

Appendix F: Excluded studies

F.1 Excluded studies question 1

Reference	Reason for exclusion
1. . Abdominal symptoms and gallstone disease: An epidemiological investigation. <i>Hepatology</i> 1989;9(6):856-60.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
2. . Acute abdominal emergencies associated with pregnancy. <i>Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology</i> 2002;45(2):553-61.	Not primary research
3. . Assessment of indicators for predicting choledocholithiasis before laparoscopic cholecystectomy. <i>ANN.SAUDI MED.</i> 1998;18(6):511-13.	Unsuitable analysis
4. . Clinical manifestations and impact of gallstone disease. <i>Am.J.Surg.</i> 1993;165(4):405-09.	Study conducted before 1993
5. . Gall-bladder dyspepsia.	Unsuitable analysis
6. . Non-cardiac chest pain: a variant on Murphy's sign. <i>MED.J.AUST.</i> 2001;175(7):391.	Not primary research
7. . Predicting severe pancreatitis. <i>ARCH.SURG.</i> 2001;136(10):1210.	Not primary research
8. . Prevalence of gallstone disease in an Italian adult female population. Rome group for the epidemiology and prevention of cholelithiasis (GREPCO).	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
9. . Symptoms of gallstone disease in a Swedish population. <i>European Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology</i> 1995;7(12):n. pag..	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
10. . The acute abdomen during pregnancy. <i>Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology</i> 2002;45(2):405-13.	Not primary research
11. . The differential diagnosis of coronary artery disease and gastrointestinal disorders. <i>Am.J.Cardiol.</i> 1963;12():354-57.	Not primary research
12. Abro,A.H. & Haider,I.Z.. <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> infection in patients with calcular cholecystitis: a hospital based study. <i>Journal of Ayub Medical College, Abbottabad: JAMC</i> 2011;23(1):30-33.	Unsuitable analysis
13. Abu-Eshy,S.A., Mahfouz,A.A., Badr,A., El Gamal,M.N., Al-Shehri,M.Y., Salati,M.I.. Prevalence and risk factors of gallstone disease in a high altitude Saudi population. <i>East.Mediterr.Health J.</i> 2007;13(4):794-802.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
14. Alexakis,N., Lombard,M., Raraty,M., Ghaneh,P., Smart,H.L., Gilmore,I., et al. When is pancreatitis considered to be of biliary origin and what are the implications for management? <i>Pancreatology</i> 2007;7(2-3):131-41.	Not primary research
15. Alexakis,N.. Algorithm for the diagnosis and treatment of acute biliary pancreatitis. <i>Scandinavian Journal of Surgery: SJS</i> 2005;94(2):124-29.	Not primary research

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16. Attili,A.F. & Pazzi,P.. Prevalence of previously undiagnosed gallstones in a population with multiple risk factors. <i>Digestive Diseases & Sciences</i> 1995;40(8):1770-74.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
17. Attili,A.F., Carulli,N., Roda,E., Barbara,B., Capocaccia,L., Menotti,A., et al. Epidemiology of gallstone disease in Italy: prevalence data of the Multicenter Italian Study on Cholelithiasis (M.I.COL.). <i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i> 1995;141(2):158-65.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
18. Bainton,D., Davies,G.T., Evans,K.T.. Gallbladder disease. Prevalence in a South Wales industrial town. <i>New Engl.J.Med.</i> 1976;294(21):1147-49.	Unsuitable analysis
19. Barbara,L., Sama,C., Labate,A.M.M, Taroni,F., Rusticali,A.G., Festi,D.. A population study on the prevalence of gallstone disease. The Sirmione study.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
20. Barthet,M., Affriat,C., Bernard,J.P., Berthezene,P., Dagorn,J.C.. Is biliary lithiasis associated with pancreatographic changes? <i>Gut</i> 1995;36(5):761-65.	Unsuitable analysis
21. Berger,M.Y., Olde Hartman,T.C., van der Velden,J.J.. Is biliary pain exclusively related to gallbladder stones? A controlled prospective study. <i>Br.J.Gen.Pract.</i> 2004;54(505):574-79.	Unsuitable analysis
22. Berger,M.Y., van der Velden,J.J., Lijmer,J.G., de,Kort H., Prins,A.. Abdominal symptoms: do they predict gallstones? A systematic review. <i>SCAND.J.GASTROENTEROL.</i> 2000;35(1):70-76.	Systematic review; included studies checked against protocol and individually appraised if met inclusion criteria
23. Berhane,T., Vetrhus,M., Hausken,T., Olafsson,S.. Pain attacks in non-complicated and complicated gallstone disease have a characteristic pattern and are accompanied by dyspepsia in most patients: the results of a prospective study. <i>SCAND.J.GASTROENTEROL.</i> 2006;41(1):93-101.	Unsuitable analysis
24. Besselink,M.G., Venneman,N.G., Go,P.M., Broeders,I.A., Siersema,P.D., Gooszen,H.G.. Is complicated gallstone disease preceded by biliary colic? <i>Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery</i> 2009;13(2):312-17.	Unsuitable analysis
25. Blamey,S.L., Imrie,C.W., O'Neill,J., Gilmour,W.H.. Prognostic factors in acute pancreatitis. <i>Gut</i> 1984;25(12):1340-46.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
26. Blamey,S.L., Osborne,D.H., Gilmour,W.H., O'Neill,J., Carter,D.C.. The early identification of patients with gallstone associated pancreatitis using clinical and biochemical factors only. <i>ANN.SURG.</i> 1983;198(5):574-78.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
27. Bond,L.R., Hatty,S.R., Horn,M.E., Dick,M., Meire,H.B.. Gall stones in sickle cell disease in the United Kingdom. <i>British Medical Journal Clinical Research Ed</i> 1987;295(6592):234-36.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
28. Bose,S.M., Mazumdar,A., Prakash,V.S., Kocher,R., Katariya,S.. Evaluation of the predictors of choledocholithiasis: comparative analysis of clinical, biochemical, radiological, radionuclear, and intraoperative parameters. <i>Surg.Today</i> 2001;31(2):117-22.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
29. Bouchier,I.A. & Rhodes,K.. A study of symptomatic and 'silent'	Unsuitable analysis

