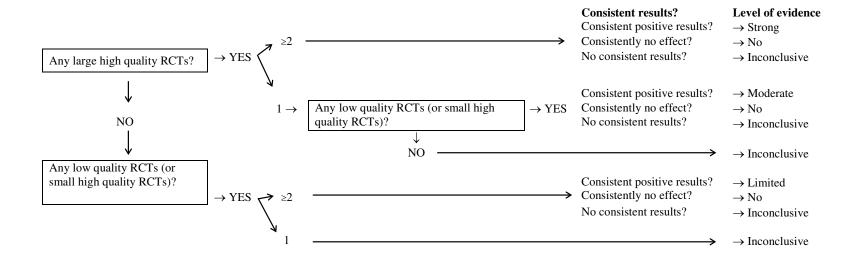
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Supplement C: Levels of evidence assessment

Modified flow chart of the decision-making process for levels of evidence - based on study quality and study size. Consistent positive results (66.6% of relevant studies reporting significant positive results) are needed to achieve strong, moderate or limited levels of evidence.



NOTE: studies including < 250 participants or not providing sample size justifying a smaller sample size are considered 'small', studies including > 250 participants are considered 'large'.