**Additional file 3.** Awaiting classification studies

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| **Study** | **Reason** |
| Harrold 1969 | Results for proliferative and nonproliferative retinopathy were presented together. We did not have contact with authors. |
| Fried 2001 | Results for proliferative and nonproliferative retinopathy were presented together. We sent two messages (2016, 28th December 2018) for contact authors requesting separated data and received no reply so far. |
| Raic 1973 | Study not found even after trying contact with authors by e-mail and searching at the journal website. |
| Rjasanowski 1979 | Study not found even after trying contact with authors by e-mail and searching at the journal website. |
| [Kliachko](https://rayyan.qcri.org/authors/4920942) 1973 | Study not found even after trying contact with authors by e-mail and searching at the journal website. |
| [Malcolm](https://rayyan.qcri.org/authors/3844239) 1973 | Study not found even after trying contact with authors by e-mail and searching at the journal website. |
| [Margolis](https://rayyan.qcri.org/authors/3311109) 1972 | Study not found even after trying contact with authors by e-mail and searching at the journal website. |
| [Tiholov](https://rayyan.qcri.org/authors/13894277) 1974 | Study not found even after trying contact with authors by e-mail and searching at the journal website. |