

	Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias): Self-reported outcomes	Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Objective measures	Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Other bias
Agha A, 2009 [31]	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	?	
Ahmad 1997 (b) [23]	+	+	+	?	+	?	+	+	
Ahmad 2003 (a) [22]	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	
Bojestig M 2001 (a) [24]	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Bojestig M 2001 (b) [24]	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Crepaldi G 1998 [25]	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	
Dragović T 2003 [32]	+	?	+	+	+	?	+	+	
Jerums G 2001 [26]	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Laffel LM 1995 [27]	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Makino, H 2008 (a) [33]	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	
Makino, H 2008 (b) [33]	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	
Ravid M 1993 [28]	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Romero R 1993 [29]	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	
Vongterapak S 1998 [30]	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	
Zandbergen, 2003 [34]	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	

Supplementary Figure 4b: Risk of bias summary of included studies