

Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Search Strategy (EMBASE 1974 to 2016 February 12)

#	Searches	Results
1	exp infection/	2830011
2	exp communicable disease/	18419
3	1 or 2	2830011
4	exp health care personnel/or exp physician/or (physician* or doctor or doctors).mp.	1445557
5	Exp clothing/ or (attire or necktie* or neck tie*).mp. (mp=title, abstract, heading word, drug trade name, original title, device manufacturer, drug manufacturer, device trade name, keyword]	31434
6	(infect* or communicable*).mp. or 3 [mp=title, abstract, heading word, drug trade name, original title, device manufacturer, drug manufacturer, device trade name, keyword]	3356781
7	4 and 5 and 6	1817
8	Limit 7 to yr="2014 – current"	259
9	Limit 8 to (human and English language)	254