**Supplementary Table 5. PRISMA checklist**

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**1. The search strategy in PubMed database of this meta-analysis.**

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