S2 Appendix. Excluded studies and reasons for exclusion

Reasons for exclusion

- 1= No outcome of interest (n=25)
- 2= Not population of interest (n=54)
- 3= Systematic review (n=1)
- 4= Association study (n=32)
- 5= Not in English (n=5)

Name	Year	Exclusion number	Detailed reason for exclusion
Aasland [1]	2004	5	Not in English
Al-Areefi [2]	2013	2	Beliefs and attitudes of physicians
Alghasham [3]	2009	1	Potential pressures from patients and drug companies on physician generic drug prescription
Alssageer,[4]	2013	2	Beliefs of physicians
Al Zaharani[5]	2014	4	Impact of pharmaceutical industry on physician prescribing behaviors
Andaleeb[6]	1995	2	Attitudes of physicians towards pharma sale representatives
Anderson[7]	2009	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians regarding factors associated with self-reported reliance on representatives when making prescribing decisions
Arkinson[8]	2010	3	Systematic review
Backer [9]	2000	2	Attitude of physicians
Banks[10]	1992	2	Attitudes of physicians towards gift from pharma
Berlings[11]	1994	4	Effect of industry-independent drug information on physicians' prescription of drugs
Brett[12]	2003	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians towards gifts from pharma
Burashnikova[13]	2008	2	Attitudes of physicians and residents towards pharmaceutical promotion techniques
Buusman[14]	2007	1	How GPs choose between drugs

Caamano [15]	2002	4	Influence of commercial information on prescription quantity
Campo [16]	2006	4	Physicians' decision process for drug prescription and impact of pharma marketing mix instruments
Carroll[17]	2007	4	Impact of educational interventions on medical trainees' attitudes and behaviors regarding industry-trainee and industry-physician relationships
Carthy[18]	2000	1	Modifiable factors associated with GP prescribing variance and cost
Castresana [19]	2005	5	Spanish
Caudill [20]	1996	2	Attitude of physicians
Chimonas[21]	2007	1	Physicians' techniques for managing cognitive inconsistencies within their relationships with drug representatives
Chren[22]	1994	4	Physicians' behavior and their interactions with drug companies
Civaner[23]	2012	1	Sales strategies of pharmaceutical companies
Creyer EH[24]	1998	4	Sales representatives' influence on physicians' impressions of the industry
De Las Cuevas [25]	2002	4	Pressure of promotions by the pharmaceutical industry
De Gara [26]	2013	2	Physician perceptions surrounding conflict of interest.
Ellison[27]	2009	4	Rates of reporting commercial bias by physicians following online CME activities
Evans[28]	2011	1	Benefits of refusing visits from pharma
Evans[29]	1987	4	Influence of prescription drug information source on the usefulness of the information
Fagundes[30]	2006	1	Bioethical analysis of drugs advertisement and publicity
Fassold[31]	1996	2	Attitudes of physicians towards drug promotion
Fernandez,[32]	2000	1	Opinion of physicians regarding the importance and legitimacy of sources of influence on medical practice
Figueiras, [33]	2000	4	Influence of physician's education, drug info and medical-care setting of the quality of drugs prescribed
Fischer[34]	2009	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
Fortuna[35]	2007	4	Influences on prescribing decisions
Freeman[36]	1993	2	Opinion of physicians regarding the importance of several items on their prescribing of drug for patients with panic disorder

Fugh- Burman[37]	2011	4	Promotional tone in reviews of menopausal hormone therapy
Gaedeke[38]	1999	1	The perceived value of specific services provided by pharma sales rep
Gaither[39]	1994	2	Beliefs and attitudes of physicians
Gaither[40]	1996	2	Attitude of physicians
Goluksuz[41]	2009	5	Not in English
Gray[42]	2007	2	Evaluates how advanced cancer patients enrolled onto early-phase clinical trials of experimental agents perceive investigator COI
Guldal[43]	2000	4	Influences of drug companies ads programs on physicians
Gundermann[44]	2010	5	Not in English
Gunnardottir[45]	2005	1	Physicians' perception of the influence of several variables on their prescribing behavior
Haayer[46]	1982	4	Rational prescribing and sources of information
Hajjaj[47]	2010	1	Nonclinical influences in dermatology decision making
Hall[48]	2006	2	Perceptions of the influence of prescription medicine sample on prescribing
Halperin[49]	2004	2	Opinion of physicians towards gift giving
Hampson, [50]	2006	2	Examine views of patients in research trials regarding potential conflicts of interest between researchers or medical centers and drug companies
Hassali[51]	2006	1	Factors influencing prescribing decisions
Hayes[52]	1990	2	Attitude of physicians towards role of the pharma industry in CME
Herrera[53]	2004	5	Not in English
Hodges[54]	1995	2	Attitude of physicians towards pharma-physician interactions
Hull[55]	1987	1	Sources of information about new drugs and physician attitudes towards drug prescribing
Jones[56]	2001	1	Physicians' perceptions of the factors that influence their decisions to introduce new drugs into their clinical practice

