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Structured Abstract

Objectives. To assess comparative effectiveness and safety of preventive pharmacologic treatments for community-dwelling adults with episodic or chronic migraine.

Data sources. We searched major electronic bibliographic databases and trial registries up to May 20, 2012.

Review methods. We performed a systematic review of published, English-language original studies of pharmacologic treatments for prevention of episodic or chronic migraine. Studies that compared drugs with inactive controls, nonpharmacologic interventions, or other drugs were eligible. Outcomes evaluated included rates of complete migraine cessation, ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency, reduction in migraine-related disability, and improvement in quality of life. We calculated absolute risk differences, pooled them with random-effects models and with Bayesian network meta-analysis, and calculated numbers of outcome events attributable to treatments per 1,000 participants treated.

Results. Of 5,244 retrieved references, 245 publications of randomized controlled clinical trials (RCTs) and 76 publications of nonrandomized therapeutic studies met eligibility criteria. Most enrollees were middle-aged Caucasian women, with an average of five monthly migraine attacks. Few trials reported the proportion of obese subjects, but many subjects were overweight. More than half of the RCTs defined migraine according to the International Headache Society criteria. Studies excluded adults with severe medical or psychiatric illnesses or contraindications to examined drugs. Strength of evidence was mostly low due to risk of bias and imprecision in individual RCTs and pooled estimates.

For chronic migraine, botulinum toxin formulations were examined in 20 RCTs of 4,237 adults. Onabotulinumtoxin A was more effective than placebo in reducing monthly chronic migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (low-strength evidence from 3 RCTs of 459 adults) with inconsistent improvement in quality of life. Pooled analyses demonstrated that per 1,000 treated adults, 170 (95% confidence interval [CI], 82 to 258) would experience ≥ 50 percent reduction in migraine frequency, 155 (95% CI, 90 to 220) would experience adverse effects, and 26 (95% CI, 10 to 43) would discontinue treatments due to bothersome adverse effects. Topiramate reduced disability in patients with chronic migraine but failed to decrease monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (low-strength evidence from one RCT of 328 adults). Individual RCTs examined the comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A with topiramate or divalproex and found no differences in chronic migraine prevention. Propranolol combined with topiramate treatment demonstrated no benefits in nonresponders to topiramate monotherapy (low-strength evidence from one RCT of 191 adults).

For episodic migraine, RCTs examined 59 drugs from 14 drug classes. All approved drugs (topiramate, divalproex, timolol, and propranolol), some off-label beta blockers, ACE inhibitors, and the angiotensin II receptor antagonist candesartan were better than placebo in reducing episodic monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent. Drugs would result in clinical improvement in 200 to 400 patients per 1,000 treated. Adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation were examined in 68 RCTs. Topiramate, off-label antiepileptics, and

antidepressants resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo.

Limited direct evidence of comparative effectiveness from head-to-head RCTs demonstrated no consistent significant differences in outcomes with examined drugs in patients with episodic migraine. Exploratory indirect adjusted frequentist analysis offered low-strength evidence that the angiotensin II receptor blocker candesartan was more effective than approved drugs including topiramate, propranolol, timolol, and divalproex. Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analysis offered low-strength evidence that angiotensin inhibiting drugs (captopril, lisinopril, candesartan) were the most effective and tolerable for episodic migraine prevention in adults who have no contraindications to examined drugs.

Individual RCTs of drug-management interventions for episodic migraine offered low-strength evidence that compared with usual care, multidisciplinary team care improved quality of life and reduced migraine-related disability; a headache management program resulted in complete cessation of migraine; a minimal-contact cognitive-behavioral program improved patient satisfaction with treatments; headache school decreased overuse of drugs for acute headache attacks and reduced migraine disability; pharmaceutical care improved self-efficacy; and an intensive pharmaceutical care campaign had no statistically significant impact on use of acute drugs.

Conclusions. For chronic migraine, onabotulinumtoxin A reduced migraine attacks but increased the risk of adverse effects and treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects. For episodic migraine, approved drugs are effective but increase risk of adverse effects and treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects. Some off-label beta blockers and angiotensin inhibiting drugs are effective without bothersome harms and therefore offer the best benefits-to-harms ratio. We could not determine the long-term (i.e., trials of more than 3 months' duration), preventive benefits and adherence with drugs. Evidence on improving quality of life was inconsistent across individual drugs. Evidence for individualized treatment decisions is very limited. Future research should examine the role of patient characteristics on drug benefits and safety.

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Executive Summary

Introduction

According to the International Classification of Headache Disorder, migraine is a common disabling primary headache disorder manifesting in attacks lasting 4 to 72 hours.^{1,2} Migraine headaches range from moderate to very severe³ and are sometimes debilitating.⁴ Episodic migraine affects 17 percent of women and 6 percent of men.⁵⁻⁸

Migraine frequency is divided into episodic and chronic.² Episodic migraine is characterized by <15 migraine days and chronic migraine by ≥ 15 headache days per month. Sometimes migraine may be described as chronic simply because the attacks recur over long periods of time. Chronic migraine affects 1.4 to 2.2 percent of adults.⁹ All migraine types significantly affect the physical, psychological, and social well-being of patients, and can impose serious lifestyle restrictions. Each year lost work time and diminished productivity from migraine costs American employers \$225.8 billion.¹⁰

Forty percent of adults with episodic migraine and all patients with chronic migraine might benefit from preventive medication; yet, only about 12 percent of adults with frequent migraines take preventive medication.⁵ Preventive medications from several drug classes are thought to affect various aspects of migraine pathophysiology.^{11,12} The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved four drugs for *episodic* migraine prevention in adults: the beta blockers propranolol and timolol, and the antiepileptic drugs topiramate and divalproex sodium.¹³ For prevention of *chronic* migraine, the FDA has approved only one drug, onabotulinumtoxin A. Doctors also prescribe off-label drugs (approved for clinical conditions other than migraine prevention), including novel antiepileptic drugs, calcium channel blockers, serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors, glutamate blockers, and drugs from several other classes.¹³

Preventive treatments aim to eliminate headache pain without intolerable harms. Often, however, some degree of pain persists; therefore, treatment success is usually defined by a decrease in migraine frequency of ≥ 50 percent.³ Preventive treatments are also expected to reduce use of acute drugs and improve quality of life.⁶ Treatment safety is defined by the total rates of adverse effects and adverse effects that lead to treatment discontinuation. Between 17 and 29 percent of patients discontinue preventive migraine medication because of adverse effects such as anxiety, nausea, vomiting, sleep time reduction, drowsiness, or weakness.^{14,15} Drug choices in clinical practice are based on many drug-related factors such as familiarity, efficacy, and adverse effects, as well as many patient characteristics such as headache frequency, presence of aura, comorbid conditions, and patient preference.

Indications for preventive treatments differ. The American Migraine Prevalence and Prevention expert advisory group recommends preventive treatment for those who experience two or more monthly headache attacks accompanied by disability, and for those who experience four or more monthly attacks with or without accompanying disability.¹⁶ Some guidelines recommend preventive treatments for patients who have five or more migraine attacks per month, but others suggest it only for those who experience a headache on most days of the month.^{17,18} Often, preventive treatment is recommended for only 6 to 9 months; however, very limited research has examined migraine frequency after discontinuation of preventive treatments.^{3,19}

Several gaps remain in the published literature on preventive treatments for migraines. Systematic reviews have focused on the efficacy of specific drugs rather than on the comparative effectiveness of all available pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatments.²⁰ Little attention

has been paid to the comparative effectiveness of off-label drugs to prevent migraine. Published reviews have not examined quality of life. Clinical reviews have compared the safety of only a few drugs.^{20,21}

Scope

Our review focuses on the comparative effectiveness and safety of the drugs for preventing migraine attacks in adults; our results can help inform treatment and policy recommendations. By the nature of the question, our review focuses on outpatient care.

During the topic refinement stage, we solicited input from Key Informants representing medical professional societies/clinicians in the areas of neurology, primary care, consumers, scientific experts, and payers, to help define the Key Questions (KQs).²² The KQs were then posted for public comment for 4 weeks, and the comments received were considered in the development of the research protocol. We next convened a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) comprising clinical, content, and methodological experts to provide input in defining populations, interventions, comparisons, and outcomes, and in identifying particular studies or databases to search. The Key Informants and members of the TEP were required to disclose any financial conflicts of interest greater than \$10,000 and any other relevant business or professional conflicts. Any potential conflicts of interest were balanced or mitigated. Neither Key Informants nor members of the TEP performed analysis of any kind, nor did any of them contribute to the writing of this report. Members of the TEP were invited to provide feedback on an initial draft of the review protocol, which was then refined based on their input, reviewed by AHRQ, and posted for public access from April 12, 2012, to May 10, 2012, at the AHRQ Effective Health Care Web site.

We chose not to synthesize studies of the drug flunarizine, which is commonly used for adults in Europe, because the FDA has not approved it. Efficacy of nonpharmacologic preventive treatments was beyond our scope. We conducted a comprehensive literature review following the principles in the “Methods Guide for Effectiveness and Comparative Effectiveness Reviews” (hereafter the Methods Guide) developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Evidence-based Practice Center Program^{23,24} and PRISMA guidelines (protocol registration number is CRD42012001918, available at www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display_record.asp?ID=CRD42012001918).

Key Questions

KQ 1

What are the efficacy and comparative effectiveness of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

- a. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with placebo or no active treatment?
- b. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with active pharmacologic treatments?
- c. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with active nonpharmacologic treatments?
- d. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments combined with nondrug treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with pharmacologic treatments alone?

- e. How might dosing regimens or duration of treatments influence the effects of the treatments on patient-centered outcomes? How might approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring) influence results?

KQ 2

What are the comparative harms from pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

- a. What are the harms from preventive pharmacologic treatments when compared with placebo or no active treatment?
- b. What are the harms from preventive pharmacologic treatments when compared with active pharmacologic treatments?
- c. How might approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring) influence results?

KQ 3

Which patient characteristics predict the effectiveness and safety of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

Methods

We followed an a priori research protocol that we developed with the clinical and methodological input of a technical expert panel. The protocol followed the Effective Health Care Program's Methods Guide.

Literature Search Strategy

We searched several databases including MEDLINE[®] (via Ovid and PubMed[®]), the Cochrane Library, and the SCIRUS bibliographic database to find original studies published in English up to May 20, 2012. To search the grey literature, we accessed the FDA Web site to find medical and statistical reviews of the eligible drugs and we searched several trial registries to find ongoing, completed, and published trials of migraine prevention.

Eligibility

Three investigators independently determined study eligibility, resolving disagreements through discussions until consensus was achieved.²⁵ To assess the effectiveness of drugs, we analyzed all included RCTs. To assess adverse effects and treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects, we analyzed all included RCTs and nonrandomized studies.²⁶ We defined harms as the totality of all possible adverse consequences of an intervention.²⁷ We analyzed harms regardless of how authors perceived causality of treatments.

We determined eligibility according to the PICOTS (Population, Intervention, Comparator, Outcomes, Timing, and Settings) framework. We defined the target population as community-dwelling adults with episodic or chronic migraine. We formulated a list of eligible interventions after discussions with key informants and technical experts and after consideration of public comments. Eligible comparators included pharmacologic, nonpharmacologic, and combined

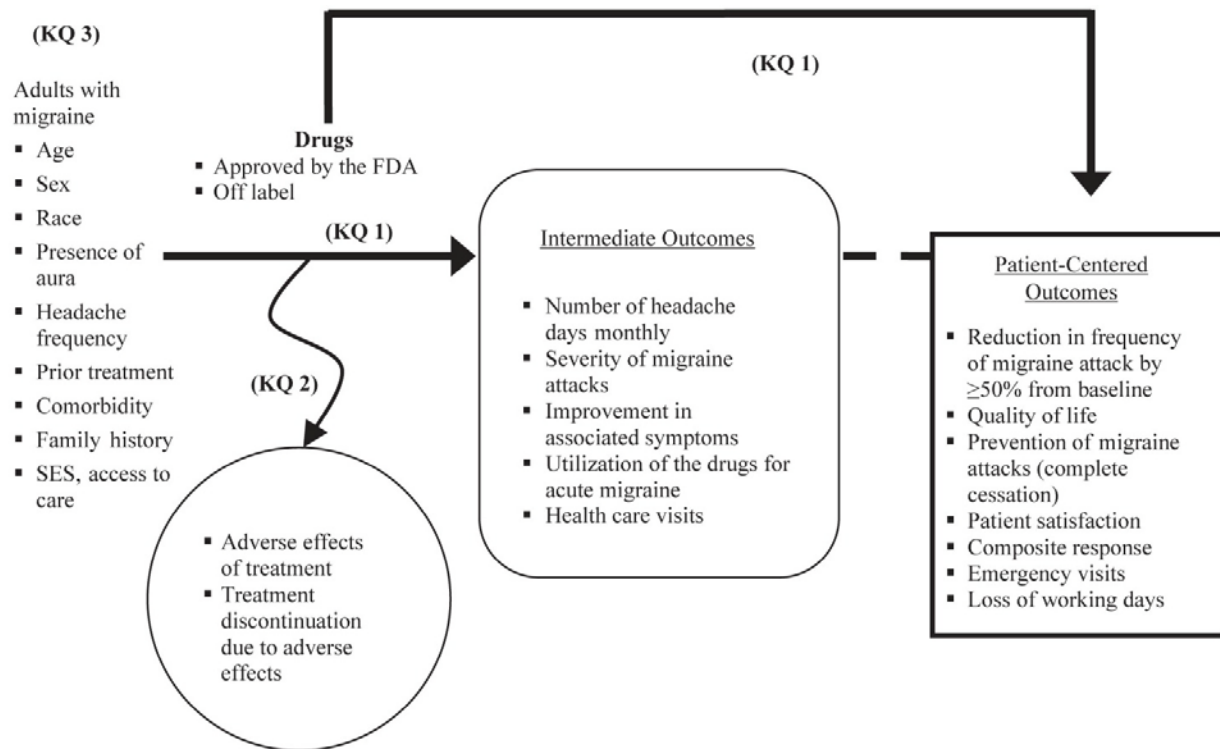
preventive treatments. We defined eligible intermediate and patient-centered outcomes (presented in the analytical framework, Figure A).

Eligible studies included patients with episodic migraine, chronic daily headache, or chronic migraine defined according to the criteria of the International Headache Society.¹⁷ We reviewed RCTs that included adults with migraine, comorbid headache disorders, or tension headache if they examined prevention of migraine. We excluded studies of treatments aimed at acute migraine attacks. We excluded studies that involved patients with other migraine variants, hospitalized patients, and patients in emergency rooms. We also excluded studies of short-term prevention of migraine, including menstrual migraines.

Data Extraction

Researchers used standardized forms to extract data (available at https://netfiles.umn.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-21041343_1-t_zdhvSpvy). For each trial, one reviewer extracted the data and a second reviewer checked the abstracted data for accuracy. We assessed errors by comparing established ranges for each variable and data charts from the original articles. Any detected discrepancies were discussed.

Figure A. Analytical framework



KQ = Key Question; SES = socioeconomic status

KQ 1: What are the efficacy and comparative effectiveness of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

KQ 2: What are the comparative harms from pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

KQ 3: Which patient characteristics predict the effectiveness and safety of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

We abstracted the information relevant to the PICOTS framework. We abstracted minimum datasets to reproduce the results presented by the authors. For categorical variables, we abstracted the number of events among treatment groups to calculate rates, relative risk, and absolute risk differences. We abstracted means and standard deviations of continuous variables to calculate mean differences with a 95% confidence interval (CI).

We abstracted the number randomized to each treatment group as the denominator to calculate estimates by applying intention-to-treat principles assuming that the same proportions apply in the missing data. We abstracted drug regimen and doses and patient characteristics including demographics, baseline frequency and severity, and prior treatment status as factors that can modify treatment effects. We abstracted sponsorship of the studies and conflict of interest by the authors. We incorporated risk of bias in individual studies into the synthesis of evidence by using individual risk of bias criteria rather than a global score or a ranking category of overall risk of bias.

Risk of Bias Assessment

We evaluated the risk of bias in individual studies for benefits and harms using the criteria from the Cochrane risk of bias tool.²⁸ We evaluated: (1) random allocation of the subjects to the treatment groups; (2) masking of the treatment status to the participants and investigators; (3) adequacy of allocation concealment; (4) adequacy of randomization as estimated based on similarity of the subjects in treatment groups by demographics and by frequency and severity of migraine; (5) use of planned and executed intention-to-treat principles; and (6) selective outcome reporting when compared with the protocols (when available) and methods sections in the articles. Since all outcomes in the review were self-reported, masking of outcome assessment was not essential.

We assumed a low risk of bias when RCTs met all of the risk of bias criteria, a medium risk of bias if at least one of the risk of bias criteria was not met, and a high risk of bias if two or more risk of bias criteria were not met. We concluded an unknown risk of bias for studies with poorly reported risk of bias criteria. We examined risk of bias in nonrandomized studies according to adjustment for confounding factors to address selection bias and exclusion of subjects from the analyses to address attrition biases. We evaluated disclosure of conflict of interest by the authors of individual studies and funding sources, but did not use this information to downgrade quality of individual studies.

Data Synthesis

We summarized the results into evidence tables. We focused on patient-centered outcomes, such as reduction in migraine attack rate of ≥ 50 percent from baseline, quality of life, patient satisfaction, and composite measures of response including frequency and severity of migraine.

We synthesized the evidence according to population characteristics that could modify treatment effect, including age, sex, race, and duration of migraine, baseline frequency and severity of acute migraine attacks, presence of aura, previous drug treatments, or history of drug overuse when reported in the original studies. When possible, based on the reporting in original studies, we conducted subgroup and sensitivity analyses according to patient characteristics, drug dose, and timing of followup.

We examined whether the definition of migraine could contribute to differences in trial results. The FDA approved four drugs for prevention of episodic migraine based on trials conducted prior to the recent implementation of the migraine definition proposed by the

International Headache Society.¹⁷ Thus, eligible studies published before 2004 defined classic or common migraine as per previous definitions from the International Headache Society or the Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache.²⁹ We compared baseline patient characteristics and treatment effects depending on the exact migraine definition and report the results when they are significantly different.

Using Meta-Analyst and STATA[®] software, we calculated the relative risk and absolute risk difference from the abstracted events and the mean differences in continuous variables from the reported means and standard deviations. We evaluated statistical significance at a 95 percent confidence level. We used default software continuity coefficients for 0 events and intention to treat as recommended calculations for missing data. We hypothesized superiority of drugs versus placebo and versus each other.

For pooling results from studies addressing KQs 1 and 2, we required that studies included the same active drug treatments and comparators and the same definitions of the outcomes. Cohen standardized mean differences were calculated for different continuous measures of the same outcome. For sparse adverse effects data, we used multiple models to test robustness of inferential statistics.

We tested consistency in the results by comparing the direction and strength of the association and assessed heterogeneity in results with chi-squared and I-squared tests. We explored heterogeneity with meta-regression and sensitivity analysis, reporting only the results from random effects models. We used the random effects model to incorporate into the pooled analysis any differences between trials in patient populations, baseline rates of the outcomes, dosage of drugs, and other factors. We explored heterogeneity by risk of bias criteria, disclosed conflicts of interest, study sponsorship, dose and duration of drug treatments, time of followup, inclusion of minorities, proportion of women and elderly adults, and other patient characteristics described above. To avoid ecological fallacy, we did not use patient-level variables (for example, mean age or body mass index) in meta-regression.

We calculated the number needed to treat to achieve one event of a patient-centered outcome as reciprocal to absolute risk differences (ARD) in rates of outcome events in the active and control groups. We calculated means and 95% CIs for the number needed to treat as reciprocal to pooled ARD when the ARD was significant. The number of avoided or excessive events per population of 1,000 is the difference between the two event rates multiplied by 1,000.

In cases when very few studies were available to provide evidence from direct head-to-head comparisons, we conducted indirect comparisons. To do so, we used statistical techniques to estimate the treatment effects from studies of each given treatment against controls under an assumption of consistency.

- We used adjusted indirect frequentist comparisons for individual drugs that were compared with placebo. This analysis provided pair-wise triangular comparisons for drugs that were compared against placebo rather than network meta-analysis.
- To address the problems with inevitable differences across studies, we used mixed (or multiple) treatment comparisons (MTCs), or so-called Bayesian network meta-analysis. We calculated Bayesian odds ratios with 2.5 to 97.5 percent credible intervals and Bayesian network random effects meta-analysis assuming heterogeneous variances across treatments. We synthesized evidence from drug classes in network meta-analysis when individual drugs from the same class demonstrated no significant differences in outcomes. We concluded no differences in drug effect (hereafter called similar effects) if confidence or credible intervals included one (no effect or no difference). All Bayesian

results were obtained from the WinBUGS software using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) samples after a 50,000-sample algorithm burn-in.

Grading the Evidence for Each KQ

We assessed strength of evidence according to risk of bias, consistency, directness, and precision for each patient-centered outcome, which included 100 percent or ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency, patient global assessment of treatment success, rates of clinically important improvement in migraine-related disability and quality of life.³⁰ We also assessed treatment discontinuation due to harms. We based our criteria on published guidelines acknowledging inevitable subjectivity of the assessment. We assigned a medium or high risk of bias in the body of evidence when at least one individual RCT had medium or high risk of bias, respectively. We defined treatment effect estimates as precise when pooled estimates had reasonably narrow 95% CIs, and the pooled sample had ≥ 300 events (using 25% relative effect difference for calculation of optimal information size).³¹ We did not include justification of the sample size into grading of the evidence nor did we conduct post hoc statistical power analysis.

As part of our strength of evidence assessment we looked at dose-response association, strength of association, and reporting bias in nonrandomized studies. We evaluated the strength of the association, defining a priori a large effect when relative risk was >2 and a very large effect when relative risk was >5 .²⁵ We defined low magnitude of the effect when relative risk was significant but <2 .

We defined reporting bias as publication bias, selective outcomes reporting, and multiple publication bias. We did not perform formal statistical tests quantifying reporting biases due to the questionable statistical validity of the available tests.

We defined a high level of evidence on the basis of consistent findings from low risk of bias RCTs. We downgraded strength of evidence to moderate if at least one of the four strength-of-evidence criteria was not met (e.g., the studies had medium risk of bias or the results were inconsistent or imprecise). We downgraded strength of evidence to low if two or more criteria were not met. We assigned a low level of evidence to nonrandomized studies but upgraded strength of evidence for strong or dose response associations. We defined evidence as insufficient if treatment effects or associations were examined by a single study with unclear or high risk of bias. We applied this approach regardless of statistical significance of the results.

Assessing Applicability

We estimated applicability of the population by evaluating baseline subject characteristics in observational studies and clinical trials.³²

Results

Of 5,244 identified references, we included 245 references of RCTs and 76 references of nonrandomized studies (detailed information about the results with references is available in the main body of the full report and in the evidence tables in Appendix D). Most trials were funded by industry but did not disclose conflict of interest by study investigators. Proportions of industry sponsorship and disclosed conflict of interest varied among examined drugs.

More than half of the RCTs had medium risk of bias. Proportions of low risk of bias RCTs varied among examined drugs. Most RCTs (86 percent) were double blind. We concluded unclear adequacy of allocation concealment in 94 percent of RCTs and unclear adequacy of

randomization in 51 percent of RCTs. Planned intention to treat was reported in 24 percent of RCTs.

The results were applicable to the target population. Most RCTs were conducted in the United States and Western countries, used the International Headache Society's definition, and enrolled mostly middle age women with episodic migraine suffering from an average of five monthly migraine attacks. RCTs enrolled on average 210 adults, measured the outcomes at 2 to 3 months of followup, and reported about 14 percent loss of followup (attrition rate).

Studies enrolled mostly adults (average age was 38 years) and adolescents. Few trials reported a proportion of obese subjects, but many participants were overweight according to the average body mass index. Most trials included patients with and without aura. Almost half of the enrolled subjects were naïve to migraine preventive drugs. Patient age and baseline migraine characteristics were similar in most trials. Substantial variability in reporting comorbidities prevented us from using this information in quantitative synthesis of evidence. Most trials, however, excluded patients with severe medical comorbidities or psychiatric illnesses, stroke, and vascular migraine. RCTs rarely reported important patient characteristics that could modify drug effects, including family history of migraine, socioeconomic status, or response to prior preventive treatments.

KQ 1. What are the efficacy and comparative effectiveness of pharmacological treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

The 245 eligible references presented the results from RCTs. RCTs examined four approved drugs for episodic migraine (topiramate, divalproex, propranolol, and timolol), one approved drug for chronic migraine (onabotulinumtoxin A), and various off-label preventive drugs. Most trials examined a monotherapy with one active agent compared with placebo or another drug. RCTs rarely reported specifics of concomitant treatments such as exact drugs and doses. However, most trials disallowed concomitant drugs during the run-in period and after randomization, thus implying no concomitant treatments were used in the RCTs. Strength of evidence was low due to medium or high risk of bias and imprecise estimates from individual or meta-analyzed RCTs (Tables A–B). This executive summary focuses on pooled analyses from RCTs and the results from network meta-analysis. All results can be found in the main body of the full report.

KQ1a. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with placebo or no active treatment?

Prevention of Chronic Migraine

Only one drug for chronic migraine, Onabotulinumtoxin A, was examined in more than one RCT. Onabotulinumtoxin A was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attack by ≥ 50 percent in patients with baseline ≥ 15 migraine days per month (Table A). Low-strength evidence from individual RCTs suggested a dose-responsive increase in migraine prevention with higher doses of onabotulinumtoxin A.

A single RCT reported that topiramate was better than placebo in achieving: (1) reduction of monthly migraine days from baseline; (2) 25 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks, and (3) frequency of associated symptoms. Topiramate was not, however, better than placebo in

reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent. The other individual RCT reported that propranolol added to topiramate did not effectively prevent chronic migraine in patients for whom topiramate monotherapy had failed.

Prevention of Episodic Migraine

All approved drugs were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent in patients with baseline < 15 migraine days per month (clinical response) (Table A). Drugs would achieve a clinical response preventing half or more migraine attacks in 200 to 400 patients per 1,000 treated. Clinicians need to treat three to five patients with episodic migraine to prevent half or more migraine attacks in one patient. Low-strength evidence from individual RCTs suggested a dose-responsive increase in migraine prevention with higher doses of topiramate (from 50 to 100 mg/day with no additional benefits with 200 mg/day).

In addition to ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency, individual RCTs of approved antiepileptic drugs and beta blockers improved other patient-centered outcomes. Topiramate demonstrated significant improvements for general health status, quality of life, and disability, with score improvements on the Medical Outcome Study Short Form 36 (SF-36) of more than 200 percent for self-reported vitality and more than 100 percent for improvement in pain and general health. Divalproex in a larger dose of 1,500 mg/day increased the likelihood of a 50 percent improvement in whether migraine attacks impaired usual activities or necessitated symptomatic medication and in reducing migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia, or photophobia. Topiramate and propranolol decreased use of drugs for acute migraine attacks.

Among *off-label drugs*, pooled analyses demonstrated that antiepileptic gabapentin, beta-blockers metoprolol, and calcium channel blocker nimodipine were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (Table A).

Table A. Efficacy of migraine preventive pharmacological treatments, evidence from meta-analyzed randomized controlled clinical trials that compared active drugs with placebo

| Active Preventive Treatment | Outcome | Sample | Rate, Percent With Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence (Reasons for Lowering SOE) |
|---|---|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Onabotulinumtoxin A for chronic migraine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 459 | 50.6 [34.4] | 1.5 (1.2 to 1.8) | 0.17 (0.08 to 0.26) | 6 (4 to 12) | 170 (82 to 258) | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| Topiramate 50 to 200mg/day for episodic migraine | 100% decrease in migraine frequency | 1,299 | 5.1 [2.6] | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.4) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, inconsistency, imprecision) |
| Topiramate for episodic migraine | ≥75% reduction in monthly migraine days | 1,086 | 22.3 [11.0] | 1.9 (1.1 to 3.1) | 0.10 (-0.01 to 0.20) | NS | NS | Moderate (imprecision) |
| Topiramate 50 to 200mg for episodic migraine | ≥50% reduction in monthly migraine days | 1,145 | 42.2 [23.3] | 1.7 (1.0 to 2.9) | 0.18 (0.08 to 0.28) | 6 (4 to 13) | 179 (75 to 284) | Moderate (imprecision) |
| Topiramate 50 to 200mg/day for episodic migraine | ≥50% reduction in monthly migraine frequency | 1,422 | 49.6 [25.1] | 2.0 (1.5 to 2.7) | 0.29 (0.18 to 0.40) | 3 (3 to 6) | 288 (176 to 400) | Moderate (medium ROB) |
| Divalproex for episodic migraine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 405 | 43.0 [23.3] | 2.2 (1.1 to 4.2) | 0.24 (0.10 to 0.38) | 4 (3 to 10) | 241 (97 to 384) | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| Propranolol for episodic migraine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 541 | 45.1 [22.3] | 2.0 (1.5 to 2.7) | 0.22 (0.14 to 0.30) | 4 (3 to 7) | 223 (142 to 304) | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| Timolol for episodic migraine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 276 | 49.4 [23.3] | 2.1 (1.5 to 3.1) | 0.27 (0.15 to 0.38) | 4 (3 to 6) | 265 (154 to 377) | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| Gabapentin for episodic migraine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 270 | 45.9 [31.0] | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.0) | 0.17 (0.06 to 0.27) | 6 (4 to 16) | 165 (61 to 269) | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |

Table A. Efficacy of migraine preventive pharmacological treatments, evidence from meta-analyzed randomized controlled clinical trials that compared active drugs with placebo (continued)

| Active Preventive Treatment | Outcome | Sample | Rate, Percent With Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence (Reasons for Lowering SOE) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Metoprolol for episodic migraine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 225 | 39.9 [19.4] | 2.0 (1.3 to 3.2) | 0.20 (0.09 to 0.3) | 5 (3 to 11) | 204 (88 to 321) | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| Nimodipine for episodic migraine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 126 | 28.6 [6.3] | 4.5 (0.5 to 40.1) | 0.23 (0.06 to 0.39) | 4 (3 to 16) | 229 (64 to 394) | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| Magnesium for episodic migraine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 137 | 33.8 [25.8] | 1.3 (0.7 to 2.3) | 0.08 (-0.09 to 0.26) | NS | NS | Low (inconsistency, imprecision) |

CI = confidence interval; NS = Not significant; ROB = risk of bias; SOE = strength of evidence

Bold = significant effects of drugs on treatment response when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0. Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Individual RCTs demonstrated that in patients with episodic migraine suffering from an average of five migraine attacks per month the off-label anti-epileptics carbamazepin and valproate (but not acetazolamide, lamotrigine, or oxcarbazepine) were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent. Individual RCTs demonstrated that off-label beta blockers acebutolol atenolol and nadolol (but not pindolol or alprenolol) were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.

Individual RCTs of angiotensin inhibiting drugs demonstrated promising results. The angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor captopril was examined in a single RCT. When tested in adults with comorbid hypertension and depressive symptoms for whom previous antimigraine drugs had been ineffective, the ACE inhibitor captopril was better than placebo in achieving complete cessation of migraine and improvement in headache index by ≥ 50 percent and in reducing depression symptoms. The ACE inhibitor lisinopril was better than placebo in reducing migraine days and migraine severity in patients with episodic migraine with or without hypertension. It reduced pain measured with SF-36, but did not decrease use of drugs for acute migraine attacks.

The angiotensin II antagonist candesartan was better than placebo in achieving a clinical response defined as ≥ 50 percent reduction in migraine days, hours, and severity. Candesartan also decreased migraine-related disability, but it had no effect on use of drugs for acute migraine attacks. In contrast, angiotensin II antagonist telmisartan was not better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.

KQ1b. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with active pharmacologic treatments?

Pooled analysis was possible only for four paired drug comparisons (Table B). Most low-strength direct comparative effectiveness evidence came from individual head-to-head RCTs that demonstrated few significant differences between individual drugs.

Comparative Effectiveness of Onabotulinumtoxin A on Prevention of Chronic Migraine

Five individual RCTs provided low-strength evidence about the comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A versus other drugs for chronic migraine prevention in 350 adults ages 18 to 65 with 12 to 24 monthly migraine days. Individual RCTs examined the comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A versus topiramate and found no significant differences in likelihood of migraine prevention or improvement in migraine disability assessment. Absolute scores of the Headache Impact Test were significantly better with topiramate than onabotulinumtoxin A; however, need for acute drugs did not differ between the two. A single RCT examined the comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A versus divalproex sodium and found no differences between the two drugs for migraine prevention, migraine-related disability, or quality of life.

Table B. Comparative effectiveness with migraine preventive drugs in adults, direct evidence from head-to-head randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Preventive Treatment | Outcome | Sample | Rate, Percent With Active [Control] Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence (Reasons for Lowering SOE) |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Timolol vs. propranolol | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 242 | 47.9 [52.1] | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.2) | -0.03 (-0.15 to 0.10) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| Propranolol vs. metoprolol | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 113 | 38.2 [50.0] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.2) | -0.12 (-0.30 to 0.06) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 76 | 46.2 [18.9] | 2.3 (1.1 to 4.6) | 0.27 (0.09 to 0.46) | 4 (2 to 11) | 274 (89 to 458) | Low (high ROB, imprecision) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 326 | 33.1 [39.3] | 1.6 (0.2 to 11.0) | 0.11 (-0.43 to 0.65) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |

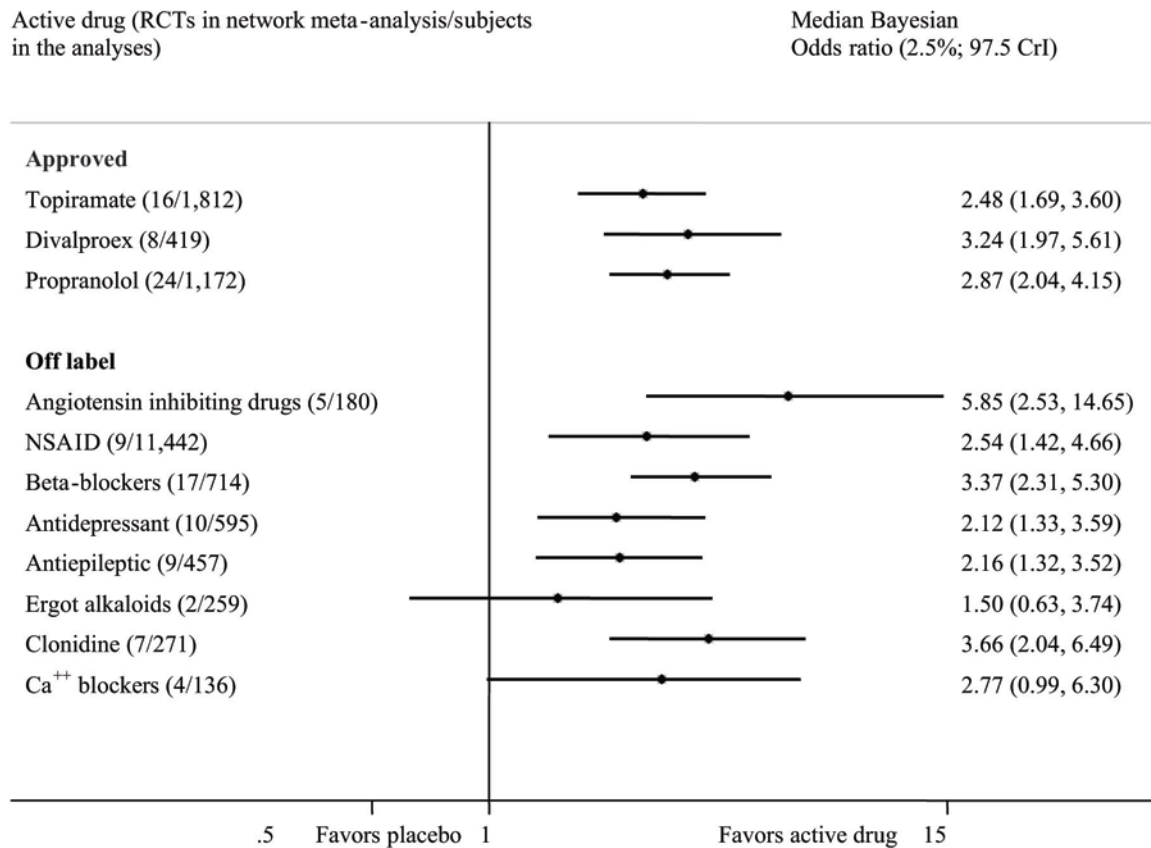
CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant; ROB = risk of bias; SOE = strength of evidence

Bold = significant effects of drugs on treatment response when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0. Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences. Line 3 is in bold.

Comparative Effectiveness of Approved Drugs on Prevention of Episodic Migraine

Pooled analyses demonstrated that decrease in headache frequency by ≥ 50 percent did not differ with propranolol versus timolol or versus metoprolol (Table B). Propranolol was better than nifedipine in reducing monthly headache intensity by ≥ 50 percent. Indirect adjusted analysis demonstrated no differences among approved drugs in reducing monthly headache frequency by ≥ 50 percent. Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analyses demonstrated that approved drugs were similarly better than placebo. Among off-label drug classes, angiotensin inhibiting drugs demonstrated the largest significant odds of reducing monthly migraine by ≥ 50 percent (Figure B).

Figure B. Bayesian network meta-analysis of clinical response to drugs versus placebo (66 RCTs of 14,774 adults) in randomized controlled clinical trials that aimed to prevent migraine in adults



CrI = credible intervals; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
 Clinical response was defined as $\geq 50\%$ reduction in monthly migraine attacks or perceived clinically important treatment success. We used heterogeneous random effects model that assumes correlation within study ($\rho = 0.5$) and heterogeneous between studies (WinBUG codes are in Appendix B).

KQ1c. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with active nonpharmacologic treatments?

One RCT provided low-strength evidence that the likelihood of reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 25 percent did not differ between propranolol and an intervention consisting of diaphragmatic breathing and systematic relaxation assisted by biofeedback and practiced at home. One RCT provided low-strength evidence that the likelihood of reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent did not differ between exercising for 40 minutes three times a week, relaxation technique, or daily topiramate use.

KQ1d. How do preventive pharmacological treatments combined with nondrug treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with pharmacologic treatments alone?

Individual RCTs did not provide sufficient evidence to conclude whether combined therapy was more effective than drugs alone.

KQe1. How might dosing regimens or duration of treatments influence the effects of the treatments on patient-centered outcomes?

Individual RCTs provided low-strength evidence that increasing the dose of onabotulinumtoxin A, topiramate, venlafaxine, pindolol, nadolol, and bisoprolol resulted in a higher response rate. In contrast, higher doses of divalproex, amitriptyline, or propranolol did not result in greater likelihood of clinically important reduction in migraine frequency.

KQe2. How might approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring) influence results?

Six individual RCTs examined effectiveness of drug management for migraine prevention in 3,825 adults. Four RCTs examined the effectiveness of a multidisciplinary migraine management program compared with usual care. The trials offered low-strength evidence that multidisciplinary team care improved quality of life and reduced migraine-related disability; a headache management program resulted in complete cessation of migraine; a minimal-contact cognitive-behavioral program improved patient satisfaction with treatments; headache school decreased overuse of drugs for acute headache attacks and reduced migraine disability.

Two RCTs examined the effectiveness of pharmacist-led drug management. The studies provided low-strength evidence that pharmaceutical care improved self-efficacy; an intensive pharmaceutical care campaign had no statistically significant impact on use of acute drugs.

KQ 2. What are the comparative harms from pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

We identified 15 RCTs and six nonrandomized studies that examined the safety of onabotulinumtoxin A for chronic migraine prevention in adults. We identified 159 RCTs of 18,134 adults that examined the safety of drugs for episodic migraine prevention in adults. We concluded that the results of these trials, which were a subset of RCTs that examined benefits

with drugs for episodic migraine prevention in adults, are applicable to the target population. The trials enrolled an average of 78 percent women. Mean age of the enrollees varied from 29 to 49 years. Patients had an average 5.5 monthly migraine attacks. On average, followup time for assessing adverse effects was 18 weeks. The sample size averaged 116 adults (range 12 to 818).

RCTs reporting harms were not necessarily powered to detect statistically significant differences in adverse effects. We concluded medium risk of bias in 104 RCTs and low risk of bias in 36 RCTs. Most studies (133 RCTs) were double blind. We focused on treatment discontinuation due to any and specific adverse effects from pooled analyses.

KQ2a. What are the harms from preventive pharmacologic treatments when compared with placebo or no active treatment?

Adverse Effects With Drugs for Chronic Migraine

Onabotulinumtoxin A resulted in adverse effects and treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects more often than placebo (Table C). Increase in risk of adverse effects was dose responsive. Increasing doses of onabotulinumtoxin A to 150 to 225U resulted in greater risk of blepharoptosis, muscle weakness, and neck rigidity. Among specific adverse effects, onabotulinumtoxin A increased risk of back or neck pain, dysphagia, hypertonia, blepharoptosis, and muscle weakness.

Adverse Effects With Drugs for Episodic Migraine

Bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation were examined in 68 RCTs.

Topiramate in doses of 100 and 200 mg/day (but not 50 mg/day) resulted in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects more often than placebo (Table C). Published pooled analysis of individual patient data demonstrated discontinuation of topiramate treatment due to anorexia, anxiety, depression, and hypesthesia. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk of anorexia, depression, paresthesia, and difficulty in memory leading to treatment withdrawal. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk of dry mouth, paresthesia or fatigue, mood problems, nausea, and weight loss.

In comparisons of divalproex or valproate versus placebo, treatment discontinuation due to any adverse effects did not differ. However, individual RCTs reported that divalproex caused nausea, somnolence, tremor, vomiting, and asthenia, leading to treatment discontinuation.

Propranolol caused bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo (Table C). Among specific adverse effects, propranolol increased risk of diarrhea and nausea. Timolol increased risk of any adverse effects but not bothersome harms that led to treatment discontinuation.

Among off-label drugs, pooled analyses demonstrated that the off-label antidepressant amitriptyline caused bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo (Table C).

Table C. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs in adults, evidence from meta-analyzed randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Preventive Treatment | Sample | Rate, Percent With Active Drug [Control] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence (Reasons for Lowering SOE) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Compared With Placebo</i> | | | | | | | |
| Onabotulinumtoxin A | 1,384 | 3.8 [1.1] | 3.2 (1.4 to 7.1) | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.04) | 38 (23 to 100) | 26 (10 to 43) | Moderate (medium ROB) |
| Topiramate | 2,055 | 16.6 [8.5] | 1.8 (1.3 to 2.4) | 0.06 (0.02 to 0.11) | 16 (9 to 53) | 63 (19 to 107) | Low (medium ROB, imprecise) |
| Divalproex | 346 | 9.8 [7.8] | 1.2 (0.5 to 2.7) | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.10) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecise, inconsistent) |
| Valproate | 150 | 6.7 [5.3] | 1.3 (0.3 to 4.9) | 0.01 (-0.07 to 0.08) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecise) |
| Propranolol | 221 | 13.2 [5.6] | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.7) | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.12) | 16 (8 to 333) | 62 (3 to 120) | Low (medium ROB, imprecise, inconsistent) |
| Gabapentin | 270 | 17.0 [7.7] | 1.9 (0.9 to 4.2) | 0.07 (-0.01 to 0.15) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecise) |
| Lamotrigine | 178 | 12.8 [6.0] | 2.4 (0.5 to 12.2) | 0.14 (-0.17 to 0.44) | NS | NS | Low (imprecise, inconsistent) |
| Amitriptyline | 507 | 11.2 [5.8] | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.5) | 0.05 (0.01 to 0.10) | 19 (10 to 167) | 54 (6 to 102) | Low (medium ROB, imprecise) |
| Femoxetine | 124 | 11.7 [6.3] | 1.9 (0.6 to 6.1) | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.15) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecise) |
| Clonidine | 334 | 2.4 [0.6] | 2.8 (0.4 to 18.5) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecise) |
| Nimodipine | 155 | 3.9 [6.3] | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.6) | -0.03 (-0.09 to 0.04) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecise, inconsistent) |
| Naproxen | 172 | 3.5 [1.2] | 2.3 (0.3 to 15.4) | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.07) | NS | NS | Low (high ROB, imprecise, inconsistent) |
| Magnesium | 150 | 7.7 [1.4] | 3.8 (0.7 to 22.4) | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.13) | NS | NS | Low (inconsistent, imprecise) |
| <i>Compared With Active Treatment</i> | | | | | | | |
| Topiramate vs. amitriptyline | 399 | 18.3 [21.3] | 0.9 (0.6 to 1.3) | -0.04 (-0.11 to 0.04) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |

CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant; ROB = risk of bias; SOE = strength of evidence

Bold = significant effects of drugs on treatment response and discontinuation due to adverse effects when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0. Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences. Lines 1, 2, 5, and 8 are in bold.

KQ2b. What are the harms from preventive pharmacologic treatments when compared with active pharmacologic treatments?

Comparative Harms With Drugs for Prevention of Chronic Migraine

Individual RCTs demonstrated less frequent treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A than topiramate or amitriptyline. Onabotulinumtoxin A versus divalproex sodium resulted in a higher risk of ptosis.

Comparative Harms With Drugs for Prevention of Episodic Migraine

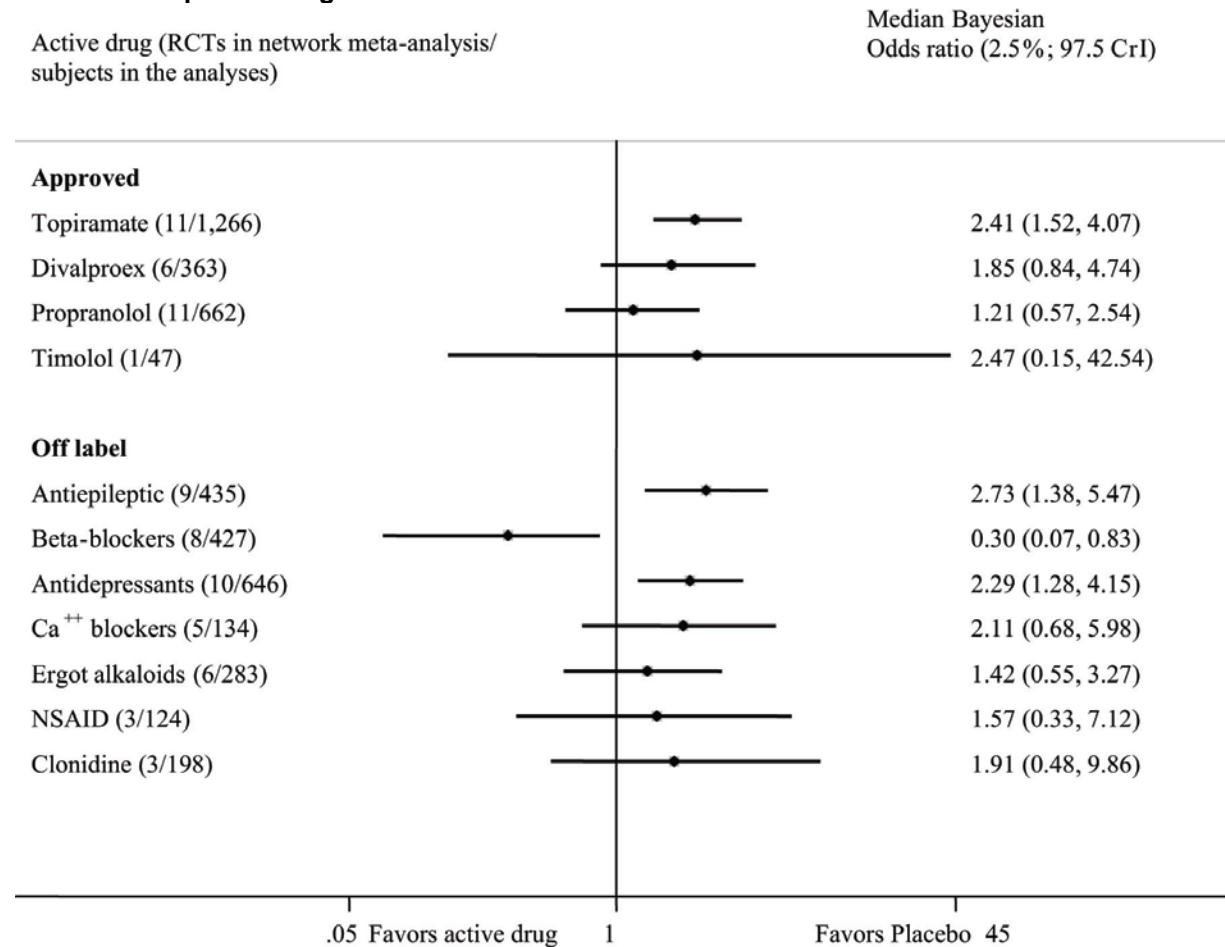
Pooled analysis showed no differences in treatment discontinuation with topiramate versus amitriptyline (Table C). Individual unique RCTs provided low-strength direct evidence about adverse effects with specific drugs. We observed no consistent pattern across available drug comparisons.

Indirect adjusted analyses demonstrated no differences in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved drugs or approved versus off-label drugs. Exploratory Bayesian network meta-analyses demonstrated that topiramate and off-label antiepileptics and antidepressants resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo (Figure C). According to network meta-analysis, off-label angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta-blockers were the safest treatment option for adults with episodic migraine.

KQ2c. How might approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring) influence results?

We found no studies that examined adverse effects with drug management interventions.

Figure C. Bayesian network meta-analysis of treatment discontinuation due to intolerable adverse effects with drugs versus placebo (47 RCTs of 3,054 adults) in randomized controlled clinical trials that aimed to prevent migraine in adults



CrI = credible intervals; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; RCT = randomized controlled trial

KQ 3. Which patient characteristics predict the effectiveness and safety of pharmacological treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

Evidence was limited to individual RCTs that examined the drug effect modification by selected patient characteristics.

Baseline Migraine Frequency

Onabotulinumtoxin A was more effective in patients with a higher mean baseline migraine frequency according to a single RCT from the BOTULINUM TOXIN North American Episodic Migraine Study Group. Onabotulinumtoxin A decreased the likelihood of acute drug use in patients with a baseline of more than 12 monthly migraine days (RR 0.78, 95% CI, 0.66 to 0.92).

Amitriptyline was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine, but only in patients with depression or with baseline frequent and severe migraine. A higher dose of amitriptyline increased the odds of reducing monthly migraine by ≥ 50 percent, and the response increased in

association with increased baseline migraine days (odds ratio 2.4, 95% CI, 1.45 to 3.8 for every additional day of migraine at baseline).

Concurrent Prophylactic Medication Use

Onabotulinumtoxin A more often than placebo led to adverse effects, blepharoptosis, muscle weakness, and neck pain, regardless of concurrent prophylactic medication use, according to the BOTULINUM TOXIN CDH Study Group.

Sex

Topiramate caused a complete cessation of migraine attacks in women but not in men according to one low-risk-of-bias RCT. Per 1,000 women treated, topiramate would cause a complete cessation of migraine attacks in 37 (95% CI, 8 to 67) and a reduction of monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent in 249 (95% CI, 178 to 320). However, both men and women experienced a reduction of monthly migraine 75 to 90 percent more often with topiramate than with placebo.

Prior Medication Use

One RCT that examined adding propranolol to topiramate for subjects who had chronic migraine and for whom previous topiramate monotherapy failed. The study separated subgroups by prior topiramate use or overuse of the drugs for acute migraine. Propranolol with topiramate was not better than topiramate alone in reducing migraine frequency, regardless of the prior drug history of the patients. Changes in quality of life score (from baseline) varied depending on prior topiramate use. Patients with prior stable topiramate use experienced worsening in quality of life with combined therapy versus improvement in quality of life with topiramate monotherapy. In contrast, patients without stable prior topiramate use experienced improvement in quality of life with combined therapy versus statistically insignificant changes with topiramate monotherapy.

Presence of Aura

No trials directly compared drug effects in patients with and without aura. Several post hoc subgroup analyses of topiramate versus placebo provided inconsistent evidence of the drug efficacy in respect to aura. Two publications suggested that topiramate was better than placebo in patients with aura. Post hoc subgroup analysis of one RCT found statistically significant reduction in migraine frequency with topiramate versus placebo (-2.43 vs. -0.79 respectively, p value = 0.02) only in subjects with aura. Post hoc subgroup analysis of the other RCT found that in patients with aura, topiramate was better than placebo reducing migraine frequency, number of migraine days, severity and duration of attacks, and photophobia. In contrast, post hoc analysis of the Prolonged Migraine Prevention (PROMPT) found that topiramate efficacy was similar in patients with and without aura.

Gabapentin reduced migraine attack frequency and intensity significantly more than placebo regardless of the presence of aura (insignificant interaction test). Patients with aura experienced slightly greater reduction in migraine frequency (mean difference -2.2, 95% CI, -2.7 to -1.7) than patients without aura (mean difference -1.6, 95% CI, -2.2 to -0.9). Patients with aura experienced slightly greater reduction in migraine intensity (mean difference -0.83, 95% CI, -1.12 to -0.54) than patients without aura (mean difference -0.42, 95% CI, -0.77 to -0.07).

Discussion

All approved drugs, some off-label beta blockers, and the angiotensin inhibiting drugs were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (clinical response). The relative effect size of drugs was moderate: drugs would result in to 200 to 400 cases of clinical response (≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency) per 1,000 treated.

Critical assessment of the strength of the available evidence suggested low risk of bias in one third of included RCTs and medium risk of bias in more than half of included RCTs. Strength of evidence was moderate only for topiramate, and low for other drugs due to risk of bias and imprecise estimates. Many authors of individual trials did not provide sufficient details about allocation concealment methods or about planned measurements of clinically important changes in quality of life scores and did not use intention-to-treat principles for all examined outcomes. We incorporated risk of bias in our evaluation of strength of evidence, but we could not estimate the effect of risk of bias criteria on drug benefits or safety because most evidence came from individual RCTs. We found it difficult to evaluate the role of financial conflict of interest and industry sponsor participation in data analyses and interpretation because many studies were conducted prior to mandatory requirements for financial disclosure, leading to inconsistent reporting and insufficient detail from individual studies.³³ For instance, the same authors disclosed no or different relationships with industry in multiple publications. Subjects' baseline severity and frequency of migraine attacks as well as comorbidities and concomitant treatments were also inconsistently reported.

The results were applicable to the target population since trials enrolled predominantly middle-aged Caucasian women. However, average treatment effects in a clinically diverse population may not reflect the actual effects for a specific subgroup.³⁴ Very few studies provided evidence for individualized treatment decisions with clear descriptions of planned stratified randomization and subgroup analyses. Published RCTs rarely reported important patient characteristics that could modify drug effects (family history of migraine, socioeconomic status, or a response to prior preventive treatments).^{35,36} No trials examined the role of genetic polymorphism in drug metabolism and effects. Migraine prevention trials did not address teratogenic effects, anorgasmia, impotence, and other harms of anti-epileptic drugs that can deter long-term adherence to preventive drugs.

Few RCTs reported treatment effects in patient subgroups. Low strength of evidence suggested that onabotulinumtoxin A and amitriptyline were more effective in patients with frequent baseline migraine suffering from ≥ 15 monthly migraine days. Our review demonstrated that a relative risk of adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A was lower in trials with higher placebo rates of adverse effects. Previous research demonstrated that compared with patients with epilepsy, patients with migraine more often quit taking topiramate due to bothersome adverse effects.¹⁵ Most trials in our review excluded patients with severe medical or psychiatric illnesses, stroke, and vascular migraine. Substantial variability in reporting comorbidities prevented us from using this information in quantitative synthesis of evidence.

Comparative effectiveness and safety with preventive drugs were examined in individual RCTs that failed to meet pooling criteria. Variability in examined drug comparisons in head-to-head RCTs precluded meta-analysis of direct evidence. However, because we found no differences across RCTs in baseline patient characteristics, indirect comparisons were feasible. Thus, we conducted Bayesian network meta-analyses, which indicated that angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta blockers were the most effective and tolerable drugs. Head-to-head trials were not designed to test safety with migraine preventive drugs. Network meta-analysis demonstrated that

patients stopped taking active drugs more often than placebo with topiramate, off-label antiepileptics, antidepressants, and ergot alkaloids. Individual adverse effects varied depending on the pharmacodynamic properties of the drugs. Multidisciplinary drug management programs demonstrated improvement in migraine-related disability and patient satisfaction, but long-term adherence and benefits are unclear.

The few RCTs that examined quality of life provided no consistent evidence of improvement with examined drugs. The authors rarely measured quality of life using the disease-specific Migraine Specific Questionnaire, Migraine Disability Assessment, or the Headache Impact Test. We could not determine the clinical importance of statistically different changes in scores.

Our review has implications for clinical practice. Informed decisions in clinical settings should take into account the rates of benefits and harms attributable to specific drugs.³⁷ The most recent guidelines from the American Academy of Neurology and the American Headache Society recommend the four FDA-approved drugs—the antiepileptics topiramate and divalproex and the beta-blockers propranolol and timolol—for adult migraine prevention.³⁸

The aforementioned guidelines, which focused on published evidence, differed in regard to recommending off-label drugs. Further, current guidelines do not include consideration of the balance between benefits and harms of drugs as a basis for clinical decisionmaking.³⁹ Our review analyzed benefits and harms of drugs and provided evidence for using effective and relatively safe off-label angiotensin inhibiting drugs and off-label beta-blockers as alternatives based on patient preferences, comorbidities, and contraindications to the medications.

The most effective and safest drugs should be the first choice in adult migraine prevention. We found no published controlled observational studies about preventive drug use or about comparative effectiveness of approved versus off-label drugs. We found no studies that examined use of medical treatment for adverse effects with drugs.

Some evidence suggests that off-label drug use is common in the United States, with little or no scientific support.⁴⁰ For instance, the Institute for Healthcare Informatics Health National Disease and Therapeutic Index analysis suggested that 20 percent of all outpatient drug prescriptions for adults were for off-label uses, with the most common being anticonvulsants, gabapentin, and amitriptyline hydrochloride.⁴¹ We found that off-label antiepileptics and antidepressants demonstrated worse benefits and safety profiles than beta blockers or angiotensin inhibiting drugs. Evidence of off-label drug use and associated adverse effects has been evaluated with prospective pharmacovigilance surveys in European countries.^{42,43} Routine monitoring of harms with off-label drugs via collecting and analyzing evidence of comparative safety in clinical settings is needed in the United States.

Our review found poor results availability from all conducted studies and possible reporting bias in outcomes reporting from completed and published studies. We restricted our review to studies published in English in journals, reviewed by the FDA, or reported on the ClinicalTrials.gov Web site. Even after such a comprehensive review of evidence, we do not know how many funded but unregistered studies we may have missed in our review. Published articles rarely provided unique trial registration numbers from ClinicalTrials.gov. We concluded multiple reports of the same data based on available information and did not contact the authors for further clarification. We suspected selective harms reporting because published articles reported common and expected adverse effects. In contrast, few RCTs that posted results on the ClinicalTrials.gov Web site reported all harms regardless of rates or assumed causal association with active drugs.

Our report has limitations. We did not contact the authors requesting unreported benefits and harms. In cases of poor reporting of risk of bias criteria, we did not contact the authors for additional details about methodological quality. Vast variability in examined treatment options, risk of bias, and imprecise estimates from small individual RCTs hampered synthesis of evidence. We found no evidence of consistent baseline differences in enrolled populations by age, proportion of women, and baseline frequency of migraine. We used indirect network meta-analysis to synthesize treatment effects of several pharmacologic classes. However, indirect comparisons did not address unreported baseline differences in comorbidities or in socioeconomic status. We did not grade strength of evidence for flunarizine, a drug widely used in other countries, because the FDA has not approved it.

Future Research Needs

We identified gaps and biases in available evidence that should direct future research. Well-designed randomized clinical trials should examine the comparative effectiveness of the approved drugs and the most effective off-label ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II blockers, and off-label beta blockers. Future trials should examine the potential treatment-modifying effects of patient age, sex, race, migraine family history, comorbidities, and prior treatment with migraine preventive drugs. Observational studies should analyze off-label drug use and comparative effectiveness and safety with migraine preventive drugs. Analysis of administrative databases should examine emergency and doctor visits among adults taking migraine preventive drugs. Prospective pharmacovigilance methods should be used for routine monitoring of off-label drug use and associated adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs. The long-term preventive benefits of and adherence to drugs are unknown. Evidence on improving quality of life was inconsistent across individual drugs. Evidence for individualized treatment decisions is very limited. Future research is needed for identifying the treatment modifying effects of patient characteristics on long-term drug benefits and safety.

Our review provides a comprehensive network analysis of comparative effectiveness and harms with migraine preventive drugs in adults. We concluded that angiotensin inhibiting drugs demonstrated the most effective migraine prevention without bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation. All approved drugs (onabotulinumtoxin A, topiramate, divalproex, timolol, and propranolol) and off-label beta blockers were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent. However, topiramate and off-label antiepileptics and antidepressants resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo.

Key Messages

Efficacy and Comparative Effectiveness of Pharmacologic Treatments for Preventing Migraine Attacks in Adults

Effect of Preventive Pharmacologic Treatments on Patient-Centered and Intermediate Outcomes Compared With Placebo or no Active Treatment

- For chronic migraine, onabotulinumtoxin A was more effective than placebo in reducing monthly chronic migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent with inconsistent improvement in quality of life.
- For episodic migraine, all approved drugs (topiramate, divalproex, propranolol, and timolol) were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (clinical response).
- Relative effect of drugs was moderate: drugs would result in clinical response in 200 to 400 patients per 1,000 treated.
- Strength of evidence was low due to medium risk of bias and imprecise estimates.
- Low-strength evidence from individual RCTs suggested a dose-responsive increase in migraine prevention with higher doses of onabotulinumtoxin A and topiramate (from 50 to 100 mg with no additional benefits with 200 mg/day).
- Among off-label drugs, pooled analyses offered low-strength evidence that the antiepileptic gabapentin, beta-blocker metoprolol, and the calcium channel blocker nimodipine were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.
- Individual RCTs offered low-strength evidence that the off-label beta blockers acebutolol and atenolol and nadolol were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent. Individual RCTs demonstrated that angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors captopril and lisinopril and angiotensin II antagonist candesartan were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.

Effect of Preventive Pharmacological Treatments on Patient-Centered and Intermediate Outcomes Compared With Active Pharmacological Treatments

- Individual RCTs provided low-strength direct evidence about the comparative effectiveness of drugs and demonstrated few significant differences between drugs.
- Indirect adjusted analysis demonstrated no differences between approved drugs and greater odds of a clinical response with the angiotensin II antagonist candesartan.
- Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analyses demonstrated that approved drugs were similarly better than placebo. Among off-label drug classes, angiotensin inhibiting drugs demonstrated the largest significant odds of reducing monthly migraine by ≥ 50 percent.

Effect of Preventive Pharmacologic Treatments on Patient-Centered and Intermediate Outcomes Compared With Active Nonpharmacologic Treatments

- Individual RCTs provided low-strength evidence of no difference between propranolol and biofeedback for achieving a ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks.

Influence of Approaches to Drug Management Versus Usual Care (Such as Patient-Care Teams, Integrated Care, Coordinated Care, Patient Education, Drug Surveillance, or Interactive Drug Monitoring)

- Multidisciplinary team care improved quality of life and reduced migraine-related disability.
- A headache management program resulted in complete cessation of migraine (100 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks).
- A cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program improved patient satisfaction with treatments.
- Headache school decreased overuse of acute drugs and reduced migraine disability.
- An intensive pharmaceutical care campaign had no statistically significant impact on use of drugs for acute attacks.

Comparative Harms From Pharmacological Treatments for Preventing Migraine Attacks in Adults

- Among approved drugs, onabotulinumtoxin A, topiramate, and propranolol resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo.
- The association was dose responsive for topiramate. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk of anorexia, depression, paresthesia, and difficulty in memory leading to treatment withdrawal. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk of dry mouth, paresthesia or fatigue, mood problems, nausea, and weight loss.
- Individual RCTs showed that divalproex led to treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects that included nausea, somnolence, tremor, vomiting, and asthenia.
- Among other drugs, pooled analyses demonstrated that off-label antidepressant amitriptyline caused bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo.
- Limited low-strength evidence from individual head-to-head RCTs suggested that treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects was less frequent with onabotulinumtoxin A than topiramate or amitriptyline.
- Individual unique RCTs provided low-strength direct evidence about adverse effects with specific drugs, with no consistent pattern across available drug comparisons.
- Indirect adjusted analyses demonstrated no differences in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved drugs or approved versus off-label drugs. Exploratory Bayesian network meta-analyses demonstrated that topiramate, off-label antiepileptics, and antidepressants resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo. According to network meta-analysis, off-label angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta-blockers were the safest treatment option for adults with episodic migraine.

Influence of Patient Characteristics on the Effectiveness and Safety of Pharmacological Treatments for Preventing Migraine Attacks in Adults

- Evidence was limited to individual RCTs that examined the drug effect modification by selected patient characteristics.
- Onabotulinumtoxin A was more effective in patients with a higher mean baseline migraine frequency.
- Amitriptyline was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine, but only in patients with frequent migraine attacks and in depressed patients with baseline severe migraine.

