

Appendix 1: Strategies used to search MEDLINE, EMBASE and the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials to identify long-term (≥ 6 months' duration) classic randomized controlled trials of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors for adult patients with unipolar depression (part 1 of 2)

Search term	No. of records returned
MEDLINE (1950 to week 1, May 2007)	
1. ssri.mp. or exp serotonin uptake inhibitors/	22 054
2. (fluoxetine or prozac).mp.	7 288
3. (sertraline or zoloft).mp.	2 238
4. (paroxetine or paxil).mp.	3 474
5. (fluvoxamine or luvox).mp.	1 919
6. (citalopram or celexa).mp.	2 606
7. or/1-6	24 094
8. (clinical trial.pt. or randomized.ti,ab. or placebo.ti,ab. or dt.fs. or randomly.ti,ab. or trial.ti,ab. or groups.ti,ab.) not (animals/ not humans/)	1 867 991
9. 7 and 8	13 027
10. (letter not randomized controlled trial).pt.	586 428
11. review.pt.	1 275 632
12. meta analysis.pt.	15 271
13. editorial.pt.	202 717
14. comment.pt.	329 262
15. case reports.pt.	1 296 290
16. or/10-15	3 204 707
17. 9 not 16	7 270
18. (2004\$ or 2005\$ or 2006\$ or 2007\$).ed.	2 299 763
19. (200306\$ or 200307\$ or 200308\$ or 200309\$ or 20031\$).ed.	305 913
20. 17 and (18 or 19)	2 110
EMBASE (1980 to week 18, 2007)	
1. exp Serotonin Uptake Inhibitor/ or ssri.mp.	48 173
2. (fluoxetine or prozac).mp.	21 889
3. (sertraline or zoloft).mp.	10 301
4. (paroxetine or paxil).mp.	12 685
5. (fluvoxamine or luvox).mp.	7 688
6. (citalopram or celexa).mp.	8 227
7. or/1-6	48 650
8. limit 7 to "treatment (2 or more terms min difference)"	8 568
9. limit 8 to yr="2003 - 2007"	4 345
10. limit 9 to (editorial or "review")	1 852
11. 9 not 10	2 493
12. limit 11 to human	2 438
13. limit 11 to (amphibia or ape or bird or cat or cattle or chicken or dog or "ducks and geese" or fish or "frogs and toads" or goat or guinea pig or "hamsters and gerbils" or horse or monkey or mouse or "pigeons and doves" or "rabbits and hares" or rat or reptile or sheep or swine)	39
14. 11 not (13 not 12)	2 464

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Search term	No. of records returned
Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (second quarter 2007)	
1. ssri.mp. or exp serotonin uptake inhibitors/	3 430
2. (fluoxetine or prozac).mp.	1 699
3. (sertraline or zoloft).mp.	923
4. (paroxetine or paxil).mp.	1 041
5. (fluvoxamine or luvox).mp.	606
6. (citalopram or celexa).mp.	505
7. or/1-6	5 265
8. limit 7 to yr="2003 - 2007"	1 125
9. from 8 keep 1-1000	1 000
10. from 8 keep 1001-1125	125
11. limit 7 to yr="1898 - 2002"	4 140