Potentially relevant studies identified and screened for retrieval \( n = 870 \)

Studies retrieved for more detailed evaluation \( n = 71 \)

Studies for potential inclusion \( n = 20 \)

Studies included \( n = 14 \)

Studies excluded \( n = 51 \)

- No adverse cardiac events/ cardiac event data not collected \( n = 27 \)
- Too few cardiac events to allow multivariable analysis \( n = 18 \)
- Only pre-operative risk factors collected \( n = 3 \)
- Repeat data publication \( n = 1 \)
- Other \( n = 2 \)

Studies excluded \( n = 6 \)

- Necessary data unavailable from authors