

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

#### **HSV-2 Epidemiology**

Number of excluded records: 116

Reasons for exclusions: Studies on HIV and HSV-2 interaction (n=17), STI prevalence without HSV-2 data (n=19), based on High Income Countries (n=13), studies on HSV-1 Epidemiology (n=15), studies on other aspects of HSV-2 without HSV-2 epidemiology data (n=37), Duplicate records (n=9) and research protocols and letters (n=6)

#### **HSV-2 Diagnostic**

Number of excluded records: 30

Reasons for exclusions: focussed on diagnosing HSV-2 meningitis or keratitis (n=17), based on High-Income Countries (n=9), and studies on HSV-1 diagnosis (n=4)