Figure 1. A ‘fit for purpose’ mixed-methods approach for integrating quantitative and qualitative evidence in a systematic review. (Berg et al.)

Review question:
What are the facilitators of and the barriers to FGM?

Searching and screening
Comprehensive search for qualitative and quantitative studies and subsequent application of inclusion criteria

Synthesis 1: Quantitative "predictor" studies
- Quality assessment
- Extraction of quantitative data
- Synthesis of quantitative data

Synthesis 2: Qualitative "perspectives" studies
- Quality assessment
- Extraction of qualitative data
- Synthesis of qualitative data

Synthesis 3: Integrative
Quantitative and qualitative synthesis of forces perpetuating and halting FGM