Table 1. Literature Databases and the Number of Hits based on Keywords Search.

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|  | Number of Hits per Database |
| Keywords (MeSH) | PubMed-NCBI | The Cochrane Library | Elsevier | Total |
| Thyroid Gland | 74530 | 22 | 418 | 74970 |
| Goiter | 37496 | 8 | 69 | 37573 |
| Hypoxia-Inducible Factor | 19905 | 11 | 21 | 19937 |
| HIF | 17272 | 6 | 17 | 17295 |
| Middle East | 161253 | 22 | 314 | 161589 |
| Iraq | 11819 | 1 | 83 | 11903 |
| Thyroid Gland AND (“Hypoxia-Inducible Factor” OR HIF) | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Thyroid Gland AND (“Hypoxia-Inducible Factor” OR HIF) AND “Middle East” | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thyroid Gland AND (“Hypoxia-Inducible Factor” OR HIF) AND Iraq | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thyroid Gland AND (“Hypoxia-Inducible Factor” OR HIF) AND (Iraq OR “Middle East”) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goiter AND (“Hypoxia-Inducible Factor” OR HIF) | 9 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| Goiter AND (“Hypoxia-Inducible Factor” OR HIF) AND “Middle East” | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goiter AND (“Hypoxia-Inducible Factor” OR HIF) AND Iraq | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goiter AND (“Hypoxia-Inducible Factor” OR HIF) AND (Iraq OR “Middle East”) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Number of Hits | 322302 | 71 | 922 | 323295 |