Identified references N=1,335

1183 ineligible articles excluded after screening titles & abstracts N=1,183

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- Editorial (1)

Assessed on full text N=152

Authors mentioned publication bias in the review N=75

Authors investigated publication bias N=47

Constructed a funnel plot N=6 (only)
N=25 (and statistical test)

Performed a test N=16 (only)
N=25 (and funnel plot)

Authors mentioned publication bias but did not investigate it N= 28

Authors did not mention publication bias in the review N=39

Total number of include reviews N=114

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