Glossary

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| AHRQ | Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality |
| ARD | Absolute risk difference |
| CI | Confidence interval |
| FDA | Food and Drug Administration |
| PICOTS | Population(s), Intervention, Comparators, Outcomes, Timing, Settings |
| RCT | Randomized controlled trial |

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Introduction

Migraine is a central nervous system disorder characterized by vascular headaches.¹ Migraine headaches range from moderate to very severe, can cause debilitating pain, and can last from 4 to 72 hours.^{2,3} In the United States, migraine affects 17 percent of women and 6 percent of men.⁴⁻⁷ The cumulative lifetime incidence of migraine in the U.S. population is 43 percent for women and 18 percent for men.⁸

Although the frequency and severity of migraine vary considerably, the American Migraine Prevalence and Prevention expert advisory group recommends that prevention for episodic migraine defined as ≥ 4 monthly migraine days with normal functioning or ≥ 2 migraine days with severe impairment.⁹ For 1.4 to 2.2 percent of those who experience migraine, the condition is chronic¹⁰ as defined by the National Headache Foundation (i.e., headache that occurs >15 days per month for at least 3 months).^{11,12} Both migraine types significantly affect patients' physical, psychological, and social well-being and can impose serious lifestyle restrictions.

Migraine also exacts a heavy economic toll. Each year, lost work time and diminished productivity from migraines cost American employers \$225.8 billion.¹³⁻¹⁵ Forty percent of adults with episodic migraine and all adults with chronic migraine might benefit from preventive medication,^{5,16,17} thus reducing lost productivity and work time. Yet, results from several studies demonstrate that only 12.4 percent of adults who experience migraine take preventive medication.^{4,5,16,17}

Migraine pain results primarily from increased activity of several agents that regulate blood vessels and sensory function of the brain.¹ In about 15 percent of patients, migraine attacks may be accompanied by aura (visual, sensory, or language symptoms). Other accompanying symptoms may include photophobia (excessive sensitivity to light), phonophobia (fear of loud sounds), osmophobia (hypersensitivity to smells), nausea, or vomiting.²

Preventive medications from several drug classes presumably affect various aspects of migraine pathophysiology.^{18,19} The four drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for episodic migraine prevention in adults are propranolol, timolol, topiramate, and divalproex sodium.²⁰ For chronic migraine, the FDA has approved only one drug, onabotulinumtoxin A. Doctors also prescribe off-label drugs (approved for clinical conditions other than migraine prevention) for migraine prevention, including novel antiepileptic drugs, calcium channel blockers, serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors, glutamate blockers, and drugs from several other classes.^{20,21}

Preventive treatment aims to eliminate headache pain without intolerable harms.²²⁻²⁴ However, some degree of pain often persists; therefore, treatment success is usually defined by a decrease in migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent after 3 months.² In addition to relieving pain, preventive drugs can decrease severity of migraine attacks, reduce use of acute drugs, improve quality of life, normalize brain activity, and eliminate photophobia, phonophobia, nausea, and vomiting.^{25,26}

Long-term adherence to preventive treatments is low. Between 17 and 29 percent of patients discontinue medication because of adverse effects such as anxiety, nausea, vomiting, reduced sleep time, drowsiness, and weakness.^{27,28} Drug choices are based on efficacy and adverse effects as well as headache frequency, presence of aura, and comorbid conditions.^{11,22,23,29,30} Some guidelines recommend preventive treatments for patients who have five or more migraine attacks per month,¹ while others suggest it for those who experience a headache on most days of the month.^{11,12,31} Often, preventive treatment is recommended for only 6 to 9 months; however, very

limited research exists regarding migraine frequency after discontinuation of preventive treatment.²

Several gaps remain in published literature on preventive treatments for migraines. Systematic reviews have focused on the efficacy of specific drugs rather than comparative effectiveness of all pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment options.³² Little attention has been paid to the comparative effectiveness of off-label drugs used for migraine prevention. Published reviews have not examined quality of life. Clinical reviews have compared the safety with only a few drugs.^{32,33} The majority of patients seen in headache specialty clinics that practice multidisciplinary coordinated care had chronic migraine.⁸

Our review focuses on the comparative effectiveness and safety of the drugs used for migraine prevention in adults; our results may help inform treatment recommendations. By the nature of the question, this review focuses on outpatient care.

Topic Refinement and Review Protocol

The topic was anonymously nominated via the public domain. During the topic refinement stage, we solicited input from Key Informants representing medical professional societies/clinicians in the areas of neurology, primary care, consumers, scientific experts, and payers, to help define the Key Questions (KQs).³⁴ The KQs were then posted for public comment for 4 weeks, and the comments received were considered in the development of the research protocol. We next convened a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) comprising clinical, content, and methodological experts to provide input in defining populations, interventions, comparisons, and outcomes, and in identifying particular studies or databases to search. The Key Informants and members of the TEP were required to disclose any financial conflicts of interest greater than \$10,000 and any other relevant business or professional conflicts. Any potential conflicts of interest were balanced or mitigated. Neither Key Informants nor members of the TEP performed analysis of any kind, nor did any of them contribute to the writing of this report. Members of the TEP were invited to provide feedback on an initial draft of the review protocol, which was then refined based on their input, reviewed by AHRQ, and posted for public access from April 12, 2012, to May 10, 2012, at the AHRQ Effective Health Care Web site.

We conducted a comprehensive literature review following the principles in the “Methods Guide for Effectiveness and Comparative Effectiveness Reviews” (hereafter Methods Guide) developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Evidence-based Practice Center Program^{35,36} and PRISMA guidelines.³⁷ The protocol is posted in the systematic review registry (protocol registration number is CRD42012001918, available at www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display_record.asp?ID=CRD42012001918).³⁸

Key Questions

KQ 1. What are the efficacy and comparative effectiveness of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

- a. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with placebo or no active treatment?
- b. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with active pharmacologic treatments?

- c. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with active nonpharmacologic treatments?
- d. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments combined with nondrug treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with pharmacologic treatments alone?
- e. How might dosing regimens or duration of treatments influence the effects of the treatments on patient-centered outcomes? How might approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring) influence results?

KQ 2. What are the comparative harms from pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

- a. What are the harms from preventive pharmacologic treatments when compared with placebo or no active treatment?
- b. What are the harms from preventive pharmacologic treatments when compared with active pharmacologic treatments?
- c. How might approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring) influence results?

KQ 3. Which patient characteristics predict the effectiveness and safety of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

Methods

We followed an a priori research protocol that we developed with the clinical and methodological input of a technical expert panel. The protocol followed the Effective Health Care Program's "Methods Guide for Effectiveness and Comparative Effectiveness Review."

Literature Search Strategy

Search Strategy

We searched for published studies in several databases including MEDLINE[®] (via Ovid and PubMed[®]), the Cochrane Library, and the SCIRUS bibliographic database to find original studies published in English up to May 20, 2012. We searched the FDA Web site for medical and statistical reviews of eligible drugs. We searched clinical trial registries, including ClinicalTrials.gov and the World Health Organization International Clinical Trials Registry, to find ongoing, completed, and published trials of migraine prevention. The Scientific Resource Center requested Scientific Information Packets from appropriate manufacturers (Appendix A) per usual procedures. We did not contact the investigators of the primary studies for missing data or clarifications.

To identify related articles, we developed an a priori search strategy based on relevant medical subject heading (MeSH[®]) terms, text words, and weighted word-frequency algorithms. Exact search strategies are shown in Appendix A.

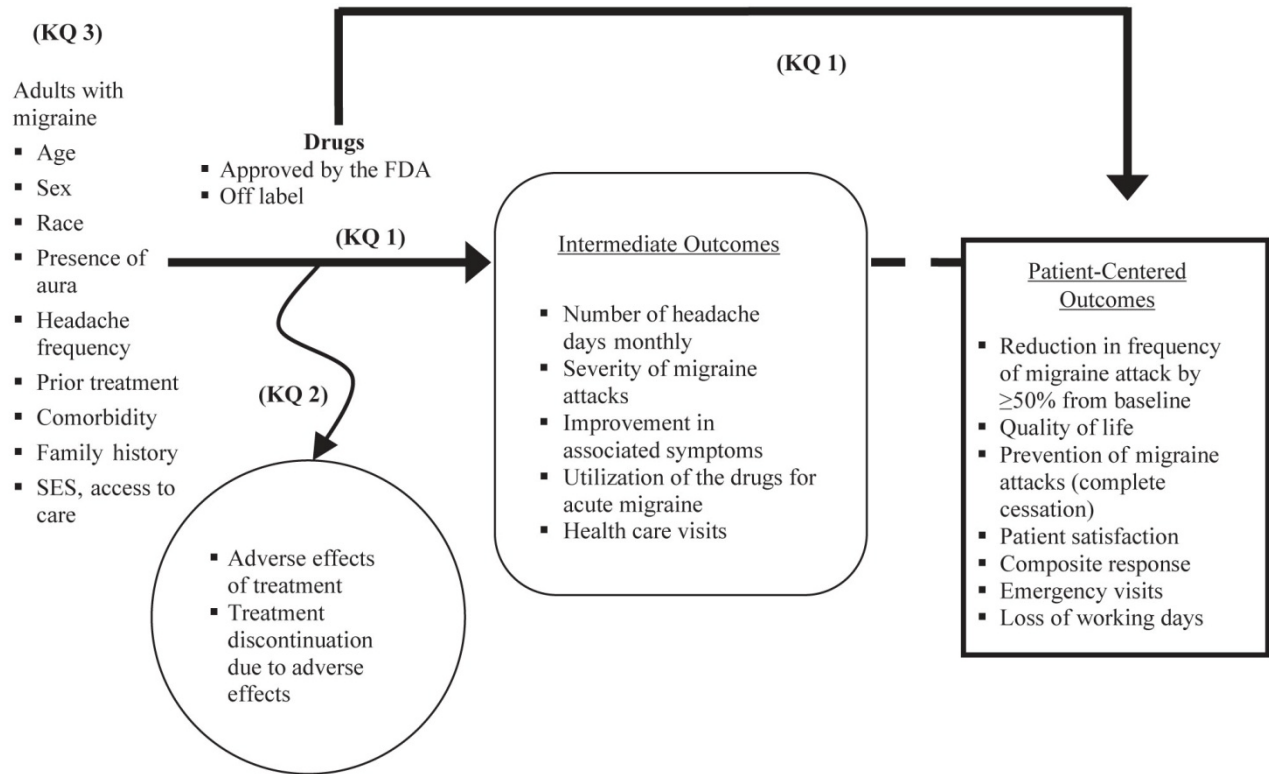
Searches for relevant literature involved several steps: (1) evaluating previously published systematic reviews,³⁹ (2) conducting a comprehensive literature search in the databases listed above to retrieve identified references, (3) screening abstracts against the inclusion/exclusion criteria, and (4) reviewing full text articles of eligible studies to determine potential inclusion in the synthesis.

Inclusion Criteria

- Original epidemiologic studies that aimed to examine preventive pharmacologic treatments for migraine.
- Publication in English.
- Target population of community-dwelling adults with episodic migraine, chronic daily headache, or chronic migraine defined according to International Headache Society criteria for chronic migraine (Appendix B).¹¹
- Eligible intermediate and patient-centered outcomes as listed in Figure 1.
- Drugs approved by the FDA for migraine prevention and off-label drugs examined in clinical trials (Appendix B Table 1).

We reviewed RCTs that included adults with migraine, comorbid headache disorders, or tension headache if they examined prevention of migraine.

Figure 1. Analytical framework^{35,36,40}



KQ = Key Question; SES = socioeconomic status

K1 What are the efficacy and comparative effectiveness of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

K2 What are the comparative harms from pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

K3 Which patient characteristics predict the effectiveness and safety of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

Exclusion Criteria

- Studies of treatments aimed at acute migraine attacks.
- Studies that involved patients with migraine variants, such as hemiplegic migraines, basilar migraine, retinal migraine, complicated migraines, and ophthalmoplegic migraine; hospitalized patients; or patients in emergency rooms.^{41,42,43} Studies of short-term prevention of migraine, including menstrual migraines.
- Studies that included some patients with migraine but did not separately report those outcomes.
- Studies that involved surgical treatments for migraine.
- Preclinical pharmacokinetic studies of eligible drugs; studies that examined the pathophysiology of migraine and reported instrumental measurements or biochemical outcomes.
- Studies that examined eligible drugs on populations with other diseases.

Study Selection

We followed the AHRQ Methods Guide to select evidence from controlled trials and observational studies.⁴⁴ Three investigators worked independently to determine study eligibility resolving disagreements through discussion.⁴⁵ We used all included randomized controlled trials (RCTs) to assess effectiveness with drugs. We used all included RCTs and nonrandomized studies to assess adverse effects and treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects.⁴⁴ To assess harms of treatments, we included published and unpublished evidence of the adverse effects of drugs in patients with migraine.⁴⁶ We defined harms as a totality of all possible adverse consequences of an intervention⁴⁶ and analyzed all harms, regardless of how authors perceived causality of treatments.

We defined eligible preventive treatments, outcomes, time, and outpatient setting following the analytical PICOTS framework (Population, Intervention, Comparator, Outcomes, Timing, and Settings). We defined the target population as community-dwelling adults with episodic or chronic migraine. We formulated a list of eligible interventions after discussions with key informants and technical experts and after consideration of public comments (Appendix B Table 1). Eligible comparators included pharmacologic, nonpharmacologic, and combined preventive treatments. We defined eligible intermediate and patient-centered outcomes (presented in the analytical framework in Figure 1).

Data Extraction

Researchers used standardized forms to extract data (available at https://netfiles.umn.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-21041343_1-t_zdhvSpvy). One reviewer abstracted an article and a second reviewed the abstracted data for accuracy. We assessed errors by comparing established ranges for each variable with data charts from the original articles and discussed detected discrepancies. We abstracted the information relevant to the PICOTS framework. We abstracted minimum datasets to reproduce the results presented by the authors. For categorical variables we abstracted the number of events among treatment groups to calculate rates, relative risk, and absolute risk differences. We abstracted means and standard deviations of continuous variables to calculate mean differences with a 95% confidence interval (CI).

For RCTs in the quantitative analysis set we abstracted the number randomized to each treatment group as the denominator and calculated estimates by applying intention-to-treat principles assuming that the same proportions apply in the missing data.⁴⁵ We abstracted the time when the outcomes were assessed as weeks from randomization and the time of followup after treatments.

We abstracted inclusion and exclusion criteria, drug regimen and doses, and patient characteristics (demographics, baseline frequency, severity, and prior treatment status) as factors that can modify treatment effects. We abstracted the definition of migraine used in each study. We abstracted sponsorship of the studies, sponsor participation in study design and in analysis and presentation of data, and conflict of interest by the authors.

Risk of Bias Assessment

We evaluated the risk of bias in individual studies of benefits and harms according to recommendations from the “Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions.”⁴⁵ First, we classified studies by their design as either interventional (RCTs, nonrandomized

controlled clinical trials, and nonrandomized uncontrolled clinical trials) or observational (cohort or case-control studies, cross-sectional studies, or case series).

Then, using the criteria from the Cochrane risk of bias tool in interventional studies,⁴⁷ we evaluated: (1) random allocation of the subjects to the treatment groups; (2) masking of the treatment status to the participants and investigators; (3) adequacy of allocation concealment; (4) adequacy of randomization as similarity of the subjects in treatment groups by demographics, migraine frequency and severity, and response to previous treatments; (5) intention-to-treat principles; and (6) selective outcome reporting when compared with methods section in the articles. Since all outcomes in the review were self-reported, masking of outcome assessment was not essential in evaluating risk of bias, but masking of treatment was. Masking of treatment status was not feasible for RCTs that examined nondrug therapies as comparators; therefore, we did not include it in risk-of-bias assessment for those studies.

We assumed a low risk of bias when RCTs met all the risk of bias criteria, a medium risk of bias if at least one of the risk of bias criteria was not met, and a high risk of bias if two or more risk of bias criteria were not met.⁴⁸ We concluded an unknown risk of bias for the studies with poorly reported risk of bias criteria. We assessed risk of bias in nonrandomized studies according to adjustment for confounding factors to address selection bias and exclusion of subjects from the analyses to address attrition biases.⁴⁹

We evaluated disclosure of conflict of interest by the authors of individual studies and funding sources, but we did not use this information to downgrade quality of individual studies.

Data Synthesis

We categorized drugs according to The Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System of the World Health Organization. Accordingly, we categorized botulinum toxin treatments under one category-M03AX01. We analyzed together and separately the effects of onabotulinumtoxin A (approved by the FDA), botulinum neurotoxin type A, and abobotulinumtoxin A.

We focused on patient-centered outcomes, such as ≥ 50 percent reduction in migraine attacks from baseline, quality of life, patient satisfaction, and composite measures of response, including frequency and severity of migraine. We incorporated risk of bias in individual studies into the synthesis of evidence by using individual risk of bias criteria rather than a global score or a ranking category of overall risk of bias.^{50,51} Synthesis of evidence about comparative benefits and safety with drugs from individual RCTs was restricted to studies with low or medium risk of bias.²²

We synthesized the evidence according to patient characteristics that could modify treatment effect, including age, sex, race, and duration of migraine, baseline frequency and severity of acute migraine attacks, presence of aura, previous drug treatments, history of drug overuse, and others described in the PICOTS framework. We addressed the role of comorbidities and concomitant treatments in association with patient-centered outcomes. When possible, based on the reporting in original studies, we conducted subgroup and sensitivity analyses according to patient characteristics, drug dose, and timing of followup.

We examined whether the definition of migraine could contribute to the differences in trial results. The FDA approved four drugs for prevention of episodic migraine based on trials conducted before the implementation of the most recent migraine definition proposed by the International Headache Society.¹¹ Thus, older eligible studies published before 2004 defined migraine according to previous definitions of the International Headache Society or according

to definitions of the Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache.⁵² We compared baseline patient characteristics and treatment effects depending on the exact migraine definition and here we report the results when they differed significantly.

Using Meta-Analyst⁵³ and STATA^{®54} software, we calculated the relative risk and absolute risk difference from the abstracted events. We evaluated statistical significance at a 95 percent confidence level. We used default software continuity coefficients for 0 events and intention to treat as recommended calculations for missing data. We hypothesized superiority of drugs versus placebo and versus each other.⁵⁵

For continuous outcomes we calculated the mean differences from the reported means and standard deviations. We also calculated ratios of means that describe clinically interpretable percentage differences in outcomes with active versus control treatments.⁵⁶ We calculated Cohen standardized mean differences for different measures of the same outcome.

We used a logarithmic scale to analyze the adjusted regression coefficient with a standard error of association between treatments and patient-centered outcomes. We used correction coefficients (0.5 as a default option in both software applications) and intention to treat as recommended calculations for missing data.⁴⁵

For sparse adverse effects data, we used multiple models to test robustness of inferential statistics. Models included random and fixed effects inverse variance methods, maximum likelihood methods, Peto odds ratio,⁵⁷ double arcsine transformation for comparing two proportions, and odds ratios from random-effects generalized nonlinear mixed-effect models.^{53,58-61}

Pooling criteria for Key Questions 1 and 2 included the same active drug treatments and comparators and the same definitions of the outcomes. We calculated and pooled Cohen standardized mean differences for different continuous measures of the same outcome. In cases of multiarm trials, we created a single pair-wise comparison.⁴⁷ To avoid the spurious increase in precision in multiarm trials, we divided placebo arms approximately evenly among the comparisons according to randomization ratio.^{45,62}

We tested consistency in the results by comparing the direction and strength of the association.⁶³ We assessed heterogeneity in results with Chi-squared and I-squared tests.^{64,65} We explored heterogeneity with meta-regression and sensitivity analysis; we report the results from random effects models only.⁶⁶ We used the random effects model to incorporate in the pooled analysis any differences across trials in patient populations, baseline rates of the outcomes, dosage of drugs, and other factors.⁵⁷ We explored heterogeneity by risk-of-bias criteria, disclosed conflicts of interest, study sponsorship, dose and duration of drug treatments, time of followup, inclusion of minorities, proportion of women and elderly adults, and other patient characteristics described above. To avoid ecological fallacy, we did not use patient level variables (for example, mean age or body mass index) in meta-regression.⁶⁶

We calculated the number needed to treat to achieve one event of a patient-centered outcome as reciprocal to absolute risk differences (ARD) in rates of outcome events in the active and control groups.^{54,67} We calculated means and 95% CIs for the number needed to treat as reciprocal to pooled ARD when ARD was significant.⁶⁸ The number of avoided or excess events (respectively) per population of 1,000 is the difference between the two event rates multiplied by 1,000.

In cases when very few studies were available to provide evidence from direct head-to-head comparisons, we conducted indirect comparisons. To conduct indirect comparisons, we used

statistical techniques to estimate the treatment effects from studies of each given treatment against controls under an assumption of consistency.⁶⁹⁻⁷³

- We used adjusted indirect frequentist comparisons for individual drugs that were compared with placebo.⁷¹ This analysis provided pair-wise triangular comparisons for drugs that were compared with placebo rather than network meta-analysis.
- To address the problems with inevitable differences across studies, we used mixed (or multiple) treatment comparisons (MTCs), or so-called network meta-analysis.⁷¹⁻⁷³ Network meta-analysis refers to methods that, in the absence of head-to-head comparisons, compare treatments by combining all available evidence from studies that form a network of evidence (including studies that compare three or more treatment arms).

By synthesizing direct and indirect comparisons, we improved the precision of estimates for treatment effects. A Bayesian analysis can easily construct complicated models with fewer assumptions. Bayesian analysis also permits explicit posterior inference regarding the probability that each treatment is “best” for a specific outcome.⁷⁴⁻⁷⁶ We calculated Bayesian odds ratios^{53,61} with 2.5 to 97.5 percent credible intervals. We conducted exploratory Bayesian network random effects meta-analysis assuming heterogeneous variances across treatments (Appendix B Table 2).⁷⁷ We synthesized evidence from drug classes in network meta-analysis when individual drugs from the same class demonstrated no significant differences in outcomes. We compared odds ratios from network meta-analyses with odds ratios from direct head-to-head RCTs to examine consistency of the estimates.⁷⁸ We concluded no differences in drug effect (hereafter called similar effects) if confidence or credible intervals included one (no effect or no difference).⁷⁹ All Bayesian results were obtained from the WinBUGS software,⁸⁰ using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) samples after a 50,000-sample algorithm burn-in. WinBUG codes are presented in Appendix B Table 3.

Grading the Evidence for Each Key Question

We assessed strength of evidence according to risk of bias, consistency, directness, and precision for each patient-centered outcome including reduction in monthly migraine frequency by 100 percent or ≥ 50 percent, patient global assessment of treatment success, rates of clinically important improvement in migraine-related disability and quality of life. We also assessed treatment discontinuation due to harms.⁶³ We based our criteria on published guidelines acknowledging inevitable subjectivity of the assessment.^{47,81} We assigned a medium or high risk of bias in the body of evidence when at least one individual RCT had medium or high risk of bias, respectively.

We defined treatment effect estimates as precise when pooled estimates had reasonably narrow 95% CIs, and pooled sample size was greater than 300 (using 25% relative effect difference for calculation of optimal information size).⁸² We did not include justification of the sample size into grading of the evidence nor did we conduct post hoc statistical power analysis.

We defined reporting bias as publication bias, selective outcomes reporting, and multiple publication bias. We did not perform formal statistical tests quantifying reporting biases due to the questionable statistical validity of the available tests.⁸³ We assess publication bias by analyses of the publication rates of the registered studies and the NIH funded studies. We assess selective reporting of the patient centered outcomes by comparing protocols with published results.

In assessing strength of evidence, we looked at dose-response association, strength of association, and reporting bias in nonrandomized studies. We evaluated the strength of the association, defining a priori a large effect when relative risk was >2 and a very large effect when relative risk was >5.⁴⁵ We defined low magnitude of the effect when relative risk is significant but <2.

We defined high level of evidence on the basis of consistent findings from well-designed RCTs (Table 1). We downgraded strength of evidence to moderate if at least one of the four strength-of-evidence criteria was not met; for example, the studies had medium risk of bias or the results were not consistent or precise. We downgraded strength of evidence to low if two or more criteria were not met. We assigned a low level of evidence to nonrandomized studies and upgraded strength of evidence for strong or dose response associations. We defined evidence as insufficient when a single study with high risk of bias examined treatment effects or associations. We applied this approach regardless of whether the results were statistically significant.

Table 1. Strength of evidence ranks and definitions

| Grade | Definition |
|--------------|--|
| High | High confidence that the evidence reflects the true effect. Further research is very unlikely to change our confidence in the estimate of effect. |
| Moderate | Moderate confidence that the evidence reflects the true effect. Further research may change our confidence in the estimate of effect and may change the estimate. |
| Low | Low confidence that the evidence reflects the true effect. Further research is likely to change the confidence in the estimate of effect and is likely to change the estimate. |
| Insufficient | Evidence either is unavailable or does not permit a conclusion. |

Assessing Applicability

We estimated applicability of the population by evaluating the selection of adults with migraine in observational studies and clinical trials.⁷⁹ Studies of community-dwelling adults receiving drug treatments with 6 or more months of followup had high applicability, as did large observational cohorts based on national registries, population-based effectiveness trials, and nationally representative administrative and clinical databases.

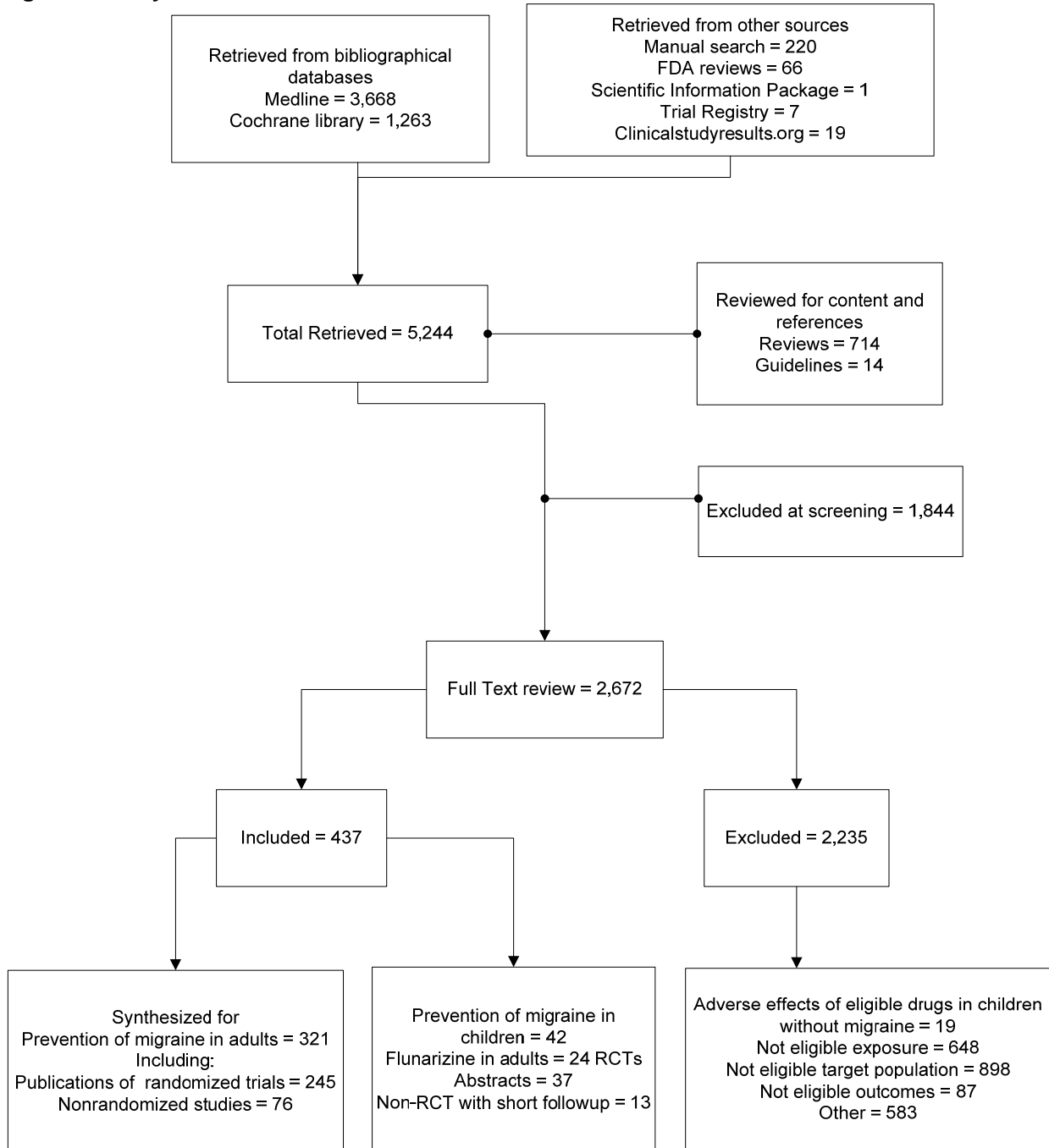
Peer Review and Public Commentary

We invited external peer review of this Comparative Effectiveness Review (CER) from experts in migraine management fields and individuals representing stakeholder and user communities; AHRQ and an associate editor also provided comments. The draft report was posted on the AHRQ Web site for 4 weeks to elicit public comment. We addressed all reviewer comments, revised the text as appropriate, and documented everything in a disposition of comments report that will be made available 3 months after the Agency posts the final CER on the AHRQ Web site.

Results

Of 5,244 identified references, we included 245 references of RCTs and 76 nonrandomized studies (Figure 2). All excluded references are presented in Appendix C.

Figure 2. Study flow



Publication Bias

By analyzing the NIH-funded and registered studies, we found that the results are available from only a small proportion of migraine prevention studies. However, we could not determine exact reasons for low availability of results based on available data. Both, posting of results and publication rates, varied by individual sponsors.

We found 18 NIH funded grants that aimed to examine migraine prevention. Six grant projects funded three RCTs. Two of those three RCTs were registered in ClinicalTrials.gov (Table 2). Overall publication rate was 44 percent (eight of 18 funded projects). The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke funded nine studies (the largest number among the agencies), and published the results from four of these projects (Table 2). We could not explain why the studies have not been published because the NIH grant database does not allow the analysis of the exact reasons for the low publication rates of the projects. Results from the NIH-funded projects were published after 1.9 to 3 years from the end dates of the projects (Table 3). Time intervals between project end dates and publication did not differ among the funding agencies.

Searching trial registries, we found 67 studies in ClinicalTrials.gov and 24 studies in other registries. Publication rates of study results were slightly lower for the studies registered in ClinicalTrials.gov (21 percent; 14/67) than in other registries (33 percent; 8/24). Among the studies registered in ClinicalTrials.gov most studies examined drugs (61/67). A placebo control was used by 64 percent (43/67). Most studies were completed (70 percent; 47/67) and four studies were terminated. Termination due to harms with treatments was clearly indicated in two terminated studies. The results were posted for nine studies (13 percent).

Publication rates varied depending on subjects and study characteristics (Table 4). Only 28 percent of all completed studies, 50 percent of biologics studies, and 18 percent of drug studies were published. Only 33 percent of Phase III and 50 percent of Phase IV studies were published. No terminated studies were published. Publications occurred an average of 2 years after study completion (0.5 to 6.6 years). Publication time varied among individual sponsors. Odds of publication did not reach statistical significance, probably due to the small number of studies (Table 5).

The rates of the posting of the results also varied depending on subjects and study characteristics (Table 4). Half of biologics studies and 12 percent of drug studies posted the result in ClinicalTrials.gov. Only 13 percent of Phase III and 29 percent of Phase IV trials posted the results in ClinicalTrials.gov. Trials that were terminated for safety reasons did not post the results. Results were posted an average of 2.6 years after study completion dates (0.9 to 5.2 years). Biologic studies posted the results an average of 3 years after completion dates, and drug studies posted results an average of 2.6 years after completion dates. Placebo-controlled studies posted results an average of 2.5 years after completion dates, and comparative effectiveness studies 3.4 years after completion dates. Terminated studies posted the results an average of 5 years after study termination. Odds of posting the results did not reach statistical significance, probably due to the small number of studies (Table 5).

Table 2. Registration, publication, and cost of the NIH-funded grants aimed at migraine prevention (as of May 2012)

| Agency | Not Registered | Registered | Total | % Registered | Unpublished | Published | Total | % Published | Sum/Cost of Studies With No Results Available | Minimum Cost | Maximum Cost |
|--------|----------------|------------|-------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| NCCAM | 1 | 2 | 3 | 67 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 67 | \$675,532/ \$222,925 | \$100,000 | \$292,000 |
| NCI | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | \$176,000/ \$176,000 | \$88,000 | \$88,000 |
| NIDA | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 100 | \$791,080 | \$283,941 | \$507,139 |
| NIMH | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Not reported | | |
| NINDS | 7 | 2 | 9 | 22 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 44 | \$1,159,146/ \$649,121 | \$155,568 | \$210,668 |
| NINR | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | \$159,480/ \$159,480 | \$159,480 | \$159,480 |

NCCAM = National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine; NCI = National Cancer Institute; NIDA = National Institute on Drug Abuse; NIMH = National Institute of Mental Health; NINDS = National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; NINR= National Institute of Nursing Research

Table 3. Years between the NIH-funded project end dates and the publication dates of the results

| NIH Agency | Interval Time Point | Mean | Minimum | Maximum | Standard Deviation |
|------------|---------------------|------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| NCCAM | Project End Date | 1.9 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 0.7 |
| NCCAM | Budget End Date | 2.4 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 1.4 |
| NIDA | Project End Date | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 0.7 |
| NIDA | Budget End Date | 2.8 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 1.4 |
| NINDS | Project End Date | 2.3 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 1.6 |
| NINDS | Budget End Date | 3.0 | 1.6 | 4.7 | 1.6 |

NCCAM = National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine; NIDA = National Institute on Drug Abuse; NIMH = National Institute of Mental Health; NINDS = National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Table 4. Publication and posting of the results of migraine prevention studies registered in ClinicalTrials.gov

| | | Published | Not Published | Total | % Published | Has Results | No Results Available | Total | % Posted |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-------|----------|
| Category | Total | 14 | 53 | 67 | 20.9 | 9 | 58 | 67 | 13.4 |
| Age | Adult | 8 | 29 | 37 | 21.6 | 6 | 31 | 37 | 16.2 |
| Age | Adult Senior | 3 | 18 | 21 | 14.3 | 3 | 18 | 21 | 14.3 |
| Age | Child | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0.0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0.0 |
| Age | Child Adult | 3 | 0 | 3 | 100.0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| Gender | Both | 13 | 46 | 59 | 22.0 | 9 | 50 | 59 | 15.3 |
| Gender | Female | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Type | Interventional | 14 | 51 | 65 | 21.5 | 9 | 56 | 65 | 13.8 |
| Type | Observational | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| Intervention | Behavioral | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Intervention | Biological | 2 | 2 | 4 | 50.0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 50.0 |
| Intervention | Drug | 11 | 50 | 61 | 18.0 | 7 | 54 | 61 | 11.5 |
| Intervention | Procedure | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Phases | Phase 1 Phase 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Phases | Phase 2 | 2 | 17 | 19 | 10.5 | 2 | 17 | 19 | 10.5 |
| Phases | Phase 2 Phase 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Phases | Phase 3 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 33.3 | 3 | 21 | 24 | 12.5 |
| Phases | Phase 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 28.6 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 28.6 |
| Phases | Phase 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Phases | Phase 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| Phases | Phase 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50.0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| Placebo | No | 3 | 21 | 24 | 12.5 | 2 | 22 | 24 | 8.3 |
| Placebo | Yes | 11 | 32 | 43 | 25.6 | 7 | 36 | 43 | 16.3 |
| Recruitment | Active, not recruiting | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| Recruitment | Completed | 13 | 34 | 47 | 27.7 | 8 | 39 | 47 | 17.0 |
| Recruitment | Not yet recruiting | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| Recruitment | Recruiting | 1 | 9 | 10 | 10.0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0.0 |
| Recruitment | Terminated | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 25.0 |
| Recruitment | Withdrawn | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| Reason for termination | Administrative | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |
| Reason for termination | Other | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Reason for termination | Safety related | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| Funding | Industry | 9 | 34 | 43 | 20.9 | 4 | 39 | 43 | 9.3 |
| Funding | Industry NIH | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |
| Funding | Industry Other | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50.0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |

Table 4. Publication and posting of the results of migraine prevention studies registered in ClinicalTrials.gov (continued)

| | | Published | Not Published | Total | % Published | Has Results | No Results Available | Total | % Posted |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-------|----------|
| Funding | Other | 1 | 8 | 9 | 11.1 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0.0 |
| Funding | Other Industry | 2 | 6 | 8 | 25.0 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 37.5 |
| Funding | Other NIH | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Funding | Other NIH Industry | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |
| Funding | Other U.S. Fed Industry | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Funding | U.S. Fed Other | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |

Table 5. Odds of publication and posting of results in ClinicalTrials.gov among all studies registered in ClinicalTrials.gov

| Outcome | Active | Control | Active With Outcome | Active Without Outcome | Control With Outcome | Control Without Outcome | Odds Ratio | Lower 95% CI | Upper 95% CI |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Publication | Interventional | Observational | 14 | 51 | 0 | 2 | 1.41 | 0.06 | 30.99 |
| Publication | Drug studies | All other studies | 11 | 50 | 3 | 3 | 0.22 | 0.04 | 1.24 |
| Publication | Placebo control | No placebo control (active treatments comparison) | 11 | 32 | 3 | 21 | 2.41 | 0.60 | 9.66 |
| Publication | Has results | No results available | 4 | 5 | 10 | 48 | 3.84 | 0.87 | 16.88 |
| Publication | Funded by industry | Funded by other sources | 9 | 34 | 1 | 10 | 2.65 | 0.30 | 23.49 |
| Posting results | Drug studies | All other studies | 7 | 54 | 2 | 4 | 0.26 | 0.04 | 1.68 |
| Posting results | Phase 3-4 trials | Phase 1-2 trials | 5 | 28 | 2 | 23 | 2.05 | 0.36 | 11.58 |
| Posting results | Placebo control | No placebo control (active treatments comparison) | 7 | 36 | 2 | 22 | 2.14 | 0.41 | 11.23 |
| Posting results | Terminated for safety reasons | Terminated for other reasons | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 8.82 |
| Posting results | Funded by Industry | Funded by other sources | 9 | 47 | 0 | 11 | 4.60 | 0.25 | 84.94 |

Abstracted data are available in Appendix D with evidence tables (available at https://netfiles.umn.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-21041343_1-t_zdhvSpvy). Randomized trials examined 59 drugs from 14 pharmacologic drug classes (Appendix Table D1).

Most trials were funded by industry but did not disclose conflict of interest by study investigators (Appendix Table D2). Proportions of industry sponsorship and disclosed conflict of interest varied among drugs (Appendix Table D2).

Applicability

The results from eligible studies were applicable to the target population. Most RCTs were conducted in the United States and Western countries and used the International Headache Society's definition (Appendix Table D3). Older publications used the definition of migraine developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache, and about 34 RCTs did not specify a migraine definition.

Investigators recruited patients in clinics in almost half of RCTs. Half did not report this information, and eight RCTs clearly indicated community-based recruitment. RCTs enrolled an average of 210 adults, measured the outcomes at 2 to 3 months of followup, and reported about 14 percent loss of followup (Table 6 and Appendix Table D4).

Studies enrolled mostly adults (average age, 38 years) and adolescents (Table 7). Women made up the majority of enrolled subjects (Appendix Table D5). Few trials reported a proportion of obese subjects, but many participants were overweight according to the average body mass index. Most trials included patients with and without aura (Appendix Table D5). Enrolled patients had an average of five monthly migraine attacks. Almost half of the enrolled subjects were naïve to migraine preventive drugs (Table 7). Patient age and baseline migraine characteristics were similar in most trials (Appendix Table D6).

Substantial variability in reporting comorbidities prevented us from using this information in quantitative synthesis of evidence. Most trials, however, excluded patients with severe medical comorbidities or psychiatric illnesses, stroke, and vascular migraine. RCTs rarely reported important patient characteristics that could modify drug effects, including family history of migraine, socioeconomic status, or response to prior preventive treatments

Risk of Bias

More than half of the RCTs had medium risk of bias and about 21 percent had low risk of bias (Table 8). Proportions of RCTs with low risk of bias varied among drugs (Appendix Table D7). Among approved drugs, the percent of low-risk-of-bias RCTs was as follows: topiramate, 45 percent; divalproex, 67 percent; and propranolol, 13 percent (Appendix Table D7). Most RCTs (86 percent) were double blind. Timolol was examined in two RCTs of medium risk of bias. We concluded unclear adequacy of allocation concealment in 94 percent of RCTs and adequacy of randomization in 51 percent of RCTs (Table 8). Planned intention to treat was reported in 24 percent of RCTs.

Published RCTs rarely presented subject flows. Nor did RCTs report why some eligible subjects were not randomized and therefore excluded from the trials. Proportions of eligible subjects excluded from randomization varied among trials. Investigators excluded an average of 5 percent of randomized subjects from the analyses, with substantial variability among the drugs.

Table 6. Total number randomized, weeks of followup, and loss of followup in randomized controlled clinical trials of migraine prevention in adults

| | Total Sample | # RCTs That Reported Sample | Sample Assigned to Treatment Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs That Reported Length of Followup | Total Length of Followup, Weeks Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs That Reported % Loss of Followup | % Loss of Followup Mean [Min to Max] |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| Antiepileptics | 7656 | 42 | 182.3 [23 to 818] | 43 | 17.6 [8.0 to 28.0] | 28 | 5.5 [0.0 to 36.0] |
| Antidepressants | 1701 | 21 | 83.0 [17 to 391] | 21 | 13.5 [4.0 to 27.0] | 19 | 22.6 [0.0 to 48.0] |
| Beta blockers | 6006 | 62 | 96.9 [14 to 810] | 65 | 18.1 [4.0 to 60.0] | 36 | 12.3 [0.0 to 37.5] |
| ACE inhibitors | 72 | 2 | 36.0 [12 to 60] | 2 | 37.8 [7.5 to 68.0] | 1 | 22.0 |
| Angiotensin II receptor blockers | 144 | 2 | 72.0 [60 to 84] | 2 | 22.0 [12.0 to 32.0] | 2 | 11.0 [5.0 to 17.0] |
| Calcium channel blockers | 2602 | 33 | 78.8 [20 to 521] | 33 | 18.8 [8.0 to 36.0] | 30 | 15.4 [0.0 to 48.3] |
| Antiadrenergics | 711 | 15 | 47.4 [20 to 133] | 15 | 21.6 [8.0 to 48.0] | 11 | 21.2 [6.0 to 38.0] |
| Dopaminergic agents | 172 | 3 | 57.3 [30 to 102] | 3 | 28.0 [16.0 to 40.0] | | Not reported |
| Ergot alkaloids | 1040 | 9 | 115.6 [18 to 384] | 9 | 13.6 [6.0 to 24.0] | 8 | 11.6 [0.0 to 32.4] |
| NSAIDs | 23993 | 16 | 1499.6 [26 to 22071] | 16 | 26.0 [4.0 to 144.0] | 6 | 15.2 [0.0 to 29.6] |
| Magnesium | 174 | 3 | 58.0 [24 to 81] | 3 | 17.3 [12.0 to 24.0] | 3 | 23.0 [11.0 to 42.0] |
| Nondrugs vs. drugs | 632 | 4 | 158.0 [114 to 218] | 4 | 20.0 [16.0 to 24.0] | | Not reported |
| Cortical spreading depression inhibitor | 124 | 1 | 124.0 | 1 | 13.0 | 1 | 5.1 |
| Muscle relaxants | 136 | 1 | 136.0 | 1 | 12.0 | | Not reported |
| Montelukast | 177 | 1 | 177.0 | 1 | 20.0 | 1 | 2.2 |
| Total | 45340 | 215 | 210.9 [12 to 22071] | 219 | 18.6 [4.0 to 144.0] | 146 | 13.9 [0.0 to 48.3] |
| % RCTs that did not report the variable | | 2.3 | | 0.5 | | 33.6 | |

ACE = angiotensin converting enzyme; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug; RCT = randomized clinical trial

Table 7. Reporting of patient baseline characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials of migraine prevention drugs in adults

| Drugs | # RCTs | Age Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | % Female, Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | Obesity , BMI Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | Baseline Frequency of Migraine/Month Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | Duration of Migraine, Years Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | % With Aura Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | % Naïve to Treatment Mean [Min to Max] |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|--|--------|---|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| Anti-epileptics | 39 | 39.2 [29.4 to 46.0] | 41 | 76.3 [10.9 to 100.0] | 8 | 27.1 [23.0 to 30.3] | 40 | 6.5 [1.0 to 26.6] | 14 | 13.2 [3.0 to 25.0] | 18 | 24.0 [0.0 to 86.3] | 7 | 43.0 [0.0 to 100.0] |
| Anti-depressants | 17 | 36.6 [31.0 to 44.4] | 19 | 80.0 [63.5 to 92.3] | | Not reported | 2 | 6.0 [5.0 to 7.0] | 2 | 18.4 [16.0 to 20.8] | 8 | 19.2 [0.0 to 45.2] | 2 | 66.7 [0.0 to 100.0] |
| Beta blockers | 50 | 37.8 [28.6 to 43.5] | 61 | 78.5 [52.0 to 94.5] | 2 | 23.1 [22.8 to 23.4] | 44 | 4.5 [2.0 to 8.4] | 27 | 16.8 [9.0 to 26.0] | 46 | 39.8 [0.0 to 100.0] | 7 | 53.8 [0.0 to 93.2] |
| ACE inhibitors | 2 | 45.0 [41.0 to 49.0] | 2 | 69.5 [58.0 to 81.0] | | Not reported | 1 | 2.3 | | Not reported | | Not reported | | Not reported |
| Angiotensin II receptor blockers | 2 | 40.9 [39.8 to 42.0] | 2 | 81.8 [79.0 to 84.5] | 1 | 24.0 | 1 | 6.2 | | 0.0 | | Not reported | | Not reported |
| Calcium channel blockers | 28 | 35.5 [29.0 to 44.0] | 32 | 73.8 [41.0 to 91.1] | 2 | 23.4 [23.0 to 23.7] | 22 | 5.2 [2.0 to 10.0] | 18 | 14.1 [5.0 to 20.0] | 29 | 25.3 [0.0 to 100.0] | 6 | 54.5 [25.0 to 100.0] |
| Anti-adrenergics | 12 | 37.8 [32.0 to 48.0] | 14 | 77.4 [30.0 to 92.0] | | Not reported | 5 | 5.1 [4.0 to 6.5] | 3 | 16.0 [12.0 to 22.0] | | Not reported | | Not reported |
| Dopa-minergic agents | 2 | 34.3 [33.9 to 34.6] | 3 | 74.4 [71.6 to 76.7] | | Not reported | 3 | 5.3 [4.3 to 6.0] | | Not reported | 3 | 0.0 [0.0 to 0.0] | | Not reported |
| Ergot alkaloids | 7 | 35.9 [30.0 to 42.0] | 8 | 76.3 [60.0 to 95.0] | 2 | 23.7 [23.1 to 24.2] | 6 | 4.8 [3.0 to 8.5] | 5 | 16.2 [14.2 to 20.0] | 7 | 23.1 [0.0 to 67.5] | 2 | 63.3 [60.0 to 66.7] |
| NSAIDs | 15 | 39.5 [35.0 to 53.2] | 15 | 73.9 [0.0 to 100.0] | 2 | 25.6 [25.0 to 26.1] | 6 | 4.7 [1.3 to 8.2] | 4 | 17.2 [15.0 to 20.0] | 2 | 4.4 [0.0 to 8.7] | | Not reported |
| Magnesium | 2 | 42.4 [41.0 to 43.8] | 2 | 89.5 [86.0 to 93.0] | | Not reported | 2 | 5.0 [4.0 to 6.0] | 1 | 4.2 | 2 | 50.0 [0.0 to 100.0] | | Not reported |

Table 7. Reporting of patient baseline characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials of migraine prevention drugs in adults (continued)

| Drugs | # RCTs | Age Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | % Female, Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | Obesity , BMI Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | Baseline Frequency of Migraine/Month Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | Duration of Migraine, Years Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | % With Aura Mean [Min to Max] | # RCTs | % Naive to Treatment Mean [Min to Max] |
|---|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|--|--------|---|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| Nondrug vs. drugs | 4 | 38.9 [37.8 to 40.1] | 4 | 87.9 [78.9 to 100.0] | 1 | 23.5 | 3 | 4.7 [2.0 to 6.3] | 1 | 15.9 | 3 | 38.9 [0.0 to 100.0] | 1 | 46.5 [0.0 to 0.0] |
| Cortical spreading depression inhibitor | 1 | 36.0 | 1 | 92.3 | | Not reported | | Not reported | | Not reported | | Not reported | 1 | 100.0 |
| Muscle relaxants | 1 | 40.3 | 1 | 79.0 | | Not reported | | Not reported | | Not reported | | Not reported | | Not reported |
| Montelukast | 1 | 40.0 | 1 | 88.0 | | Not reported | 1 | 5.1 [0.0 to 0.0] | | Not reported | | Not reported | | Not reported |
| Total | 183 | 37.9 [28.6 to 53.2] | 206 | 77.2 [0.0 to 100.0] | 18 | 25.3 [22.8 to 30.3] | 136 | 5.3 [1.0 to 26.6] | 75 | 15.3 [3.0 to 26.0] | 118 | 30.0 [0.0 to 100.0] | 26 | 53.0 [0.0 to 100.0] |
| %RCTs that did not report the variable | 17 | | 6 | | 92 | | 38 | | 66 | | 46 | | 88 | |

ACE = angiotensin converting enzyme; BMI = body mass index; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug; RCT = randomized clinical trial

Table 8. Number of randomized controlled clinical trials of migraine prevention in adults that met risk of bias criteria

| Drug Classes | Double Blind | Open Label | Single Blind | Adequate Allocation Concealment | Unclear Allocation Concealment | Adequate Randomization | Not Adequate Randomization | Unclear Adequacy of Randomization | Planned Intention to Treat Analysis | Low Risk of Bias | Medium Risk of Bias | High Risk of Bias | Unclear Risk of Bias | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Anti-epileptics | 40 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 34 | 23 | 6 | 14 | 23 | 19 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 43 |
| Anti-depressants | 19 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 22 |
| Beta blockers | 59 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 64 | 18 | 2 | 45 | 11 | 8 | 52 | 5 | 0 | 65 |
| ACE inhibitors | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Angiotensin II receptor blockers | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Calcium channel blockers | 29 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 34 | 15 | 4 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 8 | 0 | 34 |
| Anti-adrenergics | 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Dopaminergic agents | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Ergot alkaloids | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Muscle relaxants | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Montelukast | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| NSAIDs | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 16 |
| Magnesium | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Nondrugs compared with drugs | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Total | 188 | 27 | 5 | 14 | 206 | 87 | 22 | 111 | 53 | 45 | 148 | 25 | 2 | 220 |
| Percent | 85.5 | 12.3 | 2.3 | 6.4 | 93.6 | 39.5 | 10.0 | 50.5 | 24.1 | 20.5 | 67.3 | 11.4 | 0.9 | |

ACE = angiotensin converting enzyme; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug

Key Question 1. What is the efficacy and comparative effectiveness of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

Results from RCTs were available in 245 references. RCTs examined four approved drugs for episodic migraine (topiramate, divalproex, propranolol, and timolol), one approved drug for chronic migraine (onabotulinumtoxin A), and various off-label preventive drugs. Most trials examined a monotherapy with one active agent compared with placebo or to another drug. RCTs rarely reported exact drugs and doses of concomitant treatments. However, we surmise there were no concomitant treatments because most trials disallowed concomitant drugs during the run-in period and after randomization. Strength of evidence was low due to medium or high risk of bias and imprecise estimates from individual or meta-analyzed RCTs.

KQ1a. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with placebo or no active treatment?

All approved drugs were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent in patients with episodic migraine and baseline < 15 migraine days per month (clinical response). The relative effect of drugs was moderate: drugs resulted in clinical response in 200 to 400 patients per 1,000 treated. Clinicians need to treat three to five patients with episodic migraine to prevent half or more migraine attacks in one patient.

Strength of evidence was lowered due to medium risk of bias and imprecise estimates. Low-strength evidence from individual RCTs suggested a dose-responsive increase in migraine prevention with higher doses of onabotulinumtoxin A and topiramate (from 50-100 mg/day with no additional benefits with 200 mg/day).

Among off-label drugs, pooled analyses offered low-strength evidence that antiepileptic gabapentin, beta-blocker metoprolol, and calcium channel blocker nimodipine were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent. Individual RCTs offered low-strength evidence that off-label beta blockers, acebutolol, atenolol, and nadolol, were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent. Individual RCTs demonstrated that the angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors captopril and lisinopril and the angiotensin II antagonist candesartan were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.

We present strength of evidence for patient-centered outcomes, including complete migraine cessation (Table 9) and migraine prevention with approved (Table 10) and off-label drugs (Tables 11 and 12).

Only a few RCTs examined quality of life, and they provided no consistent evidence of improvement with examined drugs. The studies rarely assess clinical importance of the changes in quality of life or disability scales. We describe those effects as well as changes in intermediate outcomes in the text and appendix tables.

Table 9. 100% reduction in monthly migraine frequency with pharmacologic preventive treatments versus placebo in adults with episodic migraine, results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Drug, Weeks From Randomization to Time to Measure Outcome | References | Sample | % With Outcome in Active [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--|---|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Topiramate, 16-26 weeks | Pooled Bussone, 2005 ⁸⁴ Silberstein 2006 ⁸⁵ Silberstein, 2009 ⁸⁶ | 1299 | 5.1 [2.6] | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.4) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | No | No | Low |
| | p value | | | 0.499 | 0.067 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.00% | 63.00% | | | | | | | |
| Gabapentin 17 weeks of treatment | NCT00742209, 2010 ⁸⁷ | 82 | 25.8 [20.9] | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.4) | 0.06 (-0.15 to 0.26) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | Not applicable | Imprecise | Low |
| Captopril 32 weeks of treatment | Minervini, 1987⁸⁸ | 24 | 66.7 [0.0] | 17.0 (1.1 to 265.0) | 0.67 (0.39 to 0.95) | 1 (1 to 3) | 667 (388 to 946) | Low | Yes | Not applicable | Imprecise | Low |
| Nimodipine 12 weeks of treatment | Gelmers, 1983⁸⁹ | 60 | 50.0 [6.7] | 7.5 (1.9 to 30.0) | 0.43 (0.23 to 0.63) | 2 (2 to 4) | 433 (233 to 633) | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | Imprecise | Low |
| Dihydro-ergotamine 20 weeks of treatment | Pradalier, 2004 ⁹⁰ | 384 | 37.5 [30.0] | 1.3 (0.9 to 1.7) | 0.08 (-0.02 to 0.17) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | Not applicable | Imprecise | Low |
| Indomethacin 4 weeks of treatment | Anthony, 1968 ⁹¹ | 38 | 5.3 [10.5] | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.1) | -0.05 (-0.22 to 0.12) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | Imprecise | Low |

Bold = significant differences when 95% CI of absolute risk differences do not include 0; CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Table 10. Migraine prevention with approved pharmacologic treatments versus placebo in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (pooled with random effects models)

| Active Drug | References | Sample | % With Outcome With Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Risk of Bias | Direct | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--|--------------------------------|--------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| <i>Chronic Migraine</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Onabotulinumtoxin A ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | Pooled ⁹²⁻⁹⁴ | 459 | 50.6 [34.4] | 1.5 (1.2 to 1.8) | 0.17 (0.08 to 0.26) | 6 (4 to 12) | 170 (82 to 258) | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| | p value | | | 0.7 | 0.9 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.00% | 0.00% | | | | | | | |
| <i>Episodic Migraine</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Topiramate 100% reduction in migraine frequency | Pooled ⁸⁴⁻⁸⁶ | 1299 | 5.1 [2.6] | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.4) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | No | No | Low |
| | p value | | | 0.499 | 0.067 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.00 | 0.63 | | | | | | | |
| Topiramate on >50% reduction on migraine frequency | Pooled ^{84,85, 95-99} | 1422 | 49.6 [25.1] | 2.0 (1.5 to 2.7) | 0.29 (0.18 to 0.40) | 3 (3 to 6) | 288 (176 to 400) | Medium | Yes | Yes | Yes | Moderate |
| | P value | | | 0.036 | 0.001 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.555 | 0.736 | | | | | | | |
| Topiramate on >50% reduction on migraine days | Pooled ^{84,86, 100} | 1145 | 42.2 [23.3] | 1.7 (1.0 to 2.9) | 0.18 (0.08 to 0.28) | 6 (4 to 13) | 179 (75 to 284) | Low | Yes | Yes | No | Moderate |
| | P value | | | 0.012 | 0.042 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.772 | 0.684 | | | | | | | |
| Topiramate on ≥75% reduction in migraine days | Pooled ^{84,86} | 1086 | 22.3 [11.0] | 1.9 (1.1 to 3.1) | 0.10 (-0.01 to 0.20) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | Yes | No | Moderate |
| | P value | | | 0.123 | 0.026 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.58 | 0.797 | | | | | | | |
| Divalproex | Pooled ¹⁰¹⁻¹⁰³ | 405 | 43.0 [23.3] | 2.2 (1.1 to 4.2) | 0.24 (0.10 to 0.38) | 4 (3 to 10) | 241 (97 to 384) | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| | P value | | | 0.123 | 0.098 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.523 | 0.569 | | | | | | | |

Table 10. Migraine prevention with approved pharmacologic treatments versus placebo in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (pooled with random effects models) (continued)

| Active Drug | References | Sample | % With Outcome With Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Risk of Bias | Direct | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Propranolol | Pooled¹⁰⁴⁻¹⁰⁷ | 541 | 45.1 [22.3] | 2.0 (1.5 to 2.7) | 0.22 (0.14 to 0.30) | 4 (3 to 7) | 223 (142 to 304) | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| | P value | | | 0.995 | 0.936 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Timolol 100% reduction in migraine frequency | Single RCT ¹⁰⁸ | 28 | 14.3 [0.0] | 5.0 (0.3 to 95.6) | 0.14 (-0.07 to 0.35) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Timolol ≥50% reduction in migraine frequency | Pooled^{104,107,109} | 276 | 49.4 [23.3] | 2.1 (1.5 to 3.1) | 0.27 (0.15 to 0.38) | 4 (3 to 6) | 265 (154 to 377) | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| | P value | | | 0.732 | 0.606 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |

Bold = significant differences when 95% CI of absolute risk difference do not include 0; CI = confidence interval; RCT = randomized controlled trial; NS = not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Table 11. Migraine prevention with pharmacologic treatments versus placebo in adults with episodic migraine (pooled with random effects model results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Active Drug | References | Sample | % With Outcome With Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Risk of Bias | Direct | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Gabapentin | Pooled^{87,110,111} | 270 | 45.9 [31.0] | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.0) | 0.17 (0.06 to 0.27) | 6 (4 to 16) | 165 (61 to 269) | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| | P value | | | 0.487 | 0.847 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Metoprolol | Pooled^{89,112-114} | 225 | 39.9 [19.4] | 2.0 (1.3 to 3.2) | 0.20 (0.09 to 0.3) | 5 (3 to 11) | 204 (88 to 321) | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| | P value | | | 0.415 | 0.385 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Nimodipine | Pooled^{89,112} | 126 | 28.6 [6.3] | 4.5 (0.5 to 40.1) | 0.23 (0.06 to 0.39) | 4 (3 to 16) | 229 (64 to 394) | Medium | Yes | No | No | Low |
| | P value | | | 0.125 | 0.194 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.576 | 0.407 | | | | | | | |
| Magnesium | Pooled^{115,116} | 137 | 33.8 [25.8] | 1.3 (0.7 to 2.3) | 0.08 (-0.09 to 0.26) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | No | No | Low |
| | P value | | | 0.268 | 0.248 | | | | | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.186 | 0.251 | | | | | | | |

CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Bold = significant differences when 95% CI of absolute risk difference do not include 0.

Table 12. Migraine prevention (50% or more reduction) with off-label pharmacologic treatments versus placebo in adults with episodic migraine, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Drug, Weeks From Randomization to Time to Measure Outcome | Reference | Sample | % With Outcome With Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Risk of Bias | Direct | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Acetazolamide 12 weeks | Vahedi, 2002 ¹¹⁷ | 53 | 30.8 [33.3] | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.0) | -0.03 (-0.28 to 0.23) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Carbamazepin 6 weeks | Rompel, 1970¹¹⁸ | 96 | 54.2 [10.4] | 5.2 (2.2 to 12.4) | 0.44 (0.27 to 0.60) | 2 (2 to 4) | 438 (272 to 603) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Lamotrigine 20 weeks | Gupta, 2007 ⁹⁹ | 120 | 46.0 [34.0] | 1.4 (0.9 to 2.2) | 0.13 (-0.04 to 0.31) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Oxcarbazepine 15 weeks | Silberstein, 2008 ¹¹⁹ | 170 | 32.9 [36.5] | 0.9 (0.6 to 1.4) | -0.04 (-0.18 to 0.11) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Valproate 12 weeks | Jensen, 1994¹²⁰ | 86 | 39.5 [14.0] | 2.8 (1.2 to 6.5) | 0.26 (0.08 to 0.43) | 4 (2 to 13) | 256 (77 to 435) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Acebutolol 12 weeks | Nanda, 1978¹²¹ | 86 | 30.2 [4.7] | 6.5 (1.6 to 27.1) | 0.26 (0.10 to 0.41) | 4 (2 to 10) | 256 (105 to 407) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Alprenolol 6 weeks | Ekbom, 1975 ¹²² | 66 | 33.3 [36.4] | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.8) | -0.03 (-0.26 to 0.20) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Atenolol 12 weeks | Forssman, 1983¹²³ | 48 | 33.3 [0.0] | 17.0 (1.0 to 278.9) | 0.33 (0.14 to 0.53) | 3 (2 to 7) | 333 (140 to 527) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Nadolol 12 weeks | Freitag, 1984¹²⁴ | 32 | 25.0 [0.0] | 4.7 (0.3 to 75.0) | 0.25 (0.02 to 0.48) | 4 (2 to 45) | 250 (22 to 478) | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Amitriptyline 16 weeks | Couch, 2011 ¹²⁵ | 391 | 24.2 [24.4] | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.4) | 0.00 (-0.09 to 0.08) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Amitriptyline 4 weeks (≥75% improvement in headache) | Couch, 1976¹²⁶ | 73 | 43.2 [19.4] | 2.2 (1.0 to 4.8) | 0.24 (0.03 to 0.44) | 4 (2 to 31) | 238 (33 to 443) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Tonabersat 12 weeks | Goadsby, 2009 ¹²⁷ | 124 | 40.7 [36.9] | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.7) | 0.04 (-0.13 to 0.21) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Lisinopril 12 weeks | Schrader, 2001 ¹²⁸ | 120 | 23.3 [0.0] | 29.0 (1.8 to 475.4) | 0.23 (0.12 to 0.34) | 4 (3 to 8) | 233 (124 to 343) | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Candesartan 12 weeks | Tronvik, 2003 ¹²⁹ | 120 | 38.3 [3.3] | 11.5 (2.8 to 46.6) | 0.35 (0.22 to 0.48) | 3 (2 to 5) | 350 (219 to 481) | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |

Table 12. Migraine prevention (50% or more reduction) with off-label pharmacologic treatments versus placebo in adults with episodic migraine, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Drug, Weeks From Randomization to Time to Measure Outcome | Reference | Sample | % With Outcome With Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Risk of Bias | Direct | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Nifedipine 4 weeks | Shukla, 1995 ¹³⁰ | 72 | 55.6 [11.1] | 5.0 (1.9 to 13.2) | 0.44 (0.25 to 0.64) | 2 (2 to 4) | 444 (252 to 637) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Dihydro-ergotamine 20 weeks | Pradalier, 2004 ⁹⁰ | 384 | 60.9 [56.0] | 1.1 (0.9 to 1.3) | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.15) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Lisuride 12 weeks | Somerville, 1976 ¹³¹ | 150 | 37.3 [25.3] | 1.5 (0.9 to 2.4) | 0.12 (-0.03 to 0.27) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Flurbiprofen 8 weeks | Solomon, 1993 ¹³² | 46 | 69.6 [30.4] | 2.3 (1.2 to 4.5) | 0.39 (0.13 to 0.66) | 3 (2 to 8) | 391 (125 to 657) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Indomethacin 4 weeks | Anthony, 1968 ⁹¹ | 38 | 31.6 [26.3] | 1.2 (0.4 to 3.3) | 0.05 (-0.24 to 0.34) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Rofecoxib 12 weeks | Visser, 2004 ¹³³ | 175 | 22.0 [9.5] | 2.3 (1.1 to 5.0) | 0.12 (0.02 to 0.23) | 8 (4 to 53) | 125 (19 to 230) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Tolfenamic Acid 10 weeks | Mikkelsen, 1982 ¹³⁴ | 62 | 45.2 [6.5] | 7.0 (1.7 to 28.3) | 0.39 (0.19 to 0.58) | 3 (2 to 5) | 387 (192 to 582) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Aspirin 240 weeks (ever having migraine attack) | Buring, 1990 ¹³⁵ | 22071 | 6.0 [7.4] | 0.8 (0.7 to 0.9) | -0.01 (-0.02 to -0.01) | -70 (48 to 131) | -14 (8 to 21) | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Montelukast 12 weeks | Brandes, 2004 ¹³⁶ | 177 | 24.2 [21.8] | 1.2 (0.7 to 2.0) | 0.0 (-0.09 to 0.16) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |

CI = confidence interval; NA = Not applicable; NS= not significant

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Bold = significant differences when 95% CI of absolute risk difference do not include 0.

