

Identification of new studies via databases and registers

Identification

Records identified from:
Databases (n = 1,468)
Registers (n = 0)

Records removed before screening:
Duplicate records (n = 978)
Records marked as ineligible by automation
tools (n = 0)
Records removed for other reasons (n = 0)

Screening

Records screened
(n = 490)

Records excluded
(n = 281)

Reports sought for retrieval
(n = 209)

Reports not retrieved
(n = 32)

Reports assessed for eligibility
(n = 177)

Reports excluded:
Comparative data mining techniques (n = 14)

Included

New studies included in review
(n = 163)
Reports of new included studies
(n = 0)