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### **Appendix 3 (as supplied by the authors): Study selection figures**

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Figure 2: Study selection for ARDS

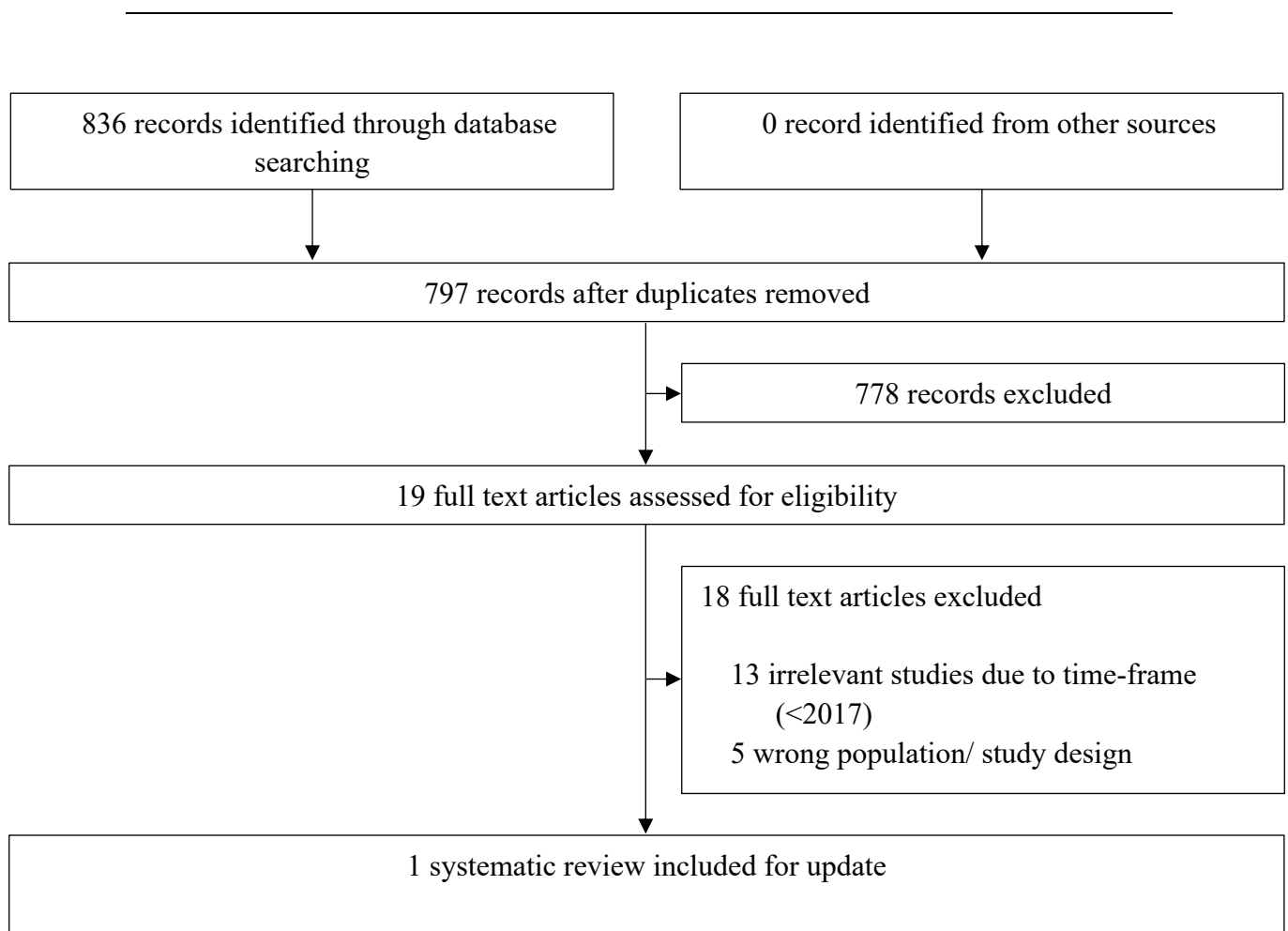
Figure 3: Study selection