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gallstone. SCAND.J.GASTROENTEROL. 1968;3(3):299-304.	
30. Brand,B. & Lerche,L.. Symptomatic or asymptomatic gallstone disease: is the gallbladder motility the clue? Hepato-Gastroenterology 2002;49(47):1208-12.	Unsuitable analysis
31. Bree,R.L., Ralls,P.W., Balfe,D.M., DiSantis,D.J., Glick,S.N., Levine,M.S., et al. Evaluation of patients with acute right upper quadrant pain. American College of Radiology. ACR Appropriateness Criteria. Radiology 2000;215():Suppl-7.	Not available from the British Library
32. Buonocore,E. & O'Donnell,J.. Evaluation of acute right upper quadrant pain. CLEVELAND CLIN.Q. 1983;50(2):247-49.	Unsuitable analysis
33. Capocaccia,L., Giunchi,G., Pocchiari,F., Ricci,G., Angelico,F., Angelico,M., et al. The epidemiology of gallstone disease in Rome, Italy. Part I. Prevalence data in men. Hepatology 1988;8(4):904-06.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
34. Caroli-Bosc,F.-X., Deveau,C., Harris,A., Delabre,B., Peten,E.P., Hastier,P., et al. Prevalence of cholelithiasis: Results of an epidemiologic investigation in Vidauban, southeast France. Dig.Dis.Sci. 1999;44(7):1322-29.	Insufficient data reported
35. Chang,L., Lo,S.K., Stabile,B.E., Lewis,R.J.. Gallstone pancreatitis: a prospective study on the incidence of cholangitis and clinical predictors of retained common bile duct stones. AM.J.GASTROENTEROL. 1998;93(4):527-31.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
36. Cohen,M.E., Slezak,L., Wells,C.K., Andersen,D.K.. Prediction of bile duct stones and complications in gallstone pancreatitis using early laboratory trends. AM.J.GASTROENTEROL. 2001;96(12):3305-11.	Unsuitable analysis
37. Diehl,A.K. & Sugarek,N.J.. Clinical evaluation for gallstone disease: usefulness of symptoms and signs in diagnosis. AM.J.MED. 1990;89(1):29-33.	Unsuitable analysis
38. Festi,D., Dormi,A., Capodicasa,S., Staniscia,T., Attili,A.F., Loria,P., et al. Incidence of gallstone disease in Italy: results from a multicenter, population-based Italian study (the MICOL project). World J.Gastroenterol. 2008;14(34):5282-89.	Study conducted before 1993
39. Festi,D., Sottili,S., Colecchia,A., Attili,A., Mazzella,G., Roda,E.. Clinical manifestations of gallstone disease: evidence from the multicenter Italian study on cholelithiasis (MICOL). Hepatology 1999;30(4):839-46.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
40. Funnell,I.C., Bornman,P.C., Weakley,S.P., Terblanche,J.. Obesity: an important prognostic factor in acute pancreatitis. BR.J.SURG. 1993;80(4):484-86.	Unsuitable analysis
41. Galatola,G., Jazrawi,R.P., Kupfer,R.M., Maudgal,D.P., Lanzini,A.. Value of different symptom complexes for clinical diagnosis of gallstones in outpatients presenting with abdominal pain. Eur.J.Gastroenterol.Hepatol. 1991;3(8):623-25.	Unsuitable analysis
42. Gao,Y.J., Li,Y.Q., Wang,Q., Li,S.L., Li,G.Q., Ma,J., et al. Analysis of clinical features of acute pancreatitis in Shandong Province, China. Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology 2007;22(3):340-44.	Unsuitable analysis

