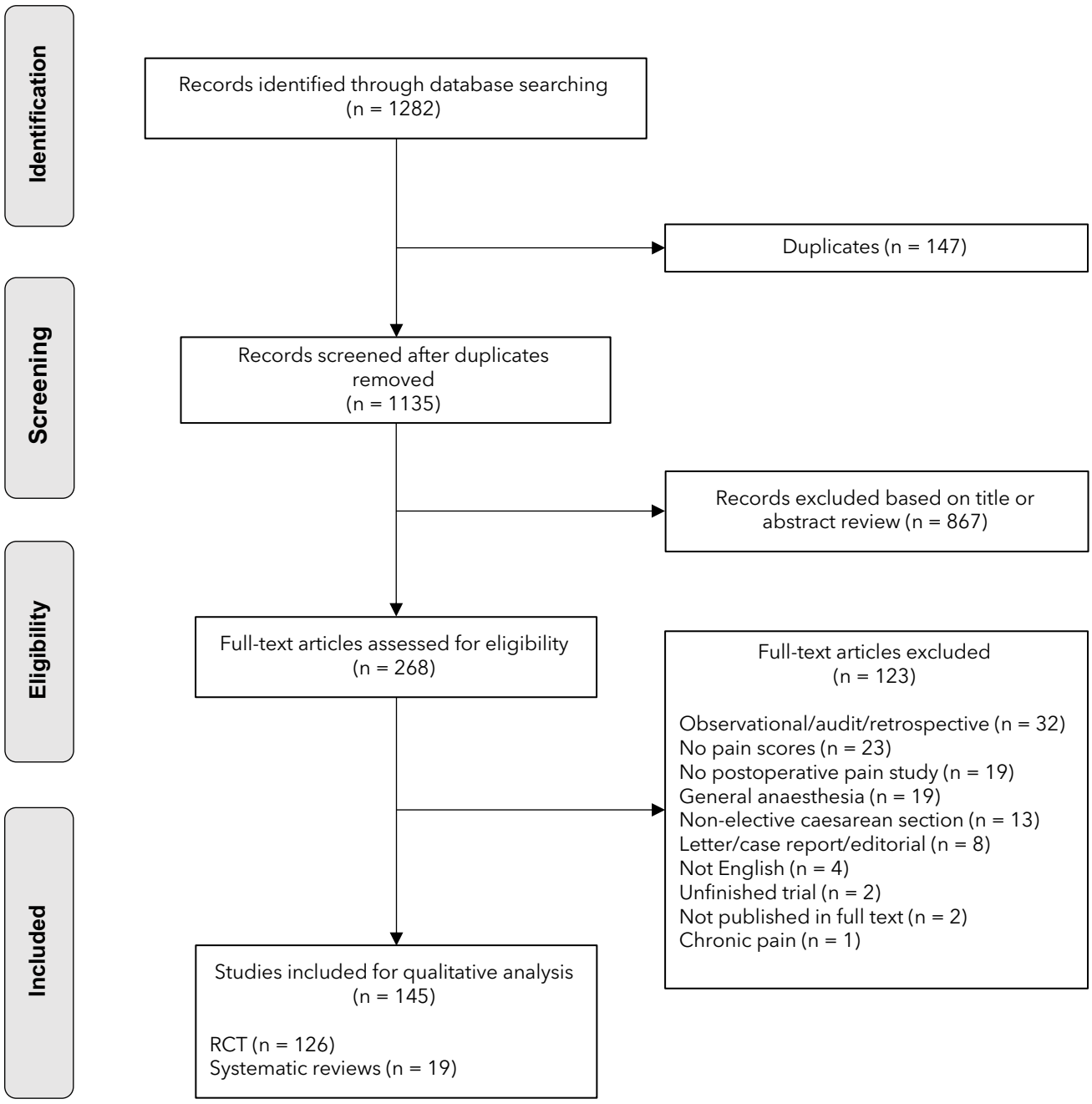
Identification
Screening
Eligibility
Included
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Duplicates (n = 147)
Records screened after duplicates removed (n = 1135)
Records excluded based on title or abstract review (n = 867)
Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 268)
Full-text articles excluded (n = 123)
Observational/audit/retrospective (n = 32)
No pain scores (n = 23)
No postoperative pain study (n = 19)
General anaesthesia (n = 19)
Non-elective caesarean section (n = 13)
Letter/case report/editorial (n = 8)
Not English (n = 4)
Unfinished trial (n = 2)
Not published in full text (n = 2)
Chronic pain (n = 1)
Studies included for qualitative analysis (n = 145)
RCT (n = 126)
Systematic reviews (n = 19)