Prevention of Chronic Migraine

Muscle Relaxants

Onabotulinumtoxin A

We identified 15 RCTs that examined the efficacy of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention; 13 RCTs examined onabotulinumtoxin A and two RCTs examined abobotulinumtoxin A (Appendix Table D8). The studies enrolled an average of 285 patients aged 18 to 65 years with four to 12 migraine attacks/month. Most trials included patients with 10 or more years of migraine experience. Women made up 85 percent of participants. More than half of enrolled patients had been previously treated with preventive medications for migraine. Most RCTs were industry funded and reported conflict of interest by study investigators (Appendix Table D9). All RCTs were double blind and most had low risk of bias (Appendix Table D10).

Onabotulinumtoxin A was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (three RCTs of 459 adults, low-strength evidence) (Appendix Table D11).⁹²⁻⁹⁴ Onabotulinumtoxin A tended to increase the likelihood of ≥ 50 percent reduction in migraine frequency compared with placebo in all RCTs (Appendix Table D12). Pooled relative increase by 50 percent achieved statistical significance (pooled RR 1.5, 95% CI, 1.2 to 1.8). Pooled analyses demonstrated that 170 adults per 1,000 treated (95% CI, 82 to 258) would experience ≥ 50 percent reduction in migraine frequency with onabotulinumtoxin A (Table 10). No RCTs of abobotulinumtoxin A reported rates of ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks.

A reduction in migraine days was considered as a primary outcome in the Phase III Research Evaluating Migraine Prophylaxis Therapy (PREEMPT) RCT that reported statistically significant reduction in frequency of headache days relative to 20 headache days at baseline (-9.0 days with onabotulinumtoxin A versus -6.7 days with placebo, $p < .001$).¹³⁷ The same trial reported a statistically significant reduction in frequency of migraine days relative to 19 migraine days at baseline (mean difference with placebo -2.4 with 95% CI -3.3 to -1.4).¹³⁷ We could not pool the results from other RCTs that examined a reduction in migraine days or hours because the trials failed to report data needed for reproducible results.¹³⁷⁻¹³⁹

For intermediate outcomes, the absolute number of migraine attacks did not differ between onabotulinumtoxin A and placebo (Appendix Table D13). Improvement in migraine severity was inconsistent across four RCTs (Appendix Table D14).^{92,139-141} Improvement in migraine disability assessment was inconsistent across two RCTs (Appendix Table D14).^{93,142} A single RCT of patients who had not benefitted from previous oral prophylactic treatment demonstrated significant improvement in most domains of quality of life as assessed by the Migraine Impact Questionnaire (Appendix Table D14).¹⁴² The PREEMPT clinical program RCT demonstrated statistically significant improvement in all domains of the Migraine-Specific Quality of Life Questionnaire.¹⁴³ Significant improvement was demonstrated in global assessment, severity of migraine symptoms, self-management of migraine, and ability to work and participate in recreational activities (Appendix Table D14).¹⁴²

In our separate analysis of RCTs of abobotulinumtoxin A we found inconsistent effects on patient global evaluation of treatment success. The Dysport Migraine Study Group reported a statistically significant increase in patient's global evaluation of treatment efficacy.¹⁴⁴ Slightly or much improved migraine frequency was reported in 281 patients per 1,000 treated (95% CI 46 to 516).¹⁴⁴ In contrast, the Dysport[®] In Migraine Without Aura Prophylaxis trial found no

differences in patient or investigators' perception of global assessment with the active drug versus placebo.¹³⁹ Neither trial showed statistically significant reduction in absolute number of migraine attacks with abobotulinumtoxin A versus placebo.^{139,144}

Tizanidine

Tizanidine was better than placebo in reducing migraine severity (one RCT of 136 adults) but had no effect on migraine frequency.¹⁴⁵

Antiepileptics

The Topiramate Chronic Migraine Study Group RCT offered low-strength evidence that topiramate was better than placebo in reducing from baseline monthly migraine days, rates of 25 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks, and frequency of associated symptoms.^{86,146,147} Topiramate was not better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.⁸⁶ Topiramate did not decrease treatment discontinuation due to failure.¹⁴⁶

The drug improved quality of life and migraine related disability in adult with chronic migraine. We estimated that 133 patients (95% CI, 27 to 239) per 1,000 treated would experience improvement in quality of life measured using the SGIC instrument (Subject's Global Impression of Change). We estimated that 72 patients (95% CI, 7 to 137) per 1,000 treated experienced reduction in migraine related disability.¹⁴⁷ Improvement in disability scale score was large and clinically important.¹⁰⁰

Prevention of Episodic Migraine

Antiepileptics

Topiramate

Individual RCTs and two pooled analyses of individual patient data from RCTs examined efficacy of topiramate versus placebo for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D15). Most trials were funded by industry (Appendix Table D16). All trials were double blind and most had low risk of bias (Appendix Table D17).

Topiramate was not better than placebo in achieving complete cessation of migraine (Table 9).⁸⁴⁻⁸⁶ Topiramate in doses of 50, 100, or 200 mg/day was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (Table 10 and Appendix Table D18). The results were consistent across the studies and robust regardless of pooling methods (Appendix Table D19). Topiramate was also better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine days by ≥ 50 percent (Table 10). Topiramate tended to reduce treatment discontinuation due to lack of efficacy with borderline statistical significance in pooled analyses (pooled absolute risk difference -0.04 95% CI -0.07 to 0).^{84,85,96,99,146,148-150}

Topiramate, 100 mg/day, decreased the absolute number of migraine days by 5 days/month in pooled analyses of RCTs (Appendix Table D20). The reduction in migraine severity scores was inconsistent across the studies (Appendix Table D21). Individual RCTs demonstrated significant improvement in quality of life as measured by scores on the Headache Impact Test,¹⁴⁹ Migraine Specific Questionnaire,¹⁵¹ and Migraine Disability Assessment¹⁰⁰ (Appendix Table D22). Topiramate was better than placebo in improving general health status in a previously published pooled analysis of individual patient data from RCTs (Appendix Table D23).¹⁵² Medical Outcome Study Short Form 36 (SF-36) scores improved by more than 200 percent for

self-reported vitality and more than 100 percent for pain and general health (Appendix Table D23).¹⁵²

Topiramate was better than placebo in reducing use of acute drugs (Appendix Table D24). Most individual RCTs demonstrated a small but significant reduction in the number of medications taken or in the reduction of days when drugs for acute attacks were needed (Appendix Table D24).

Divalproex

Three RCTs examined the efficacy of divalproex for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D25).¹⁰¹⁻¹⁰³ All three RCTs were funded by industry (Appendix Table D26) and all were double blind (Appendix Table D27).

Divalproex was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (Table 10 and Appendix Table D28).^{101,102} A larger dose of divalproex (1500 mg/day) was effective in achieving a ≥ 50 percent reduction in migraine-related effects, including impairment of usual activities, need for symptomatic medication, and nausea, vomiting, phonophobia, or photophobia (Appendix Table D29).¹⁰³ Evidence was low-strength due to imprecise treatment effects.¹⁰³

Valproate

Small RCTs examined the efficacy of valproate for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D25).^{120,153} The trials were double blind and had medium risk of bias because the investigators did not use planned intention-to-treat principles (Appendix Table D27).

Valproate was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (Table 12).¹²⁰ We estimated that 256 patients per 1,000 treated (95% CI, 77 to 435) would experience clinically important reduction in migraine attacks attributable to valproate.¹²⁰ Valproate decreased the frequency of migraine attacks and severe attacks,¹⁵³ duration of attacks,¹⁵³ and the use of drugs for acute attacks¹²⁰ (Appendix Table D30).

Beta Blockers

Propranolol

Most RCTs that examined the efficacy of propranolol versus placebo for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D31) failed to report funding sources (Appendix Table D32). All trials were double blind but did not analyze the data according to planned intention-to-treat principles (Appendix Table D33).

Propranolol was better than placebo in reducing migraine monthly frequency by ≥ 50 percent (Table 10 and Appendix Table D34). The preventive effects of propranolol were consistent across the studies (Appendix Table D35). Propranolol caused a small but significant decrease in the absolute number of monthly migraine attacks (mean difference -1, 95% CI, -2 to -0.3).^{104, 105, 154, 155} A single RCT demonstrated that propranolol decreased use of drugs for acute attacks, both analgesics (mean difference -0.3, 95% CI, -0.4 to -0.1 doses per patient day) and the acute drug ergotamine (mean difference -0.1, 95% CI, -0.3 to -0.1 doses per patient day).¹⁵⁶

Timolol

Timolol was not better than placebo in achieving complete migraine cessation (Table 9).¹⁰⁸ Timolol was better than placebo in reducing migraine monthly frequency by ≥ 50 percent (Table

10 and Appendix Table D36).^{104,107,109} Evidence was low-strength due to medium risk of bias and estimate imprecision (Appendix Table D37) Timolol also decreased absolute number of migraine attacks and severity of headaches (Appendix Table D38).

Off-Label Drugs

Off-Label Antiepileptic Drugs

Most RCTs that examined six off-label antiepileptic drugs: acetazolamide, gabapentin, vigabatrin, oxcarbazepine, carbamazepin, and lamotrigine (Appendix Table D39) were sponsored by industry (Appendix Table D40), and all were double blind (Appendix Table D41).

Gabapentin was not better than placebo in achieving complete cessation of migraine attacks (Table 9).⁸⁷ Gabapentin was, however, better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (Table 11).^{87,110,111} Individual RCTs found that carbamazepin¹¹⁸ but not oxcarbazepine¹¹⁹ and acetazolamide¹¹⁷ were better than placebo in preventing migraine attacks (Table 11).

In addition to off-label antiepileptic drugs examined in RCTs, pregabalin was examined in one open-label uncontrolled trial.¹⁵⁷ Pregabalin was associated with a significant decrease from baseline in headache frequency and severity and with global improvement defined as ≥ 50 in visual analog scale (VAS) score in 40 percent of patients.¹⁵⁷

Beta Blockers

Most RCTs that examined the effects of off-label beta blockers versus placebo for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D42) failed to report funding and conflict of interest (Appendix Table D43). All trials were double blind with medium risk of bias because the investigators did not use planned intention-to-treat principles (Appendix Table D44).

Metoprolol

Metoprolol was better than placebo in improving patient perception of marked reduction in migraine attacks (Appendix Tables D45).^{113,114} Pooled analysis found a significant increase in the likelihood of a clinical response (Appendix Table D46)^{113,114} but no effect on absolute number of migraine attacks (Appendix Table D47).^{113,114,158}

Metoprolol reduced severity of migraine attacks in a single RCT (Appendix Table D48).¹¹⁴ Regarding use of drugs for acute attacks, evidence with metoprolol was mixed; one trial reported reduced use of such drugs and a second reported increased use of analgesics (Appendix Table D47).^{113,114}

Atenolol

Atenolol was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (Table 12 and Appendix Table D46).¹⁵⁹ Atenolol significantly reduced use of ergotamine drugs in a single RCT (Appendix Table D46).¹⁵⁹

Nadolol

Nadolol was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (Table 12).¹²⁴ In a single RCT, nadolol improved perceived relief in frequency, intensity, and severity of migraine attacks (Appendix Table D46).¹²⁴

Alprenolol

Alprenolol was not better than placebo in achieving perceived treatment success (Table 12 and Appendix Table D46).¹²² Alprenolol did not reduce the absolute number of monthly migraine attacks or Headache Index scores (Appendix Table D47).¹²²

Pindolol

Pindolol was not better than placebo in reducing headache indices by ≥ 50 percent (Appendix Table D48).¹⁶⁰ Pindolol did not reduce the absolute number of monthly migraine attacks or Headache Index scores (Appendix Table D47).¹⁶⁰

Acebutolol

Acebutolol was better than placebo in achieving patient perception of clinical response (Table 12).¹²¹

Antidepressants

Most RCTs that examined the effectiveness of off-label antidepressants for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D49) were sponsored by industry (Appendix Table D50). Most trials were double blind with medium risk of bias (Appendix Table D51).

Amitriptyline

Amitriptyline was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 75 percent (Table 12).¹²⁶ RCTs demonstrated inconsistent improvement in migraine days and intensity.^{126,161}

Fluoxetine

Fluoxetine was not better than placebo in achieving an excellent self-reported clinical response.¹⁶² Improvement in pain indexes was inconsistent in RCTs.¹⁶²⁻¹⁶⁴

Venlafaxine

Venlafaxine in a dose of 150 but not 75 mg/day was better than placebo in achieving an excellent self-reported clinical response.¹⁶⁵

Femoxetine

Femoxetine was not better than placebo in achieving patient satisfaction with treatment effect or migraine frequency and severity.¹⁶⁶⁻¹⁶⁸

Mianserin

Mianserin was not better than placebo in improving migraine index or reducing migraine frequency.¹⁶⁹

Cortical Spreading Depression Inhibitor

Tonabersat

Tonabersat (one RCT of 124 adults, low strength of evidence) (Table 12) was not better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.¹²⁷

Calcium Channel Antagonists

Most RCTs that examined calcium channel blockers for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D52) were sponsored by industry and failed to disclose conflict of interest (Appendix Table D53). All trials were double blind, with medium risk of bias (Appendix Table D54).

Nimodipine

Nimodipine was better than placebo in complete cessation of migraine attacks (Table 9)⁸⁹ Nimodipine was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (Table 11).^{89,112}

Nicardipine

Nicardipine was better than placebo in reducing migraine intensity and absolute number of migraine attacks.¹⁷⁰

Verapamil

Verapamil was better than placebo in reducing composite migraine score and achieving patient satisfaction.^{171,172} Verapamil also reduced use of drugs for acute attacks.¹⁷¹

Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors

Two RCTs examined the effects of ACE inhibitors for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D55).^{88,128} One industry-funded RCT examined lisinopril (Appendix Table D56).¹²⁸ One RCT of captopril reported neither funding source nor conflict of interest.⁸⁸ Both trials were double blind with low risk of bias (Appendix Table D57).

Captopril

Captopril was examined in one small RCT that enrolled adults with comorbid hypertension and depressive symptoms for whom drugs had previously failed to prevent migraines.⁸⁸ Captopril was better than placebo in achieving complete cessation of migraine (Table 9) and improvement in Headache Index scores by more than 60 percent.⁸⁸ The effect was large. We estimated that 667 patients per 1,000 treated experienced no migraine (95% CI, 388 to 946).⁸⁸ Captopril was also better than placebo in reducing depression symptoms.⁸⁸

Lisinopril

Lisinopril was better than placebo in reducing migraine days and severity of symptoms in a single RCTs of 60 adults with episodic migraine.¹²⁸ Lisinopril also reduced the absolute number of migraine days and body pain measured with SF-36 but did not decrease use of drugs for acute attacks.¹²⁸

Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists

Two RCTs examined the effects of angiotensin II receptor antagonists for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D55).^{129,173} Both trials were funded by industry and reported conflict of interest (Appendix Table D56).^{129,173} Both trials were double blind (Appendix Table D57).

Candesartan

Candesartan was better than placebo in achieving ≥ 50 percent reduction in migraine days, hours, and severity (Table 12).¹²⁹ Candesartan also decreased migraine-related disability but had no effect on use of drugs for acute attacks.¹²⁹

Telmisartan

Telmisartan was not better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine days by ≥ 50 percent.¹⁷³ Telmisartan reduced the absolute number of migraine days but had no effect on use of drugs for acute attacks.¹⁷³

Antiadrenergics

Clonidine

Most RCTs that examined clonidine for its effects on migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D58) failed to report funding and conflict of interest (Appendix Table D59). Most trials were double blind but did not use intention-to-treat principles (Appendix Table D60).

Clonidine was better than placebo in ≥ 50 percent reduction in headache index¹⁷⁴ but not in increasing the number of patients considered better according to self-reported global assessment.¹⁷⁵ Clonidine also failed to achieve clinically noticeable reduction in migraine frequency.¹⁷⁶ Clonidine was better than placebo in reducing migraine duration¹⁷⁷ and use of drugs for acute attacks.¹⁷⁸

Guanfacine

Guanfacine was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine days and migraine days with nausea or vomiting in one small RCT.¹⁷⁹

Ergot Alkaloids

All RCTs that examined effectiveness of ergot alkaloids for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D61) failed to report funding and conflict of interest (Appendix Table D62). Most trials were double blind with medium risk of bias (Appendix Table D63).

Dihydroergotamine

Dihydroergotamine was not better than placebo in achieving complete cessation of migraine attacks⁹⁰ (Table 9) or in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (Table 12).⁹⁰

Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists

Montelukast

Montelukast was not better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.¹³⁶

Nonsteroid Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

Individual RCTs demonstrated that aspirin, flurbiprofen, rofecoxib, and tolfenamic acid were better than placebo in reducing migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (Table 12).

Antipsychotic Drugs

Published RCTs did not examine antipsychotic drugs for migraine prevention. Quetiapine was examined in one uncontrolled trial of refractory migraine, defined as migraine that was previously unresponsive to the combination of atenolol, nortriptyline, and flunarizine.¹⁸⁰ Adult patients with <15 days of headache per month who were not overusing drugs for acute attacks were treated with quetiapine (75mg/day) for 10 weeks. Reduction in migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent was achieved in 65 percent of the patients.¹⁸⁰ Patients also experienced a significant reduction in migraine days (from 10.2 to 6.2 per month), and use of drugs for acute attacks (from 2.3 to 1.2 days/week).¹⁸⁰

Antidementia Drugs

Published RCTs did not examine antidementia drugs. Retrospective review of case series and case reports demonstrated that with memantine treatment, 60 percent of the patients experienced ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency, and 80 percent experienced a significant reduction in frequency of aura.^{181,182}

KQ1b. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with active pharmacologic treatments?

Individual RCTs provided low-strength direct evidence about the comparative effectiveness of drugs and demonstrated few significant differences. Indirect adjusted analysis demonstrated no differences between approved drugs and greater odds of clinical response with the angiotensin II antagonist candesartan.

Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analyses demonstrated that approved drugs were similarly better than placebo. Among off-label drug classes; however, angiotensin inhibiting drugs demonstrated the largest significant odds of reducing monthly migraine by ≥ 50 percent.

Approved Drugs

Muscle Relaxants for Chronic Migraine

Onabotulinumtoxin A

Five RCTs of 350 adults examined comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A versus other drugs for migraine prevention (Appendix Table D64). Trials enrolled an average of 70 ± 18 patients ages 18 to 65. Subjects experienced 12 to 24 monthly migraine days. Women made up 91 percent of enrollees. Trials were funded by industry^{183,184} or grants,¹⁸⁵ with most investigators disclosing conflict of interest (Appendix Table D65). All RCTs but one¹⁸⁵ were double blind, with medium or high risk of bias due to inadequacy of randomization or unplanned intention-to-treat analyses (Appendix Table D66). The trials often concluded that both active treatments were successful based on statistically significant reduction from baseline in absolute number of migraine days or hours.

We focus on differences in outcomes at the end of the treatment with active and control drugs.

Comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A versus topiramate was examined in two RCTs that found no significant differences in likelihood of migraine prevention or improvement in migraine disability assessment (Appendix Table D67).^{183,186} Physicians found marked

improvement in migraine frequency more often with topiramate than onabotulinumtoxin A (ARD 0.33, 95% CI, 0.10 to 0.57) (Appendix Table D67).¹⁸³ Absolute scores on the Headache Impact Test were significantly better with topiramate than onabotulinumtoxin A;¹⁸³ however, use of drugs for acute attacks did not differ between the two.¹⁸³

A single RCT examined the comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A versus divalproex sodium and found no differences in migraine prevention with two drugs (Appendix Table D68).¹⁴² Neither did the two drugs differ for absolute number of migraine days or changes in scores from baseline in the migraine Disability Assessment Scores and/or Headache Impact Test.¹⁴²

A single RCT examined the comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A versus amitriptyline and found no differences in migraine prevention with the two drugs (Appendix Table D69).¹⁸⁵ Evidence was insufficient due to a high risk of bias in this individual RCT.¹⁸⁵

Beta Blockers for Chronic Migraine

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Clinical Research Collaboration trial demonstrated no benefits from combined propranolol and topiramate treatment on migraine prevention in adults with chronic migraine for whom previous topiramate monotherapy had failed.¹⁸⁷ Propranolol combined with the antidepressant nortriptyline was no better than propranolol alone or nortriptyline in reducing the number of days with headache by ≥ 50 percent.¹⁸⁸

Antiepileptics for Episodic Migraine

Topiramate

Nine RCTs of 872 adults examined the comparative effectiveness of topiramate and other drugs for migraine prevention (Appendix Table D70). Most trials did not report funding source or conflict of interest (Appendix Table D71). All trials but one were double blind with low or medium risk of bias (Appendix Table D72).

Individual RCTs provided low-strength evidence that topiramate was more effective than amitriptyline in reducing monthly headache days by ≥ 50 percent with no differences in monthly migraine days (Table 13).¹⁸⁹ Topiramate was more effective than lamotrigine in reducing monthly headache intensity by ≥ 50 percent.⁹⁹ Differences were small (less than 20 percent absolute risk difference) but statistically significant (Appendix Table D73). Decrease in headache frequency by ≥ 50 percent did not differ between topiramate and zonisamide,¹⁹⁰ valproate,¹⁹¹ levetiracetam,¹⁹² or lamotrigine.⁹⁹ Topiramate was more effective than propranolol in reducing absolute migraine frequency, duration, and intensity.¹⁹³

Beta Blockers for Episodic Migraine

Propranolol

Most RCTs that examined the comparative effectiveness of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D74) failed to report funding (Appendix Table D75). Most trials were double blind but did not analyze the data according to planned intention-to-treat principles (Appendix Table D76). Few trials met pooling criteria (Table 14).

Propranolol Versus Topiramate

The likelihood of ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency did not differ between topiramate and propranolol (Table 13 and Appendix Table D35).¹⁰⁵ Topiramate was more effective than propranolol in reducing absolute migraine frequency, duration, and intensity.¹⁹³ Use of drugs for acute attacks did not differ between the two drugs.¹⁰⁵

Propranolol Versus Timolol

The likelihood of ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency did not differ between propranolol and timolol (Table 14).^{104,107}

Propranolol Versus Metoprolol

The likelihood of ≥ 50 percent reduction of the sum of severity scores or clinically important reduction in migraine days did not differ between propranolol and metoprolol (Table 14).^{194,195}

Propranolol Versus Nifedipine

Propranolol was more effective than nifedipine in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (Table 14).^{195,196}

Propranolol Versus Clonidine

The likelihood of ≥ 50 percent reduction in migraine days did not differ between propranolol and clonidine (Table 13).¹⁹⁷

Propranolol Versus Nadolol

Nadolol, 160 mg/day, was more effective than propranolol in achieving a reduction of ≥ 50 percent in migraine frequency, duration, and intensity (Table 13).¹⁹⁸ Differences between a lower dose of nadolol (80 mg/day) and propranolol (160 mg/day) were not significant.^{198,199}

Propranolol Versus Antidepressants

The likelihood of ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks did not differ between propranolol and amitriptyline²⁰⁰ nortriptyline,¹⁸⁸ or femoxetine.²⁰¹ The likelihood of ≥ 50 percent reduction in the number of migraine days did not differ between a combined therapy using both drugs and propranolol alone.¹⁸⁸

Off-Label Drugs

Off-Label Beta Blockers

RCTs that examined comparative effectiveness of off-label beta blockers for migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D77) failed to report funding and conflict of interest (Appendix Table D78). All trials were double blind (Appendix Table D79). All RCTs examined unique drug comparisons except two RCTs that compared the effects of metoprolol and aspirin.

Metoprolol Versus Aspirin

In pooled analyses, metoprolol and aspirin resulted in similar rates of ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks (Table 14).^{202,203} Individual RCTs reported that metoprolol was more effective than aspirin, 300 mg/day,²⁰² but less effective than aspirin, 1,500 mg/day.²⁰³

Metoprolol Versus Nifedipine

Metoprolol was more effective than nifedipine in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent (Table 13).¹⁹⁵

Metoprolol Versus Bisoprolol (Appendix Table D80)

Metoprolol and bisoprolol did not differ for reduction in monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent nor absolute number of migraine days (Appendix Table D81).^{204,205}

Metoprolol Versus Nebivolol (Evidence Table D80)

Reduction in monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent did not differ between metoprolol and nebivolol.²⁰⁶ Neither migraine-related disability, use of drugs for acute attacks (Appendix Table D82), nor quality of life (Appendix Table D80) differed between metoprolol and nebivolol.²⁰⁶

Metoprolol Versus Clonidine

Reduction in monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent did not differ between metoprolol and clonidine.²⁰⁷ However, more patients noticed a reduction in migraine days with metoprolol than clonidine (Appendix Table D82).²⁰⁷

Antidepressants

Individual RCTs found no differences in the comparative effectiveness of antidepressants for migraine prevention. The likelihood of reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent did not differ between femoxetine and propranolol, nor did the duration or intensity of attacks or use of acute drugs differ.²⁰¹ Fluoxetine combined with amitriptyline versus amitriptyline alone resulted in similar migraine frequency and severity.²⁰⁸ Fluvoxamine versus amitriptyline resulted in similar migraine frequency and severity.²⁰⁹ Venlafaxine versus amitriptyline resulted in similar migraine frequency and severity.²¹⁰

Indirect Evidence of Comparative Effectiveness of Preventive Drugs for Episodic Migraine

Among all included RCTs, 97 percent examined the outcome of clinically important reduction in migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent. We found no consistent differences in baseline patient characteristics in RCTs that examined the efficacy of various drugs for migraine prevention. We conducted exploratory Bayesian network meta-analysis (Appendix Table D83) and indirect adjusted analysis of such drugs (Appendix Table D84). We found no differences among approved drugs (Table 15). Approved drugs were more effective than off-label drugs except for the angiotensin II receptor blocker candesartan, which was more effective than topiramate, divalproex, and propranolol (Table 16). Exploratory Bayesian network meta-analysis demonstrated that the approved drugs topiramate, divalproex, and propranolol, and off-label drug classes except ergot alkaloids were better than placebo (Figure 3). The strength of the association was the largest with angiotensin inhibiting drugs (Table 17).

Next, we analyzed the comparative effectiveness of nine treatments including propranolol, timolol, metoprolol, all other off-label beta blockers (atenolol, nadolol, pindolol, bisoprolol, or nebivolol), all off-label antidepressants, all approved and off-label antiepileptics, ACE inhibitors, or angiotensin II antagonists, and all other off-label drugs. This analysis clearly demonstrated that angiotensin inhibiting drugs were more effective than all other treatments. Propranolol,

timolol, metoprolol, and all other off-label beta blockers resulted in significantly greater odds of migraine prevention than antiepileptics, antidepressants, and other off-label drugs.

Table 13. Comparative effectiveness of approved and off-label drugs on migraine prevention (50% or more reduction) in adults with episodic migraine, results from individual head-to-head randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active vs. Control Drug Weeks From Randomization to Time to Measure Outcome | Reference | Sample | % With Outcome With Active [Control] Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Risk of Bias | Direct | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Topiramate vs. Amitriptyline 26 weeks | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 55.6 [45.9] | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.5) | 0.09 (-0.01 to 0.20) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Topiramate vs. Lamotrigine 20 weeks | Gupta, 2007 ⁹⁹ | 120 | 63.0 [46.0] | 1.4 (1.0 to 1.9) | 0.17 (-0.01 to 0.34) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Topiramate vs. Propranolol 26 weeks | Diener, 2004 ¹⁰⁵ | 288 | 34.7 [43.1] | 0.8 (0.6 to 1.1) | -0.08 (-0.20 to 0.03) | NS | NS | Low | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Topiramate vs. Levetiracetam 8 weeks | de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁹² | 28 | 61.5 [53.3] | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.2) | 0.08 (-0.28 to 0.45) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Propranolol vs. Clonidine 16 weeks | Kass, 1980 ¹⁹⁷ | 46 | 56.5 [34.8] | 1.6 (0.8 to 3.2) | 0.22 (-0.06 to 0.50) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Propranolol vs. Femoxetine 12 weeks | Kangasniemi, 1983 ²⁰¹ | 29 | 20.0 [7.1] | 2.8 (0.3 to 23.9) | 0.13 (-0.11 to 0.37) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Propranolol vs. Nadolol 12 weeks | Sudilovsky, 1987²¹¹ | 91 | 11.4 [38.3] | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.7) | -0.27 (-0.44 to -0.10) | -4 (2 to 10) | -269 (102 to 437) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Femoxetine vs. Propranolol 12 weeks | Kangasniemi, 1983 ²⁰¹ | 24 | 27.3 [7.7] | 3.5 (0.4 to 29.4) | 0.20 (-0.10 to 0.50) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Nortriptyline vs. Propranolol 8 weeks | Domingues, 2009 ¹⁸⁸ | 49 | 29.2 [44.0] | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.4) | -0.15 (-0.41 to 0.12) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Metoprolol vs. Bisoprolol 12 weeks | Worz, 1992 ²⁰⁵ | 250 | 8.8 [9.6] | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.0) | -0.01 (-0.08 to 0.06) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Metoprolol vs. Nebivolol 18 weeks | Schellenberg, 2008 ²⁰⁶ | 30 | 57.0 [50.0] | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.2) | 0.07 (-0.29 to 0.43) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |

Table 13. Comparative effectiveness of approved and off-label drugs on migraine prevention (50% or more reduction) in adults with episodic migraine, results from individual head-to-head randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active vs. Control Drug Weeks From Randomization to Time to Measure Outcome | Reference | Sample | % With Outcome With Active [Control] Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Risk of Bias | Direct | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Metoprolol vs. Nifedipine 28 weeks | Gerber, 1991¹⁹⁵ | 39 | 27.3 [0.0] | 10.2 (0.6 to 168.9) | 0.27 (0.07 to 0.47) | 4 (2 to 14) | 273 (74 to 472) | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Metoprolol vs. Clonidine 8 weeks | Louis, 1985 ²⁰⁷ | 62 | 32.3 [25.8] | 1.3 (0.6 to 2.7) | 0.06 (-0.16 to 0.29) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Nadolol vs. Propranolol 24 weeks | Olerud, 1986 ¹⁹⁹ | 28 | 38.5 [60.0] | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.4) | -0.22 (-0.58 to 0.15) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide 12 weeks | Hermann, 1977 ²¹² | 253 | 53.1 [51.2] | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.3) | 0.02 (-0.10 to 0.14) | NS | NS | Medium | Yes | NA | Imprecise | Low |

CI = confidence interval; NA = not applicable; NS= not significant

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Bold = significant differences when 95% CI of absolute risk difference do not include 0.

Table 14. Comparative effectiveness of drugs for migraine prevention in adults with episodic migraine, direct evidence from head-to-head randomized controlled clinical trials (pooled with random effects model)

| Active Preventive Treatment References | Outcome | Sample | Rate, Percent With Active [Control] Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence Reasons for Lowering SOE |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Timolol vs. Propranolol ^{104,107} | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 242 | 47.9 [52.1] | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.2) | -0.03(-0.15 to 0.10) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| | p value | | | 0.593 | 0.606 | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Propranolol vs. Metoprolol ^{194,195} | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 113 | 38.2 [50.0] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.2) | -0.12 (-0.30 to 0.06) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| | p value | | | p = 0.371 | p = 0.361 | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine ^{195,196} | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 76 | 46.2 [18.9] | 2.3 (1.1 to 4.6) | 0.27 (0.09 to 0.46) | 4 (2 to 11) | 274 (89 to 458) | Low (high ROB, imprecision) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin ^{202,203} | ≥50% decrease in migraine frequency | 326 | 33.1 [39.3] | 1.6 (0.2 to 11.0) | 0.11 (-0.43 to 0.65) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |
| | p value | | | 0.001 | 0 | | | |
| | I squared | | | 0.907 | 0.948 | | | |

ROB = risk of bias; SOE = strength of evidence; NS= not significant; CI = confidence interval

Bold = significant effects of drugs on treatment response when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0. Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Table 15. Indirect adjusted comparative effectiveness of clinical response* in RCTs of approved drugs for the prophylaxis of episodic migraine

| Active | Control -- Propranolol | Control -- Timolol | Control -- Topiramate | Control -- Divalproex |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Divalproex | 1.1 (0.4 to 2.9) | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.7) | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.5) | 1 |
| Propranolol | 1 | 0.9 (0.4 to 1.7) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.6) | 0.9(0.3;2.3) |
| Timolol | 1.2(0.6;2.3) | 1 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | 1.0(0.4;2.9) |
| Valproate | 1.4 (0.5 to 4.5) | 1.2 (0.4 to 4.1) | 1.2 (0.4 to 3.8) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.0) |

CI = confidence interval; RCT = randomized controlled trial

*Clinical response was defined as ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency or self-reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency Differences are significant when 95% CI of odds ratios do not include 1; odds ratios of each drug versus placebo were compared with each other to calculate presented odds ratios with 95% CI.

Table 16. Indirect adjusted comparative effectiveness of clinical response* in RCTs of approved drugs versus off-label drugs for the prophylaxis of episodic migraine

| Active | Control -- Divalproex | Control Propranolol | Control -- Timolol | Control -- Topiramate | Control -- Valproate |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Acebutolol | 2.8 (0.5;16.7) | 3.2 (0.6;15.9) | 2.7 (0.5;14.2) | 2.6 (0.5;13.5) | 2.2 (0.3;14.5) |
| Acetazolamide | 0.3 (0.1;1.2) | 0.3 (0.1;1.1) | 0.3 (0.1;1.0) | 0.3 (0.1;0.9) | 0.2 (0.0;1.1) |
| Amitriptyline | 1.0 (0.3;3.9) | 1.1 (0.4;3.5) | 1.0 (0.3;3.2) | 0.9 (0.3;3.0) | 0.8 (0.2;3.5) |
| Aspirin | 0.3 (0.1;0.6) | 0.3 (0.2;0.4) | 0.2 (0.1;0.4) | 0.2 (0.1;0.4) | 0.2 (0.1;0.6) |
| Atenolol | 8.0 (0.4;167.6) | 9.0 (0.5;171.2) | 7.7 (0.4;150.9) | 7.5 (0.4;144.4) | 6.3 (0.3;139.7) |
| Candesartan | 5.7 (1.0;32.2) | 6.4 (1.4;30.4) | 5.5 (1.1;27.3) | 5.3 (1.1;26.0) | 4.5 (0.7;28.1) |
| Clonidine | 0.7 (0.2;2.4) | 0.8 (0.3;2.0) | 0.7 (0.3;1.9) | 0.7 (0.2;1.8) | 0.6 (0.1;2.1) |
| Dihydroergotamine | 0.4 (0.1;1.0) | 0.4 (0.2;0.8) | 0.4 (0.2;0.7) | 0.4 (0.2;0.7) | 0.3 (0.1;0.9) |
| Fenoprofen | 0.2 (0.1;0.9) | 0.3 (0.1;0.8) | 0.2 (0.1;0.8) | 0.2 (0.1;0.7) | 0.2 (0.0;0.8) |
| Flurbiprofen | 1.7 (0.4;7.6) | 1.9 (0.5;7.0) | 1.6 (0.4;6.3) | 1.5 (0.4;6.0) | 1.3 (0.3;6.7) |
| Indomethacin | 0.4 (0.1;2.1) | 0.5 (0.1;2.0) | 0.4 (0.1;1.8) | 0.4 (0.1;1.7) | 0.3 (0.1;1.9) |
| Lamotrigine | 0.6 (0.2;1.7) | 0.6 (0.3;1.4) | 0.5 (0.2;1.3) | 0.5 (0.2;1.3) | 0.4 (0.1;1.6) |
| Lisinopril | 11.9 (0.6;233.2) | 13.4 (0.8;237.7) | 11.6 (0.6;209.6) | 11.2 (0.6;200.5) | 9.4 (0.4;194.7) |
| Lisuride | 0.6 (0.2;1.7) | 0.6 (0.3;1.4) | 0.5 (0.2;1.3) | 0.5 (0.2;1.2) | 0.4 (0.1;1.5) |
| Montelukast | 0.4 (0.1;1.2) | 0.4 (0.2;1.0) | 0.4 (0.2;0.9) | 0.4 (0.2;0.8) | 0.3 (0.1;1.1) |
| Nadolol | 1.9 (0.1;42.4) | 2.1 (0.1;43.4) | 1.8 (0.1;38.2) | 1.8 (0.1;36.6) | 1.5 (0.1;35.3) |
| Nifedipine | 3.2 (0.7;14.2) | 3.6 (1.0;13.0) | 3.1 (0.8;11.8) | 3.0 (0.8;11.2) | 2.5 (0.5;12.6) |
| Oxcarbazepine | 0.3 (0.1;0.8) | Not able to calculate | 0.3 (0.1;0.6) | 0.3 (0.1;0.6) | 0.2 (0.1;0.7) |
| Rofecoxib | 0.8 (0.2;2.9) | 0.3 (0.1;0.6) | 0.8 (0.3;2.3) | 0.8 (0.3;2.2) | 0.7 (0.2;2.6) |
| Telmisartan | 0.5 (0.1;1.8) | 0.6 (0.2;1.6) | 0.5 (0.2;1.4) | 0.5 (0.2;1.4) | 0.4 (0.1;1.6) |
| Tofenamic Acid | 3.8 (0.6;23.2) | 4.2 (0.8;22.1) | 3.7 (0.7;19.8) | 3.5 (0.7;18.8) | 3.0 (0.4;20.1) |
| Tonabersat | 0.4 (0.1;1.1) | 0.4 (0.2;1.0) | 0.4 (0.1;0.9) | 0.3 (0.1;0.8) | 0.3 (0.1;1.0) |
| Gabapentin | 0.8 (0.3;2.5) | 0.9 (0.4;1.8) | 0.7 (0.3;1.7) | 0.7 (0.3;1.6) | .59 (0.2;2.0) |
| Mg | 0.5 (0.1;1.7) | 0.5 (0.2;1.3) | 0.4 (0.2;1.2) | 0.4 (0.2;1.2) | 0.4 (0.1;1.4) |
| Nimodipine | 2.0 (0.2;0.0) | 2.1 (0.2;24.3) | 1.8 (0.2;21.6) | 1.8 (0.2;20.6) | 1.42 (0.1;0.0) |

CI = confidence interval; RCT = randomized controlled trial

*Clinical response was defined as ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency or self-reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency Bold = differences are significant when 95% CI of odds ratios do not include 1; odds ratios of each drug vs. placebo were compared with each other to calculate presented odds ratios with 95% CI

Table 17. Odds ratio of clinical response with preventive drugs, results from exploratory Bayesian network meta-analysis

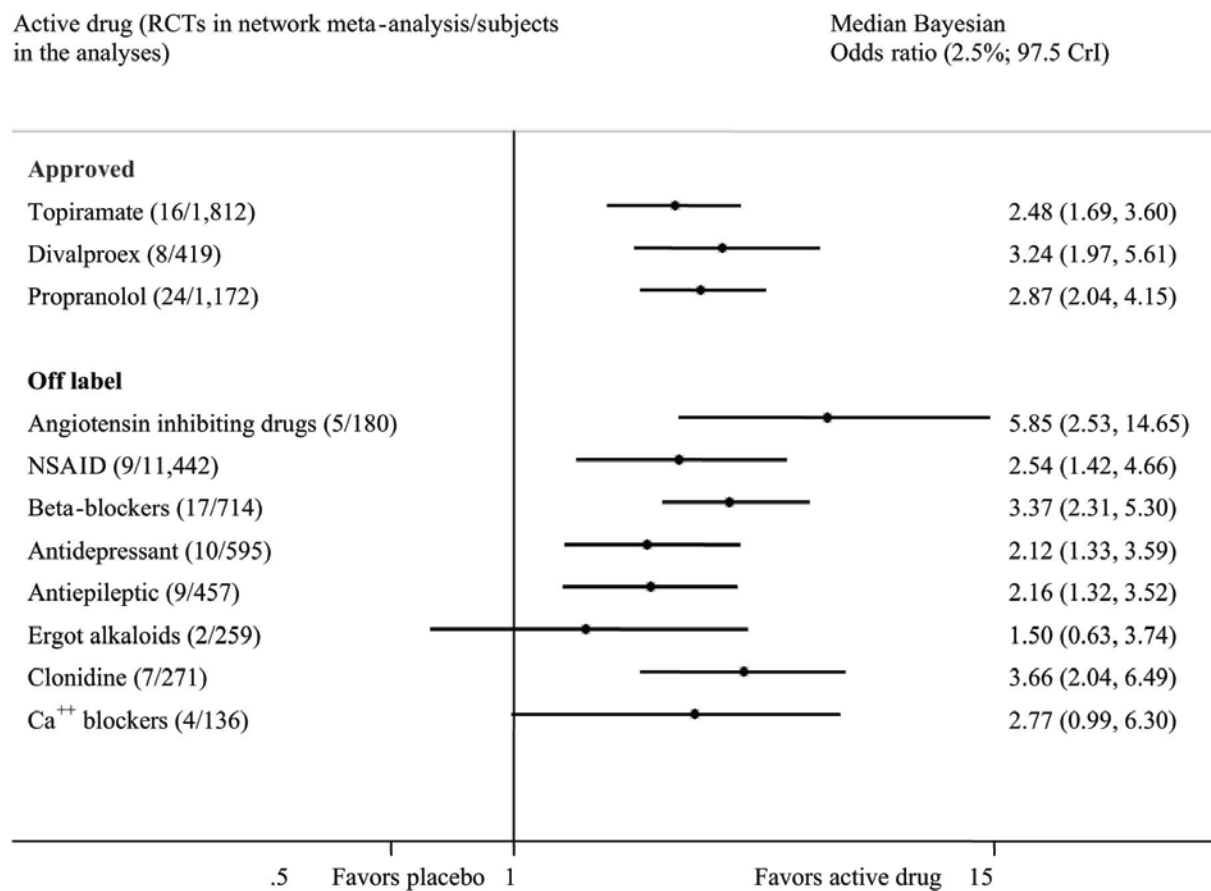
| Active | Subjects | Control -- Divalproex | Control -- Propranolol | Control -- Angiotensin Inhibiting Drugs | Control -- NSAID | Control -- Beta Blockers | Control -- Antidepressants | Control -- Antiepileptics | Control -- Ergot Alkaloids | Control -- Clonidine | Control -- Ca ++ Blockers |
|---|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Topiramate 16 RCTs | 1,812 | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.4) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.4) | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.1) | 1.0 (0.5 to 1.9) | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.2) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.0) | 1.2 (0.7 to 2.0) | 1.7 (0.6 to 4.2) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.3) | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.7) |
| Divalproex 8 RCTs | 419 | 1 | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.0) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.6) | 1.3 (0.6 to 2.8) | 1.0 (0.5 to 1.9) | 1.5 (0.7 to 3.1) | 1.5 (0.8 to 3.1) | 2.2 (0.8 to 5.9) | 0.9 (0.4 to 1.9) | 1.2 (0.5 to 3.6) |
| Propranolol 24 RCTs | 1,172 | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.5) | 1 | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.2) | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.2) | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.3) | 1.3 (0.8 to 2.3) | 1.3 (0.8 to 2.4) | 1.9 (0.7 to 4.8) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.4) | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.9) |
| Angiotensin inhibiting drugs 5 RCTs | 180 | 1.8 (0.6 to 5.2) | 2.1 (0.8 to 5.2) | 1 | 2.3 (0.8 to 6.6) | 1.7 (0.7 to 4.6) | 2.8 (1.0 to 7.5) | 2.7 (1.0 to 7.5) | 3.9 (1.2 to 13.8) | 1.6 (0.6 to 4.5) | 2.1 (0.7 to 8.2) |
| NSAID 9 RCTs | 11,442 | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.7) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.7) | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.2) | 1 | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.4) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.5) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.6) | 1.7 (0.6 to 4.6) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.6) | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.9) |
| Beta blockers 17 RCTs | 714 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | 1.2 (0.7 to 1.9) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.5) | 1.3 (0.7 to 2.6) | 1 | 1.6 (0.9 to 2.9) | 1.6 (0.9 to 3.1) | 2.3 (0.9 to 5.9) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.7) | 1.2 (0.5 to 3.6) |
| Antidepressants 10 RCTs | 595 | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.4) | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.3) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.0) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.8) | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.2) | 1 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | 1.4 (0.5 to 3.8) | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.2) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.3) |
| Antiepileptics 9 RCTs | 457 | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.3) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.3) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.0) | 0.9 (0.4 to 1.8) | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.2) | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | 1 | 1.4 (0.5 to 3.9) | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.3) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.3) |
| Ergot alkaloids 2 RCTs | 259 | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.3) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.4) | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.9) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.7) | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.2) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.9) | 0.7 (0.3 to 2.0) | 1 | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.2) | 0.5 (0.2 to 2.1) |
| Clonidine 7 RCTs | 271 | 1.1 (0.5 to 2.4) | 1.3 (0.7 to 2.3) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.7) | 1.4 (0.6 to 3.2) | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.0) | 1.7 (0.8 to 3.6) | 1.7 (0.8 to 3.7) | 2.4 (0.8 to 6.7) | 1 | 1.3 (0.5 to 4.1) |
| Ca++ blockers 4 RCTs | 136 | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.2) | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.3) | 0.5 (0.1 to 1.5) | 1.1 (0.3 to 2.9) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.0) | 1.3 (0.4 to 3.2) | 1.3 (0.4 to 3.4) | 1.8 (0.5 to 6.0) | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.1) | 1 |

NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; RCT = randomized controlled trial

*Clinical response (defined as ≥50 percent reduction in monthly episodic migraine frequency or self-reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency Bold = differences are significant when 2.5 to 97.5% credible intervals of odds ratios do not include 1.

We used heterogeneous random effects model that assumes correlation within study ($\rho = 0.5$) and heterogeneous between studies (WinBUG codes are in Appendix B) NSAID nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

Figure 3. Bayesian network meta-analysis of clinical response to drugs versus placebo (66 RCTs of 14,774 adults) in randomized controlled clinical trials that aimed to prevent migraine in adults



CrI = credible intervals; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

Clinical response was defined as $\geq 50\%$ reduction in monthly migraine attacks or perceived clinically important treatment success. We used heterogeneous random effects model that assumes correlation within study ($\rho = 0.5$) and heterogeneous between studies (WinBUG codes are in Appendix B).

KQ1c. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with active nonpharmacologic treatments?

Antiepileptics

Topiramate Versus Exercise or Relaxation

The likelihood of ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency did not differ between topiramate and aerobic exercise or common forms of relaxation, breathing, and stress-management techniques.²¹³ Migraine days, pain intensity, quality of life, or acute drug use did not differ between topiramate and aerobic exercise or relaxation.²¹³

Beta Blockers

Propranolol Versus Biofeedback

The likelihood of a reduction in monthly migraine frequency of ≥ 25 percent did not differ between propranolol and diaphragmatic breathing and systematic relaxation that was assisted by biofeedback and also practiced at home.²¹⁴

Antidepressants

Amitriptyline Versus Spinal Manipulation

Amitriptyline was more effective than spinal manipulation for reducing monthly migraine attacks during the trial but less effective during post-treatment followup period.²¹⁵ Evidence was low-strength due to risk of bias and imprecision (Appendix Table D85). Evidence from a single high-risk-of-bias RCT was insufficient to conclude the comparative effectiveness of amitriptyline versus biofeedback.²¹⁶

KQ1d. How do preventive pharmacologic treatments combined with nondrug treatments affect patient-centered and intermediate outcomes when compared with pharmacologic treatments alone?

Five RCTs compared the effectiveness of drugs combined with nondrug treatments with placebo or pharmacologic treatments alone (Appendix Table D86). Most trials were funded by nonprofit grants (Appendix Table D87). Risk of bias was low in one trial, medium in two, and high in two (Appendix Table D88).

Beta Blockers

Behavioral migraine management and relaxation combined with propranolol (maximum dose 240 mg/day) or nadolol (maximum dose 120 mg/day) was more effective than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (Appendix Table D89). However, effects of the combined therapy did not differ from the effects of drugs alone.²¹⁷ Evidence of effectiveness and safety was low due to imprecise estimates from a single RCT (Appendix Table D90).²¹⁷ We estimated that 387 adults per 1,000 treated would experience a reduction in migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (95% CI, 157 to 618) with combined therapy (Table 18).²¹⁷

Propranolol (240 mg/day) or nadolol (120 mg/day) combined with behavioral therapy (orientation plus relaxation training, migraine warning signs and triggers, effectively using migraine medication, reducing impact of migraines, stress management or biofeedback training, and migraine management plan) was more effective than placebo in improving self-efficacy (Appendix Table D91).²¹⁸

Evidence was insufficient from a single high-risk-of-bias RCT that compared the effectiveness of propranolol combined with biofeedback and propranolol alone for migraine prevention in adults.²¹⁶

Antidepressants

Amitriptyline Combined With Spinal Manipulation Versus Amitriptyline Alone or Spinal Manipulation Alone (Table 19)²¹⁵

Spinal manipulation was more effective than combined treatment in reducing Headache Index scores.²¹⁵ Combined treatment was not more effective than amitriptyline alone in improving general health status or reducing use of drugs for acute attacks (Appendix Table D92).²¹⁵ Evidence from a single high-risk-of-bias RCT was insufficient to conclude comparative effectiveness between amitriptyline combined with biofeedback and the drug alone.²¹⁶

Table 18. Comparative effectiveness of beta blockers combined with behavioral therapy* for episodic migraine prevention in adults, results from individual low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²¹⁷

| Outcome | Active Treatment | Control | Sample | Rate % in Active [Control] Group | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|--|---|---|------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + propranolol/nadolol | Placebo | 90 | 76.8 [40.0] | 3 (2 to 6) | 387 (157 to 618) | Low |
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + placebo | Propranolol/nadolol | 108 | 34.5 [34.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + propranolol/nadolol | Propranolol/nadolol | 122 | 76.8 [34.0] | 2 (2 to 4) | 428 (267 to 590) | Low |
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + placebo | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | 124 | 34.5 [76.8] | -2 (2 to 4) | -423 (262 to 583) | Low |

CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant

*Behavioral therapy included orientation+relaxation training; migraine warning signs and triggers; effectively using migraine medication, and reducing impact of migraines; stress management or biofeedback training; migraine management plan; Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0. Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Table 19. Comparative effectiveness of antidepressant amitriptyline and spinal manipulation for episodic migraine prevention in adults, individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²¹⁵

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Sample | Rate, % With Active vs. [Control] Treatment | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|---|----------------------------|---|------------|---|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| >60% reduction in HI in last 4 weeks of treatment phase | Spinal manipulation | Amitriptyline 100 mg/day | 147 | 22.1 [48.6] | -4 (-9 to -2) | -265 (-414 to -116) | Low |
| >60% reduction in HI during the 4-week post-treatment followup phase | Spinal manipulation | Amitriptyline 100 mg/day | 147 | 22.1 [15.7] | NS | NS | Low |
| Reduction in HI (headache index) scores during treatment compared with baseline | Spinal manipulation | Spinal manipulation + amitriptyline 100 mg/day | 148 | 40.3 [40.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Reduction in HI from baseline during the post-treatment followup period | Spinal manipulation | Spinal manipulation + amitriptyline 100 mg/day | 148 | 41.6 [25.4] | 6 (3 to 80) | 162 (13 to 312) | Low |
| Reduction in HI (headache index) scores during treatment compared with baseline | Spinal manipulation | Spinal manipulation + amitriptyline 100 mg/day | 148 | 40.3 [40.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Reduction in HI from baseline during the post-treatment followup period | Spinal manipulation | Spinal manipulation + amitriptyline 100 mg/day | 148 | 41.6 [25.4] | 6 (3 to 80) | 162 (13 to 312) | Low |

CI = confidence interval; HI = Headache Index; NS = not significant

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0.

KQ1e1. How might dosing regimens or duration of treatments influence the effects of the treatments on patient-centered outcomes?

Muscle Relaxants

Onabotulinumtoxin A

Dose Response Migraine Prevention With Onabotulinumtoxin A

Higher doses of onabotulinumtoxin A resulted in a greater decrease in absolute migraine frequency according to the BoNTA-024-026-036 Study Group in adults with chronic migraine.²¹⁹ Higher doses of onabotulinumtoxin A resulted in less frequent use and overuse of acute pain medications at 1 and 3 months of followup according to the BoNTA-039 Study Group (Appendix Table D93).¹³⁸ However, neither patients nor investigators found differences in global assessment of improvement with higher doses of onabotulinumtoxin A (Appendix Table D94).¹³⁹

Higher doses of abobotulinumtoxin A did not increase the rates of positive global assessment of the treatment effect in the Dysport[®] In Migraine Without Aura Prophylaxis trial.¹³⁹ Higher doses of abobotulinumtoxin A did not reduce migraine duration or intensity¹³⁹ or depression scores.¹⁴⁴

Antiepileptics

Topiramate

Increase in topiramate dose from 50 to 100 mg/day resulted in a higher response rate (≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency) without additional benefit from increasing the dose to 200 mg/day (Appendix Table D95). Higher topiramate doses (50 to 100 mg) resulted in significant migraine prevention of ≥ 50 percent in one patient for every six treated (Table 20).

Divalproex

Higher doses of divalproex did not result in a greater likelihood of clinically important migraine frequency reduction (Appendix Table D96).¹⁰³

Beta Blockers

Propranolol

Increasing propranolol dose did not result in a greater likelihood of clinically important reduction in migraine frequency.²²⁰⁻²²³

Off-Label Beta Blockers

Individual RCTs examined dose response effects with pindolol,²²⁴ nadolol,^{225,226} and bisoprolol.²²⁷

Pindolol

Pindolol, 15 mg/day, was more effective than 7.5 mg in reducing migraine days and duration.²²⁴

Nadolol

Nadolol, 160 to 240 mg/day, was more effective than 80 mg/day in reducing migraine frequency and severity.^{225,226}

Bisoprolol

Bisoprolol, 10 mg/day, was more effective than 5 mg/day in reducing migraine duration but not frequency.²²⁷

Antidepressants

Amitriptyline

Amitriptyline, 50 mg/day, was not more effective than 25 mg/day in reducing migraine frequency or severity.²²⁸

Venlafaxine

Venlafaxine, 150 mg/day, resulted in excellent global self-reported efficacy more often than 75 mg/day.¹⁶⁵

Table 20. Dose response reduction in migraine attacks by ≥50% from baseline with topiramate in adults

| Reference Risk of Bias | Topiramate Daily Doses | Events/Randomized With Larger vs. Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events (95% CI) |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Brandes, 2004 ²²⁹ Risk of bias: Low | 100mg vs. 50mg/day | 60/122 47/120 | 1.3 (0.9 to 1.7) | 0.10 (-0.02 to 0.23) | NS | NS |
| Silberstein, 2003⁹⁷ Risk of bias: Medium | 100mg vs. 50mg/day | 68/125 41/117 | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.1) | 0.19 (0.07 to 0.31) | 5 (3 to 15) | 189 (67 to 312) |
| Silberstein, 2004²³⁰ Risk of bias: Low | 100mg vs. 50mg/day | 69/128 45/125 | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.0) | 0.18 (0.06 to 0.30) | 6 (3 to 17) | 179 (58 to 300) |
| Pooled | 100mg vs. 50mg/day | 196/375 133/362 | 1.4 (1.2 to 1.7) | 0.16 (0.09 to 0.23) | 6 (4 to 12) | 157 (86 to 228) |
| Brandes, 2004 ²²⁹ Risk of bias: Low | 100mg vs. 50mg/day | 57/121 47/120 | 1.2 (0.9 to 1.6) | 0.08 (-0.05 to 0.20) | NS | NS |
| Silberstein, 2003⁹⁷ Risk of bias: Medium | 200mg/day vs. 50mg/day | 58/112 41/117 | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.0) | 0.17 (0.04 to 0.29) | 6 (3 to 24) | 167 (41 to 294) |
| Silberstein, 2004²³⁰ Risk of bias: Low | 200mg/day vs. 50mg/day | 61/117 45/125 | 1.4 (1.1 to 1.9) | 0.16 (0.04 to 0.29) | 6 (4 to 26) | 161 (38 to 285) |
| Pooled | 200mg/day vs. 50mg/day | 176/350 133/362 | 1.4 (1.2 to 1.6) | 0.14 (0.06 to 0.21) | 7 (5 to 16) | 136 (64 to 208) |
| Brandes, 2004 ²²⁹ Risk of bias: Low | 200mg/day vs. 100mg/day | 57/121 60/122 | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.2) | -0.02 (-0.15 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Silberstein, 2003 ⁹⁷ Risk of bias: Medium | 200mg/day vs. 100mg/day | 58/112 68/125 | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.2) | -0.02 (-0.15 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³⁰ Risk of bias: Low | 200mg/day vs. 100mg/day | 61/117 69/128 | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.2) | -0.02 (-0.14 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Pooled | 200mg/day vs. 100mg/day | 176/350 196/375 | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.1) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.05) | NS | NS |

CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0.

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

KQ1e2. How might approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring) influence results?

Six RCTs of 3,825 adults examined the effectiveness of drug management for migraine prevention in adults (Table 21 and Appendix Table D97). Most trials were sponsored by nonprofit organizations (Appendix Table D98). Half of the trials had low risk of bias, and the other half had medium risk of bias due to inadequacy of randomization (Appendix Table D99). Four RCTs examined the effectiveness of multidisciplinary migraine management programs and two examined the effectiveness of pharmacist-led drug management (Appendix Table D100).

Multidisciplinary Intervention Versus Standard Care

The community-based multidisciplinary intervention included intake by a neurologist, physical therapist, and a psychologist, with group-supervised exercise therapy sessions, massage therapy sessions, and group lectures with a dietitian²³¹ (Appendix Table D100). Adherence did not differ between the multidisciplinary intervention and standard medical care with the patient's primary physician (Appendix Table D101).²³¹ The multidisciplinary intervention was more effective in improving quality of life and reducing migraine-related disability (Appendix Table D102).²³¹ We found no statistically significant changes in medication use or work status.²³¹

Migraine Management Program Versus Usual Care

A multidisciplinary migraine management program was administered by a midlevel provider (e.g., nurse practitioner or physician assistant) with expertise in migraine evaluation and management.²³² The program included an educational session in which patients received materials that described: migraine types and etiologies, triggers, sleep hygiene, pharmacologic treatment, and relaxation techniques.²³² Patients in the control group continued with their current clinician, without access to the migraine management program. Fewer adults had migraine-related disability at 6 months of followup with the migraine management program (Appendix Table D103).²³² We estimated that 196 adults per 1,000 treated (95% CI, 125 to 258) would have no migraine-related disability with the migraine management intervention.²³² The program was also more effective than usual care in improving quality of life and treatment satisfaction (Appendix Table D104).²³²

Cognitive Behavioral Minimal Contact Program Versus Usual Care

The cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program consisted of five sessions that provided information about migraine and progressive muscle relaxation, acute and prophylactic migraine medications, and triggers for medication overuse (e.g., availability of drugs, fear of attack and loss of social functioning, and stress level in private and professional life). Participants also established individualized goals for future drug intake and improving quality of life.²³³ The cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program did not decrease migraine frequency or duration of migraine related disability (Appendix Table D105),²³³ nor did it improve engagement in social activity, self-management of pain, migraine-related anxiety, or depression.²³³ However, patient satisfaction with treatment was significantly greater with the cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program than with usual care.²³³

Headache School Versus Usual Care

Headache school involved a standardized curriculum of didactic instructions regarding migraine biogenesis and management. It consisted of classes taught by neurologists and migraine sufferers who previously had undergone intensive classroom training. Headache school classes focused mostly on acute preventive drug treatments.²³⁴ Patients in the control group received routine drug management.²³⁴ Patients who attended headache school less often overused drugs for acute attacks than patients receiving routine drug management (Appendix Table D106).²³⁴ Attending headache school also reduced migraine disability (Appendix Table D107).²³⁴

Pharmaceutical Care for Migraine Versus Standard Counseling

Pharmaceutical care intervention was defined as intensified structured counseling between patient and pharmacist and the use of drug databases. German pharmacists worked with patients individually to prioritize problems, define goals, and devise plans to work toward goals.²³⁵ Patients in the control group received standard counseling that included general information about benefits and possible adverse drug effects.²³⁵ Pharmaceutical care resulted in a statistically significant improvement from baseline in mental health and self-efficacy.²³⁶ However, the likelihood of complete migraine cessation did not differ between active and control interventions (Appendix Table D108)²³⁵ nor did the absolute number of migraine attacks or quality of life (Appendix Table D109).²³⁵

Intensive Pharmaceutical Care Campaign Versus Control Pharmacy

Danish pharmacists and pharmacy assistants provided the intervention according to the manual developed by the Danish College of Pharmacy Practice.²³⁶ The campaign targeted inappropriate use of triptans. Intervention pharmacy staff received information about migraine, detection of inappropriate triptan use and other drug-related problems, and techniques for establishing a private dialogue with patients.²³⁶ The campaign had no statistically significant impact on use of triptans (Appendix Table D110).²³⁶

Table 21. Prevention of migraine with drug management programs, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials

| Reference/Treatment vs. Control Sample/Risk of Bias | Description | Results |
|---|--|--|
| Lemstra, 2002 ²³¹ Multidisciplinary intervention vs. standard medical care with the patient's family physician Sample: 80 Risk of bias: Medium | Multidisciplinary intervention consisted of a neurologist intake, physical therapist intake, 18 group-supervised exercise therapy sessions with an exercise therapist, 2 group lectures with a registered psychologist 1 group lecture with a dietitian, 2 massage therapy sessions, and a neurologist and physical therapist. | More effective in improving quality of life and reducing migraine related disability with no statistically significant changes in the use of acute drugs or work status. |
| Matchar, 2008 ²³² Headache management program vs. continue with current clinician Sample: 614 Risk of bias: Medium | Headache management program consisting of: (1) a class specifically designed to inform patients about headache types, triggers, and treatment options; (2) diagnosis and treatment by a professional especially trained in headache care (based on U.S. Headache Consortium guidelines); and (3) proactive followup by a case-manager. | More effective in improving quality of life and satisfaction with care; 196 adults per 1,000 treated (95% CI, 125 to 258) had no migraine-related disability with the headache management program. |
| Fritsche, 2010 ²³³ Cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program (MCT) vs. two brochures Sample: 158 Risk of bias: Low | The program consisted of 5 sessions with six participants and lasting 2 hours each: (1) Introduction and syndrome education; (2) Medication rules and the risk of medication overuse headache, including information about prophylactic migraine medication and medication overuse; (3) Medication intake behavior, aimed at raising awareness for "external" and "internal" influences on patient's medication intake behavior; (4) General and personal risk factors for drug intake; and (5) Everyday transfer aimed at establishing individual goals for future drug intake and learning how to make use of social support to control intake behavior. | More effective in patient satisfaction. No effects on migraine frequency or duration of migraine related disability, social activity engagement, pain self-management, or migraine related anxiety and depression. |
| Rothrock, 2006 ²³⁴ Standardized course of didactic instructions regarding migraine biogenesis and management ("headache school") Sample: 100 Risk of bias: Medium | The curriculum consisted of 3 90-minute classes held on evenings and weekends and taught by lay migraineurs who previously had undergone intensive classroom and in-clinic training by neurology investigators. All individuals serving as patient instructors underwent 12 hours of classroom instruction in headache theory and treatment, received and reviewed a related course syllabus, were required to pass a written examination based on that didactic instruction, and then served a minimum of 12 hours as observers in the headache clinics. | Decreased overuse of acute drugs and reduced migraine disability. |
| Hoffmann, 2008 ²³⁵ Pharmaceutical care for migraine vs. regular pharmaceutical consultation Sample: 410 Risk of bias: Low | Pharmacists from the intervention pharmacies participated in a 2-day central training program conducted by a physician and a pharmacist. Together with the patient, the intervention pharmacist prioritized problems, defined goals, and devised a plan to work toward them. The training was based on a comprehensive standard operation manual developed by the Federal Union of German Associations of Pharmacists, in cooperation with the principal. | Complete migraine cessation did not differ between active and control intervention. |
| Sondergaard, 2006 ²³⁶ Intensive pharmaceutical care campaign Sample: 2463 Risk of bias: Low | Pharmacists from the intervention pharmacies identified inappropriate triptan use, established a dialogue with individual patients and offered advice about migraine management with preventive drugs to reduce triptan overuse. The training package was developed in cooperation with the Danish College of Pharmacy Practice. | Significant improvement in mental health and self-efficacy; no statistically significant impact on use of triptans. |

Key Question 2. What are the comparative harms from pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

We identified 15 RCTs and six nonrandomized studies that examined the safety of onabotulinumtoxin A for chronic migraine prevention in adults. We identified 159 RCTs of 18,134 adults that examined the safety of drugs for episodic migraine prevention in adults.

Among approved drugs, onabotulinumtoxin A, topiramate, and propranolol resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo.

The association was dose responsive for topiramate. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk of anorexia, depression, paresthesia, and difficulty in memory leading to treatment withdrawal. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk dry mouth, paresthesia or fatigue, mood problems, nausea, and weight loss.

Individual RCTs showed that divalproex caused adverse effects that led to treatment discontinuation, including nausea, somnolence, tremor, vomiting, and asthenia.

Among other drugs, pooled analyses demonstrated that off-label antidepressant amitriptyline caused bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo.

Limited low-strength direct comparative evidence from individual head-to-head RCTs suggested that treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects was less frequent with onabotulinumtoxin A than topiramate or amitriptyline. Individual unique RCTs provided low-strength direct evidence about adverse effects with specific drugs with no consistent pattern across available drug comparisons.

Indirect adjusted analyses demonstrated no differences in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved drugs or approved versus off-label drugs. Exploratory Bayesian network meta-analyses demonstrated that topiramate and off-label antiepileptics and antidepressants resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo. According to network meta-analysis, off-label angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta blockers were the safest treatment option for adults with episodic migraine.

