

5180 potentially relevant citations were identified and screened
1349 from Medline
2521 from Embase
1310 from EBM Reviews (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews/Central Register of Controlled Trials/Methodology Register, ACP Journal Club, DARE, Health Technology Assessment, NHS Evaluation Database)

4816 excluded based upon
title and abstract

364 articles retrieved for further evaluation

275 articles excluded based upon abstract

89 articles retrieved for evaluation of full text

50 articles excluded based upon detailed evaluation
- Not based upon RCTs
- Did not describe costs/benefits
- Did not describe in-patient prophylaxis

39 articles included in final review

