Records identified through Additional records identified through database searching, n=1768 other sources, n=0 Records screened in 1st sift, n=1768 Records excluded in 1st sift, n=1680 Records screened in 2nd sift, n=N/A Records excluded in 2nd sift, n=N/A Full-text papers assessed for eligibility, n=88 Papers included in review, n=9 Papers excluded from review, n=79 Reasons for exclusion: see Appendix I

Figure 1: Flow chart of clinical study selection for the review of approaches for diagnosis of gout