Identification of new studies via databases

Screening

Identification

Records identified from:
All Databases (n = 282):
Embase (n = 211)
Medline (n = 67)
Cochrane library (n = 4)

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Records removed before screening:
Duplicate records (n = 64)

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Records screened
(n = 218)

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Records excluded
(n = 172)

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Reports sought for retrieval
(n = 46)

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Reports not retrieved
(n = 0)

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Reports assessed for eligibility
(n = 46)

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Reports excluded:
No economic evaluation component (n = 5)
No systematic review component (n = 4)
Abstract (n = 2)

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Total studies included in review
(n = 36)

Identification of new studies via hand searching

Records identified from:
hand searching (n = 5)

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Reports sought for retrieval
(n = 5)

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Reports not retrieved
(n = 0)

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Reports assessed for eligibility
(n = 5)

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Reports excluded:
No economic evaluation component (n = 1)
No systematic review component (n = 2)
No orphan drugs (n = 1)