Comparison	Number of Studies	Direct Evidence	Random effects model	RR	95%-CI
high−dose dexamethasone vs hydrocortisone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				1.10	[0.46; 2.65]
Network estimate				1.10	[0.46; 2.65]
high−dose dexamethasone vs low−dose dexamethasone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				1.70	[0.35; 8.28]
Network estimate				1.70	[0.35; 8.28]
high−dose dexamethasone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	6	1.00		1.00	[0.52; 1.92]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				1.00	[0.52; 1.92]
hydrocortisone vs low−dose dexamethasone					
Direct estimate	0	0			
Indirect estimate				1.55	[0.33; 7.34]
Network estimate				1.55	[0.33; 7.34]
hydrocortisone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	2	1.00		0.91	[0.51; 1.64]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				0.91	[0.51; 1.64]
low−dose dexamethasone vs placebo					
Direct estimate	3	1.00		0.59	[0.14; 2.48]
Indirect estimate					
Network estimate				0.59	[0.14; 2.48]

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