

**Supplementary Table 1.** Detailed search strategy

<p><b>MEDLINE (PubMed)</b></p>	<p>(lingual nerve [MeSH] OR Branches of the mandibular nerve) AND (((magnetic resonance imaging [MeSH]) OR (MRI) OR (nuclear magnetic resonance imaging [MeSH]) OR (NMR) OR (diffusion tensor imaging [MeSH]) OR (DTI) OR (maxillofacial imaging)) OR (Ultrasonographic OR Ultrasonography [MeSH] OR Diagnostic imaging [MeSH]) OR (Cadaver [MeSH] OR Cadaveric OR cadaver OR Anatomic study OR Clinical observations OR Anatomic observations OR Anatomic position))</p>
<p><b>Embase</b></p>	<p>('lingual nerve'/exp OR 'lingual nerve' OR (('lingual'/exp OR lingual) AND ('nerve'/exp OR nerve)) OR 'branches of the mandibular nerve') AND ('magnetic resonance imaging'/exp OR 'magnetic resonance imaging' OR 'mri'/exp OR mri OR 'nuclear magnetic resonance imaging'/exp OR 'nuclear magnetic resonance imaging' OR 'nmr'/exp OR nmr OR 'diffusion tensor imaging'/exp OR 'diffusion tensor imaging' OR (('diffusion'/exp OR diffusion) AND tensor AND ('imaging'/exp OR imaging)) OR dti OR 'maxillofacial imaging' OR ultrasonographic OR 'ultrasonography'/exp OR ultrasonography OR 'diagnostic imaging'/exp OR 'diagnostic imaging' OR cadaveric OR 'cadaver'/exp OR cadaver OR 'anatomic study' OR 'clinical observations' OR 'anatomic observations' OR 'anatomic position')</p>