

## Additional file 1. Systematic review search strategy

	<b>Combiners</b>	<b>Terms</b>
1	Problem of interest	achill* OR triceps surae OR tendin* OR heel
2	Outcome	Pain
3		#1 AND #2
4	Intervention	ortho* OR electrotherapy OR therapeutic electric stimulation OR electric stimulation therapy OR heat OR cold OR ice OR inferential therapy OR laser OR exercise therapy OR rehabilitation OR tap* OR strapping OR eccentric* OR exercise therapy OR rehabilitation OR tap* OR strapping OR eccentric OR strengthening OR heel wedge OR heel raise OR heel brace OR shock wave therapy
5	Limitations	#3 AND #4 English language, humans

Individual search terms were mapped to appropriate subject headings (MeSH)

\* wild card/truncation (search term that begin with the letters preceding the asterisk)