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43. Gilani,S.N., Bass,G., Leader,F.. Collins' sign: validation of a clinical sign in cholelithiasis. IR.J.MED.SCI. 2009;178(4):397-400.	Unsuitable analysis
44. Glambek,I. & Arnesjo,B.. Correlation between gallstones and abdominal symptoms in a random population. Results from a screening study. SCAND.J.GASTROENTEROL. 1989;24(3):277-81.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
45. Halonen,K.I., Leppaniemi,A.K., Puolakkainen,P.A., Lundin,J.E., Kempainen,E.A., Hietaranta,A.J.. Severe acute pancreatitis: prognostic factors in 270 consecutive patients. Pancreas 2000;21(3):266-71.	Relaties to factors predicting mortality, not facotrs predicting gallstones
46. Heaton,K.W., Braddon,F.E.M., Montford,R.A, Hughes,A.O. Symptomatic and silent gallstones in the community.	Unsuitable analysis
47. Hinkel,C.L.. Correlation of symptoms, age, sex, and habitus with cholecystographic fidings in 1000 consecutive examinations.	Unsuitable analysis
48. Horrocks,J.C.. Clinical presentation of patients with 'dyspepsia'. Detailed symptomatic study of 360 patients. Gut 1978;19(1):19-26.	Unsuitable analysis
49. Javidi,D.. Cholecystitis and its risk factors among patients undergoing coronary artery bypass grafting. J.Med.Sci.(Pakistan) 2007;7(2):233-37.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
50. Kang,J.Y. & Tay,H.H.. Chronic upper abdominal pain: site and radiation in various structural and functional disorders and the effect of various foods. Gut 1992;33(6):743-48.	Unsuitable analysis
51. Koch,P.J & Donaldson,R.M. A survey of food intolerances in hospitalized patients.	Unsuitable analysis
52. Kraag,N. & Thijs,C.. Dyspepsia--how noisy are gallstones? A meta-analysis of epidemiologic studies of biliary pain, dyspeptic symptoms, and food intolerance. SCAND.J.GASTROENTEROL. 1995;30(5):411-21.	Sytematic review; included studies checked against protocol and individually appraised if met inclusion criteria
53. Lee,J.K., Ryu,J.K., Park,J.K., Yoon,W.J., Lee,S.H., Lee,K.H., Kim,Y.T.. Risk factors of acute cholecystitis after endoscopic common bile duct stone removal. World J.Gastroenterol. 2006;12(6):956-60.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
54. Levy,P., Boruchowicz,A., Hastier,P., Pariente,A., Thevenot,T., Frossard,J.L., et al. Diagnostic criteria in predicting a biliary origin of acute pancreatitis in the era of endoscopic ultrasound: multicentre prospective evaluation of 213 patients. Pancreatology 2005;5(4-5):450-56.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
55. Ludvigsson,J.F. & Montgomery,S.M.. Risk of pancreatitis in 14,000 individuals with celiac disease. Clinical Gastroenterology & Hepatology 2007;5(11):1347-53.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
56. Maggi,A., Solenghi,D., Panzeri,A., Borroni,G., Cazzaniga,M., Sangiovanni,A., De,Fazio C.. Prevalence and incidence of cholelithiasis in patients with liver cirrhosis. Italian Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology 1997;29(4):330-35.	Not available from the British Library
57. Mills,P. & Joseph,A.E.. Total abdominal and pelvic ultrasound: incidental findings and a comparison between outpatient and	Unsuitable analysis

