e-Appendix: Amount of data required for meta-analysis of fully reported outcomes

Type of outcome data	Required for meta-analysis
Unpaired continuous data	• Sample size in each group; • Magnitude of treatment effect (group means/medians or difference in means/medians); and • Measure of precision or variability (confidence interval, standard deviation or standard error for means; interquartile or other range for medians) or the precise p value*
Unpaired binary data	• Sample size in each group; and Either • Number (or percent) of participants with event for each group; or • Odds ratio or relative risk with measure of precision or variability (confidence interval, standard deviation or standard error) or the precise p value*
Paired continuous data	• Sample size in each group; and Either • Mean difference between groups and a measure of its precision, variability or precise p value; or • Raw data for each participant
Paired binary data	• Sample size in each group; and • Paired numbers of participants with and without events
Survival data	Either • Kaplan-Meier curve or similar, with numbers of patients at risk over time; or • Hazard ratio with a measure of precision, and sample size in each group

*Sample sizes, treatment effect and precise p value enable the calculation of a standard error if a measure of precision or variability is not reported.