for COVID-19, SARS and MERS

Figure 4: Systematic review identification for influenza

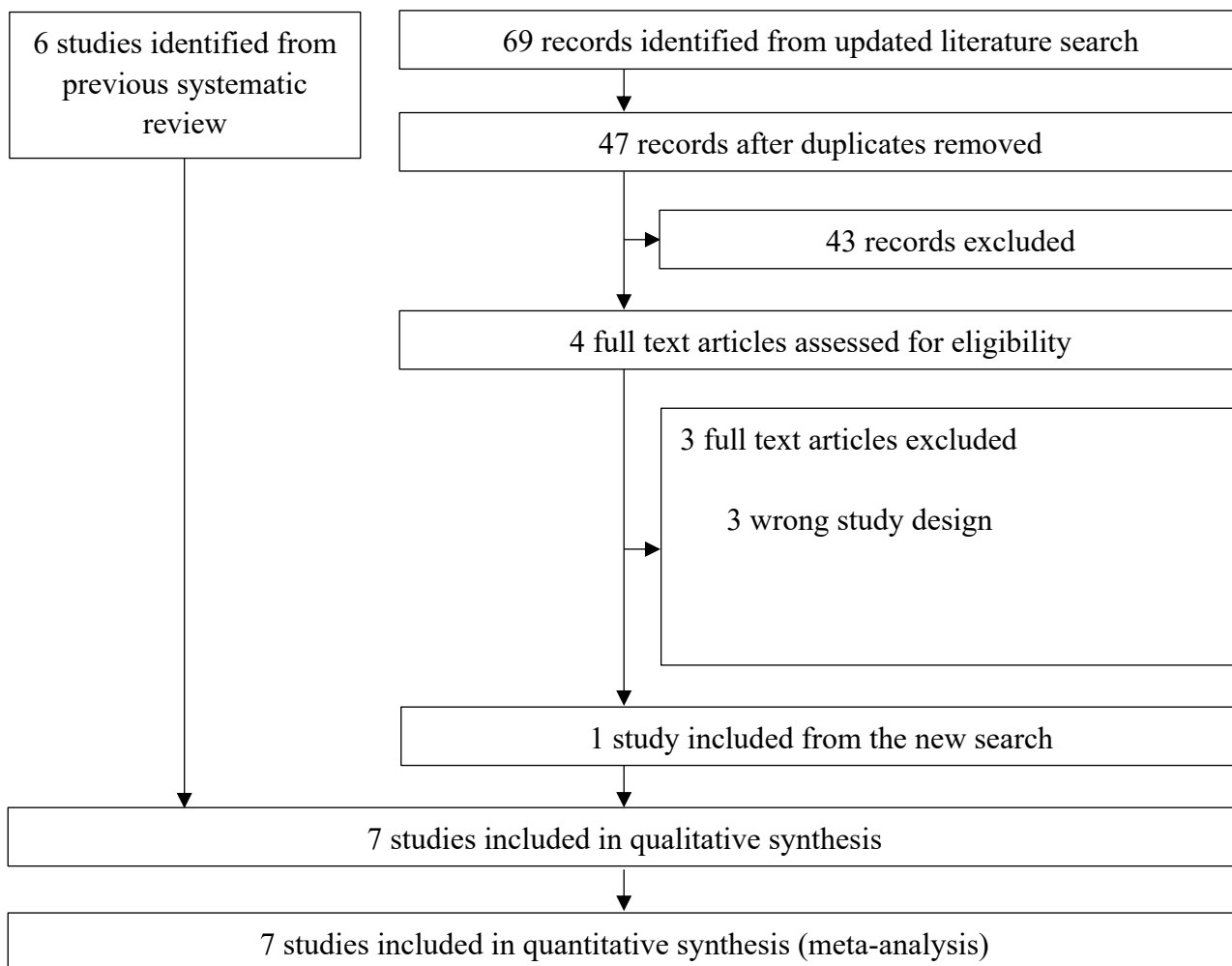
