Reviews in CDSR Issue 2, 1998 n = 377

Same reviews present in CDSR Issue 2, 2002 n = 362

Updated reviews n = 254

Updated reviews with new studies n = 137

Reviews withdrawn n = 14
Reviews split n = 1

Reviews not updated n = 108

Reviews updated but no new studies added n = 117

Reviews with no change in conclusion n = 105

Reviews with changed conclusion n = 14

Reviews excluded from analysis n = 18

Primary outcome SS unchanged n = 1
CI of SS of primary outcome narrower n = 13

Primary outcome SS unchanged n = 35
CI of SS of primary outcome narrower n = 65
CI of SS of primary outcome wider n = 5

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