

Appendix 3 (as supplied by the authors): Risk of bias assessment of included studies

+ = criterion fulfilled

- = criterion not fulfilled

O = insufficient information

Study, year	Adequate sequence generation	Allocation concealment	Blinding	Incomplete outcome data addressed? All outcomes	Free of selective reporting	Free of other bias
Barbanel (2003) ¹	+	+	-	+	+	+
Bynum (2001) ²	+	O	-	+	-	-
Chan (2007) ³	+	-	-	-	+	-
Chatkin (2006) ⁴	O	O	O	+	+	-
Clark (2007) ⁵	+	O	+	+	+	-
Cruz-Correia (2007) ⁶	+	O	-	+	-	-
de Jongste (2009) ⁷	+	O	-	+	-	-
Donald (2008) ^{8,9}	O	O	-	-	+	-
Gruffydd-Jones (2005) ¹⁰	+	-	-	+	+	+
Guendelman (2002) ¹¹	O	+	-	+	+	-
Jan (2007) ¹²	+	+	O	+	-	+
Khan (2004) ¹³	+	+	-	+	+	-
Kokubu (1999) ¹⁴	O	O	O	O	O	O
Kokubu (2000) ¹⁵	+	O	-	-	O	O
Ostojic (2005) ¹⁶	+	O	-	O	+	+
Pinnock (2003, 2005) ^{17,18}	+	+	-	+	+	+
Pinnock (2007) ¹⁹	+	O	O	+	+	-
Rasmussen (2005) ²⁰	+	+	-	+	-	-
Van der Meer (2009) ²¹	+	O	-	+	+	+
Vollmer (2006) ²²	O	O	O	-	-	-
Willems (2007, 2008) ^{23,24,25}	+	O	-	+	+	-

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