

Supplementary Table 1.

Excluded Studies and Reason for Exclusion

Reference	Reason for Exclusion
White et al. 1991 ⁴³	Laser application in soft tissue surgery
Yukna et al 2007 ²⁸	No comparison
Nevins et al. 2012 ¹³	No comparison
Rotundo et al. 2010 ⁴⁴	Comparison of surgical versus non-surgical
Belal and Watanabe 2014 ⁴⁵	Comparison of surgical versus non-surgical
Schwarz et al. 2001 ²⁰	Comparison of surgical versus non-surgical
Miyazaki et al. 2003 ⁴⁶	Comparison of surgical versus non-surgical