

Does Bradford's Law predict the size of the literature in Cochrane reviews?

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Table 1

Distribution of literature on the treatment of acute otitis media and pneumonia from a 2006 search of Cochrane Reviews

	Acute otitis media		Pneumonia	
	Articles*	Source journals	Articles*	Source journals
Zone 1: Core	41	5	69	6
Zone 2: Middle	41	15	87	21
Zone 3: Tail	53	53	95	83
Total	135	73	251	110
Bradford multiplier, <i>n</i>		3		3.5

* In order to keep all journals that produced the same number of papers in the same zone, article distribution was not exactly in thirds.