Studies excluded from causation evidence table.


**Reasons for exclusion:** There was not enough data to examine the relation between work factors and CTS; median neuropathy was used as a surrogate measure, assessed by an automated nerve testing device which is not endorsed by our guideline.


**Reasons for exclusion:** Data grouped by poor surrogate measures of exposure (British Standard Occupational Classification), with data on important variables such as repetitive arm movements excluded because participants were unable to answer satisfactorily.


Reasons for exclusion: Regression model presents regression coefficients incompatible with the range of values of the dependent variable; R-squared is not reported, and the results cannot be interpreted.


**Reasons for exclusion:** Convenience sample with only self-reported exposure and symptomatic outcome data, with confidence intervals too wide to support any conclusions, and with some measurements (working with hands above shoulder level appearing protective against elbow symptoms) conflicting with other, better designed studies.


**Reasons for exclusion:** The two measures of CTS occurrence, “self-reported” and “medically called” CTS, are obtained by interview only, as are the vaguely defined exposure categories, none of which had even approximate quantification.

Reasons for exclusion: Table 2 would appear to be based on only 9 cases, if the electrodiagnostically confirmed CTS cases were 4.5% of the inception cohort of 189 workers; there are probably too many variables in the logistic model, which adds nothing to already established risk factors (BMI, DM, gender).


Reasons for exclusion: The 305 subjects were volunteers at a national meeting of dental hygienists in 2000, but the number of attendees is not reported, and a response rate cannot be calculated; this makes a prevalence rate nearly impossible to calculate.