Online Supplementary Document

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Appendix 1 Search Strategy

1) MEDLINE (via Ovid®): 1948 to October 2013

No.	Searches		
1	exp Pneumonia/		
2	Irti.tw.		
3	alri.tw.		
4	ari.tw.		
5	pneumonia\$.tw.		
6	1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5		
7	exp Therapeutics/		
8	treat\$.tw.		
9	(care adj3 in-patient\$).tw.		
10	(care adj3 out-patient\$).tw.		
11	(care adj3 hospital\$).tw.		
12	(care adj3 communit\$).tw.		
13	7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12		
14	exp Economics/		
15	cost\$.tw.		
16	econom\$.tw.		
17	expend\$.tw.		
18	14 or 15 or 16 or 17		
19	6 and 13 and 18		
20	limit 19 to ("all infant (birth to 23 months)" or "preschool child (2 to 5		

2) EMBASE (via Ovid®): 1980 to October 2013

No.	Searches
1	exp pneumonia/
2	Irti.tw.
3	alri.tw.
4	ari.tw.
5	pneumonia\$.tw.
6	1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5
7	exp therapy/
8	(care adj3 in–patient\$).tw.
9	(care adj3 out-patient\$).tw.
10	(care adj3 hospital\$).tw.
11	(care adj3 communit\$).tw.
12	treat\$.tw.
13	7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12
14	exp economic aspect/
15	cost\$.tw.
16	econom\$.tw.
17	expend\$.tw.
18	14 or 15 or 16 or 17
19	6 and 13 and 18
20	limit 19 to (infant <to one="" year=""> or preschool child <1 to 6 years>)</to>

3) DARE, NHS EED & NHS HTA (via CRD – www.crd.york.ac.uk): All records to October 2013

No.	Searches		
1	MeSH Pneumonia EXPLODE 1 2		
2	pneumonia*		
3	Irti		
4	alri		
5	ari		
6	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5		
7	MeSH Therapeutics EXPLODE 1		
8	treat*		
9	therap*		
10	#7 OR #8 OR #9		
11	MeSH Economics EXPLODE 1 2		
12	cost*		
13	econom*		
14	expend*		
15	#11 OR #12 OR #13 OR #14		
16	MeSH Child, Preschool EXPLODE 1		
17	MeSH Infant EXPLODE 1		
18	#16 OR #17		
19	#6 AND #10 AND #15 AND #18		

4) The Cochrane Library (via Wiley Online Library – onlinelibrary.wiley.com). All records to October 2013

No.	Searches			
1	MeSH descriptor Pneumonia explode all trees			
2	pneumonia*			
3	lrti			
4	alri			
5	(#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4)			
6	MeSH descriptor Therapeutics explode all trees			
7	treat*			
8	therap*			
9	(#6 OR #7 OR #8)			
10	MeSH descriptor Economics explode all trees			
11	cost*			
12	econom*			
13	expend*			
14	(#10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13)			
15	MeSH descriptor Child, Preschool explode all trees			
16	MeSH descriptor Infant explode all trees			
17	(#15 OR #16)			
18	(#5 AND #9 AND #14 AND #17)			

Appendix 2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria for published studies.

Inclusion required ALL of the following:

- English language
- Empirical cost data presented
- All–cause pneumonia
- Treatment of pneumonia using antibiotics
- Reporting specifically for children aged 0–59 months
- Unbiased population sample

Exclusion if ONE of the following was true:

- "Vaccine-" or "Palivizumab" trials
- Specially selected cohorts
- "Non–standard" interventions
- Review articles and conference abstracts

Appendix 3 Modified Drummond checklist for quality assessment for published studies

1	The question and perspective are clearly stated
2	It is a cost–study
3	Quantity of resources used and unit costs are reported separately
4	Data sources are clearly reported
5	Currency & Price (including price year) are documented
6	Time horizon of costs is stated
7	Consideration of discounting is documented and justified
8	Details of statistical tests and result errors are clearly described
9	Sensitivity analysis is carried out (and adjustments stated)
10	A comparison is made between two alternatives
11	A standardised definition of pneumonia is used (ICD/IMCI/WHO etc)
12	The answer to the study question is clearly stated (and valid)
13	Conclusions are drawn, and relevant limitations are raised.

Appendix 4 Costing spreadsheet and practical guide (see separate file attached)

Appendix 5 Results of quality assessment score

Authors	Year	Quality Score	Unaddressed checklist items
Al–Eidan,et al (22)	1999	8	2,3,7,9,11
Alamgir, et al (18)	2010	7	3,5,7,9,10,11
Anh,D et al (31)	2010	12	10
Ashraf,et al (24)	2010	8	2,3,4,7,9,
Aurangzeb & Hameed (27)	2003	9	7,8,9
Ayieko et al (19)	2009	11	7,11
Chola et al (35)	2009	8	7,8,9,11,12
Constenla,D. (14)	2007	10	7,8,9
Ehlken et al (12)	2005	9	5,7,9,11
Hussain,et al (29)	2008	8	1,3,7,8,9
Hussain,et al (28) Jha et al (33)	2006	7	3,6,7,8,9,11
	1998	8	2,3,6,9,11
Khuri–Bulos,et al (38)	2010	3	1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,11,12
Lambert et al (13)	2008	6	1,2,3,7,9,11,12
Madsen,et al (25) Newall & Scuffham (23)	2009	11	7,9
	2008	9	3,7,8,10
Sahu,et al (26)	2002	3	2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,13
Toan,et al (32)	2001	6	3,5,7,8,9,11,13
Temple et al (37)	2012	11	7,9
Sadruddin et al (30)	2012	8	3,5,7,8,9
Alvis–Guzman et al (36)	2013	8	3,6,7,9,10
Brotons et al (15)	2013	8	3,6,7,9,11
Kichin et al (34)	2011	8	3,5,6,7,9
Sinha et al (16)	2012	11	9,11
	Mean	8.21	