Table: Database searches, number of hits

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After eliminating duplicates:

12405 references

After eliminating one or more inclusion criteria not met:

7965 references

- 6481: one or more inclusion criteria not met

After more detailed selection:

1484 references

- 831: references prior to 2005 that did not specify the reason for introducing nurse prescribing
- 118: references from 2005 onwards that did not meet one or more inclusion criteria

535 references

- 71: references prior to 2005 that were UK-based

464 references

= 464 references, 456 obtained, 8 not obtained

FULL TEXT

456 publications

- 332 publications excluded because:
- not related to specified countries (N=1)
- external/internal forces and/or conditions for nurse prescribing not specified (N=285)
- other group of professionals discussed (N=3)
- not professionally or scholarly sound (N=38)
- identical information by same author (N=5)

FINAL SET

124 publications