

**Table 31: Clinical evidence profile: Chlorobutanol ear drops (repeated applications) versus no treatment for earwax**

Quality assessment							No of patients		Effect		Quality
No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Chlorobutanol ear drops (repeated applications) versus no treatment	Control	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	
<b>No longer impacted wax at 5 days (follow-up mean 5 days)</b>											
1	randomised trials	serious <sup>1</sup>	no serious inconsistency	serious <sup>2</sup>	very serious <sup>3</sup>	none	14/40 (35%)	31.6%	RR 1.11 (0.59 to 2.08)	35 more per 1000 (from 130 fewer to 341 more)	VERY LOW

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Downgraded by 1 or 2 increments because the majority of evidence was from an indirect population (age and other factors not defined)

<sup>3</sup> Downgraded by 1 increment if the confidence interval crossed one MID or by 2 increments if the confidence interval crossed both MIDs