

Potentially relevant
RCTs identified and
screened for retrieval
N=336

RCTs excluded N=310
Population N=61
Intervention N=230
Outcome N=19

RCTs retrieved for more
detailed evaluation.
N=26

Excluded papers: N=18
Design N= 7
Intervention N= 11

Potentially appropriate RCTs
to be included in the
meta analysis N= 8

RCTs included in the
meta-analysis
N=8