### **Supplementary Materials**

# **Supplementary Table S1: Searching methodology**

Date of search: 8/3/2020

# Supplemental table S1a: Ovid MEDLINE (R): 1946 to 2020 March 08

#	Searches	Results
1	multimorbidity/ or multiple chronic conditions/	1081
2	(multimorbid* or multi-morbid* or comorbid* or co-morbid*).ab,ti,kw.	143825
3	((multiple or coexist* or co-exist* or concurrent* or simultaneous*) adj2 (disease* or illness* or diagnos* or condition* or morbid* or disorder*)).ab,ti,kw.	43585
4	1 or 2 or 3	183995
5	Electronic health records/	18600
6	((Electronic or computer* or administrative) adj2 (record* or data*)).ab,ti,kw.	76483
7	(Large database* or database*).ab,ti,kw.	341698
8	5 or 6 or 7	390501
9	Prevalence/	283624
10	(Prevalen* or epidemio*).ab,ti,kw.	913241
11	9 or 10	980075
12	4 and 8 and 11	4040
13	Limit 12 to (English language and humans)	3905

# Supplemental table S1b: Embase: 1974 to 2020 March 08

#	Searches	Results
1	exp Multiple chronic conditions/	2801
2	(multimorbid* or multi-morbid* or comorbid* or co-morbid*).ab,ti,kw.	319120
3	((multiple or coexist* or co-exist* or concurrent* or simultaneous*) adj2 (disease* or illness* or diagnos* or condition* or morbid* or disorder*)).ab,ti,kw.	77586
4	1 or 2 or 3	388894
5	Electronic health record/ or electronic medical record/	68868
6	(Electronic or computer* or administrative*) adj2 (record* or data*).ab,ti,kw.	153076
7	(Large database* or database*).ab,ti,kw.	635643
8	5 or 6 or 7	741513
9	Prevalence/	694889
10	(Prevalen* or epidemio*).ab,ti,kw.	1465157
11	9 or 10	1596491
12	4 and 8 and 11	10464
13	limit 12 to (English language and humans)	9815
14	Limit 13 to (article or article in press)	4436

# Supplemental table S1c: CINAHL: 1984 to 2020 March 08

#	Searches	Results
1	(MH "comorbidity")	56629
2	multimorbid* or multi-morbid* or comorbid* or co-morbid*	97530
3	(multiple or coexist* or co-exist* or concurrent* or simultaneous*) N2 (disease* or illness* or diagnos* or condition* or morbid* or disorder*)	18589
4	1 or 2 or 3	113365
5	(MH "electronic health records")	22313
6	(Electronic or computer* or administrative) N2 (record* or data*)	138566
7	Large database* or database*	168616
8	5 or 6 or 7	272365
9	(MH "prevalence")	85505
10	Prevalen* or epidemio*	553492
11	9 or 10	553492
12	4 and 8 and 11	5300
13	Limit 13 to (English language and humans)	4160

