Appendix 3 (as supplied by the authors): List of excluded studies

B.1 Excluded – Wrong Population


B.2 Excluded – Wrong Intervention and/or Comparator


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B.3 Excluded – No Mortality Outcome


B.4 Excluded – Wrong Study Design


B.5 Excluded – Sub-study / Sub-analysis / Extension Study


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