RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIALS

The search filter used by SIGN to retrieve randomised controlled trials has been adapted from the first two sections of strategy designed by the Cochrane Collaboration identifying RCTs for systematic review.

Medline

1 Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic/

2 randomized controlled trial/

3 Random Allocation/

4 Double Blind Method/

5 Single Blind Method/

6 clinical trial/

7 clinical trial, phase i.pt

8 clinical trial, phase ii.pt

9 clinical trial, phase iii.pt

10 clinical trial, phase iv.pt

11 controlled clinical trial.pt

12 randomized controlled trial.pt

13 multicenter study.pt

14 clinical trial.pt

15 exp Clinical Trials as topic/

16 or/1-15

17 (clinical adj trial$).tw

18 ((singl$ or doubl$ or treb$ or tripl$) adj (blind$3 or mask$3)).tw

19 PLACEBOS/

20 placebo$.tw

21 randomly allocated.tw

22 (allocated adj2 random$).tw

23 or/17-22

24 16 or 23

25 case report.tw

26 letter/

27 historical article/

28 or/25-27

29 24 not 28

Embase

1 Clinical Trial/ (505836)

2 Randomized Controlled Trial/ (430740)

3 controlled clinical trial/ (91696)

4 multicenter study/ (211094)

5 Phase 3 clinical trial/ (0)

6 Phase 4 clinical trial/ (0)

7 exp RANDOMIZATION/ (88833)

8 Single Blind Procedure/ (0)

9 Double Blind Procedure/ (0)

10 Crossover Procedure/ (0)

11 PLACEBO/ (0)

12 randomi?ed controlled trial$.tw. (118033)

13 rct.tw. (13355)

14 (random$ adj2 allocat$).tw. (26671)

15 single blind$.tw. (14081)

16 double blind$.tw. (131298)

17 ((treble or triple) adj blind$).tw. (496)

18 placebo$.tw. (184669)

19 Prospective Study/ (431057)

20 or/1-19 (1362945)

21 Case Study/ (1825273)

22 case report.tw. (246534)

23 abstract report/ or letter/ (941014)

24 Conference proceeding.pt. (0)

25 Conference abstract.pt. (0)

26 Editorial.pt. (418735)

27 Letter.pt. (941014)

28 Note.pt. (0)

29 or/21-28 (3053616)

30 20 not 29 (1330027)

CINAHL for EBSCO (created by Mark Clowes)

# Query

S12 S1 or S2 or S3 or S4 or S5 or S6 or S7 or S8 or S9 or S10 or S11

S11 TX allocat\* random\*

S10 (MH "Quantitative Studies")

S9 (MH "Placebos")

S8 TX placebo\*

S7 TX random\* allocat\*

S6 (MH "Random Assignment")

S5 TX randomi\* control\* trial\*

S4 TX ( (singl\* n1 blind\*) or (singl\* n1 mask\*) )

or TX ( (doubl\* n1 blind\*) or (doubl\* n1 mask\*) )

or TX ( (tripl\* n1 blind\*) or (tripl\* n1 mask\*) )

or TX ( (trebl\* n1 blind\*) or (trebl\* n1 mask\*) )

S3 TX clinic\* n1 trial\*

S2 PT Clinical trial

S1 (MH "Clinical Trials+")