

## Excerpt from the systematic review protocol

***“The search strategies will be focused to detect all reports of histamine poisonings from foods that meet inclusion criteria, so will be optimized accordingly to this purpose. A main form of search strategy will be designed and could be modified to meet settings of databases consulted. The strategy adopted and database on which was performed will be recorded. Main key-words will be: "histamine", "scombroid syndrome", "histamine poisoning", food, seafood, “meat products”, fish, cheese, beer, wine, “biogenic amines”. To improve the effectiveness of key-words in the search strategy a preliminary thesaurus study will be performed.***

***Replicate reports of the same data will be detected and only one report will be considered for inclusion in this review; reasons for the choice will be given and recorded. “***

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## Main form of search strategy

### Foreword

- if not specified, the mentioned keywords are meant to be searched both as “free search” keywords and “topic search” keywords:
- Key-words are “case-sensitive” written (lower case and upper case must be maintained when performing search)
- Logical operators and symbols are written in **bold** character

### Legend

Suffix **.to** means: keyword will be searched only as “topic search” keyword

Suffix **.fr** means: keyword will be searched only as “free search”

<Keywords inside round brackets> means: phrase search

**x/x** (i.e. letter, slash, letter) means: degenerate letter, an appropriate “jolly character” has to be assigned to it.

Search Id	Key-words syntax	Notes
#1	“biogenic amines”. <b>to</b>	-
#2	histamine. <b>to</b>	-
#3	#1 <b>or</b> #2	-
#4	“histamine poisoning”	-
#5	“sc/gombroid syndrome”	-
#6	food	-
#7	seafood	-
#8	“meat products”	-
#9	fish	-
#10	cheese	-
#11	beer	-
#12	wine	-
#13	#6 <b>or</b> #7 <b>or</b> #8 <b>or</b> #9 <b>or</b> #10 <b>or</b> #11 <b>or</b> #12	-
#14	#4 <b>or</b> 5	-
#15	#3 <b>and</b> #14	-
#16	#15 <b>and</b> #13	-