Identification of studies via databases and registers

Records identified from*: Databases (n = 6,022) Registers (n = 0)

Records removed before screening: Duplicate records removed (n = 3,389) Records marked as ineligible by automation tools (n = 0) Records removed for other reasons (n = 7)

Records screened (n = 2,626)

Records excluded** (n = 2,583)

Reports sought for retrieval (n = 46)

Reports not retrieved (n = 0)

Reports assessed for eligibility (n = 46)

Reports excluded: Unsatisfactory inclusion criteria (n = 2) Unsatisfactory study design (n = 4) Same cohort of other published studies (n = 4)

Studies included in review (n = 38) Reports of included studies (n = 0)

*Consider, if feasible to do so, reporting the number of records identified from each database or register searched (rather than the total number across all databases/registers).

**If automation tools were used, indicate how many records were excluded by a human and how many were excluded by automation tools.


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