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Figure 6: Systematic review identification for CAP

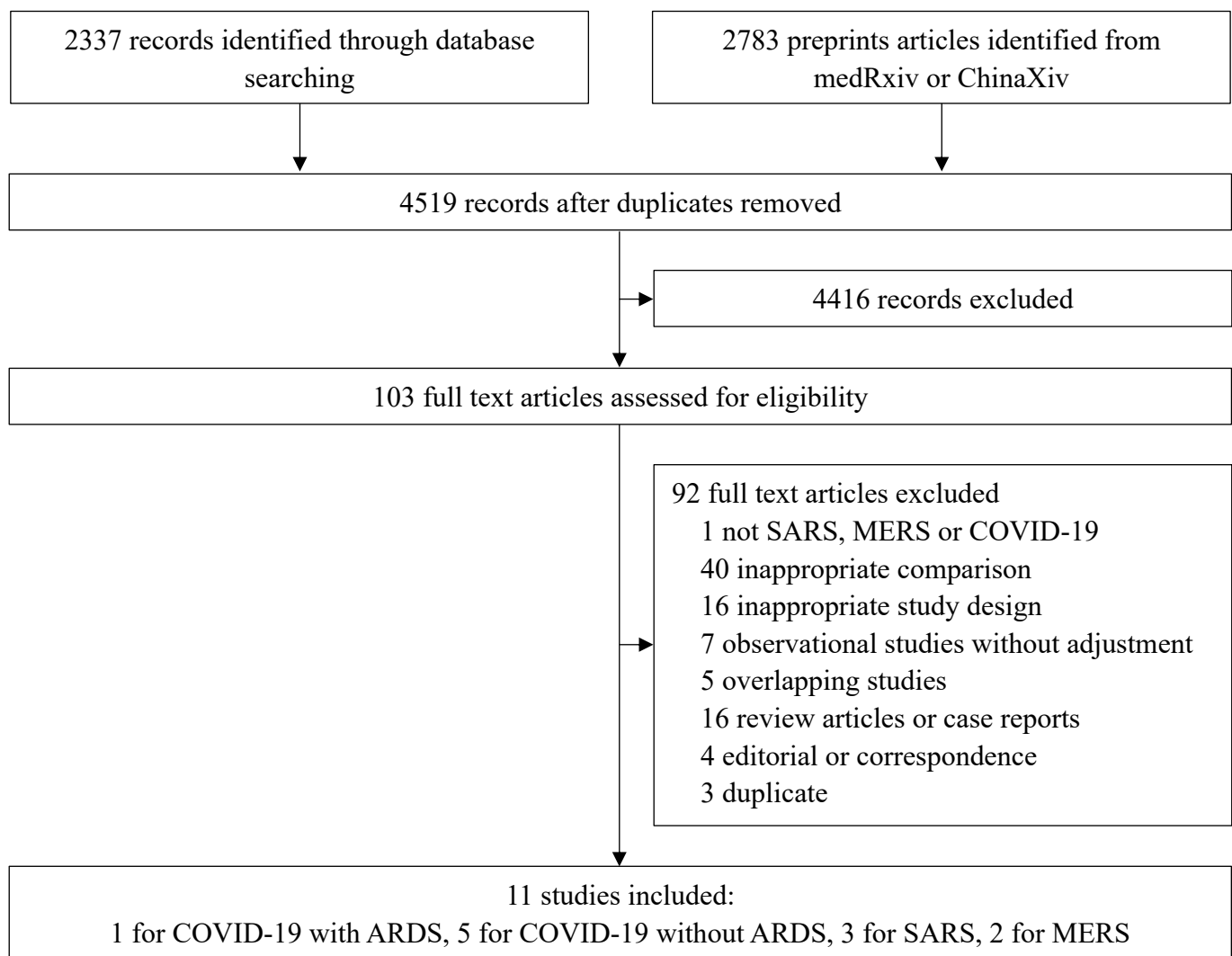
