

Identification

Records identified through
database searching (PubMed,
EMBASE and Web of science)
(n= 31,381)

Additional records identified
through other sources
(previous Meta-analysis)
(n= 12)

Screening

Records after duplicates removed
(n = 30,775)

Records screened
(n = 30,775)

Records excluded
(n = 30,749)

Eligibility

Full-text articles
assessed for eligibility
(n = 26)

Full-text articles
excluded, with reasons*
(n = 11)

Included

Studies included in
qualitative synthesis
(n = 15)

Studies included in
quantitative synthesis
(meta-analysis)
(n = 15)

