

Quality assessment							Impact	Quality	Importance
Number of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations			
Cognitive functioning (mild to moderate learning disabilities) (follow up: mean 39 weeks; assessed with: Multiple measures)									
1	randomised trials	very serious ¹	not serious	not serious	serious ²	none	No significant difference between Acetyl-L-Carnitine and placebo groups for all measures.	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
Dementia: (mild to moderate learning disabilities) (follow up: mean 39 weeks; assessed with: Emotional disorder rating scale)									
1	randomised trials	very serious ³	not serious	not serious	serious ²	none	No significant difference between Acetyl-L-Carnitine and placebo groups	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
Dementia (mild to moderate learning disabilities) (follow up: mean 39 weeks; assessed with: Child behaviour checklist)									
1	randomised trials	very serious ¹	not serious	not serious	serious ²	none	No significant difference between Acetyl-L-Carnitine and placebo groups	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL

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Quality of life – not reported									
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Community participation and meaningful occupation – not reported									
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1. Risk of selection, selective outcomes and attrition bias.
2. Sample size less than optimal information size (<400 for continuous outcomes or <300 for dichotomous outcomes).
3. Risk of selection, selective outcomes, detection bias and attrition bias.

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