**Appendix**

The full electronic search strategy for the Medline database (searched using the Ovid platform) is provided below. An equivalent search strategy was used for each of the other databases. Studies imported into Covidence for screening were drawn from the search results of search 6 and search 10. Searches 7 and 11 were conducted in order to ensure that the exclusion terms were not removing any potentially-relevant papers. A sample of 216 random studies from these two searches were screened and the exclusion terms were found to be effective. Note that the keywords employed in search 8 were used to target studies that might not have focused on cognitive complaint data specifically, but reported cognitive complaint data as part of an assessment of general postconcussion symptoms.

*1 ((Mild or minor) and (head injur\* or brain injur\*)).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]*

*2 Concussion.mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]*

*3 1 or 2*

*4 (Cogniti\* and (subjective or perceived or complaint\* or self-report\* or symptom\*)).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]*

*5 3 and 4*

*6 5 not (veteran\* or military or blast\* or paediatric\* or pediatric\* or child\* or elderly or geriatric\* or athlete\* or sport\* or football).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]*

*7 5 not 6*

*8 ((Symptom\* or complaint\*) adj2 (post-concussi\* or postconcussi\* or post-traumatic or posttraumatic or subjective or self-report\*) adj2 (item\* or frequen\* or prevalen\*)).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]*

*9 3 and 8*

*10 9 not (veteran\* or military or blast\* or paediatric\* or pediatric\* or child\* or elderly or geriatric\* or athlete\* or sport\* or football).mp. [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]*

*11 9 not 10*