

Potentially relevant citations n= 48*

MEDLINE	n=12
EMBASE	n=46
Cochrane Central	
Register of controlled Trials	n= 5
Clinical trials.gov	n= 3
Hand search	n= 4

Articles retrieved in full-text n= 14

Analysis of full
manuscript

5 Studies published in 3 articles
included in the review.

Exclusion n=38
Reasons for exclusion
Related to pneumonia
bronchitis or cough or
unrelated topic

Exclusion n=11

- Reasons for exclusion
- Unrelated topic n = 7
- Review n = 1
- Observational study n = 1
- Unpublished trials identified, which did not provide enough data. n = 2