Comparison 2.h. Phenazocine intramuscular (IM) compared with pethidine (IM)

Source: † Ullman R, Smith LA, Burns E, Mori R, Dowswell T. Parenteral opioids for maternal pain management in labour. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2010;(9):CD007396.

Quality assessment							No. of participants		Effect		Certainty	
No. of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Phenazocine IM	Pethidine IM	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	(GRADE)	Importance
Epidural												
1	RCT	seriousª	not serious	not serious	very serious ^ь	none	12/107 (11.2%)	9/105 (8.6%)	RR 1.31 (0.58-2.97)	27 more per 1000 (from 36 fewer to 169 more)	⊕⊖⊖⊖ VERY LOW	critical
Vomiting												
1	RCT	seriousª	not serious	not serious	serious ^c	none	10/107 (9.3%)	25/105 (23.8%)	RR 0.39 (0.20-0.78)	145 fewer per 1000 (from 52 fewer to 190 fewer)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ LOW	critical

CI: confidence interval; RCT: randomized controlled trial; RR: risk ratio.

^a Effect estimate from single study with a moderate risk of bias.

^b Wide confidence interval crossing the line of no effect, few events and small sample size.

^c Small sample size.

† Updated for the purpose of this guideline.