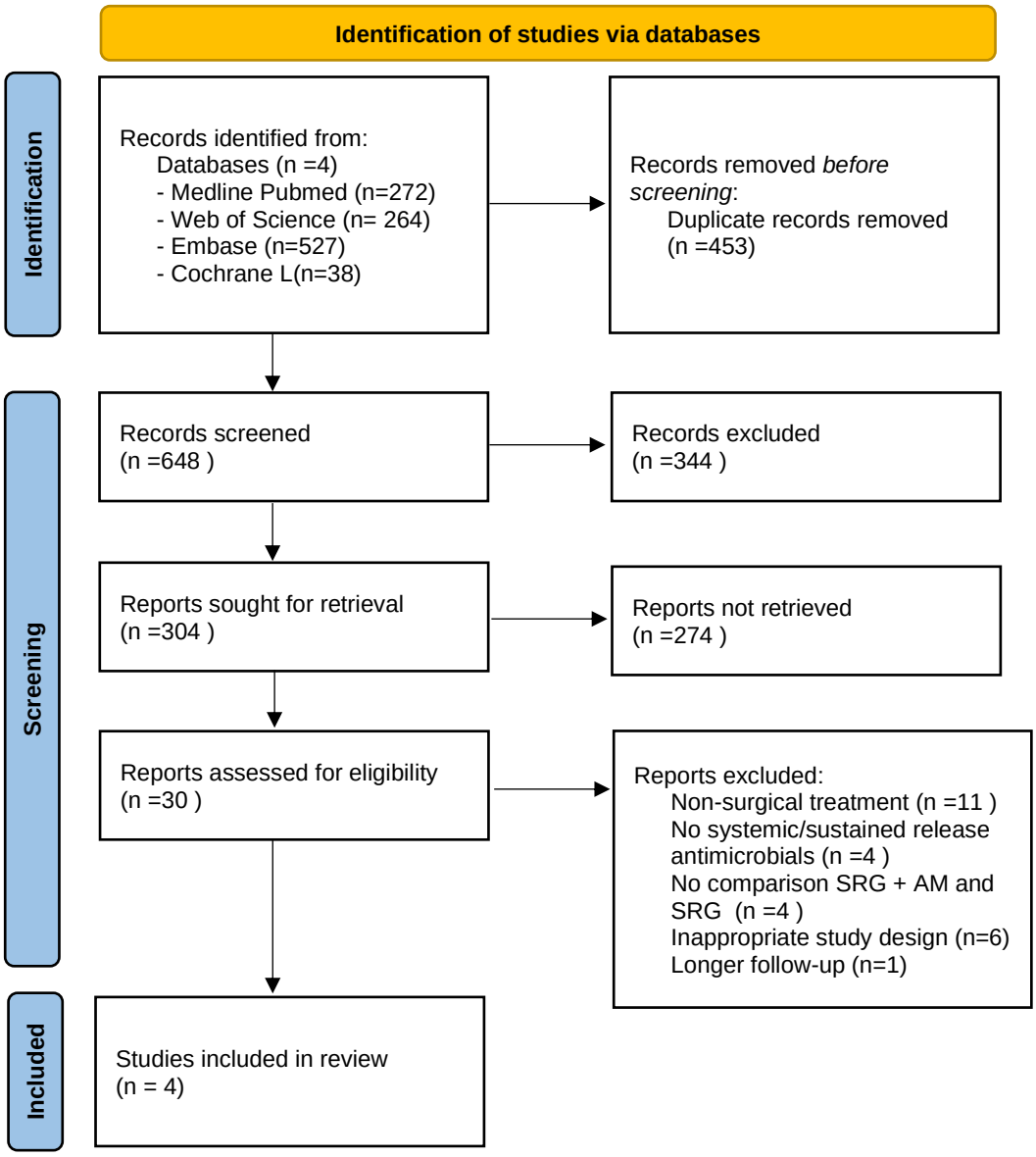

Identification of studies via databases
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Records identified from:
Databases (n =4)
- Medline Pubmed (n=272)
- Web of Science (n= 264)
- Embase (n=527)
- Cochrane L(n=38)
Records removed *before screening*:
Duplicate records removed
(n =453)
Screening
Records screened
(n =648 )
Records excluded
(n =344 )
Reports sought for retrieval
(n =304 )
Reports not retrieved
(n =274 )
Reports assessed for eligibility
(n =30 )
Reports excluded:
Non-surgical treatment (n =11 )
No systemic/sustained release antimicrobials (n =4 )
No comparison SRG + AM and SRG (n =4 )
Inappropriate study design (n=6)
Longer follow-up (n=1)
Included
Studies included in review
(n = 4)