Potentially relevant abstracts (1551) identified for retrieval based on systematic search in Datastar (Embase, Medline, Medline in progress) and Cochrane RCT Library.

**Abstracts excluded (1434)**
- Not randomized controlled trials (757)
- Not rheumatoid arthritis patients (220)
- Not adult patient population (61)
- Intervention or comparison out of scope (219)
- Outcome not of interest (161)
- Other (16)

Potentially relevant full text publications (117)

**Full text publications excluded (96)**
- Study design out of scope (25)
- Outcomes not of interest (28)
- Population out of scope (26)
- Intervention out of scope (8)
- Other (7)
- Studies pending (2)

Abstracts (5), reports (2) and submissions (1) identified from other information sources: NICE, BMS, ACR and EULAR

**Included for data extraction (29):**
- Full publications (21), clinical study reports (2: AIM and ATTEST), Certolizumab submission (1), abstracts (5)

**Final RCTs included (16):**
- Abatacept (3), Etanercept (2), Golimumab (1), Infliximab (2), Adalimumab (2), Certolizumab (2), Rituximab (3), Tocilizumab (2).

1 RCT contains both abatacept and infliximab
Two studies were only available in abstract format