74 HTA funded RCTs published by May 2008

85 comparisons across 51 trials included

Positive results (statistically significant) 24% (n=20)
  - Favoured control intervention 20% (n=4)
  - Favoured new intervention 80% (n=16)

Negative results (not statistically significant) 76% (n=65)
  - True negative (no difference) 29% (n=19)
  - Inconclusive in favour of new intervention 23% (n=15)
  - Truly inconclusive (equal chance that control intervention better than new or vice-versa) 31% (n=20)
  - Inconclusive in favour of control intervention 17% (n=11)

23 trials excluded (no data available or non-inferiority / equivalence trials)
  - 7 comparisons excluded