Searched relevant articles (n=209)

178 publications excluded
- not comparing fish oil versus placebo/no treatment
- Study protocol
- Animal studies
- Basic research studies
- Review articles
- Non-randomized controlled trials

Potential relevant references for further full text screened (n=31)

16 publications excluded
- Review articles (n=1)
- Non-randomized controlled trials (n=1)
- Study protocol (n=1)
- Insufficient lipid information (n=13)

Articles meeting inclusion criteria (n=15)

2 publications excluded
- 33 patients common to 2 trials (n=1)
- Data considered doubtful (n=1)

Include 13 articles
- TG (n=12)
- TC (n=12)
- HDL-C (n=9)
- LDL-C (n=8)