Total number of references identified from the updated electronic searches = 38,452

Duplicates removed = 5825

References selected for further examination of titles and abstracts
N = 32,627

Manual literature searches = 4

Articles selected for full evaluation for inclusion in the review
N = 154

Reasons for exclusions
No info on construction, development and/or psychometric properties=40
- Tool included in original review=39
- Tool not specific for RCT assessment=23
- Modified existing tool= 20
- Not a quality assessment tool=11
- Tool developed for single review purposes=8
- Animal research= 4
- No focus on a particular tool=2
- Name of scale not reported=1

Included studies
N = 6

Excluded
N = 148

New tools from update
N = 5

Tools identified in previous SR
- N = 21
- PT = 7
- General = 14

Total number of tools analyzed
N = 26