

((epidemiological methods [MeSH Terms] OR guideline\*  
OR recommend\* OR comment [Publication Type] OR  
critical\* apprais\* OR standards))

AND

((“Meta-Analysis [Publication Type] OR “Meta-Analysis as  
Topic” [MeSH] OR meta-analysis OR metaanalysis OR  
“meta-analysis” OR “metaanalysis” OR “systematic  
review”))

AND

(observational OR non-randomized stud\* OR case-control  
OR “case control” OR “case-control” OR cohort OR cross  
section\* OR “cross sectional” OR “cross-sectional”))