	Glucocorticoids	Control			Weight	Favours	Favours	Incidence of	Design type of	Risk of bias of
Subgroup	(No. events/total)	(No. events/total)	RR	95% CI	-	glucocorticoids	control	events in control	included studies	included studies
Age										
Elder(P=NA%, p=NA)	15/27	6/9	0.83	[0.47; 1.47]	59.4	-	+	0.67	RCTs	Non-high
Young(I ² =NA%, p=NA)	1/22	10/20	0.09	[0.01; 0.73]	40.6	←		0.5	RCTs	Non-high
Doses of glucocorticoids										
Low dose(I2=0%, p=.96)	58/132	53/102	0.83	[0.64; 1.08]	NA	-		0.52	RCTs	Non-high
Low dose(I ² =0%, p=.91)	82/358	203/453	0.51	[0.46; 0.56]	NA	+		0.45	Observational	Low/Some concerns/High
Low dose(I ² =NA%, p=NA)	19/83	40/90	0.41	[0.24; 0.71]	NA			0.44	Observational	Low
Severity of illness										
Critically severe(I ² =NA%, p=NA)	32/76	37/73	0.83	[0.59; 1.17]	NA	-	+	0.51	RCTs	Non-high
Types of glucocorticoids										
Hydrocortisone(I2=NA%, p=NA)	32/76	37/73	0.83	[0.59; 1.17]	60.7	-	+	0.51	RCTs	Non-high
Methylprednisolone(I2=NA%, p=NA)	26/56	16/29	0.84	[0.55; 1.29]	39.3	-	+	0.55	RCTs	Non-high
Methylprednisolone(I2=0%, p=.80)	76/332	160/360	0.51	[0.46; 0.56]	NA	+		0.44	Observational	Low/Some concerns/High
Methylprednisolone(I ² =NA%, p=NA)	19/83	40/90	0.41	[0.24; 0.71]	NA			0.44	Observational	Low
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