

## Characteristics of excluded reviews

Author Date	Reason for exclusion
Akl 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Akl 2011b	Moderate or lower relevance
Al-Ansary 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Allemann 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Allen 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Alvarez-Jimenez 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Ammenworth 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Ara 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Armour 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Arnold 2005	Moderate or lower relevance (indirect)
Arroll 2003	Overlap
Asfar 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Bailey 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Banham 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Baradaran 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Barlow 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Barnard 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Barnard 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Batty 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Baumeister 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Belling 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Beney 2000	Updated; replaced by Nkansah 2010
Berkman 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Blackstock 2006	Moderate or lower relevance

Blaya 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Bloomfield 2011	Overlap
Boonacker 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Bordley 2000	Too indirect to consumer
Boren 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Boren 2009b	Moderate or lower relevance
Borkhoff 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Bosch-Capblanch 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Bosch-Capblanch 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Boyd 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Boyle 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Bradley 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Bravata 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Bray 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Bridle 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Briss 2000	Overlap
Brown 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Brown 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Brownstein 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Bunn 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Burton 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Cabana 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Cabassa 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Cameron 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Cape 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Carson 2012	Moderate or lower relevance

Carter 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Chan 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Chang 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Chisholm 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Chisholm-Burns 2010	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Christensen 2007	Overlap
Churchill 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Clar 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Clark 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Clark 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Clement 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Coffman 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Coleman 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Cole-Lewis 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Concha 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Connock 2007	Overlap
Connor 2004	Overlap
Cooper 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Coren 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Costello 2004	Overlap
Costello 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Cote 2005	Overlap
Cox 2008	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Craven 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Currell 2000	Moderate or lower relevance
Cushing 2010	Moderate or lower relevance

Cutrona 2010	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Dalal 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Dale 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Dalton 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Davey 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
de Belvis 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Deakin 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Dean 2010	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Deenadayalan 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Dieterich 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Ditewig 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Desplenter 2006	Overlap
Dexheimer 2008	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Doggett 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Dolan 2008	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Dolder 2003	Overlap
Donald 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Dorresteijn 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Duncan 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Durrani 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Ebrahim 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Effing 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Ersser 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Eslami 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Fahey 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Fahey 2006	Moderate or lower relevance

Fatourechí 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Fealy 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Felder 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Ferreira 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Ferron 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Finley 2003	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Fischer 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Fjeldsoe 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Fleury 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Flodgren 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Forsetlund 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Forsetlund 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Forster 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Foster 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Fox 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Freund 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Gagnon 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Gaston 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Gensichen 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
George 2008	Overlap
Gialamas 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Gibson 2002	Moderate or lower relevance
Gibson 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Gilbody 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Gill 1999	Moderate or lower relevance (indirect)
Gillespie 2001	Moderate or lower relevance

Gillespie 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Glasdam 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Glazier 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Glenton 2011	Overlap
Glueckauf 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Gogia 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Goldman 2007	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Goulding 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Govindan 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Graziano 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Grilli 2002	Moderate or lower relevance (indirect)
Guldberg 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Gunn 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Haby 2001	Moderate or lower relevance
Hailey 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Hajjar 2007	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Halpern 2006	Updated; replaced by Halpern 2011
Han 2012	Moderate or lower relevance
Handford 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Harding 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Harris 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Harris 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Hart 2010	Overlap
Hartmann 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Hawkins 2007	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Hawthorne 2010	Moderate or lower relevance

Haynes 1996	Overlap
Heideman 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Heinrich 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Hemmingsen 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Henderson 1999	Moderate or lower relevance
Heneghan 2006a	Updated; replaced by Mahtaini 2011
Heneghan 2006b	Updated; replaced by Garcia-Alamino 2010
Herman 2009	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Hersh 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Heselmans 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Hey 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Higgins 2004	Overlap
Hiller 2002	Moderate or lower relevance
Hodge 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Hodnett 2000	Moderate or lower relevance
Hodnett 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Hoeks 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Holland 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Hollands 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Hood 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Hoogendoorn 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Horsley 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Huffman 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Hulscher 1999	Moderate or lower relevance
Hwang 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Ilott 2005	Overlap

Ioannidis 2001	Moderate or lower relevance (indirect)
Irani 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Jaber 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Jamtvedt 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Johansson 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Johnson 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Jones 2002	Moderate or lower relevance
Jovicic 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Kaboli 2006	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Kangelaris 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Kang-Yi 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Kaper 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Karjalainen 1999	Moderate or lower relevance
Karjalainen 2003a	Moderate or lower relevance
Karjalainen 2003b	Moderate or lower relevance
Kastner 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Kendrick 2000	Overlap, outdated
Kendrick 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Kirby 2008	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Kisley 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Kongnyuy 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Kripalani 2007	Overlap
Krishna 2009	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Krueger 2003	Overlap, low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Kruk 2006	Overlap, low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Kwan 2004	Moderate or lower relevance

