# **Appendix 3**

# Cochrane risk of bias tool: scores of included studies.

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| Study | Sequence generation | Allocation concealment | Blinding | Incomplete  data | Selective outcome reporting | Recruitment  bias | Baseline imbalance | Loss of  clusters | Incorrect analysis | Comparability with  individually randomised  trials | Other  sources  of bias | Score |
| Basler et al. (2007) | L | L | H | L | L | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | H | L |
| De Vries et al. (2015) | L | L | L | L | L | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | L | L |
| Pisters et al. (2010) | L | L | H | L | L | L | L | L | H | U | U | U |
| Sheedy et al. (2000) | H | H | H | H | L | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | L | H |
| Skumlien et al. (2008) | H | H | U | L | U | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | U | H |
| Van Nimwegen et al. (2013) | L | L | L | L | L | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | L | L |
| Wisse et al. (2010) | L | L | L | H | L | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | L | H |

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# **Appendix 3 key**: Cochrane risk of bias tool: scores of included studies

Key: H = High, L = Low, U = Unclear, NA = Not Applicable (categories are for cluster randomised controlled trials only)