KQ2a. What are the harms from preventive pharmacologic treatments when compared with placebo or no active treatment?

We identified 83 RCTs that compared adverse drug effects with placebo. Most studies failed to disclose conflict of interest by trial investigators (Appendix Table D111). The results from these 83 trials that were a subset of RCTs that examined benefits with drugs for episodic migraine prevention in adults were applicable to the target population (Appendix Table D112). Women made up an average of 78 percent of all enrollees. Mean age of the enrollees varied from 29 to 49 years. Patients had an average 5.5 monthly migraine attacks. The trials followed for an average 18 weeks to assess adverse effects (Appendix Table D113). Sample size averaged 116 adults (range 12 to 818). RCTs reporting harms were not necessarily powered to detect statistically significant differences in adverse effects.

We concluded medium risk of bias in 54 RCTs and low risk of bias in 22 RCTs (Appendix Table D114). Most studies were double blind. Nonrandomized studies with high risk of bias suggested that 10 to 20 percent of patients discontinued antiepileptic drug treatments at one year or longer of followup (Appendix Table D115).

We focused on treatment discontinuation due to any and specific adverse effects from pooled analyses (Table 22).

Muscle Relaxants

Onabotulinumtoxin A

Fifteen RCTs examined the safety of botulinum toxin for chronic migraine prevention in adults including 13 RCTs of onabotulinumtoxin A and two RCTs of abobotulinumtoxin A (Appendix Table D8). Onabotulinumtoxin A resulted in adverse effects and treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects more often than placebo (Table 22). Pooled analyses demonstrated that per 1,000 patients treated, 155 experienced adverse effects and 26 discontinued treatments due to bothersome adverse effects (Table 23). The results were robust and remained significant with different methods of pooling (Appendix Tables D116 and D117). Abobotulinumtoxin A RCTs did not report treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects.^{139,144}

Among individual adverse effects, neck pain and muscle weakness were the most common (Table 23). Increase in risk of adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A was lower in trials with higher placebo rates of adverse effects (Table 24). Increase in risk of adverse effects was dose responsive (Appendix Table D118). Patients experienced eyelid edema with 50U of onabotulinumtoxin A more often than with 25U.²¹⁹ Higher doses of 150 to 225U of onabotulinumtoxin A resulted in greater risk of blepharoptosis, muscle weakness, and neck rigidity (Appendix Table D118).

Abobotulinumtoxin A

Abobotulinumtoxin A RCTs reported increased risk of neck weakness in 109 patients per 1,000 treated (95% CI, 22 to 196).^{139,144} The rates of the total adverse effects were statistically higher with the increased dose of the drug (210U versus 80U).¹⁴⁴ The rates of specific adverse effects did not differ between the active drug and placebo.^{139,144}

Antiepileptics

Topiramate

Most RCTs that examined safety with topiramate versus placebo for episodic migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D119) were funded by industry and reported conflict of interest by principal investigators (Appendix Table D120). All trials were double blind (Appendix Table D121).

Patients stopped taking topiramate more often than placebo because of intolerable adverse effects including fatigue, paresthesia, and taste perversion (Table 25). Topiramate in doses of 100 and 200 mg/day (but not 50 mg/day) resulted in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects more often than placebo (Appendix Table D122). Compared with placebo, topiramate more often resulted in bothersome taste perversion, paresthesia, and fatigue leading to withdrawal (Appendix Table D123).

Pooled estimates were consistent with imprecision that decreased strength of evidence. Per 1,000 treated, topiramate resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation in 36 (with 100 mg/day) or 146 (with 200 mg/day) patients. Published pooled analysis of individual patient data demonstrated topiramate discontinuation due to anorexia, anxiety, depression, hypoesthesia, and nausea (Appendix Table D124).²³⁷ Some adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation were reported in individual RCTs that failed to show statistically significant increase in risk of specific harms with topiramate (Appendix Table D125).

Topiramate increased risk of specific adverse effects. Individual RCTs reported small numbers of events. Pooled analyses demonstrated a statistically significant increase in risk of any adverse effect, paresthesia, cognitive difficulties, diarrhea, dry mouth, fatigue, nausea, taste alteration or perversion, and weight loss (Appendix Table D126). Topiramate caused adverse effects in one patient for every eight treated. Taste alteration, weight loss, and paresthesia were the most common adverse effects (Table 26). Individual RCTs reported increased risk of severe anorexia and mood problems (Table D127).

Risk of adverse effects was dose responsive according to the published pooled analyses of individual patient data (Appendix Table D128).²³⁷ Larger doses of topiramate increased risk of anorexia, depression, paresthesia, and difficulty in memory leading to treatment withdrawal.²³⁷ Larger doses of topiramate increased risk of dry mouth, paresthesia or fatigue, mood problems, nausea, and weight loss.²³⁷

Divalproex

Adverse effects with divalproex versus placebo were examined in three RCTs that examined efficacy of divalproex for episodic migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Table D25). All three RCTs were funded by industry (Appendix Table D26) and all were double blind (Appendix Table D27).

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects did not differ with divalproex versus placebo (Table 22 and Appendix Table D122).^{101,102} Divalproex caused alopecia, asthenia, nausea, and tremor more often than placebo (Table 27). Strength of evidence was low because of risk of bias and imprecision of the treatment effects. Larger doses of divalproex did not increase risk of bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation (Appendix Table D129).¹⁰³ Larger doses of divalproex increased risk of nausea and tremor (Appendix Table D130).¹⁰³

Valproate

Adverse effects of valproate were examined in two small double-blind RCTs of 75 adults that examined efficacy of valproate for episodic migraine prevention in adults (Appendix Tables D25-D27).

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects did not differ with valproate versus placebo (Table 22).¹⁵³ Rates of combined adverse effects did not differ between valproate and placebo (Appendix Table D131).^{120,153}

Beta Blockers

Propranolol

All RCTs that examined safety with propranolol versus placebo in adults with episodic migraine (Appendix Table D31) were double blind but did not analyze the data according to planned intention-to-treat principles (Appendix Table D33). Propranolol increased risk of bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo (Table 22).^{106,238}

Propranolol resulted in adverse effects more often than placebo (Appendix Table D132). Among individual adverse effects, propranolol more often than placebo resulted in diarrhea (pooled 89 attributable events per 1,000 treated; 95% CI, 14 to 164) and nausea (pooled 43 attributable events per 1,000 treated 95% CI, 9 to 77).

Timolol

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ with timolol and placebo in adults with episodic migraine (low-strength evidence from individual RCT) (Table 28). Timolol increased risk of overall adverse effects but not of any specific examined adverse effects more often than placebo (Appendix Tables D133 and D134).

Off-Label Drugs

Antiepileptics

All RCTs that examined the safety of six off-label antiepileptic drugs for episodic migraine, including acetazolamide, gabapentin, vigabatrin, oxcarbazepine, carbamazepin, and lamotrigine (Appendix Table D39) were double blind (Appendix Table D41). Pooled analyses demonstrated no differences in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with gabapentin or lamotrigine versus placebo (Table 22 and Appendix Table D135) but increase in risk of the total adverse effects with gabapentin (Appendix Table D136). Antiepileptic drugs increased risk of the specific adverse effects as follows.

Acetazolamide

Acetazolamide caused paresthesia, drowsiness, memory impairment, malaise, and fasciculation more often than placebo in adults with episodic migraine (Appendix Table D137).¹¹⁷

Carbamazepin

Carbamazepin caused adverse effects that led to dose reductions more often than placebo in adults with episodic migraine. Specific adverse effects included vertigo and drowsiness. (Appendix Table D138).¹¹⁸

Gabapentin

Gabapentin caused somnolence and dizziness more often than placebo in adults with episodic migraine (Appendix Table D139)¹¹¹; however, the validity of the results was questioned due to exclusion of patients from the analyses and biased tolerability conclusions.²³⁹

Lamotrigine

Treatment discontinuation due to the specific side effects, including rash, occurred more frequently with lamotrigine than placebo in adults with episodic migraine (Appendix Table D140).²⁴⁰ A fixed dose of 200 mg/day of lamotrigine caused skin rash more often than placebo. In contrast, a gradually escalated dose of lamotrigine starting with 25 mg/day did not cause skin rash.²⁴⁰

Oxcarbazepine

Oxcarbazepine caused adverse effects including fatigue, dizziness, and nausea more often than placebo in adults with episodic migraine (Appendix Table D141).¹¹⁹

Antidepressants

Pooled analyses demonstrated that amitriptyline but not femoxetine caused adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo in adults with episodic migraine (Table 22). Amitriptyline increased the risk of dizziness, drowsiness, and constipation (Appendix

Table D142). Femoxetine and fluoxetine increased the risk of any adverse effects (Appendix Table D142).

Cortical Spreading Depression Inhibitor

Individual RCTs demonstrated no differences between placebo and tonabersat in treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects in adults with episodic migraine.¹²⁷

Beta Blockers

Atenolol

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ between atenolol and placebo in adults with episodic migraine (Appendix Table D143).^{123,159,241} Less than 1 percent of participants discontinued atenolol due to bothersome side effects (Appendix Table D144).^{123,159,241} Among all examined adverse effects, only rates of slight orthostatic dizziness during the first week of treatments were greater with atenolol than with placebo.

Bisoprolol

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ between bisoprolol and placebo in adults with episodic migraine.²²⁷ In fact, side effects occurred no more often from bisoprolol than from placebo (Appendix Table D144). A higher dose of bisoprolol did not result in greater rates of adverse effects or treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects.²²⁷ Bisoprolol, 10 mg/day, decreased heart rate when compared with 5 mg/day.²²⁷ Systolic and diastolic blood pressure did not differ with two doses of bisoprolol.²²⁷

Metoprolol

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ between metoprolol and placebo in adults with episodic migraine.¹¹⁴ Rates of total adverse effects were greater with metoprolol than with placebo in a single RCT.¹¹³ Metoprolol caused fatigue and sleep disturbances more often than placebo (Appendix Table D145).¹¹³

Nadolol

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ between nadolol and placebo in adults with episodic migraine.¹²⁴ In fact, nadolol caused adverse effects no more often than placebo. An increased dose of nadolol did not result in greater rates of adverse effects.^{225,226}

Pindolol

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ with pindolol and placebo in adults with episodic migraine.¹⁶⁰ Patients experienced orthostatic dizziness and faintness more often with pindolol than with placebo.¹⁶⁰

Ergot Alkaloids

In individual underpowered RCTs, treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ with placebo, lisuride, or methysergide in adults with episodic migraine.^{131,242}

Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors

Individual RCTs of adults with episodic migraine did not examine treatment discontinuation to bothersome adverse effects with lisinopril¹²⁸ or captopril.⁸⁸ Captopril caused adverse effects no more often than placebo.⁸⁸ The rates of any adverse effects were greater with lisinopril than placebo; however, rates of the most common adverse effects with ACE inhibitors (coughing, fatigue, dizziness, or tendency to faint) did not differ between lisinopril and placebo.¹²⁸

Angiotensin II Antagonists

Individual RCTs did not examine treatment discontinuation to bothersome adverse effects with candesartan¹²⁹ or telmisartan in adults with episodic migraine.¹⁷³ Neither drug caused any adverse effect more often than placebo.^{129,173}

Calcium Channel Antagonists

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ between placebo and nifedipine,²⁴³ nimodipine,^{112,244} or verapamil in adults with episodic migraine.¹⁷¹

Compared with placebo, verapamil more often caused tolerable constipation that did not result in treatment discontinuation.¹⁷¹ Nifedipine resulted in adverse effects more often than placebo.²⁴³ Among individual adverse effects, nifedipine increased rates of headache, dizziness, and edema.²⁴³ Nimodipine increased rates of abdominal cramps but no other examined adverse effects.⁸⁹

NSAID

Individual RCTs found no differences in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation with fenoprofen,²⁴⁵ naproxen sodium,²⁴⁶ or tolfenamic acid in adults with episodic migraine.¹³⁴ Among individual adverse effects, fenoprofen increased rates of fatigue and somnolence.²⁴⁵

KQ2b. What are the harms from preventive pharmacologic treatments when compared with active pharmacologic treatments?

There was low-strength evidence from individual RCTs that examined comparative safety with migraine preventive drugs.

Muscle Relaxants

Onabotulinumtoxin A for Chronic Migraine

Comparative safety of onabotulinumtoxin A versus topiramate was examined in two RCTs that demonstrated better safety with onabotulinumtoxin A than topiramate (Appendix Table D146).^{183,186} Patients experienced depression or mood disturbance, weight loss, paresthesias, or cognitive deficits more often with topiramate (Appendix Table D146).^{183,186}

A single RCT examined the comparative safety of onabotulinumtoxin A versus divalproex sodium and found a higher risk of ptosis with onabotulinumtoxin A (Appendix Table D147).¹⁸⁴ In contrast, risk of fatigue, nausea, and total adverse effects was higher with divalproex (Appendix Table D147).

A single RCT examined the comparative safety of onabotulinumtoxin A versus amitriptyline and concluded better safety with onabotulinumtoxin A (Appendix Table D148).¹⁸⁵ Patients

experienced dry mouth, constipation, somnolence, and weight gain several times more often with amitriptyline than with onabotulinumtoxin A.¹⁸⁵

Topiramate

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects did not differ between topiramate and amitriptyline in adults with episodic migraine (Table 22).^{189,247} Comparative safety of topiramate with other drugs was examined in individual RCTs. Treatment discontinuation due to any adverse effects did not differ between topiramate and zonosamide or valproate (Table 29). Treatment discontinuation due to specific adverse effects differed with topiramate and other drugs according to individual RCTs (Appendix Table D149). Somnolence or weight increase leading to withdrawal was less common with topiramate than amitriptyline (Table 29).^{189,247} Treatment discontinuation to treatment failure, however, did not differ between topiramate and amitriptyline or lamotrigine (Appendix Table D150).

Risk of specific adverse effects differed between topiramate and other drugs in individual RCTs in adults with episodic migraine (Appendix Table D151). Topiramate increased risk of weight loss when compared with amitriptyline,¹⁸⁹ levetiracetam,¹⁹² and valproate²⁴⁸ (Appendix Table D151). Topiramate increased risk of paresthesia when compared with amitriptyline^{189,247} (Appendix Table D151). Risk of dry mouth and constipation was lower with topiramate than amitriptyline (Appendix Table D152).^{189,247} Individual RCTs demonstrated higher risk of headache with topiramate than amitriptyline (Appendix Table D153).

Comparative safety of topiramate combined with amitriptyline versus monotherapy was examined in one small RCT.²⁴⁷ Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects did not differ between topiramate combined with amitriptyline and monotherapy.²⁴⁷ The risk of adverse effects was lower with combined therapy when compared with amitriptyline alone but not topiramate alone (Appendix Table D154).²⁴⁷

Beta Blockers for Episodic Migraine

Propranolol

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ between propranolol and aspirin (Table 28).²⁴⁹ Evidence of comparative safety with propranolol ergotamine intake was insufficient due to high risk of bias in individual RCT (Appendix Table D155).

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects did not differ between behavioral migraine management and propranolol (Appendix Table D156).²¹⁷ Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ between combined behavioral migraine management with propranolol versus propranolol alone.²¹⁷ Combined therapy was more effective than propranolol alone in having self-efficacy and internal control over headache (Appendix Table D157).²¹⁸

Off-Label Drugs for Episodic Migraine

Off-Label Beta Blockers

Metoprolol Versus Clonidine

Metoprolol resulted in treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects or treatment failure less often than clonidine (Table 30 and Appendix Table D158).²⁰⁷

Metoprolol Versus Bisoprolol

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects did not differ between the two drugs (Table 30 and Appendix Table D158)²⁰⁴ nor did rates of individual examined adverse effects differ between the drugs (Appendix Table D159).

Metoprolol Versus Nebivolol

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects did not differ between the two drugs (Table 30).²⁰⁶ Patients experienced moderate adverse effects, fatigue, and bradycardia more often with metoprolol than with nebivolol (Appendix Table D159).²⁰⁶

Metoprolol Versus Aspirin

Gastrointestinal side effects leading to withdrawal were more common with aspirin than metoprolol (Table 30 and Appendix Table D158).²⁰² However, autonomic nervous system and psychiatric disorders were more common with metoprolol than aspirin (Appendix Table D159).²⁰³

Metoprolol Versus Clomipramine

Treatment discontinuation because of severe adverse reactions was more common with clomipramine than metoprolol (Table 30).²⁵⁰ Clomipramine caused insomnia and sweating more often than metoprolol (Appendix Table D159).²⁵⁰

Antidepressants

Clomipramine Versus Metoprolol

Clomipramine resulted in treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects more often than metoprolol (Table 30).²⁵⁰

Femoxetine Versus Propranolol

Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects did not differ between femoxetine and propranolol.²⁰¹

Amitriptyline Versus Spinal Manipulation

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects occurred less with spinal stimulation than with amitriptyline (Table 31).²¹⁵ Strength of evidence was low due to risk of bias and imprecise estimate (Appendix Table D160).²¹⁵

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects did not differ between combined treatment using spinal manipulation with amitriptyline and amitriptyline alone (Appendix Table D161).²¹⁵

Ergot Alkaloids

A single RCT of 253 adults (low-strength evidence) found that treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects was less common with lisuride than with methysergide.²¹²

Indirect Evidence of Comparative Safety of Drugs for Episodic Migraine Prevention in Adults

Bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation were examined in 68 RCTs. Indirect adjusted analyses demonstrated no differences in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved drugs or approved versus off-label drugs (Appendix Table D162). Exploratory Bayesian network meta-analyses demonstrated that topiramate, off-label antiepileptics, and antidepressants resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo (Figure 4). According to network meta-analysis, off-label angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta blockers were the safest treatment option for adults with episodic migraine (Appendix Table D163)

KQ2c. How might approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring) influence results?

We found no studies that examined adverse effects with different approaches to drug management (such as patient-care teams, integrated care, coordinated care, patient education, drug surveillance, or interactive drug monitoring).

Table 22. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs in adults, evidence from meta-analyzed randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Preventive Treatment | Sample | Rate, Percent With Drug [Control] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence Reasons for Lowering SOE |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <i>Compared With Placebo</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Chronic Migraine</i> | | | | | | | |
| Onabotulinumtoxin A ^{137,251} | 1384 | 3.8 [1.1] | 3.2 (1.4 to 7.1) | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.04) | 38 (23 to 100) | 26 (10 to 43) | Moderate (medium ROB) |
| <i>Episodic Migraine</i> | | | | | | | |
| Topiramate ^{27,85,96,99,146,148,150,252} | 2055 | 16.6 [8.5] | 1.8 (1.3 to 2.4) | 0.06 (0.02 to 0.11) | 16(9 to 53) | 63(19 to 107) | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise) |
| Divalproex ^{101,102} | 346 | 9.8 [7.8] | 1.2 (0.5 to 2.7) | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.10) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise , Inconsistent) |
| Valproate ^{120,153} | 150 | 6.7 [5.3] | 1.3 (0.3 to 4.9) | 0.01 (-0.07 to 0.08) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise) |
| Propranolol ^{106,238} | 221 | 13.2 [5.6] | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.7) | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.12) | 16 (8 to 333) | 62 (3 to 120) | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise, Inconsistent) |
| Gabapentin ^{87,110,111} | 270 | 17.0 [7.7] | 1.9 (0.9 to 4.2) | 0.07 (-0.01 to 0.15) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise) |
| Lamotrigine ^{99,240} | 178 | 12.8 [6.0] | 2.4 (0.5 to 12.2) | 0.14 (-0.17 to 0.44) | NS | NS | Low (Imprecise , Inconsistent) |
| Amitriptyline ^{125,253} | 507 | 11.2 [5.8] | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.5) | 0.05 (0.01 to 0.10) | 19 (10 to 167) | 54 (6 to 102) | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise) |
| Femoxetine ^{167,168} | 124 | 11.7 [6.3] | 1.9 (0.6 to 6.1) | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.15) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise) |
| Clonidine ^{177,254} | 334 | 2.4 [0.6] | 2.8 (0.4 to 18.5) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise) |
| Nimodipine ^{112,244} | 155 | 3.9 [6.3] | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.6) | -0.03 (-0.09 to 0.04) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, Imprecise , Inconsistent) |
| Naproxen ^{246,255} | 172 | 3.5 [1.2] | 2.3 (0.3 to 15.4) | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.07) | NS | NS | Low (High ROB, Imprecise , Inconsistent) |
| Magnesium ^{115,116} | 150 | 7.7 [1.4] | 3.8 (0.7 to 22.4) | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.13) | NS | NS | Low (Inconsistent Imprecise) |

Table 22. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs in adults, evidence from meta-analyzed randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Preventive Treatment | Sample | Rate, Percent With Drug [Control] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence Reasons for Lowering SOE |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Compared With Active Treatment, Episodic Migraine</i> | | | | | | | |
| Topiramate vs. amitriptyline ^{189,247} | 399 | 18.3 [21.3] | 0.9 (0.6 to 1.3) | -0.04 (-0.11 to 0.04) | NS | NS | Low (medium ROB, imprecision) |

CI = confidence interval; ROB = risk of bias; SOE = strength of evidence; NS = not significant

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Table 23. Adverse effect with onabotulinumtoxin A versus placebo for chronic migraine prevention in adults (magnitude of the effect and strength of evidence from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Adverse Effect | Sample, References | Rate, Percent With Onabotulinumtoxin A [Placebo] | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Any adverse effect | 5031 ^{94,137,138,142,144,219,251,256,257} | 47.5 [29.4] | 6 (5 to 11) | 155 (90 to 220) | Moderate |
| Back pain | 1112 ^{93,138,257} | 2.2 [0.5] | 59 (32 to 333) | 17 (3 to 31) | High |
| Discontinuations related to adverse effect | 1384 ^{137,251} | 3.8 [1.1] | 38 (23 to 100) | 26 (10 to 43) | Moderate |
| Dizziness | 893 ^{93,94,139,257} | 1.7 [0.9] | NS | NS | Moderate |
| Dysphagia | 1057 ^{94,138} | 3.3 [0.3] | 36 (23 to 83) | 28 (12 to 44) | High |
| Eyelid edema | 915 ^{139,219,257} | 3.6 [0.3] | NS | NS | High |
| Headache | 2204 ^{94,138,139,219,256,257} | 5.2 [4.5] | NS | NS | High |
| Hypertonia | 1426 ^{94,138,257} | 7.1 [1.3] | 16 (12 to 24) | 62 (42 to 82) | High |
| Neck pain | 2233 ^{94,139,251,257} | 14.1 [1.4] | 9 (6 to 17) | 111 (58 to 164) | Moderate |
| Neck rigidity | 1467 ^{93,94,138,257} | 9.2 [1.8] | 13 (9 to 24) | 75 (41 to 110) | Moderate |
| Pain | 2319 ^{93,94,138,139,257} | 3.6 [2.1] | NS | NS | Moderate |
| Blepharoptosis | 2454 ^{92,94,138,139,144,219,256,257} | 6.4 [0.8] | 20 (14 to 34) | 49 (29 to 69) | High |
| Muscle weakness | 1968 ^{94,138,251,256} | 15.8 [0.1] | 8 (5 to 18) | 132 (56 to 209) | Moderate |
| Fever | 587 ^{93,139,219} | 5.3 [7.1] | NS | NS | Moderate |

CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant

Bold = Differences were significant when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0.

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Table 24. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A versus placebo in adults with chronic migraine, meta-regression by study level factors (log of relative risk in randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Contributing Factor | Adverse Effect | Contributing Variable | Meta-Regression Coefficient | Lower 95% CI | Upper 95% CI |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Drug | Blepharoptosis | Dose | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.01 |
| Patient | Blepharoptosis | Age | 0.22 | -0.30 | 0.74 |
| Patient | Blepharoptosis | Years of migraine | -0.05 | -0.11 | 0.01 |
| Study | Blepharoptosis | Percent of women | -0.02 | -0.15 | 0.11 |
| Study | Blepharoptosis | Control rate | 0.99 | -102.24 | 104.22 |
| Study | Blepharoptosis | Loss of followup | -0.04 | -0.10 | 0.03 |
| Study | Blepharoptosis | Risk of bias | -0.56 | -1.79 | 0.67 |
| Drug | Adverse effects | Dose | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Patient | Adverse effects | Age | 0.04 | -0.12 | 0.20 |
| Patient | Adverse effects | Years of migraine | -0.05 | -0.11 | 0.01 |
| Study | Adverse effects | Percent of women | -0.02 | -0.15 | 0.11 |
| Study | Adverse effects | Control rate | -1.92 | -2.46 | -1.37 |
| Study | Adverse effects | Loss of followup | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.04 |
| Study | Adverse effects | Risk of bias | 0.06 | -0.34 | 0.47 |
| Drug | Headache | Dose | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Patient | Headache | Age | 0.25 | -0.16 | 0.67 |
| Patient | Headache | Years of migraine | 0.01 | -0.10 | 0.11 |
| Study | Headache | Percent of women | -0.08 | -0.25 | 0.08 |
| Study | Headache | Control rate | 8.52 | -34.54 | 51.59 |
| Study | Headache | Loss of followup | 0.01 | -0.03 | 0.06 |
| Study | Headache | Risk of bias | -0.11 | -1.24 | 1.02 |

CI = confidence interval

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI do not include 0.

Table 25. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with topiramate versus placebo in adults, pooled with random effects results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Reason for Treatment Discontinuation References | Sample | Rate with Topiramate [Placebo] | Pooled Relative Risk (95% CI) | Pooled Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed To Treat To Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Cognitive difficulties ^{27,96,252} | 939 | 7.3 [2.0] | 2.8 (0.5 to 15.3) | 0.05 (-0.02 to 0.12) | NS | NS |
| Difficulty with memory ^{237,252} | 765 | 1.7 [1.1] | 1.2 (0.1 to 16.3) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS | NS |
| Dizziness ^{27,252} | 824 | 1.9 [2.0] | 0.7 (0.1 to 5.1) | -0.02 (-0.11 to 0.07) | NS | NS |
| Fatigue^{27, 105,252} | 824 | 4.5 [0.9] | 2.8 (0.4 to 21.2) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.06) | 28 (17 to 71) | 36 (14 to 58) |
| Insomnia ^{27,252} | 824 | 3.1 [1.2] | 1.3 (0.1 to 15.1) | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Language problems ^{237,252} | 766 | 2.2 [0.4] | 3.7 (0.7 to 20.3) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) | NS | 15 (0 to 31) |
| Paresthesia ^{27,96,252} | 939 | 8.4 [0.7] | 9.6 (3.5 to 26.5) | 0.08 (0.05 to 0.10) | 13 (10 to 20) | 75 (49 to 101) |
| Somnolence ^{96,237} | 831 | 2.1 [1.8] | 1.1 (0.4 to 3.2) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) | NS | NS |
| Taste perversion^{96,237,252} | 881 | 1.5 [0.0] | 3.8 (0.7 to 21.4) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) | 77 (42 to 1000) | 13 (1 to 24) |

CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant

Bold = significant differences when 95% CI of absolute risk difference do not include 0.

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Table 26. Adverse effects with topiramate in adults with migraine, significant results from pooled analysis of randomized controlled clinical trials

| Outcome, Reference | Sample | Rate With Topiramate [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed To Treat To Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) |
|---|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Adverse events ^{85,99,100,146,148,237} | 1700 | 59.9 [56.1] | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.3) | 0.12 (0.02 to 0.22) | 8 (4 to 42) | 124 (24 to 223) |
| Paresthesia ^{85,95,96,98-100,146,148,237,252} | 1876 | 24.0 [5.5] | 4.7 (3.4 to 6.3) | 0.24 (0.14 to 0.33) | 4 (3 to 7) | 235 (142 to 328) |
| Weight decrease ^{85,95,96,149,237,252} | 1648 | 12.3 [4.4] | 3.6 (1.5 to 8.3) | 0.10 (0.05 to 0.15) | 10 (6 to 19) | 104 (53 to 154) |
| Cognitive difficulties ^{96,100,105,146,149,237,52} | 1782 | 8[3] | 2.2 (1.1 to 4.4) | 0.045 (0.01 to 0.08) | 22(13 to 100) | 45 (10 to 80) |
| Diarrhea ^{148,150,237} | 1170 | 9.8 [3.6] | 2.7 (1.5 to 4.7) | 0.06 (0.01 to 0.10) | 18 (10 to 71) | 57 (14 to 100) |
| Dry mouth ^{86,148,237} | 1429 | 6.1 [2.7] | 2.5 (1.4 to 4.3) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.06) | 29 (18 to 71) | 35 (14 to 57) |
| Fatigue ^{100,237} | 1857 | 9.6 [4.6] | 1.7 (1.3 to 2.3) | 0.05 (0.03 to 0.08) | 20 (13 to 38) | 50 (26 to 75) |
| Hyperesthesia ^{146,148,237} | 1756 | 7.4 [1.6] | 3.5 (1.8 to 6.5) | 0.06 (0.03 to 0.08) | 18 (13 to 30) | 57 (33 to 80) |
| Insomnia ^{84,105,150,252} | 878 | 4 [2] | 1.6 (0.5 to 4.7) | 0.02 (0.001 to 0.04) | NS | 21 (1 to 42) |
| Memory impairment ^{85,86,100,105,150,237,252} | 1436 | 10.4 [3.9] | 2.4 (1.2 to 4.6) | 0.058 (0.017 to 0.099) | 17 (10 to 59) | 58 (17 to 99) |
| Nausea ^{85,105,146,148,149,237} | 2156 | 11[6] | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.0) | 0.034 (0.003 to 0.065) | 29 (15 to 333) | 34 (3 to 65) |
| Taste perversion ^{86,95,96,105,148,237,252} | 1634 | 5.9 [1.3] | 4.9 (2.5 to 9.8) | 0.083 (0.025 to 0.14) | 12 (7 to 40) | 83 (25 to 140) |
| Abdominal pain ^{149,237} | 1229 | 2.0 [2.3] | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.0) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) | NS | NS |
| Anorexia ^{85,95,99,100,146,148,149,237,252} | 2424 | 5.6 [3.3] | 1.8 (1.2 to 2.7) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.05) | NS | NS |
| Back pain ^{148,237} | 1100 | 4.6 [5.1] | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.02) | NS | NS |
| Giddiness ^{85,99,100,146,148,237,252} | 1871 | 10.1 [7.8] | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.7) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Dyspepsia ^{100,237} | 1018 | 1.5 [1.1] | 1.3 (0.4 to 3.8) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) | NS | NS |
| Infection, viral ^{100,148} | 444 | 8.2 [8.0] | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.9) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) | NS | NS |
| Injury ^{146,148,237} | 1672 | 5.0 [6.1] | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.2) | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Adverse events: Serious ^{86,149} | 842 | 7.9 [6.6] | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.1) | 0.01 (-0.05 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Sinusitis ^{146,148,237} | 1429 | 7.4 [6.4] | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.7) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.03) | NS | NS |
| Sleepiness ^{85,86,96,98,100,148,237,252} | 1893 | 4.4 [3.4] | 1.5 (0.8 to 3.0) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Language problems ^{150,237,252} | 657 | 3.6 [0.5] | 4.8 (1.1 to 20.5) | 0.09 (-0.03 to 0.21) | NS | NS |
| Upper respiratory tract infection ^{85,86,148,237} | 1641 | 8.7 [9.0] | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.4) | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03) | NS | NS |
| Vision, abnormal ^{95,237} | 756 | 7.7 [2.2] | 3.3 (1.4 to 7.8) | 0.07 (-0.01 to 0.15) | NS | NS |

CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Bold = significant differences when 95% CI of absolute risk difference do not include 0.

Table 27. Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects and adverse effects with divalproex versus placebo for episodic migraine prevention in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Outcome | Daily Dose | Reference | Sample | Rate, Percent With Divalproex [Placebo] | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Discontinuations due to intolerance | Mean average dose 1087 mg/d | Mathew, 1995 ¹⁰¹ | 107 | 12.9 [5.4] | NS | NS | |
| Discontinuations due to intolerance | Mean average dose 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 8.1 [8.6] | NS | NS | |
| Discontinuations due to intolerance | Pooled | | 346 | 9.8 [7.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Abdominal pain | Mean average dose 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 6.5 [5.2] | NS | NS | Low |
| Alopecia | Mean average dose 1087 mg/d | Mathew, 1995¹⁰¹ | 107 | 12.9 [0.0] | 8 (5 to 24) | 129 (41 to 216) | Low |
| Any | Mean average dose 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 67.5 [69.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Asthenia | Mean average dose 1087 mg/d | Mathew, 1995¹⁰¹ | 107 | 31.4 [8.1] | 4 (3 to 11) | 233 (93 to 373) | Low |
| Asthenia | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 8.9 [9.1] | NS | NS | Low |
| Asthenia | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 57 | 9.3 [9.1] | NS | NS | Low |
| Asthenia | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 58 | 22.7 [9.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Asthenia | Mean average dose 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 7.3 [10.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Back pain | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 6.7 [9.1] | NS | NS | Low |
| Back pain | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 57 | 4.7 [9.1] | NS | NS | Low |
| Back pain | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 58 | 13.6 [9.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Diarrhea | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 6.7 [4.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Diarrhea | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 58 | 4.7 [4.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Diarrhea | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 59 | 18.2 [4.6] | NS | NS | Low |
| Diarrhea | Mean average dose 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 7.3 [3.4] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dizziness | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 6.7 [4.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dizziness | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 58 | 7.0 [4.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dizziness | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 59 | 20.5 [4.6] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dyspepsia | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 6.7 [9.1] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dyspepsia | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 57 | 18.6 [9.1] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dyspepsia | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 58 | 15.9 [9.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dyspepsia | Mean average dose of study: 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 6.5 [4.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Flu syndrome | Mean average dose of study: 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 8.1 [8.6] | NS | NS | Low |
| Infection | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 17.8 [18.2] | NS | NS | Low |
| Infection | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 58 | 16.3 [18.2] | NS | NS | Low |
| Infection | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 59 | 20.5 [18.6] | NS | NS | Low |

Table 27. Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects and adverse effects with divalproex versus placebo for episodic migraine prevention in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Outcome | Daily Dose | Reference | Sample | Rate, Percent With Divalproex [Placebo] | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Infection | Mean average dose of study: 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 14.6 [13.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Nausea | Mean average dose of divalproex sodium was 1087 mg/d | Mathew, 1995¹⁰¹ | 107 | 45.7 [13.5] | 3 (2 to 6) | 322 (162 to 482) | Low |
| Nausea | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997¹⁰³ | 60 | 26.7 [6.8] | 5 (3 to 52) | 200 (19 to 381) | Low |
| Nausea | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 57 | 9.3 [6.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Nausea | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997¹⁰³ | 59 | 34.1 [7.0] | 4 (2 to 12) | 274 (86 to 463) | Low |
| Nausea | Mean average dose of study: 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 14.6 [8.6] | NS | NS | Low |
| Pain | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 8.9 [6.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Pain | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 57 | 7.0 [6.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Pain | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 59 | 11.4 [7.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Sinusitis | Mean average dose of study: 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 3.3 [7.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Somnolence | Mean average dose 1087 mg/d | Mathew, 1995¹⁰¹ | 107 | 30.0 [5.4] | 4 (3 to 9) | 246 (116 to 376) | Low |
| Somnolence | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 6.7 [4.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Somnolence | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 58 | 7.0 [4.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Somnolence | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 59 | 18.2 [4.6] | NS | NS | Low |
| Somnolence | Mean average dose of study: 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 6.5 [1.7] | NS | NS | Low |
| Tremor | Mean average dose 1087 mg/d | Mathew, 1995¹⁰¹ | 107 | 12.9 [0.0] | 8 (5 to 24) | 129 (41 to 216) | Low |
| Tremor | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 0.0 [0.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Tremor | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 57 | 7.0 [0.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Tremor | 1500 mg | Mathew, 1995¹⁰¹ | 59 | 15.9 [0.0] | 6 (3 to 48) | 159 (21 to 297) | Low |
| Vomiting | Mean average dose 1087 mg/d | Mathew, 1995¹⁰¹ | 107 | 18.6 [0.0] | 5 (4 to 11) | 186 (88 to 284) | Low |
| Vomiting | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 60 | 4.4 [2.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Vomiting | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 57 | 4.7 [2.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Vomiting | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ¹⁰³ | 58 | 11.4 [2.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Vomiting | Mean average dose of study: 871 mg/d | Freitag, 2002 ¹⁰² | 239 | 6.5 [1.7] | NS | NS | Low |

CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant

Bold = significant difference at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0.

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Table 28. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with propranolol or timolol for episodic migraine prevention in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Reference | Sample | Rate With Active Treatment, Percent | Rate With Control Treatment, Percent | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects | Propranolol | Aspirin | Baldrati, 1983 ²⁴⁹ | 36 | 11.1 | 16.7 | NS | NS | Low |
| Moderate chest pain on day 28 leading to discontinuation | Timolol | Placebo | Stellar, 1984 ¹⁰⁹ | 94 | 2.1 | 0 | NS | NS | Low |
| Discontinued therapy because of severe epigastric distress and fecal impaction | Timolol | Placebo | Stellar, 1984 ¹⁰⁹ | 94 | 2.1 | 0 | NS | NS | Low |
| Withdrew due to adverse experiences | Timolol | Placebo | Stellar, 1984 ¹⁰⁹ | 94 | 4.3 | 0 | NS | NS | Low |

CI = Confidence interval; NS = not significant

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0.

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Table 29. Treatment discontinuation due to any adverse effects with topiramate versus other drugs for episodic migraine prevention in adults

| Adverse Effects Leading to Withdrawal | Active | Control | Reference | Sample | Rate, Percent With Topiramate [Control Drug] | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|--|--|--------------------------|---|------------|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Aggravation of migraine leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 0.0 [1.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Anxiety leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 1.7 [0.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Confusion leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 1.7 [0.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dizziness leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 1.7 [0.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Dry mouth leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 0.0 [1.8] | NS | NS | Low |
| Fatigue leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 3.4 [2.4] | NS | NS | Low |
| Hypoesthesia leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 1.7 [0.0] | | | Low |
| Somnolence leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 0.0 [4.1] | -24 (14 to 104) | -41 (10 to 73) | Low |
| Weight increase leading to withdrawal | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Dodick, 2009¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 0.0 [4.7] | -21 (12 to 73) | -47 (14 to 81) | Low |
| Withdrew due to drowsiness | Topiramate | Valproate (slow-release) | Bartolini, 2005 ¹⁹¹ | 44 | 9.1 [13.6] | NS | NS | Low |
| Left the study due to impaired concentration | Topiramate | Zonasamide | Mohammadiani nejad, 2011 ¹⁹⁰ | 80 | 0.0 [2.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Left the study due to intolerable paresthesia | Topiramate | Zonasamide | Mohammadiani nejad, 2011 ¹⁹⁰ | 80 | 5.0 [0.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Left the study due to unbearable restless leg syndrome | Topiramate | Zonasamide | Mohammadiani nejad, 2011 ¹⁹⁰ | 80 | 0.0 [2.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Discontinued due to adverse effects | Topiramate 100mg | Amitriptyline 100mg | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁸⁹ | 347 | 19.7 [22.5] | NS | NS | Low |
| Discontinued due to adverse effects | Topiramate + Amitriptyline amitriptyline | Amitriptyline | Keskinbora, 2008 ²⁴⁷ | 51 | 4.3 [14.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Discontinued due to adverse effects | Topiramate 200mg | Amitriptyline 150mg | Keskinbora, 2008 ²⁴⁷ | 52 | 8.3 [14.3] | NS | NS | Low |

Table 29. Treatment discontinuation due to any adverse effects with topiramate versus other drugs for episodic migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Adverse Effects Leading to Withdrawal | Active | Control | Reference | Sample | Rate, Percent With Topiramate [Control Drug] | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Discontinued due to adverse effects | Topiramate 200mg) | Topiramate + Amitriptyline | Keskinbora, 2008 ²⁴⁷ | 47 | 8.3 [4.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Discontinued due to adverse effects | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁹⁹ | 120 | 5.0 [5.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Discontinued due to adverse effects | Topiramate 100mg BD | Levetiracetam 1000mg BD | de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁹² | 28 | 7.7 [0.0] | NS | NS | Low |

CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0.

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Table 30. Comparative safety of beta blockers for episodic migraine prevention in adults, treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects in randomized controlled clinical trials

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference | Active Drug | Control Drug | Sample | Rate of Outcome in Active Group [Rate of Outcome in Control Group], Percent | Number Needed To Treat To Harm One Patient (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|---|---|--|----------------------|
| Withdrew because of side effects and/or lack of efficacy | Louis, 1985²⁰⁷ | Metoprolol | Clonidine | 62 | 0.0 [12.9] | -8 (4 to 870) | -129 (1 to 257) | Low |
| Discontinued due to side-effects | Worz, 1991 ²⁰⁴ | Metoprolol | Bisoprolol | 156 | 6.4 [10.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Patient withdrawal due to events | Schellenberg, 2008 ²⁰⁶ | Metoprolol | Nebivolol | 30 | 7. [6.3] | NS | NS | Low |
| Drowsiness leading to withdrawal | Grotemeyer, 1990 ²⁰² | Metoprolol | Aspirin | 56 | 7.1 [0.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Gastrointestinal side-effects leading to withdrawal | Grotemeyer, 1990²⁰² | Metoprolol | Aspirin | 56 | 0.0 [17.9] | -6 (3 to 35) | -179 (28 to 329) | Low |
| Discontinued treatment because of severe adverse reactions | Langohr, 1985²⁵⁰ | Clomipramine | Metoprolol | 126 | 28.6 [0.0] | 3 (3 to 6) | 286 (173 to 399) | Low |

CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0.

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Table 31. Treatment adherence and discontinuation due to adverse effects with antidepressant amitriptyline and spinal manipulation for migraine prevention in adults, individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²¹⁵

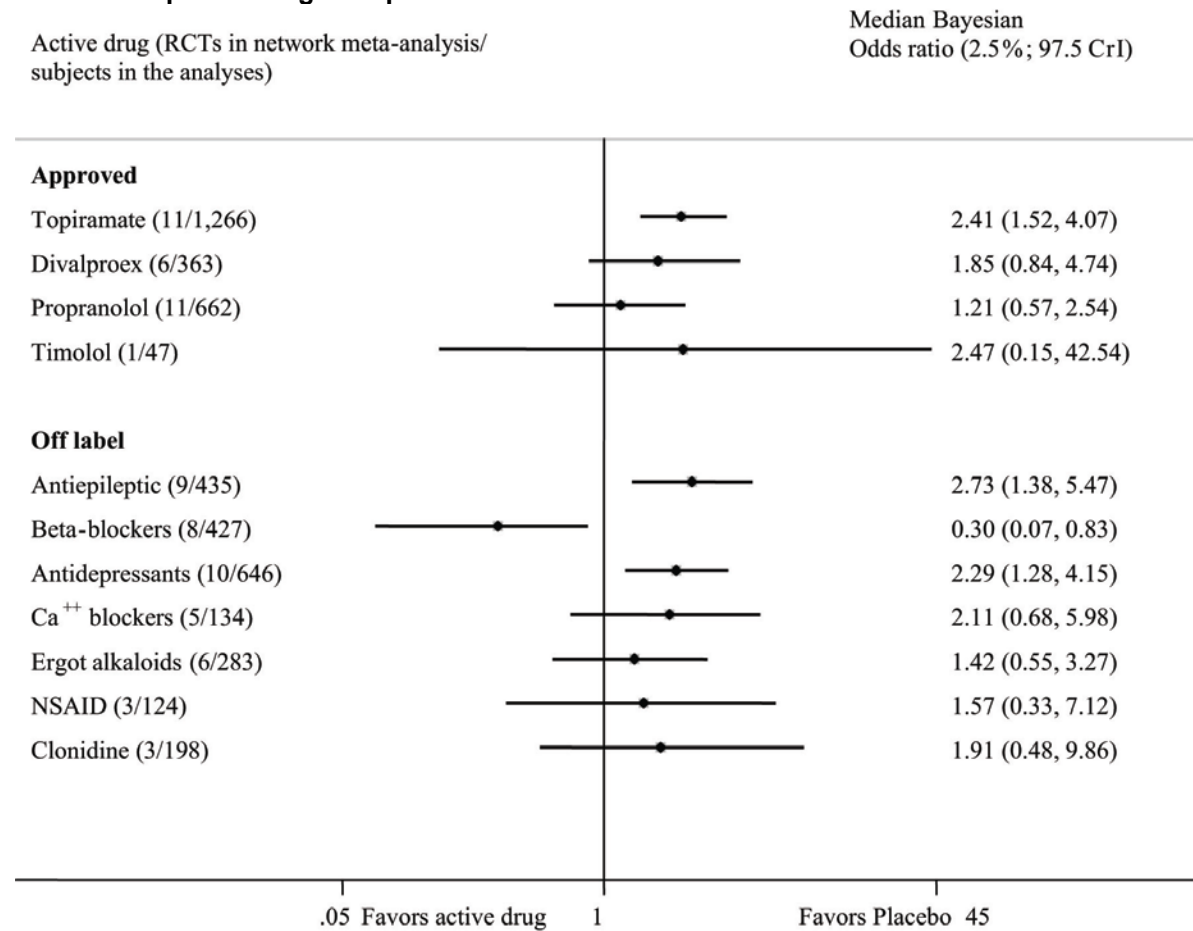
| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Sample | Rate With Active, Percent [Control] Treatments | Number Needed To Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1,000 Treated (95% CI) | Strength of Evidence |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|------------|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Withdrawn due to side-effects | Spinal Manipulation | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 147 | 0.0 [10.0] | -10 (-38 to -6) | -100 (-174 to -26) | Low |
| Withdrawn due to side effects | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100 mg/day | Amitriptyline 100 mg/days | 141 | 5.6 [10.0] | NS | NS | Low |
| Withdrawn due to side effects | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100 mg/day | 148 | 0.0 [5.6] | NS | NS | Low |

CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of attributable events per 1,000 treated do not include 0.

Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences.

Figure 4. Bayesian network meta-analysis of treatment discontinuation due to intolerable adverse effects with drugs versus placebo (47 RCTs of 3,054 adults) in randomized controlled clinical trials that aimed episodic migraine prevention in adults



CrI = credible intervals; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

Note: We used heterogeneous random effects model that assumes correlation within study ($\rho = 0.5$) and heterogeneous between studies (WinBUG codes are in the Appendix B). RCTs of angiotensin inhibiting drugs do not report intolerable adverse effects.

Key Question 3. Which patient characteristics predict the effectiveness and safety of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?

Muscle Relaxants

Onabotulinumtoxin A for Chronic Migraine

Placebo Responders

Four RCTs examined the efficacy of onabotulinumtoxin A among placebo responders versus nonresponders.^{94,257-259} Onabotulinumtoxin A was better than placebo in preventing migraine attacks/month by ≥ 50 percent, regardless of placebo response, according to the BOTULINUM

TOXIN CDH Study Group.⁹⁴ Magnitude of the effect was slightly larger in placebo nonresponders (RR 2.2, 95% CI, 1.4 to 3.4) than in placebo responders (RR 1.6, 95% CI, 1.1 to 2.4).⁹⁴ The European BoNTA Headache Study Group demonstrated no additional benefits from increasing onabotulinumtoxin A dose, regardless of placebo response.²⁵⁹ The number of migraine days did not differ by dose of onabotulinumtoxin A (75, 15, or 225U).²⁵⁹

Baseline Migraine Frequency

Onabotulinumtoxin A was more effective in patients with a higher mean baseline migraine frequency in a single RCT from the BOTULINUM TOXIN North American Episodic Migraine Study Group.²⁵⁷ Onabotulinumtoxin A decreased the likelihood of use of drugs for acute attacks in patients with more than 12 migraine days per month at baseline (RR 0.78, 95% CI, 0.66 to 0.92).²⁵⁷

Concurrent Prophylactic Medication Use

Onabotulinumtoxin A caused adverse effects more often than placebo (blepharoptosis, muscle weakness, and neck pain, regardless of concurrent prophylactic medication use) according to the BOTULINUM TOXIN CDH Study Group.²⁵⁸

Antiepileptics for Episodic Migraine

Topiramate

Presence of Aura

No trials directly compared drug effects in patients with and without aura. Several post hoc subgroup analysis of topiramate versus placebo trials provided conflicting evidence of the drug efficacy in respect to aura. Two publications suggested that topiramate was better than placebo in patients with aura. Post hoc subgroup analysis of one RCT found a statistically significant reduction in migraine frequency with topiramate versus placebo (-2.43 vs. -0.79 respectively, p value=0.02) only in subjects with aura.⁸⁵ Post hoc subgroup analysis of the other RCTs found that in patients with aura, topiramate was better than placebo in reducing migraine frequency, number of migraine days, severity and duration of attacks, and photophobia.²⁶⁰ In contrast, however, post hoc analysis of the Prolonged Migraine Prevention found that topiramate efficacy was similar in patients with and without aura.²⁶¹

Beta Blockers for Episodic Migraine

Propranolol

Prior Medication Use

Subgroup analysis in chronic migraine patients by prior topiramate use or overuse of the drugs for acute migraine was conducted in a single RCT.¹⁸⁷ This study examined adding propranolol to topiramate treatment for chronic migraine subjects for whom topiramate monotherapy had failed.¹⁸⁷ Propranolol with topiramate was no better than topiramate alone in reducing migraine frequency, regardless of patients' prior drug histories.¹⁸⁷ Quality of life score changes from baseline difference depend on prior topiramate use (Figure 5). Patients with prior stable topiramate use experienced worsening in quality of life with combined therapy versus improvement in quality of life with topiramate monotherapy. In contrast, patients without stable

prior topiramate use experienced improvement in quality of life with combined therapy versus insignificant changes with topiramate monotherapy.¹⁸⁷

Sex

Topiramate caused a complete cessation of migraine attacks and a reduction of monthly migraine attacks by 50 percent in women but not men according to one low-risk-of-bias RCT.⁸⁴ Topiramate would cause a complete cessation of migraine attacks in 37 (95% CI, 8 to 67) and a reduction of monthly migraine attacks by 50 percent in 249 (95% CI, 178 to 320) per 1,000 treated women.⁸⁴ However, both men and women experienced a reduction of monthly migraine 75 to 90 percent more often with topiramate than with placebo.⁸⁴

Gabapentin for Episodic Migraine

Presence of Aura

Gabapentin reduced the frequency and intensity of migraine attacks significantly more than placebo, regardless of aura.²⁶² Patients with aura experienced a slightly greater reduction in migraine frequency (mean difference -2.2, 95% CI, -2.7 to -1.7) than patients without aura (mean difference -1.6, 95% CI, -2.2 to -0.9). Patients with aura experienced a slightly greater reduction in migraine intensity (mean difference -0.83, 95% CI, -1.12 to -0.54) than patients without aura (mean difference -0.42, 95% CI, -0.77 to -0.07).

Prior Medication Use

In a single, low-risk-of-bias RCT, gabapentin was not better than placebo in reducing acute drug use, regardless of prior use of triptans, opioids, or prescription or over-the-counter acute medications.⁸⁷

Antidepressants for Episodic Migraine

Amitriptyline

Baseline Migraine Frequency

Amitriptyline was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine but only in patients with baseline frequent and severe migraine (Appendix Table D164).¹²⁵ Amitriptyline was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine only in depressed patients whose baseline migraine was frequent and severe (Appendix Table D165).²⁵³

A higher dose of amitriptyline increased the odds of reducing monthly migraine by ≥ 50 percent in accordance with increased baseline migraine days (odds ratio 2.35, 95% CI 1.45 to 3.8 for every additional day of baseline migraine) (Appendix Table D166).²²⁸

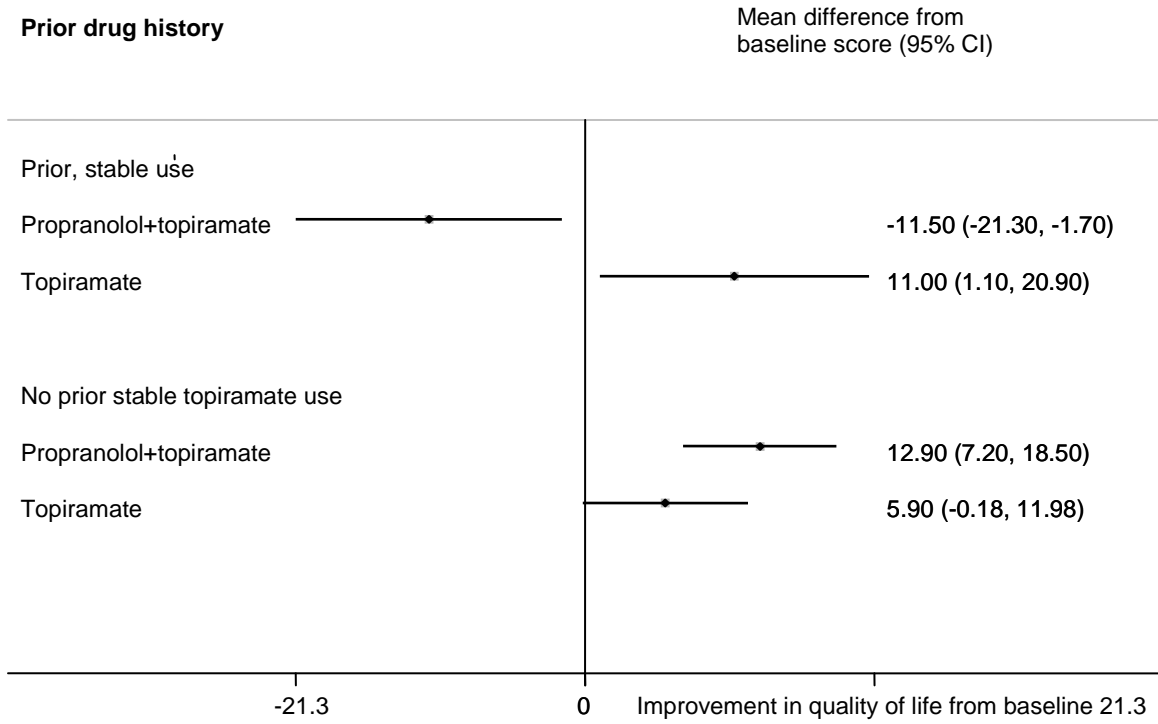
Selective Calcium Channel Blockers for Episodic Migraine

Nimodipine

Presence of Aura

A higher dose of nimodipine was not associated with increased response rates regardless of aura.²⁶³ Nimodipine, 40 mg/day versus 20 mg/day, reduced use of drugs for acute attacks but only in patients with classic and not common migraine.²⁶³

Figure 5. Change from baseline in Migraine Specific Quality of Life



Migraine Specific Quality of Life = MSQ scale, an increase in MSQ indicates an improvement) with combined propranolol with topiramate or topiramate monotherapy in patients with chronic migraine for whom topiramate monotherapy failed, results from a single randomized controlled trial.¹⁸⁷

Discussion

Our report, in accordance with previously published reviews,^{23,24} demonstrated that all approved drugs were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent. In addition, we found that, compared with approved drugs, some off-label beta blockers and angiotensin inhibiting drugs are more effective and safer for preventing adult migraine. The relative effect of drugs was moderate, with drugs resulting in 200 to 400 cases of clinical response (of ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency) per 1,000 treated.

Critical assessment of the strength of the available evidence suggested low risk of bias in one-third and medium risk of bias in more than half of included RCTs. We relied on direct evidence from head-to-head RCTs. We also analyzed previously published meta-analyses of individual patient data that provided valid estimation of dose response effects with drugs. However, strength of evidence was moderate only for topiramate and low for other drugs due to risk of bias and imprecise estimates. Many authors of individual trials did not provide sufficient details about allocation concealment methods or about planned measurements of clinically important changes in quality of life scores. In addition, many investigators failed to use intention-to-treat principles for all examined outcomes. Finally, many trials did not fully adhere to the recommendations from the Task Force of the International Headache Society Clinical Trials Subcommittee in design and reporting of the controlled clinical trials for preventing migraine in adults.²²

We incorporated risk of bias in our evaluation of the strength of evidence, but we could not estimate the effect of risk of bias criteria on drug benefits or safety because most evidence came from individual RCTs. The role of financial conflict of interest and industry sponsor participation in data analyses and interpretation was difficult to evaluate due to inconsistent reporting in individual studies and insufficient reporting of details.²⁶⁴ For instance, the same authors disclosed no or different relationships with industry in multiple publications. Studies inconsistently reported subjects' baseline severity and frequency of migraine attacks as well as comorbidities and concomitant treatments.^{2,265}

The results from eligible studies were applicable to the target population. The trials enrolled predominantly middle-aged Caucasian women. However, average treatment effects in a clinically diverse population may not reflect the actual effects for a specific subgroup.²⁶⁶ Very few studies provided evidence for individualized treatment decisions with clear descriptions of planned stratified randomization and subgroup analyses. Published RCTs rarely reported important patient characteristics that could modify drug effects (history of migraine, socioeconomic status, or response to prior preventive treatments).^{267,268} No trials examined the role of genetic polymorphism in drug metabolism and effects.²⁶⁹⁻²⁷¹ Migraine prevention trials did not address teratogenic effects, anorgasmia, impotence, and other harms of anti-epileptic drugs that can deter long-term adherence to preventive drugs.^{272,273,274}

A few RCTs reported treatment effects in patient subpopulations by baseline migraine frequency of placebo response. Low-strength evidence suggested that onabotulinumtoxin A²⁵⁷ and amitriptyline²²⁸ were more effective in patients with frequent baseline migraine. Rates of migraine prevention in placebo arms ranged from 6 to 30 percent in examined RCTs. Previous research demonstrated a high placebo response in trials aimed to treat acute migraine attacks.^{28,275} Our review demonstrated that a relative risk of adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A was lower in trials with higher placebo rates of adverse effects.⁹⁴ Previous research has demonstrated that patients with migraine quit taking topiramate due to bothersome adverse effects more often than patients with epilepsy.²⁸ Most trials in our review excluded

patients with severe medical or psychiatric illnesses, stroke, and vascular migraine. Substantial variability in reporting comorbidities precluded using this information in quantitative synthesis of evidence.

Comparative effectiveness and safety with preventive drugs were examined in individual RCTs that failed to meet pooling criteria. Variability in examined drug comparisons in head-to-head RCTs precluded meta-analysis of direct evidence. However, indirect comparisons were feasible because we found no evident differences in baseline patient characteristics across RCTs. Thus, we conducted Bayesian network meta-analyses, which indicated that angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta blockers were the most effective and safe drugs. Head-to-head trials were not designed to test safety with migraine preventive drugs. Very few trials were designed to detect significant increase in rates of bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation when compared with placebo. In contrast, network meta-analysis demonstrated that patients stopped taking drugs more often with topiramate, off-label antiepileptics, and antidepressants than with placebo. Individual adverse effects varied depending on the pharmacodynamic properties of the drugs.

Multidisciplinary drug management programs demonstrated improvement in migraine-related disability and patient satisfaction, but long-term adherence and benefits are unclear.

Only a few RCTs examined quality of life, providing no consistent evidence of improvement with examined drugs. The authors rarely measured quality of life using disease-specific instruments such as the Migraine Specific Questionnaire, Migraine Disability Assessment, or the Headache Impact Test. We could not determine the clinical importance of statistically different changes in scores.

Our review has implications for clinical practice. Informed decisions in clinical settings should take into account exact rates of benefits and harms with specific drugs.²⁷⁶

The most recent guidelines from the American Academy of Neurology and the American Headache Society recommend the four FDA-approved drugs—the antiepileptics topiramate and divalproex and the beta-blockers propranolol and timolol—for adult migraine prevention.²⁷⁷ The aforementioned guidelines, which focused on published evidence, differed regarding their recommendations for off-label drugs. Further, current guidelines do not include consideration of the balance between benefits and harms of drugs as a basis for clinical decisionmaking.²⁷⁸ Our review analyzed benefits and harms of drugs and provided evidence for using effective and relatively safe off-label angiotensin inhibiting drugs and other off-label beta-blockers as alternatives based on patient preferences, comorbidities, and contraindications to the medications.

We could not find published controlled observational studies about preventive drug use or about the comparative effectiveness of approved versus off-label drugs. A single retrospective administrative database study found that migraine prophylaxis medications (tricyclic antidepressants, serotonin reuptake inhibitors antidepressants, mirtazapine, venlafaxine, phenelzine, beta blockers, calcium channel blockers, valproic acid and derivatives, gabapentin, tiagabine, topiramate, and carbamazepine) were associated with a significant reduction in migraine-related costs.²⁷⁹ Large observational studies of health care use for migraine did not analyze comparative effectiveness of preventive drugs.^{5,16}

Some evidence suggested that use of off-label drugs is common in the United States, despite having little or no scientific support.²¹ For instance, the Institute of Medical Informatics Health National Disease and Therapeutic Index analysis suggested that 20 percent of all outpatient drug prescriptions for adults were for off-label drugs. The most commonly prescribed off-label drugs

were anticonvulsants, gabapentin, and amitriptyline hydrochloride.²⁸⁰ We found that off-label antiepileptics and antidepressants demonstrated worse benefits and safety profiles than beta blockers or angiotensin inhibiting drugs. Evidence of off-label drug use and associated adverse effects has been evaluated with prospective pharmacovigilance surveys in European countries.^{281,282} Routine monitoring of harms with off-label drugs is needed in the United States in order to collect and analyze evidence of comparative safety in clinical settings.

Our report has limitations, including possible reporting bias. We restricted our review to studies published in English in journals, reviewed by the FDA, or reported on the ClinicalTrials.gov Web site. Even after such a comprehensive review of evidence, we do not know how many funded but unregistered studies we may have missed. Published articles rarely provided unique trial registration numbers from Clinicaltrials.gov. We concluded multiple reports of the same data based on available information and did not contact the authors for further clarifications. We suspected selective harms reporting because published articles reported common and expected adverse effects. In contrast, few RCTs that posted results in Clinicaltrials.gov reported all harms regardless of the rate or the assumed association with active drugs. We did not contact the authors requesting unreported benefits and harms; the cost-effectiveness of this pursuit is still being debated.^{283,284} For studies in which methodological quality criteria were poorly reported, we did not contact the authors for additional details. Vast variability in examined treatment option, risk of bias, and imprecise estimates from small individual RCTs hampered synthesis of evidence.

Future Research Needs

We identified gaps and biases in available evidence that can direct future research (Table 32). Future randomized well-designed clinical trials should examine comparative effectiveness of the approved drugs and the most effective off-label ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II blockers, and off-label beta blockers. Future trials should examine the potential modification of treatment effects by factors such as patient age, sex, race, migraine family history, comorbidities, and prior treatment response. Observational studies should analyze off-label drug use as well as the comparative effectiveness and safety of migraine preventive drugs. Analysis of administrative databases should examine visits to doctors and emergency rooms among adults taking migraine preventive drugs. Prospective pharmacovigilance methods should be used for routine monitoring of off-label drug utilization and associated adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs. All interventional studies should be registered in ClinicalTrials.gov. All clinical trials of migraine preventive drugs should be required to post their results in ClinicalTrials.gov.

Key Messages

Efficacy and Comparative Effectiveness of Pharmacologic Treatments for Preventing Migraine Attacks in Adults

Effect of Preventive Pharmacologic Treatments on Patient-centered and Intermediate Outcomes Compared With Placebo or No Active Treatment

- For chronic migraine, onabotulinumtoxin A was more effective than placebo in reducing monthly chronic migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent with inconsistent improvement in quality of life.
- For episodic migraine, all approved drugs were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by ≥ 50 percent (clinical response).
- Relative effect of drugs was moderate: drugs would result in clinical response in 200 to 400 patients per 1,000 treated.
- Strength of evidence was lowered due to medium risk of bias and imprecise estimates.
- Low-strength evidence from individual RCTs suggested a dose-responsive increase in migraine prevention with higher doses of onabotulinumtoxin A and topiramate (from 50-100 mg with no additional benefits with 200 mg/day).
- Among off-label drugs, pooled analyses offered low-strength evidence that the antiepileptic gabapentin, the beta-blocker metoprolol, and the calcium channel blocker nimodipine were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.
- Individual RCTs offered low-strength evidence that off-label beta blockers acebutolol, atenolol, and nadolol were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent. Individual RCTs demonstrated that compared with placebo, the angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors captopril and lisinopril and the angiotensin II antagonist candesartan were better in reducing monthly migraine attacks by ≥ 50 percent.

Effect of Preventive Pharmacologic Treatments on Patient-Centered and Intermediate Outcomes Compared With Active Pharmacologic Treatments

- Individual RCTs provided low-strength direct evidence about the comparative effectiveness of drugs and demonstrated few significant differences.
- Indirect adjusted analysis demonstrated no differences between approved drugs and greater odds of clinical response with angiotensin II antagonist candesartan.
- Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analyses demonstrated that approved drugs were similarly better than placebo. Among off-label drug classes, angiotensin inhibiting drugs demonstrated the largest significant odds of reducing monthly migraine by ≥ 50 percent.

Effect of Preventive Pharmacologic Treatments on Patient-centered and Intermediate Outcomes Compared With Active Nonpharmacologic Treatments

- Individual RCTs provided low-strength evidence that a ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks did not differ with propranolol versus biofeedback.

Influence of Approaches to Drug Management Versus Usual Care (Such as Patient-Care Teams, Integrated Care, Coordinated Care, Patient Education, Drug Surveillance, or Interactive Drug Monitoring)

- Multidisciplinary team care improved quality of life and reduced migraine-related disability.
- Headache management program resulted in complete cessation of migraine (100 percent reduction in monthly migraine attacks).
- A cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program improved patient satisfaction with treatments.
- Headache school decreased overuse of acute drugs and reduced migraine disability.
- An intensive pharmaceutical care campaign had no statistically significant impact on use of drugs for acute attacks.

