

identification

Records identified through
database searching(n=995))

Additional records identified
through other sources(n=6)

screening

Records after duplicates removed
(n=436)

eligibility

Records screened
(n= 565)

Records excluded by title
and abstract (n=495)

included

Publications included in
qualitative synthesis
(n=70)

Full-text articles excluded,
with reasons (n=35)
n=30 limited data
n=5 review or letter

Publications included in
quantitative
synthesis(meta-analysis)
(n=35)

