND (non-syndromic OR syndromic) AND (lower-middle-income countries OR lower-middle-income setting OR lower-middle-income context)	0	0	0	0	0	0
(cleft lip and palate) AND (lower-middle-income countries OR lower-middle-income setting OR lower-middle-income context)	3	1	0	0	3	7
(cleft lip and palate OR cleft lip OR cleft palate OR orofacial cleft) AND (lower-middle-income countries OR lower-middle-income setting OR lower-middle-income context)	4	1	0	0	4	9
(cleft lip and palate) AND (associated risk factors) AND (lower-middle-income countries OR lower-middle-income setting OR lower-middle-income context)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of results	1 335	48	1 216	13	927	3 539