Literature Review on musculoskeletal diseases
- Introduction -

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Three university institutes agreed to accept the challenge
Aachen
Mainz
Wuppertal/Freiburg
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Example WP 1

- total 8233 hits (only reviews)
- Deletion of double hits
- Scanning of the studies for title
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- 483 „hits“ remained
- time period 2000 – 2009
- 59 reviews included
Thank you very much for your attention!

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