



687 of records identified through database searching

363 records after duplicates removed

98 records excluded due to meeting exclusion criteria on basis of title

265 records retained

95 articles excluded due to meeting exclusion criteria on basis of abstract

170 full-text articles assessed for eligibility

119 additional articles excluded due to meeting at least one exclusion criteria of this review

51 RCTs retained for further detailed analysis

RCTs excluded;

- GLP-1 agonists used as monotherapy (7)
- <8 weeks duration (5)
- doses used not clinically relevant (4)
- patients naïve to treatment (3)
- less than two thirds of patients first failed on metformin (2)
- patients not randomised (2)

28 studies included in systematic review