

Table 1 Ratios corresponding to the raw results obtained by the "classical", the "pitfall", and the pre-EMR search strategies compared to those obtained by the refined EMR search strategy for every EMR country from 2004 to 2013. (Dark-coloured and light-coloured cells indicate value levels deviating above and below the average values, respectively).

| Country | CSS | EMRSS:CSS | PSS | EMRSS:PSS | Pre-EMRSS | EMRSS:Pre-EMRSS | EMRSS | % |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|-------|
| Islamic Republic of Iran | 55608 | 0.99 | 55608 | 0.99 | 55730 | 0.99 | 55322 | 39.3 |
| Egypt | 20159 | 0.99 | 20163 | 0.99 | 20172 | 0.99 | 19889 | 14.1 |
| Saudi Arabia | 14991 | 1.00 | 15450 | 0.97 | 15547 | 0.96 | 15002 | 10.6 |
| Tunisia | 7472 | 1.53 | 10845 | 1.05 | 11482 | 0.99 | 11395 | 8.1 |
| Pakistan | 11158 | 0.99 | 11158 | 0.99 | 11162 | 0.99 | 11009 | 7.8 |
| Morocco | 3258 | 1.66 | 5434 | 0.99 | 5475 | 0.99 | 5396 | 3.8 |
| Lebanon | 7821 | 0.55 | 4356 | 0.99 | 8134 | 0.53 | 4334 | 3.1 |
| Jordan | 5045 | 0.79 | 4084 | 0.98 | 5045 | 0.79 | 4000 | 2.8 |
| Kuwait | 3184 | 0.99 | 3185 | 0.99 | 3177 | 0.99 | 3140 | 2.2 |
| United Arab Emirates | 2362 | 1.20 | 2909 | 0.97 | 2909 | 0.97 | 2827 | 2.0 |
| Oman | 2091 | 0.97 | 2057 | 0.99 | 2123 | 0.96 | 2030 | 1.4 |
| Qatar | 1605 | 0.93 | 1605 | 0.93 | 1600 | 0.93 | 1493 | 1.1 |
| Iraq | 1257 | 0.96 | 1262 | 0.96 | 1268 | 0.95 | 1207 | 0.9 |
| Sudan | 1153 | 0.94 | 1143 | 0.94 | 1168 | 0.92 | 1079 | 0.8 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 625 | 1.08 | 723 | 0.93 | 728 | 0.93 | 675 | 0.5 |
| Palestine | 500 | 1.29 | 659 | 0.98 | 866 | 0.74 | 643 | 0.5 |
| Bahrain | 577 | 0.96 | 577 | 0.96 | 577 | 0.96 | 556 | 0.4 |
| Libya | 378 | 1.00 | 405 | 0.93 | 396 | 0.95 | 377 | 0.3 |
| Yemen | 401 | 0.93 | 397 | 0.94 | 397 | 0.94 | 372 | 0.3 |
| Afghanistan | 126 | 0.95 | 126 | 0.95 | 124 | 0.97 | 120 | 0.1 |
| Djibouti | 39 | 1.00 | 39 | 1.00 | 39 | 1.00 | 39 | 0.0 |
| Somalia | 14 | 0.43 | 27 | 0.22 | 27 | 0.22 | 6 | 0.0 |
| EMR | 13 9074 | 1.01 | 14 1458 | 1.00 | 14 7326 | 0.96 | 14 0911 | 100.0 |