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general practice referrals in 1000 cases.	
58. Moonka,R. & Stiens,S.A.. Atypical gastrointestinal symptoms are not associated with gallstones in patients with spinal cord injury. Archives of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation 2000;81(8):1085-89.	Inappropriate method for diagnosing gallstones
59. Moonka,R., Stiens,S.A., Eubank,W.B.. The presentation of gallstones and results of biliary surgery in a spinal cord injured population. Am.J.Surg. 1999;178(3):246-50.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
60. Muszynski,J., Sieminska,J., Zagorowicz,E., Gornicka,B., Bogdanska,M., Terebinski,S.. Comparison of clinical features of cholecystolithiasis and functional dyspepsia. Med.Sci.Monit. 2000;6(2):330-35.	Unsuitable analysis
61. Persson,G., Sloth,M., Skold,S.. Evaluation of anamnestic data in patients referred for oral cholecystography. SCAND.J.GASTROENTEROL. 1989;24(5):550-56.	Unsuitable analysis
62. Portincasa,P., Moschetta,A., Petruzzelli,M., Palasciano,G., Di,Ciaula A.. Gallstone disease: Symptoms and diagnosis of gallbladder stones. Best Practice & Research in Clinical Gastroenterology 2006;20(6):1017-29.	Not primary research
63. Sharara,A.I., Mansour,N.M., El-Hakam,M., Ghaith,O.. Duration of pain is correlated with elevation in liver function tests in patients with symptomatic choledocholithiasis. Clinical Gastroenterology & Hepatology 2010;8(12):1077-82.	Unsuitable analysis
64. Shiozawa,S., Tsuchiya,A., Kim,D.H., Usui,T., Masuda,T., Kubota,K., et al. Useful predictive factors of common bile duct stones prior to laparoscopic cholecystectomy for gallstones. Hepato-Gastroenterology 2005;52(66):1662-65.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
65. Taylor,T.V., Rimmer,S., Holt,S., Jeacock,J.. Sex differences in gallstone pancreatitis. ANN.SURG. 1991;214(6):667-70.	Unsuitable analysis
66. Tenner,S. & Dubner,H.. Predicting gallstone pancreatitis with laboratory parameters: a meta-analysis. AM.J.GASTROENTEROL. 1994;89(10):1863-66.	Systematic review; included studies checked against protocol and individually appraised if met inclusion criteria
67. Thijs,C.. Abdominal symptoms and food intolerance related to gallstones. J.Clin.Gastroenterol. 1998;27(3):223-31.	Study conducted before 1993
68. Tola,V.B., Chamberlain,S., Kostyk,S.K.. Symptomatic gallstones in patients with spinal cord injury. Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery 2000;4(6):642-47.	Unsuitable analysis
69. Tritapepe,R., Piro,D., Annoni,F.. Predictive factors for cholelithiasis complications. Panminerva Medica 1999;41(3):243-46.	Excluded by GDG as it doesn't address the review question.
70. Tsujino,T., Sugita,R., Yoshida,H., Yagioka,H., Kogure,H., Sasaki,T., et al. Risk factors for acute suppurative cholangitis caused by bile duct stones. Eur.J.Gastroenterol.Hepatol. 2007;19(7):585-88.	Inappropriate prognostic factors
71. Urushihara,H., Taketsuna,M., Liu,Y., Oda,E., Nakamura,M.,	Study population does not

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Nishiuma,S.. Increased Risk of Acute Pancreatitis in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: An Observational Study Using a Japanese Hospital Database. PLoS ONE 2012;7(12):n. pag..	meet inclusion criteria
72. Wilbur,R.S. Incidence of gallbladder disease in 'normal' men.	Study population does not meet inclusion criteria
73. Yadav,D.. Trends in the epidemiology of the first attack of acute pancreatitis: a systematic review. Pancreas 2006;33(4):323-30.	Sytematic review; included studies checked against protocol and individually appraised if met inclusion criteria

F.2 Excluded studies question 2

Reference	Reason for exclusion
1. . Acute acalculous cholecystitis: sensitivity in detection using technetium-99m iminodiacetic acid cholescintigraphy. <i>Radiology</i> 1986;160(1):33-38.	Pre 1993
2. . Approach of suspected common bile duct stones: endoscopic ultrasonography. <i>Acta Gastroenterologica Belgica</i> 2000;63(3):295-98.	Not primary research
3. . Assessment of indicators for predicting choledocholithiasis before laparoscopic cholecystectomy. <i>Ann.Saudi Med.</i> 1998;18(6):511-13.	Unsuitable analysis
4. . Evaluation of abdominal ultrasound performed by the gastroenterologist in the office. <i>J.Clin.Gastroenterol.</i> 2011;45(5):405-09.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
5. . Further observations on the usefulness of the sonographic Murphy sign in the evaluation of suspected acute cholecystitis. <i>J.Clin.Ultrasound</i> 1995;23(3):169-72.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
6. . Is preoperative evaluation of the biliary tree necessary in uncomplicated gallstone disease? Results of a randomized trial. <i>Scandinavian Journal of Surgery: SJS</i> 2005;94(1):31-33.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
7. . MRCP and ERCP in the diagnosis of common bile duct stones. <i>Gastrointest.Endosc.</i> 2002;56(6:Suppl):Suppl-82.	Not primary research
8. . Prospective analysis of a scoring system to predict choledocholithiasis (<i>Br J Surg</i> 2000; 87: 1176-81). <i>BR.J.SURG.</i> 2001;88(2):313-14.	Abstract only
9. . Sonographic diagnosis of primary carcinoma of the gallbladder. Summary of one year's examinations. <i>DIAGN.IMAGING</i> 1981;50(4):197-200.	Pre 1993
10. . Suspected choledocholithiasis: endoscopic ultrasound or magnetic resonance cholangio-pancreatography? A systematic review. <i>European Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology</i> 2007;19(11):1007-11.	Systematic review; included studies checked against protocol and individually appraised if eligible for inclusion
11. . The clinical value of ultrasound in biliary tract and pancreatic disease. <i>ANN.R.COLLSURG.ENGL.</i> 1979;61(6):448-51.	Pre 1993
12. . Ultrasound of the gall bladder: experience in a district hospital. <i>British Medical Journal Clinical Research Ed</i> 1981;282(6274):1452-53.	Pre 1993
13. Adedeji,O.A.. Murphy's sign, acute cholecystitis and elderly people. <i>J.R.COLLSURG.EDINBURGH</i> 1996;41(2):88-89.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
14. Admassie,D. & Yesus,A.. Validity of ultrasonography in diagnosing obstructive jaundice. <i>East Afr.Med.J.</i> 2005;82(7):379-81.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
15. Ainsworth,A.P., Rafaelsen,S.R., Wamberg,P.A., Durup,J., Pless,T.K.. Is there a difference in diagnostic accuracy and clinical impact between endoscopic ultrasonography and magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography? <i>Endoscopy</i> 2003;35(12):1029-32.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
16. Al-Azawi,D. & Mc,Mahon D.. The diagnosis of acute cholecystitis in patients undergoing early laparoscopic cholecystectomy in a	Unacceptable reference standard used in study

