The search strategies for all databases and websites consulted are detailed below.

MEDLINE

Database: MEDLINE Ovid 1950 to present

1. exp Tuberculosis/ (131,795)
2. tb.tw. (14038)
3. tuberculous.tw. (20,272)
4. tuberculos$2.tw. (106,603)
5. tubercular.tw. (1989)
6. phthisis.tw. (552)
7. tuberculoma$1.tw. (1796)
8. pott$ disease.tw. (526)
9. tuberculid$1.tw. (230)
10. scrofuloderma$1.tw. (135)
11. scrofula$1.tw. (88)
12. Mycobacterium bovis/ (7156)
13. Mycobacterium tuberculosis/ (26,004)
14. tubercle bacill$.tw. (3059)
15. mycobacterium africanum.tw. (96)
16. mycobacterium microti.tw. (105)
17. mycobacterium canetti.tw. (3)
18. mycobacterium bovis.tw. (3937)
19. or/1-18 (169,014)
20. BCG Vaccine/ (14,856)
21. BCG.tw. (15,276)
22. (bacill$ adj3 Calmette$).tw. (4601)
23. tubercul$ vaccin$.tw. (448)
24. Calmette Vaccin$.tw. (14)
25. or/20-24 (21,429)
26. 19 and 25 (12,143)
27. exp animals/ not humans/ (3,377,110)
28. 26 not 27 (8768)
29. limit 25 to yr='1945 - 1965' (2571)
30. 29 not 27 (2383)
31. 28 or 30 (10,087)

Database: Old MEDLINE Ovid 1950–65

1. BCG Vaccine/ (277)
2. BCG.tw. (824)
3. (bacill$ adj3 Calmette$).tw. (10)
4. tubercul$ vaccin$.tw. (11)
5. Calmette Vaccin$.tw. (1)
6. or/1-5 (888)
7. exp animals/ not humans/ (11,811)
8. 6 not 7 (876)

Database: MEDLINE Ovid In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations – current week 15 May 2009

1. exp Tuberculosis/ (5)
2. tb.tw. (1123)
3. tuberculous.tw. (381)
4. tuberculos$2.tw. (2434)
5. tubercular.tw. (74)
6. phthisis.tw. (10)
7. tuberculoma$1.tw. (23)
8. pott$ disease.tw. (12)
9. tuberculid$1.tw. (6)
10. scrofuloderma$1.tw. (3)
11. scrofula$1.tw. (0)
12. Mycobacterium bovis/ (0)
13. Mycobacterium tuberculosis/ (0)
14. tubercle bacill$.tw. (84)
15. mycobacterium africanum.tw. (2)
16. mycobacterium microti.tw. (0)
17. mycobacterium canetti.tw. (0)
18. mycobacterium bovis.tw. (130)
19. or/1-18 (3485)
20. BCG Vaccine/ (0)
21. BCG.tw. (261)
22. (bacill$ adj3 Calmette$).tw. (120)
23. tubercul$ vaccin$.tw. (27)
24. Calmette Vaccin$.tw. (0)
25. or/20-24 (303)
26. 19 and 25 (174)
27. exp animals/ not humans/ (9)
28. 26 not 27 (174)
29. limit 25 to yr='1920 - 1965' (8)
30. 29 not 27 (8)
31. 28 or 30 (179)