

## Appendix A

### *Medline search strategy example*

Database: **Ovid MEDLINE(R)** <1950 to August Week 1 2011> Search Strategy:

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#### **Keywords**

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1. Hamstring\*.mp.
2. semitendinosus.mp.
3. semimembranosus.mp.
4. biceps femoris.mp.
5. posterior thigh.mp.
6. exp Exercise/
7. exp Sports/
8. Athlet\*.mp.
9. exp Football/
10. exp Athletic Injuries/
11. tear.mp. or exp Tears/
12. exp "Wounds and Injuries"/
13. strain.mp. or exp "Sprains and Strains"/
14. injur\*.mp.
15. risk.mp. or exp Risk/ or exp Risk Factors/
16. caus\*.mp.
17. Pred\*.mp.
18. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5
19. 6 or 7 or 8 or 9
20. 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14
21. 15 or 16 or 17
22. 18 and 19 and 20 and 21

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Note: m.p. = word must be in either the title, abstract, subject headings or original title.

\*= truncation

/ = words matched to a subject heading