Figure 1. Flowchart of included and excluded studies.

- Potentially relevant citations (titles) identified and screened (n=10,740)
  - Excluded irrelevant citations (n=9,689)

- Potentially relevant abstracts identified and screened (n=1,051)
  - Excluded abstracts without quantitative information (n=860)

- Retrieve full text for critical appraisal (n=191)
  - Excluded from the review (age out of screening target, pre-selected populations; methodological flaws) (n=99)

- QT Studies fulfilled inclusion criteria (n=92)

- Studies fulfilled inclusion criteria (n=166)

- Studies included in the Review (n=69)

- Included studies from Jepson’s review (n=74)

- Not included in the present paper: opportunistic screening and comparison between tests combinations for CRC (n=97)