Figure 1. Flow diagram of studies considered for inclusion. This flow diagram depicts each step in the process of study selection.

Potentially relevant records identified through database searches (N=1019)

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Removal of 783 duplicates

Potentially relevant records identified and screened for retrieval (N=236)

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Articles excluded (N=214)
- Animal studies (N=93)
- Not focused on BDNF Val66Met polymorphism (N=66)
- Gene-environment interactions not examined (N=39)
- Single symptoms or restricted number of mood disorders investigated (N=3)
- Gross departure from Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium (N=1)
- Not focused on depression specifically (N=11)
- Gene-environment interaction examined twice in same sample (N=1)

Included articles (N=22)