324 studies identified and screened

- 303 from electronic databases and trial registers
- 20 from hand searching
- 1 from contact with authors

Excluded studies

- 58 duplicates
- 234 based on title and abstract

32 studies: conducted full text review

Excluded studies

- 2 participants did not meet inclusion criteria
- 2 participants were not from MENA region
- 8 outcome measures not related to TB delay

20 studies from MENA countries included in systematic review:

- 6 Iran [18,26,27,28,32,33]
- 5 Turkey [17,19,29,30,34]
- 2 Yemen [20,35]
- 2 Syria [21,31]
- 2 Sudan [22,23]
- 1 Jordan [16]
- 1 Morocco [24]
- 1 multi-country [25] (Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Somalia)