**Figure 1:** Search and study selection process: Flow Diagram

Discussion about inclusion of studies between authors 1 and 2; and actual study retrieval

Selection of full text articles for inclusion by reviewers 1 & 2 independently and hand searching of reference lists

Discussions on eligibility for full text retrieval between reviewers 1 & 2 and full text selection

Search 1: ‘Competitive Intelligence in management’

Screening of 200 abstracts on potentially eligible concepts by reviewers 1 & 2 independently

Discussion and selection of alternative concepts by reviewers 1 and 2

Screening of the rest of the abstracts on potentially eligible concepts by

reviewer 1 & 3

Search 2: Combination of identified alternatives with ‘in management’

Screening of all abstracts on eligibility for full text retrieval based on inclusion criteria by reviewers 1, 2, 3,4 and 5 independently

Disagreements