

Of the 847 full-text articles identified for potential inclusion into the review, 636 were excluded. The reasons for exclusion for these studies are found in *Table 32*.

Unable to obtain papers

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TABLE 32 Reasons for exclusion of 636 references identified in title and abstract screening for inclusion

Reason	Number of papers excluded on this basis
Unable to obtain papers	48
Not a primary study	77
Inappropriate study type	229
Study did not include BCG vaccinated and unvaccinated participants	74
Study did not report outcome data on tuberculosis disease and/or tuberculosis mortality	63
Study outcome was tuberculosis infection	21
Study did not report individual-level data to construct a 2 × 2 table	25
Study participants were only tuberculosis patients	16
Study included revaccinated participants	30
Animal studies	21
BCG vaccination studied was orally administered	32
<i>Total</i>	636

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