Comparison	Number of Studies	Direct Evidence	Random effects model	RR	95%–CI
high−dose dexamethasone vs hydrocortisone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				1.75	[0.95; 3.24]
Network estimate				1.75	[0.95; 3.24]
high−dose dexamethasone vs low−dose dexamethasone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				1.13	[0.59; 2.15]
Network estimate				1.13	[0.59; 2.15]
high−dose dexamethasone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	2	1.00		1.51	[0.88; 2.61]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				1.51	[0.88; 2.61]
hydrocortisone vs low−dose dexamethasone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				0.65	[0.41; 1.01]
Network estimate				0.65	[0.41; 1.01]
hydrocortisone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	3	1.00		0.86	[0.65; 1.15]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				0.86	[0.65; 1.15]
low−dose dexamethasone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	2	1.00		1.34	[0.95; 1.89]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				1.34	[0.95; 1.89]

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