Articles recovered from the electronic search, hand-search and review of reference lists. (n= 9676)

- Title or abstract not pertaining to the research question. (n= 9538)

Abstracts which seemed relevant to the research question (n=138)

- Articles deemed not related to the research question after reading the full abstract. (n= 88)

Potentially appropriate studies related to the research question. (n= 50)

- Non-English language articles. (n=4)

Full manuscripts ordered for further consultation. (n= 46)

- Articles excluded as not adhering to the inclusion or exclusion criteria. (n= 32)

Potentially appropriate studies related to the research question, and adhering to the selection criteria. (n =14)

- Articles excluded due to replication of data presented. (n = 0)

Finally included and analysed articles. (n = 14)