

Table 40: Studies excluded from the clinical review

Study	Exclusion reason
Agger 2017 ¹	Incorrect population; multiorgan bodily distress syndrome
Andersson 1998 ²	Incorrect study design (non-randomised)
Anonymous 2004 ²⁵	News article
Anonymous 2019 ⁷⁶	Editorial
Anonymous 2019 ³	Summary article (not full study)
Anonymous 2020 ⁸¹	Abstract only
Ascough 2020 ⁵	Systematic review with different PICO
Baschetti 1999 ⁶	Letter
Behan 1995 ⁷	Conference proceedings
Blockmans 2003 ¹⁰	Crossover, no washout period
Brook 1993 ¹¹	Correspondence
Brostoff 2000 ¹²	On National Registry only - paper cannot be found
Cleare 1998 ¹³	Conference proceeding
Cleare 1999 ¹⁴	Crossover, no washout period
Cleare 2000 ¹⁷	No relevant outcomes
Cleare 2001 ¹⁵	No relevant outcomes
Cleare 2004 ¹⁶	No relevant outcomes
Collatz 2016 ¹⁸	Systematic review with different PICO
De Vinci 1996 ¹⁹	No relevant outcomes
Diaz-Mitoma 2003 ²⁰	Only 14/16 patients had CFS; no useable outcomes
Fagermoen 2015 ²¹	No relevant outcomes
Fluge 2015 ²⁴	Non-randomised follow up to Fluge 2011
Glazachev 2017 ²⁶	Article not in English

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Gracious 1991 ²⁷	Case study
Guo 2015 ²⁸	Article not in English
Hall 2016 ²⁹	Secondary analysis of an included trial
Hartz 2003 ³⁰	Incorrect study design (non-randomised)
Hermans 2018 ³¹	Study not relevant: one-off pain treatment; outcomes not relevant
Hickie 1992 ³³	Incorrect study design (non-randomised)
Hickie 1999 ³²	Incorrect study design (non-randomised)
Houdenove 2010 ³⁵	Narrative review
Kakumanu 2001 ³⁶	Abstract only
Kreijkamp-Kaspers 2011 ³⁸	Incorrect study design (non-randomised study and review)
Lane 1999 ³⁹	Unobtainable - record on national research registry.
Lerner 2001 ⁴²	Correspondence
Lerner 2002 ⁴⁰	Incorrect study design (non-randomised); incorrect comparison (comparing two patient groups not treatments)
Lerner 2007 ⁴¹	No useable outcomes
Liu 2010 ⁴³	Article not in English
Lloyd 1993 ⁴⁵	No useable outcomes
Main 2000 ⁴⁶	Unobtainable - only exists on national register or research so may not be published
Mckenzie 2000 ⁴⁸	No relevant outcomes
Meeus 2013 ⁴⁹	Incorrect intervention (one-off pain treatment)
Mehta 1995 ⁵⁰	Incorrect study design (non-randomised; single case study with cross-over)
Mitchell 2000 ⁵¹	Unobtainable. Only reported on trial database
Moorkens 1998 ⁵⁴	No useable outcomes
Morriss 1996 ⁵⁵	Citation only
Natelson 1996 ⁵⁸	Analysis technique unclear and not possible to interpret
Natelson 1998 ⁵⁷	No useable outcomes
Nilsson 2018 ⁶⁰	Incorrect intervention (drug not licensed)
Pae 2009 ⁶²	Systematic review is not relevant to review question or unclear PICO

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Plioplys 1997 ⁶⁶	Incorrect study design (non-randomised)
Raijmakers 2019 ⁶⁷	Incorrect population (Q fever fatigue syndrome)
Rekeland 2020 ⁶⁹	Incorrect study design (non-randomised)
Roerink 2015 ⁷¹	Study protocol
Roerink 2017 ⁷²	Incorrect study design (RCT results reported elsewhere)
Roerink 2018 ⁷³	No relevant outcomes
Rowe 1997 ⁷⁴	No relevant extractable outcomes
Rowe 1999 ⁷⁵	Not all participants were randomised
See 1996 ⁷⁸	Crossover, no washout period
Spath 2000 ⁸⁰	No useable outcomes
Springer 1992 ⁸²	Abstract only
Staud 2017 ⁸³	Incorrect intervention (one-off pain treatment); no relevant outcomes
Stouch 2010 ⁸⁵	No relevant outcomes
Strayer 1994 ⁸⁷	No relevant extractable outcomes
Stubhaug 2008 ⁸⁹	Incorrect population (neurasthenia population; not all participants met CFS criteria)
Suhadolnik 1994 ⁹⁰	No relevant outcomes
Teitelbaum 1999 ⁹²	Incorrect population (principally FMS; not all patients had co-existing CFS)
The 2014 ⁹⁴	Intervention details unclear
Tiev 1999 ⁹⁵	Article not in English
Vedhara 1997 ⁹⁶	No useable outcomes
Vercoulen 1997 ⁹⁸	Article not in English
Vorob'eva 2017 ¹⁰¹	Article not in English
Vorob'eva 2019 ¹⁰⁰	Incorrect population; no diagnosis of ME/CFS
Wearden 1996 ¹⁰²	Citation only
Williams 2002 ¹⁰⁴	No usable outcome data - results reported as medians (IQR)
Wilson 2019 ¹⁰⁵	Citation only
Young 2010 ¹⁰⁶	On clinical trials website only - otherwise unavailable
Zachrisson 2004 ¹⁰⁸	No relevant outcomes