Number of references identified through database search - 86

Number of additional references identified through other sources - 17

Number of duplicates removed through reading titles of abstracts - 9

Number of abstracts screened - 94

Number of references excluded - 4 involved a sample of individuals with Autistic Spectrum Disorders; 21 Tourette’s Syndrome; 1 effects of cerebral malaria; 3 individuals with developmental disabilities; 1 individuals with epilepsy; 1 individuals with mental retardation; 1 with Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome; 1 with Myotonic Dystrophy; 2 with Down Syndrome; 1 bulimia nervosa; 1 with intellectual disabilities; 1 with post-traumatic stress disorder; 1 with Smith-Magenis Syndrome and 40 were not relevant to the focus of the present review.

Number of full text articles assessed for eligibility - 15

Number of full text articles excluded - 0

Number of papers eligible - 15

Number of papers unobtainable - 0

Number of studies included in the qualitative synthesis - 15