

Appendix 3: Pooled (random effects) recruitment and attrition rates for studies with attrition > 0% and recruitment < 100%.

	Group	Rate (%)	95% Confidence Interval		P
			Lower (%)	Upper (%)	
Recruitment	Placebo control (n=36)	68.7	59.3	78.1	0.562
	Non-operative control (n=21)	74.1	58.6	89.5	
Attrition (Overall)	Placebo control (n= 54)	21.2	17.2	25.2	0.811
	Non-operative control (n=34)	23.7	18.8	28.6	
Cross-over	Placebo control (n= 54)	8.8	6.3	11.4	0.174
	Non-operative control (n=34)	11.8	8.4	15.2	
Drop-out	Placebo control (n= 54)				
	Non-operative control (n=34)				
Follow-up	Placebo control (n= 54)	10.6	8.2	13.0	0.084
	Non-operative control (n=34)	7.8	5.8	9.8	