Comparison	Number of Studies	Direct Evidence	Random effects model	RR	95%–CI
high–dose dexamethasone vs hydrocortisone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				0.72	[0.54; 0.96]
Network estimate				0.72	[0.54; 0.96]
high–dose dexamethasone vs low–dose dexamethasone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				0.85	[0.62; 1.16]
Network estimate				0.85	[0.62; 1.16]
high–dose dexamethasone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	2	1.00		0.79	[0.63; 1.00]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				0.79	[0.63; 1.00]
hydrocortisone vs low–dose dexamethasone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				1.17	[0.89; 1.54]
Network estimate				1.17	[0.89; 1.54]
hydrocortisone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	2	1.00		1.10	[0.92; 1.30]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				1.10	[0.92; 1.30]
low–dose dexamethasone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	2	1.00		0.93	[0.76; 1.15]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				0.93	[0.76; 1.15]

Effect of late corticosteroids on BPD at 36 weeks' PMA, studies including 50 or more infants.