Unduplicated citations retrieved from searches

4336

Apply step 1 to title and abstract

Include 1048  Exclude 3288

Narrative reviews, editorials, abstracts & foreign language studies. Eight were publications also published as HTA reports

Retrieve full text articles

Retrieve 1039  Outstanding 9

Unable to locate 9

Step 1 full text review

Include 881  Exclude 158

Abstracts, editorials & narrative reviews, or not a diagnostic studies

Include 751  Exclude 130

Did not ascertain acceptable diagnostic measures

Include 384  Exclude 367

Did not search 2 or more electronic databases

Include 328  Exclude 56

Did not list 3 or more search terms

Include 304  Exclude 24

Did not explicitly state inclusion criteria

Include 236

Did not use acceptable summary statistical methods.