Potentially relevant citations after electronic and hand search and reference checking (n= 653).
First screening of abstracts by 2 reviewers

Second screening of abstracts by 2 reviewers (n = 141)

Third screening of full articles – consensus meeting (n = 43)

Full and relevant articles entered for review: N = 31

* = survey of practice, imaging studies, prognosis, recommendations, technical study etc
DH = patients with disc herniation