

**Table 1: Summary of papers included in the systematic review**

Paper	Study design	Mean Age yrs (range) / *Median Age	Follow-up (Range) / *Mean	Duration of treatment (Range) *Mean	No of patients with LS	No avoid- ing cir- cumcision	% Success rate
Ghysel et al 2009	Prospective case control	4.7 (1month-13yrs)	6 weeks	6 weeks	12	8	67
Vincent et al 2005	Retrospective case control	8.9 (3-15)	*14months (3- 23)	*14 months (3- 23)	56	15	26.8
Zavras et al 2001	Prospective case control	*6 (3-9)	8 weeks	8 weeks	5	5	100
Lindhagen et al 1996	Double blind RCT	7.5 (5-12)	6 months	6 months	3	0	0
Wright et al 1994	Prospective case control	*3-6 (<3-14)	2 months	2 months	6	0	0
Jorgensen et al 1993	Prospective case control	6.9 (2-15)	*3.9 yrs (0.8-5.6)	*7 weeks (1 month -3 months)	7	3	42.9