

Supplemental Table 3

| Quality of Included Studies | | | | | | | | | |
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| Author, Year (Reference) | Jadad Score | Allocation Concealment | Similarity of Baseline Characteristics | Eligibility Criteria | Blinding | | | Completeness of follow up | Intention- to-Treat Analysis |
| | | | | | Outcome Assessor | Care Provider | Patient | | |
| Rebuzzi 1984 | 0 | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| Rizzon 1989 | 3 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| De Pasquale 1990 | 1 | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| Davini 1992 | 1 | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| Martina 1992 | 3 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Iliceto 1995 | 3 | Yes | Yes | Yes | NS | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Jacoba 1996 | 2 | Yes | Yes | Yes | NS | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Pehlivann- oglu 1996 | 1 | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| Singh 1996 | 4 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Iyer 1999 | 3 | Yes | No | Yes | NS | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Kobulia | 2 | Yes | Yes | Yes | NS | NS | NS | Yes | No |

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| 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tarantini 2006 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Xue 2007 | 1 | No | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No |

NS = Not Stated