

**S8 Table: Risk of Bias in studies included in IV of RCT analyses of Vitamin D supplementation**

Study	Number randomised	Loss to follow-up (%) <sup>a</sup>	Placebo control	Intention to treat analysis <sup>a</sup>	Risk of Bias <sup>b</sup>						
					RSG	AC	BP	BO	IOD	SR	Other
Abotorabi (2017)[1]	110	23	No	Unclear	Low	Unclear	High	Unclear	Low	High	Low
Asemi (2013)[2]	54	11	Yes	Yes	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Brooke (1980)[3]	130 analysed	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Cooper (2016)[4]	1134	15	No	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Dawodu (L) (2013)[5]	129	17	No	No	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	Low
Dawodu (H) (2013)[5]	127	13	No	No	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	Low
Grant (L) (2014)[6]	174	3	Yes	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Grant (H) (2014)[6]	173	3	Yes	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Hashemipour (2013)[7]	130	6	No	No	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Low
Hollis (L) (2011)[8]	333	30	Yes	No	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Hollis (H) (2011)[8]	335	32	Yes	No	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Karamali (2015)[9]	30 analysed	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Khan (2016)[10]	85	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	Unclear	Low	Low
Litonjua (2016)[11]	881	8	No	No	Low	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Mallet (L) (1986)[12] <sup>c</sup>	Unclear (36 analysed)	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Low	Unclear	High	Low	Low	Low	Low
Mallet (H) (1986)[12] <sup>c</sup>	Unclear (30 analysed)	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Low	Unclear	High	Low	Low	Low	Low
Mojibian (2015)[13]	500	22	No	No	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	Low
Mutlu (L) 2014[14]	59	24	No	No	Unclear	Unclear	High	High	Low	Low	Low
Mutlu (H) (2014)[14]	60	27	No	No	Unclear	Unclear	High	High	Low	Low	Low
Roth (2013)[15]	160	8	Yes	No	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Sabet (2012)[16]	50 analysed	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Sablok (2015)[17]	180	8	No	No	Low	Unclear	High	Unclear	Unclear	High	Low
Sahoo (L) (2016)[18]	200	85 <sup>d</sup>	Yes	No	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
Sahoo (H) (2016)[18]	200	80 <sup>d</sup>	No	No	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
Thiele (2016)[19]	16	19	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Unclear	Unclear	Low
Yap (2014)[20]	169	6	No	No	High	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Low
Valizadeh (2016)[21]	96	6	No	Unclear	Unclear	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Low
Vaziri (2016)[22]	153	17%	No	No	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	High	Low

Yu (L) (2009)[23]	120	1	No	Unclear	Low	High	High	High	Low	Low	Low
Yu (H) 2009[23]	120	1	No	Unclear	Low	High	High	High	Low	Low	Low
Zerofsky (2014)[24]	57	14	Yes	No	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Note there are 30 rows in this table which reflects the 30 instrumental variable estimates from the 24 RCTs that were included in these analyses; two IV estimates were obtained from six trials in which participants were randomised to one of three groups: low dose vitamin D (L), high dose vitamin D (H) or control

<sup>a</sup> All entries relate to analyses of birth weight (birth weight is often not the primary outcome in these trials and the results may be different for the primary outcomes)

<sup>b</sup> Each of the seven categories were categorised by reviewers as low, medium, or high risk of bias or unclear. RSG: Random Sequence Generation; AC: Allocation Concealment; BP: Blinding of personnel/participants (performance bias); BO: Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias); IOD: Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias); SR: Selective Reporting; Other: other sources of bias.

<sup>c</sup> For this study we were only able to access the abstracts and not the full papers

<sup>d</sup> This study was primarily concerned with outcomes at 12-16 months and over 80% were lost to follow-up by this age (47% had been lost to follow-up at birth but differences in BW between randomised groups was only presented in those included in the 12-16 months follow-up).

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