1,146 citations identified through PubMed (n=473) and Embase (n=673) → 701 unique potentially relevant citations identified and titles/abstracts screened → 445 duplicates removed → 519 citations excluded after abstract screening → 183 full-text reports assessed for eligibility (PubMed and Embase = 182, EDHS = 1) → 158 eligible reports → 11 additional reports identified from references and reviews → 150 relevant reports included in the systematic review → 4 reports with incidence of HCV → 146 reports with prevalence of HCV

*Reasons for exclusion:
- Full-text did not include data on relevant indicators (n=12)
- Full-text could not be retrieved and abstract does not have data on relevant indicators (n=11)
- Study population selected based on HCV sero-status (n=2)

†Reasons for exclusion:
- Same dataset as another included relevant publication (n=12)
- Neither full-text nor abstracts could be retrieved (n=7)

EDHS: Egyptian demographic health survey