

Identification of studies via databases and registers

Identification

Records identified from:
Seed set ($m = 43$)
ASP ($n = 187$)
Google Scholar ($n = 340$)
Math Reviews ($n = 113$)
PubMed ($n = \text{PubMed}$)
Web of Science ($n = 493$)

Records removed *before screening*:
Duplicate records removed
($n = 113$)

Screening

Records screened
($m = 43$, $n = 1309$)

Records excluded
($n = 981$)

Reports sought for retrieval
($m = 43$, $n = 328$)

Reports not retrieved
($n = 0$)

Reports assessed for eligibility
($m = 43$, $n = 328$)

Reports excluded:
Publication type ($n = 50$)
Empirical data ($n = 47$)
Similarity measure ($n = 104$)
Cohort retrieval ($n = 53$)
Statistical model ($n = 30$)
Misc. reasons ($m = 37$)

Inclusion

Reference lists
($s = 1$)

Studies included in review
($m = 6$, $n = 44$, $s = 1$)
Studies included in synthesis
($m = 5$, $n = 19$, $s = 1$)

Reports omitted from synthesis
($m = 1$, $n = 25$)