5578 articles identified through database searching

Titles and abstracts of the last 808 articles (could not be downloaded to EndNote) in Scopus screened in the database

4770 articles downloaded into the EndNote

By using the EndNote, 1066 duplicates deleted

3704 articles included

By screening titles and abstracts, 3563 articles not meeting our inclusion criteria (such as irrelevant to case management or the effects of case management) excluded

141 articles about the effects of community-based case management

By reading abstracts and/or full texts, 114 articles irrelevant to the effects of case management in community aged care excluded

27 articles about the effects of case management in community aged care

13 studies about the effects of case management in community aged care on the other outcomes rather than client or carer outcomes excluded

14 articles about the effects of case management in community aged care on client and carer outcomes

Two single-group studies examining carer outcomes excluded

14 articles with intervention and control groups

Three articles identified from reference lists of the 14 articles

15 articles included: 14 examined client outcomes and six examined carer outcomes