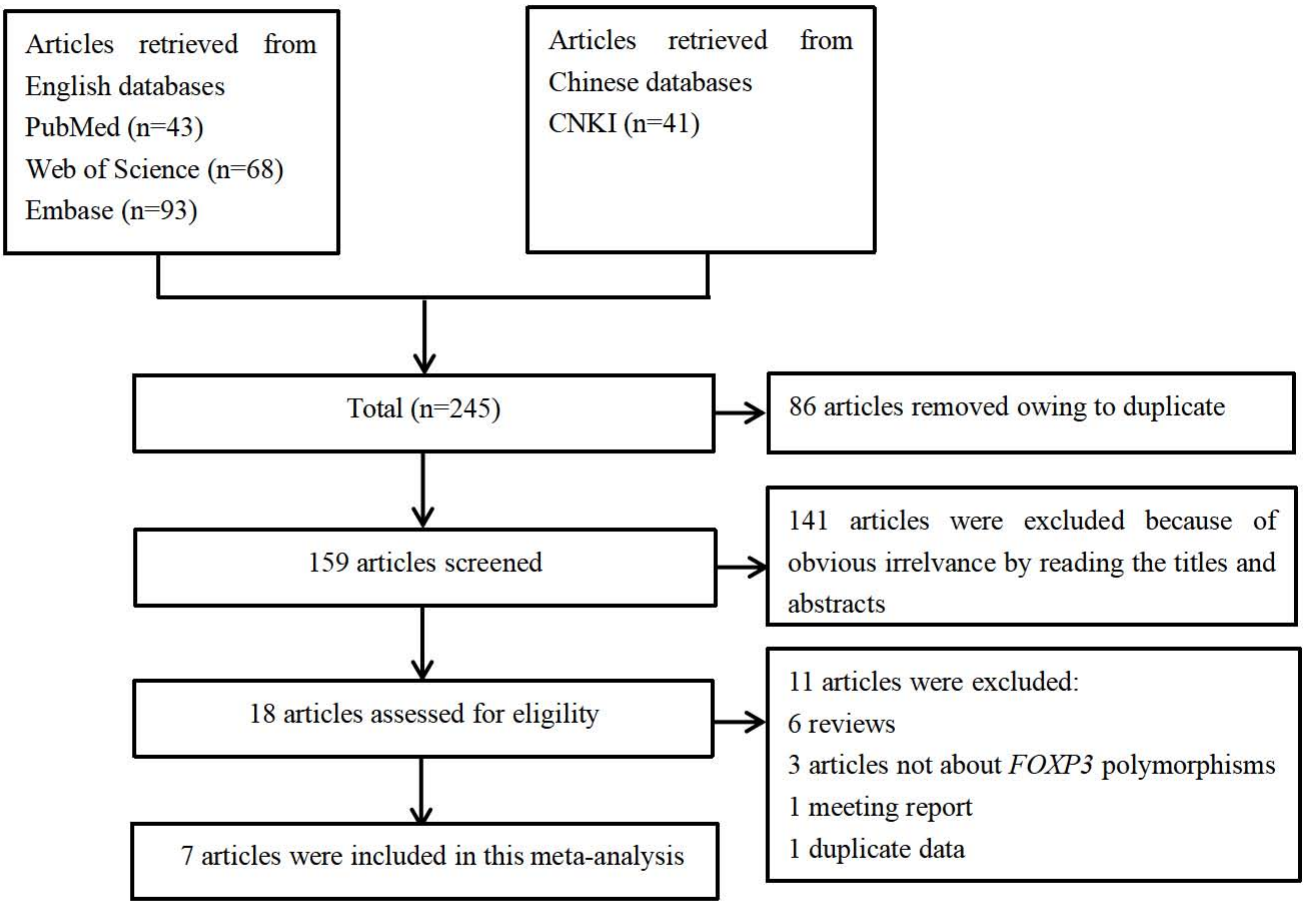
Articles retrieved from English databases
PubMed (n=43)
Web of Science (n=68)
Embase (n=93)
Articles retrieved from Chinese databases
CNKI (n=41)
Total (n=245)
86 articles removed owing to duplicate
159 articles screened
141 articles were excluded because of obvious irrelvance by reading the titles and abstracts
18 articles assessed for eligility
11 articles were excluded:
6 reviews
3 articles not about *FOXP3* polymorphisms
1 meeting report
1 duplicate data
7 articles were included in this meta-analysis