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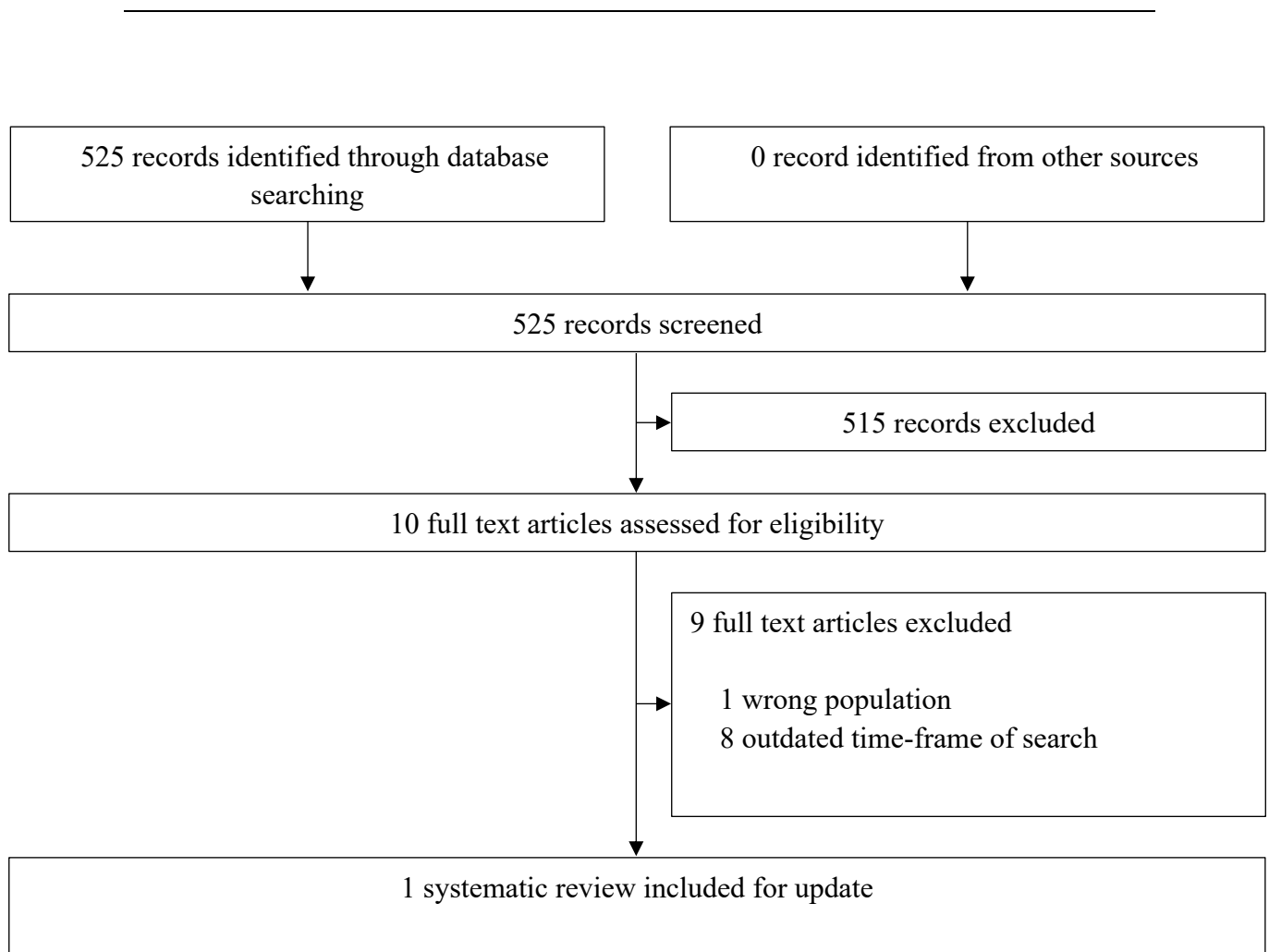
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