SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX A: 240 STUDIES ASSESSED FOR INCLUSION

The 72 studies excluded from this review are in italics and the 31 studies assessed as part of the Cochrane Review are in bold (note: Paik 1974 was included in the Cochrane Review as two separate studies, bringing the total number of assessed studies to 32).


SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX B: STUDY EXCLUSION/INCLUSION PROCESS

3,048 records identified through database search

372 records screened

132 records excluded

240 full text articles assessed for eligibility

32 studies included in Cochrane Review

72 studies excluded:
- 33 individually randomized
- 9 not true MDA studies¹
- 16 not unique studies²
- 2 historical mass quinine distribution
- 8 short-term residents of endemic areas (e.g. military, laborers)
- 4 targeted sub-groups³

182 sub-studies included in background paper analysis

¹ Studies in which the primary focus was not MDA (e.g. historical program reviews that made mention of MDA, or community surveys done in conjunction with MDA)
² Multiple phases of the same study that were published individually
³ Treatment given at milestones rather than calendar dates (e.g. intermittent preventive treatment to infants coinciding with vaccination schedule, or to pregnant women coinciding with trimester check-ups)