

Identification

Records identified through
database searching
(n = 2,253)

Additional records identified
through other sources
(n = 117)

Screening

Records after duplicates removed
(n = 1,810)

Titles/abstracts screened
(n = 1,810)

Records excluded
(n = 1,734)

Eligibility

Full-text articles assessed
for eligibility
(n = 76)

Full-text articles excluded, with
reasons (n = 57)

- Different intervention (n = 44)
- Different outcome (n = 3)
- Protocol only (n = 5)
- Different population (n = 2)
- Non-randomized (n = 3)

Included

References included in
qualitative synthesis
(n = 19)

Studies included in
quantitative synthesis
(meta-analysis)
(n = 15)