

Full search

Electronic searches

n= 436

Expert recommended

grey literature

n= 3

Potentially relevant literature

retrieved

n= 439

Excluded
at title
screen?

Yes

Title screen: possible focus on included
instruments & measuring change

Reasons for exclusion:

- Removing duplicates n= 67
- Foreign language studies n= 9

No

n= 363

Excluded
at abstract
screen?

Yes

Abstract screen I: focus on included instruments
& measuring change

Reasons for exclusion:

- No longitudinal data or change measure using
specified instruments n= 98
- Focus is not on *using* instruments but assessing
if we should use them at all n=11
- Focus is not on included instruments, these
must be used as a study outcome n= 75
- Combination of the above n= 75

No

n= 104

Excluded
at full-text
screen?

Yes

Full-text screen: describes analysis of change
using included instruments

Reasons for exclusion:

- No change measure, or description of change
using specified instruments n= 5
- Focus is not on included instruments, these
must be used as a study outcome n= 3 (used
only the EuroQol VAS, not the EQ-5D)

No

n= 96