

## Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Search strategy and flow chart

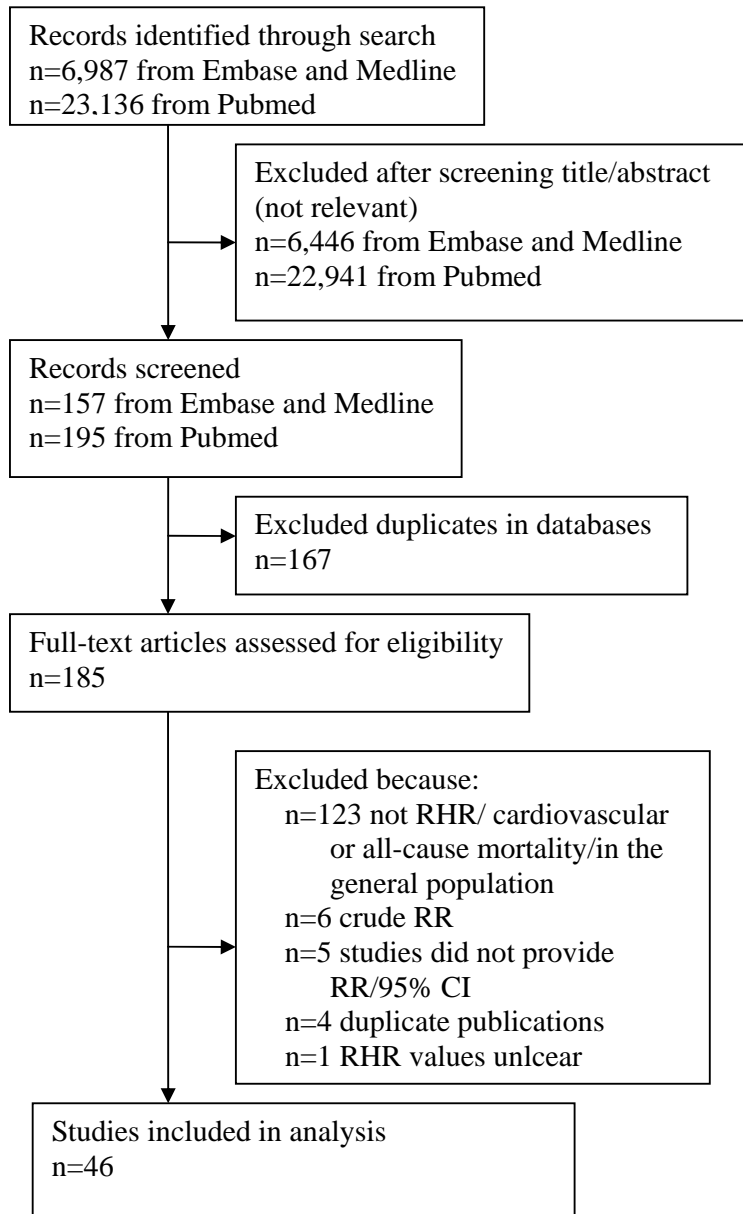
### Search strategy

#### Pubmed

Search	Query	Results
#1	death	619,,465
#2	mortality	897,484
#3	heart rate	279,341
#4	pulse rate	299,082
#5	prospective	664,539
#6	cohort	354,084
#7	longitudinal	194,680
#8	follow up	958,259
#9	follow-up	953,480
#10	#1 OR #2	1,343,452
#11	#3 OR #4	299,082
#12	#5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8	1,704,723
#13	#10 AND #11 AND #12	23,136

Embase and Medline

Search	Query	Results
#1	death	896,156
#2	mortality	1,021,843
#3	heart rate	242,844
#4	pulse rate	49,794
#5	prospective	637,775
#6	cohort	494,978
#7	longitudinal	227,832
#8	follow up	1,291,247
#9	follow-up	1,291,247
#10	#1 OR #2	1,698,565
#11	#3 OR #4	287,491
#12	#5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8	2,220,126
#13	#10 AND #11 AND #12	6,987



The flow chart for detailed steps of literature search

There are 6 studies only providing crude RR<sup>1-6</sup>, 5 studies did not provide RR/95% CI<sup>7-11</sup>, 4 duplicate publications<sup>12-15</sup> and 1 study with unclear RHR values<sup>16</sup>.

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