

**Supplementary Table S1. Search strategy:**

Database	Search strategy
pubmed	("thalassaemia"[All Fields] OR "thalassemia"[MeSH Terms] OR "thalassemia"[All Fields] OR "thalassaemias"[All Fields] OR "thalassemias"[All Fields]) AND ("bone marrow transplantation"[MeSH Major Topic] OR ("haematopoietically"[All Fields] OR "hematopoietic system"[MeSH Terms] OR ("hematopoietic"[All Fields] AND "system"[All Fields]) OR "hematopoietic system"[All Fields] OR "haematopoietic"[All Fields] OR "hematopoietic"[All Fields] OR "hematopoietically"[All Fields]) AND "stem cell transplantation"[MeSH Major Topic]))
Web Of Science	ALL FIELDS: (thalassemia) AND ALL FIELDS: (((bone marrow transplant) OR (hematopoietic stem cell transplant))) Timespan: All years. Indexes: SCI- EXPANDED, SSCI, A&HCI, CPCI-S, CPCI- SSH, BKCI-S, BKCI-SSH, ESCI, CCR- EXPANDED, IC.
Scopus	TITLE-ABS-KEY ( thalassemia ) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ( ( bone AND marrow AND transplantation ) OR ( hematopoietic AND stem AND cell AND transplant ) ) )