

## Additional file 1

### Methods: Details of the search to obtain guidelines on gout

#### 1. MEDLINE

Table Search strategy for MEDLINE	
#1	"Gout"[MeSH]
#2	"Hyperuricemia"[MeSH]
#3	gout*[Title/Abstract]
#4	Hyperuricemia[Title/Abstract]
#5	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4
#6	clinical practice guideline*[tw]
#7	clinical guideline*[tiab]
#8	guideline*[ti]
#9	guidance*[ti]
#10	consensus[ti]
#11	recommendation*[ti]
#12	#6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11
#13	#5 AND #12

#### 2. Guideline databases (NICE, NGC, SIGN, WHO, GIN, DynaMed, UpToDate, Best Practice)

Combinations of the following keywords were searched: "gout", "hyperuricemia", "guideline"

#### 3. Manual search (Google Scholar)

A search was conducted via the Google Scholar engine using the following terms: '(hyperuricemia OR gout) AND (guideline or guidance or consensus or recommendation)' in English and '(痛风 OR 高尿酸血症) AND (指南 OR 指引)' in Chinese. We screened the first 200 records.