**Table D-5c. Study quality evaluations for studies evaluating the treatment of chronic venous ulcers, internal validity-bias**

| **Author, year** | **Attempt to blind** | **Blinding those measuring outcomes** | **Data dredging** | **Adjust for different followup length** | **Appropriate stats tests** | **Compliance reliable with interventions** | **Main outcome measures accurate** | **Reviewer** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Alinovi, 1986**[**82**](#_ENREF_82) | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Alinovi, 1986**[**82**](#_ENREF_82) | No | Unable to determine | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | 2 |
| **Arnold, 1994**[**39**](#_ENREF_39) | No | Unable to determine | No | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Arnold, 1994**[**39**](#_ENREF_39) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Backhouse, 1987**[**43**](#_ENREF_43) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Backhouse, 1987**[**43**](#_ENREF_43) | No | No |  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Barwell, 2000**[**62**](#_ENREF_62) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Barwell, 2000**[**62**](#_ENREF_62) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | 2 |
| **Barwell, 2004**[**60**](#_ENREF_60) | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |  | 1 |
| **Barwell, 2004**[**60**](#_ENREF_60) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | 2 |
| **Beckert, 2006**[**31**](#_ENREF_31) | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Beckert, 2006**[**31**](#_ENREF_31) | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Bello, 1999**[**71**](#_ENREF_71) | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Bello, 1999**[**71**](#_ENREF_71) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Cambal, 2008**[**69**](#_ENREF_69) | No | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Cambal, 2008**[**69**](#_ENREF_69) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **El-Hafez, 2004**[**68**](#_ENREF_68) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **El-Hafez, 2004**[**68**](#_ENREF_68) | No | Unable to determine | Yes | No | Yes | No | Unable to determine | 2 |
| **Falanga V, 1999**[**51**](#_ENREF_51) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Falanga V, 1999**[**51**](#_ENREF_51) | No | Unable to determine | No | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Falanga, 1998**[**38**](#_ENREF_38) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Falanga, 1998**[**38**](#_ENREF_38) | No | Unable to determine | Yes | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Franks, 2007**[**28**](#_ENREF_28) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Franks, 2007**[**28**](#_ENREF_28) | Yes | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Gatti, 2011**[**45**](#_ENREF_45) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Gatti, 2011**[**45**](#_ENREF_45) | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | 2 |
| **Gethin, 2009**[**24**](#_ENREF_24) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |  | Yes | 1 |
| **Gethin, 2009**[**24**](#_ENREF_24) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | 2 |
| **Gohel, 2007**[**59**](#_ENREF_59) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Gohel, 2007**[**59**](#_ENREF_59) | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | 2 |
| **Gottrup, 2007**[**27**](#_ENREF_27) | Yes | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Gottrup, 2007**[**27**](#_ENREF_27) | Yes | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Gottrup, 2008**[**23**](#_ENREF_23) | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Gottrup, 2008**[**23**](#_ENREF_23) | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Greguric, 1994**[**48**](#_ENREF_48) | No | Unable to determine | Yes | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Greguric, 1994**[**48**](#_ENREF_48) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Guest, 2003**[**64**](#_ENREF_64) | Unable to determine |  | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Guest, 2003**[**64**](#_ENREF_64) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Hansson, 1998**[**37**](#_ENREF_37) | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Hansson, 1998**[**37**](#_ENREF_37) | No | No | Yes | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Harding, 2005**[**33**](#_ENREF_33) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Harding, 2005**[**33**](#_ENREF_33) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Harding, 2011**[**20**](#_ENREF_20) | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Harding, 2011**[**20**](#_ENREF_20) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Harlander-Locke, 2011**[**74**](#_ENREF_74) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Harlander-Locke, 2011**[**74**](#_ENREF_74) | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Holloway, 1989**[**42**](#_ENREF_42) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | No | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Holloway, 1989**[**42**](#_ENREF_42) | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Huovinen, 1994**[**57**](#_ENREF_57) | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Huovinen, 1994**[**57**](#_ENREF_57) | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Krishnamoorthy, 2003**[**47**](#_ENREF_47) | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Krishnamoorthy, 2003**[**47**](#_ENREF_47) | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Kucharzewski, 2003**[**46**](#_ENREF_46) | No | Unable to determine | Yes | No | No | Unable to determine | No | 1 |
| **Kucharzewski, 2003**[**46**](#_ENREF_46) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Labas, 2009**[**76**](#_ENREF_76) | No | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Labas, 2009**[**76**](#_ENREF_76) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Unable to determine |  | Unable to determine | 2 |
| **Lammoglia-Ordiales, 2011**[**56**](#_ENREF_56) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Lammoglia-Ordiales, 2011**[**56**](#_ENREF_56) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Lane, 2003**[**77**](#_ENREF_77) | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | No | No | Unable to determine | No | 1 |
