Table 1. Characteristics of 22 CVEG co-publications

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^{*}Two studies were classified as "Other" because one has no included study and the authors discussed the characteristics of the condition; The other included a subset of the interventions described in the CEVG review.

^{**}To avoid duplication, we excluded the three 'abridged' co-publications because these three also have a corresponding 'full length' co-publication

^{***}Wilkinson 1999 did not report number of studies used to generate the clinical recommendations.