

Additional file 7: Assessment of 29 quantitative studies and three qualitative studies using separate tools

Author (Year)	Quality Assessment Tool for Quantitative Studies rating	Quality Assessment Tool for Qualitative Studies rating	Author (Year)
Quantitative Studies (n=29)		Qualitative Studies (n=3)	
None	Strong		
Bekkering, GE, van Tulder MW, et al. (2005)			
Dualde, E, et al. (2009)			Vachon, B, et al. (2009)
Egen, V, et al. (2003)			
Hoffmann, W, et al. (2008)			
Stevenson, K, et al. (2006)			
Tripicchio, B, et al. (2009)			
Airkasinen, M, et al. (1998)			
Banz, M, et al. (2004)			
Bekkering, GE, Hendricks HJM, et al. (2005)			
Benrimoj, SI, et al. (2007)			
Bracchi, RCG, et al. (2005)			
Brooks, VG, et al. (2001)			
Brown, CJ et al. (2005)			
Brug, J, et al. (2007)			
Fjortoft, N, et al. (2003)			
Fjortoft, N, et al. (2007)			
Gross, DP, et al. (2009)			
Hammond, A, et al. (2005)			
Hirsch, JD, et al. (2009)			
Hoeijenbos, M, et al. (2005)			
Johnson, ST, et al. (2007)			Schreiber, J, et al. (2009)
Kerssens, JJ, et al. (1999)			
Martin, BA, et al. (2010)			
McCluskey, A, et al. (2005)			
McKenna, K, et al. (2005)			
Munroe, WP, et al. (1997)			
Nikopoulou-Smyrni, P, et al. (2007)			
Pennington, L, et al. (2005)			
Rebbeck, T, et al. (2006)			
	Moderate		
		5	
		4	
		3	
	Weak		
		2	
		1	