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community hospital. Surg Laparosc Endosc Percutan Tech 2007;17(1):19-21.	
17. Alqarqaz,E. & Seconde,A.. Xanthogranulomatous cholecystitis, a challenge in diagnosis and surgery. What to do? HPB 2010;12():456.	Abstract only
18. Al-Sheikh,W., Hourani,M., Barkin,J.S., Clarke,L.P., Ashkar,F.S.. A sign of symptomatic chronic cholecystitis on biliary scintigraphy. AJR 1983;American(2):283-85.	Diagnostic accuracy data not provided/ insufficient data provided
19. Amouyal,P., Amouyal,G., Levy,P., Tuzet,S., Palazzo,L., Vilgrain,V., et al. Diagnosis of choledocholithiasis by endoscopic ultrasonography. Gastroenterology 1994;106(4):1062-67.	Unsuitable analysis
20. Anderson,S.W. & Rho,E.. Detection of biliary duct narrowing and choledocholithiasis: accuracy of portal venous phase multidetector CT. Radiology 2008;247(2):418-27.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
21. Anon. Ultrasonography and intravenous cholangiography in suspected acute biliary tract disease. Comparison by a blind prospective cross-matched study. Dig.Surg. 1986;3(4):287-91.	Pre 1993
22. Attasaranya,S.. The possible diagnostic role of endoscopic ultrasound in patients with dyspepsia. J.Med.Assoc.Thailand 2005;88(11):1660-65.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
23. Aube,C., Delorme,B., Yzet,T., Burtin,P., Lebigot,J., Pessaux,P., et al. MR cholangiopancreatography versus endoscopic sonography in suspected common bile duct lithiasis: a prospective, comparative study. AJR 2005;American(1):55-62.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
24. Bang,B.W., Hong,J.T., Choi,Y.C., Jeong,S., Lee,D.H., Kim,H.K., Park,S.G.. Is endoscopic ultrasound needed as an add-on test for gallstone diseases without choledocholithiasis on multidetector computed tomography? Digestive Diseases & Sciences 2012;57(12):3246-51.	Not every participant receives the reference standard
25. Barakos,J.A., Ralls,P.W., Lapin,S.A., Johnson,M.B., Radin,D.R., Colletti,P.M., Boswell,W.D.,Jr.. Cholelithiasis: evaluation with CT. Radiology 1987;162(2):415-18.	Pre 1993
26. Bartrum,R.J.,Jr. & Crow,H.C.. Ultrasonic and radiographic cholecystography. New Engl.J.Med. 1977;296(10):538-41.	Pre 1993
27. Basaran,C., Yildirim,Donmez F., Karakayali,F., Kayahan Ulu,E.M., Haberal,N., Ozturk,A., Tokmak,N.. Multidetector computed tomographic findings of xanthogranulomatous cholecystitis: Correlation with histopathologic findings. Turk.Klinikleri J.Med.Sci. 2009;29(2):331-37.	Unsuitable analysis
28. Bednarz,G.M. & Kalff,V.. Hepatobiliary scintigraphy. Increasing the accuracy of the preoperative diagnosis of acute cholecystitis. Medical Journal of Australia 1986;145(7):316-18.	Pre 1993
29. Benarroch-Gampel,J., Boyd,C.A., Sheffield,K.M., Townsend,C.M.,Jr.. Overuse of CT in patients with complicated gallstone disease. J.Am.Coll.Surg. 2011;213(4):524-30.	Unsuitable analysis
30. Berdah,S.V., Orsoni,P., Bege,T., Barthet,M., Grimaud,J.C.. Follow-up of selective endoscopic ultrasonography and/or endoscopic	Diagnostic accuracy data not provided/ insufficient

