

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Supplementary Table 1. Papers qualified for detailed assessments which were not included in the meta-analysis.

Author	Reference	Reason
Fuller J <i>et al.</i>	Diabetologia 44:S54-64, 2001	Lacking data
Jager A <i>et al.</i>	Nephrol Dial Transplant 16:259-66, 2001	Lacking data
Van Hecke <i>et al.</i>	Diabetes Care 23:2958 (letter), 2003	Lacking data
Targher G <i>et al.</i>	Diabetes Care 29:1178 (letter), 2006	Lacking data
Avogaro A <i>et al.</i>	Diabetes Care 30:1241-47, 2007	Lacking data
Lawrie G <i>et al.</i>	JAMA 256:2967-71, 1986	The design did not fulfill inclusion criteria
Kostraba J <i>et al.</i>	Am J Epidemiol 133:381-91, 1991	The design did not fulfill inclusion criteria
Visona A <i>et al.</i>	Angiology 46:793-9, 1995	The design did not fulfill inclusion criteria
Rajala U <i>et al.</i>	Diabetes Care 23:957-61, 2000	The design did not fulfill inclusion criteria
Van Leiden H <i>et al.</i>	Diabetes Care 25:1320-25, 2002	The design did not fulfill inclusion criteria
Cusick M <i>et al.</i>	Diabetes Care 28:617-25, 2005	The design did not fulfill inclusion criteria