Meta-analyses assessed for eligibility
(62510 MAs including 254306 studies)

Excluded from classifications: MA labelled as subgroup analysis or sensitivity analysis; or insufficient information for classification
(10837 MAs including 84501 studies)

Numeric data excluded
- Studies included multiple times in one MA, repeats excluded (27434 studies)
- Single-study MAs (29205 MAs)
- Studies suspected of having erroneous data (15 MAs comprised entirely of 66 such studies, 500 additional studies)

Classified meta-analyses analysed
(22453 MAs including 112600 studies)

Binary outcome MAs
(14886 MAs including 77237 studies)

Continuous outcome MAs
(6672 MAs including 29902 studies)

Mixed outcome MAs
(895 MAs including 5461 studies)