

Appendix table 2. Search phrases, no of eligible studies and reasons for exclusion						
Procedure	Search phrase MEDLINE	Source	Eligible studies	Excluded, ES not calculatable	Excluded, risk of bias	Included studies
PMLR	Percutaneous myocardial laser revascularization	McGillion 2010 (17)	3	-	1	Salem 2004, Leon 2005
PIRFT /IDET	Intradiscal OR annular AND thermal AND "low back pain"	Helm 2012 (18)	3	-	-	Kvarstein, 2009
				-	-	Freeman 2005, Pauza 2003
Epidural injection corticosteroids	Epidural AND corticosteroid* AND sciatica	Pinto 2012 (16)	6	Karppinen 2001	1	Iversen 2011, Valat 2002, Arden 2005, Cohen 2012
Intraarticular hyaluronic acid for osteoarthritis knee	Hyaluron* OR viscosuppl* AND knee AND osteoarthritis	Rutjes 2012 (15)	48	Lundsgaard 2008, Petrella 2008	41	Petrella 2006, Chevalier 2010, Altman 2004, Pham 2004
Vertebroplasty	vertebroplast*	Shi 2012 (19)	2	-	-	Kallmes 2009, Buchbinder 2009
Invasive treatment of Parkinson's disease	transplantation OR gene OR "stem cell" AND Parkinson*	MEDLINE	6	Freed 2001, Gordon 2004, McRae 2004	-	Marks 2010, Olanow 2003, Gross 2011, LeWitt 2011
Arthroscopic debridement knee osteoarthritis	debridement AND lavage AND knee AND osteoarthr*	MEDLINE	1	-	-	Moseley 2002
Meniscectomy knee	meniscectomy AND knee	MEDLINE	1	-	-	Sihvonen 2013
Foramen ovale closure for migraine	"foramen ovale" AND migraine	MEDLINE	1	-	-	Dowson 2008
Number of trials			71	6	43	22