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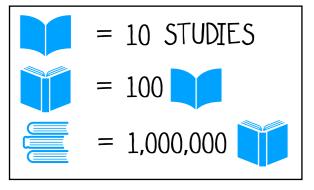


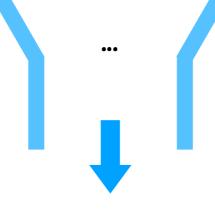
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26 million citations in PubMed



4 million citations retrieved



278 citations screened as potentially relevant



22 studies chosen to be included



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