

## Supplementary data

### Search strategy: MEDLINE

1. exp Polymyalgia Rheumatica/
2. exp Giant Cell Arteritis/
3. polymyalgia rheumatica.mp.
4. giant cell arteritis.mp.
5. temporal arterit\$.mp.
6. cranial arterit\$.mp.
7. horton disease\$.mp.
8. pmr.mp.
9. gca.mp.
10. or/1-9
11. Cohort Studies/
12. comparative study/
13. follow-up studies/
14. prospective studies/
15. risk factors/
16. cohort.mp.
17. groups.mp.
18. multivariate.mp.
19. compared.mp.
20. or/11-19
21. 10 and 20

### Search strategy: EMBASE

1. polymyalgia rheumatica.mp. or exp rheumatic polymyalgia/
2. giant cell arteritis.mp. or exp giant cell arteritis/
3. temporal arteritis.mp. or exp temporal arteritis/
4. cranial arterit\$.mp.
5. horton disease\$.mp.
6. pmr.mp.
7. gca.mp.
8. or/1-7
9. clinical article/
10. controlled study/
11. major clinical study/
12. prospective study.mp. or exp prospective study/
13. cohort.mp.
14. compared.mp.
15. groups.mp.
16. multivariate.mp.
17. or/9-16
18. 8 and 17