Records identified through PubMed database searching (n = 1271)

Records identified through Embase database searching (n = 2967)

Records after duplicates removed (n = 3503)

Records excluded due to
- younger than 18 years of age
- abstract only
- non-english language
- case reports
- case series (< 3 patients)
- reviews
- stricture in non-small bowel location
- animal studies
- studies in non-human subjects
- no evaluation of stricturing Crohn’s disease
- strictures related to ileal pouch anal anastomosis
- missing evaluation of modality of interest
- no full thickness histopathology as the gold standard for all patients
- no accuracy measures for diagnosis of a stricture nor discriminatory and separate evaluation for inflammation and fibrosis
(n = 3434)

Records screened (n = 3503)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 69)

Full-text articles excluded due to
- missing evaluation of modality of interest
- ex vivo studies
- no evaluation of stricturing Crohn’s disease
(n = 47)

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 22)