

Appendix 1

Search Strategy

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1. exp adrenal cortex hormones/
2. exp corticosteroid
3. (steroid* or corticosteroid* or glucocorticoid* or hydroxycorticosteroid* or methylpredniso* or hydrocortison* or dexamethasone*).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]
4. or/1-3
5. exp coronavirus/
6. exp coronavirus infections/
7. (coronavir* or coronavir* or COVID-19 or 2019-nCoV or 2019nCOV or SARS-CoV-2 or NCOV).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]
8. or/5-7
9. 'randomized controlled trial'/exp or 'single blind procedure'/exp or 'double blind procedure'/exp or 'crossover procedure'/exp
10. 4 and 8 and 9