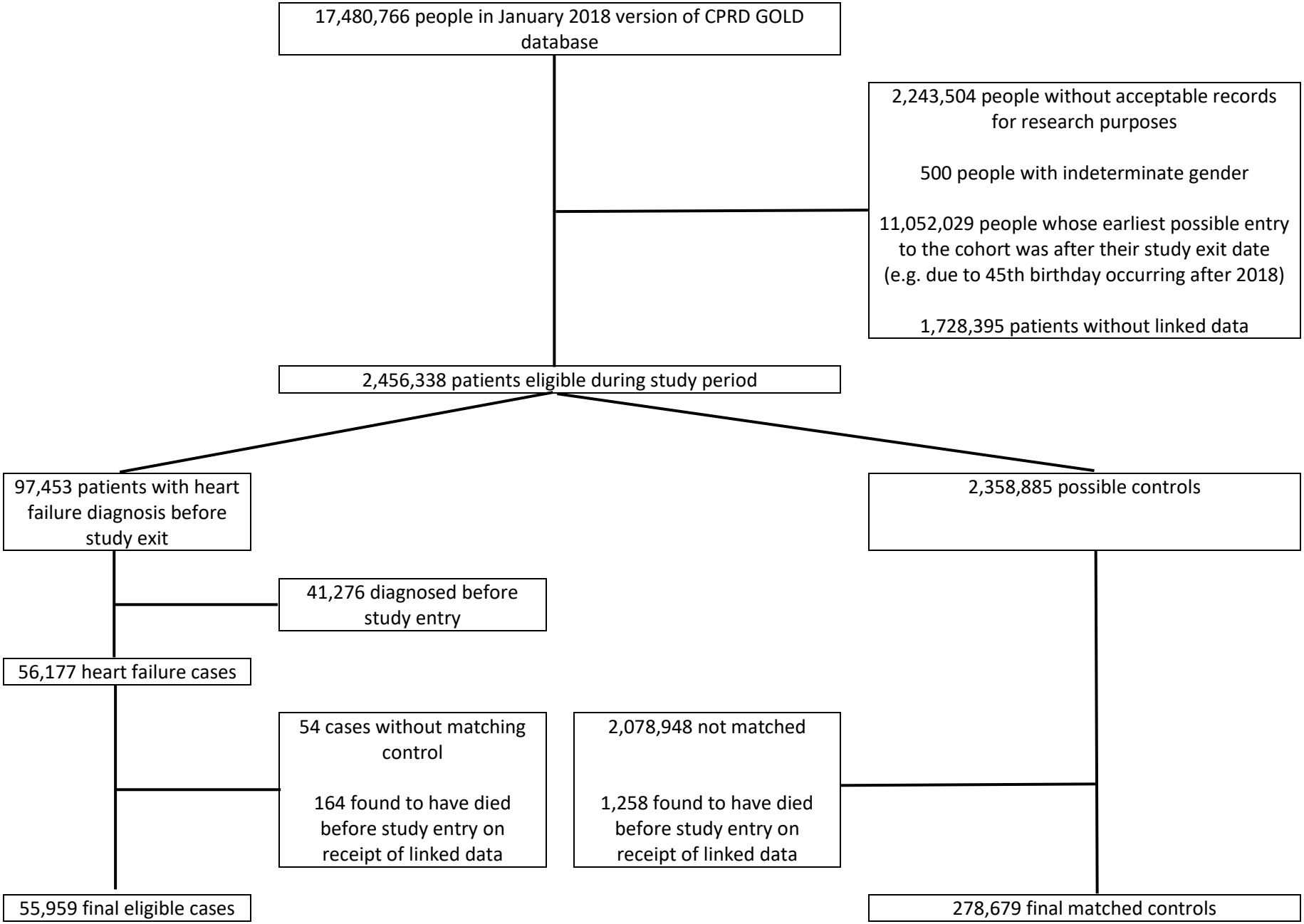
17,480,766 people in January 2018 version of CPRD GOLD database
2,243,504 people without acceptable records for research purposes
500 people with indeterminate gender
11,052,029 people whose earliest possible entry to the cohort was after their study exit date (e.g. due to 45th birthday occurring after 2018)
1,728,395 patients without linked data
2,456,338 patients eligible during study period
97,453 patients with heart failure diagnosis before study exit
2,358,885 possible controls
41,276 diagnosed before study entry
56,177 heart failure cases
54 cases without matching control
164 found to have died before study entry on receipt of linked data
2,078,948 not matched
1,258 found to have died before study entry on receipt of linked data
55,959 final eligible cases
278,679 final matched controls