

MEDLINE (1966— June, 2006)
EMBASE.com (1966— June, 2006)
CBMdisc (January, 1978— June, 2006)
Cochrane Controlled Trial Register (Issue 2, 2006)

Potentially appropriate trials to be
included in meta-analysis (n=25)

Five additional studies were identified
from the reference lists of pertinent
reviews and retrieved articles

n=30

Randomized controlled trials
included in meta-analysis
(n=4)

Excluded (n=26)
Reviews or editorials (n=9)
Meta-analysis (n=2)
Repeat publication (n=2)
Abstract or data insufficient (n=5)
Incorrect randomization (n=1)
Placebo group lacking (n=1)
Others (n=6)