Figure 1. Flow chart of selection decisions

PubMed
599 “hits”

The Journal Series of
Chinese Medical
Association
117 papers

Excluded
36 papers excluded
because they could not
be confirmed as
randomised

Excluded during
screening of titles
12 papers

Abstracts scanned
675 papers

Excluded
during screening of
abstracts
296 papers

Full text obtained
343 papers

Included
307 papers finally
included