

Supplementary Table II. GRADE tables representing the quality of generated evidence for the outcomes of the studies for which pooled analyses were performed

Certainty assessment		Summary of findings							
Participants (studies) Follow-up	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Publication bias	Overall certainty of evidence	Study event rates (%) With [comparison] With [intervention]	Relative effect (95% CI)	Anticipated absolute effects Risk with [comparison] Risk difference with [intervention]
Infection rate									
241478 (8 RCTs)	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	827/120032 (0.7%) 504/121446 (0.4%)	RR 0.622 (0.412 to 0.940)	827/120032 (0.7%) 3 fewer per 1,000 (from 4 fewer to 0 fewer)
Ramu's score									
176 (4 RCTs)	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	91 85	-	91 MD 2.93 lower (3.94 lower to 1.93 lower)
Bacteriological index									
176 (4 RCTs)	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	91 85	-	91 MD 0.48 lower (1.66 lower to 0.71 higher)

CI, confidence interval; MD, mean difference; RCTs, randomized control trials