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retrograde cholangiography prior to laparoscopic cholecystectomy: a prospective study of 300 patients. <i>Endoscopy</i> 2001;33(3):216-20.	data provided
31. Bhangu,A., Richardson,C., Winter,H.. Value of initial radiological investigations in patients admitted to hospital with appendicitis, acute gallbladder disease or acute pancreatitis. <i>Emerg.Med.J.</i> 2010;27(10):754-57.	Diagnostic accuracy data not provided/ insufficient data provided
32. Bingener,J., Schwesinger,W.H., Chopra,S., Richards,M.L.. Does the correlation of acute cholecystitis on ultrasound and at surgery reflect a mirror image? <i>AM.J.SURG.</i> 2004;188(6):703-07.	Diagnostic accuracy data not provided/ insufficient data provided
33. Blaivas,M.. Diagnostic utility of cholescintigraphy in emergency department patients with suspected acute cholecystitis: comparison with bedside RUQ ultrasonography. <i>J.Emerg.Med.</i> 2007;33(1):47-52.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
34. Bolog,N., Constantinescu,G., Oancea,I., Beuran,M., Albu,R., Tantau,M., Nicolau,E.. Magnetic resonance imaging of bile and pancreatic ducts: A retrospective study. <i>Rom.J.Gastroenterol.</i> 2004;13(2):91-97.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
35. Bose,S.M., Mazumdar,A., Prakash,V.S., Kocher,R., Katariya,S.. Evaluation of the predictors of choledocholithiasis: comparative analysis of clinical, biochemical, radiological, radionuclear, and intraoperative parameters. <i>Surg.Today</i> 2001;31(2):117-22.	Unsuitable analysis
36. Brink,J.A., Simeone,J.F., Mueller,P.R., Saini,S., Tung,G.A., Spell,N.O.. Routine sonographic techniques fail to quantify gallstone size and number: a retrospective study of 111 surgically proved cases. <i>AJR</i> 1989;American(3):503-06.	Pre 1993
37. Brook,O.R., Kane,R.A., Tyagi,G., Siewert,B.. Lessons learned from quality assurance: errors in the diagnosis of acute cholecystitis on ultrasound and CT. <i>AJR</i> 2011;American(3):597-604.	Diagnostic accuracy data not provided/ insufficient data provided
38. Brunkwall,J. & Borjesson,B.. Cholescintiscan or infusion cholecystography in acute cholecystitis. A prospective study. <i>ACTA CHIR.SCAND.</i> 1985;151(2):139-42.	Pre 1993
39. Burrell,M.I., Avella,J., Spiro,H.M.. Diagnostic imaging procedures in acute pancreatitis. Comparison of ultrasound, intravenous cholangiography, and oral cholecystography. <i>JAMA</i> 1979;242(4):342-43.	Pre 1993
40. Buscarini,E., Tansini,P., Vallisa,D., Zambelli,A.. EUS for suspected choledocholithiasis: do benefits outweigh costs? A prospective, controlled study. <i>Gastrointest.Endosc.</i> 2003;57(4):510-18.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
41. Cabada,Giadas T., Sarria Octavio de, Toledo L., Martinez-Berganza Asensio,M.T., Cozcolluela,Cabrejas R., Alberdi,Ibanez,I, Alvarez,Lopez A.. Helical CT cholangiography in the evaluation of the biliary tract: application to the diagnosis of choledocholithiasis. <i>Abdom.Imaging</i> 2002;27(1):61-70.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study
42. Cabellon S Jr & Brown,J.M.. Accuracy of the hepatobiliary scan in acute cholecystitis. <i>AM.J.SURG.</i> 1984;148(5):607-08.	Pre 1993
43. Calvo,M.M., Bujanda,L., Calderon,A., Heras,I., Cabriada,J.L., Bernal,A., Orive,V.. Role of magnetic resonance	Diagnostic accuracy data not provided/ insufficient

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cholangiopancreatography in patients with suspected choledocholithiasis. Mayo Clin.Proc. 2002;77(5):422-28.	data provided
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287. Zidi,S.H., Prat,F., Le,Guen O., Rondeau,Y., Rocher,L., Fritsch,J., Choury,A.D.. Use of magnetic resonance cholangiography in the diagnosis of choledocholithiasis: prospective comparison with a reference imaging method. <i>Gut</i> 1999;44(1):118-22.	Unacceptable reference standard used in study

