

**Supplemental Table 1.** MeSH subheadings used for electronic MEDLINE database during initial literature search for the systematic review examining the incidence and prevalence of delirium across palliative care settings.

1. Delirium/
2. deliri\*.tw.
3. (acute adj1 confusion\*).tw.
4. (acute adj1 brain adj1 syndrome).tw.
5. (metabolic adj1 encephalopath\*).tw.
6. (acute adj1 organic adj1 psychosyndrome).tw.
7. (acute adj1 psycho-organic adj1 syndrome).tw.
8. (clouded adj1 state).tw.
9. (clouding adj3 consciousness).tw.
10. (exogenous adj1 psychos\*).tw.
11. (toxic adj1 confusion).tw.
12. (toxic adj1 psychos\*).tw.
13. Confusion/
14. (acute adj1 confusional adj1 state).tw.
15. (acute adj1 brain adj1 failure).tw.
16. (terminal\* adj1 restless\*).tw.
17. (terminal adj1 agitation).tw.
18. (psychomotor adj1 agitation).tw.
19. (cognitive adj1 failure).tw.
20. disorientation.tw.
21. (terminal adj2 delir\*).tw.
22. encephalopath\*.tw.
23. (organic adj3 psychos\*).tw.
24. or/1-23
25. Palliative Care/
26. (end\* adj3 life).tw.
27. (last year of life or LYOL).tw.
28. palliat\*.tw.
29. Terminally Ill/
30. hospice\*.tw.
31. (terminal\* adj3 (car\* or ill\* or diseas\* or condition\*)).tw.
32. (terminal-stage\* or terminal stage\* or (close adj4 death)).tw.
33. exp Terminal Care/
34. Hospices/
35. (dying adj3 care).tw.
36. or/25-35
37. 24 and 36
38. 37 not (Animals/ not (Animals/ and Humans/))
39. limit 38 to yr="1980 -Current"
40. (exp Adult/ or (adult or adults or adulthood or middle age or middle aged or elderly or senior or seniors or man or men or woman or women).ti,ab.) not (Adolescent/ or exp Child/ or exp Infant/ or Pediatrics/ or (child or children or childhood or infant or infants or baby or babies or newborn or newborns or neonate or neonatal or neonates or preemie or preemies or infancy or paediatric or pediatric or girl or girls or boy or boys or kid or kids or teen or teens or teenage or teenager or teenagers or youngster or youngsters or youth or youths or adolescent or adolescents or adolescence or preadolescent or preadolescence or pre-adolescent or pre adolescence or preschooler or school age or school aged or schoolchildren).ti,ab.)
41. 39 and 40