Table 33:   Clinical evidence profile: chlorobutanol solution versus water (repeated applications) for earwax

No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Chlorobutanol solution versus Water (repeated applications)	Control	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	Quality
			Quality assessment				**No of patients**		**Effect**		
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No longer impacted wax at 5 days (follow-up mean 5 days)											
1	randomised trials	serious[1]	no serious inconsistency	serious[2]	serious[3]	none	24/40 (60%)	52.6%	RR 1.14 (0.77 to 1.69)	74 more per 1000 (from 121 fewer to 363 more)	VERY LOW

[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
[2] Downgraded by 1 or 2 increments because the majority of evidence was from an indirect population (age and other factors not defined)
[3] Downgraded by 1 increment if the confidence interval crossed one MID or by 2 increments if the confidence interval crossed both MIDs