

1. pregnancy [Title/Abstract]
2. parturient [Title/Abstract]
3. delivery [Title/Abstract]
4. obstetric [Title/Abstract]
5. labor [Title/Abstract]
6. labour [Title/Abstract]
7. obstetrical [Title/Abstract]
8. delivery, obstetric"[Mesh]
9. "labor, obstetric"[Mesh]
10. "obstetrics"[Mesh]
11. 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10
12. automated intermittent epidural bolus [Title/Abstract]
13. automated mandatory boluses [Title/Abstract]
14. automated intermittent mandatory boluses [Title/Abstract]
15. programmed intermittent bolus [Title/Abstract]
16. intermittent epidural bolus [Title/Abstract]
17. programmed intermittent epidural bolus [Title/Abstract]
18. PIEB [Title/Abstract]
19. Intermittent [Title/Abstract]
20. epidural [Title/Abstract]
21. 19 AND 20
22. 12 OR 13 OR 14 OR 15 OR 16 OR 17 OR 18 OR 21
23. ropivacaine [Title/Abstract]
24. ropivacaine hydrochloride[Title/Abstract]
25. 23 AND 24
26. randomized controlled trial[Title/Abstract]
27. clinical trials [Title/Abstract]
28. random allocation [Title/Abstract]
29. randomized*[Title/Abstract]
30. "random allocation"[Mesh]
31. "randomized controlled trials as topic"[Mesh]
32. "controlled clinical trial" [Publication Type]
33. "randomized controlled trial" [Publication Type]
34. 26 OR 27 OR 28 OR 29 OR 30 OR 31 OR 31 OR 33
35. 11 AND 22 AND 25 AND 34

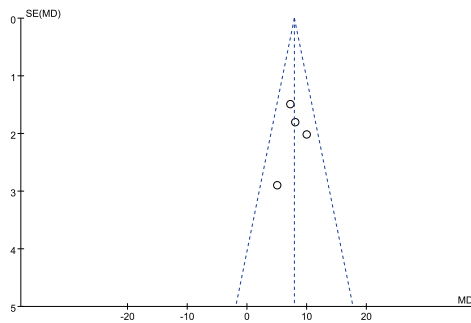


Figure S1 Funnel plot.