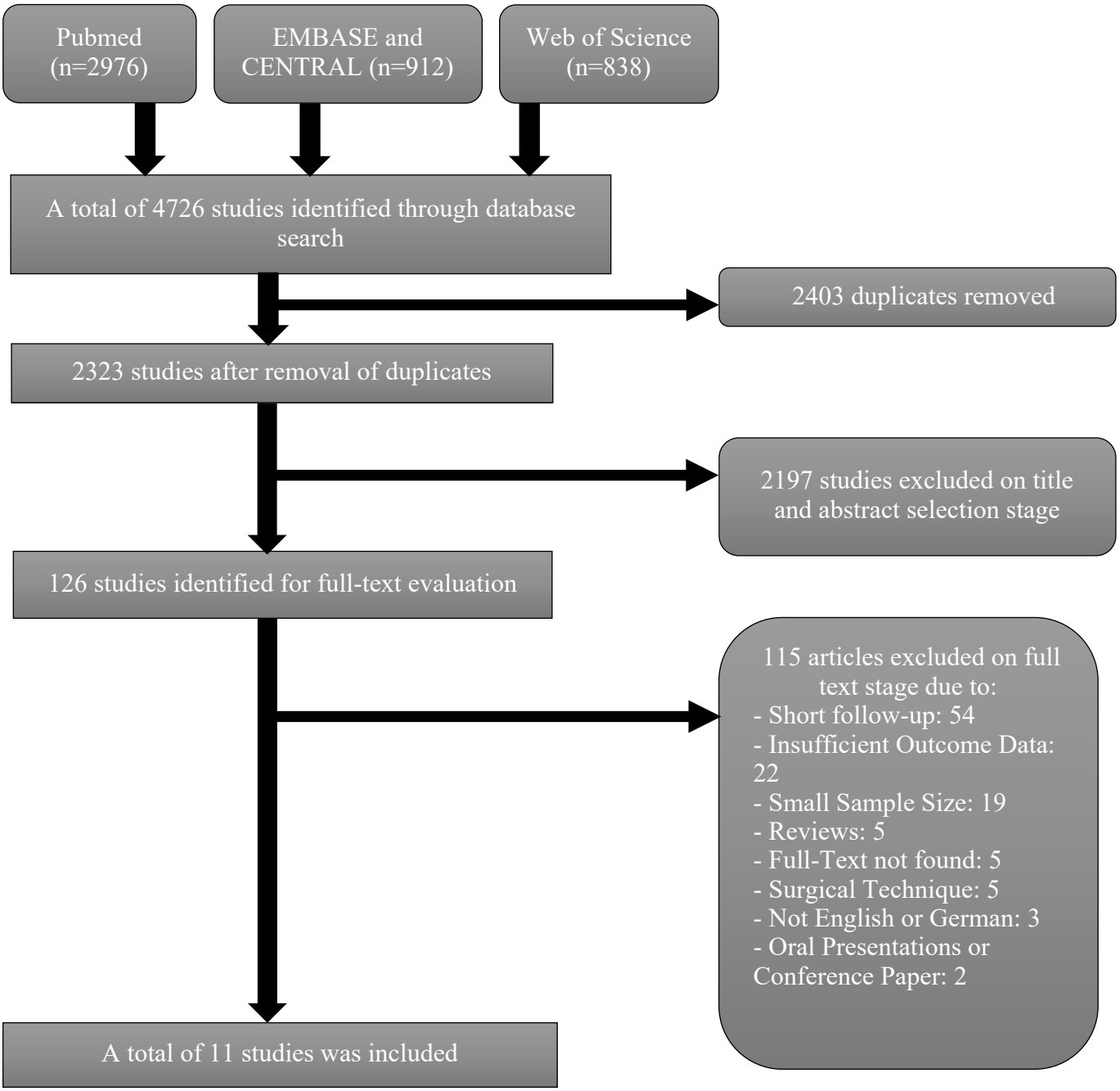
Pubmed (n=2976)
EMBASE and CENTRAL (n=912)
Web of Science (n=838)
A total of 4726 studies identified through database search
2403 duplicates removed
2323 studies after removal of duplicates
2197 studies excluded on title and abstract selection stage
126 studies identified for full-text evaluation
115 articles excluded on full text stage due to:
- Short follow-up: 54
- Insufficient Outcome Data: 22
- Small Sample Size: 19
- Reviews: 5
- Full-Text not found: 5
- Surgical Technique: 5
- Not English or German: 3
- Oral Presentations or Conference Paper: 2
A total of 11 studies was included