

Appendix 2. Control questions and results of abstract screening (n=2,532)

Question Number	Question	Answer	Action	Number of studies
Q1	Is this a health economics study? (does it report resource use, costs, cost-effectiveness ratios, QALYs?)	No	Exclude	2,054
		Yes or unsure	Go to Q2	477
Q2	Does the study include the population with asthma?	No	Exclude	3
		Yes or unsure	Go to Q3	474
Q3	Does the study include the population with co-morbidities?	Yes	Exclude	8
		No or unsure	Go to Q4	466
Q4	Is the paper written in English?	No	Exclude	43
		Yes	Proceed to the full text selection	423