Comparative Harms From Pharmacologic Treatments for Preventing Migraine Attacks in Adults

- Among approved drugs, onabotulinumtoxin A, topiramate, and propranolol resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo.
- The association was dose responsive for topiramate. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk of anorexia, depression, paresthesia, and difficulty in memory leading to treatment withdrawal. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk dry mouth, paresthesia or fatigue, mood problems, nausea, and weight loss.
- Individual RCTs showed that divalproex led to treatment discontinuation, nausea, somnolence, tremor, vomiting, and asthenia.
- Among other drugs, pooled analyses demonstrated that the off-label antidepressant amitriptyline caused bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo.
- Limited low-strength evidence from individual head-to-head RCTs suggested that treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects was less frequent with onabotulinumtoxin A than topiramate or amitriptyline.
- Individual unique RCTs provided low-strength direct evidence about adverse effects with specific drugs with no consistent pattern across available drug comparisons.
- Indirect adjusted analyses demonstrated no differences in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved drugs or approved versus off-label drugs. Exploratory Bayesian network meta-analyses demonstrated that topiramate, off-label antiepileptics and antidepressants resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo. According to network meta-analysis, off-label angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta blockers were the safest treatment option for adults with episodic migraine.

Influence of Patient Characteristics on the Effectiveness and Safety of Pharmacologic Treatments for Preventing Migraine Attacks in Adults

- Evidence was limited to individual RCTs that examined the drug effect modification by selected patient characteristics.
- Onabotulinumtoxin A was more effective in patients with a higher mean baseline migraine frequency.
- Amitriptyline was better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine only in patients with frequent and severe baseline migraine and in depressed patients with baseline severe migraine.

Table 32. Future research needs

| Key Question | Findings | Types of Studies Needed To Answer Question | Future Research Recommendation |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p>KQ 1: What are the efficacy and comparative effectiveness of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All approved drugs, some off-label beta blockers, and ACE inhibitors were better than placebo in reducing monthly migraine frequency by $\geq 50\%$ (clinical response). • Individual RCTs provided low strength of evidence about comparative effectiveness of drugs with few significant differences. • Network Bayesian meta-analysis of 59 drugs from 14 drug classes demonstrated that all approved drugs were similarly better than placebo. Among off-label drugs angiotensin inhibiting drugs, and some off-label beta blockers are more effective than all other drugs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randomized clinical trials. • Creating of migraine registry with individual patient data from electronic medical records and quarterly completed migraine diaries. • Analysis of health insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid databases. • Prospective pharmacovigilance surveys. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design low-risk-of-bias RCTs following recommendations from the International Headache Society about migraine definitions, inclusion, and exclusion criteria of the subjects, assessments of patient centered outcomes at the end of the treatments and at 6 months or more of followup. • Conduct observational studies reducing risk of bias by matching, adjustment, and propensity score. • Examine comparative effectiveness of the most effective and safe angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta blockers with approved antiepileptics and beta blockers. • Examine comparative effectiveness of combined treatments with approved and off-label Angiotensin inhibiting drugs vs. monotherapy. • Examine treatment effects in patient subpopulations by age, sex, race, socioeconomic status, prior treatment history, comorbidity, family history of migraine, and baseline migraine type, severity, and frequency. • Focus on validated measures of quality of life and migraine related disability. • Examined preventive drug utilization and the effects on health care utilization (emergency visits, hospitalizations, abortive drug utilization and overuse). • Examine which patient and provider characteristics are associated with preventive drug utilization. • Examine the benefits with multidisciplinary migraine management programs and combined pharmacologic and self-administrated migraine management interventions. |

Table 32. Future research needs (continued)

| Key Question | Findings | Types of Studies Needed To Answer Question | Future Research Recommendation |
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| <p>KQ 2: What are the comparative harms from pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Among approved drugs, onabotulinumtoxin A, topiramate, and propranolol resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo. • The association was dose responsive for topiramate. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk of anorexia, depression, paresthesia, and difficulty in memory leading to treatment withdrawal. Larger doses of topiramate caused higher risk dry mouth, paresthesia or fatigue, mood problems, nausea, and weight loss. • Individual RCTs showed that divalproex led to treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects that included nausea, somnolence, tremor, vomiting, and asthenia. • Among other drugs, pooled analyses demonstrated that off-label antidepressant amitriptyline caused bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randomized clinical trials. • Creating migraine registry with individual patient data from electronic medical records and quarterly completed migraine diaries. • Analysis of health insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid databases. • Prospective pharmacovigilance surveys | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design low-risk-of-bias fully powered to assess harms RCTs following recommendations from the HIS about migraine definitions, inclusion, and exclusion criteria of the subjects, comorbidities, assessments of patient centered outcomes at the end of the treatments and at 6 months or more of followup. • Conduct observational studies reducing risk of bias by matching, adjustment, and propensity score. • Examine comparative safety of the commonly used approved and off-label drugs with the most effective and safe angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta blockers. • Examine treatment harms in patient subpopulations by age, sex, race, socioeconomic status, prior treatment history, comorbidity, concomitant treatments, family history of migraine, and doses of the drugs. • Analyze all harms the patient experienced irrespective of investigator determination about causality between drugs and harms. • Examined preventive drug utilization and the effects on health care utilization (treatments for adverse effects, hospitalizations for drug harms). • Examine the effects of multidisciplinary migraine management programs on patient safety. • Routinely analyze all harms in patients with migraine taking preventive drugs. |

Table 32. Future research needs (continued)

| Key Question | Findings | Types of Studies Needed To Answer Question | Future Research Recommendation |
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| <p>KQ 2: What are the comparative harms from pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults? (continued)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited low-strength evidence from individual head-to-head RCTs suggested that treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects was less frequent with onabotulinumtoxin A than topiramate or amitriptyline. • Individual unique RCTs provided low-strength direct evidence about adverse effects with specific drugs, with no consistent pattern across available drug comparisons. • Indirect adjusted analyses demonstrated no differences in treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved drugs or approved versus off-label drugs. Exploratory Bayesian network meta-analyses demonstrated that topiramate, off-label antiepileptics, and antidepressants resulted in bothersome adverse effects leading to treatment discontinuation more often than placebo. According to network meta-analysis, off-label angiotensin inhibiting drugs and beta-blockers were the safest treatment option for adults with episodic migraine | | |

Table 32. Future research needs (continued)

| Key Question | Findings | Types of Studies Needed To Answer Question | Future Research Recommendation |
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| <p>KQ 3: Which patient characteristics predict the effectiveness and safety of pharmacologic treatments for preventing migraine attacks in adults?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence was limited to individual RCTs that examined the drug effect modification by selected patient characteristics. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Randomized clinical trials. Creating of migraine registry with individual patient data from electronic medical records and quarterly completed migraine diaries. Analysis of health insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid databases; prospective pharmacovigilance surveys. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct low-risk-of-bias RCTs with planned subgroup analysis of treatment benefits by age, sex, race, socioeconomic status, prior treatment history, comorbidity, family history of migraine, and baseline migraine type, severity, and frequency. Conduct low-risk-of-bias powered RCTs with planned subgroup analysis of treatment harms by age, sex, race, socioeconomic status, prior treatment history, comorbidity, concomitant treatments, family history of migraine, and doses of the drugs. Conduct pharmacogenomic studies to examine the effects of genetically predisposed drug metabolism on treatment benefits and harms. Evaluate treatment effects in patient subpopulations by age, sex, race, socioeconomic status, prior treatment history, comorbidity, family history of migraine, and baseline migraine type, severity, and frequency. Examine treatment harms in patient subpopulations by age, sex, race, socioeconomic status, prior treatment history, comorbidity, concomitant treatments, family history of migraine, and doses of the drugs. Routinely analyze which patient and provider characteristics are associated with drug adverse effects in patients with migraine taking preventive drugs. Routinely analyze which patient and provider characteristics are associated with treatment discontinuation in patients with migraine taking preventive drugs. |

RCT = randomized controlled trial

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Appendix A. Literature Search

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PubMed

| # | Strings | N |
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| 8 | Search "Migraine Disorders"[Mesh] AND "Migraine Disorders"[Mesh] Limits: Humans, Meta-Analysis, English | 97 |
| 7 | Search "Migraine Disorders"[Mesh] AND "Migraine Disorders"[Mesh] Limits: Humans, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 907 |

| # | Strings | N |
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| 71 | Search migraine NOT acute Limits: Humans, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 655 |
| 70 | Search migraine Limits: Humans, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 1040 |
| 66 | Search melatonin AND migraine | 55 |
| 67 | Search melatonin AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 7 |
| 64 | Search "Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor"[Mesh] AND migraine | 6 |
| 63 | Search "Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor"[Mesh] AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 1 |
| 62 | Search "Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor"[Mesh] Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 94 |
| 58 | Search Risperidone AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 57 | Search Paliperidone AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 56 | Search Methiothepin AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 55 | Search Metergoline AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 53 | Search Lisuride AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 5 |
| 51 | Search Bromocriptine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 4 |
| 50 | Search Zotepine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 49 | Search Ziprasidone AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 48 | Search Trifluoperazine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 47 | Search Tenilapine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 46 | Search Sulpiride AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 1 |
| 45 | Search Spiperone AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 44 | Search Sertindole AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 43 | Search Olanzapine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 42 | Search Loxapine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 41 | Search Ketanserin AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 40 | Search Imipramine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 39 | Search Fluperlapine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 38 | Search Fluphenazine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 36 | Search Cyproheptadine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 9 |
| 35 | Search Clozapine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 33 | Search Clomipramine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 2 |
| 32 | Search Aripiprazole AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 31 | Search Amoxapine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 29 | Search Amitriptyline AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 34 |
| 28 | Search Amitriptyline AND migraine Limits: Humans, English | 150 |
| 27 | Search 5-HT7 AND migraine Limits: Humans, English | 12 |
| 24 | Search 5-HT7 Limits: Humans, English | 150 |
| 13 | Search Quetiapine AND migraine Limits: Humans, English | 5 |
| 21 | Search "Antipsychotic Agents "[Pharmacological Action] AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 41 |

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| 20 | Search "Antipsychotic Agents "[Pharmacological Action] AND migraine Limits: Humans, English | 206 |
| 19 | Search "Antipsychotic Agents "[Pharmacological Action] Limits: Humans, English | 51308 |
| 11 | Search 5-HT2A AND migraine Limits: Humans, English | 14 |
| 10 | Search 5-HT2A antagonists AND migraine Limits: Humans, English | 3 |
| 7 | Search 5-HT2A antagonists Limits: Humans, English | 394 |
| 5 | Search Alpha-2 agonists AND migraine Limits: Humans, English | 6 |
| 4 | Search Alpha-2 agonists AND migraine | 17 |

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| 84 | Search telcagepant AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 4 |
| 83 | Search olcegepant AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 82 | Search Arachidonic cascade modulators Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 80 | Search tonabersat) AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 6 |
| 79 | Search dextromethorphan AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 78 | Search dextromethorphan AND migraine NOT acute Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 77 | Search loxapine AND migraine NOT acute Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 0 |
| 76 | Search prochlorperazine AND migraine NOT acute Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 8 |
| 75 | Search prochlorperazine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Clinical Trial, Randomized Controlled Trial, English | 20 |

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| # | Strings | N |
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| 15 | Search Phenelzine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 11 |
| 14 | Search Bupropion AND migraine Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 1 |
| 13 | Search Imipramine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 15 |
| 12 | Search Imipramine AND headache Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 60 |
| 11 | Search Doxepin AND headache Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 15 |
| 9 | Search Desipramine AND headache Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 13 |
| 10 | Search Desipramine AND migraine Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 1 |
| 7 | Search Protriptyline AND headache Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 4 |
| 6 | Search Protriptyline AND migraine Limits: Humans, Journal Article, English | 0 |

Updated search in Ovid; 1948 to November Week 3 2011

| # | Searches | Results |
|----|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | exp migraine disorders/dt | 5944 |
| 2 | exp migraine disorders/pc | 1669 |
| 3 | ad.fs. | 998247 |
| 4 | 2 and 3 | 286 |
| 5 | 1 or 4 | 6112 |
| 6 | 1 or 2 | 7065 |
| 7 | exp "off-label use"/ | 519 |
| 8 | off label.mp. | 2412 |
| 9 | 7 or 8 | 2412 |
| 10 | 6 and 9 | 14 |
| 11 | exp calcium channel blockers/ | 68976 |
| 12 | exp antihypertensive agents/ | 216956 |
| 13 | exp antidepressive agents/ | 113058 |
| 14 | exp anticonvulsants/ | 111349 |
| 15 | exp botulinum toxin type a/ | 4832 |
| 16 | exp alzheimer disease/dt | 8107 |

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| 17 | 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 | 476372 |
| 18 | 6 and 17 | 1675 |
| 19 | 5 or 10 or 18 | 6489 |
| 20 | limit 19 to (humans and yr="2000 -Current") | 3195 |
| 21 | limit 20 to updatrange="mesz(20111121020154-20111121091315]" | 0 |

Ovid MEDLINE(R) 1946 to December Week 4 2011

| # | Searches | Results |
|----|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | exp migraine disorders/dt | 5882 |
| 2 | exp migraine disorders/pc | 1659 |
| 3 | ad.fs. | 975844 |
| 4 | 2 and 3 | 284 |
| 5 | 1 or 4 | 6048 |
| 6 | 1 or 2 | 6996 |
| 7 | exp "off-label use"/ | 510 |
| 8 | off label.mp. | 2358 |
| 9 | 7 or 8 | 2358 |
| 10 | 6 and 9 | 13 |
| 11 | exp calcium channel blockers/ | 67571 |
| 12 | exp antihypertensive agents/ | 1420023 |
| 13 | exp antidepressive agents/ | 110836 |
| 14 | exp anticonvulsants/ | 1012405 |
| 15 | exp botulinum toxin type a/ | 4648 |
| 16 | exp alzheimer disease/dt | 7829 |
| 17 | 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 | 2510533 |
| 18 | 6 and 17 | 1831 |
| 19 | 5 or 10 or 18 | 6431 |

Database(s): Ovid MEDLINE(R) 1946 to May Week 2 2012

Search Strategy:

| # | Searches | Results |
|----|---|---------|
| 1 | drug management.mp. | 467 |
| 2 | exp patient care team/ | 49789 |
| 3 | exp delivery of health care, integrated/ | 7185 |
| 4 | integrated care.mp. | 1087 |
| 5 | exp managed care programs/ | 38113 |
| 6 | (managed care or coordinated care).mp. | 28360 |
| 7 | exp Patient Education as Topic/ | 64554 |
| 8 | exp Health Education/ | 125606 |
| 9 | drug surveillance.mp. | 432 |
| 10 | exp drug monitoring/ | 12104 |
| 11 | 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 | 231287 |
| 12 | exp patient compliance/ | 46268 |
| 13 | exp patient satisfaction/ | 52327 |
| 14 | exp patient care management/ | 475066 |
| 15 | 12 or 13 or 14 | 555310 |
| 16 | exp migraine disorders/dt | 5965 |
| 17 | 11 and 16 | 111 |
| 18 | 15 and 16 | 360 |

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Search for: limit 19 to (humans and yr="2000 -Current")
Results: 100

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to May Week 2 2012> Search Strategy:

- 1 exp migraine disorders/dt (5965)
- 2 exp migraine disorders/pc (1692)
- 3 ad.fs. (1002489)
- 4 2 and 3 (291)
- 5 1 or 4 (6136)
- 6 1 or 2 (7101)
- 7 exp "off-label use"/ (628)
- 8 off label.mp. (2572)
- 9 7 or 8 (2572)
- 10 6 and 9 (14)
- 11 exp calcium channel blockers/ (68722)
- 12 exp antihypertensive agents/ (217035)
- 13 exp antidepressive agents/ (113333)
- 14 exp anticonvulsants/ (112028)
- 15 exp botulinum toxin type a/ (4853)
- 16 exp alzheimer disease/dt (8211)
- 17 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 (477138)
- 18 6 and 17 (1689)
- 19 5 or 10 or 18 (6514)
- 20 limit 19 to (humans and yr="2000 -Current") (3226)

Scientific Information Package requests and responses

| Company Name | Date Responded |
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| Abbott Laboratories | No response |
| Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | No response |
| Allergan, Inc. | No response |
| Almirall, S.A. | No response |
| AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP | No response |
| Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center | No response |
| Boston Scientific | No response |
| BTG International, Ltd. | No response |
| Capnia, Inc. | No response |
| Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Saint Etienne | No response |
| Cephalon, Inc | No response |
| Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine | No response |
| Clinvest | No response |
| CoLucid Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | No response |
| D-Pharm Ltd. | No response |
| Eisai Inc. | No response |
| Eli Lilly & Co | No response |
| Endo Pharmaceuticals | No response |
| eNeura | No response |
| Eurohead | No response |
| GlaxoSmithKline | Submitted |
| HaEmek Medical Center | No response |
| Ipsen Biopharm, Ltd | No response |
| Janssen Cilag Pharmaceutica S.A.C.I. | No response |
| Janssen EMEA | No response |
| Janssen Pharmaceutica NV | Submitted |
| Janssen-Ortho, Inc. | No response |
| Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, L.L.C. | No response |
| Kowa Pharmaceuticals America | No response |
| Lotus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | No response |
| Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | No response |
| Manhattan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | No response |
| MAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | No response |
| Medtronic, Inc. | No response |
| Merck & Co., Inc. | Submitted |
| Nektar | Nothing to submit 11/16/2011 |
| NeurAxon | No response |
| Nordlandssykehuset HF | No response |
| Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation | No response |
| NPS Pharmaceuticals | No response |
| Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC | No response |
| Ortho-McNeil Neurologics | No response |
| Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc | No response |
| Pfizer Inc | No response |
| Pozen | No response |
| PriCara® (Division of Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.) | No response |
| Raptor Pharmaceutical Corp. | No response |
| Roxane Laboratories | No response |
| SK Chemicals | No response |
| Sorlandet Hospital HF | No response |
| Takeda Global Research & Development Center, Inc. | No response |
| Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. | No response |
| The EMMES Corporation | No response |
| UCB, Inc. | No response |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International | No response |
| Zogenix | No response |

Appendix B. Analytical Framework

PICOTS Framework

Population(s)

Adults with episodic migraine, chronic daily headache, or chronic migraine as defined by the Headache Classification Subcommittee of the International Headache Society¹ (see below for definitions).

Patient characteristics that can modify the effects of pharmacological treatments for preventing migraine attacks in children and adults:

- Age
- Sex
- Pregnancy
- Hormone-based birth control and hormone replacement
- The onset of menarche and menopause
- Race and ethnicity
- Socioeconomic status
- Education
- Family history
- Access to care, type of care, and residence in rural or urban areas
- Definition of migraine
- Presence of aura
- Headache frequency
- Prior treatments; overuse of drugs for acute migraine
- Obesity
- Nutritional and dietary factors, specifically caffeine
- Aerobic fitness
- Previous head injury
- Psychological factors and social/family support system
- Comorbidities (depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, others)
- Concomitant medications for comorbid conditions

Interventions

Drugs approved by the FDA (such as propranolol, timolol, topiramate, and divalproex sodium) to prevent episodic migraine and to treat chronic migraine (such as Botox).

Off-label medications available in the United States and previously examined in clinical trials for preventing migraine.

Monotherapy.

Multidrug interventions.

Combined pharmacological with nonpharmacological modalities: behavioral interventions with education, exercise, biofeedback, relaxation techniques, yoga, massage, acupuncture, and dietary supplements.

Comparators

Placebo.

Drug treatments (comparative effectiveness).

Nonpharmacological treatments: behavioral interventions with education, exercise, biofeedback, relaxation techniques, yoga, massage, acupuncture, and dietary supplements.

Outcomes

Patient-centered outcomes:

Reduction of migraine attacks by >50 percent from baseline; primary outcome for the review.

Quality of life.

Patient satisfaction.

Composite patient centered outcomes defined as an aggregate improvement of the aforementioned outcomes.

Emergency visits, loss of work days; treatment failure.

Intermediate outcomes:

Number of headache days.

Number of moderate to severe headache days.

Improvement in associated symptoms.

Use of drugs for acute migraine (prescribed or over-counter).

Physician/healthcare professional (HCP) visits.

Harms:

All reported adverse reactions and effects (such as anxiety, nausea, vomiting, sleep time reduction, drowsiness, or weakness).

Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects.

Additional medical resource utilization to manage adverse effects (e.g., prescription medication, urgent care/emergency services, physician/HCP visits).

Timing

6 months or more; optimally 12 months.

Any time of occurrence for the harms.

Setting

Outpatient settings

Definition of Terms

Migraine (as defined by the Headache Classification Subcommittee of the International Headache Society):¹

Repeated attacks of headache lasting 4 to 72 hours in patients with a normal physical examination, no other reasonable cause for the headache, and:

At least two of the following features:

- Unilateral pain
- Throbbing pain

- Aggravation by movement
 - Moderate or severe intensity
- Plus at least one of the following features:

- Nausea/vomiting
- Photophobia and phonophobia

Episodic migraine as an indication for preventive treatment:

Five or more attacks a month²

Three or more attacks a month²

Definitions of chronic migraine (can be chronic from onset or transformed from episodic migraine):

FDA:

- Chronic migraine is defined as having a history of migraine and experiencing a headache on most days of the month.³

Revised International Headache Society criteria for chronic migraine:¹

1.5.1. Chronic migraine

A. Headache (tension-type and/or migraine) on ≥ 15 days per month for at least 3 months

* Characterization of a frequently recurring headache generally requires a headache diary to record information on pain and associated symptoms day by day for at least 1 month.

B. Occurring in a patient who has had at least five attacks.

C. On ≥ 8 days per month for at least 3 months headache has fulfilled C.1 and/or C.2 below, that is, has fulfilled criteria for pain and associated symptoms of migraine without aura.

1. Has at least two of a–d

- a. Unilateral location
- b. Pulsating quality
- c. Moderate or severe pain intensity
- d. Aggravation by or causing avoidance of routine physical activity (e.g., walking or climbing stairs) and at least one of (1) or (2):
 - (1). Nausea and/or vomiting
 - (2). Photophobia and phonophobia

2. Treated and relieved by triptan(s) or ergot before the expected development of C.1 above

D. No medication overuse[†] and not attributed to another causative disorder
[†]Headache Classification Committee criteria for a medication overuse headache (A8.2)¹

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Table 1. Pharmacological classes for migraine prevention

| Drug, ATC Code* | Class of Drug |
|---|--|
| ANTIEPILEPTICS | |
| Topiramate, N03AX11 | N03 ANTIEPILEPTICS N03AX Other antiepileptics |
| Lamotrigine, N03AX09 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS |
| Levetiracetam, N03AX14 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS |
| Pregabalin, N03AX16 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS alpha2-delta agonist |
| Carbamazepine , N03AF01 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS N03AF Carboxamide derivatives |
| Valproic acid, N03AG01 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS N03AG Fatty acid derivatives, Gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) enhancer and analog |
| Vigabatrin, N03AG04 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS N03AG Fatty acid derivatives, GABA transaminase inhibitor |
| Tiagabine, N03AG06 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS N03AG Fatty acid derivatives, gamma aminobutyric acid (GABA) enhancer |
| Zonisamide, N03AX15 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS N03AX Other antiepileptics |
| Valproate | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS N03AG Fatty acid derivatives |
| Divalproex | Gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) enhancer and analog |
| Gabapentin, N03AX12 | N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS |
| Acetazolamide, S01EC01 | S01EC, carbonic anhydrase inhibitor |
| ANTIDEPRESSANTS | |
| Nortriptyline , N06AA10 | N06A ANTIDEPRESSANTS N06AA nonselective monoamine reuptake inhibitors |
| Clomipramine, N06AA04 | N06A ANTIDEPRESSANTS N06AA nonselective monoamine reuptake inhibitors |
| Citalopram, N06AB04 | N06A ANTIDEPRESSANTS N06AB selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors |
| Venlafaxine, N06AX16 | N06A ANTIDEPRESSANTS N06AX Other antidepressants |
| Amitriptyline | N06A ANTIDEPRESSANTS N06AA nonselective monoamine reuptake inhibitors |
| Mirtazapine, N06AX11 | N06A ANTIDEPRESSANTS tricyclic antidepressants |
| BETA BLOCKERS | |
| Timolol, C07AA06 | C07AA , Beta blocking agents, nonselective |
| Nadolol , C07AA12 | C07AA Beta blocking agents, nonselective |
| Propranolol,C07AA05 | C07AA Beta blocking agents, nonselective |
| Metoprolol,C07AB02 | C07AB Beta blocking agents, selective |
| Atenolol, C07AB03 | C07AB Beta blocking agents, selective |
| Bisoprolol,C07AB07 | C07AB Beta blocking agents, selective |
| Acebutolol,C07AB04 | C07AB Beta blocking agents, selective |
| Alprenolol, C07AA01 | C07A BETA BLOCKING AGENTS |
| Oxprenolol, C07AA02 (discontinued in the FDA) | C07AA Beta blocking agents, nonselective |
| Pindolol, C07AA03 | C07AA Beta blocking agents, nonselective |
| ACE INHIBITORS | |
| Trandolapril, C09AA10 | C09AA ACE inhibitors |
| Enalapril,C09AA02 | C09AA ACE inhibitors |
| Captopril,C09AA01 | C09AA ACE inhibitors |
| Lisinopril, C09AA03 | C09AA ACE inhibitors |
| ANGIOTENSIN II ANTAGONISTS | |
| Telmisartan,C09CA07 | C09CA Angiotensin II antagonists |
| Candesartan, C09CA06 | C09CA Angiotensin II antagonists |
| CALCIUM CHANNEL ANTAGONIST | |
| Dotarizine | SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL ANTAGONIST; 5-HT receptors ANTAGONIST |
| Flunarizine, N07CA03; Sibelium | SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL ANTAGONISTN07C ANTIVERTIGO PREPARATIONS |

| Drug, ATC Code* | Class of Drug |
|---|---|
| SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS | |
| Nimodipine, C08CA06 | C08C SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH MAINLY VASCULAR EFFECTS C08CA Dihydropyridine derivatives |
| Verapamil, C08DA01 | C08D SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH DIRECT CARDIAC EFFECTS C08DA Phenylalkylamine derivatives |
| Nicardipine, C08CA04 | C08C SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH MAINLY VASCULAR EFFECTS C08CA Dihydropyridine derivatives |
| Nifedipine, C08CA05 | C08C SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH MAINLY VASCULAR EFFECTS C08CA Dihydropyridine derivatives |
| ANTIADRENERGICS | |
| Clonidine, C02AC01 | C02A ANTIADRENERGIC AGENTS, CENTRALLY ACTING C02AC Imidazoline receptor agonists |
| Labetalol, C07AG01 | C07AG , Alpha and beta blocking agents |
| Dixarit (clonidine, C02AC01) Guanfacine, C02AC02 | C02A ANTIADRENERGIC AGENTS, CENTRALLY ACTING C02A ANTIADRENERGIC AGENTS, CENTRALLY ACTING C02AC Imidazoline receptor agonists |
| ANTI-DEMENTIA | |
| Donepezil, N06DA02 | N06 PSYCHOANALEPTICS |
| Memantine, N06DX01 | N06D ANTI-DEMENTIA DRUGS N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor inhibitor |
| ANTIPSYCHOTICS | |
| Aripiprazole, N05AX12 | N05A ANTIPSYCHOTICS |
| Olanzapine, N05AH03 | N05A ANTIPSYCHOTICS N05AH Diazepines, oxazepines, thiazepines and oxepines |
| Quetiapine, N05AH04 | N05A ANTIPSYCHOTICS N05AH Diazepines, oxazepines, thiazepines and oxepines |
| Deanxit (Flupentixol, N05AF01) | N05A ANTIPSYCHOTICS N05AF Thioxanthene derivatives |
| Sulpiride, N05AL01 (antipsychotic) | N05A ANTIPSYCHOTICS N05AL Benzamides |
| Prochlorperazine, N05AB04 | N05A ANTIPSYCHOTICS |
| DOPAMINERGIC AGENTS | |
| Amantadine, N04BB01 | N04B DOPAMINERGIC AGENTS N04BB Adamantane derivatives N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor inhibitor |
| Dihydroergocryptine, N04BC03 | N04B DOPAMINERGIC AGENTS N04BC Dopamine agonists |
| ERGOT ALKALOIDS | |
| Dihydroergotamine, N02CA01 | N02C ANTIMIGRAINE PREPARATIONS N02CA Ergot alkaloids |
| Lisuride, N02CA07 | N02C ANTIMIGRAINE PREPARATIONS |
| Ergotamine, N02CA02 | N02C ANTIMIGRAINE PREPARATIONS N02CA Ergot alkaloids |
| Methysergide, N02CA04 | N02C ANTIMIGRAINE PREPARATIONS N02CA Ergot alkaloids |
| MUSCLE RELAXANTS | |
| Botulinum Toxin Type A, M03AX01 | M03A MUSCLE RELAXANTS, PERIPHERALLY ACTING AGENTS M03AX Other muscle relaxants, peripherally acting agents |
| Tizanidine, M03BX02 | M03B MUSCLE RELAXANTS, CENTRALLY ACTING AGENTS |
| SYSTEMIC DRUGS | |
| Montelukast, R03DC03 | R03D OTHER SYSTEMIC DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES R03DC Leukotriene receptor antagonists |

ATC code - The Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical classification

Table 2 Bayesian models summary under the noninformative prior

| Fixed effect model | Random effect model (homogeneous) | Random effect model (heterogeneous) | Random effect model (inconsistency) |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p>Data</p> $r_{ik} \sim \text{Bin}(n_{ik}, p_{ik})$ $i = 1, \dots, \text{NS}; k = 1, \dots, \text{NT}$ (NS = number of study; NT = number of trt) <p>Model</p> $\text{logit}(p_{ik}) = \mu_{iB} + \Delta_{Bk}$ where B is for the baseline treatment, μ_{iB} is the log odds of the baseline treatment and Δ_{Bk} is the fixed effect of the k^{th} drug versus the baseline treatment defined by $d_k - d_B$ with the fixed effect of the k^{th} drug versus placebo, d_k ($d_B = 0$) <p>Prior</p> $d_k \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\mu_{iB} \sim N(0, 10000)$ | <p>Data</p> $r_{ik} \sim \text{Bin}(n_{ik}, p_{ik})$ <p>Model</p> $\text{logit}(p_{ik}) = \mu_{iB} + \delta_{iBk}$ where δ_{iBk} is the random effect of the k^{th} drug versus the baseline treatment in the i^{th} study <p>Prior</p> $\delta_{iBk} \sim N(d_k - d_B, \sigma^2)$ $d_k \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\mu_{iB} \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\sigma \sim \text{Unif}(0.01, 2)$ | <p>Data</p> $r_{ik} \sim \text{Bin}(n_{ik}, p_{ik})$ <p>Model</p> $\text{logit}(p_{ik}) = \mu_{iB} + \bar{\delta}_{iBk}$ where $\bar{\delta}_{iBk}$ is the random effect of the k^{th} drug versus the baseline treatment in the i^{th} study <p>Prior</p> $\bar{\delta}_{iBk} \sim N(d_k - d_B, \sigma_{Bk}^2)$ $d_k \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\mu_{iB} \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\log \sigma_{xy} = \log \sigma_0 + v_{xy}$ $\sigma_0 \sim \text{Unif}(0.01, 2)$ $v_{xy} \sim N(0, \psi^2)$ | <p>Data</p> $r_{ik} \sim \text{Bin}(n_{ik}, p_{ik})$ <p>Model</p> $\text{logit}(p_{ik}) = \mu_{iB} + \bar{\delta}_{iBk}$ where $\bar{\delta}_{iBk}$ is the random effect of the k^{th} drug versus the placebo in the i^{th} study <p>1. $d_{BC} = d_{AC} - d_{AB} + W_{ABC}$ W_{ABC} is the amount of inconsistency between direct and indirect comparisons</p> <p>Prior</p> $\bar{\delta}_{iBk} \sim N(d_k - d_B, \sigma^2)$ $d_k \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\mu_{iB} \sim N(0, 10000)$ $W_{ABC} \sim N(0, \sigma_w^2)$ $\sigma, \sigma_w \sim \text{Unif}(0.01, 2)$ |
| [Example] Study 1: Drugs 1 vs. 2 vs. 3 trial (drug 1 is the baseline treatment) | | | |
| Fixed effect model | Random effect model (homogeneous) | Random effect model (heterogeneous) | Random effect model (inconsistency) |
| <p>Data</p> $r_{11} \sim \text{Bin}(n_{11}, p_{11})$ $r_{12} \sim \text{Bin}(n_{12}, p_{12})$ $r_{13} \sim \text{Bin}(n_{13}, p_{13})$ <p>Model</p> $\text{logit}(p_{11}) = \mu_{11}$ $\text{logit}(p_{12}) = \mu_{11} + d_2$ $\text{logit}(p_{13}) = \mu_{11} + d_3$ <p>Prior</p> $d_2, d_3 \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\mu_{11} \sim N(0, 10000)$ | <p>Model</p> $\text{logit}(p_{11}) = \mu_{11}$ $\text{logit}(p_{12}) = \mu_{11} + \delta_{12}$ $\text{logit}(p_{13}) = \mu_{11} + \delta_{13}$ <p>Prior (assume $\rho=0.5$)</p> $\begin{pmatrix} \delta_{12} \\ \delta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \sim \text{MVN}\left(\begin{pmatrix} d_2 \\ d_3 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ $\rightarrow \delta_{12} \sim N(d_2, \sigma^2)$ $\rightarrow \delta_{13} \delta_{12} \sim N\left(d_3 + \frac{1}{2}(\delta_{12} - d_2), \frac{3}{4}\sigma^2\right)$ <p>$d_2, d_3 \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\mu_{11} \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\sigma \sim \text{Unif}(0.01, 2)$</p> | <p>Model</p> $\text{logit}(p_{11}) = \mu_{11}$ $\text{logit}(p_{12}) = \mu_{11} + \bar{\delta}_{12}$ $\text{logit}(p_{13}) = \mu_{11} + \bar{\delta}_{13}$ <p>Prior (assume $\rho=0.5$)</p> $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\delta}_{12} \\ \bar{\delta}_{13} \end{pmatrix} \sim \text{MVN}\left(\begin{pmatrix} d_2 \\ d_3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11}^2 & 0.5\sigma_{12} \\ 0.5\sigma_{12} & \sigma_{22}^2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ $\rightarrow \bar{\delta}_{12} \sim N(d_2, \sigma_1^2)$ $\rightarrow \bar{\delta}_{13} \bar{\delta}_{12} \sim N\left(d_3 + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\delta}_{12} - d_2), \frac{3}{4}\sigma_2^2\right)$ <p>$d_2, d_3 \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\mu_{11} \sim N(0, 10000)$ $\log \sigma_{11} = \log \sigma_0 + v_{11}$ $\log \sigma_{12} = \log \sigma_0 + v_{12}$ $\log \sigma_{22} = \log \sigma_0 + v_{22}$ $\sigma_0 \sim \text{Unif}(0.01, 2)$ $v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{22} \sim \text{Unif}(0.01, \psi^2)$</p> | <p>Study 1: 1 vs. 2 vs. 3 trial 11. Study 2: 1 vs. 2 12. Study 3: 1 vs. 3</p> <p>\rightarrow We can estimate w_{123} because the data permit estimation via the equation $d_{23} = d_{13} - d_{12} + w_{123}$</p> <p>Model and priors are similarly defined as in Model2. Additional prior is $w_{123} \sim N(0, \sigma_w^2)$ $\sigma_w \sim \text{Unif}(0.01, 2)$</p> |

Table 3. Winbug Code for Bayesian network meta analysis

Outcome – reduction in monthly migraine by $\geq 50\%$ or perceived clinically important treatment success

Model - heterogeneous random effects model

Assume correlation within study ($\rho = 0.5$)

Assume heterogeneous between studies

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model {
  for (i in 1:NS) {
    s[i,1] <- 0
    delta[i, t[i,1]] <- 0
    mu[i] ~ dnorm(mmu[t[i,1]], taumu) # handle different baseline treatments

    for (k in 1:na[i]) {
      r[i,k] ~ dbin(p[i,t[i,k]], n[i,k])
      logit(p[i,t[i,k]]) <- mu[i] + delta[i,t[i,k]]
    }

    for (k in 2:na[i]) {
      delta[i,t[i,k]] ~ dnorm(md[i,t[i,k]], taud[i,t[i,k]])
      md[i,t[i,k]] <- d[t[i,k]] - d[t[i,1]] + ss[i,k]
      taud[i,t[i,k]] <- tau[t[i,1],t[i,k]]*2*(k-1)/k
      s[i,k] <- (delta[i, t[i,k]] - d[t[i,k]] + d[t[i,1]])
      ss[i,k] <- sum(s[i, 1:k-1])/(k-1)
    }
  }

  mmu[5] <- 0 #Treatments 1,2,3,4,6,7 are one of baseline treatments.
  mmu[8] <- 0 # other treatments should be assigned to 0.
  mmu[9] <- 0
  mmu[10] <- 0
  mmu[11] <- 0
  mmu[12] <- 0
  mmu[13] <- 0
  mmu[14] <- 0
  mmu[1] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[2] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[3] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[4] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[6] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[7] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  sdmu ~ dunif(0.01, 2)
  taumu <- 1/pow(sdmu,2)

  d[1] <- 0
  for (k in 2:NT) {
    d[k] ~ dnorm(0,0.0001)
    ed[k] <- exp(d[k]) # ed is odds ratio against placebo
  }

  for(i in 1:(NT-1)) {
    for(j in (i+1):NT) {
      v[i,j] ~ dnorm(0, 8.32)
      log(sd[i,j]) <- log(sd0) + v[i,j]
      tau[i,j] <- 1/pow(sd[i,j],2)
      var[i,j] <- pow(sd[i,j],2)
    }
  }
  sd0 ~ dunif(0.01, 2)
  var0 <- pow(sd0,2)
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|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|---|----|----|----|---|
| 5 | 48 | 26 | 48 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 18 | 10 | 17 | NA | 1 | 1 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 12 | 48 | 48 | 96 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 47 | 25 | 47 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 15 | 36 | 17 | 36 | NA | 1 | 4 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 15 | 1 | 14 | NA | 1 | 4 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 37 | 10 | 34 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 13 | 13 | 25 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 13 | 23 | 8 | 23 | NA | 1 | 4 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 37 | 33 | 70 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 43 | 17 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 7 | 23 | 16 | 23 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 7 | 32 | 14 | 36 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 34 | 10 | 35 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 15 | 19 | 44 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 24 | 37 | 25 | 37 | NA | 1 | 3 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 60 | 14 | 60 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 45 | 26 | 98 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 34 | 69 | 32 | 66 | NA | 1 | 11 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 61 | 135 | 40 | 135 | NA | 1 | 6 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 21 | 5 | 19 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 9 | 27 | 8 | 26 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 125 | 270 | 141 | 275 | NA | 1 | 4 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 32 | 116 | 50 | 123 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 60 | 23 | 60 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 14 | 10 | 14 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 18 | 84 | 23 | 93 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 112 | 200 | 112 | 184 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 12 | 57 | 37 | 58 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 19 | 9 | 21 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 93 | 372 | 188 | 386 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 20 | 22 | 21 | 22 | NA | 1 | 2 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 25 | 73 | 55 | 140 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 16 | 372 | 8 | 384 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 27 | 7 | 32 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 8 | 13 | 8 | 15 | NA | 1 | 2 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 27 | 45 | 30 | 45 | NA | 1 | 2 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 31 | 85 | 28 | 85 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 37 | 58 | 41 | 67 | NA | 1 | 3 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 24 | 65 | 24 | 59 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 99 | 178 | 78 | 169 | NA | 1 | 2 | 8 | NA | 2 |

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|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|---|
| 50 | 163 | 64 | 165 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 11 | 25 | 7 | 24 | NA | 1 | 4 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 16 | 18 | 53 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 48 | 197 | 47 | 194 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 16 | 40 | 15 | 40 | NA | 1 | 2 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 8 | 84 | 20 | 91 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 11 | 5 | 8 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 28 | 3 | 28 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 43 | 13 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 31 | 14 | 31 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 8 | 6 | 24 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 33 | 10 | 33 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 8 | 34 | 12 | 35 | NA | 1 | 4 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 29 | 8 | 29 | NA | 1 | 1 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 17 | 71 | 20 | 72 | NA | 1 | 1 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 36 | 20 | 36 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 17 | 5 | 17 | NA | 1 | 4 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 30 | 8 | 30 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 19 | 75 | 28 | 75 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 24 | 54 | 14 | 48 | NA | 1 | 11 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 7 | 36 | 16 | 37 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 12 | 33 | 11 | 33 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 13 | 3 | 11 | NA | 1 | 4 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 29 | 5 | 29 | NA | 1 | 1 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 40 | 17 | 40 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 12 | 8 | 12 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 14 | 2 | 14 | NA | 1 | 4 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 30 | 10 | 30 | NA | 1 | 1 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 11 | 35 | 10 | 38 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 14 | 6 | 18 | NA | 1 | 11 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 12 | 22 | 18 | 23 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 16 | 32 | 13 | 27 | NA | 1 | 4 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 11 | 47 | 16 | 48 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 24 | 8 | 24 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 20 | 40 | 62 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 8 | 36 | 58 | 112 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 19 | 6 | 22 | 0 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 3 |
| 11 | 49 | 50 | 144 | 62 | 144 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 18 | 60 | 38 | 60 | 28 | 60 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| 13 | 50 | 21 | 50 | 22 | 50 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 3 |

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| node | mean | sd | MC error | 2.5% | median | 97.5% | start | sample |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| best1[1] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[2] | 0.0018 | 0.04239 | 7.992E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[3] | 0.053 | 0.224 | 0.004245 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[4] | 0.0014 | 0.03739 | 5.815E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[5] | 0.7118 | 0.4529 | 0.01115 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[6] | 0.01 | 0.0995 | 0.001563 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[7] | 0.027 | 0.1621 | 0.002892 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[8] | 0.0018 | 0.04239 | 5.62E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[9] | 0.0016 | 0.03997 | 6.033E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[10] | 0.0048 | 0.06912 | 0.001058 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[11] | 0.1004 | 0.3005 | 0.006587 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[12] | 0.0584 | 0.2345 | 0.007058 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[13] | 4.0E-4 | 0.02 | 2.817E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[14] | 0.0276 | 0.1638 | 0.003541 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[1] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[2] | 0.0096 | 0.09751 | 0.001736 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[3] | 0.1468 | 0.3539 | 0.007527 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[4] | 0.0162 | 0.1262 | 0.002781 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[5] | 0.117 | 0.3214 | 0.005758 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[6] | 0.0454 | 0.2082 | 0.003424 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[7] | 0.149 | 0.3561 | 0.009166 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[8] | 0.0074 | 0.0857 | 0.001582 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[9] | 0.008 | 0.08908 | 0.001439 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[10] | 0.011 | 0.1043 | 0.001426 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[11] | 0.2504 | 0.4332 | 0.009641 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[12] | 0.12 | 0.325 | 0.008177 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[13] | 0.0028 | 0.05284 | 0.001012 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[14] | 0.1164 | 0.3207 | 0.006902 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[2] | 0.9084 | 0.1925 | 0.004303 | 0.5261 | 0.9094 | 1.281 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[3] | 1.185 | 0.2705 | 0.009589 | 0.6785 | 1.175 | 1.726 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[4] | 1.055 | 0.1783 | 0.006629 | 0.712 | 1.054 | 1.422 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[5] | 1.776 | 0.4397 | 0.01533 | 0.9306 | 1.767 | 2.685 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[6] | 0.9348 | 0.2981 | 0.007378 | 0.3516 | 0.9321 | 1.54 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[7] | 1.226 | 0.2077 | 0.007711 | 0.8384 | 1.216 | 1.668 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[8] | 0.7579 | 0.2531 | 0.007698 | 0.2864 | 0.7527 | 1.279 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[9] | 0.7709 | 0.2503 | 0.007164 | 0.2765 | 0.7705 | 1.26 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[10] | 0.4083 | 0.4418 | 0.008455 | -0.4678 | 0.4051 | 1.321 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[11] | 1.297 | 0.2976 | 0.009451 | 0.7107 | 1.297 | 1.87 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[12] | 0.9983 | 0.4622 | 0.01963 | -0.003467 | 1.02 | 1.843 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[13] | 0.6217 | 0.2782 | 0.008488 | 0.09102 | 0.6165 | 1.194 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[14] | 1.202 | 0.2302 | 0.008453 | 0.7564 | 1.2 | 1.667 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,2] | 0.4107 | 0.07978 | 0.001746 | 0.2779 | 0.4029 | 0.5916 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,3] | 0.3171 | 0.08641 | 0.003069 | 0.1781 | 0.309 | 0.5075 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,4] | 0.3536 | 0.06348 | 0.002347 | 0.2412 | 0.3486 | 0.4908 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,5] | 0.1861 | 0.08501 | 0.002623 | 0.06825 | 0.1709 | 0.3954 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,6] | 0.4104 | 0.1244 | 0.003053 | 0.2145 | 0.3938 | 0.704 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,7] | 0.2999 | 0.06137 | 0.002257 | 0.1887 | 0.2966 | 0.433 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,8] | 0.4837 | 0.122 | 0.003743 | 0.2787 | 0.4711 | 0.7515 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,9] | 0.4774 | 0.1225 | 0.003379 | 0.2838 | 0.4628 | 0.7587 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,10] | 0.7342 | 0.3754 | 0.006939 | 0.2674 | 0.667 | 1.6 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,11] | 0.2859 | 0.08863 | 0.002711 | 0.1542 | 0.2734 | 0.4914 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,12] | 0.4132 | 0.2282 | 0.009619 | 0.1588 | 0.3605 | 1.013 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,13] | 0.558 | 0.1563 | 0.004771 | 0.3033 | 0.5399 | 0.9146 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,14] | 0.3087 | 0.07165 | 0.002561 | 0.1891 | 0.3013 | 0.4694 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,1] | 2.527 | 0.4929 | 0.01111 | 1.692 | 2.483 | 3.599 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,2] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,3] | 0.7985 | 0.2637 | 0.007936 | 0.3947 | 0.7568 | 1.417 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,4] | 0.8887 | 0.2173 | 0.005923 | 0.5373 | 0.8614 | 1.39 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,5] | 0.4699 | 0.2374 | 0.006563 | 0.1602 | 0.4235 | 1.076 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| or[2,6] | 1.037 | 0.3772 | 0.00904 | 0.4744 | 0.975 | 1.946 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,7] | 0.7558 | 0.2085 | 0.006392 | 0.4223 | 0.7321 | 1.239 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,8] | 1.211 | 0.3508 | 0.009806 | 0.6492 | 1.172 | 2.017 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,9] | 1.193 | 0.3377 | 0.008759 | 0.6598 | 1.15 | 1.954 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,10] | 1.855 | 1.019 | 0.0183 | 0.6082 | 1.652 | 4.231 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,11] | 0.7203 | 0.2607 | 0.007358 | 0.3401 | 0.678 | 1.341 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,12] | 1.044 | 0.6237 | 0.02546 | 0.3598 | 0.9035 | 2.669 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,13] | 1.403 | 0.4644 | 0.01297 | 0.7018 | 1.337 | 2.49 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,14] | 0.7778 | 0.2281 | 0.006172 | 0.4194 | 0.7468 | 1.309 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,1] | 3.393 | 0.9489 | 0.03265 | 1.971 | 3.237 | 5.616 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,2] | 1.388 | 0.4632 | 0.0145 | 0.7068 | 1.321 | 2.534 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,3] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,4] | 1.189 | 0.3607 | 0.01263 | 0.6474 | 1.142 | 2.01 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,5] | 0.6321 | 0.3542 | 0.01034 | 0.1933 | 0.5518 | 1.558 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,6] | 1.393 | 0.589 | 0.01761 | 0.5745 | 1.285 | 2.834 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,7] | 1.013 | 0.3406 | 0.01221 | 0.5044 | 0.9566 | 1.854 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,8] | 1.635 | 0.6102 | 0.01852 | 0.7315 | 1.534 | 3.121 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,9] | 1.612 | 0.5991 | 0.01972 | 0.7551 | 1.507 | 3.099 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,10] | 2.483 | 1.45 | 0.02967 | 0.762 | 2.195 | 5.918 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,11] | 0.965 | 0.3987 | 0.012 | 0.4189 | 0.8921 | 1.94 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,12] | 1.398 | 0.8712 | 0.03537 | 0.456 | 1.177 | 3.648 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,13] | 1.872 | 0.7018 | 0.02272 | 0.885 | 1.745 | 3.534 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,14] | 1.037 | 0.3468 | 0.01144 | 0.5139 | 0.9821 | 1.84 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,1] | 2.919 | 0.5273 | 0.01958 | 2.038 | 2.869 | 4.147 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,2] | 1.192 | 0.2909 | 0.007924 | 0.7213 | 1.161 | 1.862 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,3] | 0.918 | 0.279 | 0.009932 | 0.4985 | 0.876 | 1.546 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,4] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,5] | 0.5406 | 0.2626 | 0.008061 | 0.1915 | 0.4879 | 1.182 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,6] | 1.194 | 0.4135 | 0.01059 | 0.5746 | 1.133 | 2.19 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,7] | 0.8661 | 0.2015 | 0.007501 | 0.5302 | 0.8462 | 1.334 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,8] | 1.398 | 0.3899 | 0.01264 | 0.7829 | 1.339 | 2.297 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,9] | 1.39 | 0.4264 | 0.01383 | 0.7506 | 1.327 | 2.418 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,10] | 2.142 | 1.163 | 0.02307 | 0.73 | 1.919 | 4.846 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,11] | 0.8228 | 0.2601 | 0.007328 | 0.4335 | 0.7845 | 1.434 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,12] | 1.19 | 0.649 | 0.02738 | 0.4413 | 1.043 | 2.855 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,13] | 1.622 | 0.526 | 0.01662 | 0.8185 | 1.556 | 2.871 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,14] | 0.8858 | 0.2016 | 0.006694 | 0.5573 | 0.8596 | 1.336 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,1] | 6.531 | 3.288 | 0.1157 | 2.536 | 5.852 | 14.66 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,2] | 2.677 | 1.456 | 0.04636 | 0.9294 | 2.362 | 6.308 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,3] | 2.07 | 1.221 | 0.03897 | 0.6437 | 1.812 | 5.204 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,4] | 2.295 | 1.197 | 0.03874 | 0.848 | 2.05 | 5.231 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,5] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,6] | 2.672 | 1.621 | 0.04912 | 0.8174 | 2.316 | 6.636 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,7] | 1.955 | 1.066 | 0.03516 | 0.6719 | 1.717 | 4.553 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,8] | 3.15 | 1.794 | 0.05298 | 1.026 | 2.755 | 7.529 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,9] | 3.11 | 1.795 | 0.05865 | 1.037 | 2.723 | 7.501 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,10] | 4.801 | 3.679 | 0.1041 | 1.181 | 3.869 | 13.77 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,11] | 1.851 | 1.08 | 0.03124 | 0.5856 | 1.612 | 4.51 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,12] | 2.688 | 2.076 | 0.07465 | 0.6582 | 2.121 | 8.163 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,13] | 3.622 | 2.123 | 0.06779 | 1.202 | 3.129 | 8.84 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,14] | 2.012 | 1.125 | 0.03638 | 0.6848 | 1.772 | 4.766 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,1] | 2.664 | 0.8302 | 0.02023 | 1.421 | 2.54 | 4.664 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,2] | 1.094 | 0.4074 | 0.009772 | 0.5144 | 1.026 | 2.118 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,3] | 0.8444 | 0.3539 | 0.0103 | 0.3536 | 0.7785 | 1.742 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,4] | 0.9382 | 0.3281 | 0.007893 | 0.4569 | 0.8826 | 1.742 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,5] | 0.4947 | 0.2848 | 0.007716 | 0.1509 | 0.4319 | 1.228 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,6] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,7] | 0.789 | 0.2674 | 0.007402 | 0.392 | 0.7476 | 1.431 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,8] | 1.287 | 0.5236 | 0.01269 | 0.5518 | 1.193 | 2.541 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,9] | 1.273 | 0.5417 | 0.01404 | 0.5703 | 1.167 | 2.605 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,10] | 1.949 | 1.22 | 0.02262 | 0.5963 | 1.715 | 4.644 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,11] | 0.7575 | 0.3323 | 0.009191 | 0.3127 | 0.6934 | 1.566 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| or[6,12] | 1.095 | 0.7089 | 0.02537 | 0.3425 | 0.9217 | 2.939 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,13] | 1.485 | 0.6386 | 0.01708 | 0.6241 | 1.355 | 3.133 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,14] | 0.818 | 0.3116 | 0.008111 | 0.3773 | 0.7668 | 1.595 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,1] | 3.482 | 0.7557 | 0.02785 | 2.313 | 3.372 | 5.3 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,2] | 1.426 | 0.4009 | 0.01212 | 0.8085 | 1.366 | 2.369 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,3] | 1.098 | 0.3688 | 0.01338 | 0.5396 | 1.045 | 1.984 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,4] | 1.217 | 0.2859 | 0.0103 | 0.7494 | 1.182 | 1.887 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,5] | 0.647 | 0.3291 | 0.009561 | 0.2199 | 0.5826 | 1.49 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,6] | 1.411 | 0.4764 | 0.01345 | 0.7015 | 1.338 | 2.553 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,7] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,8] | 1.674 | 0.5254 | 0.01659 | 0.8696 | 1.597 | 2.905 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,9] | 1.661 | 0.5657 | 0.01858 | 0.8533 | 1.575 | 3.051 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,10] | 2.553 | 1.428 | 0.03081 | 0.8536 | 2.273 | 5.905 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,11] | 0.9766 | 0.3159 | 0.01037 | 0.508 | 0.9282 | 1.727 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,12] | 1.423 | 0.8003 | 0.03107 | 0.5094 | 1.232 | 3.579 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,13] | 1.934 | 0.665 | 0.01738 | 0.9433 | 1.829 | 3.519 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,14] | 1.06 | 0.2863 | 0.009835 | 0.6117 | 1.019 | 1.733 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,1] | 2.204 | 0.5772 | 0.01709 | 1.332 | 2.123 | 3.592 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,2] | 0.8973 | 0.2697 | 0.007155 | 0.4966 | 0.8536 | 1.544 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,3] | 0.6965 | 0.262 | 0.008014 | 0.322 | 0.6517 | 1.368 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,4] | 0.7711 | 0.2161 | 0.006836 | 0.4358 | 0.7467 | 1.278 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,5] | 0.4094 | 0.2198 | 0.005581 | 0.1328 | 0.3629 | 0.9753 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,6] | 0.9033 | 0.3641 | 0.008663 | 0.3937 | 0.8381 | 1.813 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,7] | 0.6574 | 0.2102 | 0.006771 | 0.3444 | 0.6262 | 1.151 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,8] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,9] | 1.05 | 0.3833 | 0.01143 | 0.5071 | 0.9863 | 1.984 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,10] | 1.615 | 0.9471 | 0.01815 | 0.5219 | 1.422 | 3.789 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,11] | 0.6274 | 0.2537 | 0.00778 | 0.2803 | 0.5797 | 1.24 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,12] | 0.9054 | 0.5685 | 0.02015 | 0.3116 | 0.7661 | 2.349 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,13] | 1.228 | 0.4812 | 0.01452 | 0.5566 | 1.135 | 2.364 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,14] | 0.6759 | 0.2259 | 0.00673 | 0.3414 | 0.6409 | 1.227 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,1] | 2.231 | 0.5692 | 0.01642 | 1.319 | 2.161 | 3.525 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,2] | 0.9062 | 0.2606 | 0.007071 | 0.5122 | 0.8695 | 1.517 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,3] | 0.704 | 0.2577 | 0.008228 | 0.3233 | 0.6636 | 1.326 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,4] | 0.7865 | 0.2391 | 0.008152 | 0.4155 | 0.7538 | 1.333 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,5] | 0.4144 | 0.2211 | 0.006359 | 0.1334 | 0.3675 | 0.9641 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,6] | 0.9146 | 0.3637 | 0.009147 | 0.384 | 0.8571 | 1.758 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,7] | 0.6685 | 0.2209 | 0.008138 | 0.3281 | 0.6354 | 1.172 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,8] | 1.076 | 0.3838 | 0.01124 | 0.5047 | 1.014 | 1.976 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,9] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,10] | 1.641 | 0.9597 | 0.02114 | 0.5108 | 1.434 | 3.911 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,11] | 0.6371 | 0.2566 | 0.008304 | 0.2724 | 0.5923 | 1.292 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,12] | 0.9237 | 0.6074 | 0.02518 | 0.2976 | 0.7858 | 2.318 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,13] | 1.244 | 0.4858 | 0.01515 | 0.5491 | 1.161 | 2.416 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,14] | 0.6879 | 0.2382 | 0.007871 | 0.3344 | 0.6507 | 1.257 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,1] | 1.664 | 0.8586 | 0.01569 | 0.6264 | 1.499 | 3.749 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,2] | 0.6836 | 0.3811 | 0.006752 | 0.237 | 0.6054 | 1.657 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,3] | 0.5274 | 0.3216 | 0.006715 | 0.169 | 0.4556 | 1.318 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,4] | 0.5883 | 0.3268 | 0.006384 | 0.2064 | 0.5211 | 1.37 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,5] | 0.3081 | 0.2156 | 0.005047 | 0.07301 | 0.2585 | 0.8507 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,6] | 0.6783 | 0.3953 | 0.008176 | 0.2154 | 0.5832 | 1.683 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,7] | 0.4985 | 0.2829 | 0.005705 | 0.1705 | 0.44 | 1.176 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,8] | 0.8022 | 0.462 | 0.008587 | 0.264 | 0.7034 | 1.917 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,9] | 0.7965 | 0.4792 | 0.01012 | 0.2557 | 0.698 | 1.959 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,10] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,11] | 0.4751 | 0.2925 | 0.005487 | 0.1491 | 0.4092 | 1.201 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,12] | 0.6889 | 0.5654 | 0.01655 | 0.1683 | 0.5466 | 2.14 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,13] | 0.9306 | 0.5706 | 0.01091 | 0.2922 | 0.8073 | 2.271 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,14] | 0.5118 | 0.2882 | 0.005148 | 0.1727 | 0.4544 | 1.236 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,1] | 3.823 | 1.157 | 0.03686 | 2.035 | 3.658 | 6.489 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,2] | 1.566 | 0.5627 | 0.01629 | 0.7472 | 1.475 | 2.942 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,3] | 1.206 | 0.4829 | 0.01596 | 0.5155 | 1.121 | 2.388 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| or[11,4] | 1.333 | 0.4115 | 0.0127 | 0.6975 | 1.275 | 2.31 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,5] | 0.7085 | 0.4024 | 0.01146 | 0.2226 | 0.6203 | 1.712 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,6] | 1.56 | 0.6583 | 0.01923 | 0.6386 | 1.442 | 3.207 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,7] | 1.125 | 0.3488 | 0.01153 | 0.5795 | 1.078 | 1.969 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,8] | 1.841 | 0.7114 | 0.02138 | 0.8076 | 1.726 | 3.575 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,9] | 1.825 | 0.7421 | 0.02217 | 0.7768 | 1.689 | 3.682 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,10] | 2.807 | 1.726 | 0.03829 | 0.8325 | 2.444 | 6.721 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,11] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,12] | 1.569 | 1.0 | 0.03958 | 0.4864 | 1.325 | 4.072 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,13] | 2.121 | 0.8682 | 0.02563 | 0.9066 | 1.971 | 4.26 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,14] | 1.148 | 0.339 | 0.01027 | 0.6072 | 1.11 | 1.922 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,1] | 3.002 | 1.347 | 0.05696 | 0.9965 | 2.774 | 6.314 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,2] | 1.233 | 0.617 | 0.02324 | 0.3769 | 1.107 | 2.787 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,3] | 0.9494 | 0.5025 | 0.01938 | 0.2742 | 0.85 | 2.193 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,4] | 1.052 | 0.4949 | 0.0216 | 0.3509 | 0.9586 | 2.268 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,5] | 0.5581 | 0.3784 | 0.01416 | 0.1234 | 0.4716 | 1.521 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,6] | 1.228 | 0.6887 | 0.0251 | 0.3419 | 1.085 | 2.922 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,7] | 0.8941 | 0.4358 | 0.01756 | 0.2797 | 0.8115 | 1.965 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,8] | 1.442 | 0.7342 | 0.02749 | 0.4283 | 1.305 | 3.211 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,9] | 1.435 | 0.7677 | 0.02954 | 0.4343 | 1.273 | 3.367 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,10] | 2.208 | 1.646 | 0.04919 | 0.4683 | 1.83 | 5.988 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,11] | 0.8539 | 0.4768 | 0.01929 | 0.2462 | 0.7546 | 2.066 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,12] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,13] | 1.666 | 0.888 | 0.0304 | 0.4791 | 1.496 | 3.9 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,14] | 0.9191 | 0.4596 | 0.01937 | 0.2843 | 0.8234 | 2.085 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,1] | 1.937 | 0.5627 | 0.01684 | 1.095 | 1.852 | 3.301 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,2] | 0.7908 | 0.2642 | 0.006907 | 0.402 | 0.7482 | 1.426 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,3] | 0.6063 | 0.22 | 0.00689 | 0.2831 | 0.5731 | 1.134 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,4] | 0.6818 | 0.2255 | 0.007283 | 0.3488 | 0.6429 | 1.224 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,5] | 0.3578 | 0.1932 | 0.005586 | 0.1133 | 0.3196 | 0.8332 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,6] | 0.7931 | 0.3321 | 0.008216 | 0.3198 | 0.7383 | 1.61 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,7] | 0.5785 | 0.2018 | 0.005565 | 0.2843 | 0.547 | 1.061 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,8] | 0.9342 | 0.3532 | 0.01031 | 0.4232 | 0.8808 | 1.804 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,9] | 0.923 | 0.358 | 0.0105 | 0.4142 | 0.8613 | 1.823 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,10] | 1.425 | 0.8753 | 0.01622 | 0.4407 | 1.239 | 3.434 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,11] | 0.55 | 0.2271 | 0.006472 | 0.2353 | 0.5074 | 1.106 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,12] | 0.7932 | 0.4827 | 0.01752 | 0.2565 | 0.6683 | 2.088 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,13] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,14] | 0.5942 | 0.2104 | 0.005893 | 0.2814 | 0.5593 | 1.11 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,1] | 3.415 | 0.8001 | 0.02964 | 2.131 | 3.319 | 5.296 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,2] | 1.399 | 0.4212 | 0.01226 | 0.7642 | 1.339 | 2.387 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,3] | 1.073 | 0.3607 | 0.01288 | 0.5439 | 1.018 | 1.948 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,4] | 1.187 | 0.2673 | 0.008836 | 0.7488 | 1.163 | 1.794 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,5] | 0.6355 | 0.3385 | 0.01012 | 0.2099 | 0.5646 | 1.461 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,6] | 1.394 | 0.5189 | 0.01313 | 0.6273 | 1.304 | 2.652 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,7] | 1.011 | 0.2683 | 0.009559 | 0.5773 | 0.9814 | 1.635 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,8] | 1.641 | 0.5367 | 0.01665 | 0.8154 | 1.561 | 2.93 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,9] | 1.629 | 0.5675 | 0.0181 | 0.7982 | 1.537 | 2.996 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,10] | 2.501 | 1.404 | 0.0271 | 0.8112 | 2.201 | 5.796 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,11] | 0.9504 | 0.298 | 0.009145 | 0.5211 | 0.9005 | 1.651 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,12] | 1.393 | 0.7883 | 0.03157 | 0.4801 | 1.214 | 3.526 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,13] | 1.896 | 0.6794 | 0.02013 | 0.9021 | 1.788 | 3.557 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,14] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |

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# Model - heterogeneous random effects model
# Assume correlation within study (rho = 0.5)
# Assume heterogeneous between studies ;"sdmu" is (0.01, 5)

model {
  for (i in 1:NS) {
    s[i,1] <- 0
    delta[i, t[i,1]] <- 0
    mu[i] ~ dnorm(mmu[t[i,1]], taumu) # handle different baseline treatments

    for (k in 1:na[i]) {
      r[i,k] ~ dbin(p[i,t[i,k]], n[i,k])
      logit(p[i,t[i,k]]) <- mu[i] + delta[i,t[i,k]]
    }

    for (k in 2:na[i]) {
      delta[i,t[i,k]] ~ dnorm(md[i,t[i,k]], taud[i,t[i,k]])
      md[i,t[i,k]] <- d[t[i,k]] - d[t[i,1]] + ss[i,k]
      taud[i,t[i,k]] <- tau[t[i,1],t[i,k]]*2*(k-1)/k
      s[i,k] <- (delta[i, t[i,k]] - d[t[i,k]] + d[t[i,1]])
      ss[i,k] <- sum(s[i, 1:k-1])/(k-1)
    }
  }

  mmu[5] <- 0 #Treatments 1,2,3,4,6,7 are one of baseline treatments.
  mmu[8] <- 0 # other treatments should be assigned to 0.
  mmu[9] <- 0
  mmu[10] <- 0
  mmu[11] <- 0
  mmu[12] <- 0
  mmu[13] <- 0
  mmu[14] <- 0
  mmu[1] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[2] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[3] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[4] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[6] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[7] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  sdmu ~ dunif(0.01, 5)
  taumu <- 1/pow(sdmu,2)

  d[1] <- 0
  for (k in 2:NT) {
    d[k] ~ dnorm(0,0.0001)
    ed[k] <- exp(d[k]) # ed is odds ratio against placebo
  }

  for(i in 1:(NT-1)) {
    for(j in (i+1):NT) {
      v[i,j] ~ dnorm(0, 8.32)
      log(sd[i,j]) <- log(sd0) + v[i,j]
      tau[i,j] <- 1/pow(sd[i,j],2)
      var[i,j] <- pow(sd[i,j],2)
    }
  }
  sd0 ~ dunif(0.01, 2)
  var0 <- pow(sd0,2)

