Web appendix 2: Databases and selected texts used to identify withdrawn anti-obesity medications, their launch dates, dates of first adverse drug reaction reports and withdrawals

- WHO's database of Consolidated List of Products Issues 6, 8, 12 & 14
- WHO's Drug Information Volumes 1-28
- WHO's Pharmaceuticals Newsletter (1997-2014)
- European Medicines Agency
- UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
- US Food and Drug Administration
- Pubmed
- Medline
- Google Scholar

- Meyler's Side Effects of Drugs volumes 1-8 and editions 9-15
- Side Effects of Drugs Annuals 1-36
- Stephens' Detection of New Adverse Drug Reactions, 5th edition
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Encyclopedia, 3rd edition
- The Merck Index, 15th edition

# of databases and websites searched, n = 9:
# of printed texts searched, n = 5:
# of products excluded, n = 22
Herbal preparations: 11
Discontinued prior to regulatory approval: 11

# of withdrawn anti-obesity medicinal products identified, n = 47

# of medicinal products included, n = 25