

11 clinical
trials[1,6-18]
identified
(2252 Patients)

3 clinical trials (Chua et al. [6]
2002, Mizowaki et al [7] 2003 and
Lin et al. [8] 2003) excluded for not
meeting the eligibility criterion

8 randomized
controlled clinical
trials (RCTs)
(1755 Patients)

1 RCT (Al-Sarraf et al. [1] 1998
excluded for being non-endemic
trial.

7 endemic RCTs
included in analysis [10-
18]. (1608 Patients)