

Of the 31 full-text publications that were screened against the systematic review eligibility criteria, 10 were excluded for the following reasons.

Exclusion criterion = study design (five publications)

Not primary research (two studies):

- Punjasawadwong *et al.*³⁴ – a Cochrane review comparing BIS against standard practice.
- Anon¹⁴² – a systematic review comparing BIS against standard practice, but pre-dating the Cochrane review by Punjasawadwong *et al.*³⁴

Primary research other than RCTs (three studies):

- El Menesy *et al.*¹⁴³
- Pelletier *et al.*¹⁴⁴
- Smajic *et al.*¹⁴⁵

Exclusion criterion = comparator (standard practice unclear or not defined) (four publications)

- Bauer *et al.*¹⁴⁶
- Riad *et al.*¹⁴⁷
- Singh *et al.*¹⁴⁸
- Weber *et al.*¹⁴⁹

Publication retracted by journal (one publication)

- Mayer *et al.*⁷⁶