**Additional File 1: Data Extraction Form** - Medical & Health Sciences Research landscapes

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| First Name & Year | Full title | Name, country | 1. Family medicine 2. Public health 3. Medical 4. Pediatric 5. Psychiatry 6. Surgery 7. O&G 8. Orthopedic 9. ENT 10. Eye 11. Pharmacy 12. Nursing 13. Dietetic 14. Biomedical | 1. PhD (clinician) 2. PhD (Non-clinician) 3. MD 4. Master (MMed) 5. Master (Non-MMed) 6. Bachelor 7. Diploma 8. Others (lower degrees) 9. Not stated | 1 to \_ | 1 to \_ | 0 to \_ | 0 to \_ | 1 to \_ | Full name | 1. Local- Malaysia 2. Regional- within Asia 3. International | 1. General- multidisciplinary 2. Specific | 1. OA 2. Subscription |
| Eg. Chan KE 1962  (2 variables) | *String* | *String*  (2 variables) | *Nominal* | *Ordinal*  Highest professional qualification | *Scale* | *Scale* | *Scale* | *Scale*  Including local authors affiliated with oversea institutions | *Scale* | *String* | *Ordinal*  Regional refers to Asian regions | *Nominal*  General vs. discipline-specific | *Nominal*  open access vs. traditional subscription-based |

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| **Type of article** | **Field of study** | **Level of study** | **Class of study** | **Type of quantitative study** | **Data collection** | **Years when the study conducted, completed** | **Numbers of study site** | **Settinga** | **Condition/Organ system studiedb** | **Measuresc** | **Intervention** |
| 1. Research (original & reviews) 2. Research protocol 3. Audits 4. Case report/series 5. Commentary, quizzes, CME etc 6. Letters | 1. Clinical 2. Public health 3. Health services 4. Laboratory 5. Education | 1. Primary 2. Secondary (database) 3. Secondary (review) 4. Opinion | 1. Quantitative 2. Qualitative 3. Mixed 4. Others | 1. Prevalence 2. Diagnostic 3. Diagnostic test 4. Prognostic 5. Etiologic 6. Interventional 7. Psychometric study | 1. Cross-sectional 2. Cohort 3. Case-control 4. Nested case-control 5. Randomized controlled trial (RCT) 6. Quasi-RCT 7. Cross-over 8. Secondary data retrieval | Year started, year completed | 1 to \_ | 1. Hospital 2. Clinic 3. Community 4. Laboratory 5. University/ college | ***ICPC-2e chapters- See below*** | Subjective:   1. Self-report 2. Other's report   Objective:  1. Operator dependence  2. Non-operator-dependence eg. lab analyser | 1. No 2. Drug 3. Device, Tool or App 4. Surgical procedure 5. Psychological or behavioral 6. Socio-economic 7. Health services |
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CA= corresponding author; CME= continuous medial education activity; Eg.= for example; ENT= ear, nose and throat; ICPC-2= International Classification of Primary Care- second edition; ID= identity; MMed= master in medicine degree; OA= open-access; O&G= obstetrics and gynecology; Qs= questionnaires

a Up to two corresponding authors

b consists of two variables, the primary and secondary settings

c consists of two variables, the primary and secondary conditions

d consists of two variables, the subjective and objective outcome measures

**International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC) chapters and components**

(A) General and unspecified

(B) Blood, blood forming organs, lymphatics, spleen

(D) Digestive

(F) Eye

(H) Ear

(K) Circulatory

(L) Musculoskeletal

(N) Neurological

(P) Psychological

(R) Respiratory

(S) Skin

(T) Endocrine, metabolic and nutritional

(U) Urology

(W) Pregnancy, childbirth, family planning

(X) Female genital system and breast

(Y) Male genital system

(Z) Social problems