Model fit characteristics for review question: What is the effectiveness of uterotonics for the prevention of postpartum haemorrhage?

Model selection was based on the posterior mean residual deviance (a measure of model fit), and the Deviance Information Criteria (DIC), where smaller values are preferred and differences of between 3-5 are considered meaningful. The chosen model for each analysis is noted in the first column of each of the tables below, and results from the selected model are reported in the main text of this evidence review. For the selected model, results from an inconsistency model are reported. Comparing the NMA and inconsistency models provides a global test of inconsistency and, where inconsistency was identified it was explored further in Appendix N.

Model fit characteristics for PPH ≥ 1000ml: whole population

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.22 (0.03, 0.41)	247.2	1073.0
Random effects - inconsistency	0.22 (0.04, 0.44)	239.0	1077.8
Fixed effects – consistency	-	270.0	1078.7

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 212 data points

Model fit characteristics for PPH ≥ 1000ml: vaginal birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.20 (0.02, 0.45)	190.5	795.1
Random effects - inconsistency	0.21 (0.02, 0.47)	178.9	791.9
Fixed effects – consistency	-	205.9	798.4

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 157 data points

Model fit characteristics for PPH ≥ 1000ml; caesarean birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected	0.34 (0.03, 0.81)	56.3	276.9

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
 all results reported in this guideline are based on this model) 			
Random effects - inconsistency	0.26 (0.01, 0.79)	55.4	277.3
Fixed effects – consistency	-	61.6	276.6

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 53 data points

Model fit characteristics for additional uterotonics: whole population

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.83 (0.71, 0.98)	366.5	2035.7
Random effects - inconsistency	0.91 (0.76, 1.08)	360.4	2039.6
Fixed effects – consistency	-	1162.0	2715.7

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 345 data points

Model fit characteristics for additional uterotonics: vaginal birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.73 (0.58, 0.90)	254.0	1414.4
Random effects - inconsistency	0.74 (0.57, 0.94)	249.3	1415.3
Fixed effects – consistency	-	682.1	1768.3

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 236 data points

Model fit characteristics for additional uterotonics: caesarean birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	1.03 (0.76, 1.39)	111.5	617.9
Random effects - inconsistency	1.20 (0.85, 1.68)	110.8	620.6

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Fixed effects – consistency	-	315.7	788.3

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 107 data points

Model fit characteristics for blood transfusion: whole population

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.74 (0.51, 1.02)	270.1	1074.6
Random effects - inconsistency	0.75 (0.45, 1.11)	268.1	1082.0
Fixed effects – consistency	-	381.5	1142.9

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 242 data points

Model fit characteristics for blood transfusion: vaginal birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.53 (0.25, 0.84)	200.4	782.7
Random effects - inconsistency	0.54 (0.21, 0.93)	196.5	789.7
Fixed effects – consistency	-	243.9	803.0

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 175 data points

Model fit characteristics for blood transfusion: caesarean birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	1.11 (0.45, 1.99)	67.95	283.9
Random effects - inconsistency	1.50 (0.48, 3.09)	67.59	286.8
Fixed effects – consistency	-	94.73	299.0

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 65 data points

Model fit characteristics for ICU admission: whole population

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Fixed effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	-	17.2	72.9
Fixed effects - inconsistency	-	14.8	70.6
Random effects – consistency	1.87 (0.06, 4.75)	16.3	73.4

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 18 data points

Model fit characteristics for ICU admission: vaginal birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Fixed effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	-	16.0	68.7
Fixed effects - inconsistency	-	13.5	66.4
Random effects – consistency	1.83 (0.06, 4.72)	15.0	69.0

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 16 data points

Model fit characteristics for mean blood loss: whole population

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.24 (0.23, 0.27)	336.1	2883.0
Random effects - inconsistency	0.23 (0.20, 0.26)	334.2	2884.0
Fixed effects – consistency	-	5125.0	7526.2

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 332 data points

Model fit characteristics for mean blood loss: vaginal birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.25 (0.21, 0.29)	239.6	1936.4
Random effects - inconsistency	0.24 (0.20, 0.28)	238.1	1937.6
Fixed effects – consistency	-	2961.0	4553.8

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 235 data points

Model fit characteristics for mean blood loss: caesarean birth subgroup

Model	Between-study standard deviation (95% Crl)	Residual deviance ^a	DIC
Random effects - consistency (selected – all results reported in this guideline are based on this model)	0.21 (0.16, 0.27)	93.9	926.5
Random effects - inconsistency	0.19 (0.14, 0.25)	94.4	927.3
Fixed effects – consistency	-	1706.0	2506.8

Crl: credible interval; DIC: deviance information criterion

(a) Compare 95 data points