Appendix 5. Flowchart of the results from the search strategy

13,566 articles identified in MEDLINE and EMBASE

795 duplicates

12,771 articles screened on title and abstract

12,430 articles excluded based on title and abstract

341 articles screened full-text

329 articles excluded. Main reasons:
- wrong construct of interest
- wrong population
- not a PROM development study or no evidence on content validity or validation not the aim of the study

12 articles included in the systematic review

9 additional articles identified via reference check

21 articles referring to 12 (versions of) PROMs included in the systematic review