185 randomised controlled trials of drug therapy assessed for ADR reports

160 provided information on ADRs

160 checked for details on severity of ADRs

86 reported on severity of ADRs

44 no information on how severity was graded

42 reported how severity of ADRs was graded

74 no details on severity of the ADRs

160 checked for details on the rates, by treatment arm, of all reported ADRs

100 rates of all detected ADRs reported by treatment group

19 ADR rates given for one treatment arm only

12 gave lumped totals without numbers for each arm

60 ADR rates for each treatment arm not always given

25 no information on ADRs at all

44 no information on how severity was graded

29 made generic statements without supporting numerical data