

## Appendix A Search strategy

### 1. Synonyms

#### 1) Cancer

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Tumor

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Neoplasm

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Tumors

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Neoplasia

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Neoplasias

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Cancer

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Cancers

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Malignant Neoplasm

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Malignancy

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Malignancies

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Malignant Neoplasms

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Neoplasm, Malignant

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Benign Neoplasms

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Benign Neoplasm

2) Aromatherapy

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Aromatherapy

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Aromatherapies

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Aroma

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Aroma Therapy

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Aroma Therapies

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Therapies, Aroma

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Therapy, Aroma

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Essential oil

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Oil OR Oils

### 3) Pain

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Pain

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Pains

### 4) QOL

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Quality of life

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Life Quality

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Health-Related Quality of Life

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Health Related Quality of Life

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HRQOL OR QOL

## 2. Search strategy (PubMed)

(Cancer OR Cancer\* OR Tumor OR Tumors OR Neoplasm OR Neoplasia\* OR Malignant Neoplasm\* OR Malignancy OR Malignancies OR Neoplasm\* Malignant OR Benign Neoplasm\*) AND (Aromatherapy OR Aromatherapies OR Aroma\* OR Aroma Therapy OR Aroma Therapies OR Therapies Aroma OR Therapy Aroma OR Essential oil OR Oil OR Oil\*) AND (Pain OR Pains OR Quality of life OR Health related quality of life OR Health-related quality of life OR Life quality OR HRQOL OR QOL)