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|---|----|----|----|---|
| 5 | 48 | 26 | 48 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 18 | 10 | 17 | NA | 1 | 1 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 12 | 48 | 48 | 96 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 47 | 25 | 47 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 15 | 36 | 17 | 36 | NA | 1 | 4 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 15 | 1 | 14 | NA | 1 | 4 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 37 | 10 | 34 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 13 | 13 | 25 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 13 | 23 | 8 | 23 | NA | 1 | 4 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 37 | 33 | 70 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 43 | 17 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 7 | 23 | 16 | 23 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 7 | 32 | 14 | 36 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 34 | 10 | 35 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 15 | 19 | 44 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 24 | 37 | 25 | 37 | NA | 1 | 3 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 60 | 14 | 60 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 45 | 26 | 98 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 34 | 69 | 32 | 66 | NA | 1 | 11 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 61 | 135 | 40 | 135 | NA | 1 | 6 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 21 | 5 | 19 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 9 | 27 | 8 | 26 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 125 | 270 | 141 | 275 | NA | 1 | 4 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 32 | 116 | 50 | 123 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 60 | 23 | 60 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 14 | 10 | 14 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 18 | 84 | 23 | 93 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 112 | 200 | 112 | 184 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 12 | 57 | 37 | 58 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 19 | 9 | 21 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 93 | 372 | 188 | 386 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 20 | 22 | 21 | 22 | NA | 1 | 2 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 25 | 73 | 55 | 140 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 16 | 372 | 8 | 384 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 27 | 7 | 32 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 8 | 13 | 8 | 15 | NA | 1 | 2 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 27 | 45 | 30 | 45 | NA | 1 | 2 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 31 | 85 | 28 | 85 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 37 | 58 | 41 | 67 | NA | 1 | 3 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 24 | 65 | 24 | 59 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 99 | 178 | 78 | 169 | NA | 1 | 2 | 8 | NA | 2 |

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| 50 | 163 | 64 | 165 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 11 | 25 | 7 | 24 | NA | 1 | 4 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 16 | 18 | 53 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 48 | 197 | 47 | 194 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 16 | 40 | 15 | 40 | NA | 1 | 2 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 8 | 84 | 20 | 91 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 11 | 5 | 8 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 28 | 3 | 28 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 43 | 13 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 31 | 14 | 31 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 8 | 6 | 24 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 33 | 10 | 33 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 8 | 34 | 12 | 35 | NA | 1 | 4 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 29 | 8 | 29 | NA | 1 | 1 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 17 | 71 | 20 | 72 | NA | 1 | 1 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 36 | 20 | 36 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 17 | 5 | 17 | NA | 1 | 4 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 30 | 8 | 30 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 19 | 75 | 28 | 75 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 24 | 54 | 14 | 48 | NA | 1 | 11 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 7 | 36 | 16 | 37 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 12 | 33 | 11 | 33 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 13 | 3 | 11 | NA | 1 | 4 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 29 | 5 | 29 | NA | 1 | 1 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 40 | 17 | 40 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 12 | 8 | 12 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 14 | 2 | 14 | NA | 1 | 4 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 30 | 10 | 30 | NA | 1 | 1 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 11 | 35 | 10 | 38 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 14 | 6 | 18 | NA | 1 | 11 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 12 | 22 | 18 | 23 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 16 | 32 | 13 | 27 | NA | 1 | 4 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 11 | 47 | 16 | 48 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 24 | 8 | 24 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 20 | 40 | 62 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 8 | 36 | 58 | 112 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 19 | 6 | 22 | 0 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 3 |
| 11 | 49 | 50 | 144 | 62 | 144 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 18 | 60 | 38 | 60 | 28 | 60 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| 13 | 50 | 21 | 50 | 22 | 50 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 3 |

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| node | mean | sd | MC error | 2.5% | median | 97.5% | start | sample |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| best1[1] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[2] | 0.0018 | 0.04239 | 7.992E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[3] | 0.053 | 0.224 | 0.004245 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[4] | 0.0014 | 0.03739 | 5.815E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[5] | 0.7118 | 0.4529 | 0.01115 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[6] | 0.01 | 0.0995 | 0.001563 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[7] | 0.027 | 0.1621 | 0.002892 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[8] | 0.0018 | 0.04239 | 5.62E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[9] | 0.0016 | 0.03997 | 6.033E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[10] | 0.0048 | 0.06912 | 0.001058 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[11] | 0.1004 | 0.3005 | 0.006587 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[12] | 0.0584 | 0.2345 | 0.007058 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[13] | 4.0E-4 | 0.02 | 2.817E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[14] | 0.0276 | 0.1638 | 0.003541 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[1] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[2] | 0.0096 | 0.09751 | 0.001736 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[3] | 0.1468 | 0.3539 | 0.007527 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[4] | 0.0162 | 0.1262 | 0.002781 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[5] | 0.117 | 0.3214 | 0.005758 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[6] | 0.0454 | 0.2082 | 0.003424 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[7] | 0.149 | 0.3561 | 0.009166 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[8] | 0.0074 | 0.0857 | 0.001582 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[9] | 0.008 | 0.08908 | 0.001439 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[10] | 0.011 | 0.1043 | 0.001426 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[11] | 0.2504 | 0.4332 | 0.009641 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[12] | 0.12 | 0.325 | 0.008177 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[13] | 0.0028 | 0.05284 | 0.001012 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[14] | 0.1164 | 0.3207 | 0.006902 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[2] | 0.9084 | 0.1925 | 0.004303 | 0.5261 | 0.9094 | 1.281 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[3] | 1.185 | 0.2705 | 0.009589 | 0.6785 | 1.175 | 1.726 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[4] | 1.055 | 0.1783 | 0.006629 | 0.712 | 1.054 | 1.422 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[5] | 1.776 | 0.4397 | 0.01533 | 0.9306 | 1.767 | 2.685 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[6] | 0.9348 | 0.2981 | 0.007378 | 0.3516 | 0.9321 | 1.54 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[7] | 1.226 | 0.2077 | 0.007711 | 0.8384 | 1.216 | 1.668 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[8] | 0.7579 | 0.2531 | 0.007698 | 0.2864 | 0.7527 | 1.279 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[9] | 0.7709 | 0.2503 | 0.007164 | 0.2765 | 0.7705 | 1.26 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[10] | 0.4083 | 0.4418 | 0.008455 | -0.4678 | 0.4051 | 1.321 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[11] | 1.297 | 0.2976 | 0.009451 | 0.7107 | 1.297 | 1.87 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[12] | 0.9983 | 0.4622 | 0.01963 | -0.003467 | 1.02 | 1.843 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[13] | 0.6217 | 0.2782 | 0.008488 | 0.09102 | 0.6165 | 1.194 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[14] | 1.202 | 0.2302 | 0.008453 | 0.7564 | 1.2 | 1.667 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,2] | 0.4107 | 0.07978 | 0.001746 | 0.2779 | 0.4029 | 0.5916 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,3] | 0.3171 | 0.08641 | 0.003069 | 0.1781 | 0.309 | 0.5075 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,4] | 0.3536 | 0.06348 | 0.002347 | 0.2412 | 0.3486 | 0.4908 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,5] | 0.1861 | 0.08501 | 0.002623 | 0.06825 | 0.1709 | 0.3954 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,6] | 0.4104 | 0.1244 | 0.003053 | 0.2145 | 0.3938 | 0.704 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,7] | 0.2999 | 0.06137 | 0.002257 | 0.1887 | 0.2966 | 0.433 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,8] | 0.4837 | 0.122 | 0.003743 | 0.2787 | 0.4711 | 0.7515 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,9] | 0.4774 | 0.1225 | 0.003379 | 0.2838 | 0.4628 | 0.7587 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,10] | 0.7342 | 0.3754 | 0.006939 | 0.2674 | 0.667 | 1.6 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,11] | 0.2859 | 0.08863 | 0.002711 | 0.1542 | 0.2734 | 0.4914 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,12] | 0.4132 | 0.2282 | 0.009619 | 0.1588 | 0.3605 | 1.013 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,13] | 0.558 | 0.1563 | 0.004771 | 0.3033 | 0.5399 | 0.9146 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,14] | 0.3087 | 0.07165 | 0.002561 | 0.1891 | 0.3013 | 0.4694 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,1] | 2.527 | 0.4929 | 0.01111 | 1.692 | 2.483 | 3.599 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,2] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,3] | 0.7985 | 0.2637 | 0.007936 | 0.3947 | 0.7568 | 1.417 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,4] | 0.8887 | 0.2173 | 0.005923 | 0.5373 | 0.8614 | 1.39 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,5] | 0.4699 | 0.2374 | 0.006563 | 0.1602 | 0.4235 | 1.076 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| or[2,6] | 1.037 | 0.3772 | 0.00904 | 0.4744 | 0.975 | 1.946 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,7] | 0.7558 | 0.2085 | 0.006392 | 0.4223 | 0.7321 | 1.239 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,8] | 1.211 | 0.3508 | 0.009806 | 0.6492 | 1.172 | 2.017 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,9] | 1.193 | 0.3377 | 0.008759 | 0.6598 | 1.15 | 1.954 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,10] | 1.855 | 1.019 | 0.0183 | 0.6082 | 1.652 | 4.231 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,11] | 0.7203 | 0.2607 | 0.007358 | 0.3401 | 0.678 | 1.341 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,12] | 1.044 | 0.6237 | 0.02546 | 0.3598 | 0.9035 | 2.669 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,13] | 1.403 | 0.4644 | 0.01297 | 0.7018 | 1.337 | 2.49 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,14] | 0.7778 | 0.2281 | 0.006172 | 0.4194 | 0.7468 | 1.309 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,1] | 3.393 | 0.9489 | 0.03265 | 1.971 | 3.237 | 5.616 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,2] | 1.388 | 0.4632 | 0.0145 | 0.7068 | 1.321 | 2.534 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,3] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,4] | 1.189 | 0.3607 | 0.01263 | 0.6474 | 1.142 | 2.01 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,5] | 0.6321 | 0.3542 | 0.01034 | 0.1933 | 0.5518 | 1.558 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,6] | 1.393 | 0.589 | 0.01761 | 0.5745 | 1.285 | 2.834 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,7] | 1.013 | 0.3406 | 0.01221 | 0.5044 | 0.9566 | 1.854 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,8] | 1.635 | 0.6102 | 0.01852 | 0.7315 | 1.534 | 3.121 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,9] | 1.612 | 0.5991 | 0.01972 | 0.7551 | 1.507 | 3.099 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,10] | 2.483 | 1.45 | 0.02967 | 0.762 | 2.195 | 5.918 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,11] | 0.965 | 0.3987 | 0.012 | 0.4189 | 0.8921 | 1.94 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,12] | 1.398 | 0.8712 | 0.03537 | 0.456 | 1.177 | 3.648 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,13] | 1.872 | 0.7018 | 0.02272 | 0.885 | 1.745 | 3.534 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,14] | 1.037 | 0.3468 | 0.01144 | 0.5139 | 0.9821 | 1.84 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,1] | 2.919 | 0.5273 | 0.01958 | 2.038 | 2.869 | 4.147 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,2] | 1.192 | 0.2909 | 0.007924 | 0.7213 | 1.161 | 1.862 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,3] | 0.918 | 0.279 | 0.009932 | 0.4985 | 0.876 | 1.546 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,4] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,5] | 0.5406 | 0.2626 | 0.008061 | 0.1915 | 0.4879 | 1.182 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,6] | 1.194 | 0.4135 | 0.01059 | 0.5746 | 1.133 | 2.19 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,7] | 0.8661 | 0.2015 | 0.007501 | 0.5302 | 0.8462 | 1.334 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,8] | 1.398 | 0.3899 | 0.01264 | 0.7829 | 1.339 | 2.297 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,9] | 1.39 | 0.4264 | 0.01383 | 0.7506 | 1.327 | 2.418 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,10] | 2.142 | 1.163 | 0.02307 | 0.73 | 1.919 | 4.846 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,11] | 0.8228 | 0.2601 | 0.007328 | 0.4335 | 0.7845 | 1.434 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,12] | 1.19 | 0.649 | 0.02738 | 0.4413 | 1.043 | 2.855 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,13] | 1.622 | 0.526 | 0.01662 | 0.8185 | 1.556 | 2.871 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,14] | 0.8858 | 0.2016 | 0.006694 | 0.5573 | 0.8596 | 1.336 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,1] | 6.531 | 3.288 | 0.1157 | 2.536 | 5.852 | 14.66 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,2] | 2.677 | 1.456 | 0.04636 | 0.9294 | 2.362 | 6.308 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,3] | 2.07 | 1.221 | 0.03897 | 0.6437 | 1.812 | 5.204 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,4] | 2.295 | 1.197 | 0.03874 | 0.848 | 2.05 | 5.231 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,5] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,6] | 2.672 | 1.621 | 0.04912 | 0.8174 | 2.316 | 6.636 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,7] | 1.955 | 1.066 | 0.03516 | 0.6719 | 1.717 | 4.553 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,8] | 3.15 | 1.794 | 0.05298 | 1.026 | 2.755 | 7.529 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,9] | 3.11 | 1.795 | 0.05865 | 1.037 | 2.723 | 7.501 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,10] | 4.801 | 3.679 | 0.1041 | 1.181 | 3.869 | 13.77 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,11] | 1.851 | 1.08 | 0.03124 | 0.5856 | 1.612 | 4.51 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,12] | 2.688 | 2.076 | 0.07465 | 0.6582 | 2.121 | 8.163 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,13] | 3.622 | 2.123 | 0.06779 | 1.202 | 3.129 | 8.84 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,14] | 2.012 | 1.125 | 0.03638 | 0.6848 | 1.772 | 4.766 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,1] | 2.664 | 0.8302 | 0.02023 | 1.421 | 2.54 | 4.664 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,2] | 1.094 | 0.4074 | 0.009772 | 0.5144 | 1.026 | 2.118 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,3] | 0.8444 | 0.3539 | 0.0103 | 0.3536 | 0.7785 | 1.742 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,4] | 0.9382 | 0.3281 | 0.007893 | 0.4569 | 0.8826 | 1.742 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,5] | 0.4947 | 0.2848 | 0.007716 | 0.1509 | 0.4319 | 1.228 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,6] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,7] | 0.789 | 0.2674 | 0.007402 | 0.392 | 0.7476 | 1.431 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,8] | 1.287 | 0.5236 | 0.01269 | 0.5518 | 1.193 | 2.541 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,9] | 1.273 | 0.5417 | 0.01404 | 0.5703 | 1.167 | 2.605 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,10] | 1.949 | 1.22 | 0.02262 | 0.5963 | 1.715 | 4.644 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,11] | 0.7575 | 0.3323 | 0.009191 | 0.3127 | 0.6934 | 1.566 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| or[6,12] | 1.095 | 0.7089 | 0.02537 | 0.3425 | 0.9217 | 2.939 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,13] | 1.485 | 0.6386 | 0.01708 | 0.6241 | 1.355 | 3.133 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,14] | 0.818 | 0.3116 | 0.008111 | 0.3773 | 0.7668 | 1.595 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,1] | 3.482 | 0.7557 | 0.02785 | 2.313 | 3.372 | 5.3 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,2] | 1.426 | 0.4009 | 0.01212 | 0.8085 | 1.366 | 2.369 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,3] | 1.098 | 0.3688 | 0.01338 | 0.5396 | 1.045 | 1.984 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,4] | 1.217 | 0.2859 | 0.0103 | 0.7494 | 1.182 | 1.887 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,5] | 0.647 | 0.3291 | 0.009561 | 0.2199 | 0.5826 | 1.49 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,6] | 1.411 | 0.4764 | 0.01345 | 0.7015 | 1.338 | 2.553 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,7] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,8] | 1.674 | 0.5254 | 0.01659 | 0.8696 | 1.597 | 2.905 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,9] | 1.661 | 0.5657 | 0.01858 | 0.8533 | 1.575 | 3.051 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,10] | 2.553 | 1.428 | 0.03081 | 0.8536 | 2.273 | 5.905 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,11] | 0.9766 | 0.3159 | 0.01037 | 0.508 | 0.9282 | 1.727 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,12] | 1.423 | 0.8003 | 0.03107 | 0.5094 | 1.232 | 3.579 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,13] | 1.934 | 0.665 | 0.01738 | 0.9433 | 1.829 | 3.519 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,14] | 1.06 | 0.2863 | 0.009835 | 0.6117 | 1.019 | 1.733 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,1] | 2.204 | 0.5772 | 0.01709 | 1.332 | 2.123 | 3.592 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,2] | 0.8973 | 0.2697 | 0.007155 | 0.4966 | 0.8536 | 1.544 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,3] | 0.6965 | 0.262 | 0.008014 | 0.322 | 0.6517 | 1.368 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,4] | 0.7711 | 0.2161 | 0.006836 | 0.4358 | 0.7467 | 1.278 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,5] | 0.4094 | 0.2198 | 0.005581 | 0.1328 | 0.3629 | 0.9753 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,6] | 0.9033 | 0.3641 | 0.008663 | 0.3937 | 0.8381 | 1.813 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,7] | 0.6574 | 0.2102 | 0.006771 | 0.3444 | 0.6262 | 1.151 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,8] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,9] | 1.05 | 0.3833 | 0.01143 | 0.5071 | 0.9863 | 1.984 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,10] | 1.615 | 0.9471 | 0.01815 | 0.5219 | 1.422 | 3.789 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,11] | 0.6274 | 0.2537 | 0.00778 | 0.2803 | 0.5797 | 1.24 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,12] | 0.9054 | 0.5685 | 0.02015 | 0.3116 | 0.7661 | 2.349 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,13] | 1.228 | 0.4812 | 0.01452 | 0.5566 | 1.135 | 2.364 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,14] | 0.6759 | 0.2259 | 0.00673 | 0.3414 | 0.6409 | 1.227 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,1] | 2.231 | 0.5692 | 0.01642 | 1.319 | 2.161 | 3.525 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,2] | 0.9062 | 0.2606 | 0.007071 | 0.5122 | 0.8695 | 1.517 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,3] | 0.704 | 0.2577 | 0.008228 | 0.3233 | 0.6636 | 1.326 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,4] | 0.7865 | 0.2391 | 0.008152 | 0.4155 | 0.7538 | 1.333 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,5] | 0.4144 | 0.2211 | 0.006359 | 0.1334 | 0.3675 | 0.9641 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,6] | 0.9146 | 0.3637 | 0.009147 | 0.384 | 0.8571 | 1.758 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,7] | 0.6685 | 0.2209 | 0.008138 | 0.3281 | 0.6354 | 1.172 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,8] | 1.076 | 0.3838 | 0.01124 | 0.5047 | 1.014 | 1.976 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,9] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,10] | 1.641 | 0.9597 | 0.02114 | 0.5108 | 1.434 | 3.911 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,11] | 0.6371 | 0.2566 | 0.008304 | 0.2724 | 0.5923 | 1.292 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,12] | 0.9237 | 0.6074 | 0.02518 | 0.2976 | 0.7858 | 2.318 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,13] | 1.244 | 0.4858 | 0.01515 | 0.5491 | 1.161 | 2.416 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,14] | 0.6879 | 0.2382 | 0.007871 | 0.3344 | 0.6507 | 1.257 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,1] | 1.664 | 0.8586 | 0.01569 | 0.6264 | 1.499 | 3.749 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,2] | 0.6836 | 0.3811 | 0.006752 | 0.237 | 0.6054 | 1.657 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,3] | 0.5274 | 0.3216 | 0.006715 | 0.169 | 0.4556 | 1.318 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,4] | 0.5883 | 0.3268 | 0.006384 | 0.2064 | 0.5211 | 1.37 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,5] | 0.3081 | 0.2156 | 0.005047 | 0.07301 | 0.2585 | 0.8507 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,6] | 0.6783 | 0.3953 | 0.008176 | 0.2154 | 0.5832 | 1.683 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,7] | 0.4985 | 0.2829 | 0.005705 | 0.1705 | 0.44 | 1.176 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,8] | 0.8022 | 0.462 | 0.008587 | 0.264 | 0.7034 | 1.917 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,9] | 0.7965 | 0.4792 | 0.01012 | 0.2557 | 0.698 | 1.959 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,10] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,11] | 0.4751 | 0.2925 | 0.005487 | 0.1491 | 0.4092 | 1.201 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,12] | 0.6889 | 0.5654 | 0.01655 | 0.1683 | 0.5466 | 2.14 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,13] | 0.9306 | 0.5706 | 0.01091 | 0.2922 | 0.8073 | 2.271 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,14] | 0.5118 | 0.2882 | 0.005148 | 0.1727 | 0.4544 | 1.236 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,1] | 3.823 | 1.157 | 0.03686 | 2.035 | 3.658 | 6.489 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,2] | 1.566 | 0.5627 | 0.01629 | 0.7472 | 1.475 | 2.942 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,3] | 1.206 | 0.4829 | 0.01596 | 0.5155 | 1.121 | 2.388 | 50001 | 5000 |

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| or[11,4] | 1.333 | 0.4115 | 0.0127 | 0.6975 | 1.275 | 2.31 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,5] | 0.7085 | 0.4024 | 0.01146 | 0.2226 | 0.6203 | 1.712 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,6] | 1.56 | 0.6583 | 0.01923 | 0.6386 | 1.442 | 3.207 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,7] | 1.125 | 0.3488 | 0.01153 | 0.5795 | 1.078 | 1.969 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,8] | 1.841 | 0.7114 | 0.02138 | 0.8076 | 1.726 | 3.575 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,9] | 1.825 | 0.7421 | 0.02217 | 0.7768 | 1.689 | 3.682 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,10] | 2.807 | 1.726 | 0.03829 | 0.8325 | 2.444 | 6.721 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,11] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,12] | 1.569 | 1.0 | 0.03958 | 0.4864 | 1.325 | 4.072 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,13] | 2.121 | 0.8682 | 0.02563 | 0.9066 | 1.971 | 4.26 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,14] | 1.148 | 0.339 | 0.01027 | 0.6072 | 1.11 | 1.922 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,1] | 3.002 | 1.347 | 0.05696 | 0.9965 | 2.774 | 6.314 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,2] | 1.233 | 0.617 | 0.02324 | 0.3769 | 1.107 | 2.787 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,3] | 0.9494 | 0.5025 | 0.01938 | 0.2742 | 0.85 | 2.193 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,4] | 1.052 | 0.4949 | 0.0216 | 0.3509 | 0.9586 | 2.268 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,5] | 0.5581 | 0.3784 | 0.01416 | 0.1234 | 0.4716 | 1.521 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,6] | 1.228 | 0.6887 | 0.0251 | 0.3419 | 1.085 | 2.922 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,7] | 0.8941 | 0.4358 | 0.01756 | 0.2797 | 0.8115 | 1.965 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,8] | 1.442 | 0.7342 | 0.02749 | 0.4283 | 1.305 | 3.211 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,9] | 1.435 | 0.7677 | 0.02954 | 0.4343 | 1.273 | 3.367 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,10] | 2.208 | 1.646 | 0.04919 | 0.4683 | 1.83 | 5.988 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,11] | 0.8539 | 0.4768 | 0.01929 | 0.2462 | 0.7546 | 2.066 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,12] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,13] | 1.666 | 0.888 | 0.0304 | 0.4791 | 1.496 | 3.9 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,14] | 0.9191 | 0.4596 | 0.01937 | 0.2843 | 0.8234 | 2.085 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,1] | 1.937 | 0.5627 | 0.01684 | 1.095 | 1.852 | 3.301 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,2] | 0.7908 | 0.2642 | 0.006907 | 0.402 | 0.7482 | 1.426 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,3] | 0.6063 | 0.22 | 0.00689 | 0.2831 | 0.5731 | 1.134 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,4] | 0.6818 | 0.2255 | 0.007283 | 0.3488 | 0.6429 | 1.224 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,5] | 0.3578 | 0.1932 | 0.005586 | 0.1133 | 0.3196 | 0.8332 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,6] | 0.7931 | 0.3321 | 0.008216 | 0.3198 | 0.7383 | 1.61 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,7] | 0.5785 | 0.2018 | 0.005565 | 0.2843 | 0.547 | 1.061 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,8] | 0.9342 | 0.3532 | 0.01031 | 0.4232 | 0.8808 | 1.804 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,9] | 0.923 | 0.358 | 0.0105 | 0.4142 | 0.8613 | 1.823 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,10] | 1.425 | 0.8753 | 0.01622 | 0.4407 | 1.239 | 3.434 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,11] | 0.55 | 0.2271 | 0.006472 | 0.2353 | 0.5074 | 1.106 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,12] | 0.7932 | 0.4827 | 0.01752 | 0.2565 | 0.6683 | 2.088 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,13] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,14] | 0.5942 | 0.2104 | 0.005893 | 0.2814 | 0.5593 | 1.11 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,1] | 3.415 | 0.8001 | 0.02964 | 2.131 | 3.319 | 5.296 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,2] | 1.399 | 0.4212 | 0.01226 | 0.7642 | 1.339 | 2.387 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,3] | 1.073 | 0.3607 | 0.01288 | 0.5439 | 1.018 | 1.948 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,4] | 1.187 | 0.2673 | 0.008836 | 0.7488 | 1.163 | 1.794 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,5] | 0.6355 | 0.3385 | 0.01012 | 0.2099 | 0.5646 | 1.461 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,6] | 1.394 | 0.5189 | 0.01313 | 0.6273 | 1.304 | 2.652 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,7] | 1.011 | 0.2683 | 0.009559 | 0.5773 | 0.9814 | 1.635 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,8] | 1.641 | 0.5367 | 0.01665 | 0.8154 | 1.561 | 2.93 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,9] | 1.629 | 0.5675 | 0.0181 | 0.7982 | 1.537 | 2.996 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,10] | 2.501 | 1.404 | 0.0271 | 0.8112 | 2.201 | 5.796 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,11] | 0.9504 | 0.298 | 0.009145 | 0.5211 | 0.9005 | 1.651 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,12] | 1.393 | 0.7883 | 0.03157 | 0.4801 | 1.214 | 3.526 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,13] | 1.896 | 0.6794 | 0.02013 | 0.9021 | 1.788 | 3.557 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,14] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |

Outcome- treatment discontinuation due to intolerable adverse effects

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# Model - heterogeneous random effects model
# Assume correlation within study (rho = 0.5)
# Assume heterogeneous between

model {
  for (i in 1:NS) {
    s[i,1] <- 0
    delta[i, t[i,1]] <- 0
    mu[i] ~ dnorm(mmu[t[i,1]], taumu) # handle different baseline treatments

    for (k in 1:na[i]) {
      r[i,k] ~ dbin(p[i,t[i,k]], n[i,k])
      logit(p[i,t[i,k]]) <- mu[i] + delta[i,t[i,k]]
    }

    for (k in 2:na[i]) {
      delta[i,t[i,k]] ~ dnorm(md[i,t[i,k]], taud[i,t[i,k]])
      md[i,t[i,k]] <- d[t[i,k]] - d[t[i,1]] + ss[i,k]
      taud[i,t[i,k]] <- tau[t[i,1],t[i,k]]*2*(k-1)/k
      s[i,k] <- (delta[i, t[i,k]] - d[t[i,k]] + d[t[i,1]])
      ss[i,k] <- sum(s[i, 1:k-1])/(k-1)
    }
  }

  mmu[5] <- 0 #Treatments 1,2,3,4,6,7 are one of baseline treatments.
  mmu[8] <- 0 # other treatments should be assigned to 0.
  mmu[9] <- 0
  mmu[10] <- 0
  mmu[11] <- 0
  mmu[12] <- 0
  mmu[13] <- 0
  mmu[14] <- 0
  mmu[1] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[2] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[3] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[4] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[6] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[7] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  sdmu ~ dunif(0.01, 2)
  taumu <- 1/pow(sdmu,2)

  d[1] <- 0
  for (k in 2:NT) {
    d[k] ~ dnorm(0,0.0001)
    ed[k] <- exp(d[k]) # ed is odds ratio against placebo
  }

  for(i in 1:(NT-1)) {
    for(j in (i+1):NT) {
      v[i,j] ~ dnorm(0, 8.32)
      log(sd[i,j]) <- log(sd0) + v[i,j]
      tau[i,j] <- 1/pow(sd[i,j],2)
      var[i,j] <- pow(sd[i,j],2)
    }
  }
  sd0 ~ dunif(0.01, 2)
  var0 <- pow(sd0,2)

