

Table S1 Search strategy

Database	Search strategy	Items found
PubMed	((("Child"[Mesh]) AND ("Preoperative Period"[Mesh] OR "Preoperative Care"[Mesh])) AND ("Anxiety"[Mesh] OR "Anxiety, Separation"[Mesh])) NOT "Drug Therapy"[Mesh]	180
Scopus	((("Anxiety" OR "Angst" OR "Nervousness" OR "Hypervigilance" OR "Social Anxiety" OR "Anxieties, Social" OR "Anxiety, Social" OR "Social Anxieties" OR "Anxiousness" OR "Anxiety, Separation" OR "Separation Anxiety" OR "Separation Anxiety Disorder" OR "Anxiety Disorder, Separation") AND ("Period, Preoperative" OR "Preoperative Period" OR "Preoperative Care" OR "Care, Preoperative" OR "Preoperative Procedure" OR "Preoperative Procedures" OR "Procedure, Preoperative" OR "Procedures, Preoperative") AND ("Child" OR "Children") AND NOT ("Drug therapy" OR "Chemotherapy" OR "Pharmacotherapy" OR "Therapy, Drug" OR "Drug Therapies" OR "Therapies, Drug"))	655
Web of Science	((("Anxiety" OR "Angst" OR "Nervousness" OR "Hypervigilance" OR "Social Anxiety" OR "Anxieties, Social" OR "Anxiety, Social" OR "Social Anxieties" OR "Anxiousness" OR "Anxiety, Separation" OR "Separation Anxiety" OR "Separation Anxiety Disorder" OR "Anxiety Disorder, Separation") AND ("Period, Preoperative" OR "Preoperative Period" OR "Preoperative Care" OR "Care, Preoperative" OR "Preoperative Procedure" OR "Preoperative Procedures" OR "Procedure, Preoperative" OR "Procedures, Preoperative") AND ("Child" OR "Children") NOT ("Drug therapy" OR "Chemotherapy" OR "Chemotherapies" OR "Pharmacotherapy" OR "Pharmacotherapies" OR "Therapy, Drug" OR "Drug Therapies" OR "Therapies, Drug"))	31