

Supplementary data

Search strategy

EMBASE

1. cerebrovascular accident.mp. or exp cerebrovascular accident/
2. stroke.mp.
3. cerebrovascular disease\$.mp.
4. cerebral infarct\$.mp.
5. brain infarct\$.mp. or exp brain infarction/
6. brain ischemia.mp. or exp brain ischemia/
7. cerebral ischemia.mp.
8. or/1-7
9. multivariate.mp.
10. clinical article/
11. controlled study/
12. major clinical study/
13. prospective study.mp. or exp prospective study/
14. cohort.mp.
15. compared.mp.
16. groups.mp.
17. or/9-16
18. scleroderma.mp. or exp limited scleroderma/ or exp scleroderma/ or exp diffuse scleroderma/ or exp localized scleroderma/ or exp linear scleroderma/
19. systemic sclerosis.mp. or exp systemic sclerosis/
20. or/18-19
21. 8 and 17 and 20

MEDLINE

1. exp Stroke/ or stroke.mp.
2. exp Cerebrovascular Disorders/ or cerebrovascular disease.mp.

3. cerebrovascular accident.mp.
4. exp Brain Infarction/ or brain infarct\$.mp.
5. exp Cerebral Infarction/ or cerebral infarct\$.mp.
6. brain ischemia.mp. or exp Brain Ischemia/
7. cerebral ischemia.mp.
8. or/1-7
9. Cohort Studies/
10. comparative study/
11. follow-up studies/
12. prospective studies/
13. risk factors/
14. cohort.mp.
15. groups.mp.
16. multivariate.mp.
17. compared.mp.
18. or/9-17
19. exp Scleroderma, Systemic/
20. exp Scleroderma, Diffuse/
21. scleroderma.mp.
22. systemic sclerosis.mp.
23. or/19-22
24. exp Stroke/ or stroke.mp.
25. exp Cerebrovascular Disorders/ or cerebrovascular disease.mp.
26. cerebrovascular accident.mp.
27. exp Brain Infarction/ or brain infarct\$.mp.
28. exp Cerebral Infarction/ or cerebral infarct\$.mp.
29. brain ischemia.mp. or exp Brain Ischemia/
30. cerebral ischemia.mp.
31. or/24-30
32. 18 and 23 and 31