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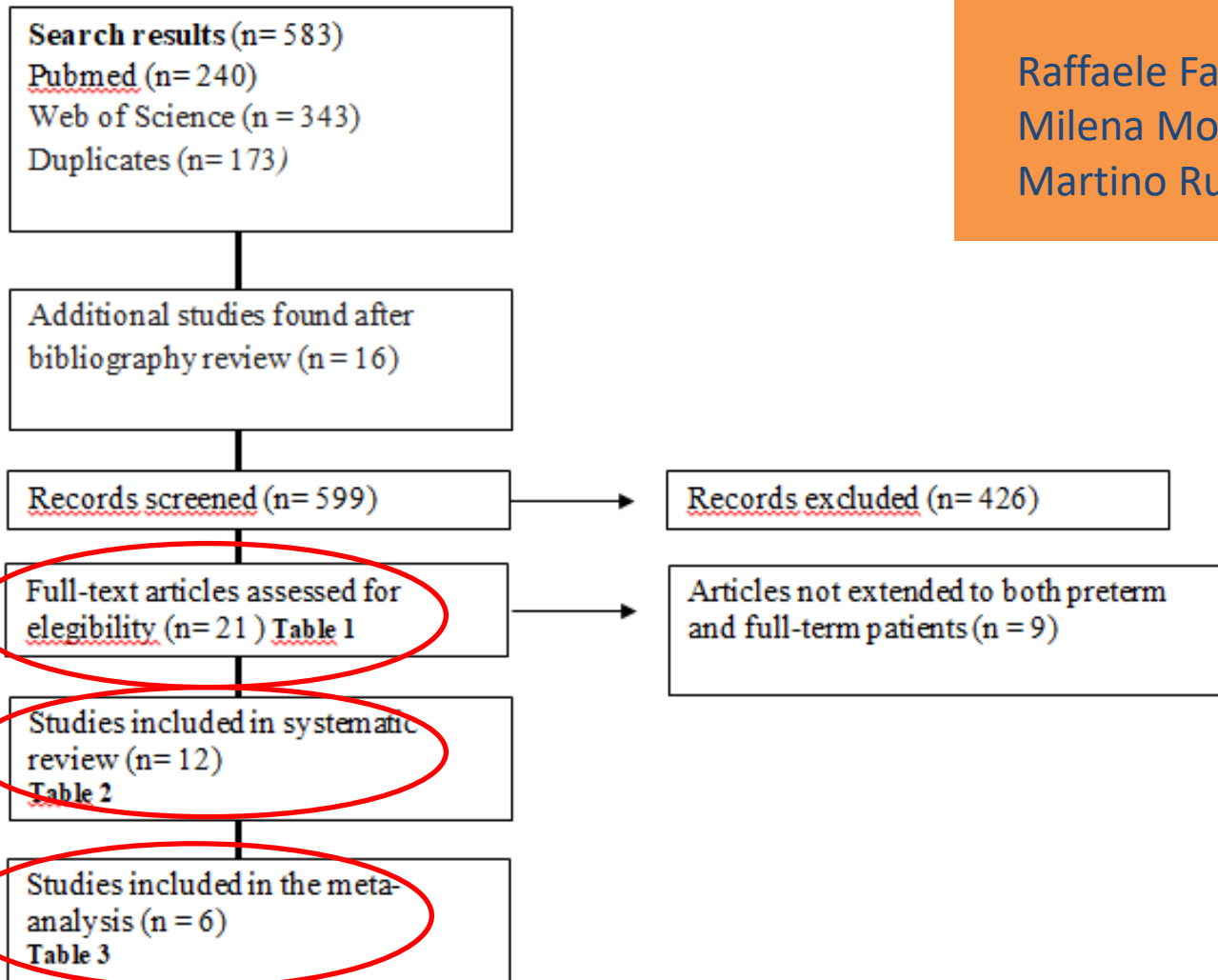
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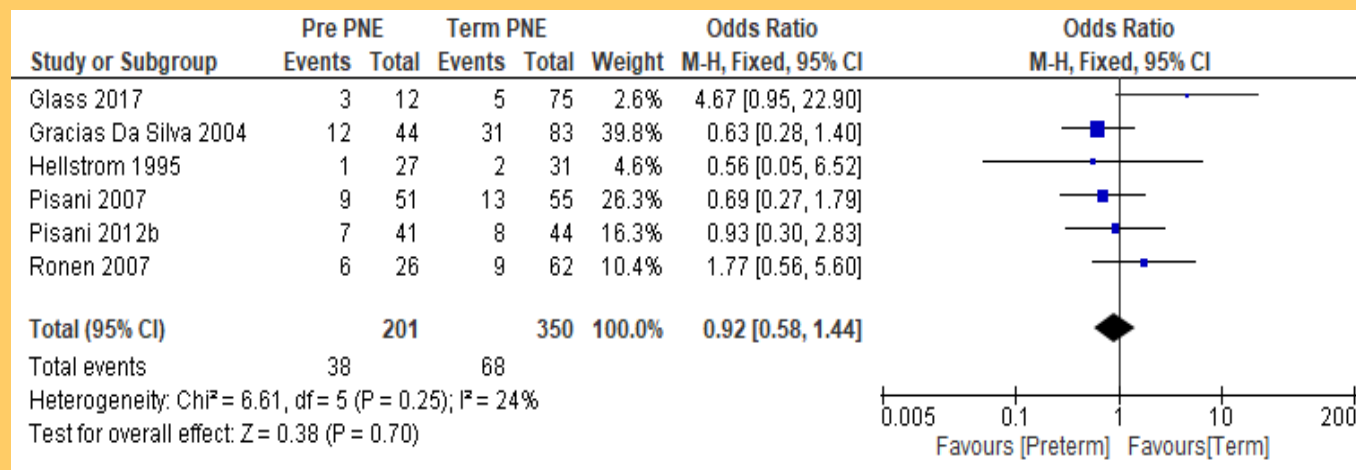
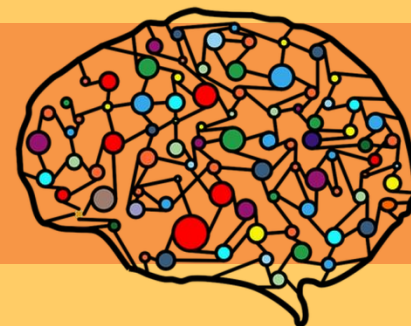
Figure 1: Flowdiagram of search strategy



