

Literature Search Strategies

PubMed (Main search)

Search no.	Keywords
1	meta-analys* OR "systematic review" OR controlled clinical trials, randomized [MeSH Terms] OR randomi* controlled trial* OR RCT* OR non-randomi* controlled trial* OR non-randomi* control trial* OR controlled clinical trial* OR clinical monitor* OR case series OR case report* OR case control* OR open stud* OR cohort stud*
2	pemphigoid, bullous[MeSH Terms] OR "bullous pemphigoid"
3	1 AND 2
4	therapy OR therapies OR treatment OR management OR intervention* OR immunosuppress*
5	2 AND 4
6	prednisolone OR prednisolone[MeSH Terms] OR methylprednisolone OR methylprednisolone[MeSH Terms] OR prednisone OR prednisone[MeSH Terms] OR dexamethasone OR dexamethasone[MeSH Terms] OR corticosteroid* OR steroid OR steroids OR steroidal OR steroids[MeSH Terms]
7	2 AND 6
8	dapsone OR dapsone[MeSH Terms] OR sulphona* OR sulfona* OR sulpha* OR sulfameth* OR sulfap*
9	2 AND 8
10	erythromycin[MeSH Terms] OR erythromycin* OR antibiotic*
11	2 AND 10
12	tetracycline[MeSH Terms] OR tetracyclin* OR minocyclin* OR minocycline[MeSH Terms] OR lymecyclin* OR lymecycline[MeSH Terms] OR doxycyclin* OR doxycycline[MeSH Terms] OR oxytetracyclin* OR oxytetracycline[MeSH Terms]
13	2 AND 12
14	nicotinamide OR niacinamide [MeSH Terms] OR niacinamide
15	2 AND 14
16	"mycophenolate mofetil"
17	2 AND 16
18	cyclophosphamide[MeSH Terms] OR cyclophosphamid*
19	2 AND 18
20	cyclosporine[MeSH Terms] OR ciclosporin* OR cyclosporin*
21	2 AND 20
22	methotrexate[MeSH Terms] OR methotrexate
23	2 AND 22
24	PubMed = plasmapheresis[MeSH Terms] OR plasmapheres*
25	2 AND 24
26	PubMed = azathioprine[MeSH Terms] OR azathioprin*
27	2 AND 26
28	biologics [MeSH Terms] OR biologic* OR anti-TNF OR adalimumab OR etanercept OR infliximab OR rituximab OR ustekinumab OR IVIg OR "intravenous immunoglobulin"
29	2 and 28
30	chlorambucil[MeSH Terms] OR chlorambucil OR "clobetasol propionate" OR

	clobetasol[MESH Terms]
31	2 and 30
32	3 OR 5 OR 7 OR 9 OR 11 OR 13 OR 15 OR 17 OR 19 OR 21 OR 23 OR 25 OR 27 OR 29 OR 31
33	Limit 32 to publication from 01.01.02-present

MEDLINE & EMBASE (ProQuest Dialog Datastar) (Main Search)

Search no.	Keywords
1	meta-analys\$2 OR (systematic pre/0 review\$1) OR (randomi\$3 pre/0 control\$3 pre/0 trial\$1) OR RCT\$1 OR (non-randomi\$3 control\$3 pre/0 trial\$1) OR (control\$3 pre/0 clinical pre/0 trial\$1) OR (clinical pre/0 monitor\$3) OR (case pre/0 series) OR (case pre/0 report\$1) OR (case pre/0 control\$1) OR (open pre/0 stud\$3) OR (cohort pre/0 stud\$3)
2	pemphigoid, bullous [MeSH Terms] OR (bullous pre/0 pemphigoid)
3	1 AND 2
4	therap\$3 OR treatment OR management OR intervention\$1 OR immunosuppress\$4
5	2 AND 4
6	prednisolone OR prednisolone [MeSH Terms] OR methylprednisolone OR methylprednisolone [MeSH Terms] OR prednisone OR prednisone [MeSH Terms] OR dexamethasone OR dexamethasone [MeSH Terms] OR corticosteroid\$2 OR steroid\$2 OR steroids [MeSH Terms]
7	2 AND 6
8	dapsone OR dapsone [MeSH Terms] OR sulph\$8 OR sulf\$8 OR sulphap\$8 OR sulfap\$8 OR sulphamethoxyp\$10 OR sulphamethoxyp\$10
9	2 AND 8
10	Erythromycin [MeSH Terms] OR erythromycin\$1 OR antibiotic\$1
11	2 AND 10
12	Tetracycline [MeSH Terms] OR tetracyclin\$2 OR minocyclin\$ OR minocycline [MeSH Terms] OR lymecyclin\$ OR lymecycline [MeSH Terms] OR doxycyclin\$ OR doxycycline [MeSH Terms] OR oxytetracyclin\$ OR oxytetracycline [MeSH Terms]
13	2 AND 12
14	nicotinamide OR niacinamide OR niacinamide [MeSH Terms]
15	2 AND 14
16	mycophenolate pre/0 mofetil
17	2 AND 16
18	Cyclophosphamide [MeSH Terms] OR cyclophosphamid\$
19	2 AND 18
20	Cyclosporine [MeSH Terms] OR cyclosporins [MeSH Terms] OR ciclosporin\$2 OR cyclosporin\$2
21	2 AND 20
22	Methotrexate [MeSH Terms] OR methotrexate
23	2 AND 22
24	Plasmapheresis [MeSH Terms] OR plasmapheres\$2
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PubMed – Statins search

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1	pemphigoid, bullous[MeSH Terms] OR "bullous pemphigoid"
2	statin* OR simvastatin OR hydroxymethylglutaryl coa reductase inhibitors[MeSH Terms]
3	1 and 2

Medline (Dialog Datastar) – Statins search

Search no.	Keywords
1	pemphigoid, bullous#.DE. OR bullous pemphigoid
2	statin\$ OR simvastatin OR hydroxymethylglutaryl-Coa-Reductase-Inhibitors#.DE.
3	1 and 2

Embase (Dialog Datastar) – Statins search

Search no.	Keywords
1	pemphigoid, bullous#.DE. OR bullous pemphigoid
2	statin\$ OR simvastatin OR Statin#.W..DE. OR Hydroxymethylglutaryl-Coenzyme-A-Reductase-Inhibitor#.DE.
3	1 and 2

www.controlled-trials.com/mrct/ and www.clinicaltrials.gov – Statins search

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1	"bullous pemphigoid"
2	"statin" or "HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors" or "hydroxymethylglutaryl-coenzyme A inhibitors"
3	1 and 2