Search Approach 1: Searching with text words in the title and abstract
DARE searched via CRD website at http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/erdl/ 
Searched: 31/03/05
(safe or safety or adverse or tolerability or toxicity or toxic or adrs or adr or tolerance or tolerate or harm or harms or harmful or complication$ or risk or risks)/xoa OR side(w)effect$/xoa OR undesirable(w)effect$/xoa OR treatment(w)emergent/xoa OR
(safe or safety or adverse or tolerability or toxicity or toxic or adrs or adr or tolerance or tolerate or harm or harms or harmful or complication$ or risk or risks)/ttl OR side(w)effect$/ttl OR undesirable(w)effect$/ttl OR treatment(w)emergent/ttl

Key
/xoa – restricts the search to the ‘outcomes assessed in the review’ field 
/ttl – restricts the search to the ‘title’ field 
$ - truncation symbol 
(w) – words must be adjacent to each other

Search Approach 2: Searching using indexing terms
DARE searched via the Cochrane Library at http://www.nelh.nhs.uk/cochrane.asp
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Searched: 31/03/05
#1 Any MeSH descriptor with qualifier: AE
#2 Any MeSH descriptor with qualifier: DE
#3 Any MeSH descriptor with qualifier: CO
#4 Any MeSH descriptor with qualifier: PO
#5 Any MeSH descriptor with qualifier: TO
#6 Any MeSH descriptor with qualifier: CL
#7 MeSH descriptor Drug Hypersensitivity explode all trees
#8 MeSH descriptor Drug Toxicity explode all trees
#9 MeSH descriptor Product Surveillance, Postmarketing explode all trees
#10 #1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6 or #7 or #8 or #9

Key
Sets #1 to #6 are ‘floating’ subheadings

Search Approach 3: Searching ‘provisional’ abstracts
All records in progress, ‘provisional’ abstracts, were scanned for relevant reviews of adverse effects.