
Appendix 2 (as supplied by the authors): Search strategy and flow chart

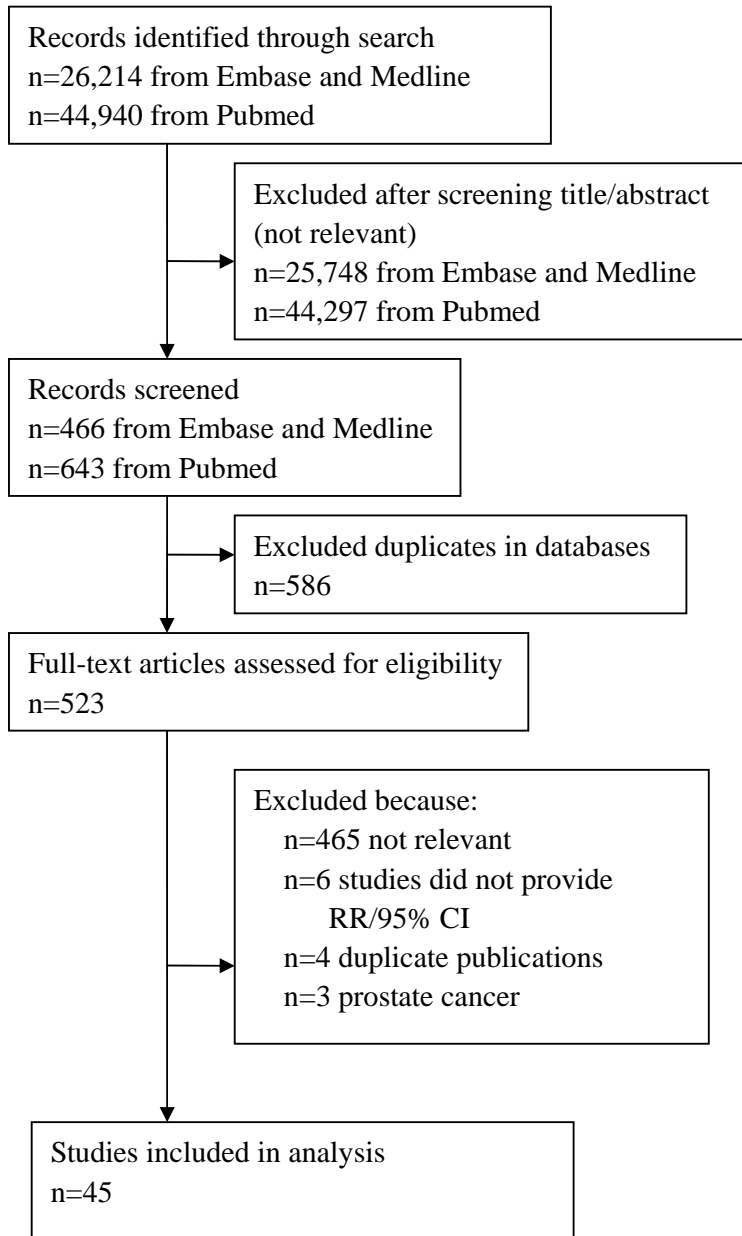
Search strategy

Pubmed

Search	Query	Results
#1	heart rate	292,416
#2	pulse rate	313,128
#3	prospective	711,483
#4	cohort	398,142
#5	longitudinal	211,630
#6	follow up	1,018,672
#7	follow-up	1,013,532
#8	#1 OR #2	313,128
#9	#3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7	1,830,718
#10	#8 AND #9	53,395
#11	#10 Filters: Humans; Chinese; English	44,940

Embase and Medline

Search	Query	Results
#1	heart rate	247,137
#2	pulse rate	41,291
#3	prospective	673,937
#4	cohort	541,321
#5	longitudinal	234,249
#6	follow up	1,343,280
#7	follow-up	1,343,280
#8	#1 OR #2	283,464
#9	#3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7	2,326,045
#10	#8 AND #9	31,446
#11	#10 Filters: Humans; Chinese; English	26,214



The flow chart for detailed steps of literature search