Comparison	Number of Studies	Direct Evidence	Random effects model	RR	95%-CI
high−dose dexamethasone vs hydrocortisone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				0.88	[0.68; 1.15]
Network estimate				0.88	[0.68; 1.15]
high−dose dexamethasone vs low−dose dexamethasone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				0.90	[0.70; 1.16]
Network estimate				0.90	[0.70; 1.16]
high−dose dexamethasone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	4	1.00		0.82	[0.65; 1.02]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				0.82	[0.65; 1.02]
hydrocortisone vs low−dose dexamethasone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				1.01	[0.85; 1.21]
Network estimate				1.01	[0.85; 1.21]
hydrocortisone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	8	1.00		0.92	[0.81; 1.05]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				0.92	[0.81; 1.05]
low−dose dexamethasone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	9	1.00		0.91	[0.80; 1.03]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				0.91	[0.80; 1.03]

0.75   1   1.5

Effect of early corticosteroids on death or BPD at 36 weeks' PMA, studies with low or no risk of bias.