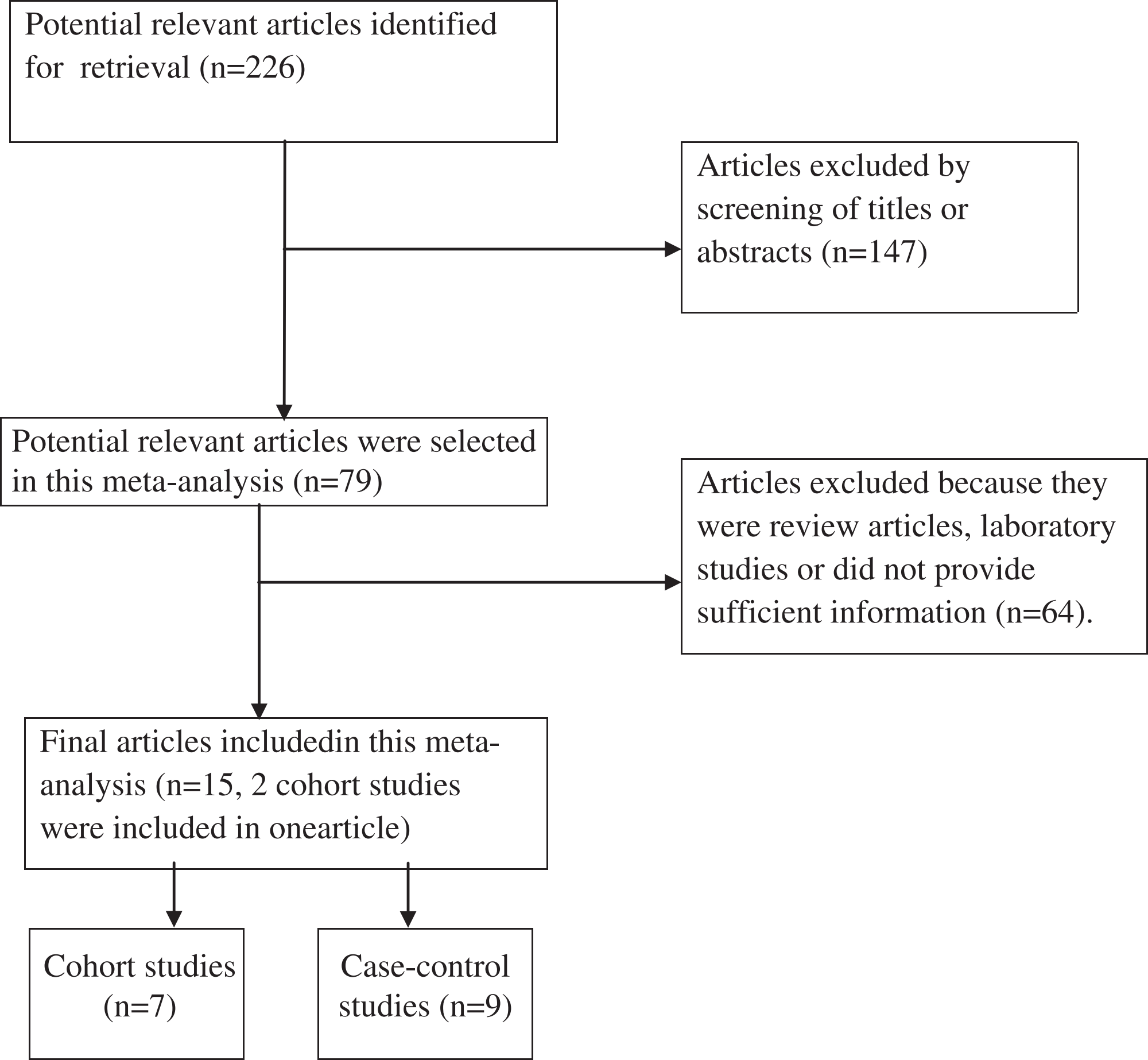
Potential relevant articles identified for retrieval (n=226)
Articles excluded by screening of titles or abstracts (n=147)
Potential relevant articles were selected in this meta-analysis (n=79)
Articles excluded because they were review articles, laboratory studies or did not provide sufficient information (n=64).
Final articles includedin this meta-analysis (n=15, 2 cohort studies were included in onearticle)
Cohort studies (n=7)
Case-control studies (n=9)