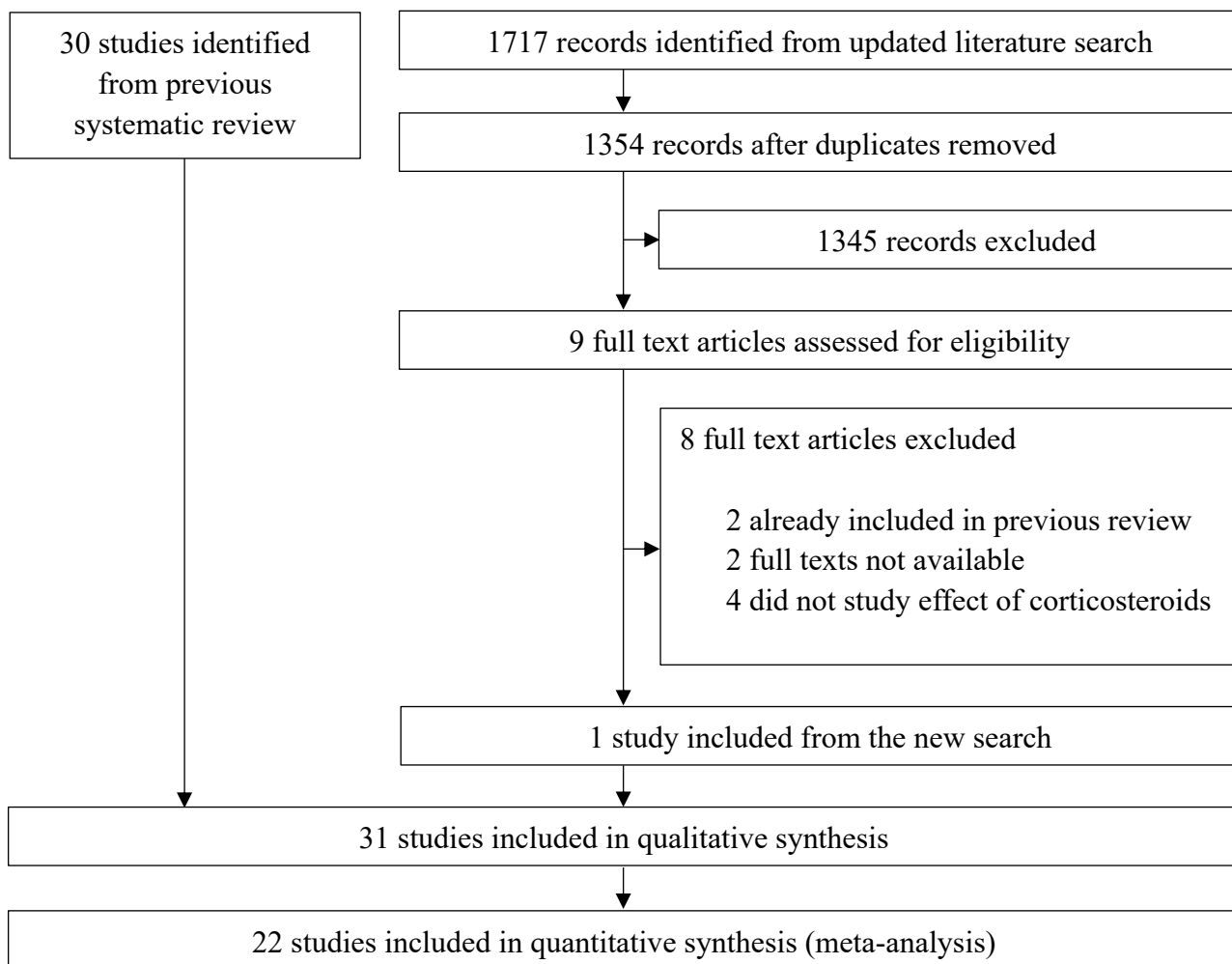
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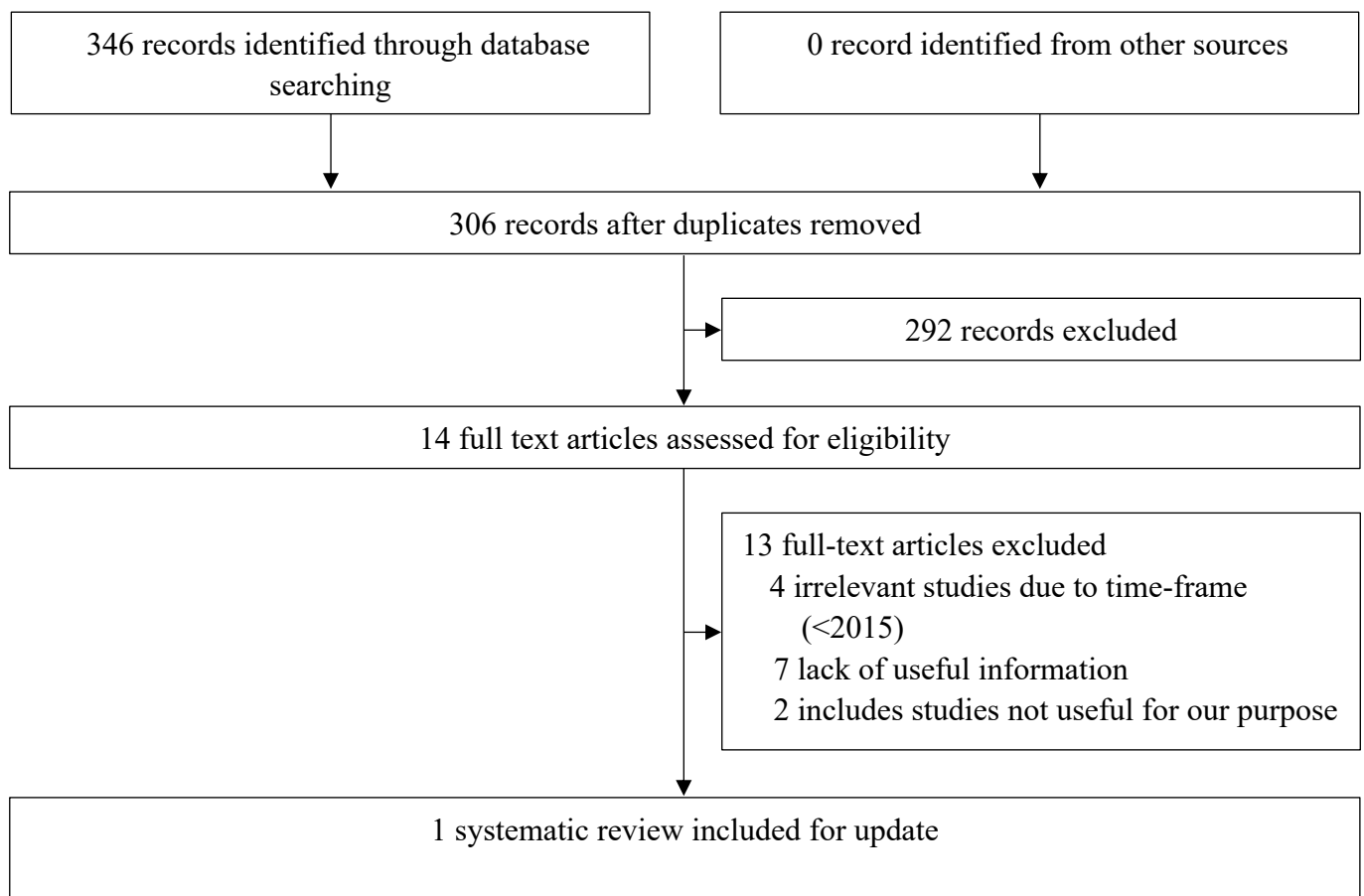
