## Additional file 1

## Excluded articles with reasons for exclusion

First author	Year	Journal	Reason for exclusion
Baxi S [1]	2018	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Navarese EP [2]	2018	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Zheng SL [3]	2018	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Mitra S [4]	2018	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Sobieraj DM [5]	2018	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Sobieraj DM [6]	2018	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Gayet-Ageron A [7]	2018	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Zhang XL [8]	2017	Ann Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
Alibhai SMH [9]	2017	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Zenner D [10]	2017	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Wilson LM [11]	2017	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Desai M [12]	2017	BMJ	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
López-López JA [13]	2017	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Croles FN [14]	2017	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Moser W [15]	2017	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Sadeghirad B [16]	2017	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Batelaan NM [17]	2017	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Liu J [18]	2017	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Bangalore S [19]	2017	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Zhao JG [20]	2017	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Tasillo A [21]	2017	JAMA Intern Med	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
Malhotra R [22]	2017	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Tsai WC [23]	2017	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Musso G [24]	2017	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Pan H [25]	2017	N Engl J Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Brownley KA [26]	2016	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Collister D [27]	2016	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Zaccardi F [28]	2016	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Zhang XL [29]	2016	Ann Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
[No author] [30]	2016	BMJ	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
Bangalore S [31]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Boyle RJ [32]	2016	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Brunström M [33]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Bryce A [34]	2016	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Gargiulo G [35]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Hazlewood GS [36]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Hollingsworth JM [37]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Kotecha D [38]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Livingstone KM [39]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Salvo F [40]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Sharma T [41]	2016	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included

Chou R [42]	2016	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Franco OH [43]	2016	JAMA	2. No drug effects evaluated
Khera R [44]	2016	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Lotta LA [45]	2016	JAMA	2. No drug effects evaluated
Palmer SC [46]	2016	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Silverman MG [47]	2016	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Abdel Shaheed C [48]	2016	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Jaspers L [49]	2016	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Thakkar J [50]	2016	JAMA Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
Cassese S [51]	2016	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated
Cipriani A [52]	2016	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
da Costa BR [53]	2016	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Ettehad D [54]	2016	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
NCD-RisF [55]	2016	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated
Rothwell PM [56]	2016	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Stone GW [57]	2016	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated
Xie X [58]	2016	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Bannuru RR [59]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Bannuru RR [60]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Chou R [61]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Miligkos M [62]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Navarese EP [63]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Siemieniuk RA [64]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Smith ME [65]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Spencer FA [66]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Sundström J [67]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Jthman OA [68]	2015	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Alfirevic Z [69]	2015	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Balsells M [70]	2015	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Bolland MJ [71]	2015	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Conway R [72]	2015	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Emanuel EJ [73]	2015	BMJ	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
Giacoppo D [74]	2015	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Lenzer J [75]	2015	BMJ	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
Li BZ [76]	2015	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Machado GC [77]	2015	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Navarese EP [78]	2015	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Thomas KH [79]	2015	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Emdin CA [80]	2015	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Whiting PF [81]	2015	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Di Bona D [ <mark>82</mark> ]	2015	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Prasad V [83]	2015	JAMA Intern Med	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
Viswanathan M [84]	2015	JAMA Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
BPLTTC [85]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Dobson J [86]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
EBCTCG [87]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included

EBCTCG [88]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Elmariah S [89]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Hole J [90]	2015	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated
Mega JL [91]	2015	Lancet	4. Only 1 observational study included
Palmer SC [92]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Palmerini T [93]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Singh JA [94]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Siontis GC [95]	2015	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated
Swerdlow DI [96]	2015	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Viale L [97]	2015	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated
Al-Khatib SM [98]	2014	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Danese S [99]	2014	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Griebeler ML [100]	2014	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Shaw RJ [101]	2014	Ann Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
Stagg HR [102]	2014	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Tu B [103]	2014	Ann Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
Bramham K [104]	2014	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Ford AC [105]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Gough EK [106]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Jefferson [107]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Keene D [108]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Knoll GA [109]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Loymans RJ [110]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Naci H [111]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Taylor D [112]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Tricco AC [113]	2014	BMJ	4. Only 1 observational study included
Valgimigli M [114]	2014	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Windecker S [115]	2014	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Coresh J [116]	2014	JAMA	2. No drug effects evaluated
Castellucci LA [117]	2014	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Chatterjee S [118]	2014	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Jonas DE [119]	2014	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Lee JK [120]	2014	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Sachar H [121]	2014	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Zusterzeel R [122]	2014	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Cheng J [123]	2014	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Sipahi I [124]	2014	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Sipahi I [125]	2014	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
BPLTTC [126]	2014	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Cortazar P [127]	2014	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Emberson J [128]	2014	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Eng C [129]	2014	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Kotecha D [130]	2014	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
NSCLC [131]	2014	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
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Reid IR [132]	2014	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated

D'Ambrosio L [134]	2014	NEJM	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
Fu R [135]	2013	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Lee M [136]	2013	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Morgan RL [137]	2013	Ann Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
Raman G [138]	2013	Ann Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
Vasilakou D [139]	2013	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Azad MB [140]	2013	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Bangalore S [141]	2013	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Bermingham SL [142]	2013	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
BPLTTC [143]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Chatterjee S [144]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Cipriani A [145]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Dormuth CR [146]	2013	BMJ	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
Gagne JJ [147]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Gatta L [148]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Makani H [149]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Marschall J [150]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Naci H [151]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Navarese EP [152]	2013	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Wu HY [153]	2013	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Kayentao K [154]	2013	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Mead GE [155]	2013	JAMA	3. Only clinical trials included
Meissner K [156]	2013	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Wilt TJ [157]	2013	JAMA Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
CNT [158]	2013	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Cuzick J [159]	2013	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Leucht S [160]	2013	Lancet	3. Only clinical trials included
Stefanini GG [161]	2013	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated
Tusting LS [162]	2013	Lancet	2. No drug effects evaluated
Johnston BC [163]	2012	Ann Intern Med	2. No drug effects evaluated
Pinto RZ [164]	2012	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Rutjes AW [165]	2012	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Yeh HC [166]	2012	Ann Intern Med	3. Only clinical trials included
Asbridge M [167]	2012	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Bangalore S [168]	2012	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Farmer AJ [169]	2012	BMJ	2. No drug effects evaluated
Fox BD [170]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Fürst T [171]	2012	BMJ	1. Not a meta-analysis of published studies
Haas DM [172]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Harel Z [173]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Hemmingsen B [174]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Huedo-Medina TB [175]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Karagiannis T [176]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Low EV [177]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Pinto RZ [178]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included
Prochaska JJ [179]	2012	BMJ	3. Only clinical trials included

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Abbreviations: Ann Intern Med, Annals of Internal Medicine; BMJ, British Medical Journal; JAMA, Journal of the American Medical Association; JAMA Intern Med, JAMA Internal Medicine; NEJM, New England Journal of Medicine.

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