Search strategy

((metformin[Title/Abstract]) AND ((C-reactive protein[Title/Abstract]) OR CRP[Title/Abstract])) AND (((((PCOS[Title/Abstract]) OR hyperandrogenism[Title/Abstract]) OR polycystic ovary syndrome[Title/Abstract]) OR PCOD[Title/Abstract]) OR polycystic ovary disease[Title/Abstract])

## **Exclusion with reasons**

- 7:meta-analysis[1],review[2-6],Posters[7]
- 2:animal experiment[8, 9]
- 2:not PCOS patients[10, 11]
- 8: no metformin treatment group [12-19]
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