Screening

- Once a query has been formulated and approved, the screening phase may begin
- Researchers use the query they formulated to retrieve citations, then screen these citations for trials and studies that are potentially relevant
- It is in the eligibility phase that the full text of studies are assessed to determine if they should be included or excluded from the systematic review
- This leads us to...

Research Questions

- RQ: What techniques can be applied to reduce the workload of a systematic review?
- The query formulation and screening process contribute to a significant amount of time and money
 - If I can do something to reduce this cost, I will have reduced the workload on the reviewers
- I am focusing on the phases prior to the eligibility phase (where the full text of literature is assessed and included or excluded), as this has the potential for the highest impact