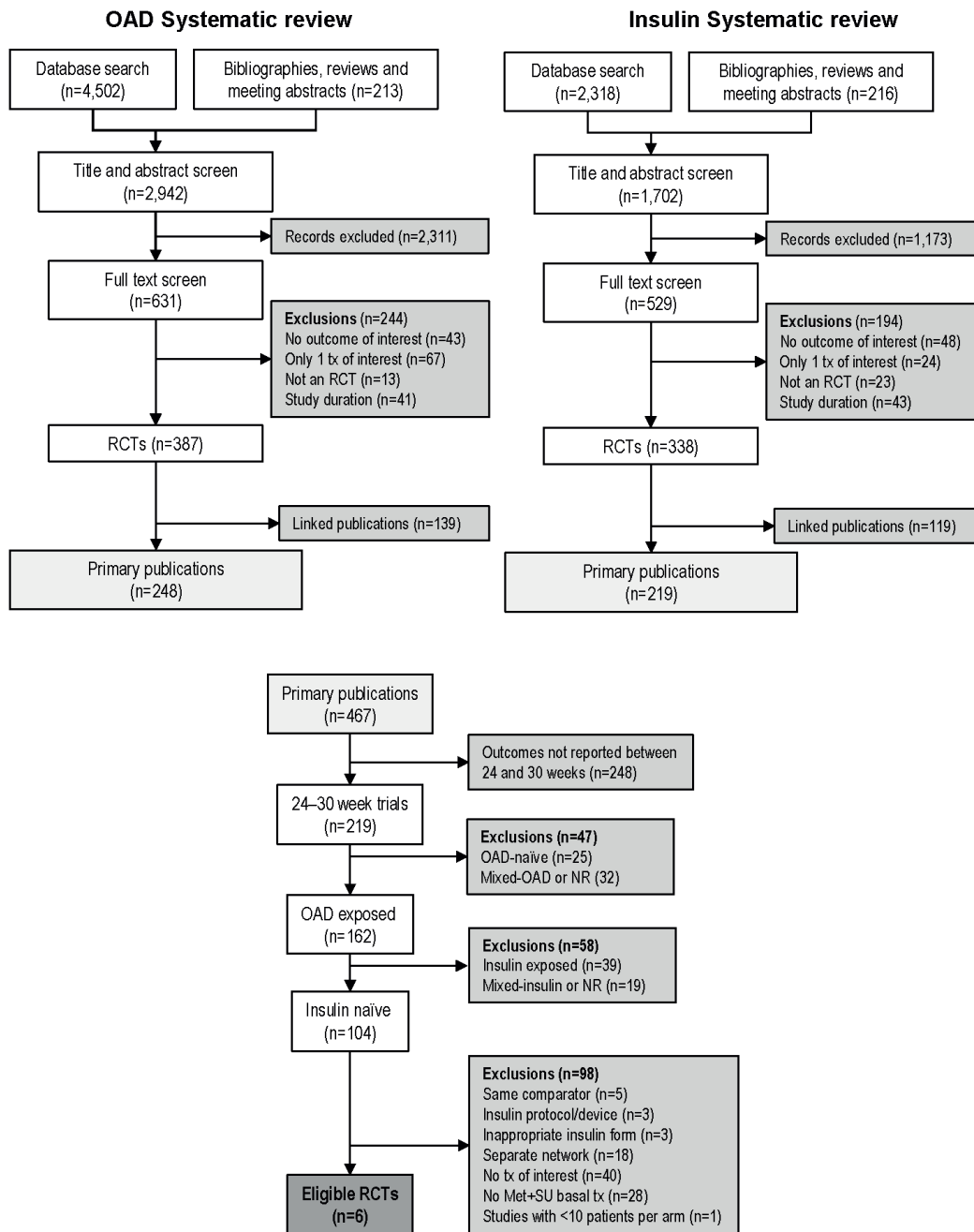


Appendix 2: Flow diagram for study selection



The full syntax is available upon request to the authors. OAD = oral antidiabetic drug; tx = treatment; RCT = randomized, controlled trial; NR = not reported; Met = metformin; SU = sulphonylurea.