

Stage One:
Abstracts screened
n = 3214

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graph TD; A[Stage One: Abstracts screened n = 3214] --> B[Included n = 260]; A --> C[Excluded n = 2954]; B --> D[Stage Two: Full-text quality assessment]; D --> E[Included n = 27*]; D --> F[Excluded n = 228]; D --> G[Pending n = 4];
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The flowchart illustrates the selection process for a study. It begins with Stage One, where 3214 abstracts were screened. From this pool, 260 were included and 2954 were excluded. The 260 included abstracts then moved to Stage Two, a full-text quality assessment. In Stage Two, 27 abstracts were included (marked with an asterisk), 228 were excluded, and 4 were pending.

Included
n = 260

Excluded
n = 2954

Stage Two:
Full-text quality
assessment

Included
n = 27*

Excluded
n = 228

Pending
n = 4