

Table 1: Yield and number of unique references identified for each database

	EMB	SCOP	MED	PUB	SCI	CEA	SSCI	HTA	ECON
Number of QGS retrieved (out of 351)	314	295	285	285	271	119	63	35	12
Yield* (%)	89	84	81	81	77	40	18	10	3
Number of unique references	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	0

*Yield = (No. of QGS retrieved/Total number of QGS records) x 100
 EMB, Embase; SCOP, Scopus; MED, Ovid MEDLINE Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, MEDLINE Daily and MEDLINE 1946 to Present; PUB, PubMed; SCI, Science Citation Index Expanded; CEA, CEA Registry; SSCI, Social Sciences Citation Index; HTA, HTA Database; ECON, EconLit; QGS, quasi gold standard.

Table 2: Yield for key database combinations

	Number of QGS retrieved (out of 351)	Yield* (%)
All databases combined	337	96
Most efficient combinations to find all 337 available references		
EMB + SCOP + HTA + MED	337	96
EMB + SCOP + HTA + PUB	337	96
Most efficient combinations of healthcare databases		
EMB + HTA + MED	333	95
EMB + HTA + PUB	333	95
Combination of freely available (non-subscription) databases		
PUB + HTA + CEA	299	85

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