

### Appendix 1: search strategy

P → post-myocardial infarctions with preserved ejection fraction.

I → beta-blockers.

C → non-beta-blockers.

O → death from any cause; death from cardiovascular causes; myocardial infarction; stroke; hospitalization for heart failure; MACE.

T → observational study, randomized control trial.

T → minimum at 6 months.

Search strategy → ((betablocker) AND (myocardial infarction)) AND (preserved ejection fraction).