

Table 6. Ephedra/ ephedrine search methodology – additional databases

SEARCH NUMBER	#1A (performed 6/25/01)
Database searched and time period covered	International Pharmaceutical Abstracts - 1970-2001/May Pascal - 1973-2001/June Week 4 SciSearch (Archival File) - 1974-1989 SciSearch (Current File) - 1990-2001/June Week 4
Search strategy	ephedra OR ephedrine AND trial? OR review? OR rct? OR meta analys? OR metaanal?
Number of items retrieved	167
SEARCH NUMBER	#1B (performed 6/25/01)
Database searched and time period covered	International Pharmaceutical Abstracts - 1970-2001/May Pascal - 1973-2001/June Week 4 SciSearch (Archival File) - 1974-1989 SciSearch (Current File) - 1990-2001/June Week 4
Search strategy	ephedra(IN TITLE OR SUBJECT HEADING FIELDS) OR ephedrine (IN TITLE OR SUBJECT HEADING FIELDS) AND adverse OR side effect? OR efficacy OR fail? OR succeed? OR success? OR effective? OR toxic?
Number of items retrieved	330 (NOTE – RESULTS FROM SEARCH 1A WERE “NOTTED OUT” OF THESE SEARCH RESULTS)