2412 records identified through database searching

PubMed: N=508,
PSYCHINFO via OVID: N=282,

12 records identified through reference lists of retrieved articles and authors personal collections (HH, SB, DG)

146 records manually selected for more detailed evaluation

Reasons for exclusion:
Duplicates, not relevant

100 excluded

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Subgroups of the population (e.g. adolescents/inpatients/HIV patients), focused on a specific method (e.g. poisoning), no quantitative data on suicide attempts or deaths, full text not available, duplicate data from the same sample source

N.B some publications were excluded for multiple reasons

46 publications included in the review

With data on either suicide or suicide attempts in Africa (including incidence, methods, or risk factors)