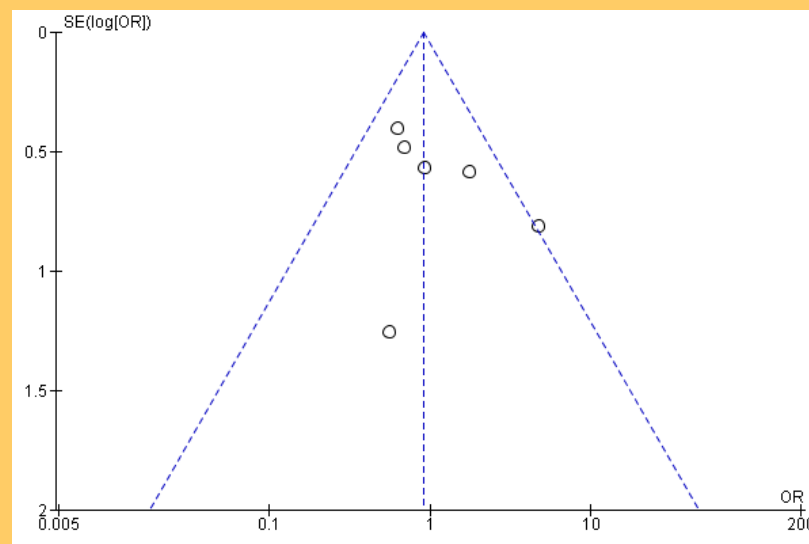
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Results



Only six publications presented complete data on PNE in preterm ($n = 201$) and full-term ($n = 350$) infants that were suitable for meta-analysis.



Limits of our study



- Not all papers describe the type or duration of seizures.
- The diagnosis is electroclinical; only two papers used video-EEG.
- In many studies, the gestational age or details of prematurity in infants with convulsions or those with PNE was not specified.
- The type of epilepsy, treatment, follow-up were not specified.
- Comorbidities, and how they were diagnosed (tests, follow-up), were not described uniformly.

Conclusions

There does not appear to be any significant difference in the incidence of PNE between the two populations. However, we hope that our study may be a starting point for further research.