

G.7.2.3 Any cholinesterase inhibitor plus memantine versus memantine plus placebo

Quality assessment						No of patients		Effect estimate	Quality
No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Combination therapy	AChEI monotherapy	Effect size (95% CI)	
Cognition: MMSE higher values favour intervention									
Shao 2015	RCT	Serious ¹	Not serious	Not serious ⁴	Serious ³	66	22	MD 0.54 (-0.30, 1.38)	Low
Activities of Daily living (ADCS-ADL) higher values favour intervention									
Shao 2015	RCT	Serious ¹	Not serious	Not serious ⁴	Serious ³	66	22	MD -0.63 (-1.37, 0.10)	Low
Number of adverse events: lower values favour intervention									
Shao 2015	RCT	Serious ¹	Not serious	Not serious ⁴	Very serious ⁵	66	22	RR 1.40 (0.79, 2.47)	Very low
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High risk of bias to lack of reported blinding 2. I² >40% 3. Non-significant result 4. 3 comparisons in one trial 5. 95% CI crosses one line of a defined MID interval 									