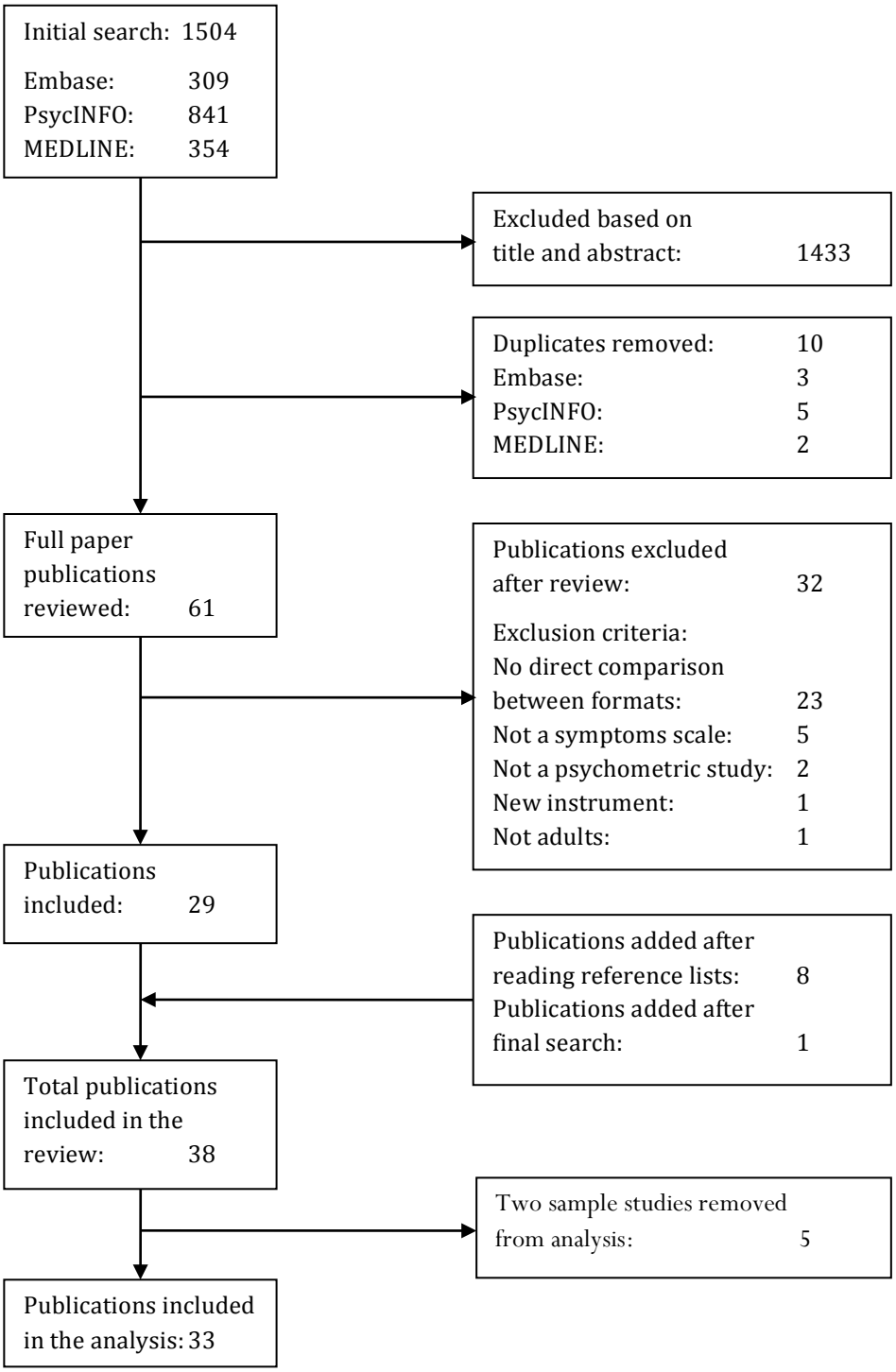
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No direct comparison between formats: 23
Not a symptoms scale: 5
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New instrument: 1
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