

## **Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria for Meta-Analysis of Antipyretic Therapy in Critically Ill Septic Patients**

### **Inclusion criteria:**

- (1) observational or randomized studies of adult patients with sepsis/infection
- (2) evaluation of antipyretic treatment (pharmacological or physical cooling)
- (3) mortality reported as an outcome
- (4) English-language version available.

### **Exclusion criteria:**

- (1) editorials and reviews
- (2) non-human studies
- (3) studies including pediatric patients
- (4) healthy volunteer studies
- (5) studies of patients with neurological injury
- (6) lack of a control or permissive febrile group
- (7) Insufficient data reported for analysis