Appendix 1: Search Strategy

MEDLINE/EMBASE

Paediatric

#1 exp Adolescent/
#2 exp Child/
#3 exp Child, Preschool/
#4 exp Infant/
#5 exp Minors/
#6 exp Pediatric/
#7 (adolesc* or preadolesc* or pre-adolesc* or boy* or girl* or child* or infan* or preschool* or pre- school* or juvenil* or minor* or pe?diatri* or pubescen* or pre-pubescen* or prepubescent* or puberty or teen* or young* or youth* or school* or high-school* or highschool* or sibling* or schoolchild* or school child* or children).tw.

CFS/ME

#8 exp Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic/
#9 Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.tw
#10 myalgic encephal*.tw.
#11 CFS.tw
#12 fatigue syndrome*.mp.
#13 chronic fatigue syndrome*.mp.
#14 myalgic encephal*.mp.

Randomised control trial/observational

#15 Clinical Trial/
#16 Controlled Clinical Trial/
#17 Randomized Controlled Trial/
#18 controlled clinical trial.mp
#19 randomi7ed control*. trial.mp
#20 (random* adj3 (administ* or allocat* or assign* or class* or control* or determine* or divide* or distribut* or expose* or fashion or number* or place* or recruit* or substitut* or treat*)).mp
#21 placebo*.mp
#22 trial.mp
#23 (control* adj3 (trial* or study or studies)).mp
#24 ((singl* or doubl* or tripl* or trebl*) adj3 (blind* or mask* or dummy*)).mp
#25 ((waitlist* or wait* list* or treatment as usual or TAU) adj3 (control or group)).mp
#26 Clinical Study/
#27 Feasibility Studies/
#28 Observational study/
#29 study.mp

#30 (#1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6 or #7)
#31 (#8 or #9 or #10 or #11 or #12 or #13 or #14)
#32 (#15 or #16 or #17 or #18 or #19 or #20 or #21 or #22 or #23 or #24 or #25 or #26 or #27 or #28 or #29)
#33 (#30 and #31 and #32)
#34 (Limit #32 to yr='1994-current)