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Flow Diagram 2: literature search process

Cross search via the EBSCO host interface using (Medline, CINAHL, Psychinfo, Psycharticles 782) Web of Science (954) and expanded search terms (n=1,736)

Screening for relevance (titles, abstract) plus manual search (n=118)

Further screening of articles (n =55)
Three further articles added through manual search. n=58

1,502 Articles with clear focus on donor gametes, IVF pregnancy/parenthood in specific conditions such as HIV, IVF treatment & procedures, preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD), special needs, multiple births or surrogacy were excluded and 26 duplicates eliminated.

Only articles clearly stated as having used a non-donor sample where pregnancies resulted in singletons were included. 9 corresponding authors contacted to establish if donor or non-donor sample. Articles using both ART/IVF & control groups considered a priority. 39 articles on ART/IVF pregnancy and/or post-natal anxiety/depression in differently aged mothers, birth experiences, opinion pieces; samples with multiple births/donor/adolescents were excluded.

Final screening by full paper (n = 19)

Based on Moher, D. et al., 2009