F.3 Excluded studies question 3

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3. . Mortality from cholelithiasis. Review of a case series and survey of the literature. ACTA CHIR.SCAND. 1964;127():502-14.	Doesn't predict complications
4. . Natural history of asymptomatic and symptomatic gallstones. AM.J.SURG. 1993;165(4):399-404.	Not primary research
5. . Silent gallstones: the doctor's dilemma. Compr.Ther. 1982;8(8):62-68.	Not primary research
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11. Behari,A.. Asymptomatic Gallstones (AsGS) - To Treat or Not to? INDIAN J.SURG. 2012;74(1):4-12.	Narrative review
12. Berzlanovich,A.M., Keil,W., Waldhoer,T., Sim,E., Fasching,P.. Do centenarians die healthy? An autopsy study. Journals of Gerontology Series A-Biological Sciences & Medical Sciences 2005;60(7):862-65.	Doesn't predict complications
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15. Coleman,M.J., Ham,J.M., Watts,J.M., Kune,G.A.. A debate: asymptomatic gallstones should not be removed. Australian & New Zealand Journal of Surgery 1987;57(12):897-903.	Not primary research
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18. Cucchiario,G., Rossitch,J.C., Bowie,J., Branum,G.D., Niotis,M.T., Watters,C.R.. Clinical significance of ultrasonographically detected coincidental gallstones. <i>Digestive Diseases & Sciences</i> 1990;35(4):417-21.	Doesn't predict complications
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21. Desai,H.G.. Treatment of asymptomatic gallstones. <i>Journal of the Association of Physicians of India</i> 2003;51():999-1000.	Not primary research
22. Dutta,U., Nagi,B., Garg,P.K., Sinha,S.K., Singh,K.. Patients with gallstones develop gallbladder cancer at an earlier age. <i>Eur.J.Cancer Prev.</i> 2005;14(4):381-85.	Doesn't predict complications
23. Fendrick,A.M., Gleeson,S.P., Cabana,M.D.. Asymptomatic gallstones revisited. Is there a role for laparoscopic cholecystectomy? <i>Archives of Family Medicine</i> 1993;2(9):959-68.	Doesn't predict complications
24. Friedman,G.D. & Raviola,C.A.. Prognosis of gallstones with mild or no symptoms: 25 years of follow-up in a health maintenance organization. <i>J.Clin.Epidemiol.</i> 1989;42(2):127-36.	Doesn't predict complications
25. Friedman,L.S., Roberts,M.S., Brett,A.S.. Management of asymptomatic gallstones in the diabetic patient. A decision analysis. <i>Ann.Intern.Med.</i> 1988;109(11):913-19.	Doesn't predict complications
26. Fuller,W., Rasmussen,J.J., Ghosh,J.. Is routine cholecystectomy indicated for asymptomatic cholelithiasis in patients undergoing gastric bypass? <i>Obes.Surg.</i> 2007;17(6):747-51.	Doesn't predict complications
27. Gracie,W.A.. The natural history of silent gallstones: the innocent gallstone is not a myth. <i>New Engl.J.Med.</i> 1982;307(13):798-800.	Doesn't predict complications
28. Gupta,S.K.. Silent gallstones: a therapeutic dilemma. <i>Tropical Gastroenterology</i> 2004;25(2):65-68.	Not primary research
29. Gurusamy,K.S.. Cholecystectomy versus no cholecystectomy in patients with silent gallstones. <i>Cochrane Database Syst.Rev.</i> 2007;(1):CD006230.	Doesn't predict complications
30. Gurusamy,Kurinchi Selvan. Cholecystectomy for patients with silent gallstones. 2007;(1):n. pag.	Not primary research
31. Haldestam,I., Enell,E.L., Kullman,E.. Development of symptoms and complications in individuals with asymptomatic gallstones. <i>BR.J.SURG.</i> 2004;91(6):734-38.	Doesn't predict complications
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34. Juhasz,E.S., Wolff,B.G., Meagher,A.P., Kluiber,R.M., Weaver,A.L.. Incidental cholecystectomy during colorectal surgery. Ann.Surg. 472/;219(5):467-72.	Doesn't predict complications
35. Kao,L.S. & Kuhr,C.S.. Should cholecystectomy be performed for asymptomatic cholelithiasis in transplant patients? J.Am.Coll.Surg. 2003;197(2):302-12.	Narrative review
36. Khan,H.N., Harrison,M., Bassett,E.E.. A 10-year follow-up of a longitudinal study of gallstone prevalence at necropsy in South East England. URL: (accessed)	Doesn't predict complications
37. McSherry,C.K., Ferstenberg,H., Calhoun,W.F., Lahman,E.. The natural history of diagnosed gallstone disease in symptomatic and asymptomatic patients. Ann.Surg. 1985;202(1):59-63.	Doesn't predict complications
38. Mohandas,K.M.. Cholecystectomy for asymptomatic gallstones can reduce gall bladder cancer mortality in northern Indian women. Indian J.Gastroenterol. 2006;25(3):147-51.	Not primary research
39. Montariol,T., Msika,S., Charlier,A., Rey,C., Bataille,N., Hay,J.M., Lacaine,F.. Diagnosis of asymptomatic common bile duct stones: preoperative endoscopic ultrasonography versus intraoperative cholangiography--a multicenter, prospective controlled study. French Associations for Surgical Research. Surgery (GBR) 1998;124(1):6-13.	Doesn't predict complications
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41. Patino,J.F.. Asymptomatic cholelithiasis revisited. World J.Surg. 1998;22(11):1119-24.	Not primary research
42. Pezzolla,F., Lorusso,D., Guerra,V.. Asymptomatic gallstones. What to do in patients undergoing colonic surgery for cancer? ACTA CHIR.BELG. 1993;93(4):154-57.	Doesn't predict complications
43. Ros,E., Valderrama,R., Bru,C., Bianchi,L.. Symptomatic versus silent gallstones. Radiographic features and eligibility for nonsurgical treatment. Digestive Diseases & Sciences 1994;39(8):1697-7003.	Doesn't predict complications
44. Rosseland,A.R.. Asymptomatic common bile duct stones. European Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology 2000;12(11):1171-73.	Narrative review
45. Sakorafas,G.H. & Milingos,D.. Asymptomatic cholelithiasis: is cholecystectomy really needed? A critical reappraisal 15 years after the introduction of laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Digestive Diseases & Sciences 2007;52(5):1313-25.	Narrative review
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49. Tritapepe,R., Piro,D., Annoni,F.. Predictive factors for cholelithiasis complications. Panminerva Medica 1999;41(3):243-46.	Doesn't predict complications
50. Tung,T.H., Ho,H.M., Shih,H.C., Chou,P., Liu,J.H., Chen,V.T., Chan,D.C.. A population-based follow-up study on gallstone disease among type 2 diabetics in Kinmen, Taiwan. World J.Gastroenterol. 2006;12(28):4536-40.	Doesn't predict complications
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52. Weinstein,D., Herbert,M., Bendet,N., Sandbank,J.. Incidental finding of gallbladder carcinoma. Israel Medical Association Journal: Imaj 2002;4(5):334-36.	Doesn't predict complications
53. Wenckert,A.. The natural course of gallstone disease: eleven-year review of 781 nonoperated cases. Gastroenterology 1966;50(3):376-81.	Doesn't predict complications
54. Yano,H., Kinuta,M., Iwazawa,T., Kanoh,T.. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy for asymptomatic cholelithiasis. Dig.Endosc. 2003;15(3):190-95.	Doesn't predict complications
55. Zubler,J., Markowski,G., Yale,S., Graham,R.. Natural history of asymptomatic gallstones in family practice office practices. Archives of Family Medicine 1998;7(3):230-33.	Doesn't predict complications

