Records identified through database searching (n = 4129)

Records after duplicates removed (n = 2885)

Records screened for abstracts (n = 428)

Records excluded (n = 359)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 69)

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 36)

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons (n = 33)*
1 – Review article
2 – Not available in English
6 – Effect of participants characteristics on their OHRQoL evaluated but not of parents
11 – Exploratory variables for children’s OHRQoL were not of our interest
13 – Parental characteristics recorded but their effect on children’s OHRQoL not analyzed

* 3 articles excluded based on more than one exclusion criteria