

Appendix 3: Geographical distribution of all observational studies registered in ClinicalTrials.gov as of March 26, 2010

Region*	Number of observational studies (n = 14 595)[†]	Percentage of all observational studies
Africa	156	1%
Central America and Caribbean	101	1%
South America	242	2%
Eastern Asia	1 023	7%
Southern and Central Asia	110	1%
Southeastern Asia	182	1%
Western Asia	618	4%
Oceania (e.g., Australia, New Zealand)	177	1%
Europe	2 970	20%
Northern America	7 686	53%
- Canada	667	5%
- United States	7 178	49%
- Mexico	56	0%
Missing	2 066	14%

*Countries classified according to United Nations (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49regin.htm>).

[†]81% (n = 11 855) were conducted in a single country, and 5% (n = 674) were in more than one country; the remainder were missing location information.