

Additional file 2: Excluded studies

Author	Study
Agha et al, 1995	Retrospective study - computer records about prostatectomies
Al-Rimawi et al, 1994	Duplicate. Data from [Gormley et al,1992]
Andersen et al, 1996	Duplicate of [Andersen et al, 1995]
Andersen et al, 1997	Pooled analysis: Andersen et al, 1995; Nickel et al, 1996; Marbergher et al1997]
Andriole et al, 1995	Not BPH - prostate cancer
Andriole et al, 1998	Not BPH - prostate cancer detection
Aziz & Barathur, 1993	Meta-analysis of prostate cancer screening criteria
Bolognese et al, 1992	Cohort study to validate symptom questionnaire
Bonilla et al, 1997	Intra- & interobserver variability Reanalysed data from an earlier trial.
Boyle et al, 1996	Meta-analysis (6 trials)
Boyle et al, 2000	Meta-analysis of permixon (serenoa repens)
Brawer et al, 1999	Full details in Lepor 1996: VA cooperative study
Bruskewitz et al, 1999	Quality of life data - PLESS (McConnell 1998)
Byrnes et al, 1997	Pooled analysis: [Byrnes et al,1995; Tenover et al,1997]
Chapple et al, 1996	Meta-analysis of 2 trials: One published as (Abrams et al, 1995).
Chueh 1996	Open label extension of [Yu et al, 1995]
Cunningham & Hirshkowitz, 1995	Not BPH - healthy men
Ekman et al, 1996	Duplicate of [Andersen et al, 1995]
Ekman et al, 1998	Open label extension of [Beisland et al, 1992]
Ernst, 1999	Discussion about meta-analysis of saw palmetto
Foley & Bailey, 1999	BPH + hematuria vs without hematuria. Control: no treatment
Foley et al, 1999	Assessed BPH with hematuria
Fourcade et al, 1993	Surgical treatment of BPH. No mention of finasteride
Geller, 1995	Duplicate of data in [MK-906 Finasteride Study Grp, 1991; Stoner 1992; Moore et al, 1995]
Geller, 1996	Review
Girman et al, 1995	Community based cohort
Girman et al, 1996	Quality of life data from [Gormley et al, 1992; Finasteride study Group, 1993; Rittmaster et al, 1994; Stoner et al, 1994]
Gormley et al, 1994	Data from Gormley et al 1992 (North American study)
Grino et al, 1994	North American & International. Duplicates [Gormley et al, 1992]) & [Finasteride study group 1993] data. [Stoner et al 1994] gives long term data.
Guess et al, 1993	Data from Gormley et al 1992 (North American)
Guess et al, 1996	Review
Hagerty et al, 2000	Not an RCT - 25 consecutive patients pretreated with finasteride then had TURP
Hudson 1999	Open label extension of[Gormley et al, 1992]
Imperato-McGinley, 1991	Review
Jacobsen et al, 1995	Discussion of results of population based studies
Jacobsen et al, 1997	Cohort - population based study
Jacobsen et al, 1999	Duplicate of Jacobsen et al, 1997
Kaplan & Olsson, 1996	Patient satisfaction survey
Kaplan 2000	Dupliceted information from [McConnell et al, 1998]
Kirby et al, 1993	Open label extension of [Kirby et al, 1992]
Kuo et al, 1997	No mention of blinding

Lepor & Stoner, 1995	Review
Lepor et al, 1998	Quality of life data from Lepor 1996
Leskinen et al, 1999	BPH was excluded. Inflammatory chronic pelvic pain syndrome
Marbergher et al, 2000	Pooled analysis: [Andersen et al, 1995; Nickel et al, 1996; Marbergher et al, 1998]
Marks et al, 1999	Open label extension of Marks1997
Martinez-Sarmiento et al, 1997	Single centre collaborating in International study
Matzkin & Barak, 1996	Methods in [Gormley et al, 1992;Stoner et al, 1994]. Published as [Mazkin et al, 1993]. Duplicate: 1 centre participating in the International study
Matzkin et al, 1992	Effect of finasteride on bone mineral density and metabolism
Matzkin et al, 1993	Methods in [Gormley et al, 1992; Stoner et al, 1994]. Cited in [Matzkin & Barak, 1996]. Duplicate: 1 centre participating in the International study
Miller et al, 1998	Haematuria
MK-906 finasteride study group, 1991	Duplicate data - preliminary open label data.
Moore et al, 1995	Open label extension of [Gormley et al, 1992]
Nacey et al, 1994	Subset of another unreferenced trial
Nickel et al, 1998	Placebo response in BPH
Nordling & Hald, 1997	Definition of BPH and symptoms
Norman et al, 1993	Duration too short (less than 12 weeks). No data on flow rate or symptom score
Oesterling et al, 1997	PSA only. No data to extract
Oesterling et al, 1998	Duplicateof [Oesterling et al, 1997]
Pannek et al, 1998	PSA only. No data to extract
Polat et al, 1997	No mention of blinding
Rittmaster et al, 1996	Small patient numbers. No data to extract. DHT/testosterone levels only
Roehborn, 1998	Meta-analysis (6 trials)
Roehborn et al, 1999	Duplicate of PLESS [McConnell et al, 1998]
Roehborn et al, 1999a	Data from [Lepor et al, 1996; Gormley et al, 1995; Andersen et al, 1995; Nickel et al, 1996; Bonilla et al,1997; McConnel et al,1998; Marbergher et al,1998]
Roehborn et al, 1999b	Data from [McConnell et al, 1998]
Roehborn et al, 2000	Data from [McConnell et al, 1998]
Schafer et al, 1999	Open label extension of [Abrams et al, 1999]
Schwartz et al, 1996	Not BPH - healthy men
Sieber et al, 1998	Assessed men with haematuria
Stoner et al, 1994a (3-year efficacy data)	North American data superceded by [Moore et al,1995]. [Grino] gives 12 mth data
Stoner et al, 1994b (Clinical experience)	North American & International study data
Stoner et al, 1994b (Maintenance clinical efficacy)	12 mth extension of [Gormley et al, 1992] (24 mth data)
Strauch et al, 1994	Not BPH - healthy volunteer study
Tempany et al, 1993	Fewer than10 pts per group
Tewari et al, 1995	No data to extract for placebo. Just split by responders & nonresponders.
Tveter et al, 1996	Duplicate of [Andersen et al, 1995]
Wilde et al, 1999	Review
Wilt et al, 1998	Meta-analysis - saw palmetto
Wilton et al, 1996	Cohort - population based study