

Appendix 3 Excluded studies and studies with high risk of bias

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Studies with high risk of bias, page 15–17

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Adlam D, Joseph S, Robinson C, Rousseau C, Barber J, Biggs M, et al. Coronary optical coherence tomography: minimally invasive virtual histology as part of targeted post-mortem computed tomography angiography. <i>Int J Legal Med</i> 2013;127:991-6.	Not relevant PICO
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