Appendix e1
Search strategy

The search string includes key terms for pancreas and stent and is combined with filter for selecting randomized controlled trials

PubMed (for MEDLINE)
(("pancreas"[MeSH Terms] OR "pancreas"[All Fields] OR "pancreatic"[All Fields]) AND ("stents"[MeSH Terms] OR "stents"[All Fields] OR "stent"[All Fields] OR "stenting"[All Fields])) AND (((randomized controlled trial[pt]) OR (controlled clinical trial [pt]) OR (randomized[tiab]) OR (PLACEBO) OR (clinical trials as topic[mesh:noexp]) OR (randomly[tiab]) OR (trial[ti])) NOT (animals[mh] NOT humans[mh]))

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('pancreas'/exp OR 'pancreas' OR 'pancreatic') AND ('stent'/exp OR 'stent' OR 'stents'/exp OR 'stents' OR 'stenting'/exp OR 'stent-ing')

AND

'phase 1 clinical trial'/exp OR 'phase 2 clinical trial'/exp OR 'phase 3 clinical trial'/exp OR 'phase 4 clinical trial'/exp OR 'randomized controlled trials'/exp OR 'randomised controlled trials' OR 'randomised control trials' OR 'rcts' OR 'controlled clinical trial'/exp OR 'clinical trials'/exp OR 'randomised controlled trial' OR 'randomized control trials' OR 'clinical trial'/exp OR 'random controlled clinical trial' OR 'randomized controlled clinical trials' OR 'randomised controlled clinical trials' OR 'randomized clinical trials' OR 'randomised clinical trials' OR 'rct' OR 'cct' OR 'multicenter study'/exp OR 'multicentre study' OR 'nct' OR 'nct' OR 'randomized controlled trial'/exp OR 'controlled clinical trial'/exp OR 'randomized' OR 'placebo'/exp OR 'drug therapy'/exp OR 'randomly' OR 'trial'

Cochrane Library database
(("pancreas"[MeSH Terms] OR "pancreas"[All Fields] OR "pancreatic"[All Fields]) AND ("stents"[MeSH Terms] OR "stents"[All Fields] OR "stent"[All Fields] OR "stenting"[All Fields])) in Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials