

Preliminary search and
identification of key terms

Search terms checked for
relevance and updated
accordingly

3 keyword/phrase searches were
performed:

Limited to 'human studies',
published in English, and published
between 1999 and January 2010.
(n= 1888)

Records after duplicates
removed
(n= 1271)

Phase 1: full-text articles
assessed for eligibility, (n=743
articles excluded).

Phase 1 exclusion criteria:
Not related to prevalence/ correlates of
depression.
Focus is on Bi-polar Mood Disorder.
Article published prior to 1999.
No gender specific data included.
Diagnosis and treatment not related to
correlates or prevalence of depression.
Non-English language.
Does not include Australian data.
Article not peer-reviewed.
Sample outside the scope of the review
(children <13 years).
Duplicates not electronically identified .

Phase 2: full-text articles further
assessed,
(n = 417 articles excluded).

Phase 2 exclusion criteria:
Full-text article not attainable.
Small population sample size (with exception:
Indigenous and CALD population samples due to
lack of available literature on these populations).
Research used qualitative methods.
Biological/genetic focus (not related to
prevalence or correlates).
Antenatal only.
Mental health literacy (for example, public
health campaigns).

(n = 111) articles selected for
review.