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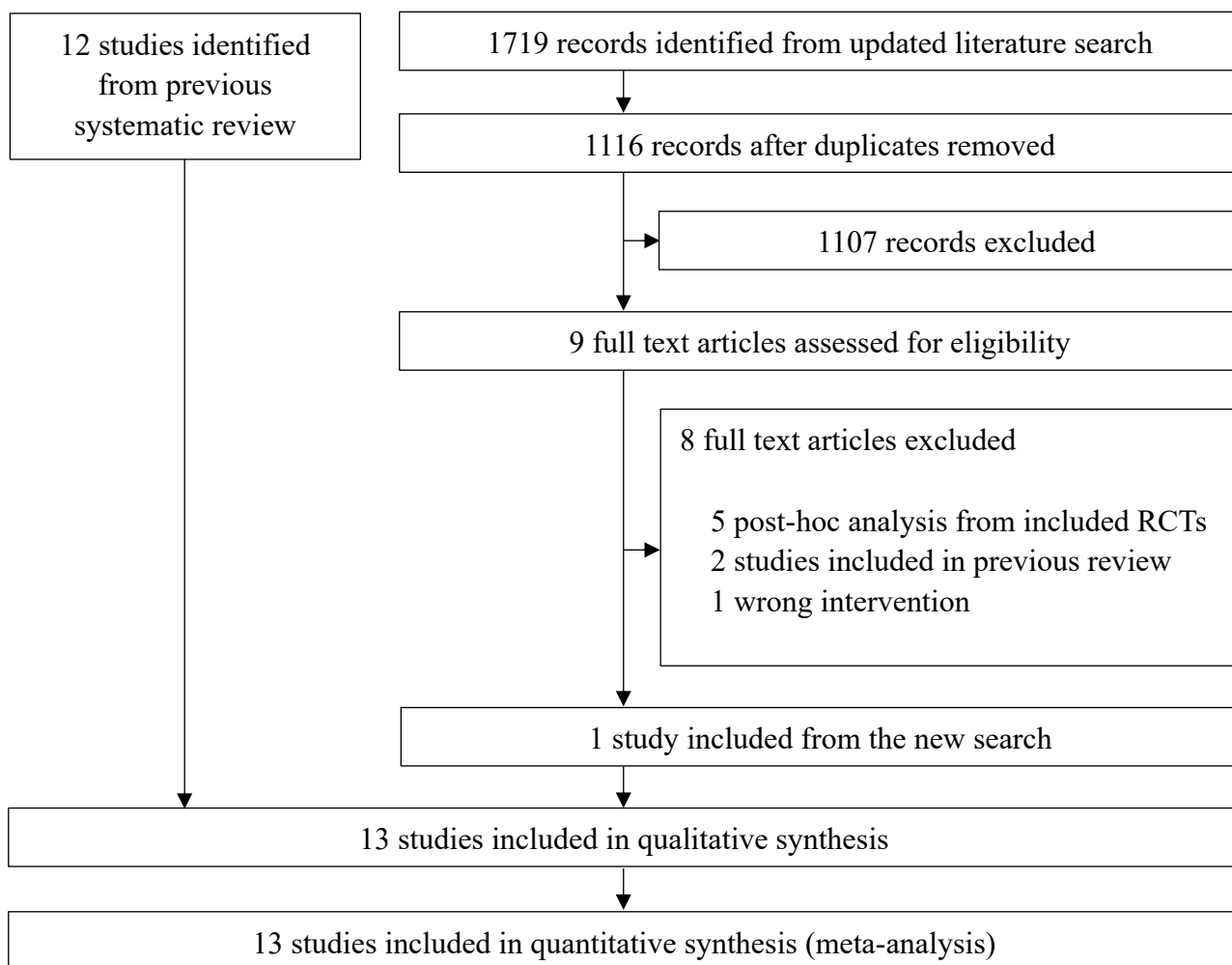
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