

## Detailed search strategy

### Pubmed MEDLINE [1]

"Frank's sign"[Title/Abstract] OR "Frank sign"[Title/Abstract] OR "Franks sign"[Title/Abstract] OR "earlobe\* crease\*"[Title/Abstract] OR "ear lobe\* crease\*"[Title/Abstract] OR "ear-lobe\* crease\*"[Title/Abstract] OR "ear\* crease\*"[Title/Abstract]

### Embase [2]

'frank/s sign':ti,ab,kw OR 'frank\$ sign':ti,ab,kw OR 'earlobe\$ crease\$':ti,ab,kw OR 'ear lobe\$ crease\$':ti,ab,kw OR 'ear-lobe\$ crease\$':ti,ab,kw OR 'ear\$ crease\$':ti,ab,kw OR 'earlobe crease'/exp OR 'frank sign'/exp

### Web of Science [3]

TS=("Frank's sign" OR "Frank\$ sign" OR "earlobe\* crease\$" OR "ear lobe\* crease\$" OR "ear-lobe\* crease\$" OR "ear\* crease\$")

### The Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) [4]

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### CINAHL [5]

"Frank's sign" OR "Frank# sign" OR "earlobe# crease#" OR "ear lobe# crease#" OR "ear-lobe# crease#" OR "ear# crease#"

### Clinicaltrials.gov [6]

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crease" OR "ear-lobe creases" OR "ear-lobes crease" OR "ear-lobes creases" OR "ear crease" OR "ear creases" OR "ears crease" OR "ears creases"

## Scopus [7]

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