

Supplementary material:

Table 1: Mean scores given to each question of the eleven questions of the R-AMSTAR for the six included systematic reviews.

Acceptable Sampling Analysis based on R-AMSTAR														
Scores shown are the mean of the individual scores of the two independent readers														
	A Prior Design	Data Extraction	Comprehensive Lit. Search	Status of Publication	List of Studies	Chart of Included Studies	Method for Synthesis	Forming Conclusion	Method for Combining	Publication Bias	Conflict of Interest			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Mean	SD
<u>Vergnes et al, 2007</u>	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	2.5	3	3	4	4	1.5	35.5	3.23	0.72
<u>Xiong et al, 2007</u>	2	1.5	3	1	1	3	2.5	2	3	1	1	21	1.19	0.86
<u>Vettore et al, 2006</u>	3	1.5	3	1	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	20.5	1.86	1.05
<u>Xiong et al, 2006</u>	3	1.5	2	1	1	2	3	3	4	1	1	22.5	2.05	1.06
<u>Khader and Ta'ani, 2003</u>	3	4	4	1.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	3	4	4	2	31	2.82	1.08
<u>Scannapieco et al, 2003</u>	3	3	2	1.5	2	1	2	2	2.5	1	1	21	1.91	0.74
Total	17.5	15	17.5	9.5	11	12	13	17	19.5	12	7.5			
Mean	2.92	2.50	2.92	1.58	1.83	2.00	2.17	2.83	3.25	2.00	1.25			
SD	0.49	1.14	0.80	0.97	1.03	0.71	0.82	0.75	0.88	1.55	0.42			