

Supplemental text: Search strategy

The following search strategy combining free text and MeSH terms was set up for PubMed:

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(caudal[All Fields] OR "caudal block"[All Fields] OR "caudal epidural"[All Fields]) AND  
(("steroids"[MeSH Terms] OR "steroids"[All Fields] OR "steroid"[All Fields]) OR  
("glucocorticoids"[Pharmacological Action] OR "glucocorticoids"[MeSH Terms] OR "glucocorticoids"[All  
Fields] OR "glucocorticoid"[All Fields]) OR ("corticosterone"[MeSH Terms] OR "corticosterone"[All  
Fields]) OR ("adrenal cortex hormones"[MeSH Terms] OR ("adrenal"[All Fields] AND "cortex"[All Fields]  
AND "hormones"[All Fields]) OR "adrenal cortex hormones"[All Fields] OR "corticosteroid"[All Fields])  
OR ("methylprednisolone"[MeSH Terms] OR "methylprednisolone"[All Fields]) OR  
("hydrocortisone"[MeSH Terms] OR "hydrocortisone"[All Fields]) OR ("dexamethasone"[MeSH Terms]  
OR "dexamethasone"[All Fields])) AND (randomized controlled trial[pt] OR controlled clinical trial[pt] OR  
randomized[tiab] OR placebo[tiab] OR "drug therapy"[Subheading] OR randomly[tiab] OR trial[tiab] OR  
groups[tiab]) NOT ("animals"[MeSH Terms] NOT "humans"[MeSH Terms])
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