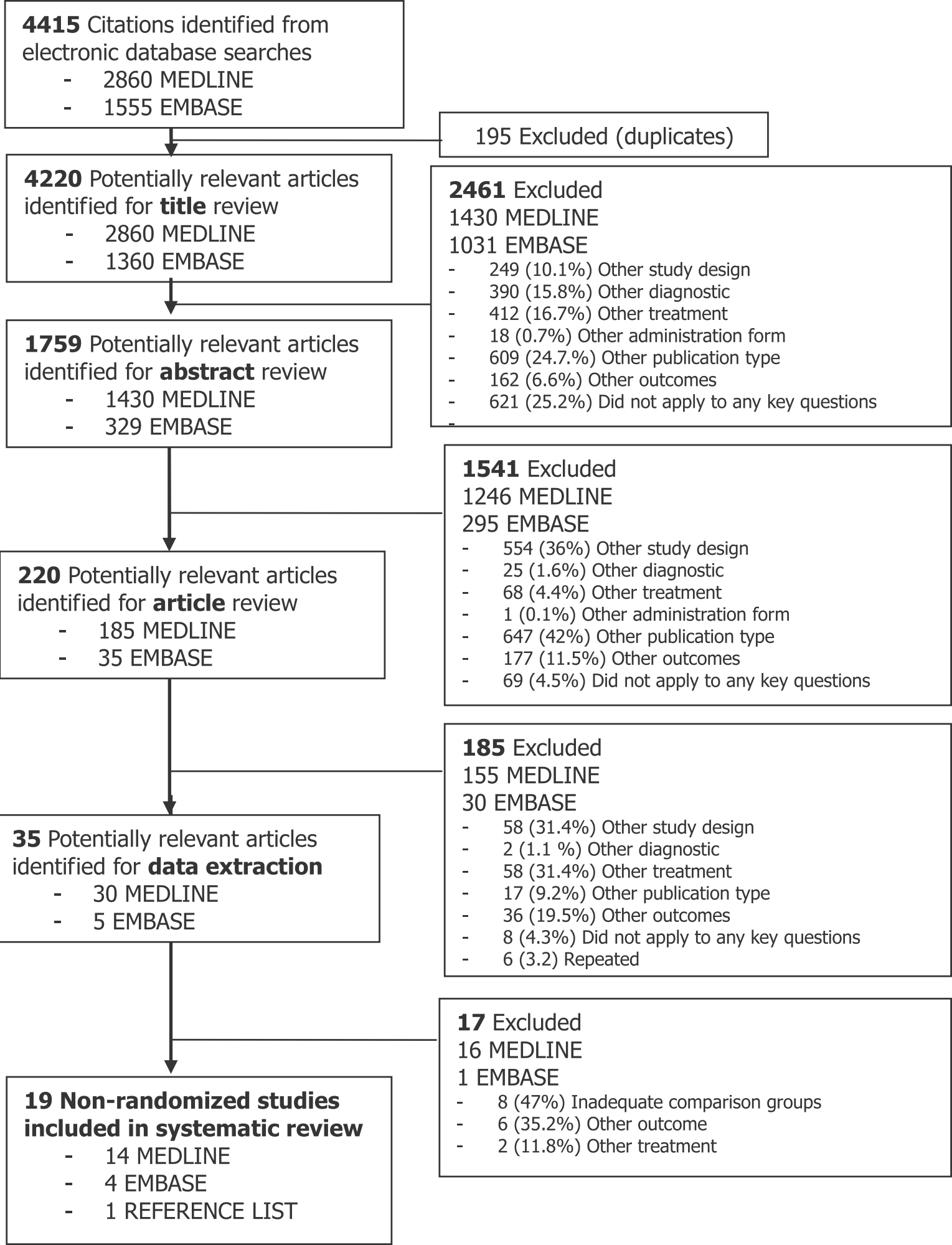
4415 Citations identified from electronic database searches
- 2860 MEDLINE
- 1555 EMBASE
195 Excluded (duplicates)
4220 Potentially relevant articles identified for **title** review
- 2860 MEDLINE
- 1360 EMBASE
2461 Excluded
1430 MEDLINE
1031 EMBASE
- 249 (10.1%) Other study design
- 390 (15.8%) Other diagnostic
- 412 (16.7%) Other treatment
- 18 (0.7%) Other administration form
- 609 (24.7.%) Other publication type
- 162 (6.6%) Other outcomes
- 621 (25.2%) Did not apply to any key questions
1759 Potentially relevant articles identified for **abstract** review
- 1430 MEDLINE
- 329 EMBASE
1541 Excluded
1246 MEDLINE
295 EMBASE
- 554 (36%) Other study design
- 25 (1.6%) Other diagnostic
- 68 (4.4%) Other treatment
- 1 (0.1%) Other administration form
- 647 (42%) Other publication type
- 177 (11.5%) Other outcomes
- 69 (4.5%) Did not apply to any key questions
220 Potentially relevant articles identified for **article** review
- 185 MEDLINE
- 35 EMBASE
185 Excluded
155 MEDLINE
30 EMBASE
- 58 (31.4%) Other study design
- 2 (1.1 %) Other diagnostic
- 58 (31.4%) Other treatment
- 17 (9.2%) Other publication type
- 36 (19.5%) Other outcomes
- 8 (4.3%) Did not apply to any key questions
- 6 (3.2) Repeated
35 Potentially relevant articles identified for **data extraction**
- 30 MEDLINE
- 5 EMBASE
17 Excluded
16 MEDLINE
1 EMBASE
- 8 (47%) Inadequate comparison groups
- 6 (35.2%) Other outcome
- 2 (11.8%) Other treatment
19 Non-randomized studies included in systematic review
- 14 MEDLINE
- 4 EMBASE
- 1 REFERENCE LIST