**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 Synthesis 2: Qualitative "perspectives" studies - Quality assessment - Quality assessment - Extraction of quantitative data - Extraction of qualitative data - Synthesis of quantitative data - Synthesis of qualitative data Synthesis 3: Integrative Quantitative and qualitative synthesis of forces perpetuating and halting FGM