Additional file 1.

Literature search strategy for bipolar disorder health states.

Studies from Medline
Potential Hits: 523

Manual title scan
Excluded: 344
- Comorbidity studies
- Irrelevant types or depression
- Specific population groups
Total 179

Manual abstract scan
Excluded: 101
- No relevant data for Bipolar
- No Bipolar health states
- Specific population groups
Total 78

Full text review
Excluded: 52
Bipolar health states data not examined
- Only unipolar depression examined
Total 26

Additional studies from reference lists
Total 2

Grand Total 38

Studies from Psychinfo
Potential Hits: 514

Manual title scan
Excluded: 356
- Comorbidity studies
- Irrelevant types or depression
- Specific population groups
Total 156

Manual abstract scan
Excluded: 52
- No relevant data for Bipolar
- No Bipolar health states
- Specific population groups
Total 38

Full text review
Excluded: 30
Bipolar health states data not examined
- Only unipolar depression examined
Total 8

Additional studies from expert group
Total 2

Grand Total 38

Search string Medline
1. Bipolar* OR mania* OR manic OR hypomanic* OR depress* (in title field): 84,345 hits
2. Epidemiologic* OR etiology OR prevalence* OR estimate* OR rate (in title field): 267,225 hits
3. Search strings 1 AND 2 paired: 2270 hits
4. State* OR episode OR course* (in abstract field): 984,620 hits
5. Search strings 3 AND 4 paired: 523 hits

Search string Psychinfo
1. Bipolar* OR mania* OR manic OR hypomanic* OR depress* (in title field): 70,002 hits
2. Epidemiologic* OR etiology OR prevalence* OR estimate* OR rate (in title field): 34,391 hits
3. Search strings 1 AND 2 paired: 1969 hits
4. State* OR episode OR course* (in abstract field): 317,128 hits
5. Search strings 3 AND 4 paired: 514 hits

Studies meeting specific inclusion criteria: 10
An additional 4 studies excluded as outliers
Final Total 6