

SEARCH STRATEGY

Electronic literature search in MEDLINE and EMBASE (1996–January 2004) combining appropriate MESH terms, text words and word variants for the concept systematic review OR meta-analysis OR Medline AND chemical and pharmacologic phenomena OR biological phenomena OR cell phenomena OR immunity OR biological science OR investigative techniques OR laboratory animal science

Total citations identified: **4749**

Citations excluded after
screening titles and / or abstracts:

3232

Citations of reviews judged useful for detailed evaluation: **1517**

Systematic reviews of animal studies **30**

Systematic reviews of 'bench' studies selected randomly **45**