Appendix 3 - Reasons for exclusion after full-text eligibility review for each research area

Control measures

Number of excluded records: 30

Reasons for exclusions: Studies on HIV prevention without recording of effect on HSV-2 (n=6), STI prevention without HSV-2 data (n=4), developed countries (n=10), studies on HSV-1 prevention (n=10)

HSV-2/HIV interaction

Number of excluded records: 4

Reasons for exclusions: 4 discussed HSV-2 and HIV independently (not the interactions)

Modelling

Number of excluded records: 21

Reasons for exclusions: 21 were not mathematical modelling studies- they simply used statistical modelling to analyse their own data