

Table 61: Clinical evidence profile: ALD versus no ALD

Quality assessment							No of patients		Effect		Quality	Importance
No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Assistive listening devices	No assistive listening devices	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute		
Number of communication breakdowns (Better indicated by lower values)												
1	randomised trials	very serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	no serious imprecision	none	7	5	-	MD 11.03 lower (16.77 to 5.29 lower)	LOW	IMPORTANT

¹ Downgraded by 1 increment if the majority of the evidence was at high risk of bias, and downgraded by 2 increments if the majority of the evidence was at very high risk of bias