### Supplementary Table S2: Conditions sorted by category

Cardiovas cular conditions	Dermatolo gical conditions	Endocrinol ogical conditions	ENT conditions	Gastrointe stinal conditions	Genetic conditions	Urological/ renal conditions	Haematolo gical conditions	Hepatopan creaticobili ary conditions	Immunolog ical conditions	Infectious diseases (communic able)	Mental health conditions	Musculosk eletal conditions	Neoplasia	Neurologic al conditions	Ophthalmo logical conditions	Respirator y conditions	Rheumatol ogical conditions	Vascular conditions (different from haematolo gical?)	Disability	Others
Acute myocardial infarction	Acne	Diabetes	Chronic sinusitis	Chronic constipatio n	Chromoso mal abnormaliti es	Benign prostatic hypertroph y	Anaemia	Cholecystit is/cholelithi asis	Allergies	AIDS/HIV	Alcohol problems	Arthritis	Neoplasia/ cancer	Alzheimer' s disease and related dementia	Blindness and low vision	Asthma	Gout	Atheroscle rosis	Congenital anomaly digestive system	Infertility/s ubfertility
Angina	Chronic ulcer of skin	Diabetes mellitus	Deafness	Chronic enteritis/ul cerative colitis	Chromoso mal anomalies or Inherited metabolic disorders	Chronic kidney disease	Anaemia, other/unsp ecified	Chronic liver disease	Autoimmu ne disease	Chronic infectious disease	Affective psychosis	Acquired deformity of spine	Any malignanc y including lymphoma and leukemia except malignant neoplasm of skin	Attention deficit disorder	Blindness	Bronchiect asis	Gout and other crystal arthropathi es	Atheroscle rosis/perip heral vascular disease	Congenital anomaly digestive system	Weakness/ tiredness general
Arrhythmia	Dermatitis, seborrhoei c	Diabetes mellitus (T1 and T2)	Deafness, hearing impairmt	Colitis and related disease		Chronic kidney disease on dialysis/ predialysis	Anaemia, Vit B12/folate deficiency	Chronic liver or pancreatic disease	Chronic allergies	Hepatitis	Alcohol use disorders	Arthritis (excluding rheumatoi d arthritis)	Benign neoplasm nervous system	Cerebrova scular accident	Blindness, visual impairment	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Hyperurice mia	Circulation disorders (other than varicose veins)	Congenital anomaly endocrine/ metabolic	Transplant status
Atrial fibrillation	Dermatitis/ atopic eczema	Diabetes, insulin dependent	Deafness, hearing loss	Combinati on category of gastroesop hageal reflux disease, peptic ulcer disease, and dyspepsia (GERD/PU D)		Chronic renal insufficienc y	Blood and blood- forming organ disease	Chronic pancreas, biliary tract and Gallbladde r disease	Disorders of the immune system	HIV	Anorexia nervosa/bu limia	Back pain	Benign/uns pecified neoplasm blood	Cerebrova scular disease	Cataract/ other lens disease	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma (COPD)	Inflammato ry arthropathi es	Peripheral arterial disease (PAD; including aortic aneurysms )	Congenital anomaly neurologic al	
Atrial fibrillation/f lutter	Psoriasis	Diabetes, non-insulin dependent	Ear Nose and Throat disease	Constipati on (treated)		Genital disease, other	Haematolo gic disorders (chronic)	Chronic pancreatic disease		HIV infection/AI DS	Anorexia/b ulimia	Back syndrome with radiating pain	Cancer	Cluster headache	Cataract/gl aucoma	Emphyse ma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Rheumatic disease	Peripheral vascular disease	Congenital anomaly NOS/multi ple	
Bradycardi as and conduction disease	Psoriasis or eczema	Dyslipidem ia	Goitre	Digestive disease		Genitourin ary disease	Hereditary haemolytic anaemia	Chronic viral hepatitis		Tuberculos is	Anxiety	Back syndrome without radiating pain	Cancer (breast, colorectal, lung, prostate)	Dementia	Cataracts	Other respiratory disease	Rheumatoi d arthritis	Phlebitis/th rombophle bitis	Congenital anomaly, cardiovasc ular	
Cardiac arrhythmia	Skin disease, other	Endocrine/ metabolic/ nutritional disease, other	Hearing loss	Disease digestive system, other		Glomerulo nephritis/n ephrosis	Purpura/co agulation defects	Liver disease		Viral hepatitis	Anxiety disorder/a nxiety state	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Cancer (without mets)	Dementia including Alzheimer' s	Eye disorders	Respirator y disease	Rheumatoi d arthritis and autoimmun e and connective tissue diseases	Pulmonary embolism	Congenital anomaly, musculosk eletal	
Cardiac arrhythmia NOS	Skin diseases	High cholesterol	Hypertroph y tonsils/ade noids	Diverticula r disease		Kidney transplant		Liver disease NOS			Anxiety, dissociativ e and somatofor m disorders	Chronic back pain	Haematolo gical neoplasms	Epilepsy	Glaucoma	Respirator y disease, other	Rheumatoi d arthritis, other inflammato ry polyarthrop athies & systematic connective tissue disorders	Varicose veins	Developm ental disorder	
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Cardiac valve disease		Hyperlipid emia	Vertiginous syndrome	Duodenal ulcer		Nephrosis		Severe liver disease			Bipolar disorder	Dorsopathi es	Leukemia	Haemorrh agic stroke	Other eye disease			Venous and lymphatic disease	Learning disability	
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