

Supplementary Material 1

Table S1. Study quality assessment using the SIGN tool.

Criterion	Akka- sheh 2015	Ro- mijn 2017	Kazem i 2019	Ghor- bani 2018	Miyao ka 2018	Rudz ki 2019	Chahwa n 2019
Appropriateness and focus of study question	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Assignment to treatment groups is randomised	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
Adequate concealment of allocation	+	+	+	?	-	+	+
Patients, clinicians and assessors are blinded	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Similarity of groups at baseline	?	-	+	+	?	+	+
Similarity of groups during treatment period	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Use of standardised outcome measure	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Intent-to-treat analysis	+	+	+	+	?	-	+
Allegiance effect minimised	+	+	+	+	-	+	?
Overall assessment or risk of bias	low	low	low	low	high	low	low

+ low risk, - high risk, ? unclear risk .