

Online supplementary file 4: Characteristics of studies excluded from qualitative and quantitative synthesis

Study	Reason for exclusion
Chiang et al., Phys Ther. 2006;86:1271-81	Quasi-RCT
Patsaki et al., J Crit Care. 2017;40:76-82	Quasi-RCT
Verceles et al., J Crit Care. 2018; 47: 204-10	Quasi-RCT
Chen et al., Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2017;195:A2337	Outcomes were not reported in the publication abstract. The full study will be considered when the review is updated.
Salisbury et al., Clin Rehabil. 2010;24:489-500	Insufficient outcome data for meta-analysis
Batterham et al., Br J Anaesth. 2014;113:130-7	Insufficient outcome data for meta-analysis
Shelly et al., Indian J Crit Care Med. 2017;21:89-93	Insufficient outcome data for meta-analysis

RCT, randomised controlled trial