Appendix 2 MEDLINE search strategy

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present>
Searched online 10/06/14
Strategy saved as: Loneliness_Medline
Search Strategy:

1 loneliness/ (2206)
2 social isolation/ (10940)
3 social alienation/ (1309)
4 social support/ (51329)
5 community networks/ (5430)
6 social distance/ (1444)
7 interpersonal relations/ (55367)
8 Friends/ (2680)
9 psychosocial deprivation/ (1817)
10 Social Participation/ (545)
11 (lonely or loneliness or solitude).ti,ab. (3910)
12 ((social* or societ* or perce* or person*) adj3 (isolation or isolated or alienation or alienated or relation* or detachment or detached or contact or link or tie or ties or support* or network* or participation or activ* or engage* or connect* or disconnect* or cohesion or cohesive or embedded* or vulnera* or interact*).ti. (19533)
13 (social wellbeing or social health or social capital).ti. (1205)
14 or/1-13 (134819)
15 exp cohort studies/ (1353453)
16 cohort$.tw. (280225)
17 controlled clinical trial.pt. (88473)
18 epidemiologic methods/ (29786)
19 exp case-control studies/ (662637)
20 (case$ and control$).tw. (331312)
21 or/15-20 (1913522)
22 and/14,21 (15308)