Table 1 Search strategy for retrieving data elements of minimum data set for hospital information system in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Sites, criteria, strategy	Descriptions, characteristics
Search engines	Yahoo, Google, Google Scholar
Websites	World Health Organization,
Databases	PubMed, Web of Science, Scopus, EMBASE, IEEE (https://www.ieee.org/publications/periodicals.html) Cochrane, SID (https://www.sid.ir/fa/journal/), Magiran, IranMedex, Civilica, Irandoc (up to September 2015)
Inclusion criteria	Literature in English and Farsi
	Papers, annual reports, reports, guidelines and peer-reviewed research published up to September 2015 from valid sources, with full text, a clearly stated purpose, and keywords in the title or abstract.
Exclusion criteria	Non-peer-reviewed papers, reports and forms retrieved from personal blogs and abstracts with no accessible full text.
Search terms	"Patient minimum data set", "Patient data element", "Hospital information system" And "Data element", "Hospital Information system" And "Minimum data set", "Health information system" And "Minimum data set", "Hospital information database"