1217 unique records identified from databases

1060 records excluded:
- Population: 237
- Interventions: 180
- Comparator: 22
- Design: 545
- Language: 58
- Other: 18

157 abstracts assessed for full text review

133 publications excluded:
- Population: 23
- Interventions: 10
- Comparator: 1
- Outcomes: 58
- Design: 16
- Language: 2
- Other: 23

24 publications included from literature describing 18 different RCTs

2 studies by sponsor

26 full text reports corresponding to 20 different RCTs

1 study not MTX-IR
1 study (2 publications): no MTX as background treatment
1 study no outcomes data at 24/26 weeks

22 full text reports corresponding to 17 different RCTs included in network meta-analysis