**Appendix 2.** Number of abstracts screened and included per cluster

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| CLUSTER | Abstract found | Number of screened studies | Number of excluded studies |
| PICO 13 interscalene brachial plexus block | 579 | 20 | 10 |
| PICO 14 supraclavicular brachial plexus block | 450 | 15 | 6 |
| PICO 15 infraclavicular brachial plexus block | 291 | 22 | 8 |
| PICO 16 axillary brachial plexus block | 526 | 31 | 13 |
| PICO 20 femoral nerve block | 771 | 18 | 12 |
| PICO 18 sciatic subgluteal block | 122 | 99 | 4 |
| PICO 21 popliteal block | 365 | 14 | 11 |
| PICO 19 Truncal blocks | 2611 | 93 | 91 |
| PICO 23 Paravertebral blocks | 408 | 13 | 2 |
| PICO 24 Prelocation for epidural analgesia | 1622 | 6 | 5 |
| PICO 25 Prelocation for spinal anaesthesia | 2478 | 35 | 8 |