Jones[57]	2000	4	Factors influencing prescribing decisions: new drugs
Joubert[58]	1984	2	Attitudes of physicians
Kao[59]	2011	2	Attitudes and beliefs of residents toward pharma marketing practices
Katz[60]	2002	2	Attitudes of physicians towards academia-industry: collaboration in CME
Keim[61]	2004	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
Kelly[62]	1996	1	Motivation of physicians attending education events
Kelmenc-Ketis, Z., [63]	2013	4	Influence of interaction on physicians' prescribing patterns
Kerridge[64]	2005	1	Nature and extent of relationships between pharmaceutical industry and medical organizations
Kersnik[65]	2011	2	Family doctors' views of pharmaceutical industry sales representatives
Keune[66]	2011	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians towards disclosing financial conflicts of interest
Kim,[67]	2004	2	Research participants
Kish-doto[68]	2008	1	Investigation of four dimensions of psychiatrists' prescribing practices for antiepileptic drugs
Klein[69]	2006	4	Factors influencing prescribing decisions
Korenstein[70]	2010	2	Attitudes of physicians towards the pharmaceutical industry
Kyle[71]	2008	4	Influence of pharmaceutical industry on drug prescription
Kyle[72]	2009	4	Influence of marketing expenditure on drug prescription
Lexchin[73]	1997	1	Information received by physicians from pharmaceutical industry
Loh[74]	2007	4	Impact of CME activities on clinical practice
Lurie[75]	1990	4	Nature, frequency and effects of contact with pharmaceutical reps
Madhavan[76]	1997	2	Knowledge and attitude of physicians
Magzoub[77]	2011	1	Factors influencing prescribing decisions of physicians
Mather[78]	2005	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
McKinney[79]	1990	2	Attitudes of physicians

Monaghan[80]	2003	2	Knowledge and attitude of residents
Morgan[81]	2006	2	Opinions and practice patterns of doctors on acceptance and use of gifts from pharma
Okike[82]	2009	1	Accuracy of conflict-of-interest disclosures reported by physicians
Orlowski[83]	1992	4	Influence of interactions with pharma on physicians' prescribing patterns
Osborn[84]	2009	4	Effect of ethical guidelines on decision-making regarding the relationships with the pharma industry
Oshikoya[85]	2011	4	Drug information sources and their influence on drug prescribing behavior
Othman[86]	2010	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians towards information provided by pharmaceutical representatives
Pedan[87]	2011	4	Influence of interactions with pharma on physicians' prescribing patterns
Pinto[88]	2007	1	Physicians' intent to comply with the AMA's guidelines on gifts from the pharma industry
Prosser[89]	2003	1	Prescribing GPs' attitudes and approach, use of the pharma industry as a significant info source
Prosser[90]	2003	2	Beliefs of physicians
Prosser[91]	2003	4	Factors influencing prescribing patterns
Quinn[92]	2002	2	Attitude of physicians
Rajan[93]	2008	2	Beliefs and attitudes of physicians
Rohra[94]	2006	4	Evaluation of drug promotional claims made by pharma
Ross[95]	2009	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
Roy[96]	2007	1	Range of drug promotional practices

Rutledge[97]	2003	2	Beliefs of physicians
Saito[98]	2010	2	Knowledge and attitudes of physicians
Sara[99]	2001	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
Seidel[100]	1999	2	Pharma-physician interaction
Sharma[101]	2010	2	Attitudes of residents
Siddiqi[102]	2011	4	Influence of pharma on drug prescription
Skoglund[103]	2011	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
Somerset[104]	2001	1	Pharma-physicians interactions - Goffman's dramaturgical model
Spiller[105]	2001	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
Steinman[106]	2001	2	Attitude of residents towards pharma-industry promotions
Stelfox [107]	1998	4	Effects of financial conflict of interests
Stoddard[108]	2003	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
Stross [109]	1987	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians
Tabas [110]	2011	2	Attitudes of physicians towards commercial support of CME
Taylor[111]	1991	4	Factors influencing prescribing patterns
Tengilimogclu [112]	2004	1	Ethical dilemmas faced by pharma sales rep in their relations with physicians
Thomas[113]	2005	2	Self-regulation and the relationship of physicians with the pharmaceutical industry.
Thomson[114]	1994	2	Attitudes of physicians towards pharmaceutical companies
Tobin[115]	2008	4	Influence of pharma on drug prescription
Trevisol[116]	2001	2	Attitudes and beliefs of physicians and residents towards
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Weinfort, [117]	2006	2	Elicit the perspectives of research participants to help inform the development of appropriate guidance on
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