  # pairwise ORs
```

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# Example: or[2,3] = odds ratio of active(2) vs. control(3)
for (k in 1:NT) {
  for (c in 1:NT) {
    lor[k,c] <- d[k] - d[c]
    log(or[k,c]) <- lor[k,c]
  }
}

# ranking
mP <- mmu[1] # "mP" means the odds of placebo.

for (k in 1:NT) { logit(T[k]) <- mP + d[k] }
for (k in 1:NT) {
  rk[k] <- NT + 1 - rank(T[,k])
  best1[k] <- equals(rk[k],1)
  best2[k] <- equals(rk[k],2)
  best12[k] <- best1[k] + best2[k]
}
}

#Init
list(
d=c(NA,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0),
sd0=1,
mu=c(0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0),
0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0),
mmu=c(0,0,0,0,NA, 0,0,NA,NA,NA, NA,NA,NA,NA), sdmu=1
)

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#Data

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#Data
list(NT=14, NS=68)

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| r[,1] | n[,1] | r[,2] | n[,2] | r[,3] | n[,3] | t[,1] | t[,2] | t[,3] | na[] |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 1 | 96 | 2 | 96 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 61 | 5 | 55 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 83 | 6 | 83 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 48 | 5 | 46 | NA | 1 | 5 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 32 | 1 | 32 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 75 | 10 | 74 | NA | 1 | 7 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 20 | 13 | 20 | NA | 1 | 5 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 24 | 9 | 31 | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 46 | 3 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 44 | 2 | 47 | NA | 1 | 5 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 34 | 4 | 31 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 31 | 4 | 31 | NA | 1 | 7 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 48 | 1 | 48 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 74 | 1 | 74 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 47 | 2 | 47 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 37 | 1 | 34 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 37 | 9 | 70 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |

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|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| 2 | 43 | 4 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 38 | 3 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 34 | 3 | 35 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 40 | 7 | 18 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 38 | 7 | 77 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 37 | 1 | 37 | NA | 1 | 3 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 26 | 4 | 27 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 45 | 16 | 98 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 69 | 1 | 66 | NA | 1 | 13 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 20 | 4 | 20 | NA | 1 | 5 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 27 | 9 | 26 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 18 | 270 | 19 | 275 | NA | 1 | 5 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 116 | 10 | 123 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 64 | 9 | 72 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 36 | 6 | 34 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 84 | 2 | 93 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 57 | 3 | 58 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 20 | 9 | 30 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 73 | 21 | 140 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 163 | 18 | 165 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 60 | 3 | 60 | 3 | 60 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 41 | 383 | 96 | 391 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 45 | 0 | 45 | NA | 1 | 2 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 85 | 8 | 85 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 58 | 2 | 67 | NA | 1 | 3 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 24 | 4 | 28 | NA | 1 | 2 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 65 | 2 | 59 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 35 | 178 | 38 | 169 | NA | 1 | 2 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 18 | 197 | 21 | 188 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 13 | 197 | 23 | 194 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 28 | 3 | 28 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 71 | 2 | 71 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 38 | 2 | 38 | NA | 1 | 1 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 33 | 0 | 33 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 40 | 1 | 40 | NA | 1 | 1 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 72 | 0 | 72 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 45 | 0 | 45 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 24 | 5 | 24 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 75 | 12 | 75 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 54 | 0 | 48 | NA | 1 | 13 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 21 | 2 | 20 | NA | 1 | 8 | 10 | NA | 2 |

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|---|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|---|
| 0 | 29 | 3 | 29 | NA | 1 | 5 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 30 | 3 | 29 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 14 | 2 | 18 | NA | 1 | 9 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 22 | 2 | 23 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 46 | 2 | 46 | NA | 1 | 1 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 32 | 2 | 27 | NA | 1 | 5 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 20 | 13 | 62 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 13 | 0 | 15 | NA | 1 | 2 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 63 | 18 | 63 | NA | 1 | 7 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 48 | 3 | 44 | 9 | 49 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 3 |

END

| node | mean | sd | MC error | 2.5% | median | 97.5% | start | sample |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| best1[1] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[2] | 0.0516 | 0.2212 | 0.005231 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[3] | 0.0342 | 0.1817 | 0.005157 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[4] | 0.141 | 0.348 | 0.01226 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[5] | 4.0E-4 | 0.02 | 2.777E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[6] | 0.3646 | 0.4813 | 0.02054 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[7] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[8] | 0.0412 | 0.1988 | 0.005382 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[9] | 0.086 | 0.2804 | 0.008756 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[10] | 0.0072 | 0.08455 | 0.001747 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[11] | 0.0628 | 0.2426 | 0.006461 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[12] | 0.1846 | 0.388 | 0.01594 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[13] | 0.0258 | 0.1585 | 0.004967 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[14] | 6.0E-4 | 0.02449 | 3.425E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[1] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[2] | 0.1248 | 0.3305 | 0.0074 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[3] | 0.0636 | 0.244 | 0.006352 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[4] | 0.217 | 0.4122 | 0.009941 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[5] | 0.0018 | 0.04239 | 7.449E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[6] | 0.0896 | 0.2856 | 0.006711 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[7] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[8] | 0.1068 | 0.3089 | 0.007261 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[9] | 0.1178 | 0.3224 | 0.007583 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[10] | 0.0202 | 0.1407 | 0.0025 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[11] | 0.0754 | 0.264 | 0.007277 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[12] | 0.1272 | 0.3332 | 0.007916 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[13] | 0.0546 | 0.2272 | 0.006064 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[14] | 0.0012 | 0.03462 | 6.173E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[2] | 0.8963 | 0.2501 | 0.009435 | 0.4273 | 0.89 | 1.407 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[3] | 0.6082 | 0.4409 | 0.0188 | -0.2297 | 0.6022 | 1.511 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[4] | 1.027 | 0.3391 | 0.01314 | 0.3538 | 1.028 | 1.68 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[5] | 0.1538 | 0.3677 | 0.01435 | -0.6101 | 0.1626 | 0.8581 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[6] | 0.9581 | 1.389 | 0.06647 | -1.836 | 0.9836 | 3.633 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[7] | -1.279 | 0.5862 | 0.03166 | -2.576 | -1.248 | -0.2382 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[8] | 0.835 | 0.2937 | 0.01077 | 0.2566 | 0.8366 | 1.412 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[9] | 0.7311 | 0.5374 | 0.02237 | -0.4009 | 0.7564 | 1.73 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[10] | 0.3228 | 0.4516 | 0.01741 | -0.6187 | 0.3393 | 1.142 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[11] | 0.3754 | 0.7572 | 0.03379 | -1.117 | 0.3614 | 1.872 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[12] | 0.8049 | 0.774 | 0.0374 | -0.7337 | 0.7941 | 2.314 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[13] | 0.6026 | 0.3885 | 0.01581 | -0.1822 | 0.6048 | 1.338 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[14] | -0.1252 | 0.4832 | 0.01961 | -1.104 | -0.1081 | 0.8008 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,2] | 0.4209 | 0.1051 | 0.003949 | 0.2449 | 0.4107 | 0.6522 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,3] | 0.5994 | 0.2768 | 0.01133 | 0.2221 | 0.5476 | 1.259 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,4] | 0.3793 | 0.134 | 0.005079 | 0.1865 | 0.3577 | 0.7047 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| or[1,5] | 0.9189 | 0.3654 | 0.01358 | 0.4247 | 0.8499 | 1.842 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,6] | 1.084 | 3.244 | 0.09586 | 0.02646 | 0.374 | 6.29 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,7] | 4.363 | 3.563 | 0.1932 | 1.271 | 3.485 | 13.19 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,8] | 0.453 | 0.136 | 0.004874 | 0.2438 | 0.4334 | 0.7739 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,9] | 0.5604 | 0.3592 | 0.01455 | 0.1777 | 0.4695 | 1.493 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,10] | 0.8048 | 0.4076 | 0.01548 | 0.3192 | 0.7124 | 1.859 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,11] | 0.9148 | 0.8 | 0.03459 | 0.1547 | 0.6974 | 3.076 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,12] | 0.6052 | 0.5691 | 0.02506 | 0.09896 | 0.4524 | 2.094 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,13] | 0.5906 | 0.2411 | 0.00919 | 0.2624 | 0.5463 | 1.2 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,14] | 1.28 | 0.7213 | 0.02903 | 0.4519 | 1.114 | 3.018 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,1] | 2.53 | 0.6745 | 0.02498 | 1.533 | 2.435 | 4.085 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,2] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,3] | 1.51 | 0.7924 | 0.03196 | 0.4867 | 1.342 | 3.517 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,4] | 0.9466 | 0.3925 | 0.01426 | 0.414 | 0.8789 | 1.923 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,5] | 2.31 | 1.1 | 0.04071 | 0.9095 | 2.085 | 4.987 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,6] | 2.707 | 7.211 | 0.226 | 0.06141 | 0.9095 | 16.66 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,7] | 11.02 | 9.848 | 0.4998 | 2.897 | 8.453 | 34.61 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,8] | 1.13 | 0.422 | 0.01554 | 0.5463 | 1.054 | 2.162 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,9] | 1.423 | 1.063 | 0.04281 | 0.3974 | 1.158 | 4.178 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,10] | 2.036 | 1.211 | 0.04509 | 0.6819 | 1.746 | 5.162 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,11] | 2.333 | 2.279 | 0.09269 | 0.3442 | 1.704 | 8.29 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,12] | 1.532 | 1.555 | 0.06726 | 0.2188 | 1.105 | 5.5 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,13] | 1.488 | 0.7274 | 0.03013 | 0.5534 | 1.35 | 3.315 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,14] | 3.228 | 2.05 | 0.07553 | 0.9813 | 2.722 | 8.458 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,1] | 2.029 | 0.9873 | 0.04067 | 0.7948 | 1.826 | 4.53 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,2] | 0.8534 | 0.4911 | 0.02012 | 0.2849 | 0.7452 | 2.055 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,3] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,4] | 0.7713 | 0.4993 | 0.01918 | 0.23 | 0.6577 | 2.072 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,5] | 1.822 | 1.115 | 0.04282 | 0.5741 | 1.552 | 4.89 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,6] | 2.101 | 6.734 | 0.1831 | 0.04494 | 0.6867 | 12.55 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,7] | 8.794 | 9.033 | 0.4293 | 1.779 | 6.295 | 30.62 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,8] | 0.9127 | 0.5196 | 0.0201 | 0.2967 | 0.787 | 2.253 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,9] | 1.124 | 0.932 | 0.03152 | 0.2441 | 0.8571 | 3.513 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,10] | 1.625 | 1.191 | 0.04517 | 0.4179 | 1.31 | 4.691 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,11] | 1.871 | 2.119 | 0.08808 | 0.2115 | 1.262 | 7.458 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,12] | 1.21 | 1.407 | 0.05683 | 0.1496 | 0.8272 | 4.563 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,13] | 1.165 | 0.7054 | 0.02566 | 0.3549 | 0.9926 | 2.982 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,14] | 2.542 | 1.936 | 0.06991 | 0.6406 | 2.041 | 7.402 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,1] | 2.959 | 1.048 | 0.03958 | 1.424 | 2.796 | 5.368 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,2] | 1.228 | 0.4945 | 0.01842 | 0.5208 | 1.138 | 2.417 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,3] | 1.773 | 1.08 | 0.04335 | 0.485 | 1.521 | 4.362 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,4] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,5] | 2.701 | 1.453 | 0.0521 | 0.9572 | 2.37 | 6.358 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,6] | 3.143 | 10.12 | 0.2869 | 0.0697 | 1.057 | 17.98 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,7] | 12.89 | 12.09 | 0.6136 | 2.881 | 9.684 | 43.23 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,8] | 1.33 | 0.5986 | 0.02199 | 0.5087 | 1.219 | 2.773 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,9] | 1.648 | 1.235 | 0.04849 | 0.3987 | 1.339 | 4.824 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,10] | 2.379 | 1.528 | 0.05204 | 0.7001 | 2.005 | 6.377 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,11] | 2.688 | 2.664 | 0.1115 | 0.3824 | 1.911 | 9.943 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,12] | 1.812 | 2.094 | 0.09474 | 0.2362 | 1.285 | 6.719 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,13] | 1.742 | 0.9673 | 0.03607 | 0.565 | 1.535 | 4.161 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,14] | 3.763 | 2.503 | 0.09802 | 1.048 | 3.126 | 10.24 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,1] | 1.246 | 0.4618 | 0.0177 | 0.5433 | 1.177 | 2.359 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,2] | 0.5213 | 0.2299 | 0.008892 | 0.2009 | 0.4797 | 1.105 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,3] | 0.7281 | 0.4019 | 0.01537 | 0.2047 | 0.6445 | 1.742 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,4] | 0.4689 | 0.2387 | 0.00845 | 0.1574 | 0.4219 | 1.046 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,5] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,6] | 1.329 | 4.924 | 0.1203 | 0.02814 | 0.4363 | 8.032 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,7] | 5.09 | 4.004 | 0.2086 | 1.452 | 4.053 | 14.57 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,8] | 0.5502 | 0.2302 | 0.007781 | 0.2138 | 0.5144 | 1.115 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,9] | 0.6607 | 0.4615 | 0.01614 | 0.1991 | 0.5547 | 1.72 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,10] | 0.9541 | 0.5144 | 0.01831 | 0.3298 | 0.8341 | 2.3 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| or[5,11] | 1.142 | 1.22 | 0.05539 | 0.1486 | 0.8099 | 4.217 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,12] | 0.736 | 0.7612 | 0.03315 | 0.09378 | 0.5302 | 2.577 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,13] | 0.7199 | 0.3685 | 0.01425 | 0.2314 | 0.6431 | 1.664 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,14] | 1.453 | 0.718 | 0.0272 | 0.5855 | 1.303 | 3.194 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,1] | 6.687 | 14.58 | 0.5624 | 0.1595 | 2.674 | 37.81 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,2] | 2.825 | 6.383 | 0.2363 | 0.06025 | 1.1 | 16.3 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,3] | 3.872 | 8.558 | 0.3288 | 0.07971 | 1.458 | 22.76 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,4] | 2.558 | 6.361 | 0.233 | 0.05573 | 0.9466 | 14.42 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,5] | 5.961 | 13.61 | 0.4665 | 0.125 | 2.296 | 36.1 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,6] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,7] | 27.46 | 75.76 | 1.991 | 0.4817 | 9.548 | 159.9 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,8] | 3.039 | 6.884 | 0.2493 | 0.06875 | 1.162 | 18.2 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,9] | 3.781 | 9.956 | 0.3078 | 0.06009 | 1.241 | 24.97 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,10] | 5.148 | 12.65 | 0.3837 | 0.1034 | 1.96 | 29.1 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,11] | 5.679 | 15.12 | 0.5558 | 0.07721 | 1.88 | 33.31 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,12] | 3.737 | 9.803 | 0.3142 | 0.04831 | 1.182 | 23.58 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,13] | 3.985 | 9.449 | 0.3627 | 0.07632 | 1.479 | 24.63 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,14] | 8.049 | 18.16 | 0.6391 | 0.1501 | 3.041 | 47.71 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,1] | 0.3258 | 0.1848 | 0.008788 | 0.07605 | 0.2871 | 0.788 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,2] | 0.1364 | 0.08471 | 0.003891 | 0.02902 | 0.1183 | 0.3469 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,3] | 0.193 | 0.1465 | 0.006358 | 0.03282 | 0.1589 | 0.5631 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,4] | 0.1232 | 0.08512 | 0.003776 | 0.02317 | 0.1033 | 0.3472 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,5] | 0.2819 | 0.1701 | 0.007441 | 0.06881 | 0.2468 | 0.6891 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,6] | 0.3295 | 0.917 | 0.02434 | 0.006258 | 0.1049 | 2.086 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,7] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,8] | 0.1447 | 0.09074 | 0.004176 | 0.03113 | 0.1258 | 0.366 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,9] | 0.1757 | 0.1553 | 0.005676 | 0.02997 | 0.1334 | 0.576 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,10] | 0.254 | 0.1983 | 0.007711 | 0.04845 | 0.2028 | 0.7786 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,11] | 0.3001 | 0.3727 | 0.01662 | 0.0277 | 0.1919 | 1.247 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,12] | 0.1791 | 0.1829 | 0.007472 | 0.02183 | 0.1285 | 0.6609 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,13] | 0.1914 | 0.1367 | 0.005824 | 0.03242 | 0.1604 | 0.5276 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,14] | 0.3864 | 0.2802 | 0.01095 | 0.08454 | 0.3188 | 1.061 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,1] | 2.407 | 0.7311 | 0.02678 | 1.293 | 2.308 | 4.103 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,2] | 0.9971 | 0.348 | 0.01264 | 0.464 | 0.9488 | 1.834 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,3] | 1.432 | 0.7873 | 0.02904 | 0.444 | 1.271 | 3.372 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,4] | 0.9084 | 0.4339 | 0.01697 | 0.3611 | 0.8206 | 1.968 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,5] | 2.158 | 0.9743 | 0.03447 | 0.8973 | 1.945 | 4.684 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,6] | 2.576 | 9.39 | 0.2404 | 0.05526 | 0.8615 | 14.55 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,7] | 10.3 | 9.012 | 0.4909 | 2.741 | 7.952 | 32.24 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,8] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,9] | 1.342 | 0.967 | 0.03611 | 0.3583 | 1.1 | 3.829 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,10] | 1.889 | 1.073 | 0.0413 | 0.6721 | 1.634 | 4.593 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,11] | 2.194 | 2.142 | 0.08761 | 0.3251 | 1.602 | 7.909 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,12] | 1.448 | 1.494 | 0.06267 | 0.2047 | 1.031 | 5.177 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,13] | 1.412 | 0.7162 | 0.02844 | 0.5042 | 1.263 | 3.19 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,14] | 3.023 | 1.962 | 0.07545 | 0.9764 | 2.558 | 7.846 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,1] | 2.389 | 1.337 | 0.05126 | 0.6697 | 2.131 | 5.638 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,2] | 1.005 | 0.6335 | 0.02332 | 0.2398 | 0.8635 | 2.52 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,3] | 1.419 | 1.117 | 0.04034 | 0.2855 | 1.167 | 4.097 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,4] | 0.9031 | 0.6194 | 0.02453 | 0.2074 | 0.7467 | 2.509 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,5] | 2.066 | 1.203 | 0.04032 | 0.583 | 1.803 | 5.03 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,6] | 2.583 | 10.63 | 0.2691 | 0.04035 | 0.8058 | 16.64 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,7] | 9.884 | 9.62 | 0.4089 | 1.748 | 7.496 | 33.38 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,8] | 1.079 | 0.7072 | 0.02503 | 0.2613 | 0.9092 | 2.795 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,9] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,10] | 1.886 | 1.465 | 0.04698 | 0.3927 | 1.51 | 5.813 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,11] | 2.17 | 2.512 | 0.1081 | 0.2257 | 1.458 | 8.505 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,12] | 1.385 | 1.495 | 0.05898 | 0.1437 | 0.9514 | 5.051 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,13] | 1.376 | 0.8986 | 0.03282 | 0.3154 | 1.184 | 3.818 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,14] | 2.84 | 1.933 | 0.06731 | 0.6867 | 2.349 | 7.86 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,1] | 1.524 | 0.6921 | 0.02479 | 0.5387 | 1.404 | 3.135 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,2] | 0.6398 | 0.3306 | 0.01231 | 0.1946 | 0.5727 | 1.468 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| or[10,3] | 0.908 | 0.5991 | 0.02261 | 0.2135 | 0.7637 | 2.402 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,4] | 0.5781 | 0.3509 | 0.01119 | 0.1583 | 0.4992 | 1.432 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,5] | 1.334 | 0.7006 | 0.02231 | 0.4359 | 1.199 | 3.037 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,6] | 1.651 | 5.83 | 0.1717 | 0.03448 | 0.5107 | 9.68 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,7] | 6.392 | 6.034 | 0.2966 | 1.285 | 4.932 | 20.74 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,8] | 0.6712 | 0.3283 | 0.01224 | 0.2182 | 0.6122 | 1.488 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,9] | 0.839 | 0.7273 | 0.02277 | 0.1725 | 0.6622 | 2.551 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,10] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,11] | 1.399 | 1.534 | 0.0626 | 0.169 | 0.9511 | 5.604 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,12] | 0.9059 | 0.9913 | 0.03709 | 0.1022 | 0.6357 | 3.323 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,13] | 0.8891 | 0.5405 | 0.01875 | 0.2292 | 0.7699 | 2.227 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,14] | 1.875 | 1.31 | 0.03939 | 0.4782 | 1.582 | 5.116 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,1] | 1.94 | 1.742 | 0.06864 | 0.3272 | 1.435 | 6.501 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,2] | 0.8255 | 0.8313 | 0.03436 | 0.1209 | 0.5869 | 2.922 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,3] | 1.171 | 1.324 | 0.05152 | 0.1353 | 0.7928 | 4.744 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,4] | 0.7306 | 0.7523 | 0.02825 | 0.1006 | 0.5235 | 2.619 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,5] | 1.779 | 1.852 | 0.07447 | 0.2375 | 1.235 | 6.738 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,6] | 2.202 | 12.7 | 0.3005 | 0.0302 | 0.5321 | 13.01 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,7] | 8.319 | 10.72 | 0.4271 | 0.8039 | 5.213 | 36.16 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,8] | 0.8745 | 0.8281 | 0.03216 | 0.1265 | 0.6249 | 3.087 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,9] | 1.096 | 1.468 | 0.05678 | 0.1177 | 0.6859 | 4.433 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,10] | 1.554 | 1.695 | 0.06203 | 0.1787 | 1.052 | 5.918 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,11] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,12] | 1.099 | 1.426 | 0.05324 | 0.08756 | 0.6519 | 4.922 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,13] | 1.164 | 1.396 | 0.05161 | 0.1438 | 0.7964 | 4.275 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,14] | 2.464 | 2.823 | 0.1087 | 0.2957 | 1.641 | 9.584 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,1] | 3.019 | 2.728 | 0.122 | 0.4801 | 2.212 | 10.12 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,2] | 1.272 | 1.247 | 0.05361 | 0.182 | 0.9053 | 4.576 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,3] | 1.771 | 1.842 | 0.07722 | 0.2205 | 1.209 | 6.703 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,4] | 1.148 | 1.187 | 0.05144 | 0.1496 | 0.7785 | 4.246 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,5] | 2.732 | 2.809 | 0.1241 | 0.3908 | 1.887 | 10.69 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,6] | 3.247 | 12.43 | 0.3681 | 0.04243 | 0.8466 | 20.73 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,7] | 12.06 | 20.13 | 0.8092 | 1.517 | 7.784 | 46.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,8] | 1.365 | 1.367 | 0.05698 | 0.1942 | 0.9702 | 4.889 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,9] | 1.664 | 2.343 | 0.08221 | 0.1985 | 1.051 | 7.055 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,10] | 2.402 | 2.635 | 0.1056 | 0.3011 | 1.575 | 9.789 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,11] | 2.605 | 3.606 | 0.1499 | 0.205 | 1.535 | 11.44 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,12] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,13] | 1.788 | 1.989 | 0.08766 | 0.2447 | 1.196 | 6.787 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,14] | 3.767 | 5.174 | 0.1768 | 0.4726 | 2.493 | 14.93 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,1] | 1.969 | 0.7901 | 0.03229 | 0.8334 | 1.831 | 3.811 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,2] | 0.827 | 0.4029 | 0.01727 | 0.3024 | 0.741 | 1.812 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,3] | 1.146 | 0.6514 | 0.02321 | 0.3371 | 1.008 | 2.82 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,4] | 0.7436 | 0.3973 | 0.01534 | 0.243 | 0.6513 | 1.771 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,5] | 1.776 | 0.9796 | 0.03893 | 0.6011 | 1.555 | 4.323 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,6] | 2.227 | 8.874 | 0.2376 | 0.04068 | 0.6789 | 13.16 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,7] | 8.643 | 8.352 | 0.4695 | 1.896 | 6.236 | 30.91 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,8] | 0.8868 | 0.4481 | 0.01865 | 0.3142 | 0.7922 | 1.986 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,9] | 1.08 | 0.7962 | 0.0327 | 0.262 | 0.8449 | 3.176 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,10] | 1.571 | 1.043 | 0.03929 | 0.4518 | 1.299 | 4.367 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,11] | 1.831 | 1.998 | 0.08443 | 0.2344 | 1.256 | 6.957 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,12] | 1.168 | 1.202 | 0.04993 | 0.1475 | 0.8366 | 4.09 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,13] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,14] | 2.433 | 1.612 | 0.06847 | 0.719 | 2.038 | 6.54 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,1] | 0.9897 | 0.5043 | 0.01855 | 0.3315 | 0.8975 | 2.227 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,2] | 0.4149 | 0.2382 | 0.008061 | 0.1186 | 0.3675 | 1.021 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,3] | 0.5776 | 0.3821 | 0.01402 | 0.1355 | 0.4899 | 1.565 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,4] | 0.3748 | 0.272 | 0.008874 | 0.09782 | 0.3199 | 0.9563 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,5] | 0.8267 | 0.3658 | 0.01397 | 0.3137 | 0.768 | 1.712 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,6] | 1.029 | 2.929 | 0.08762 | 0.021 | 0.3293 | 6.694 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,7] | 3.921 | 3.07 | 0.1389 | 0.945 | 3.138 | 11.86 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,8] | 0.4377 | 0.2405 | 0.008284 | 0.1282 | 0.391 | 1.025 | 50001 | 5000 |

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|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| or[14,9] | 0.5165 | 0.3895 | 0.01389 | 0.1272 | 0.4258 | 1.467 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,10] | 0.768 | 0.5631 | 0.01839 | 0.1955 | 0.6322 | 2.094 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,11] | 0.9033 | 1.052 | 0.04219 | 0.1048 | 0.6098 | 3.382 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,12] | 0.5724 | 0.609 | 0.02446 | 0.06724 | 0.4011 | 2.117 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,13] | 0.5625 | 0.3377 | 0.01329 | 0.153 | 0.4908 | 1.393 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,14] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |

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# Model - heterogeneous random effects model
# Assume correlation within study (rho = 0.5)
# Assume heterogeneous between studies ; "sdmu" is (0.01, 5)

model {
  for (i in 1:NS) {
    s[i,1] <- 0
    delta[i, t[i,1]] <- 0
    mu[i] ~ dnorm(mmu[t[i,1]], taumu) # handle different baseline treatments

    for (k in 1:na[i]) {
      r[i,k] ~ dbin(p[i,t[i,k]], n[i,k])
      logit(p[i,t[i,k]]) <- mu[i] + delta[i,t[i,k]]
    }

    for (k in 2:na[i]) {
      delta[i,t[i,k]] ~ dnorm(md[i,t[i,k]], tau[i,t[i,k]])
      md[i,t[i,k]] <- d[t[i,k]] - d[t[i,1]] + ss[i,k]
      tau[i,t[i,k]] <- tau[t[i,1],t[i,k]]*2*(k-1)/k
      s[i,k] <- (delta[i, t[i,k]] - d[t[i,k]] + d[t[i,1]])
      ss[i,k] <- sum(s[i, 1:k-1])/(k-1)
    }
  }

  mmu[5] <- 0 #Treatments 1,2,3,4,6,7 are one of baseline treatments.
  mmu[8] <- 0 # other treatments should be assigned to 0.
  mmu[9] <- 0
  mmu[10] <- 0
  mmu[11] <- 0
  mmu[12] <- 0
  mmu[13] <- 0
  mmu[14] <- 0
  mmu[1] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[2] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[3] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[4] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[6] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  mmu[7] ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
  sdmu ~ dunif(0.01, 5)
  taumu <- 1/pow(sdmu,2)

  d[1] <- 0
  for (k in 2:NT) {
    d[k] ~ dnorm(0,0.0001)
    ed[k] <- exp(d[k]) # ed is odds ratio against placebo
  }

  for(i in 1:(NT-1)) {
    for(j in (i+1):NT) {
      v[i,j] ~ dnorm(0, 8.32)
      log(sd[i,j]) <- log(sd0) + v[i,j]
      tau[i,j] <- 1/pow(sd[i,j],2)
      var[i,j] <- pow(sd[i,j],2)
    }
  }

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|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| 0 | 47 | 2 | 47 | NA | 1 | 1 | 6 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 37 | 1 | 34 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 37 | 9 | 70 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 43 | 4 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 38 | 3 | 43 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 34 | 3 | 35 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 40 | 7 | 18 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 38 | 7 | 77 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 37 | 1 | 37 | NA | 1 | 3 | 5 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 26 | 4 | 27 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 45 | 16 | 98 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 69 | 1 | 66 | NA | 1 | 13 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 5 | 20 | 4 | 20 | NA | 1 | 5 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 27 | 9 | 26 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 18 | 270 | 19 | 275 | NA | 1 | 5 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 116 | 10 | 123 | NA | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 64 | 9 | 72 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 36 | 6 | 34 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 84 | 2 | 93 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 57 | 3 | 58 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 6 | 20 | 9 | 30 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 73 | 21 | 140 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 163 | 18 | 165 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 60 | 3 | 60 | 3 | 60 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 41 | 383 | 96 | 391 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 10 | 45 | 0 | 45 | NA | 1 | 2 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 85 | 8 | 85 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 58 | 2 | 67 | NA | 1 | 3 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 24 | 4 | 28 | NA | 1 | 2 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 65 | 2 | 59 | NA | 1 | 1 | 13 | NA | 2 |
| 35 | 178 | 38 | 169 | NA | 1 | 2 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 18 | 197 | 21 | 188 | NA | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 13 | 197 | 23 | 194 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 28 | 3 | 28 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 71 | 2 | 71 | NA | 1 | 1 | 12 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 38 | 2 | 38 | NA | 1 | 1 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 33 | 0 | 33 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 40 | 1 | 40 | NA | 1 | 1 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 72 | 0 | 72 | NA | 1 | 1 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 45 | 0 | 45 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 24 | 5 | 24 | NA | 1 | 1 | 9 | NA | 2 |

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| 5 | 75 | 12 | 75 | NA | 1 | 1 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 4 | 54 | 0 | 48 | NA | 1 | 13 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 21 | 2 | 20 | NA | 1 | 8 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 29 | 3 | 29 | NA | 1 | 5 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 30 | 3 | 29 | NA | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 14 | 2 | 18 | NA | 1 | 9 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 22 | 2 | 23 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 46 | 2 | 46 | NA | 1 | 1 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 32 | 2 | 27 | NA | 1 | 5 | 14 | NA | 2 |
| 2 | 20 | 13 | 62 | NA | 1 | 1 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 1 | 13 | 0 | 15 | NA | 1 | 2 | 4 | NA | 2 |
| 0 | 63 | 18 | 63 | NA | 1 | 7 | 8 | NA | 2 |
| 3 | 48 | 3 | 44 | 9 | 49 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 3 |

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| node | mean | sd | MC error | 2.5% | median | 97.5% | start | sample |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| best1[1] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[2] | 0.048 | 0.2138 | 0.005892 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[3] | 0.0462 | 0.2099 | 0.005419 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[4] | 0.1536 | 0.3606 | 0.01422 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[5] | 2.0E-4 | 0.01414 | 2.006E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[6] | 0.3488 | 0.4766 | 0.02233 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[7] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[8] | 0.0428 | 0.2024 | 0.005105 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[9] | 0.0978 | 0.297 | 0.009791 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[10] | 0.0078 | 0.08797 | 0.001628 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[11] | 0.0828 | 0.2756 | 0.008454 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[12] | 0.1458 | 0.3529 | 0.01337 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[13] | 0.0252 | 0.1567 | 0.003928 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best1[14] | 0.001 | 0.03161 | 4.331E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[1] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[2] | 0.1408 | 0.3478 | 0.008127 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[3] | 0.075 | 0.2634 | 0.006685 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[4] | 0.203 | 0.4022 | 0.008737 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[5] | 0.0038 | 0.06153 | 0.001243 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[6] | 0.0808 | 0.2725 | 0.006052 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[7] | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[8] | 0.108 | 0.3104 | 0.007817 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[9] | 0.1238 | 0.3294 | 0.007522 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[10] | 0.0182 | 0.1337 | 0.002555 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[11] | 0.084 | 0.2774 | 0.007281 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[12] | 0.1032 | 0.3042 | 0.006101 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[13] | 0.0586 | 0.2349 | 0.005443 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| best2[14] | 8.0E-4 | 0.02827 | 3.884E-4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[2] | 0.8884 | 0.2447 | 0.008527 | 0.4178 | 0.8806 | 1.405 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[3] | 0.6419 | 0.4462 | 0.0205 | -0.1735 | 0.6181 | 1.559 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[4] | 1.007 | 0.3599 | 0.01703 | 0.3205 | 1.005 | 1.705 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[5] | 0.1856 | 0.3805 | 0.01226 | -0.5701 | 0.1883 | 0.9327 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[6] | 0.8932 | 1.431 | 0.06919 | -1.87 | 0.9052 | 3.751 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[7] | -1.255 | 0.6031 | 0.03536 | -2.619 | -1.213 | -0.1867 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[8] | 0.8291 | 0.297 | 0.01152 | 0.2442 | 0.8268 | 1.423 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[9] | 0.7334 | 0.5474 | 0.02262 | -0.3835 | 0.7485 | 1.79 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[10] | 0.3362 | 0.4494 | 0.01653 | -0.5891 | 0.3491 | 1.185 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[11] | 0.4371 | 0.7837 | 0.03416 | -1.104 | 0.4526 | 1.968 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[12] | 0.6907 | 0.7517 | 0.03829 | -0.7297 | 0.6485 | 2.29 | 50001 | 5000 |
| d[13] | 0.628 | 0.408 | 0.01746 | -0.1904 | 0.6351 | 1.439 | 50001 | 5000 |

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| d[14] | -0.1063 | 0.4735 | 0.01603 | -1.091 | -0.08985 | 0.7978 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,2] | 0.4237 | 0.1035 | 0.003432 | 0.2458 | 0.4146 | 0.6585 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,3] | 0.5796 | 0.2609 | 0.01139 | 0.2108 | 0.5391 | 1.19 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,4] | 0.3904 | 0.1586 | 0.006856 | 0.1827 | 0.3661 | 0.7261 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,5] | 0.8941 | 0.3665 | 0.01132 | 0.3939 | 0.8284 | 1.769 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,6] | 1.162 | 3.709 | 0.08424 | 0.02351 | 0.4052 | 6.59 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,7] | 4.286 | 3.394 | 0.1849 | 1.206 | 3.367 | 13.75 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,8] | 0.4561 | 0.1398 | 0.005236 | 0.2411 | 0.4375 | 0.7836 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,9] | 0.5608 | 0.356 | 0.01477 | 0.1671 | 0.4732 | 1.471 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,10] | 0.7924 | 0.3933 | 0.01398 | 0.3062 | 0.7055 | 1.802 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,11] | 0.912 | 1.343 | 0.05316 | 0.1404 | 0.6364 | 3.074 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,12] | 0.6551 | 0.5299 | 0.02391 | 0.1014 | 0.5228 | 2.081 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,13] | 0.5803 | 0.251 | 0.01071 | 0.2379 | 0.5299 | 1.211 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[1,14] | 1.248 | 0.6642 | 0.02216 | 0.4505 | 1.095 | 2.978 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,1] | 2.506 | 0.6435 | 0.02315 | 1.519 | 2.412 | 4.075 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,2] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,3] | 1.454 | 0.7815 | 0.0324 | 0.4617 | 1.301 | 3.444 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,4] | 0.9714 | 0.4664 | 0.01974 | 0.396 | 0.8869 | 2.027 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,5] | 2.22 | 1.037 | 0.03343 | 0.8734 | 2.014 | 4.776 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,6] | 2.924 | 8.867 | 0.2072 | 0.05464 | 0.9733 | 16.59 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,7] | 10.63 | 8.71 | 0.4469 | 2.691 | 8.196 | 34.34 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,8] | 1.126 | 0.4092 | 0.01374 | 0.5473 | 1.056 | 2.154 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,9] | 1.403 | 0.996 | 0.03809 | 0.3775 | 1.141 | 4.104 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,10] | 1.979 | 1.141 | 0.03941 | 0.6801 | 1.719 | 4.933 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,11] | 2.322 | 3.883 | 0.1484 | 0.2986 | 1.55 | 8.424 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,12] | 1.636 | 1.416 | 0.05834 | 0.2371 | 1.271 | 5.365 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,13] | 1.435 | 0.6778 | 0.02578 | 0.5232 | 1.299 | 3.142 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[2,14] | 3.107 | 1.816 | 0.06276 | 0.9814 | 2.662 | 7.901 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,1] | 2.107 | 1.054 | 0.04751 | 0.8407 | 1.855 | 4.753 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,2] | 0.8942 | 0.5264 | 0.02137 | 0.2916 | 0.7691 | 2.169 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,3] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,4] | 0.817 | 0.5401 | 0.01969 | 0.2476 | 0.6791 | 2.186 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,5] | 1.85 | 1.214 | 0.04808 | 0.553 | 1.561 | 4.954 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,6] | 2.571 | 9.575 | 0.2364 | 0.04141 | 0.7706 | 15.43 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,7] | 8.957 | 8.736 | 0.4769 | 1.691 | 6.465 | 33.01 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,8] | 0.9575 | 0.5823 | 0.02467 | 0.2998 | 0.823 | 2.394 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,9] | 1.193 | 1.108 | 0.05082 | 0.245 | 0.8856 | 3.944 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,10] | 1.655 | 1.205 | 0.05222 | 0.422 | 1.333 | 4.984 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,11] | 1.925 | 2.915 | 0.1106 | 0.2249 | 1.188 | 7.52 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,12] | 1.346 | 1.333 | 0.05546 | 0.1723 | 0.9671 | 4.549 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,13] | 1.184 | 0.7383 | 0.03288 | 0.3596 | 1.009 | 3.083 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[3,14] | 2.591 | 1.989 | 0.07751 | 0.673 | 2.045 | 7.561 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,1] | 2.92 | 1.081 | 0.05138 | 1.378 | 2.732 | 5.503 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,2] | 1.228 | 0.5373 | 0.02447 | 0.4934 | 1.128 | 2.529 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,3] | 1.674 | 0.9534 | 0.03791 | 0.4579 | 1.473 | 4.047 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,4] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,5] | 2.597 | 1.466 | 0.05993 | 0.8501 | 2.25 | 6.507 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,6] | 3.364 | 9.847 | 0.2425 | 0.0588 | 1.134 | 19.33 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,7] | 12.52 | 11.76 | 0.5937 | 2.786 | 9.249 | 42.29 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,8] | 1.33 | 0.6604 | 0.0291 | 0.503 | 1.177 | 3.03 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,9] | 1.638 | 1.351 | 0.05941 | 0.3833 | 1.291 | 4.924 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,10] | 2.311 | 1.511 | 0.0619 | 0.6503 | 1.912 | 6.247 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,11] | 2.638 | 4.659 | 0.1637 | 0.339 | 1.755 | 9.104 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,12] | 1.921 | 1.897 | 0.08342 | 0.2371 | 1.406 | 6.604 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,13] | 1.683 | 0.9775 | 0.04343 | 0.5341 | 1.438 | 4.191 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[4,14] | 3.618 | 2.412 | 0.08986 | 0.986 | 3.019 | 9.827 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,1] | 1.293 | 0.5076 | 0.01625 | 0.5655 | 1.207 | 2.541 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,2] | 0.5437 | 0.2488 | 0.008208 | 0.2096 | 0.4965 | 1.148 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,3] | 0.7363 | 0.435 | 0.0186 | 0.2024 | 0.6408 | 1.811 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,4] | 0.5009 | 0.2826 | 0.01052 | 0.1544 | 0.4446 | 1.177 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,5] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,6] | 1.543 | 5.359 | 0.1199 | 0.02631 | 0.4881 | 9.104 | 50001 | 5000 |

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| or[5,7] | 5.152 | 3.869 | 0.1929 | 1.374 | 4.09 | 15.81 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,8] | 0.5709 | 0.244 | 0.00831 | 0.2345 | 0.5258 | 1.163 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,9] | 0.6798 | 0.4572 | 0.01635 | 0.1995 | 0.5773 | 1.847 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,10] | 0.9744 | 0.55 | 0.02149 | 0.3534 | 0.8456 | 2.304 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,11] | 1.17 | 1.69 | 0.06378 | 0.1385 | 0.7688 | 4.46 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,12] | 0.8274 | 0.7658 | 0.03029 | 0.109 | 0.6223 | 2.857 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,13] | 0.7321 | 0.402 | 0.01582 | 0.2287 | 0.6449 | 1.767 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[5,14] | 1.458 | 0.6572 | 0.0222 | 0.6313 | 1.315 | 3.176 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,1] | 7.504 | 38.38 | 0.9885 | 0.1541 | 2.473 | 42.56 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,2] | 3.182 | 15.66 | 0.4102 | 0.0603 | 1.028 | 18.31 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,3] | 4.054 | 13.49 | 0.4374 | 0.06494 | 1.3 | 24.17 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,4] | 3.074 | 18.56 | 0.4447 | 0.05255 | 0.8825 | 17.05 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,5] | 6.506 | 22.45 | 0.7846 | 0.1111 | 2.049 | 38.19 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,6] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,7] | 35.7 | 220.7 | 6.824 | 0.4368 | 8.754 | 205.9 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,8] | 3.34 | 16.34 | 0.4179 | 0.06119 | 1.1 | 19.23 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,9] | 4.584 | 28.8 | 0.8018 | 0.06188 | 1.144 | 24.2 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,10] | 5.836 | 27.5 | 0.7544 | 0.09604 | 1.758 | 34.52 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,11] | 7.185 | 58.91 | 1.288 | 0.06919 | 1.586 | 41.01 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,12] | 4.867 | 18.32 | 0.5596 | 0.05313 | 1.19 | 30.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,13] | 4.38 | 28.4 | 0.6474 | 0.0725 | 1.34 | 23.36 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[6,14] | 8.697 | 29.33 | 0.9367 | 0.1499 | 2.758 | 51.76 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,1] | 0.3372 | 0.1988 | 0.01084 | 0.07289 | 0.2972 | 0.8297 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,2] | 0.1419 | 0.09073 | 0.004796 | 0.02916 | 0.1221 | 0.372 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,3] | 0.1943 | 0.1519 | 0.008551 | 0.0304 | 0.1547 | 0.5939 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,4] | 0.1303 | 0.09098 | 0.004251 | 0.02377 | 0.1081 | 0.3591 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,5] | 0.2829 | 0.1787 | 0.008634 | 0.06351 | 0.2446 | 0.7281 | 50001 | 5000 |
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| or[7,7] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,8] | 0.1497 | 0.09705 | 0.005185 | 0.03278 | 0.1283 | 0.3936 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,9] | 0.1781 | 0.1458 | 0.006522 | 0.03062 | 0.1402 | 0.5419 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,10] | 0.2589 | 0.2069 | 0.009831 | 0.04803 | 0.2047 | 0.7741 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,11] | 0.2922 | 0.3652 | 0.01436 | 0.02506 | 0.1839 | 1.149 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,12] | 0.2086 | 0.198 | 0.009478 | 0.01845 | 0.1514 | 0.7039 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,13] | 0.1902 | 0.1384 | 0.006839 | 0.03512 | 0.1561 | 0.5519 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[7,14] | 0.3862 | 0.2732 | 0.01226 | 0.08535 | 0.3224 | 1.097 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,1] | 2.396 | 0.7441 | 0.02871 | 1.277 | 2.286 | 4.149 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,2] | 0.9985 | 0.3517 | 0.01185 | 0.4662 | 0.9467 | 1.829 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,3] | 1.383 | 0.7698 | 0.03313 | 0.4208 | 1.216 | 3.344 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,4] | 0.9293 | 0.452 | 0.01896 | 0.3303 | 0.8496 | 1.989 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,5] | 2.072 | 0.9183 | 0.0318 | 0.8601 | 1.903 | 4.264 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,6] | 2.862 | 11.56 | 0.2297 | 0.05218 | 0.9094 | 16.35 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,7] | 9.889 | 7.63 | 0.4251 | 2.546 | 7.798 | 30.6 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,8] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,9] | 1.316 | 0.9113 | 0.03563 | 0.3493 | 1.085 | 3.722 | 50001 | 5000 |
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| or[8,12] | 1.546 | 1.324 | 0.0551 | 0.2174 | 1.191 | 5.178 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,13] | 1.377 | 0.7219 | 0.02917 | 0.4723 | 1.22 | 3.327 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[8,14] | 2.907 | 1.659 | 0.05733 | 0.9608 | 2.529 | 7.386 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,1] | 2.41 | 1.383 | 0.05116 | 0.6814 | 2.114 | 5.992 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,2] | 1.013 | 0.6203 | 0.0216 | 0.244 | 0.877 | 2.655 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,3] | 1.4 | 1.127 | 0.04397 | 0.2552 | 1.13 | 4.085 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,4] | 0.9295 | 0.655 | 0.02357 | 0.2034 | 0.7748 | 2.613 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,5] | 2.016 | 1.217 | 0.04308 | 0.5418 | 1.733 | 5.032 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,6] | 2.775 | 10.69 | 0.2339 | 0.04137 | 0.8762 | 16.42 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,7] | 9.74 | 9.157 | 0.4377 | 1.851 | 7.135 | 32.9 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,8] | 1.077 | 0.6784 | 0.02428 | 0.2698 | 0.9217 | 2.871 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,9] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,10] | 1.844 | 1.402 | 0.05056 | 0.4228 | 1.497 | 5.535 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,11] | 2.153 | 3.17 | 0.1244 | 0.2086 | 1.318 | 8.975 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,12] | 1.545 | 1.607 | 0.06097 | 0.1568 | 1.083 | 5.726 | 50001 | 5000 |

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| or[9,13] | 1.368 | 0.966 | 0.03683 | 0.2864 | 1.123 | 3.913 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[9,14] | 2.773 | 1.866 | 0.06669 | 0.7011 | 2.323 | 7.591 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,1] | 1.546 | 0.7207 | 0.02484 | 0.5549 | 1.418 | 3.271 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,2] | 0.6505 | 0.3346 | 0.01126 | 0.2029 | 0.5818 | 1.475 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,3] | 0.8877 | 0.5926 | 0.02422 | 0.2011 | 0.7503 | 2.381 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,4] | 0.6001 | 0.3803 | 0.01313 | 0.161 | 0.523 | 1.538 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,5] | 1.303 | 0.6333 | 0.02443 | 0.4376 | 1.183 | 2.83 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,6] | 1.715 | 4.617 | 0.1106 | 0.02904 | 0.5706 | 10.54 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,7] | 6.297 | 5.347 | 0.2482 | 1.293 | 4.885 | 20.84 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,8] | 0.684 | 0.3436 | 0.0126 | 0.2298 | 0.6175 | 1.527 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,9] | 0.8325 | 0.6297 | 0.024 | 0.1814 | 0.6683 | 2.39 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,10] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,11] | 1.394 | 2.209 | 0.07881 | 0.1517 | 0.8892 | 5.307 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,12] | 0.9935 | 0.94 | 0.04193 | 0.1137 | 0.7385 | 3.569 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,13] | 0.8766 | 0.5291 | 0.01964 | 0.2223 | 0.7625 | 2.186 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[10,14] | 1.837 | 1.182 | 0.04017 | 0.4724 | 1.563 | 4.747 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,1] | 2.089 | 1.882 | 0.07924 | 0.3314 | 1.572 | 7.157 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,2] | 0.8902 | 0.8863 | 0.03657 | 0.119 | 0.6453 | 3.352 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,3] | 1.195 | 1.204 | 0.04714 | 0.133 | 0.842 | 4.462 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,4] | 0.8042 | 0.8367 | 0.03145 | 0.1099 | 0.57 | 2.956 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,5] | 1.864 | 1.943 | 0.07894 | 0.2244 | 1.301 | 7.254 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,6] | 2.303 | 6.956 | 0.1805 | 0.02448 | 0.6307 | 14.52 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,7] | 8.994 | 13.37 | 0.5397 | 0.871 | 5.444 | 39.92 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,8] | 0.9484 | 0.9645 | 0.04113 | 0.129 | 0.6879 | 3.46 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,9] | 1.161 | 1.394 | 0.05339 | 0.1117 | 0.7589 | 4.817 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,10] | 1.647 | 1.882 | 0.07385 | 0.1888 | 1.125 | 6.638 | 50001 | 5000 |
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| or[11,12] | 1.34 | 1.796 | 0.06115 | 0.07952 | 0.8094 | 6.135 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,13] | 1.209 | 1.281 | 0.05074 | 0.1422 | 0.8254 | 4.524 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[11,14] | 2.609 | 3.286 | 0.1205 | 0.2914 | 1.746 | 10.43 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,1] | 2.713 | 2.801 | 0.1351 | 0.482 | 1.913 | 9.874 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,2] | 1.15 | 1.316 | 0.0608 | 0.1871 | 0.7867 | 4.219 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,3] | 1.526 | 1.743 | 0.08473 | 0.2206 | 1.034 | 5.814 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,4] | 1.07 | 1.334 | 0.06243 | 0.1523 | 0.7112 | 4.23 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,5] | 2.363 | 2.669 | 0.115 | 0.3501 | 1.609 | 9.172 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,6] | 3.296 | 17.54 | 0.4395 | 0.0335 | 0.8405 | 18.89 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,7] | 11.34 | 16.71 | 0.779 | 1.424 | 6.608 | 54.21 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,8] | 1.225 | 1.386 | 0.05917 | 0.1932 | 0.8399 | 4.613 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,9] | 1.529 | 2.363 | 0.09219 | 0.1758 | 0.9239 | 6.383 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,10] | 2.125 | 2.574 | 0.1034 | 0.2815 | 1.354 | 8.815 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,11] | 2.489 | 5.524 | 0.1886 | 0.1633 | 1.236 | 12.61 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,12] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,13] | 1.568 | 1.89 | 0.09652 | 0.2179 | 1.04 | 6.292 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[12,14] | 3.292 | 4.58 | 0.1919 | 0.4555 | 2.142 | 13.35 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,1] | 2.037 | 0.8763 | 0.03607 | 0.8266 | 1.887 | 4.216 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,2] | 0.8543 | 0.417 | 0.01586 | 0.3188 | 0.7698 | 1.92 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,3] | 1.144 | 0.6579 | 0.0282 | 0.3245 | 0.9923 | 2.788 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,4] | 0.7862 | 0.4515 | 0.01745 | 0.2389 | 0.6954 | 1.878 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,5] | 1.781 | 1.033 | 0.03877 | 0.566 | 1.551 | 4.382 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,6] | 2.323 | 6.847 | 0.1606 | 0.04297 | 0.7478 | 13.82 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,7] | 8.419 | 7.119 | 0.3595 | 1.812 | 6.407 | 28.47 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,8] | 0.9197 | 0.4795 | 0.01828 | 0.3015 | 0.8195 | 2.118 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,9] | 1.124 | 0.9055 | 0.03878 | 0.2557 | 0.8902 | 3.494 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,10] | 1.589 | 1.061 | 0.03495 | 0.4587 | 1.312 | 4.5 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,11] | 1.849 | 3.026 | 0.1235 | 0.2216 | 1.214 | 7.113 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,12] | 1.319 | 1.248 | 0.05894 | 0.1594 | 0.962 | 4.598 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,13] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[13,14] | 2.435 | 1.558 | 0.06049 | 0.7364 | 2.06 | 6.715 | 50001 | 5000 |
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| or[14,2] | 0.4223 | 0.2284 | 0.007802 | 0.127 | 0.3757 | 1.02 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,3] | 0.569 | 0.3634 | 0.01498 | 0.1326 | 0.4891 | 1.487 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,4] | 0.3876 | 0.2434 | 0.008838 | 0.1019 | 0.3312 | 1.015 | 50001 | 5000 |

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| or[14,5] | 0.8089 | 0.3324 | 0.01133 | 0.3149 | 0.7606 | 1.589 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,6] | 1.165 | 4.4 | 0.1012 | 0.01933 | 0.3631 | 6.706 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,7] | 3.878 | 2.904 | 0.1498 | 0.9141 | 3.102 | 11.73 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,8] | 0.4451 | 0.2371 | 0.007788 | 0.1358 | 0.3954 | 1.042 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,9] | 0.5176 | 0.3545 | 0.0131 | 0.1322 | 0.4306 | 1.428 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,10] | 0.7604 | 0.4965 | 0.01762 | 0.2127 | 0.6404 | 2.128 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,11] | 0.8778 | 1.068 | 0.03709 | 0.09612 | 0.5728 | 3.446 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,12] | 0.6302 | 0.5992 | 0.02359 | 0.07555 | 0.4671 | 2.198 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,13] | 0.5553 | 0.322 | 0.01296 | 0.1495 | 0.4855 | 1.359 | 50001 | 5000 |
| or[14,14] | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.414E-12 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50001 | 5000 |

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| Pharmacological Group of the Drug in Active Group | Name of Drug in Active Group | The Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) Classification System |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| ACE Inhibitors | Captopril | C09AA01 |
| ACE Inhibitors | Lisinopril | C09AA03 |
| Angiotensin II receptor blockers | Candesartan | C09CA06 |
| Angiotensin II receptor blockers | Telmisartan | C09CA07 |
| Antiadrenergic | Clonidine | C02AC01 |
| Antiadrenergic | Guanfacine | C02AC02 |
| Antidepressant | Amitriptyline | N06AA09 |
| Antidepressant | Clomipramine | N06AA04 |
| Antidepressant | Escitalopram | N06AB10 |
| Antidepressant | Femoxetine | N06AB05 |
| Antidepressant | Fluoxetine | N06AB03 |
| Antidepressant | Fluvoxamine | N06AB08 |
| Antidepressant | Mianserin | N06AX03 |
| Antidepressant | Nortriptyline | N06AA10 |
| Antidepressant | Venlafaxine | N06AX16 |
| Antiepileptic | Acetazolamide | S01EC01 |
| Antiepileptic | Carbamazepin | N03AF01 |
| Antiepileptic | Divalproex | N03AG01 |
| Antiepileptic | Gabapentin | N03AX12 |
| Antiepileptic | Lamotrigine | N03AX09 |
| Antiepileptic | Levetiracetam | N03AX14 |
| Antiepileptic | Oxcarbazepine | N03AF02 |
| Antiepileptic | Topiramate | N03AX11 |
| Antiepileptic | Valproate | N03AG01 |
| Antiepileptic | Vigabatrin | N03AG04 |
| Antiepileptic | Zonisamide | N03AX15 |
| Beta-blocker | Acebutolol | C07AB04 |
| Beta-blocker | Alprenolol | C07AA01 |
| Beta-blocker | Atenolol | C07AB03 |
| Beta-blocker | Bisoprolol | C07AB07 |
| Beta-blocker | Metoprolol | C07AB02 |
| Beta-blocker | Nadolol | C07AA12 |
| Beta-blocker | Nebivolol | C07AB12 |
| Beta-blocker | Pindolol | C07AA03 |
| Beta-blocker | Practolol | C07AB01 |
| Beta-blocker | Propranolol | C07AA05 |
| Beta-blocker | Timolol | C07AA06 |
| Cortical spreading depression inhibitor | Tonabersat | Not available |
| Dopaminergic agent | Dihydroergocryptine | N04BC03 |
| Ergot alkaloid | Dihydroergotamine | N02CA01 |
| Ergot alkaloid | Lisuride | N02CA07 |
| Ergot alkaloid | Methysergide | N02CA04 |
| Magnesium | Magnesium | A12CC |
| Muscle relaxant | Tizanidine | M03BX02 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Aspirin | N02BA01 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Fenoprofen | M01AE04 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Flurbiprofen | M01AE09 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Indobufen | B01AC10 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Indomethacin | M01AB01 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Induprofen | Not available |

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| Pharmacological Group of the Drug in Active Group | Name of Drug in Active Group | The Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) Classification System |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Ketoprofen | M01AE03 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Naproxen | M01AE02 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Rofecoxib | M01AH02 |
| Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Products, Nonsteroids | Tolfenamic Acid | M01AG02 |
| Selective Calcium Channel Blockers | Nicardipine | C08CA04 |
| Selective Calcium Channel Blockers | Nifedipine | C08CA05 |
| Selective Calcium Channel Blockers | Nimodipine | C08CA06 |
| Selective Calcium Channel Blockers | Verapamil | C08DA01 |
| Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists | Montelukast | R03DC03 |

Appendix Table D2. Funding, ethical approval, and disclosure of conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials of drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| | COI not Disclosed | Disclosure of no COI | Disclosed COI | Funded by Grant | Funded by Industry | Funding not Reported | Funding from non Industry, not for Profit Sources | IRB Approval and Consent not Reported | Clear Reporting of IRB Approval and Consent | Total |
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| Topiramate* | 15 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 23 | 27 |
| Divalproex* | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Propranolol* | 39 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 27 | 3 | 31 | 14 | 45 |
| Timolol* | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Acetazolamide | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Gabapentin | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Lamotrigine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Valproate | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Vigabatrin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Carbamazepine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Alprenolol | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Atenolol | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Bisoprolol | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Metoprolol | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Nadolol | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Pindolol | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Acebutolol | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Amitriptyline | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Femoxetine | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Fluoxetine | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Fluvoxamine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Venlafaxine | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Mianserin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Captopril | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Lisinopril | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Candesartan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Telmisartan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Nifedipine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Nimodipine | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Verapamil | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Nicardipine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Clonidine | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| Guanfacine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Appendix Table D2. Funding, ethical approval, and disclosure of conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials of drugs for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| | COI not Disclosed | Disclosure of no COI | Disclosed COI | Funded by Grant | Funded by Industry | Funding not Reported | Funding from non Industry, not for Profit Sources | IRB Approval and Consent not Reported | Clear Reporting of IRB Approval and Consent | Total |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|-------|
| Dihydroergocryptine | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Dihydroergotamine | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Lisuride | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Methysergide | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Non -drug | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Aspirin | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Fenoprofen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Flurbiprofen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Indobufen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Indomethacin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Induprofen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ketoprofen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Naproxen sodium | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Rofecoxib | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Tolfenamic Acid | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Magnesium | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Montelukast | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Tizanidine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Tonabersat | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total** | 187 | 9 | 24 | 10 | 77 | 127 | 6 | 132 | 88 | 220 |
| % | 85 | 4.09 | 10.91 | 4.55 | 35 | 57.73 | 2.73 | 60 | 40 | 100 |

* approved drugs; **- including flunarizine trials COI = conflict of interest; IRB = Institutional Review Board

Appendix Table D3. Definition of migraine in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Drugs | International Headache Society | Ad hoc Committee | Other Definitions | Not Reported | Total |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| Topiramate* | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Divalproex* | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Propranolol* | 13 | 17 | 7 | 8 | 45 |
| Timolol* | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Acetazolamide | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gabapentin | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Lamotrigine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Valproate | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Vigabatrin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Carbamazepine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Alprenolol | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Atenolol | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Bisoprolol | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Metoprolol | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Nadolol | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Pindolol | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Acebutolol | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Amitriptyline | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Femoxetine | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Fluoxetine | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Fluvoxamine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Venlafaxine | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Mianserin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Captopril | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lisinopril | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Candesartan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Telmisartan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nifedipine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nimodipine | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Verapamil | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Nicardipine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Clonidine | 1 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 14 |
| Guanfacine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dihydroergocryptine | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Dihydroergotamine | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Lisuride | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Methysergide | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Non -drug | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Aspirin | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Fenoprofen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Flurbiprofen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Indobufen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Indomethacin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Induprofen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ketoprofen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Naproxen sodium | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Rofecoxib | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tolfenamic Acid | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Magnesium | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Montelukast | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tizanidine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tonabersat | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 91 | 60 | 11 | 34 | 196** |

* approved drugs; ** 24 flunarizine RCTs are not shown

Appendix Table D4. Total sample, weeks of followup, and percentage of loss of followup in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Drug | Total Sample | # RCTs | Mean [Standard Deviation] | # RCTs | Weeks of Followup Mean [Standard Deviation] | # RCTs | % Loss of Followup Mean [Standard Deviation] |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------|---|--------------|--|
| Topiramate* | 5788 | 27 | 214.4 [209.1] | 27 | 18.6 [6.5] | 12 | 6.8 [5.8] |
| Divalproex* | 522 | 3 | 174.0 [66.0] | 3 | 12.0 [0.0] | 3 | 1.2 [1.5] |
| Propranolol* | 4630 | 42 | 110.2 [176.2] | 45 | 18.6 [11.1] | 36 | 12.3 [11.7] |
| Timolol* | 121 | 2 | 60.5 [65.8] | 2 | 20.0 [5.7] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Acetazolamide | 53 | 1 | 53 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| Gabapentin | 779 | 4 | 194.8 [225.1] | 4 | 17.5 [6.4] | 3 | 2.0 [3.5] |
| Lamotrigine | 77 | 1 | 77 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 170 | 1 | 170 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 3.5 |
| Valproate | 244 | 4 | 61.0 [43.0] | 4 | 17.0 [7.6] | 4 | 11.9 [16.3] |
| Vigabatrin | 23 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 0 |
| Carbamazepine | Not reported | Not reported | | 1 | 12.0 [0.0] | 1 | 6.3 |
| Alprenolol | 33 | 1 | 33 | 1 | 13.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Atenolol | 96 | 2 | 48.0 [33.9] | 2 | 27.0 [1.4] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Bisoprolol | 226 | 1 | 226 | 1 | 12.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Metoprolol | 687 | 9 | 76.3 [76.7] | 9 | 16.7 [5.5] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Nadolol | 112 | 2 | 56.0 [33.9] | 2 | 12.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Pindolol | 58 | 2 | 29.0 [1.4] | 2 | 7.5 [4.9] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Acebutolol | 43 | 1 | 43 | 1 | 28.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Amitriptyline | 753 | 4 | 188.3 [135.4] | 4 | 10.0 [7.7] | 3 | 25.4 [19.6] |
| Femoxetine | 301 | 6 | 50.2 [17.7] | 6 | 16.8 [5.5] | 5 | 22.7 [6.3] |
| Fluoxetine | 304 | 6 | 50.7 [32.5] | 6 | 13.5 [5.9] | 6 | 22.0 [16.7] |
| Fluvoxamine | 64 | 1 | 64 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 15.6 |
| Venlafaxine | 241 | 3 | 80.3 [22.8] | 3 | 11.3 [1.2] | 3 | 27.4 [3.7] |
| Mianserin | 38 | 1 | 38 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 10.5 |
| Captopril | 12 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 68.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Lisinopril | 60 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 7.5 | 1 | 22 |
| Candesartan | 60 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 32 | 1 | 5 |
| Telmisartan | 84 | 1 | 84 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 17 |
| Nifedipine | 36 | 1 | 36 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 22 |
| Nimodipine | 426 | 6 | 71.0 [61.6] | 6 | 17.7 [5.4] | 5 | 16.8 [12.7] |
| Verapamil | 43 | 2 | 21.5 [2.1] | 2 | 22.0 [2.8] | 2 | 34.0 [19.8] |
| Nicardipine | 30 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 14 |
| Clonidine | 674 | 14 | 48.1 [32.9] | 14 | 22.3 [12.2] | 10 | 22.5 [11.5] |
| Guanfacine | 37 | 1 | 37 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 8 |
| Dihydroergocryptine | 172 | 3 | 57.3 [39.0] | 3 | 28.0 [12.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Dihydroergotamine | 605 | 4 | 151.3 [156.9] | 4 | 10.5 [6.4] | 4 | 3.9 [7.1] |

Appendix Table D4. Total sample, weeks of followup, and percentage of loss of followup in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined drugs for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Drug | Total Sample | # RCTs | Mean [Standard Deviation] | # RCTs | Weeks of Followup Mean [Standard Deviation] | # RCTs | % Loss of Followup Mean [Standard Deviation] |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|---|--------------|--|
| Lisuride | 343 | 3 | 114.3 [64.4] | 3 | 15.3 [5.8] | 2 | 13.9 [19.6] |
| Methysergide | 92 | 2 | 46.0 [39.6] | 2 | 17.0 [9.9] | 2 | 24.6 [11.1] |
| Non -drug | 632 | 4 | 158.0 [44.2] | 4 | 20.0 [4.6] | Not reported | |
| Aspirin | 23315 | 5 | 4663.0 [9739.6] | 5 | 50.4 [56.0] | 4 | 17.3 [12.8] |
| Fenoprofen | 110 | 1 | 110 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 6.8 |
| Flurbiprofen | 29 | 1 | 29 | 1 | 20.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Indobufen | 28 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 12.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Indomethacin | 38 | 1 | 38 | 1 | 4.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Induprofen | 40 | 1 | 40 | 1 | 12.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ketoprofen | 26 | 1 | 26 | 1 | 12.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Naproxen sodium | 101 | 3 | 33.7 [6.0] | 3 | 16.7 [4.2] | 1 | 15 |
| Rofecoxib | 268 | 1 | 268 | 1 | 20.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tofenamic Acid | 38 | 1 | 38 | 1 | 22.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Magnesium | 174 | 3 | 58.0 [30.0] | 3 | 17.3 [6.1] | 3 | 23.0 [16.6] |
| Montelukast | 177 | 1 | 177 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 2.2 |
| Tizanidine | 136 | 1 | 136 | 1 | 12.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tonabersat | 124 | 1 | 124 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 5.1 |

* approved drugs; # RCTs- = number of randomized controlled clinical trials that reported the variable

Appendix Table D5. Reporting of baseline patient characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Drug | # RCTs | Age Mean [STD] | # RCTs | % Women Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Body Mass Index Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Years with Migraine Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Migraine Attacks/Month Mean [STD] | # RCTs | % with Aura Mean [STD] |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Topiramate* | 25 | 38.8 [3.9] | 25 | 77.6 [18.1] | 5 | 28.3 [1.7] | 9 | 9.3 [5.5] | 24 | 8.0 [5.5] | 8 | 16.3 [16.1] |
| Divalproex* | 3 | 42.3 [2.9] | 3 | 81.9 [6.2] | 1 | 26.7 | 3 | 22.3 [2.5] | 3 | 2.9 [2.5] | 2 | 4.0 [1.4] |
| Propranolol* | 35 | 37.6 [3.6] | 41 | 77.7 [7.9] | Not reported | Not reported | 19 | 16.3 [3.8] | 27 | 4.9 [1.4] | 31 | 44.8 [35.9] |
| Timolol* | 1 | 43 | 2 | 71.7 [0.4] | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 2 | 3.9[2.6] | 2 | 9.5 [6.8] |
| Acetazolamide | 1 | 39.2 | 1 | 75.5 | 1 | 23 | Not reported | | 1 | 5 | 1 | 9.4 |
| Gabapentin | 3 | 40.6 [2.1] | 4 | 60.5 [32.5] | 1 | 25.6 | 1 | 20.8 | 4 | 4.5 [1.0] | 2 | 46.5 [3.9] |
| Lamotrigine | 1 | 37.2 | 1 | 81.8 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 4 | 1 | 40.3 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 1 | 40.5 | 1 | 84.7 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 6 | Not reported | |
| Valproate | 4 | 37.5 [5.7] | 4 | 79.2 [6.5] | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 14 | 4 | 5.6 [1.5] | 3 | 35.9 [44.9] |
| Vigabatrin | 1 | 43.6 | 1 | 73.9 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 2 | 1 | 43.5 |
| Carbamazepine | Not reported | | 1 | 68.8 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 3 | Not reported | |
| Alprenolol | 1 | 41.3 | 1 | 81.8 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 3 | 1 | 18.2 |
| Atenolol | 2 | 41.5 [2.1] | 2 | 74.9 [7.2] | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 26 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 [0.0] |
| Bisoprolol | 1 | 38.7 | 1 | 82 | 1 | 23.4 | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 5.5 | 1 | 23 |
| Metoprolol | 7 | 37.3 [3.3] | 9 | 82.0 [2.9] | 1 | 22.8 | 7 | 16.8 [3.9] | 8 | 4.2 [1.4] | 6 | 39.2 [46.7] |
| Nadolol | 1 | 36.3 | 2 | 79.4 [2.7] | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 3 | 1 | 84.4 |
| Pindolol | 2 | 34.8 [1.5] | 2 | 86.2 [0.7] | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 2 | 3.0 [1.4] | 2 | 31.7 [25.9] |
| Acebutolol | Not reported | | 1 | 74.4 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 4.8 | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] |
| Amitriptyline | 2 | 33.5 [2.1] | 4 | 80.7 [5.4] | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 16 | | 0.0 [0.0] | 1 | 24 |

Appendix Table D5. Reporting of baseline patient characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined drugs for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Drug | # RCTs | Age Mean [STD] | # RCTs | % Women Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Body Mass Index Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Years with Migraine Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Migraine Attacks/Month Mean [STD] | # RCTs | % with Aura Mean [STD] |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Femoxetine | 5 | 40.3 [2.6] | 5 | 79.9 [8.8] | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 20.8 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 36.5 |
| Fluoxetine | 6 | 36.6 [3.1] | 6 | 76.1 [9.4] | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 7 | 2 | 22.6 [32.0] |
| Fluvoxamine | 1 | 34 | 1 | 73.4 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | 1 | 18.8 |
| Venlafaxine | 3 | 33.8 [3.8] | 3 | 85.4 [4.2] | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | 3 | 9.8 [11.9] |
| Mianserin | Not reported | | Not reported | Not reported [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | Not reported | |
| Captopril | 1 | 49 | 1 | 58 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | Not reported | |
| Lisinopril | 1 | 41 | 1 | 81 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 2.3 | Not reported | |
| Candesartan | 1 | 42 | 1 | 79 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | Not reported | |
| Telmisartan | 1 | 39.8 | 1 | 84.5 | 1 | 24 | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 6.2 | Not reported | |
| Nifedipine | 1 | 29.8 | 1 | 79 | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 8.8 | 1 | 10 | Not reported | |
| Nimodipine | 5 | 37.5 [4.5] | 5 | 64.8 [11.6] | 1 | 23 | 3 | 18.7 [1.9] | 3 | 5.0 [1.3] | 3 | 21.6 [28.9] |
| Verapamil | 2 | 36.0 [4.2] | 2 | 80.5 [7.8] | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 13.4 | 1 | 5.3 | 1 | 41.7 |
| Nicardipine | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | 1 | 73 | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 8 | 1 | 4.3 | 1 | 100 |
| Clonidine | 12 | 37.8 [5.1] | 13 | 76.9 [16.0] | Not reported | Not reported | 3 | 16.0 [5.3] | 5 | 5.1 [1.1] | Not reported | |
| Guanfacine | Not reported | | 1 | 84 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | | Not reported | |
| Dihydroergocryptine | 2 | 34.3 [0.5] | 3 | 74.4 [2.6] | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 3 | 5.3 [0.9] | 3 | 0.0 [0.0] |
| Dihydroergotamine | 3 | 37.5 [1.4] | 4 | 69.8 [8.5] | 2 | 23.7 [0.8] | 2 | 15.9 [0.1] | 2 | 4.4 [1.6] | 4 | 15.8 [31.6] |
| Lisuride | 2 | 31.8 [2.5] | 2 | 84.1 [15.4] | Not reported | Not reported | 2 | 14.6 [0.6] | 3 | 5.7 [2.5] | 2 | 43.8 [33.6] |

Appendix Table D5. Reporting of baseline patient characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined drugs for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Drug | # RCTs | Age Mean [STD] | # RCTs | % Women Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Body Mass Index Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Years with Migraine Mean [STD] | # RCTs | Migraine Attacks/Month Mean [STD] | # RCTs | % with Aura Mean [STD] |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Methysergide | 2 | 37.6 [6.2] | 2 | 81.7 [2.3] | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 20 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 11.1 |
| Non -drug | 4 | 38.9 [1.2] | 4 | 87.9 [8.9] | 1 | 23.5 | 1 | 15.9 | 3 | 4.7 [2.4] | 3 | 38.9 [53.6] |
| Aspirin | 4 | 44.7 [8.8] | 4 | 61.5 [43.1] | 2 | 25.6 [0.8] | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | 2 | 7.2 [1.5] | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] |
| Fenoprofen | 1 | 40.5 | 1 | 81 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | Not reported | | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] |
| Flurbiprofen | 1 | 36 | 1 | 80 | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 17 | Not reported | | 1 | 8.7 |
| Indobufen | 1 | 35 | Not reported | Not reported [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | 1 | 4.8 | 1 | 0 |
| Indomethacin | 1 | 40 | 1 | 76 | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 20 | Not reported | | Not reported | Not reported |
| Induprofen | 1 | 35.8 | 1 | 60 | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 15 | Not reported | | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ketoprofen | 1 | 36 | 1 | 88 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | 1 | 2.8 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Naproxen sodium | 3 | 38.8 [0.8] | 3 | 79.3 [10.3] | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 16.6 | 1 | 1.3 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Rofecoxib | 1 | 39.7 | 1 | 84.5 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 5.2 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tolfenamic Acid | 1 | 35 | 1 | 87 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Magnesium | 2 | 42.4 [2.0] | 2 | 89.5 [4.9] | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 4.2 | 2 | 5.0 [1.4] | 2 | 50.0 [70.7] |
| Montelukast | 1 | 40 | 1 | 88 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 1 | 5.1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tizanidine | 1 | 40.3 | 1 | 79 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tonabersat | 1 | 36 | 1 | 92.3 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 0.0 [0.0] | Not reported | Not reported |

STD = standard deviation; #RCTs = number of randomized controlled clinical trials that reported baseline variable;* approved drugs

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0)

| Baseline Variable | Active drug class | Comparator | Difference in baseline variable (95% CI) |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Age | Acetazolamide | Alprenolol | -2.1 (-14.4 to 10.2) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Amitriptyline | 4.3 (-8.0 to 16.6) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Aspirin | -5.5 (-15.2 to 4.2) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Atenolol | -2.3 (-12.9 to 8.3) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Candesartan | -2.8 (-15.1 to 9.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Captopril | -9.8 (-22.1 to 2.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Clonidine | 0.9 (-8.2 to 10.0) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergotamine | 1.7 (-8.3 to 11.7) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Divalproex | -3.9 (-14.5 to 6.8) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Femoxetine | -0.8 (-10.8 to 9.2) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Fluoxetine | 1.1 (-8.6 to 10.8) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Gabapentin | -2.1 (-12.7 to 8.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Indobufen | 4.2 (-8.1 to 16.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Indomethacin | -0.8 (-13.1 to 11.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Induprofen | 3.5 (-8.8 to 15.7) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Induprofen | 3.2 (-9.1 to 15.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Lamotrigine | 2.0 (-10.3 to 14.3) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Lisinopril | -1.8 (-14.1 to 10.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Magnesium | -3.2 (-13.8 to 7.4) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Methysergide | -2.8 (-15.1 to 9.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Metoprolol | 1.1 (-8.9 to 11.2) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Montelukast | -0.8 (-13.1 to 11.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Nadolol | 2.9 (-9.4 to 15.2) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Naproxen sodium | 0.4 (-9.6 to 10.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Nifedipine | 9.4 (-2.9 to 21.7) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Nimodipine | 2.5 (-7.5 to 12.6) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Oxcarbazepine | -1.3 (-13.6 to 11.0) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Pindolol | 3.4 (-8.9 to 15.7) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Propranolol | -0.3 (-9.5 to 8.9) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Rofecoxib | -0.5 (-12.8 to 11.8) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Telmisartan | -0.6 (-12.9 to 11.7) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Timolol | -3.8 (-16.1 to 8.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Tizanidine | -1.1 (-13.4 to 11.2) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Tolfenamic Acid | 4.2 (-8.1 to 16.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Tonabersat | 3.2 (-9.1 to 15.5) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Topiramate | -2.1 (-11.3 to 7.0) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Valproate | -0.8 (-11.4 to 9.8) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Verapamil | 3.3 (-7.4 to 13.9) |
| Age | Acetazolamide | Vigabatrin | -4.4 (-16.7 to 7.9) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Amitriptyline | 6.4 (-5.9 to 18.7) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Aspirin | -3.4 (-13.1 to 6.3) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Atenolol | -0.2 (-10.8 to 10.4) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Candesartan | -0.7 (-13.0 to 11.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Captopril | -7.7 (-20.0 to 4.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Clonidine | 3.0 (-6.1 to 12.1) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Dihydroergotamine | 3.8 (-6.2 to 13.8) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Divalproex | -1.8 (-12.4 to 8.9) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Femoxetine | 1.3 (-8.7 to 11.3) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Fluoxetine | 3.2 (-6.5 to 12.9) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Gabapentin | 0.0 (-10.6 to 10.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Indobufen | 6.3 (-6.0 to 18.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Indomethacin | 1.3 (-11.0 to 13.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Induprofen | 5.6 (-6.7 to 17.8) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Age | Alprenolol | Induprofen | 5.3 (-7.0 to 17.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Lamotrigine | 4.1 (-8.2 to 16.4) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Lisinopril | 0.3 (-12.0 to 12.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Magnesium | -1.1 (-11.7 to 9.5) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Methysergide | -0.7 (-13.0 to 11.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Metoprolol | 3.2 (-6.8 to 13.3) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Montelukast | 1.3 (-11.0 to 13.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Nadolol | 5.0 (-7.3 to 17.3) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Naproxen sodium | 2.5 (-7.5 to 12.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Nifedipine | 11.5 (-0.8 to 23.8) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Nimodipine | 4.6 (-5.4 to 14.7) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Oxcarbazepine | 0.8 (-11.5 to 13.1) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Pindolol | 5.5 (-6.8 to 17.8) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Propranolol | 1.8 (-7.4 to 11.0) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Rofecoxib | 1.6 (-10.7 to 13.9) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Telmisartan | 1.5 (-10.8 to 13.8) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Timolol | -1.7 (-14.0 to 10.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Tizanidine | 1.0 (-11.3 to 13.3) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Tolfenamic Acid | 6.3 (-6.0 to 18.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Tonabersat | 5.3 (-7.0 to 17.6) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Topiramate | 0.0 (-9.2 to 9.1) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Valproate | 1.3 (-9.3 to 11.9) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Verapamil | 5.4 (-5.3 to 16.0) |
| Age | Alprenolol | Vigabatrin | -2.3 (-14.6 to 10.0) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Aspirin | -9.8 (-19.5 to -0.1) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Atenolol | -6.6 (-17.2 to 4.0) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Candesartan | -7.1 (-19.4 to 5.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Captopril | -14.1 (-26.4 to -1.8) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Clonidine | -3.4 (-12.5 to 5.7) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Dihydroergotamine | -2.6 (-12.6 to 7.4) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Divalproex | -8.2 (-18.8 to 2.5) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Femoxetine | -5.1 (-15.1 to 4.9) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Fluoxetine | -3.2 (-12.9 to 6.5) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Gabapentin | -6.4 (-17.0 to 4.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Indobufen | -0.1 (-12.4 to 12.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Indomethacin | -5.1 (-17.4 to 7.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Induprofen | -0.9 (-13.1 to 11.4) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Induprofen | -1.1 (-13.4 to 11.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Lamotrigine | -2.3 (-14.6 to 10.0) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Lisinopril | -6.1 (-18.4 to 6.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Magnesium | -7.5 (-18.1 to 3.1) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Methysergide | -7.1 (-19.4 to 5.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Metoprolol | -3.2 (-13.2 to 6.9) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Montelukast | -5.1 (-17.4 to 7.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Nadolol | -1.4 (-13.7 to 10.9) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Naproxen sodium | -3.9 (-13.9 to 6.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Nifedipine | 5.1 (-7.2 to 17.4) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Nimodipine | -1.8 (-11.8 to 8.3) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Oxcarbazepine | -5.6 (-17.9 to 6.7) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Pindolol | -0.9 (-13.2 to 11.4) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Propranolol | -4.6 (-13.8 to 4.6) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Rofecoxib | -4.8 (-17.1 to 7.5) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Telmisartan | -4.9 (-17.2 to 7.4) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Timolol | -8.1 (-20.4 to 4.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Tizanidine | -5.4 (-17.7 to 6.9) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Tolfenamic Acid | -0.1 (-12.4 to 12.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Tonabersat | -1.1 (-13.4 to 11.2) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Topiramate | -6.4 (-15.6 to 2.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Age | Amitriptyline | Valproate | -5.1 (-15.7 to 5.5) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Verapamil | -1.1 (-11.7 to 9.6) |
| Age | Amitriptyline | Vigabatrin | -8.7 (-21.0 to 3.6) |
| Age | Aspirin | Atenolol | 3.2 (-4.3 to 10.7) |