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Ref	Reason for exclusion
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2. . A systematic review of the effectiveness and safety of laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Ann.R.Coll.Surg.Engl. 1996;78(5):476.	Not primary research
3. . Common bile duct stones: ERCP or surgery? HPB Surg. 1992;5(4):277-80.	Not primary research
4. . Early endoscopic management of acute gallstone pancreatitis--an evidence-based review. Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery 2001;5(3):243-50.	Not primary research
5. . Early versus delayed cholecystectomy for acute cholecystitis, a prospective randomized study. Pak J Gastroenterol 2002;16(2):30-34.	Unavailable
6. . Laparoendoscopic management of concomitant gallbladder stones and common bile duct stones: what is the best technique? Surgical Laparoscopy, Endoscopy & Percutaneous Techniques 2011;21(4):282-87.	Not an intervention of interest
7. Aboulian,A., Chan,T., Yaghoubian,A., Kaji,A.H., Putnam,B., Neville,A., Stabile,B.E.. Early cholecystectomy safely decreases hospital stay in patients with mild gallstone pancreatitis: a randomized prospective study. ANN.SURG. 2010;251(4):615-19.	Comparison of early vs Early, not early vs delayed
8. Adamek,H.E., Buttman,A., Kohler,B., Schlauch,D., Weber,J., Jakobs,R.. Extracorporeal piezoelectric lithotripsy (EPL) and intracorporeal electro hydraulic lithotripsy (EHL) on complicated gallstones: A prospective, randomised comparison study. Endoskopie Heute 1993;6(1):62-63.	Abstract only
9. Ahmad,N.Z. & Byrnes,G.. A meta-analysis of ambulatory versus inpatient laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Surg.Endosc. 2008;22(9):1928-34.	Systematic review-relevant individual studies were obtained and appraised
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11. Akyurek,N., Salman,B., Yuksel,O., Tezcaner,T., Irkorucu,O., Yucel,C., Oktar,S.. Management of acute calculous cholecystitis in high-risk patients: percutaneous cholecystotomy followed by early laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Surgical Laparoscopy, Endoscopy & Percutaneous Techniques 2005;15(6):315-20.	Not a comparison listed in the review protocols
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14. Aloff,M. & Arnaud,J.P.. Cholecystectomy with or without prophylactic drainage. Randomised prospective study of 200 cases. MED CHIR DIG	Not an intervention of interest

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1987;16(1):9-12.	
15. Antoniou,S.A. & Antoniou,G.A.. Laparoscopic treatment of Mirizzi syndrome: a systematic review. Surg.Endosc. 2010;24(1):33-39.	Systematic review-relevant individual studies were obtained and appraised
16. Arnold,J.C., Benz,C., Martin,W.R., Adamek,H.E.. Endoscopic papillary balloon dilation vs. sphincterotomy for removal of common bile duct stones: a prospective randomized pilot study. Endoscopy 2001;33(7):563-67.	ERCP interventions
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18. Ayub,Khurram & Slavin,John. Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography in gallstone-associated acute pancreatitis. 2010;(1):n. pag..	Systematic review-relevant individual studies were obtained and appraised
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