

Potentially relevant citations screened for retrieval of full publication (n=5458)

Excluded citations based on title and abstract (n=5362)

Full publications retrieved for further evaluation (n=96)

Excluded publications (n=89):
Age criterion (n=26)
Hib vaccine coverage criterion (n=19)
Relation duration of fever and SBI not studied (n=34)
Retrospective design (n=5)
Country of study is African, Asian, or South-American (n=3)
Not an original study (n=2)

7 studies included in the current review