Additional file 2: List of excluded studies and reasons for exclusion.

| Study name | Reason for exclusion |
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| Adams 2003 [23] | Reporting on preferences, acceptability or feasibility |
| Azar-Cavanagh | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| 2007[24] | |
| Beason 1992[25] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Billiet 1991[28] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Dugger 1992[30] | Reporting economic analysis |
| Edwards 2012[31] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Ford 2011[55] | Reporting on preferences, acceptability or feasibility |
| Gartner 1992[32] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Gershon 1999[33] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Gil 2006 [27] | Reporting economic analysis |
| Gomez 2010 [29] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| LaMontagne 2007[34] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices; |
| | also "quantitative use of SEDs could not be precisely |
| | estimated for intramuscular or subcutaneous injections" |
| Laufer 1994 [35] | Reporting economic analysis |
| Lawrence 1997 [36] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| L'Ecuyer 1996 [37] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| MacPherson 1996[38] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| McCleary 2002[39] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Mendelson 1998[40] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| MMWR 1997[26] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Mulherin 1996 [41] | Reporting on preferences, acceptability or feasibility |
| Orenstein 1995 [42] | Reporting on preferences, acceptability or feasibility |
| Peate 2001[52] | Evaluating glucometer lancets |
| Pereira 2010[43] | Reporting economic analysis |
| Puro 2010 [44] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Rogues 2004 [45] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Skolnick 1993 [46] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Suzuki 2006 [56] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Terrell 1993 [47] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Vaudelle-Malbos | Reporting on preferences, acceptability or feasibility |
| 1996[48] | |
| Wolfrum 1994 [49] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Yassi 1995 [50] | Evaluating intravenous injection or phlebotomy safety devices |
| Zakrzewska[51] | Reporting data on SED not in the HCW setting |