

Total numbers of papers retrieved on search (n=28)

Studies Excluded
Reviews and only abstract (n=7)
Relevant to treatment (n=2)

Potentially relevant studies identified for evaluation (n=19)

Studies Excluded
Not relevant to APRI diagnosis (n=3)

Eligible studies identified for evaluation (n=16)

Studies Excluded
Insufficient data (n=4)
Duplication of data (n=1)
Small sample size and mixed etiology (n=2)

Studies included in meta-analysis (n=9)