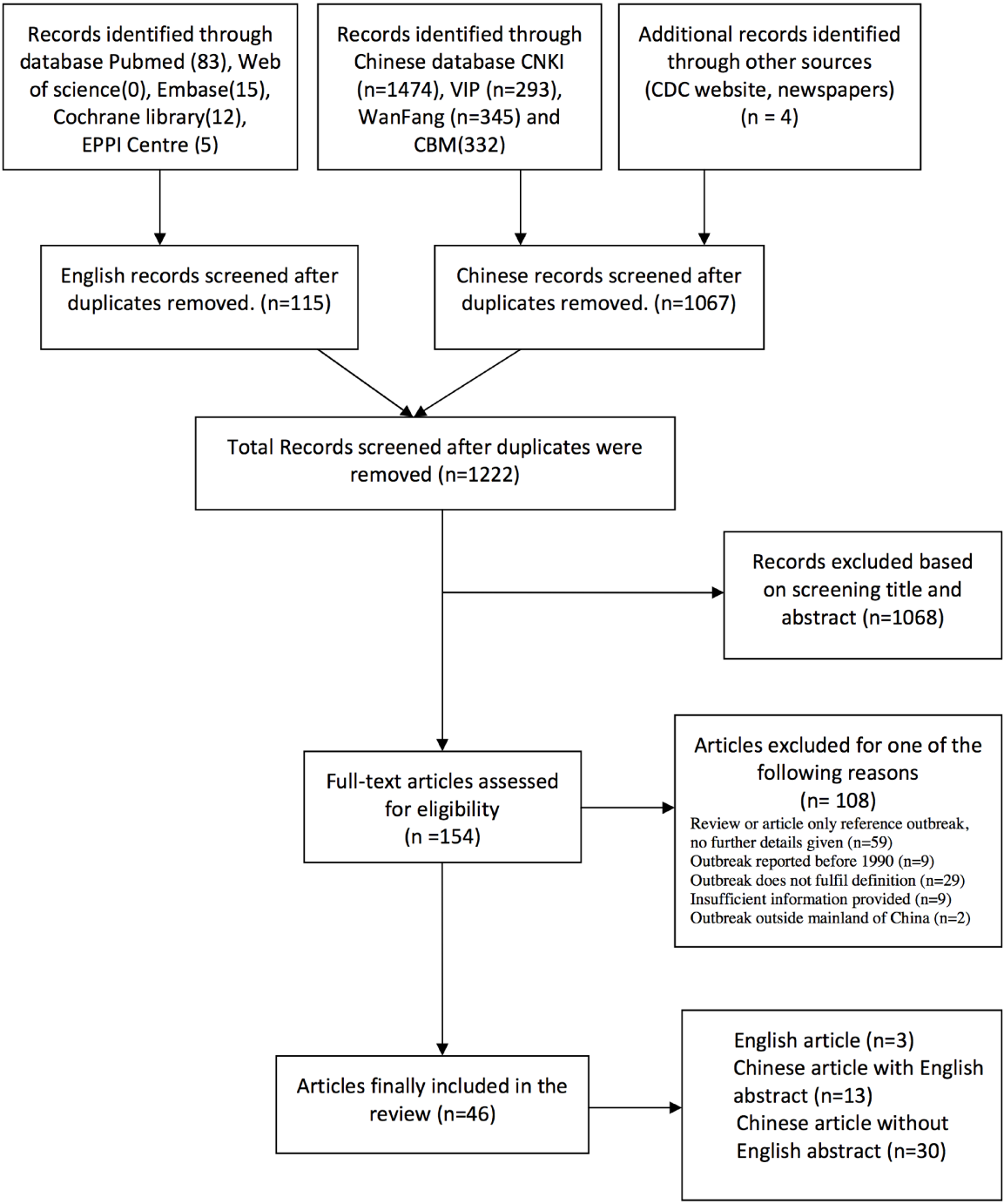
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Insufficient information provided (n=9)
Outbreak outside mainland of China (n=2)
Articles finally included in the review (n=46)
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Chinese article without English abstract (n=30)