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| **Study ID** | **Reason for Exclusion** |
| Aidam 2005 | Counsellors were local nurses and nutritionists |
| Albernaz 2003 | Counsellors were local nurses |
| Bashour 2008 | Counsellors were registered midwives |
| Bhandari 2003 | Counsellors included birth attendants, CHWs, as well as auxiliary midwives and immunization clinic health workers |
| Bhutta 2008 | Intervention and control received counselling |
| Haider 1999 | Counsellors were research physicians |
| Kramer 2001 | Counsellors were healthcare workers |
| Kramer 2007 | Counsellors were healthcare workers |
| Kramer 2008 | Counsellors were healthcare workers |
| Kramer 2009 | Counsellors were healthcare workers |
| Mannan 2008 | Peer counselling not randomized |
| Mattar 2007 | Conducted in Singapore (classified as high income) |
| Ransjo-Arvidson 1998 | Counsellors were midwives |
| Su 2007 | Conducted in Singapore (classified as high income) |
| Susin 2008 | Group counselling led by physician |
| Valdes 2000 | Counsellors were nurses and midwives, also not randomized |
| Vitolo 2008 | Subanalysis of the included Feldens (2007) trial |
| Wong 2007 | Conducted in Hong Kong SAR, China (classified as high income) |
| Zaman 2008 | No data on exclusive breastfeeding |