

Comparison 2b: Shaving vs. depilatory cream

Quality assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Quality
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	With shaving	With depilatory cream	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
Surgical site infection											
6	RCTs	serious ¹	serious ²	not serious	serious ³	none	80/706 (11.3%)	23/573 (4.0%)	OR 2.78 (0.86 to 9.03)	64 more per 1.000 (from 5 fewer to 234 more)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW

1. Risk of selection bias, performance bias and detection bias
2. High heterogeneity, $I^2 = 72\%$
3. Optimal information size not met

SSI: surgical site infection; CI: confidence interval; OR: odds ratio