

Additional file 3. Risk of bias assessment within studies included in quantitative synthesis.

Author	Selection bias (randomization)	Selection bias (allocation concealment)	Performance bias	Detection bias	Attrition bias	Reporting bias	Other bias
Ferrer et al. 2003	+	+	-	?	+	?	?
Trevisan et al. 2008	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Vaschetto et al. 2012	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Carron et al. 2014	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Perkins et al. 2018	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Vaschetto et al. 2018	+	+	-	+	+	+	+

Legend	
Low risk of bias	+
Unclear	?
High risk of bias	-