Additional file 8. Re-checking of records recorded as resolved to a trial ID

Individual re-checking, against registry fields, of the records previously recorded as resolved to a specific trial ID. Referred to in the Methods.

Background. On 30 September 2026 a script (resolve_candidates.py) recorded three records as "resolved to a trial ID" on the basis of "only one registry hit + compatible year + title similarity ≥0.34". That basis can support a **candidate** match only: a registry may be incomplete, and title similarity does not prove identity. All three were re-checked individually. **Conclusion: two of the three are not reports at all (they are registry entries), and one was confirmed against four fields.**

#	Record	Previous decision	Outcome of the re-check	Fields compared
1	Efficacy and Safety of Abelmoschus Manihot for IgA Nephropathy	Resolved to NCT02231125	**Registry entry (not a report)**	The record **is** the registry entry: its title is verbatim identical to the brief title of NCT02231125; the record's abstract text reads "The test has not been completed ."; record year 2014 = registry start 2014-09; registry details: phase 4, sponsor Chen Xiangmei, intervention losartan + *Abelmoschus manihot* , planned enrolment 1600, primary outcome change in 24-h proteinuria. In sum, it is the **registration entry for** the trial, not a report of it. The trial itself is assessed in this review (1470 participants)
2	A Study of Cemdisiran in Adults With Immunoglobulin A Nephropathy (IgAN)	Resolved to NCT03841448	**Registry entry (not a report)**	The record **is** the registry entry: its title is verbatim identical to the brief title of NCT03841448; the abstract is objectives-and-methods registration text ("The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effect of cemdisiran on proteinuria…"); record year 2019 = registry start 2019-09-30; registry details: phase 2, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, sponsor Alnylam, enrolment 31, primary outcome change in 24-h UPCR at week 32. In sum, a registration entry, not a report; the trial itself is assessed (cemdisiran phase 2, excluded because follow-up was only 36 weeks)
3	Phase 2 Trial of Cemdisiran in Adult Patients with IgA Nephropathy: A Randomized	Resolved to NCT03841448	**Confirmed as a report of the same trial**	**Four fields agree** : (i) design and phase — registry phase 2, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled; the report states "In this phase 2, 36-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, global, multicenter study"; (ii) recruitment — registry start 2019-09-30; the report states "The first patient was randomized to study treatment on September 30, 2019"; (iii) sample size — registry enrolment 31; the report states "A total of 31 patients from 19 sites in nine countries were randomized to cemdisiran (N=22) or placebo (N=9)"; (iv) sponsor — registry sponsor Alnylam Pharmaceuticals; the report states "The study was sponsored by Alnylam Pharmaceuticals". In sum, the trial is assessed in this review (excluded: follow-up of only 36 weeks, below 12 months)

Three resulting corrections to the scripts

1. **A failed query is not the same as finding nothing.** The registry query now returns four states — ok_with_results, ok_no_results, not_found (the identifier is not in this registry, including ISRCTN and ChiCTR identifiers, which use a different namespace) and failed (network error or 5xx, which must be retried). The earlier version returned an empty list on exception, which would have recorded a timeout as "this registry contains no trial of this intervention".
2. **A higher threshold for "resolved".** A record counts as resolved only if (i) the record itself states a registry number and that number is retrievable, or (ii) there is a **field-level comparison record** (at least two of researchers, sample size, treatment arms and recruitment dates agreeing). "Only one registered trial + compatible year + similar title" now yields a **candidate** only.
3. **Registration entries are carried separately.** The two records above were reclassified as registry_entry_no_results (the trial exists and is registered, with no results) and are no longer counted as linked entries.

Registry query status this round (26 interventions)

All 26 intervention queries returned ok_with_results (no failures, no timeouts); the per-item status is in the query_status field of candidate_resolution_2026-10-01.json.

Three further records state registry numbers that belong to **other registries** (ISRCTN85572126, ISRCTN62557616, ISRCTN62574616); ClinicalTrials.gov definitively has no such identifiers. This is **not** a query failure: the identity anchor lies in a different registry and must be checked there.