Table 34:   Clinical evidence profile: chlorobutanol solution versus sodium bicarbonate solution (repeated applications) for earwax

No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Chlorobutanol solution versus Sodium Bicarbonate solution (repeated applications)	Control	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute	Quality
							Quality assessment		**No of patients**	**Effect**	
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%)	46.2%	RR 1.3 (0.85 to 1.98)	139 more per 1000 (from 69 fewer to 453 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