

Table 2. Characteristics of the Methodological Quality of Included Trials*

Author, Year (Reference)	Type of Publication	Jadad Score†	Randomization	Blinding	Attrition Information	Follow-up Period	Industry-Funded	Intention-to-Treat	Patients Analyzed, %
Lindquist et al., 1981 (17)	Article	3	2	0	1	NR	Yes	NR	92
Just et al., 1986 (18)	Article	1	1	0	0	ICU discharge	NR	NR	NR
Jesdinsky et al., 1987 (19)	Article	2	1	0	1	NA	Yes	Yes	100
Spannbrucker, 1987 (20) et al., and Vogel et al., (21) 1988	Abstract and book chapter	1	1	0	0	NA	NR	Yes	NR
De Simone et al., 1988 (22)	Article	1	1	0	0	9 d	NR	Yes	100
Grundmann and Hornung, 1988 (23)	Article	2	1	0	1	ICU discharge	NR	Yes	100
Wesoly et al., 1990 (24)	Article	1	1	0	0	ICU discharge	NR	Yes	100
Burns et al., 1991 (25)	Article	5	2	2	1	9 d	Yes	Yes	100
Dominioni et al., 1991 (26)	Article	3	1	1	1	28 d	Yes	Yes	100
Schedel et al., 1991 (27)	Article	3	2	0	1	6 wk	Yes	NR	80
Behre et al., 1995 (28)	Article	1	1	0	0	28 d	NR	NR	100
Dominioni et al., 1996 (29)	Article	3	1	1	1	Hospital discharge	NR	Yes	100
Werdan et al., 1997 (10)	Abstract	5‡	2‡	2‡	1‡	28 d‡	Yes‡	Yes‡	95
Yakut et al., 1998 (30)	Article	3	1	1	1	NR	NR	Yes	100
Masaoka et al., 2000 (31)	Article	3	2	0	1	7 d	NR	Yes	95
Tugrul et al., 2002 (32)	Article	3	2	0	1	28 d	NR	Yes	100
Karatzas et al., 2002 (33)	Letter	2	2	0	0	28 d	NR	Yes	NR
Darenberg et al., 2003 (34)	Article	5	2	2	1	28 d	Yes	Yes	100
Rodríguez et al., 2005 (35)	Article	5	2	2	1	ICU discharge	Yes	Yes	100
Hentrich et al., 2006 (36)	Article	3	2	0	1	28 d	Yes	Yes	98

* ICU = intensive care unit; NA = not available; NR = not reported.

† Based on randomization (0–2 points), blinding (0–2 points), and presence or absence of attrition information (0–1 point) (16).

‡ Based on a protocol published before the study was performed (40).