ATTACHMENT A

NIH/NIDCR CONSENSUS DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (CDC) ON CARIES

SUBSECTION ON SALIVA AS A RISK FACTOR IN CARIES

TABLE/REASONS OF EXCLUDED STUDIES

For the sake of brevity we do not separately list here all the studies which were retrieved but excluded from the present systematic review. Nearly all can be found on the web site for this report, and the interested reader is referred to this source for specific information about excluded articles.

Here we provide the various criteria used for exclusion. As indicated in the main body of the evidence report, many of the articles met more than one exclusion criteria. In no particular order, the specific exclusion criteria we used are listed as follow.

Articles not written in English
Articles published before 1986
Articles not satisfying Agency for Healthcare Research Quality (AHRQ) level II-2; for example, case reports
Articles having less than 30 subjects total
Duplicate articles
Traditional narrative reviews/overviews and practice guidelines
Letters to the Editor/Editorials
Human in situ studies
Animal studies
In vitro studies
Caries status not clearly defined
Salivary status not clearly defined
Lack of appropriate comparison group
Use of pooled saliva samples
Articles or portions of articles whose primary outcome measure was the number of microbes in saliva; for example,
        bacterial transmission/infection from parent to child
Article whose focus was treatment or prevention; for example, fluoride studies, chlorhexidine studies, dentifrice studies,
        mouthwash studies, and chewing gum studies
Articles whose focus was immunization/vaccination
Articles whose focus was antibiotic treatment
Articles whose focus was food, diet or nutrition
Articles whose focus was dental materials
Articles whose focus was oral soft tissues
Articles whose focus was computer/mathematical modeling
Articles whose focus was validation or analysis of diagnostic or research model systems
Articles whose focus was synthetic/artificial saliva