

Supplementary Table 1. Search strategy

Database	Search strategy	No. of studies
Medline	septic shock/ OR sepsis/ OR ((bacteremic OR bacterial OR bacteriemic OR endotoxic OR endotoxine OR toxic) AND shock) AND epidem*.ti,ab,kw OR frequen*.ti,ab,kw OR prevalence.ti,ab,kw. OR incidence.ti,ab,kw OR mortality.ti,ab,kw AND Korea/ OR South Korea/ OR korea*	1,417
Embase	'septic shock'/exp OR 'septic shock' OR 'sepsis' OR ((bacteremic OR bacterial OR bacteriemic OR endotoxic OR endotoxine OR toxic) AND shock) AND epidem*:ab,kw,ti OR frequen*:ab,kw,ti OR incidence:ab,kw,ti OR 'prevalence' OR 'prevalence' AND 'south korea' OR 'korea' OR korea*:ab,kw,ti	2,312
KoreaMed	((("septic shock"[ALL]) OR ("sepsis"[ALL]) OR ("bacteremic"[ALL]) OR (((("bacterial"[ALL]) OR ("bacteriemic"[ALL]))) AND ("shock"[ALL]))) AND (("epidem*"[ALL]) OR ("frequen*"[ALL]) OR ("prevalence"[ALL]) OR ("incidence*"[ALL]) OR ("mortality*"[ALL])))	142
KISS	sepsis OR septic shock	141
Total		4,012

KISS, Korean Studies Information Service System.