

Appendix 2 Characteristics of excluded studies [posted as supplied by author]

Study	Reason for exclusion
Alpar 2004	Trauma
Beards 1994	Adults
Finfer 2004	Adults
Haibach 1976	Not retrieved
Ochocka 1984	Article in Polish, not retrieved
Pockaj 1994	Conducted in patients with cancer
Rackow 1983	Adults
Rahman 1988	Diarrhoea
Schortgen 2000	Adults
Tanaka 1975	Article in Japanese, not retrieved
Veneman 2004	Albumin given to treat hypo-albuminaemia
Weis 1983	Interventions given to test for allergic reaction
