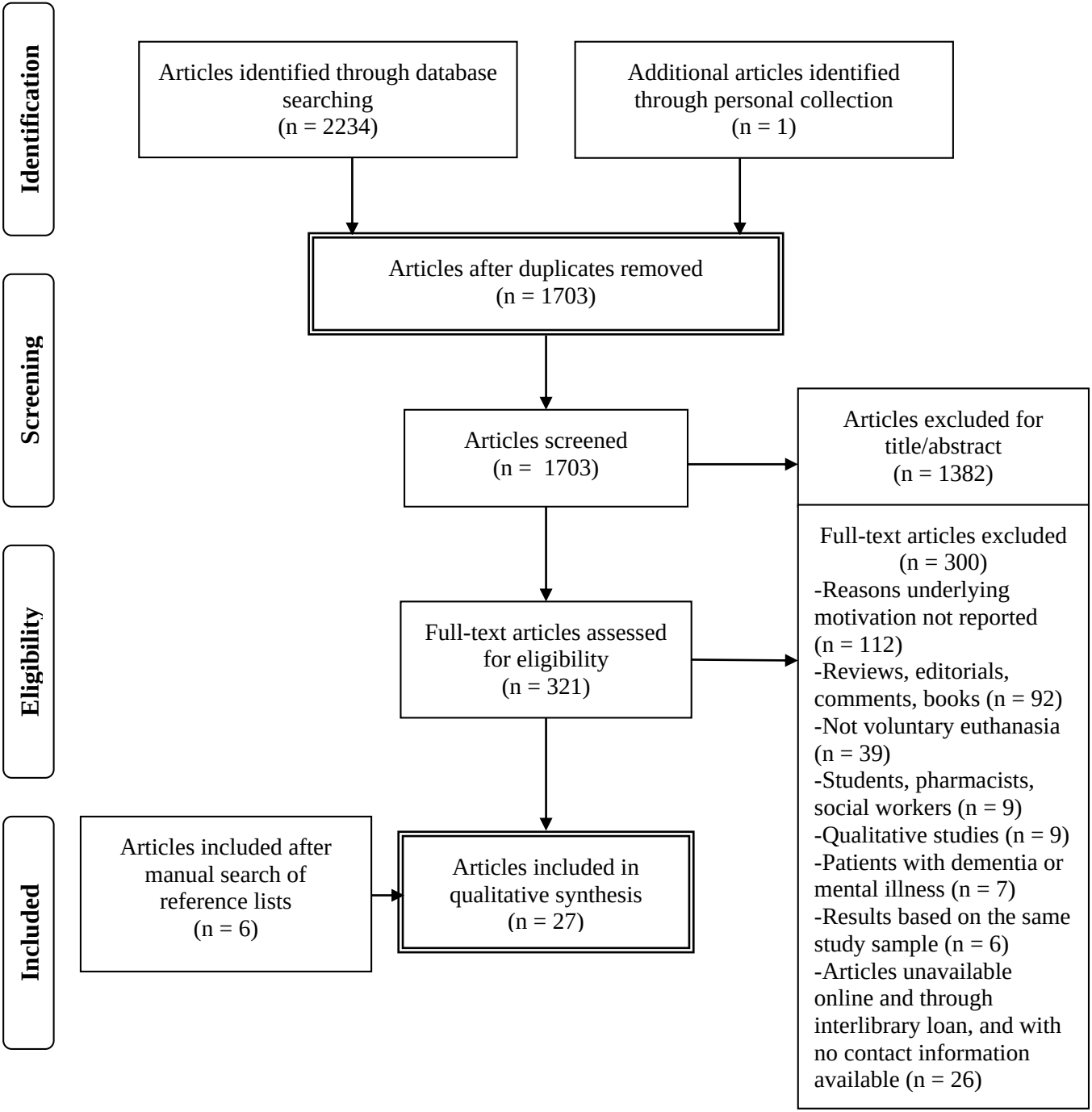
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-Patients with dementia or mental illness (n = 7)
-Results based on the same study sample (n = 6)
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