**APPENDIX 1.** MEDLINE search syntax.

1. (diagnosis or diagnostic).mp.

2. "gold standard".tw.

3. "reference standard".tw.

4. 1 or 2 or 3

5. sensitiv\*.mp.

6. accuracy.mp.

7. test.ti.

8. examination.ti.

9. 5 or 6 or 7 or 8

10. Physical Therapy Modalities/

11. Physical Therapists/

12. Physical Therapy Specialty/

13. "physical therapist\*".mp.

14. physiotherap\*.mp.

15. Physical Examination/

16. exp Medical History Taking/

17. \*Questionnaires/

18. (clinical adj (diagnosis or test\* or evaluation or examination)).mp.

19. 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18

20. 4 and 9 and 19

21. review.pt.

22. "case reports".pt.

23. animals/

24. humans/

25. 23 not (23 and 24)

26. 21 or 22 or 25

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