Step 1

Journals registered in the Scopus™ database [13]

Step 2

Journal selection based on keywords (A–E) and professional judgment (F)

A. Keywords* in infectious disease name:
   - AIDS †, HIV †, tuberculosis, malaria, leprosy, mycoses, viral hepatitis

B. Keywords directly included in infectious diseases:
   - infection, infectious disease(s), communicable disease(s), transmissible disease(s), emerging infectious disease(s), sexually transmitted disease(s), zoonoses, zoonotic disease(s), vector-borne disease(s)

C. Keywords in clinical microbiology:
   - clinical or medical or diagnostic & microbiology or bacteriology or virology or parasitology or mycology

D. Keywords in anti-microbial drugs:
   - antibacterial, antiviral, antimicrobial, microbial drug resistance, vaccine, antibiotic, biological

E. Keywords of developing techniques for infectious disease control:
   - microbiological or virological or bacteriological & methods

F. Selection of public health journals that target infectious diseases in view of aim & scope of journals

Step 3

Infectious disease journals (initial selection)

Journals in which original or review articles are included in PubMed database from 2006 (articles published in 2007 can be seen in the database)

Step 4

Infectious disease journals (final selection)

Survey of the number of articles in journals per publication year and Asian country where the first author of the article originated, by PubMed search engine

Step 5

Analysis of Asian publications