

Records excluded by specific criteria (n= 2,036):

- Abstracts and editorials (n= 149)
- Commentaries (n= 20)
- Reviews (n= 712)
- Practice Guidelines (n= 2)
- Unsatisfactory study design, unsatisfactory definition of cases, unsatisfactory outcome measures, not in English (n= 1,164)

Full-text articles excluded (n= 17):

- Overlap of population among included studies (n=4)
- Unsatisfactory diagnosis of NAFLD (*i.e.*, only serum liver enzymes or other surrogate markers) (n=10)
- Sample size <500 individuals or duration of study follow-up less than 1 year (n=3)