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247 potentially relevant studies on the basis of title

179 excluded mostly because data on other outcome measures:
- TB prevalence, detection, diagnosis and treatment;
- TB suspect patients health seeking behaviour;
- TB knowledge and awareness among TB patients or public.

68 full-text assessment for eligibility

51 excluded:
- 23 used surveillance statistic data
- 10 duplicated report of study indicators in English and Chinese
- 6 unclear study methods or definition of treatment completion
- 5 no relevant data
- 3 quantitative data comparing between intervention and control groups*
- 2 specific cost on TB inpatient and surgical treatment
- 2 PhD thesis (relevant studies have been published separately)

17 included

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