## **Appendix 1:** Selection criteria used to assess studies for the oral antidiabetic drug and basal insulin systematic reviews

Selection criteria	
Population	Adult patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus
Interventions	<ul> <li>GLP-1 receptor agonists         <ul> <li>Albiglutide, exenatide, liraglutide, lixisenatide, taspoglutide</li> </ul> </li> <li>DPP-4 inhibitors         <ul> <li>Alogliptin, dutogliptin, linagliptin, saxagliptin, sitagliptin, vildagliptin</li> </ul> </li> <li>Second-generation SUs         <ul> <li>Glibenclamide/glyburide, glipizide, glimepiride</li> </ul> </li> <li>Insulin             <ul> <li>Long-acting insulin, intermediate-acting insulin, short-acting insulin or fast/rapid-acting insulin</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Comparators	Any intervention of interest, placebo, diet, or a currently prescribed OAD providing useful network linkage
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Mean change from baseline in haemoglobin HbA<sub>1c</sub> levels</li> <li>Proportion of patients achieving a target HbA<sub>1c</sub> level (HbA<sub>1c</sub> &lt;7%)</li> <li>Mean change in FPG levels</li> <li>Mean change in body weight</li> <li>Mean change in BMI</li> <li>Proportion of patients requiring dose escalation/average daily dose</li> <li>Patient-reported outcomes</li> <li>Proportion of patients (%) experiencing SAEs</li> <li>Proportion of patients experiencing hypoglycaemic event (including overall number of hypoglycaemic events, symptomatic, symptomatic confirmed, severe, and nocturnal hypoglycaemic event as reported, and the definitions of each hypoglycaemic outcome)</li> <li>Proportion of patients experiencing GI AEs (including overall GI events, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea)</li> <li>Proportion of patients discontinuing treatment owing to any reason</li> <li>Proportion of patients discontinuing treatment owing to AEs</li> <li>Proportion of patients discontinuing treatment owing to lack of efficacy</li> </ul>
Study design	RCT
Time period	1980–2012 (OAD review) 1980–2012 (insulin review)

GLP-1 = glucagon-like peptide-1; DPP-4 = dipeptidyi-peptidase-4; SU = sulphonylurea; OAD = oral antidiabetic drug; HbA<sub>1c</sub> = glycated haemoglobin; FPG = fasting plasma glucose; PPG = postprandial plasma glucose; BMI = body mass index; SAE = serious adverse event; GI = gastrointestinal; AE = adverse event; RCT = randomized controlled trial.