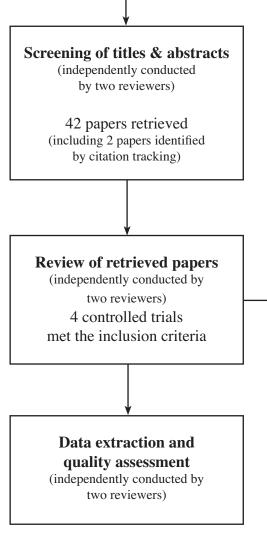


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Not a controlled trial = 1Not a study of NSLBP = 1Targeted treatment versus no treatment = 1Targeted versus targeted treatment = 1Not an effect modifier RCT or multi-arm subgroup-system RCT = 8No relevant outcome measures = 1No relevant intervention = 1No a priori clinical reasoning = 9More than 15% with neurological signs = 3Hypothesis-generating, not hypothesis-testing study = 2Effects of manual therapy, traction or exercise not reported independently of other treatments = 2Cross-over trial, effect size diluted = 1Baseline-scores are not similar between groups = 3(papers could be excluded for more than one reason)