

openMetaAnalysis: Risk of bias

Table. Risk of bias for included studies. Criteria for determinations are from the Cochrane Handbook, Table 8.5.d. Available at [http://handbook-5-1.cochrane.org/chapter 8/table 8 5 d criteria for judging risk of bias in the risk of.htm](http://handbook-5-1.cochrane.org/chapter_8/table_8_5_d_criteria_for_judging_risk_of_bias_in_the_risk_of.htm).

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PMID 21339275 NCT00352612								
Schmitz, 2010 PMID: 20346539 <u>NCT00822692</u> <u>NCT00973765</u>	212	Unclear Risk ¶	Unclear Risk ¶	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk
Duong, 2009 PMID: 19409657 <u>NCT00679302</u>	161	Low Risk	Unclear Risk ¶	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Unclear Risk ¶¶
Rajendran, 2007 PMID: 17846141 <u>NCT00187759</u>	166	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Unclear Risk	Unclear Risk

Notes:

* Assessment of individual studies based on the Cochrane Handbook, Table 8.5.d. Available at http://handbook-5-1.cochrane.org/chapter_8/table_8_5_d_criteria_for_judging_risk_of_bias_in_the_risk_of.htm .

† Summary determination across studies based on Cochrane Handbook, Table 8.7. Available at http://handbook-5-1.cochrane.org/chapter_8/table_8_7_a_possible_approach_for_summary_assessments_of_the.htm .

‡ Lack of a Consort diagram, by itself, is considered to be unclear risk for incomplete outcome and attrition bias.

§ Lack of trial registration, by itself, is considered to be unclear risk for selective reporting.

¶ Method of randomization not clearly described.

¶¶ Unclear reasons for gap in patient enrollment and two registrations at ClinicalTrials.gov.