1. Excluded in meta-analysis (n = 2)
2. Same studies (n = 17)

Studies included in meta-analysis (n = 14)

1. Republished studies (n = 25)
2. Did not report HBsAg clearance or seroconversion (n = 67)
3. Without full text (n = 7)

Included studies by reading full text (n = 33)

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2. Same studies (n = 17)

Studies excluded: did not meet inclusion criteria (n = 386)

Included studies by reading titles and abstract (n = 132)

Studies retrieved by literature search (n = 518)

English (n = 8)  Chinese (n = 6)