| **Lane, 2003**[**77**](#_ENREF_77) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Lawrence, 2011**[**14**](#_ENREF_14) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Lawrence, 2011**[**14**](#_ENREF_14) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Limova, 2003**[**35**](#_ENREF_35) | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Limova, 2003**[**35**](#_ENREF_35) | Unable to determine | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Maggio, 2011**[**21**](#_ENREF_21) | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Maggio, 2011**[**21**](#_ENREF_21) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Masuda, 1994**[**72**](#_ENREF_72) | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Masuda, 1994**[**72**](#_ENREF_72) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Michaels, 2009**[**22**](#_ENREF_22) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Michaels, 2009**[**22**](#_ENREF_22) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Moffatt, 1992**[**49**](#_ENREF_49) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Moffatt, 1992**[**49**](#_ENREF_49) | No | Unable to determine | Yes | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Mostow, 2005**[**32**](#_ENREF_32) | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Mostow, 2005**[**32**](#_ENREF_32) | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Nash, 1991**[**73**](#_ENREF_73) | No | No | Yes | No | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Nash, 1991**[**73**](#_ENREF_73) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 2 |
| **Nelson, 2007**[**29**](#_ENREF_29) | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Nelson, 2007**[**29**](#_ENREF_29) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **O'Hare, 2010**[**58**](#_ENREF_58) | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **O'Hare, 2010**[**58**](#_ENREF_58) | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Omar, 2004**[**34**](#_ENREF_34) | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Omar, 2004**[**34**](#_ENREF_34) | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Ormiston MC, 1983**[**55**](#_ENREF_55) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Ormiston MC, 1983**[**55**](#_ENREF_55) | No | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Ormiston, 1985**[**44**](#_ENREF_44) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Ormiston, 1985**[**44**](#_ENREF_44) | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Pang, 2010**[**70**](#_ENREF_70) | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Pang, 2010**[**70**](#_ENREF_70) | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Pessenhofer, 1989**[**41**](#_ENREF_41) | No | Unable to determine | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Pessenhofer, 1989**[**41**](#_ENREF_41) | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | 2 |
| **Rojas, 2009**[**63**](#_ENREF_63) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Rojas, 2009**[**63**](#_ENREF_63) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Schulze, 2001**[**36**](#_ENREF_36) | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Schulze, 2001**[**36**](#_ENREF_36) | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| **Scurr JH, 1993**[**54**](#_ENREF_54) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | No | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Scurr JH, 1993**[**54**](#_ENREF_54) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Scurr JH, 1994**[**53**](#_ENREF_53) | Unable to determine | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes |  | Yes | 1 |
| **Scurr JH, 1994**[**53**](#_ENREF_53) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Sigala, 2007**[**78**](#_ENREF_78) | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Sigala, 2007**[**78**](#_ENREF_78) | No | No | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Smith, 1992**[**50**](#_ENREF_50) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Smith, 1992**[**50**](#_ENREF_50) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Sottiurai, 1991**[**67**](#_ENREF_67) | No | No | Unable to determine |  |  | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Sottiurai, 1991**[**67**](#_ENREF_67) | No | No | Yes | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Taradaj, 2011**[**75**](#_ENREF_75) | No | No | No | No | Yes | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Taradaj, 2011**[**75**](#_ENREF_75) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Teepe, 1993**[**40**](#_ENREF_40) | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Teepe, 1993**[**40**](#_ENREF_40) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **van Gent, 2006**[**65**](#_ENREF_65) | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **van Gent, 2006**[**65**](#_ENREF_65) | No |  | No | No |  |  | Yes | 2 |
| **Vanscheidt, 2007**[**26**](#_ENREF_26) | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 1 |
| **Vanscheidt, 2007**[**26**](#_ENREF_26) | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Vowden, 2006**[**30**](#_ENREF_30) | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Vowden, 2006**[**30**](#_ENREF_30) | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | 2 |
| **Vowden, 2007**[**25**](#_ENREF_25) | No | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Vowden, 2007**[**25**](#_ENREF_25) | No | No | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Weiss RA, 1996**[**52**](#_ENREF_52) | No | No | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | Yes | Unable to determine | 1 |
| **Weiss RA, 1996**[**52**](#_ENREF_52) | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | No | No | Unable to determine | No | 2 |
| **Wolters, 1997**[**79**](#_ENREF_79) | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Wolters, 1997**[**79**](#_ENREF_79) | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| **Zamboni, 2003**[**61**](#_ENREF_61) | No | No | Unable to determine | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |
| **Zamboni, 2003**[**61**](#_ENREF_61) | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unable to determine | Unable to determine | 2 |