### Table S1: Search Strategy

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| OVID EMBASE (adapted for other databases) | |
| 1 | exp Hematoma, Subdural, Chronic/ |
| 2 | (Chronic Subdural Hematoma\* OR Subdural Hematoma\*, Chronic OR Hematoma\*, Chronic Subdural OR Chronic Subdural Haematoma\* OR Subdural Haematoma\*, Chronic OR Haematoma\*, Chronic Subdural).ab,kw,ti |
| 3 | 1 or 2 |
| 4 | exp Drug Therapy/ OR (Pharmacotherap\*).ab,kw,ti |
| 5 | exp Conservative Treatment/ OR (Conservative Management\*).ab,kw,ti |
| 6 | exp Tranexamic Acid/ OR (Transamin or Anvitoff or AMCA or Amchafibrin or Ugurol).ab,kw,ti |
| 7 | exp Dexamethasone/ OR (Methylfluorprednisolone or Dexasone).ab,kw,ti |
| 8 | exp Atorvastatin/ OR (Liptonorm OR CI 981).ab,kw,ti |
| 9 | exp Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors/ OR (Perindopril or Celecoxib or Goreisan).ab,kw,ti |
| 10 | 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 |
| 11 | randomized controlled trial.pt. |
| 12 | controlled clinical trial.pt. |
| 13 | (randomly OR randomized OR placebo OR trial).ab,kw,ti |
| 14 | 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 |
| 15 | exp animals/ |
| 16 | exp humans/ |
| 17 | 15 not 16 |
| 18 | 14 not 17 |
| 19 | 3 and 10 and 18 |