Lagarde 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Lagarde 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Lagarde 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Lai 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Lai 2010b	Overlap
Lancaster 2002	Moderate or lower relevance
Lancaster 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Lancaster 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Lassi 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Leach 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Légaré 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Lemmens 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Lewin 2001	Moderate or lower relevance
Lewin 2005	Updated; replaced by Lewin 2010
Li 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Li 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Liang 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Lindsay 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Liss 2002	Moderate or lower relevance
Lodewijckx 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Lopez 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Lopez 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Loveman 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Lu 2008	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Lugtenberg 2000	Moderate or lower relevance
Lumley 2009	Moderate or lower relevance

Lussier 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Maeda 2009	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Malone 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Maric 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Marshall 1998	Moderate or lower relevance
Martire 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Martire 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Matteson 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
McClure 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
McDonald 2002	Overlap
McGraw 2004	Overlap
McKinstry 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
McLean 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
McLean 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Meyer-Masseti 2011	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Michael 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Michael 2010b	Moderate or lower relevance
Michie 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Minet 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Mistiaen 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Mohanan 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Moonesinghe 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Motamedi 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Murray 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Nabhan 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Ndiaye 2005	Overlap

Newell 1999	Overlap, outdated
Ni 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Niesink 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Nilsen 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Norris 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Nose 2003	Overlap
O'Connor 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Odegaard 2004	Overlap
Oeseberg 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Okoli 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Oldenmenger 2009	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Ontario HTA series 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Oringanje 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Page 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Pampallona 2002	Overlap
Papadakis 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Paré 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Parienti 2009	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Pearson 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Pegurri 2005	Overlap
Pekkala 2002	Moderate or lower relevance
Pelletier 2001	Moderate or lower relevance
Petersen 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Petersen 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Pharoah 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Pickup 2011	Moderate or lower relevance

Pignone 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Pimouguet 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Ploeg 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Polisena 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Polisena 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Ponniah 2007	Overlap
Poolsup 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Poolsup 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Post 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Postma 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Powell 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Rackal 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Raymond 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Raynor 2007	Overlap
Reda 2001	Moderate or lower relevance
Reda 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Reed 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Reeves 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Renders 2000	Moderate or lower relevance
Rex 2006	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Ryhanen 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Rice 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Riemsma 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Rigotti 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Robertson 2010	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Roccaforte 2005	Moderate or lower relevance

Rollason 2003	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Russell-Minda 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Sajatovic 2004	Overlap
Saksena 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Samoocha 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Sanders 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Sangani 2001	Moderate or lower relevance
Sanghera 2006	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Santschi 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Saokaew 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Savage 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Schedlbauer 2004	Updated, replaced by Schedlbauer 2010
Schedlbauer 2007	Overlap
Schedlbauer 2009	Overlap
Schiffman 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Schroeder 2004a	Overlap
Scott 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Scott 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Scott 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Shahab 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Shaw 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Shea 2009	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Shepperd 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Shepperd 2010 (update of Shepperd 2004)	Moderate or lower relevance
Shojania 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Shojania 2010	Moderate or lower relevance

Siebenhofer 2004	Overlap
Simoni 2006	Overlap
Simpson 2005	Too indirect to consumer
Sinclair 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Smeets 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Smetana 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Smith 2001	Moderate or lower relevance
Smith 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Smith 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Smith 2007a	Moderate or lower relevance
Smith 2007b	Moderate or lower relevance
Smith 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Smith 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Sorsdahl 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
St John 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Stacey 2011 (update of O'Connor 2009)	Moderate or lower relevance
Steffen 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Stemer 2010	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Stinson 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Stokes 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Stolic 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Sutcliffe 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Szilagyi 2000	Overlap
Tapp 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Taylor 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Thomas 2010b	Overlap

Tieu 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Toelle 2004	Moderate or lower relevance
Towfigh 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Tremblay 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Tsai 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Tully 2000	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Turnock 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Urquhart 2005	Qualitative review
Vaapio 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Valk 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Van der Wal 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Van Rosse 2009	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Viswanathan 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Volmink 1997	Overlap
Von Gunten 2007	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Walburn 2001	Qualitative review
Walker 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Walton 2008	Too indirect to consumer
Watson 2009	Moderate or lower relevance
Webel 2010	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Wei 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Welschen 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Welsh 2011	Moderate or lower relevance
Wendt 1998	Overlap, outdated
Wens 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Werawatganon 2005	Moderate or lower relevance

White 2010	Overlap
Whittaker 2002	Overlap
Winkley 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Winterbottom 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Wise 2007	Moderate or lower relevance
Wise 2008	Overlap
Witter 2012	Moderate or lower relevance
Wofford 2005	Moderate or lower relevance
Wolf 2003	Moderate or lower relevance
Wolfstadt 2008	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Wong 2010	Overlap
Woolacott 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Wu 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Young 2010	Overlap
Yourman 2008	Low quality (AMSTAR < 4)
Yu 2006	Moderate or lower relevance
Yuen 2010	Moderate or lower relevance
Zaki 2008	Moderate or lower relevance
Zedler 2011	Overlap
Zhang 2007	Moderate or lower relevance