| Age | Aspirin | Candesartan | 2.7 (-7.0 to 12.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Captopril | -4.3 (-14.0 to 5.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Clonidine | 6.4 (1.4 to 11.5) |
| Age | Aspirin | Dihydroergotamine | 7.2 (0.6 to 13.8) |
| Age | Aspirin | Divalproex | 1.7 (-5.8 to 9.1) |
| Age | Aspirin | Femoxetine | 4.7 (-1.9 to 11.3) |
| Age | Aspirin | Fluoxetine | 6.6 (0.5 to 12.7) |
| Age | Aspirin | Gabapentin | 3.4 (-4.1 to 10.9) |
| Age | Aspirin | Indobufen | 9.7 (0.0 to 19.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Indomethacin | 4.7 (-5.0 to 14.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Induprofen | 9.0 (-0.7 to 18.6) |
| Age | Aspirin | Ketoprofen | 8.7 (-1.0 to 18.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Lamotrigine | 7.5 (-2.2 to 17.2) |
| Age | Aspirin | Lisinopril | 3.7 (-6.0 to 13.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Methysergide | 2.7 (-7.0 to 12.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Metoprolol | 6.6 (0.0 to 13.2) |
| Age | Aspirin | Magnesium | 2.3 (-5.2 to 9.8) |
| Age | Aspirin | Montelukast | 4.7 (-5.0 to 14.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Nadolol | 8.4 (-1.3 to 18.1) |
| Age | Aspirin | Naproxen sodium | 5.9 (-0.7 to 12.5) |
| Age | Aspirin | Nifedipine | 14.9 (5.2 to 24.6) |
| Age | Aspirin | Nimodipine | 8.0 (1.4 to 14.6) |
| Age | Aspirin | Oxcarbazepine | 4.2 (-5.5 to 13.9) |
| Age | Aspirin | Pindolol | 8.9 (-0.8 to 18.6) |
| Age | Aspirin | Propranolol | 5.2 (-0.1 to 10.5) |
| Age | Aspirin | Rofecoxib | 5.0 (-4.7 to 14.7) |
| Age | Aspirin | Telmisartan | 4.9 (-4.8 to 14.6) |
| Age | Aspirin | Timolol | 1.7 (-8.0 to 11.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Tizanidine | 4.4 (-5.3 to 14.1) |
| Age | Aspirin | Tolfenamic Acid | 9.7 (0.0 to 19.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Tonabersat | 8.7 (-1.0 to 18.4) |
| Age | Aspirin | Topiramate | 3.4 (-1.8 to 8.6) |
| Age | Aspirin | Valproate | 4.7 (-2.8 to 12.2) |
| Age | Aspirin | Verapamil | 8.8 (1.3 to 16.2) |
| Age | Aspirin | Vigabatrin | 1.1 (-8.6 to 10.8) |
| Age | Atenolol | Candesartan | -0.5 (-11.1 to 10.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Captopril | -7.5 (-18.1 to 3.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Clonidine | 3.2 (-3.5 to 9.9) |
| Age | Atenolol | Dihydroergotamine | 4.0 (-3.9 to 11.9) |
| Age | Atenolol | Divalproex | -1.6 (-10.2 to 7.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Femoxetine | 1.5 (-6.4 to 9.4) |
| Age | Atenolol | Fluoxetine | 3.4 (-4.1 to 10.9) |
| Age | Atenolol | Gabapentin | 0.2 (-8.5 to 8.9) |
| Age | Atenolol | Indobufen | 6.5 (-4.1 to 17.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Indomethacin | 1.5 (-9.1 to 12.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Induprofen | 5.8 (-4.9 to 16.4) |
| Age | Atenolol | Induprofen | 5.5 (-5.1 to 16.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Lamotrigine | 4.3 (-6.3 to 14.9) |
| Age | Atenolol | Lisinopril | 0.5 (-10.1 to 11.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Magnesium | -0.9 (-9.6 to 7.8) |
| Age | Atenolol | Methysergide | -0.5 (-11.1 to 10.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Metoprolol | 3.4 (-4.5 to 11.4) |
| Age | Atenolol | Montelukast | 1.5 (-9.1 to 12.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Nadolol | 5.2 (-5.4 to 15.8) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Age | Atenolol | Naproxen sodium | 2.7 (-5.2 to 10.7) |
| Age | Atenolol | Nifedipine | 11.7 (1.1 to 22.3) |
| Age | Atenolol | Nimodipine | 4.8 (-3.1 to 12.8) |
| Age | Atenolol | Oxcarbazepine | 1.0 (-9.6 to 11.6) |
| Age | Atenolol | Pindolol | 5.7 (-4.9 to 16.3) |
| Age | Atenolol | Propranolol | 2.0 (-4.8 to 8.9) |
| Age | Atenolol | Rofecoxib | 1.8 (-8.8 to 12.4) |
| Age | Atenolol | Telmisartan | 1.7 (-8.9 to 12.3) |
| Age | Atenolol | Timolol | -1.5 (-12.1 to 9.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Tizanidine | 1.2 (-9.4 to 11.8) |
| Age | Atenolol | Tolfenamic Acid | 6.5 (-4.1 to 17.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Tonabersat | 5.5 (-5.1 to 16.1) |
| Age | Atenolol | Topiramate | 0.2 (-6.6 to 7.0) |
| Age | Atenolol | Valproate | 1.5 (-7.2 to 10.2) |
| Age | Atenolol | Verapamil | 5.6 (-3.1 to 14.2) |
| Age | Atenolol | Vigabatrin | -2.1 (-12.7 to 8.5) |
| Age | Candesartan | Captopril | -7.0 (-19.3 to 5.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Clonidine | 3.7 (-5.4 to 12.8) |
| Age | Candesartan | Dihydroergotamine | 4.5 (-5.5 to 14.5) |
| Age | Candesartan | Divalproex | -1.1 (-11.7 to 9.6) |
| Age | Candesartan | Femoxetine | 2.0 (-8.0 to 12.0) |
| Age | Candesartan | Fluoxetine | 3.9 (-5.8 to 13.6) |
| Age | Candesartan | Gabapentin | 0.7 (-9.9 to 11.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Indobufen | 7.0 (-5.3 to 19.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Indomethacin | 2.0 (-10.3 to 14.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Induprofen | 6.3 (-6.0 to 18.5) |
| Age | Candesartan | Induprofen | 6.0 (-6.3 to 18.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Lamotrigine | 4.8 (-7.5 to 17.1) |
| Age | Candesartan | Lisinopril | 1.0 (-11.3 to 13.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Magnesium | -0.4 (-11.0 to 10.2) |
| Age | Candesartan | Methysergide | 0.0 (-12.3 to 12.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Metoprolol | 3.9 (-6.1 to 14.0) |
| Age | Candesartan | Montelukast | 2.0 (-10.3 to 14.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Nadolol | 5.7 (-6.6 to 18.0) |
| Age | Candesartan | Naproxen sodium | 3.2 (-6.8 to 13.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Nifedipine | 12.2 (-0.1 to 24.5) |
| Age | Candesartan | Nimodipine | 5.3 (-4.7 to 15.4) |
| Age | Candesartan | Oxcarbazepine | 1.5 (-10.8 to 13.8) |
| Age | Candesartan | Pindolol | 6.2 (-6.1 to 18.5) |
| Age | Candesartan | Propranolol | 2.5 (-6.7 to 11.7) |
| Age | Candesartan | Rofecoxib | 2.3 (-10.0 to 14.6) |
| Age | Candesartan | Telmisartan | 2.2 (-10.1 to 14.5) |
| Age | Candesartan | Timolol | -1.0 (-13.3 to 11.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Tizanidine | 1.7 (-10.6 to 14.0) |
| Age | Candesartan | Tolfenamic Acid | 7.0 (-5.3 to 19.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Tonabersat | 6.0 (-6.3 to 18.3) |
| Age | Candesartan | Topiramate | 0.7 (-8.5 to 9.8) |
| Age | Candesartan | Valproate | 2.0 (-8.6 to 12.6) |
| Age | Candesartan | Verapamil | 6.1 (-4.6 to 16.7) |
| Age | Candesartan | Vigabatrin | -1.6 (-13.9 to 10.7) |
| Age | Captopril | Clonidine | 10.7 (1.6 to 19.8) |
| Age | Captopril | Dihydroergotamine | 11.5 (1.5 to 21.5) |
| Age | Captopril | Divalproex | 6.0 (-4.7 to 16.6) |
| Age | Captopril | Femoxetine | 9.0 (-1.0 to 19.0) |
| Age | Captopril | Fluoxetine | 10.9 (1.2 to 20.6) |
| Age | Captopril | Gabapentin | 7.7 (-2.9 to 18.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Indobufen | 14.0 (1.7 to 26.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Indomethacin | 9.0 (-3.3 to 21.3) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Age | Captopril | Induprofen | 13.3 (1.0 to 25.5) |
| Age | Captopril | Induprofen | 13.0 (0.7 to 25.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Lamotrigine | 11.8 (-0.5 to 24.1) |
| Age | Captopril | Lisinopril | 8.0 (-4.3 to 20.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Magnesium | 6.6 (-4.0 to 17.2) |
| Age | Captopril | Methysergide | 7.0 (-5.3 to 19.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Metoprolol | 10.9 (0.9 to 21.0) |
| Age | Captopril | Montelukast | 9.0 (-3.3 to 21.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Nadolol | 12.7 (0.4 to 25.0) |
| Age | Captopril | Naproxen sodium | 10.2 (0.2 to 20.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Nifedipine | 19.2 (6.9 to 31.5) |
| Age | Captopril | Nimodipine | 12.3 (2.3 to 22.4) |
| Age | Captopril | Oxcarbazepine | 8.5 (-3.8 to 20.8) |
| Age | Captopril | Pindolol | 13.2 (0.9 to 25.5) |
| Age | Captopril | Propranolol | 9.5 (0.3 to 18.7) |
| Age | Captopril | Rofecoxib | 9.3 (-3.0 to 21.6) |
| Age | Captopril | Telmisartan | 9.2 (-3.1 to 21.5) |
| Age | Captopril | Timolol | 6.0 (-6.3 to 18.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Tizanidine | 8.7 (-3.6 to 21.0) |
| Age | Captopril | Tolfenamic Acid | 14.0 (1.7 to 26.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Tonabersat | 13.0 (0.7 to 25.3) |
| Age | Captopril | Topiramate | 7.7 (-1.5 to 16.8) |
| Age | Captopril | Valproate | 9.0 (-1.6 to 19.6) |
| Age | Captopril | Verapamil | 13.1 (2.4 to 23.7) |
| Age | Captopril | Vigabatrin | 5.4 (-6.9 to 17.7) |
| Age | Clonidine | Dihydroergotamine | 0.8 (-4.9 to 6.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Divalproex | -4.8 (-11.4 to 1.9) |
| Age | Clonidine | Femoxetine | -1.7 (-7.4 to 3.9) |
| Age | Clonidine | Fluoxetine | 0.2 (-4.9 to 5.3) |
| Age | Clonidine | Gabapentin | -3.0 (-9.7 to 3.7) |
| Age | Clonidine | Indobufen | 3.3 (-5.8 to 12.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Indomethacin | -1.7 (-10.8 to 7.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Induprofen | 2.5 (-6.5 to 11.6) |
| Age | Clonidine | Induprofen | 2.3 (-6.8 to 11.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Lamotrigine | 1.1 (-8.0 to 10.2) |
| Age | Clonidine | Lisinopril | -2.7 (-11.8 to 6.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Magnesium | -4.1 (-10.8 to 2.6) |
| Age | Clonidine | Methysergide | -3.7 (-12.8 to 5.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Metoprolol | 0.2 (-5.4 to 5.9) |
| Age | Clonidine | Montelukast | -1.7 (-10.8 to 7.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Nadolol | 2.0 (-7.1 to 11.1) |
| Age | Clonidine | Naproxen sodium | -0.5 (-6.1 to 5.2) |
| Age | Clonidine | Nifedipine | 8.5 (-0.6 to 17.6) |
| Age | Clonidine | Nimodipine | 1.6 (-4.0 to 7.3) |
| Age | Clonidine | Oxcarbazepine | -2.2 (-11.3 to 6.9) |
| Age | Clonidine | Pindolol | 2.5 (-6.6 to 11.6) |
| Age | Clonidine | Propranolol | -1.2 (-5.2 to 2.8) |
| Age | Clonidine | Rofecoxib | -1.4 (-10.5 to 7.7) |
| Age | Clonidine | Telmisartan | -1.5 (-10.6 to 7.6) |
| Age | Clonidine | Timolol | -4.7 (-13.8 to 4.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Tizanidine | -2.0 (-11.1 to 7.1) |
| Age | Clonidine | Tolfenamic Acid | 3.3 (-5.8 to 12.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Tonabersat | 2.3 (-6.8 to 11.4) |
| Age | Clonidine | Topiramate | -3.0 (-6.9 to 0.9) |
| Age | Clonidine | Valproate | -1.7 (-8.4 to 5.0) |
| Age | Clonidine | Verapamil | 2.3 (-4.3 to 9.0) |
| Age | Clonidine | Vigabatrin | -5.3 (-14.4 to 3.8) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Divalproex | -5.6 (-13.5 to 2.4) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Femoxetine | -2.5 (-9.6 to 4.6) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Fluoxetine | -0.6 (-7.2 to 6.1) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Gabapentin | -3.8 (-11.7 to 4.1) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Indobufen | 2.5 (-7.5 to 12.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Indomethacin | -2.5 (-12.5 to 7.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Induprofen | 1.8 (-8.3 to 11.8) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Induprofen | 1.5 (-8.5 to 11.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Lamotrigine | 0.3 (-9.7 to 10.3) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Lisinopril | -3.5 (-13.5 to 6.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Magnesium | -4.9 (-12.8 to 3.0) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Methysergide | -4.5 (-14.5 to 5.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Metoprolol | -0.6 (-7.7 to 6.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Montelukast | -2.5 (-12.5 to 7.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Nadolol | 1.2 (-8.8 to 11.2) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Naproxen sodium | -1.3 (-8.4 to 5.8) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Nifedipine | 7.7 (-2.3 to 17.7) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Nimodipine | 0.8 (-6.3 to 7.9) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Oxcarbazepine | -3.0 (-13.0 to 7.0) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Pindolol | 1.7 (-8.3 to 11.7) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Propranolol | -2.0 (-7.9 to 3.9) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Rofecoxib | -2.2 (-12.2 to 7.8) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Telmisartan | -2.3 (-12.3 to 7.7) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Timolol | -5.5 (-15.5 to 4.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Tizanidine | -2.8 (-12.8 to 7.2) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Tolfenamic Acid | 2.5 (-7.5 to 12.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Tonabersat | 1.5 (-8.5 to 11.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Topiramate | -3.8 (-9.6 to 2.0) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Valproate | -2.5 (-10.4 to 5.4) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Verapamil | 1.6 (-6.4 to 9.5) |
| Age | Dihydroergotamine | Vigabatrin | -6.1 (-16.1 to 3.9) |
| Age | Divalproex | Femoxetine | 3.1 (-4.9 to 11.0) |
| Age | Divalproex | Fluoxetine | 5.0 (-2.5 to 12.5) |
| Age | Divalproex | Gabapentin | 1.8 (-6.9 to 10.4) |
| Age | Divalproex | Indobufen | 8.1 (-2.6 to 18.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Indomethacin | 3.1 (-7.6 to 13.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Induprofen | 7.3 (-3.3 to 17.9) |
| Age | Divalproex | Induprofen | 7.1 (-3.6 to 17.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Lamotrigine | 5.9 (-4.8 to 16.5) |
| Age | Divalproex | Lisinopril | 2.1 (-8.6 to 12.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Magnesium | 0.7 (-8.0 to 9.3) |
| Age | Divalproex | Methysergide | 1.1 (-9.6 to 11.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Metoprolol | 5.0 (-2.9 to 12.9) |
| Age | Divalproex | Montelukast | 3.1 (-7.6 to 13.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Nadolol | 6.8 (-3.9 to 17.4) |
| Age | Divalproex | Naproxen sodium | 4.3 (-3.6 to 12.2) |
| Age | Divalproex | Nifedipine | 13.3 (2.6 to 23.9) |
| Age | Divalproex | Nimodipine | 6.4 (-1.5 to 14.3) |
| Age | Divalproex | Oxcarbazepine | 2.6 (-8.1 to 13.2) |
| Age | Divalproex | Pindolol | 7.3 (-3.4 to 17.9) |
| Age | Divalproex | Propranolol | 3.6 (-3.3 to 10.4) |
| Age | Divalproex | Rofecoxib | 3.4 (-7.3 to 14.0) |
| Age | Divalproex | Telmisartan | 3.3 (-7.4 to 13.9) |
| Age | Divalproex | Timolol | 0.1 (-10.6 to 10.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Tizanidine | 2.8 (-7.9 to 13.4) |
| Age | Divalproex | Tolfenamic Acid | 8.1 (-2.6 to 18.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Tonabersat | 7.1 (-3.6 to 17.7) |
| Age | Divalproex | Topiramate | 1.7 (-5.1 to 8.5) |
| Age | Divalproex | Valproate | 3.1 (-5.6 to 11.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----|------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Age | Divalproex | Verapamil | 7.1 (-1.6 to 15.8) |
| Age | Divalproex | Vigabatrin | -0.6 (-11.2 to 10.1) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Fluoxetine | 1.9 (-4.7 to 8.6) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Gabapentin | -1.3 (-9.2 to 6.6) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Indobufen | 5.0 (-5.0 to 15.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Indomethacin | 0.0 (-10.0 to 10.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Induprofen | 4.3 (-5.8 to 14.3) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Induprofen | 4.0 (-6.0 to 14.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Lamotrigine | 2.8 (-7.2 to 12.8) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Lisinopril | -1.0 (-11.0 to 9.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Magnesium | -2.4 (-10.3 to 5.5) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Methysergide | -2.0 (-12.0 to 8.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Metoprolol | 1.9 (-5.2 to 9.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Montelukast | 0.0 (-10.0 to 10.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Nadolol | 3.7 (-6.3 to 13.7) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Naproxen sodium | 1.2 (-5.9 to 8.3) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Nifedipine | 10.2 (0.2 to 20.2) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Nimodipine | 3.3 (-3.8 to 10.4) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Oxcarbazepine | -0.5 (-10.5 to 9.5) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Pindolol | 4.2 (-5.8 to 14.2) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Propranolol | 0.5 (-5.4 to 6.4) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Rofecoxib | 0.3 (-9.7 to 10.3) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Telmisartan | 0.2 (-9.8 to 10.2) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Timolol | -3.0 (-13.0 to 7.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Tizanidine | -0.3 (-10.3 to 9.7) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Tolfenamic Acid | 5.0 (-5.0 to 15.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Tonabersat | 4.0 (-6.0 to 14.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Topiramate | -1.3 (-7.1 to 4.5) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Valproate | 0.0 (-7.9 to 7.9) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Verapamil | 4.1 (-3.9 to 12.0) |
| Age | Femoxetine | Vigabatrin | -3.6 (-13.6 to 6.4) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Gabapentin | -3.2 (-10.7 to 4.3) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Indobufen | 3.1 (-6.6 to 12.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Indomethacin | -1.9 (-11.6 to 7.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Induprofen | 2.3 (-7.4 to 12.0) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Induprofen | 2.1 (-7.6 to 11.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Lamotrigine | 0.9 (-8.8 to 10.6) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Lisinopril | -2.9 (-12.6 to 6.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Magnesium | -4.3 (-11.8 to 3.2) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Methysergide | -3.9 (-13.6 to 5.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Metoprolol | 0.0 (-6.6 to 6.6) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Montelukast | -1.9 (-11.6 to 7.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Nadolol | 1.8 (-7.9 to 11.5) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Naproxen sodium | -0.7 (-7.3 to 5.9) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Nifedipine | 8.3 (-1.4 to 18.0) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Nimodipine | 1.4 (-5.2 to 8.0) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Oxcarbazepine | -2.4 (-12.1 to 7.3) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Pindolol | 2.3 (-7.4 to 12.0) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Propranolol | -1.4 (-6.7 to 3.9) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Rofecoxib | -1.6 (-11.3 to 8.1) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Telmisartan | -1.7 (-11.4 to 8.0) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Timolol | -4.9 (-14.6 to 4.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Tizanidine | -2.2 (-11.9 to 7.5) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Tolfenamic Acid | 3.1 (-6.6 to 12.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Tonabersat | 2.1 (-7.6 to 11.8) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Topiramate | -3.2 (-8.5 to 2.0) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Valproate | -1.9 (-9.4 to 5.6) |
| Age | Fluoxetine | Verapamil | 2.1 (-5.4 to 9.6) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Age | Fluoxetine | Vigabatrin | -5.5 (-15.2 to 4.2) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Indobufen | 6.3 (-4.3 to 16.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Indomethacin | 1.3 (-9.3 to 11.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Induprofen | 5.6 (-5.1 to 16.2) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Induprofen | 5.3 (-5.3 to 15.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Lamotrigine | 4.1 (-6.5 to 14.7) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Lisinopril | 0.3 (-10.3 to 10.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Magnesium | -1.1 (-9.8 to 7.6) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Methysergide | -0.7 (-11.3 to 9.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Metoprolol | 3.2 (-4.7 to 11.2) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Montelukast | 1.3 (-9.3 to 11.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Nadolol | 5.0 (-5.6 to 15.6) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Naproxen sodium | 2.5 (-5.4 to 10.5) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Nifedipine | 11.5 (0.9 to 22.1) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Nimodipine | 4.6 (-3.3 to 12.6) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Oxcarbazepine | 0.8 (-9.8 to 11.4) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Pindolol | 5.5 (-5.1 to 16.1) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Propranolol | 1.8 (-5.0 to 8.7) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Rofecoxib | 1.6 (-9.0 to 12.2) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Telmisartan | 1.5 (-9.1 to 12.1) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Timolol | -1.7 (-12.3 to 8.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Tizanidine | 1.0 (-9.6 to 11.6) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Tolfenamic Acid | 6.3 (-4.3 to 16.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Tonabersat | 5.3 (-5.3 to 15.9) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Topiramate | 0.0 (-6.8 to 6.8) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Valproate | 1.3 (-7.4 to 10.0) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Verapamil | 5.4 (-3.3 to 14.0) |
| Age | Gabapentin | Vigabatrin | -2.3 (-12.9 to 8.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Indomethacin | -5.0 (-17.3 to 7.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Induprofen | -0.8 (-13.0 to 11.5) |
| Age | Indobufen | Induprofen | -1.0 (-13.3 to 11.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Lamotrigine | -2.2 (-14.5 to 10.1) |
| Age | Indobufen | Lisinopril | -6.0 (-18.3 to 6.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Magnesium | -7.4 (-18.0 to 3.2) |
| Age | Indobufen | Methysergide | -7.0 (-19.3 to 5.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Metoprolol | -3.1 (-13.1 to 7.0) |
| Age | Indobufen | Montelukast | -5.0 (-17.3 to 7.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Nadolol | -1.3 (-13.6 to 11.0) |
| Age | Indobufen | Naproxen sodium | -3.8 (-13.8 to 6.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Nifedipine | 5.2 (-7.1 to 17.5) |
| Age | Indobufen | Nimodipine | -1.7 (-11.7 to 8.4) |
| Age | Indobufen | Oxcarbazepine | -5.5 (-17.8 to 6.8) |
| Age | Indobufen | Pindolol | -0.8 (-13.1 to 11.5) |
| Age | Indobufen | Propranolol | -4.5 (-13.7 to 4.7) |
| Age | Indobufen | Rofecoxib | -4.7 (-17.0 to 7.6) |
| Age | Indobufen | Telmisartan | -4.8 (-17.1 to 7.5) |
| Age | Indobufen | Timolol | -8.0 (-20.3 to 4.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Tizanidine | -5.3 (-17.6 to 7.0) |
| Age | Indobufen | Tolfenamic Acid | 0.0 (-12.3 to 12.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Tonabersat | -1.0 (-13.3 to 11.3) |
| Age | Indobufen | Topiramate | -6.3 (-15.5 to 2.8) |
| Age | Indobufen | Valproate | -5.0 (-15.6 to 5.6) |
| Age | Indobufen | Verapamil | -1.0 (-11.6 to 9.7) |
| Age | Indobufen | Vigabatrin | -8.6 (-20.9 to 3.7) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Induprofen | 4.3 (-8.0 to 16.5) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Induprofen | 4.0 (-8.3 to 16.3) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Lamotrigine | 2.8 (-9.5 to 15.1) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Lisinopril | -1.0 (-13.3 to 11.3) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Age | Indomethacin | Magnesium | -2.4 (-13.0 to 8.2) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Methysergide | -2.0 (-14.3 to 10.3) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Metoprolol | 1.9 (-8.1 to 12.0) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Montelukast | 0.0 (-12.3 to 12.3) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Nadolol | 3.7 (-8.6 to 16.0) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Naproxen sodium | 1.2 (-8.8 to 11.3) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Nifedipine | 10.2 (-2.1 to 22.5) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Nimodipine | 3.3 (-6.7 to 13.4) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Oxcarbazepine | -0.5 (-12.8 to 11.8) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Pindolol | 4.2 (-8.1 to 16.5) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Propranolol | 0.5 (-8.7 to 9.7) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Rofecoxib | 0.3 (-12.0 to 12.6) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Telmisartan | 0.2 (-12.1 to 12.5) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Timolol | -3.0 (-15.3 to 9.3) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Tizanidine | -0.3 (-12.6 to 12.0) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Tolfenamic Acid | 5.0 (-7.3 to 17.3) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Tonabersat | 4.0 (-8.3 to 16.3) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Topiramate | -1.3 (-10.5 to 7.8) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Valproate | 0.0 (-10.6 to 10.6) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Verapamil | 4.1 (-6.6 to 14.7) |
| Age | Indomethacin | Vigabatrin | -3.6 (-15.9 to 8.7) |
| Age | Induprofen | Induprofen | -0.3 (-12.5 to 12.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Lamotrigine | -1.5 (-13.7 to 10.8) |
| Age | Induprofen | Lisinopril | -5.3 (-17.5 to 7.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Magnesium | -6.7 (-17.3 to 4.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Methysergide | -6.3 (-18.5 to 6.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Metoprolol | -2.3 (-12.3 to 7.7) |
| Age | Induprofen | Montelukast | -4.3 (-16.5 to 8.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Nadolol | -0.6 (-12.8 to 11.7) |
| Age | Induprofen | Naproxen sodium | -3.0 (-13.0 to 7.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Nifedipine | 6.0 (-6.3 to 18.2) |
| Age | Induprofen | Nimodipine | -0.9 (-10.9 to 9.1) |
| Age | Induprofen | Oxcarbazepine | -4.8 (-17.0 to 7.5) |
| Age | Induprofen | Pindolol | -0.1 (-12.3 to 12.2) |
| Age | Induprofen | Propranolol | -3.7 (-12.9 to 5.5) |
| Age | Induprofen | Rofecoxib | -4.0 (-16.2 to 8.3) |
| Age | Induprofen | Telmisartan | -4.1 (-16.3 to 8.2) |
| Age | Induprofen | Timolol | -7.3 (-19.5 to 5.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Tizanidine | -4.6 (-16.8 to 7.7) |
| Age | Induprofen | Tolfenamic Acid | 0.8 (-11.5 to 13.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Tonabersat | -0.3 (-12.5 to 12.0) |
| Age | Induprofen | Topiramate | -5.6 (-14.7 to 3.6) |
| Age | Induprofen | Valproate | -4.3 (-14.9 to 6.4) |
| Age | Induprofen | Verapamil | -0.2 (-10.8 to 10.4) |
| Age | Induprofen | Vigabatrin | -7.9 (-20.1 to 4.4) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Lamotrigine | -1.2 (-13.5 to 11.1) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Lisinopril | -5.0 (-17.3 to 7.3) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Magnesium | -6.4 (-17.0 to 4.2) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Methysergide | -6.0 (-18.3 to 6.3) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Metoprolol | -2.1 (-12.1 to 8.0) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Montelukast | -4.0 (-16.3 to 8.3) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Nadolol | -0.3 (-12.6 to 12.0) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Naproxen sodium | -2.8 (-12.8 to 7.3) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Nifedipine | 6.2 (-6.1 to 18.5) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Nimodipine | -0.7 (-10.7 to 9.4) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Oxcarbazepine | -4.5 (-16.8 to 7.8) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Pindolol | 0.2 (-12.1 to 12.5) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Propranolol | -3.5 (-12.7 to 5.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Age | Ketoprofen | Rofecoxib | -3.7 (-16.0 to 8.6) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Telmisartan | -3.8 (-16.1 to 8.5) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Timolol | -7.0 (-19.3 to 5.3) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Tizanidine | -4.3 (-16.6 to 8.0) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Tolfenamic Acid | 1.0 (-11.3 to 13.3) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Tonabersat | 0.0 (-12.3 to 12.3) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Topiramate | -5.3 (-14.5 to 3.8) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Valproate | -4.0 (-14.6 to 6.6) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Verapamil | 0.1 (-10.6 to 10.7) |
| Age | Ketoprofen | Vigabatrin | -7.6 (-19.9 to 4.7) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Lisinopril | -3.8 (-16.1 to 8.5) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Magnesium | -5.2 (-15.8 to 5.4) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Methysergide | -4.8 (-17.1 to 7.5) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Metoprolol | -0.9 (-10.9 to 9.2) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Montelukast | -2.8 (-15.1 to 9.5) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Nadolol | 0.9 (-11.4 to 13.2) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Naproxen sodium | -1.6 (-11.6 to 8.5) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Nifedipine | 7.4 (-4.9 to 19.7) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Nimodipine | 0.5 (-9.5 to 10.6) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Oxcarbazepine | -3.3 (-15.6 to 9.0) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Pindolol | 1.4 (-10.9 to 13.7) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Propranolol | -2.3 (-11.5 to 6.9) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Rofecoxib | -2.5 (-14.8 to 9.8) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Telmisartan | -2.6 (-14.9 to 9.7) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Timolol | -5.8 (-18.1 to 6.5) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Tizanidine | -3.1 (-15.4 to 9.2) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Tolfenamic Acid | 2.2 (-10.1 to 14.5) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Tonabersat | 1.2 (-11.1 to 13.5) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Topiramate | -4.1 (-13.3 to 5.0) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Valproate | -2.8 (-13.4 to 7.8) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Verapamil | 1.3 (-9.4 to 11.9) |
| Age | Lamotrigine | Vigabatrin | -6.4 (-18.7 to 5.9) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Magnesium | -1.4 (-12.0 to 9.2) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Methysergide | -1.0 (-13.3 to 11.3) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Metoprolol | 2.9 (-7.1 to 13.0) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Montelukast | 1.0 (-11.3 to 13.3) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Nadolol | 4.7 (-7.6 to 17.0) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Naproxen sodium | 2.2 (-7.8 to 12.3) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Nifedipine | 11.2 (-1.1 to 23.5) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Nimodipine | 4.3 (-5.7 to 14.4) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Oxcarbazepine | 0.5 (-11.8 to 12.8) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Pindolol | 5.2 (-7.1 to 17.5) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Propranolol | 1.5 (-7.7 to 10.7) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Rofecoxib | 1.3 (-11.0 to 13.6) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Telmisartan | 1.2 (-11.1 to 13.5) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Timolol | -2.0 (-14.3 to 10.3) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Tizanidine | 0.7 (-11.6 to 13.0) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Tolfenamic Acid | 6.0 (-6.3 to 18.3) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Tonabersat | 5.0 (-7.3 to 17.3) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Topiramate | -0.3 (-9.5 to 8.8) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Valproate | 1.0 (-9.6 to 11.6) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Verapamil | 5.1 (-5.6 to 15.7) |
| Age | Lisinopril | Vigabatrin | -2.6 (-14.9 to 9.7) |
| Age | Magnesium | Montelukast | 2.4 (-8.2 to 13.0) |
| Age | Magnesium | Nadolol | 6.1 (-4.5 to 16.7) |
| Age | Magnesium | Naproxen sodium | 3.6 (-4.3 to 11.6) |
| Age | Magnesium | Nifedipine | 12.6 (2.0 to 23.2) |
| Age | Magnesium | Nimodipine | 5.7 (-2.2 to 13.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Age | Magnesium | Oxcarbazepine | 1.9 (-8.7 to 12.5) |
| Age | Magnesium | Pindolol | 6.6 (-4.0 to 17.2) |
| Age | Magnesium | Propranolol | 2.9 (-3.9 to 9.8) |
| Age | Magnesium | Rofecoxib | 2.7 (-7.9 to 13.3) |
| Age | Magnesium | Telmisartan | 2.6 (-8.0 to 13.2) |
| Age | Magnesium | Timolol | -0.6 (-11.2 to 10.0) |
| Age | Magnesium | Tizanidine | 2.1 (-8.5 to 12.7) |
| Age | Magnesium | Tolfenamic Acid | 7.4 (-3.2 to 18.0) |
| Age | Magnesium | Tonabersat | 6.4 (-4.2 to 17.0) |
| Age | Magnesium | Topiramate | 1.1 (-5.7 to 7.9) |
| Age | Magnesium | Valproate | 2.4 (-6.3 to 11.1) |
| Age | Magnesium | Verapamil | 6.5 (-2.2 to 15.1) |
| Age | Magnesium | Vigabatrin | -1.2 (-11.8 to 9.4) |
| Age | Methysergide | Magnesium | -0.4 (-11.0 to 10.2) |
| Age | Methysergide | Metoprolol | 3.9 (-6.1 to 14.0) |
| Age | Methysergide | Montelukast | 2.0 (-10.3 to 14.3) |
| Age | Methysergide | Nadolol | 5.7 (-6.6 to 18.0) |
| Age | Methysergide | Naproxen sodium | 3.2 (-6.8 to 13.3) |
| Age | Methysergide | Nifedipine | 12.2 (-0.1 to 24.5) |
| Age | Methysergide | Nimodipine | 5.3 (-4.7 to 15.4) |
| Age | Methysergide | Oxcarbazepine | 1.5 (-10.8 to 13.8) |
| Age | Methysergide | Pindolol | 6.2 (-6.1 to 18.5) |
| Age | Methysergide | Propranolol | 2.5 (-6.7 to 11.7) |
| Age | Methysergide | Rofecoxib | 2.3 (-10.0 to 14.6) |
| Age | Methysergide | Telmisartan | 2.2 (-10.1 to 14.5) |
| Age | Methysergide | Timolol | -1.0 (-13.3 to 11.3) |
| Age | Methysergide | Tizanidine | 1.7 (-10.6 to 14.0) |
| Age | Methysergide | Tolfenamic Acid | 7.0 (-5.3 to 19.3) |
| Age | Methysergide | Tonabersat | 6.0 (-6.3 to 18.3) |
| Age | Methysergide | Topiramate | 0.7 (-8.5 to 9.8) |
| Age | Methysergide | Valproate | 2.0 (-8.6 to 12.6) |
| Age | Methysergide | Verapamil | 6.1 (-4.6 to 16.7) |
| Age | Methysergide | Vigabatrin | -1.6 (-13.9 to 10.7) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Magnesium | -4.3 (-12.3 to 3.6) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Montelukast | -1.9 (-12.0 to 8.1) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Nadolol | 1.8 (-8.3 to 11.8) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Naproxen sodium | -0.7 (-7.8 to 6.4) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Nifedipine | 8.3 (-1.8 to 18.3) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Nimodipine | 1.4 (-5.7 to 8.5) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Oxcarbazepine | -2.4 (-12.5 to 7.6) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Pindolol | 2.3 (-7.8 to 12.3) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Propranolol | -1.4 (-7.3 to 4.5) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Rofecoxib | -1.6 (-11.7 to 8.4) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Telmisartan | -1.7 (-11.8 to 8.3) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Timolol | -4.9 (-15.0 to 5.1) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Tizanidine | -2.2 (-12.3 to 7.8) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Tolfenamic Acid | 3.1 (-7.0 to 13.1) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Tonabersat | 2.1 (-8.0 to 12.1) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Topiramate | -3.3 (-9.0 to 2.5) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Valproate | -1.9 (-9.9 to 6.0) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Verapamil | 2.1 (-5.8 to 10.0) |
| Age | Metoprolol | Vigabatrin | -5.5 (-15.6 to 4.5) |
| Age | Montelukast | Nadolol | 3.7 (-8.6 to 16.0) |
| Age | Montelukast | Naproxen sodium | 1.2 (-8.8 to 11.3) |
| Age | Montelukast | Nifedipine | 10.2 (-2.1 to 22.5) |
| Age | Montelukast | Nimodipine | 3.3 (-6.7 to 13.4) |
| Age | Montelukast | Oxcarbazepine | -0.5 (-12.8 to 11.8) |
| Age | Montelukast | Pindolol | 4.2 (-8.1 to 16.5) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Age | Montelukast | Propranolol | 0.5 (-8.7 to 9.7) |
| Age | Montelukast | Rofecoxib | 0.3 (-12.0 to 12.6) |
| Age | Montelukast | Telmisartan | 0.2 (-12.1 to 12.5) |
| Age | Montelukast | Timolol | -3.0 (-15.3 to 9.3) |
| Age | Montelukast | Tizanidine | -0.3 (-12.6 to 12.0) |
| Age | Montelukast | Tolfenamic Acid | 5.0 (-7.3 to 17.3) |
| Age | Montelukast | Tonabersat | 4.0 (-8.3 to 16.3) |
| Age | Montelukast | Topiramate | -1.3 (-10.5 to 7.8) |
| Age | Montelukast | Valproate | 0.0 (-10.6 to 10.6) |
| Age | Montelukast | Verapamil | 4.1 (-6.6 to 14.7) |
| Age | Montelukast | Vigabatrin | -3.6 (-15.9 to 8.7) |
| Age | Nadolol | Naproxen sodium | -2.5 (-12.5 to 7.6) |
| Age | Nadolol | Nifedipine | 6.5 (-5.8 to 18.8) |
| Age | Nadolol | Nimodipine | -0.4 (-10.4 to 9.7) |
| Age | Nadolol | Oxcarbazepine | -4.2 (-16.5 to 8.1) |
| Age | Nadolol | Pindolol | 0.5 (-11.8 to 12.8) |
| Age | Nadolol | Propranolol | -3.2 (-12.4 to 6.0) |
| Age | Nadolol | Rofecoxib | -3.4 (-15.7 to 8.9) |
| Age | Nadolol | Telmisartan | -3.5 (-15.8 to 8.8) |
| Age | Nadolol | Timolol | -6.7 (-19.0 to 5.6) |
| Age | Nadolol | Tizanidine | -4.0 (-16.3 to 8.3) |
| Age | Nadolol | Tolfenamic Acid | 1.3 (-11.0 to 13.6) |
| Age | Nadolol | Tonabersat | 0.3 (-12.0 to 12.6) |
| Age | Nadolol | Topiramate | -5.0 (-14.2 to 4.1) |
| Age | Nadolol | Valproate | -3.7 (-14.3 to 6.9) |
| Age | Nadolol | Verapamil | 0.4 (-10.3 to 11.0) |
| Age | Nadolol | Vigabatrin | -7.3 (-19.6 to 5.0) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Nifedipine | 9.0 (-1.1 to 19.0) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Nimodipine | 2.1 (-5.0 to 9.2) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Oxcarbazepine | -1.7 (-11.8 to 8.3) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Pindolol | 3.0 (-7.1 to 13.0) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Propranolol | -0.7 (-6.6 to 5.2) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Rofecoxib | -0.9 (-11.0 to 9.1) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Telmisartan | -1.0 (-11.1 to 9.0) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Timolol | -4.2 (-14.3 to 5.8) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Tizanidine | -1.5 (-11.6 to 8.5) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Tolfenamic Acid | 3.8 (-6.3 to 13.8) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Tonabersat | 2.8 (-7.3 to 12.8) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Topiramate | -2.6 (-8.3 to 3.2) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Valproate | -1.2 (-9.2 to 6.7) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Verapamil | 2.8 (-5.1 to 10.7) |
| Age | Naproxen sodium | Vigabatrin | -4.8 (-14.9 to 5.2) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Nimodipine | -6.9 (-16.9 to 3.2) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Oxcarbazepine | -10.7 (-23.0 to 1.6) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Pindolol | -6.0 (-18.3 to 6.3) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Propranolol | -9.7 (-18.9 to -0.5) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Rofecoxib | -9.9 (-22.2 to 2.4) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Telmisartan | -10.0 (-22.3 to 2.3) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Timolol | -13.2 (-25.5 to -0.9) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Tizanidine | -10.5 (-22.8 to 1.8) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Tolfenamic Acid | -5.2 (-17.5 to 7.1) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Tonabersat | -6.2 (-18.5 to 6.1) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Topiramate | -11.5 (-20.7 to -2.4) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Valproate | -10.2 (-20.8 to 0.4) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Verapamil | -6.2 (-16.8 to 4.5) |
| Age | Nifedipine | Vigabatrin | -13.8 (-26.1 to -1.5) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Oxcarbazepine | -3.8 (-13.9 to 6.2) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Pindolol | 0.9 (-9.2 to 10.9) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Age | Nimodipine | Propranolol | -2.8 (-8.7 to 3.1) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Rofecoxib | -3.0 (-13.1 to 7.0) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Telmisartan | -3.1 (-13.2 to 6.9) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Timolol | -6.3 (-16.4 to 3.7) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Tizanidine | -3.6 (-13.7 to 6.4) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Tolfenamic Acid | 1.7 (-8.4 to 11.7) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Tonabersat | 0.7 (-9.4 to 10.7) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Topiramate | -4.7 (-10.4 to 1.1) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Valproate | -3.3 (-11.3 to 4.6) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Verapamil | 0.7 (-7.2 to 8.6) |
| Age | Nimodipine | Vigabatrin | -6.9 (-17.0 to 3.1) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Pindolol | 4.7 (-7.6 to 17.0) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Propranolol | 1.0 (-8.2 to 10.2) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Rofecoxib | 0.8 (-11.5 to 13.1) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Telmisartan | 0.7 (-11.6 to 13.0) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Timolol | -2.5 (-14.8 to 9.8) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Tizanidine | 0.2 (-12.1 to 12.5) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Tolfenamic Acid | 5.5 (-6.8 to 17.8) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Tonabersat | 4.5 (-7.8 to 16.8) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Topiramate | -0.8 (-10.0 to 8.3) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Valproate | 0.5 (-10.1 to 11.1) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Verapamil | 4.6 (-6.1 to 15.2) |
| Age | Oxcarbazepine | Vigabatrin | -3.1 (-15.4 to 9.2) |
| Age | Pindolol | Propranolol | -3.7 (-12.9 to 5.5) |
| Age | Pindolol | Rofecoxib | -3.9 (-16.2 to 8.4) |
| Age | Pindolol | Telmisartan | -4.0 (-16.3 to 8.3) |
| Age | Pindolol | Timolol | -7.2 (-19.5 to 5.1) |
| Age | Pindolol | Tizanidine | -4.5 (-16.8 to 7.8) |
| Age | Pindolol | Tolfenamic Acid | 0.8 (-11.5 to 13.1) |
| Age | Pindolol | Tonabersat | -0.2 (-12.5 to 12.1) |
| Age | Pindolol | Topiramate | -5.5 (-14.7 to 3.6) |
| Age | Pindolol | Valproate | -4.2 (-14.8 to 6.4) |
| Age | Pindolol | Verapamil | -0.2 (-10.8 to 10.5) |
| Age | Pindolol | Vigabatrin | -7.8 (-20.1 to 4.5) |
| Age | Propranolol | Rofecoxib | -0.2 (-9.4 to 9.0) |
| Age | Propranolol | Telmisartan | -0.3 (-9.5 to 8.9) |
| Age | Propranolol | Timolol | -3.5 (-12.7 to 5.7) |
| Age | Propranolol | Tizanidine | -0.8 (-10.0 to 8.4) |
| Age | Propranolol | Tolfenamic Acid | 4.5 (-4.7 to 13.7) |
| Age | Propranolol | Tonabersat | 3.5 (-5.7 to 12.7) |
| Age | Propranolol | Topiramate | -1.8 (-6.1 to 2.4) |
| Age | Propranolol | Valproate | -0.5 (-7.4 to 6.3) |
| Age | Propranolol | Verapamil | 3.5 (-3.3 to 10.4) |
| Age | Propranolol | Vigabatrin | -4.1 (-13.3 to 5.1) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Telmisartan | -0.1 (-12.4 to 12.2) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Timolol | -3.3 (-15.6 to 9.0) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Tizanidine | -0.6 (-12.9 to 11.7) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Tolfenamic Acid | 4.7 (-7.6 to 17.0) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Tonabersat | 3.7 (-8.6 to 16.0) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Topiramate | -1.6 (-10.8 to 7.5) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Valproate | -0.3 (-10.9 to 10.3) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Verapamil | 3.8 (-6.9 to 14.4) |
| Age | Rofecoxib | Vigabatrin | -3.9 (-16.2 to 8.4) |
| Age | Telmisartan | Timolol | -3.2 (-15.5 to 9.1) |
| Age | Telmisartan | Tizanidine | -0.5 (-12.8 to 11.8) |
| Age | Telmisartan | Tolfenamic Acid | 4.8 (-7.5 to 17.1) |
| Age | Telmisartan | Tonabersat | 3.8 (-8.5 to 16.1) |
| Age | Telmisartan | Topiramate | -1.5 (-10.7 to 7.6) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Age | Telmisartan | Valproate | -0.2 (-10.8 to 10.4) |
| Age | Telmisartan | Verapamil | 3.9 (-6.8 to 14.5) |
| Age | Telmisartan | Vigabatrin | -3.8 (-16.1 to 8.5) |
| Age | Timolol | Tizanidine | 2.7 (-9.6 to 15.0) |
| Age | Timolol | Tolfenamic Acid | 8.0 (-4.3 to 20.3) |
| Age | Timolol | Tonabersat | 7.0 (-5.3 to 19.3) |
| Age | Timolol | Topiramate | 1.7 (-7.5 to 10.8) |
| Age | Timolol | Valproate | 3.0 (-7.6 to 13.6) |
| Age | Timolol | Verapamil | 7.1 (-3.6 to 17.7) |
| Age | Timolol | Vigabatrin | -0.6 (-12.9 to 11.7) |
| Age | Tizanidine | Tolfenamic Acid | 5.3 (-7.0 to 17.6) |
| Age | Tizanidine | Tonabersat | 4.3 (-8.0 to 16.6) |
| Age | Tizanidine | Topiramate | -1.0 (-10.2 to 8.1) |
| Age | Tizanidine | Valproate | 0.3 (-10.3 to 10.9) |
| Age | Tizanidine | Verapamil | 4.4 (-6.3 to 15.0) |
| Age | Tizanidine | Vigabatrin | -3.3 (-15.6 to 9.0) |
| Age | Tolfenamic Acid | Tonabersat | -1.0 (-13.3 to 11.3) |
| Age | Tolfenamic Acid | Topiramate | -6.3 (-15.5 to 2.8) |
| Age | Tolfenamic Acid | Valproate | -5.0 (-15.6 to 5.6) |
| Age | Tolfenamic Acid | Verapamil | -1.0 (-11.6 to 9.7) |
| Age | Tolfenamic Acid | Vigabatrin | -8.6 (-20.9 to 3.7) |
| Age | Tonabersat | Topiramate | -5.3 (-14.5 to 3.8) |
| Age | Tonabersat | Valproate | -4.0 (-14.6 to 6.6) |
| Age | Tonabersat | Verapamil | 0.1 (-10.6 to 10.7) |
| Age | Tonabersat | Vigabatrin | -7.6 (-19.9 to 4.7) |
| Age | Topiramate | Valproate | 1.3 (-5.5 to 8.1) |
| Age | Topiramate | Verapamil | 5.4 (-1.4 to 12.2) |
| Age | Topiramate | Vigabatrin | -2.3 (-11.4 to 6.9) |
| Age | Valproate | Verapamil | 4.1 (-4.6 to 12.7) |
| Age | Valproate | Vigabatrin | -3.6 (-14.2 to 7.0) |
| Age | Verapamil | Vigabatrin | -7.7 (-18.3 to 3.0) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Acetazolamide | -1.1 (-45.6 to 43.4) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Alprenolol | -7.4 (-51.9 to 37.1) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Amitriptyline | -8.9 (-45.2 to 27.4) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Aspirin | 12.9 (-25.4 to 51.2) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Atenolol | -0.5 (-39.0 to 38.0) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Candesartan | -4.6 (-49.1 to 39.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Captopril | 16.4 (-28.1 to 60.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Carbamazepine | 5.6 (-38.9 to 50.1) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Clonidine | -3.1 (-35.8 to 29.6) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Dihydroergocryptine | 2.8 (-41.7 to 47.3) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Dihydroergotamine | 4.2 (-32.1 to 40.5) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Divalproex | -3.9 (-42.4 to 34.6) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Femoxetine | -7.8 (-44.1 to 28.5) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Fluoxetine | -3.0 (-38.2 to 32.1) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Gabapentin | -0.3 (-36.6 to 36.0) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Guanfacine | -9.6 (-54.1 to 34.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Indobufen | 6.4 (-38.1 to 50.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Indomethacin | -1.6 (-46.1 to 42.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Induprofen | 14.4 (-30.1 to 58.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Ketoprofen | -13.6 (-58.1 to 30.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Lamotrigine | -7.4 (-51.9 to 37.1) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Lisinopril | -6.6 (-51.1 to 37.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Methysergide | -5.6 (-50.1 to 38.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Metoprolol | -8.7 (-45.0 to 27.6) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Magnesium | -15.1 (-53.6 to 23.4) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Montelukast | -13.6 (-58.1 to 30.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Nadolol | -6.9 (-51.4 to 37.6) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Acebutolol | Naproxen sodium | -4.9 (-41.2 to 31.4) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Nicardipine | 1.4 (-43.1 to 45.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Nifedipine | -4.6 (-49.1 to 39.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Nimodipine | 4.1 (-32.2 to 40.4) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Oxcarbazepine | -10.3 (-54.8 to 34.2) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Pindolol | -11.3 (-55.8 to 33.2) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Propranolol | -3.7 (-36.7 to 29.3) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Rofecoxib | -10.1 (-54.6 to 34.4) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Telmisartan | -10.1 (-54.6 to 34.4) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Timolol | 2.7 (-35.8 to 41.2) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Tizanidine | -4.6 (-49.1 to 39.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Tolfenamic Acid | -12.6 (-57.1 to 31.9) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Tonabersat | -17.9 (-62.4 to 26.6) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Topiramate | 4.4 (-28.8 to 37.5) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Valproate | -8.3 (-46.8 to 30.3) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Verapamil | -6.1 (-44.6 to 32.4) |
| % females | Acebutolol | Vigabatrin | 0.5 (-44.0 to 45.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Alprenolol | -6.3 (-50.8 to 38.2) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Amitriptyline | -7.8 (-44.1 to 28.5) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Aspirin | 14.0 (-24.3 to 52.3) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Atenolol | 0.6 (-37.9 to 39.1) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Candesartan | -3.5 (-48.0 to 41.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Captopril | 17.5 (-27.0 to 62.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Carbamazepine | 6.7 (-37.8 to 51.2) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Clonidine | -2.0 (-34.7 to 30.7) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergocryptine | 3.9 (-40.6 to 48.4) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergotamine | 5.3 (-31.0 to 41.6) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Divalproex | -2.8 (-41.3 to 35.7) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Femoxetine | -6.7 (-43.0 to 29.6) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Fluoxetine | -1.9 (-37.1 to 33.2) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Gabapentin | 0.8 (-35.5 to 37.1) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Guanfacine | -8.5 (-53.0 to 36.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Indobufen | 7.5 (-37.0 to 52.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Indomethacin | -0.5 (-45.0 to 44.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Induprofen | 15.5 (-29.0 to 60.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Ketoprofen | -12.5 (-57.0 to 32.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Lamotrigine | -6.3 (-50.8 to 38.2) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Lisinopril | -5.5 (-50.0 to 39.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Methysergide | -4.5 (-49.0 to 40.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Metoprolol | -7.6 (-43.9 to 28.7) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Magnesium | -14.0 (-52.5 to 24.5) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Montelukast | -12.5 (-57.0 to 32.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Nadolol | -5.8 (-50.3 to 38.7) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Naproxen sodium | -3.8 (-40.1 to 32.5) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Nicardipine | 2.5 (-42.0 to 47.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Nifedipine | -3.5 (-48.0 to 41.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Nimodipine | 5.2 (-31.1 to 41.5) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Oxcarbazepine | -9.2 (-53.7 to 35.3) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Pindolol | -10.2 (-54.7 to 34.3) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Propranolol | -2.6 (-35.6 to 30.4) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Rofecoxib | -9.0 (-53.5 to 35.5) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Telmisartan | -9.0 (-53.5 to 35.5) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Timolol | 3.8 (-34.7 to 42.3) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Tizanidine | -3.5 (-48.0 to 41.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Tolfenamic Acid | -11.5 (-56.0 to 33.0) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Tonabersat | -16.8 (-61.3 to 27.7) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Topiramate | 5.5 (-27.7 to 38.6) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Valproate | -7.2 (-45.7 to 31.4) |

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| | | | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Acetazolamide | Verapamil | -5.0 (-43.5 to 33.5) |
| % females | Acetazolamide | Vigabatrin | 1.6 (-42.9 to 46.1) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Amitriptyline | -1.5 (-37.8 to 34.8) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Aspirin | 20.3 (-18.0 to 58.6) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Atenolol | 6.9 (-31.6 to 45.4) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Candesartan | 2.8 (-41.7 to 47.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Captopril | 23.8 (-20.7 to 68.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Carbamazepine | 13.0 (-31.5 to 57.5) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Clonidine | 4.3 (-28.4 to 37.0) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Dihydroergocryptine | 10.2 (-34.3 to 54.7) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Dihydroergotamine | 11.6 (-24.7 to 47.9) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Divalproex | 3.5 (-35.0 to 42.0) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Femoxetine | -0.4 (-36.7 to 35.9) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Fluoxetine | 4.4 (-30.8 to 39.5) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Gabapentin | 7.1 (-29.2 to 43.4) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Guanfacine | -2.2 (-46.7 to 42.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Indobufen | 13.8 (-30.7 to 58.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Indomethacin | 5.8 (-38.7 to 50.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Induprofen | 21.8 (-22.7 to 66.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Ketoprofen | -6.2 (-50.7 to 38.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Lamotrigine | 0.0 (-44.5 to 44.5) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Lisinopril | 0.8 (-43.7 to 45.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Methysergide | 1.8 (-42.7 to 46.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Metoprolol | -1.3 (-37.6 to 35.0) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Magnesium | -7.7 (-46.2 to 30.8) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Montelukast | -6.2 (-50.7 to 38.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Nadolol | 0.5 (-44.0 to 45.0) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Naproxen sodium | 2.5 (-33.8 to 38.8) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Nicardipine | 8.8 (-35.7 to 53.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Nifedipine | 2.8 (-41.7 to 47.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Nimodipine | 11.5 (-24.8 to 47.8) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Oxcarbazepine | -2.9 (-47.4 to 41.6) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Pindolol | -3.9 (-48.4 to 40.6) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Propranolol | 3.7 (-29.3 to 36.7) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Rofecoxib | -2.7 (-47.2 to 41.8) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Telmisartan | -2.7 (-47.2 to 41.8) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Timolol | 10.1 (-28.4 to 48.6) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Tizanidine | 2.8 (-41.7 to 47.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Tolfenamic Acid | -5.2 (-49.7 to 39.3) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Tonabersat | -10.5 (-55.0 to 34.0) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Topiramate | 11.8 (-21.4 to 44.9) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Valproate | -0.9 (-39.4 to 37.7) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Verapamil | 1.3 (-37.2 to 39.8) |
| % females | Alprenolol | Vigabatrin | 7.9 (-36.6 to 52.4) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Aspirin | 21.8 (-4.3 to 47.9) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Atenolol | 8.4 (-20.3 to 37.1) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Candesartan | 4.3 (-32.0 to 40.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Captopril | 25.3 (-11.0 to 61.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Carbamazepine | 14.5 (-21.8 to 50.8) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Clonidine | 5.8 (-14.5 to 26.1) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Dihydroergocryptine | 11.7 (-24.6 to 48.0) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Dihydroergotamine | 13.1 (-12.6 to 38.7) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Divalproex | 5.0 (-23.7 to 33.7) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Femoxetine | 1.1 (-24.6 to 26.8) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Fluoxetine | 5.9 (-18.1 to 29.9) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Gabapentin | 8.6 (-17.1 to 34.3) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Guanfacine | -0.7 (-37.0 to 35.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Indobufen | 15.3 (-21.0 to 51.6) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Amitriptyline | Indomethacin | 7.3 (-29.0 to 43.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Induprofen | 23.3 (-13.0 to 59.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Ketoprofen | -4.7 (-41.0 to 31.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Lamotrigine | 1.5 (-34.8 to 37.8) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Lisinopril | 2.3 (-34.0 to 38.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Methysergide | 3.3 (-33.0 to 39.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Metoprolol | 0.2 (-25.4 to 25.9) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Magnesium | -6.2 (-34.9 to 22.5) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Montelukast | -4.7 (-41.0 to 31.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Nadolol | 2.0 (-34.3 to 38.3) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Naproxen sodium | 4.0 (-21.7 to 29.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Nicardipine | 10.3 (-26.0 to 46.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Nifedipine | 4.3 (-32.0 to 40.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Nimodipine | 13.0 (-12.7 to 38.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Oxcarbazepine | -1.4 (-37.7 to 34.9) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Pindolol | -2.4 (-38.7 to 33.9) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Propranolol | 5.2 (-15.5 to 25.9) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Rofecoxib | -1.2 (-37.5 to 35.1) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Telmisartan | -1.2 (-37.5 to 35.1) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Timolol | 11.6 (-17.1 to 40.3) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Tizanidine | 4.3 (-32.0 to 40.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Tolfenamic Acid | -3.7 (-40.0 to 32.6) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Tonabersat | -9.0 (-45.3 to 27.3) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Topiramate | 13.3 (-7.7 to 34.3) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Valproate | 0.7 (-28.1 to 29.4) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Verapamil | 2.8 (-25.9 to 31.5) |
| % females | Amitriptyline | Vigabatrin | 9.4 (-26.9 to 45.7) |
| % females | Aspirin | Atenolol | -13.4 (-43.0 to 16.2) |
| % females | Aspirin | Candesartan | -17.5 (-55.8 to 20.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Captopril | 3.5 (-34.8 to 41.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Carbamazepine | -7.3 (-45.6 to 31.0) |
| % females | Aspirin | Clonidine | -16.0 (-35.8 to 3.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Dihydroergocryptine | -10.1 (-48.4 to 28.2) |
| % females | Aspirin | Dihydroergotamine | -8.7 (-34.9 to 17.4) |
| % females | Aspirin | Divalproex | -16.8 (-46.4 to 12.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Femoxetine | -20.7 (-46.8 to 5.4) |
| % females | Aspirin | Fluoxetine | -15.9 (-40.1 to 8.3) |
| % females | Aspirin | Gabapentin | -13.2 (-39.3 to 12.9) |
| % females | Aspirin | Guanfacine | -22.5 (-60.8 to 15.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Indobufen | -6.5 (-44.8 to 31.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Indomethacin | -14.5 (-52.8 to 23.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Induprofen | 1.5 (-36.8 to 39.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Ketoprofen | -26.5 (-64.8 to 11.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Lamotrigine | -20.3 (-58.6 to 18.0) |
| % females | Aspirin | Lisinopril | -19.5 (-57.8 to 18.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Methysergide | -18.5 (-56.8 to 19.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Metoprolol | -21.6 (-47.7 to 4.6) |
| % females | Aspirin | Magnesium | -28.0 (-57.6 to 1.6) |
| % females | Aspirin | Montelukast | -26.5 (-64.8 to 11.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Nadolol | -19.8 (-58.1 to 18.5) |
| % females | Aspirin | Naproxen sodium | -17.8 (-44.0 to 8.3) |
| % females | Aspirin | Nicardipine | -11.5 (-49.8 to 26.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Nifedipine | -17.5 (-55.8 to 20.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Nimodipine | -8.8 (-35.0 to 17.3) |
| % females | Aspirin | Oxcarbazepine | -23.2 (-61.5 to 15.1) |
| % females | Aspirin | Pindolol | -24.2 (-62.5 to 14.1) |
| % females | Aspirin | Propranolol | -16.6 (-36.9 to 3.6) |
| % females | Aspirin | Rofecoxib | -23.0 (-61.3 to 15.3) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Aspirin | Telmisartan | -23.0 (-61.3 to 15.3) |
| % females | Aspirin | Timolol | -10.2 (-39.8 to 19.4) |
| % females | Aspirin | Tizanidine | -17.5 (-55.8 to 20.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Tolfenamic Acid | -25.5 (-63.8 to 12.8) |
| % females | Aspirin | Tonabersat | -30.8 (-69.1 to 7.5) |
| % females | Aspirin | Topiramate | -8.5 (-29.1 to 12.0) |
| % females | Aspirin | Valproate | -21.2 (-50.8 to 8.5) |
| % females | Aspirin | Verapamil | -19.0 (-48.6 to 10.6) |
| % females | Aspirin | Vigabatrin | -12.4 (-50.7 to 25.9) |
| % females | Atenolol | Candesartan | -4.1 (-42.6 to 34.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Captopril | 16.9 (-21.6 to 55.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Carbamazepine | 6.1 (-32.4 to 44.6) |
| % females | Atenolol | Clonidine | -2.6 (-26.6 to 21.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Dihydroergocryptine | 3.3 (-35.2 to 41.8) |
| % females | Atenolol | Dihydroergotamine | 4.7 (-24.0 to 33.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Divalproex | -3.4 (-34.8 to 28.0) |
| % females | Atenolol | Femoxetine | -7.3 (-36.0 to 21.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Fluoxetine | -2.5 (-29.8 to 24.7) |
| % females | Atenolol | Gabapentin | 0.2 (-28.5 to 28.9) |
| % females | Atenolol | Guanfacine | -9.1 (-47.6 to 29.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Indobufen | 6.9 (-31.6 to 45.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Indomethacin | -1.1 (-39.6 to 37.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Induprofen | 14.9 (-23.6 to 53.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Ketoprofen | -13.1 (-51.6 to 25.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Lamotrigine | -6.9 (-45.4 to 31.6) |
| % females | Atenolol | Lisinopril | -6.1 (-44.6 to 32.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Methysergide | -5.1 (-43.6 to 33.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Metoprolol | -8.2 (-36.9 to 20.5) |
| % females | Atenolol | Magnesium | -14.6 (-46.0 to 16.8) |
| % females | Atenolol | Montelukast | -13.1 (-51.6 to 25.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Nadolol | -6.4 (-44.9 to 32.1) |
| % females | Atenolol | Naproxen sodium | -4.4 (-33.1 to 24.3) |
| % females | Atenolol | Nicardipine | 1.9 (-36.6 to 40.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Nifedipine | -4.1 (-42.6 to 34.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Nimodipine | 4.6 (-24.1 to 33.3) |
| % females | Atenolol | Oxcarbazepine | -9.8 (-48.3 to 28.7) |
| % females | Atenolol | Pindolol | -10.8 (-49.3 to 27.7) |
| % females | Atenolol | Propranolol | -3.2 (-27.6 to 21.2) |
| % females | Atenolol | Rofecoxib | -9.6 (-48.1 to 28.9) |
| % females | Atenolol | Telmisartan | -9.6 (-48.1 to 28.9) |
| % females | Atenolol | Timolol | 3.2 (-28.2 to 34.6) |
| % females | Atenolol | Tizanidine | -4.1 (-42.6 to 34.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Tolfenamic Acid | -12.1 (-50.6 to 26.4) |
| % females | Atenolol | Tonabersat | -17.4 (-55.9 to 21.1) |
| % females | Atenolol | Topiramate | 4.9 (-19.7 to 29.5) |
| % females | Atenolol | Valproate | -7.8 (-39.2 to 23.7) |
| % females | Atenolol | Verapamil | -5.6 (-37.0 to 25.8) |
| % females | Atenolol | Vigabatrin | 1.0 (-37.5 to 39.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Captopril | 21.0 (-23.5 to 65.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Carbamazepine | 10.2 (-34.3 to 54.7) |
| % females | Candesartan | Clonidine | 1.5 (-31.2 to 34.2) |
| % females | Candesartan | Dihydroergocryptine | 7.4 (-37.1 to 51.9) |
| % females | Candesartan | Dihydroergotamine | 8.8 (-27.5 to 45.1) |
| % females | Candesartan | Divalproex | 0.7 (-37.8 to 39.2) |
| % females | Candesartan | Femoxetine | -3.2 (-39.5 to 33.1) |
| % females | Candesartan | Fluoxetine | 1.6 (-33.6 to 36.7) |
| % females | Candesartan | Gabapentin | 4.3 (-32.0 to 40.6) |
| % females | Candesartan | Guanfacine | -5.0 (-49.5 to 39.5) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Candesartan | Indobufen | 11.0 (-33.5 to 55.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Indomethacin | 3.0 (-41.5 to 47.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Induprofen | 19.0 (-25.5 to 63.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Ketoprofen | -9.0 (-53.5 to 35.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Lamotrigine | -2.8 (-47.3 to 41.7) |
| % females | Candesartan | Lisinopril | -2.0 (-46.5 to 42.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Methysergide | -1.0 (-45.5 to 43.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Metoprolol | -4.1 (-40.4 to 32.2) |
| % females | Candesartan | Magnesium | -10.5 (-49.0 to 28.0) |
| % females | Candesartan | Montelukast | -9.0 (-53.5 to 35.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Nadolol | -2.3 (-46.8 to 42.2) |
| % females | Candesartan | Naproxen sodium | -0.3 (-36.6 to 36.0) |
| % females | Candesartan | Nicardipine | 6.0 (-38.5 to 50.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Nifedipine | 0.0 (-44.5 to 44.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Nimodipine | 8.7 (-27.6 to 45.0) |
| % females | Candesartan | Oxcarbazepine | -5.7 (-50.2 to 38.8) |
| % females | Candesartan | Pindolol | -6.7 (-51.2 to 37.8) |
| % females | Candesartan | Propranolol | 0.9 (-32.1 to 33.9) |
| % females | Candesartan | Rofecoxib | -5.5 (-50.0 to 39.0) |
| % females | Candesartan | Telmisartan | -5.5 (-50.0 to 39.0) |
| % females | Candesartan | Timolol | 7.3 (-31.2 to 45.8) |
| % females | Candesartan | Tizanidine | 0.0 (-44.5 to 44.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Tolfenamic Acid | -8.0 (-52.5 to 36.5) |
| % females | Candesartan | Tonabersat | -13.3 (-57.8 to 31.2) |
| % females | Candesartan | Topiramate | 9.0 (-24.2 to 42.1) |
| % females | Candesartan | Valproate | -3.7 (-42.2 to 34.9) |
| % females | Candesartan | Verapamil | -1.5 (-40.0 to 37.0) |
| % females | Candesartan | Vigabatrin | 5.1 (-39.4 to 49.6) |
| % females | Captopril | Carbamazepine | -10.8 (-55.3 to 33.7) |
| % females | Captopril | Clonidine | -19.5 (-52.2 to 13.2) |
| % females | Captopril | Dihydroergocryptine | -13.6 (-58.1 to 30.9) |
| % females | Captopril | Dihydroergotamine | -12.2 (-48.5 to 24.1) |
| % females | Captopril | Divalproex | -20.3 (-58.8 to 18.2) |
| % females | Captopril | Femoxetine | -24.2 (-60.5 to 12.1) |
| % females | Captopril | Fluoxetine | -19.4 (-54.6 to 15.7) |
| % females | Captopril | Gabapentin | -16.7 (-53.0 to 19.6) |
| % females | Captopril | Guanfacine | -26.0 (-70.5 to 18.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Indobufen | -10.0 (-54.5 to 34.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Indomethacin | -18.0 (-62.5 to 26.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Induprofen | -2.0 (-46.5 to 42.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Ketoprofen | -30.0 (-74.5 to 14.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Lamotrigine | -23.8 (-68.3 to 20.7) |
| % females | Captopril | Lisinopril | -23.0 (-67.5 to 21.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Methysergide | -22.0 (-66.5 to 22.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Metoprolol | -25.1 (-61.4 to 11.2) |
| % females | Captopril | Magnesium | -31.5 (-70.0 to 7.0) |
| % females | Captopril | Montelukast | -30.0 (-74.5 to 14.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Nadolol | -23.3 (-67.8 to 21.2) |
| % females | Captopril | Naproxen sodium | -21.3 (-57.6 to 15.0) |
| % females | Captopril | Nicardipine | -15.0 (-59.5 to 29.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Nifedipine | -21.0 (-65.5 to 23.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Nimodipine | -12.3 (-48.6 to 24.0) |
| % females | Captopril | Oxcarbazepine | -26.7 (-71.2 to 17.8) |
| % females | Captopril | Pindolol | -27.7 (-72.2 to 16.8) |
| % females | Captopril | Propranolol | -20.1 (-53.1 to 12.9) |
| % females | Captopril | Rofecoxib | -26.5 (-71.0 to 18.0) |
| % females | Captopril | Telmisartan | -26.5 (-71.0 to 18.0) |
| % females | Captopril | Timolol | -13.7 (-52.2 to 24.8) |

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| | | | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Captopril | Tizanidine | -21.0 (-65.5 to 23.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Tolfenamic Acid | -29.0 (-73.5 to 15.5) |
| % females | Captopril | Tonabersat | -34.3 (-78.8 to 10.2) |
| % females | Captopril | Topiramate | -12.0 (-45.2 to 21.1) |
| % females | Captopril | Valproate | -24.7 (-63.2 to 13.9) |
| % females | Captopril | Verapamil | -22.5 (-61.0 to 16.0) |
| % females | Captopril | Vigabatrin | -15.9 (-60.4 to 28.6) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Clonidine | -8.7 (-41.4 to 24.0) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Dihydroergocryptine | -2.8 (-47.3 to 41.7) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Dihydroergotamine | -1.4 (-37.7 to 34.9) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Divalproex | -9.5 (-48.0 to 29.0) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Femoxetine | -13.4 (-49.7 to 22.9) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Fluoxetine | -8.6 (-43.8 to 26.5) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Gabapentin | -5.9 (-42.2 to 30.4) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Guanfacine | -15.2 (-59.7 to 29.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Indobufen | 0.8 (-43.7 to 45.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Indomethacin | -7.2 (-51.7 to 37.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Induprofen | 8.8 (-35.7 to 53.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Ketoprofen | -19.2 (-63.7 to 25.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Lamotrigine | -13.0 (-57.5 to 31.5) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Lisinopril | -12.2 (-56.7 to 32.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Methysergide | -11.2 (-55.7 to 33.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Metoprolol | -14.3 (-50.6 to 22.0) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Magnesium | -20.7 (-59.2 to 17.8) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Montelukast | -19.2 (-63.7 to 25.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Nadolol | -12.5 (-57.0 to 32.0) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Naproxen sodium | -10.5 (-46.8 to 25.8) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Nicardipine | -4.2 (-48.7 to 40.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Nifedipine | -10.2 (-54.7 to 34.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Nimodipine | -1.5 (-37.8 to 34.8) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Oxcarbazepine | -15.9 (-60.4 to 28.6) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Pindolol | -16.9 (-61.4 to 27.6) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Propranolol | -9.3 (-42.3 to 23.7) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Rofecoxib | -15.7 (-60.2 to 28.8) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Telmisartan | -15.7 (-60.2 to 28.8) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Timolol | -2.9 (-41.4 to 35.6) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Tizanidine | -10.2 (-54.7 to 34.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Tolfenamic Acid | -18.2 (-62.7 to 26.3) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Tonabersat | -23.5 (-68.0 to 21.0) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Topiramate | -1.2 (-34.4 to 31.9) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Valproate | -13.9 (-52.4 to 24.7) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Verapamil | -11.7 (-50.2 to 26.8) |
| % females | Carbamazepine | Vigabatrin | -5.1 (-49.6 to 39.4) |
| % females | Clonidine | Dihydroergocryptine | 5.9 (-26.8 to 38.6) |
| % females | Clonidine | Dihydroergotamine | 7.3 (-13.0 to 27.6) |
| % females | Clonidine | Divalproex | -0.8 (-24.8 to 23.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Femoxetine | -4.7 (-25.0 to 15.6) |
| % females | Clonidine | Fluoxetine | 0.1 (-18.1 to 18.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Gabapentin | 2.8 (-17.5 to 23.1) |
| % females | Clonidine | Guanfacine | -6.5 (-39.2 to 26.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Indobufen | 9.5 (-23.2 to 42.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Indomethacin | 1.5 (-31.2 to 34.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Induprofen | 17.5 (-15.2 to 50.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Ketoprofen | -10.5 (-43.2 to 22.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Lamotrigine | -4.3 (-37.0 to 28.4) |
| % females | Clonidine | Lisinopril | -3.5 (-36.2 to 29.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Methysergide | -2.5 (-35.2 to 30.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Metoprolol | -5.6 (-25.9 to 14.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Clonidine | Magnesium | -12.0 (-36.0 to 12.0) |
| % females | Clonidine | Montelukast | -10.5 (-43.2 to 22.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Nadolol | -3.8 (-36.5 to 28.9) |
| % females | Clonidine | Naproxen sodium | -1.8 (-22.1 to 18.5) |
| % females | Clonidine | Nicardipine | 4.5 (-28.2 to 37.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Nifedipine | -1.5 (-34.2 to 31.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Nimodipine | 7.2 (-13.1 to 27.5) |
| % females | Clonidine | Oxcarbazepine | -7.2 (-39.9 to 25.5) |
| % females | Clonidine | Pindolol | -8.2 (-40.9 to 24.5) |
| % females | Clonidine | Propranolol | -0.6 (-14.1 to 12.9) |
| % females | Clonidine | Rofecoxib | -7.0 (-39.7 to 25.7) |
| % females | Clonidine | Telmisartan | -7.0 (-39.7 to 25.7) |
| % females | Clonidine | Timolol | 5.8 (-18.2 to 29.8) |
| % females | Clonidine | Tizanidine | -1.5 (-34.2 to 31.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Tolfenamic Acid | -9.5 (-42.2 to 23.2) |
| % females | Clonidine | Tonabersat | -14.8 (-47.5 to 17.9) |
| % females | Clonidine | Topiramate | 7.5 (-6.4 to 21.4) |
| % females | Clonidine | Valproate | -5.2 (-29.2 to 18.9) |
| % females | Clonidine | Verapamil | -3.0 (-27.0 to 21.0) |
| % females | Clonidine | Vigabatrin | 3.6 (-29.1 to 36.3) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Dihydroergotamine | 1.4 (-34.9 to 37.7) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Divalproex | -6.7 (-45.2 to 31.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Femoxetine | -10.6 (-46.9 to 25.7) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Fluoxetine | -5.8 (-41.0 to 29.3) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Gabapentin | -3.1 (-39.4 to 33.2) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Guanfacine | -12.4 (-56.9 to 32.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Indobufen | 3.6 (-40.9 to 48.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Indomethacin | -4.4 (-48.9 to 40.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Induprofen | 11.6 (-32.9 to 56.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Ketoprofen | -16.4 (-60.9 to 28.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Lamotrigine | -10.2 (-54.7 to 34.3) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Lisinopril | -9.4 (-53.9 to 35.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Methysergide | -8.4 (-52.9 to 36.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Metoprolol | -11.5 (-47.8 to 24.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Magnesium | -17.9 (-56.4 to 20.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Montelukast | -16.4 (-60.9 to 28.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Nadolol | -9.7 (-54.2 to 34.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Naproxen sodium | -7.7 (-44.0 to 28.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Nicardipine | -1.4 (-45.9 to 43.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Nifedipine | -7.4 (-51.9 to 37.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Nimodipine | 1.3 (-35.0 to 37.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Oxcarbazepine | -13.1 (-57.6 to 31.4) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Pindolol | -14.1 (-58.6 to 30.4) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Propranolol | -6.5 (-39.5 to 26.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Rofecoxib | -12.9 (-57.4 to 31.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Telmisartan | -12.9 (-57.4 to 31.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Timolol | -0.1 (-38.6 to 38.4) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Tizanidine | -7.4 (-51.9 to 37.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Tolfenamic Acid | -15.4 (-59.9 to 29.1) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Tonabersat | -20.7 (-65.2 to 23.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Topiramate | 1.6 (-31.6 to 34.7) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Valproate | -11.1 (-49.6 to 27.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Verapamil | -8.9 (-47.4 to 29.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergocryptine | Vigabatrin | -2.3 (-46.8 to 42.2) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Divalproex | -8.1 (-36.8 to 20.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Femoxetine | -12.0 (-37.6 to 13.7) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Fluoxetine | -7.2 (-31.2 to 16.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Gabapentin | -4.5 (-30.1 to 21.2) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Guanfacine | -13.8 (-50.1 to 22.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Indobufen | 2.2 (-34.1 to 38.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Indomethacin | -5.8 (-42.1 to 30.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Induprofen | 10.2 (-26.1 to 46.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Ketoprofen | -17.8 (-54.1 to 18.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Lamotrigine | -11.6 (-47.9 to 24.7) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Lisinopril | -10.8 (-47.1 to 25.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Methysergide | -9.8 (-46.1 to 26.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Metoprolol | -12.8 (-38.5 to 12.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Magnesium | -19.3 (-48.0 to 9.4) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Montelukast | -17.8 (-54.1 to 18.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Nadolol | -11.1 (-47.4 to 25.2) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Naproxen sodium | -9.1 (-34.8 to 16.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Nicardipine | -2.8 (-39.1 to 33.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Nifedipine | -8.8 (-45.1 to 27.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Nimodipine | -0.1 (-25.8 to 25.6) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Oxcarbazepine | -14.5 (-50.8 to 21.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Pindolol | -15.5 (-51.8 to 20.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Propranolol | -7.9 (-28.6 to 12.8) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Rofecoxib | -14.3 (-50.6 to 22.0) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Telmisartan | -14.3 (-50.6 to 22.0) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Timolol | -1.5 (-30.2 to 27.2) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Tizanidine | -8.8 (-45.1 to 27.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Tolfenamic Acid | -16.8 (-53.1 to 19.5) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Tonabersat | -22.1 (-58.4 to 14.2) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Topiramate | 0.2 (-20.7 to 21.2) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Valproate | -12.4 (-41.1 to 16.3) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Verapamil | -10.3 (-39.0 to 18.4) |
| % females | Dihydroergotamine | Vigabatrin | -3.7 (-40.0 to 32.6) |
| % females | Divalproex | Femoxetine | -3.9 (-32.6 to 24.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Fluoxetine | 0.9 (-26.4 to 28.1) |
| % females | Divalproex | Gabapentin | 3.6 (-25.1 to 32.3) |
| % females | Divalproex | Guanfacine | -5.7 (-44.2 to 32.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Indobufen | 10.3 (-28.2 to 48.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Indomethacin | 2.3 (-36.2 to 40.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Induprofen | 18.3 (-20.2 to 56.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Ketoprofen | -9.7 (-48.2 to 28.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Lamotrigine | -3.5 (-42.0 to 35.0) |
| % females | Divalproex | Lisinopril | -2.7 (-41.2 to 35.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Methysergide | -1.7 (-40.2 to 36.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Metoprolol | -4.8 (-33.5 to 23.9) |
| % females | Divalproex | Magnesium | -11.2 (-42.6 to 20.2) |
| % females | Divalproex | Montelukast | -9.7 (-48.2 to 28.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Nadolol | -3.0 (-41.5 to 35.5) |
| % females | Divalproex | Naproxen sodium | -1.0 (-29.7 to 27.7) |
| % females | Divalproex | Nicardipine | 5.3 (-33.2 to 43.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Nifedipine | -0.7 (-39.2 to 37.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Nimodipine | 8.0 (-20.7 to 36.7) |
| % females | Divalproex | Oxcarbazepine | -6.4 (-44.9 to 32.1) |
| % females | Divalproex | Pindolol | -7.4 (-45.9 to 31.1) |
| % females | Divalproex | Propranolol | 0.2 (-24.2 to 24.6) |
| % females | Divalproex | Rofecoxib | -6.2 (-44.7 to 32.3) |
| % females | Divalproex | Telmisartan | -6.2 (-44.7 to 32.3) |
| % females | Divalproex | Timolol | 6.6 (-24.8 to 38.0) |
| % females | Divalproex | Tizanidine | -0.7 (-39.2 to 37.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Tolfenamic Acid | -8.7 (-47.2 to 29.8) |
| % females | Divalproex | Tonabersat | -14.0 (-52.5 to 24.5) |
| % females | Divalproex | Topiramate | 8.3 (-16.3 to 32.9) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Divalproex | Valproate | -4.4 (-35.8 to 27.1) |
| % females | Divalproex | Verapamil | -2.2 (-33.6 to 29.2) |
| % females | Divalproex | Vigabatrin | 4.4 (-34.1 to 42.9) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Fluoxetine | 4.8 (-19.2 to 28.8) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Gabapentin | 7.5 (-18.2 to 33.2) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Guanfacine | -1.8 (-38.1 to 34.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Indobufen | 14.2 (-22.1 to 50.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Indomethacin | 6.2 (-30.1 to 42.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Induprofen | 22.2 (-14.1 to 58.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Ketoprofen | -5.8 (-42.1 to 30.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Lamotrigine | 0.4 (-35.9 to 36.7) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Lisinopril | 1.2 (-35.1 to 37.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Methysergide | 2.2 (-34.1 to 38.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Metoprolol | -0.9 (-26.5 to 24.8) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Magnesium | -7.3 (-36.0 to 21.4) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Montelukast | -5.8 (-42.1 to 30.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Nadolol | 0.9 (-35.4 to 37.2) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Naproxen sodium | 2.9 (-22.8 to 28.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Nicardipine | 9.2 (-27.1 to 45.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Nifedipine | 3.2 (-33.1 to 39.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Nimodipine | 11.9 (-13.8 to 37.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Oxcarbazepine | -2.5 (-38.8 to 33.8) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Pindolol | -3.5 (-39.8 to 32.8) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Propranolol | 4.1 (-16.6 to 24.8) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Rofecoxib | -2.3 (-38.6 to 34.0) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Telmisartan | -2.3 (-38.6 to 34.0) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Timolol | 10.5 (-18.2 to 39.2) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Tizanidine | 3.2 (-33.1 to 39.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Tolfenamic Acid | -4.8 (-41.1 to 31.5) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Tonabersat | -10.1 (-46.4 to 26.2) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Topiramate | 12.2 (-8.8 to 33.2) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Valproate | -0.5 (-29.2 to 28.3) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Verapamil | 1.7 (-27.0 to 30.4) |
| % females | Femoxetine | Vigabatrin | 8.3 (-28.0 to 44.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Gabapentin | 2.7 (-21.3 to 26.7) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Guanfacine | -6.6 (-41.7 to 28.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Indobufen | 9.4 (-25.7 to 44.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Indomethacin | 1.4 (-33.7 to 36.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Induprofen | 17.4 (-17.7 to 52.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Ketoprofen | -10.6 (-45.7 to 24.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Lamotrigine | -4.4 (-39.5 to 30.8) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Lisinopril | -3.6 (-38.7 to 31.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Methysergide | -2.6 (-37.7 to 32.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Metoprolol | -5.6 (-29.7 to 18.4) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Magnesium | -12.1 (-39.3 to 15.2) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Montelukast | -10.6 (-45.7 to 24.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Nadolol | -3.9 (-39.0 to 31.3) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Naproxen sodium | -1.9 (-25.9 to 22.1) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Nicardipine | 4.4 (-30.7 to 39.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Nifedipine | -1.6 (-36.7 to 33.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Nimodipine | 7.1 (-16.9 to 31.1) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Oxcarbazepine | -7.3 (-42.4 to 27.9) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Pindolol | -8.3 (-43.4 to 26.9) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Propranolol | -0.7 (-19.3 to 17.9) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Rofecoxib | -7.1 (-42.2 to 28.1) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Telmisartan | -7.1 (-42.2 to 28.1) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Timolol | 5.7 (-21.5 to 33.0) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Tizanidine | -1.6 (-36.7 to 33.6) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Fluoxetine | Tolfenamic Acid | -9.6 (-44.7 to 25.6) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Tonabersat | -14.9 (-50.0 to 20.3) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Topiramate | 7.4 (-11.5 to 26.3) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Valproate | -5.2 (-32.5 to 22.0) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Verapamil | -3.1 (-30.3 to 24.2) |
| % females | Fluoxetine | Vigabatrin | 3.5 (-31.6 to 38.7) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Guanfacine | -9.3 (-45.6 to 27.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Indobufen | 6.7 (-29.6 to 43.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Indomethacin | -1.3 (-37.6 to 35.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Induprofen | 14.7 (-21.6 to 51.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Ketoprofen | -13.3 (-49.6 to 23.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Lamotrigine | -7.1 (-43.4 to 29.2) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Lisinopril | -6.3 (-42.6 to 30.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Methysergide | -5.3 (-41.6 to 31.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Metoprolol | -8.4 (-34.0 to 17.3) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Magnesium | -14.8 (-43.5 to 13.9) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Montelukast | -13.3 (-49.6 to 23.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Nadolol | -6.6 (-42.9 to 29.7) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Naproxen sodium | -4.6 (-30.3 to 21.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Nicardipine | 1.7 (-34.6 to 38.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Nifedipine | -4.3 (-40.6 to 32.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Nimodipine | 4.4 (-21.3 to 30.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Oxcarbazepine | -10.0 (-46.3 to 26.3) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Pindolol | -11.0 (-47.3 to 25.3) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Propranolol | -3.4 (-24.1 to 17.3) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Rofecoxib | -9.8 (-46.1 to 26.5) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Telmisartan | -9.8 (-46.1 to 26.5) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Timolol | 3.0 (-25.7 to 31.7) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Tizanidine | -4.3 (-40.6 to 32.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Tolfenamic Acid | -12.3 (-48.6 to 24.0) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Tonabersat | -17.6 (-53.9 to 18.7) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Topiramate | 4.7 (-16.3 to 25.7) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Valproate | -8.0 (-36.7 to 20.8) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Verapamil | -5.8 (-34.5 to 22.9) |
| % females | Gabapentin | Vigabatrin | 0.8 (-35.5 to 37.1) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Indobufen | 16.0 (-28.5 to 60.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Indomethacin | 8.0 (-36.5 to 52.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Induprofen | 24.0 (-20.5 to 68.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Ketoprofen | -4.0 (-48.5 to 40.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Lamotrigine | 2.2 (-42.3 to 46.7) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Lisinopril | 3.0 (-41.5 to 47.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Methysergide | 4.0 (-40.5 to 48.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Metoprolol | 0.9 (-35.4 to 37.2) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Magnesium | -5.5 (-44.0 to 33.0) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Montelukast | -4.0 (-48.5 to 40.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Nadolol | 2.7 (-41.8 to 47.2) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Naproxen sodium | 4.7 (-31.6 to 41.0) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Nicardipine | 11.0 (-33.5 to 55.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Nifedipine | 5.0 (-39.5 to 49.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Nimodipine | 13.7 (-22.6 to 50.0) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Oxcarbazepine | -0.7 (-45.2 to 43.8) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Pindolol | -1.7 (-46.2 to 42.8) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Propranolol | 5.9 (-27.1 to 38.9) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Rofecoxib | -0.5 (-45.0 to 44.0) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Telmisartan | -0.5 (-45.0 to 44.0) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Timolol | 12.3 (-26.2 to 50.8) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Tizanidine | 5.0 (-39.5 to 49.5) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Tolfenamic Acid | -3.0 (-47.5 to 41.5) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Guanfacine | Tonabersat | -8.3 (-52.8 to 36.2) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Topiramate | 14.0 (-19.2 to 47.1) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Valproate | 1.4 (-37.2 to 39.9) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Verapamil | 3.5 (-35.0 to 42.0) |
| % females | Guanfacine | Vigabatrin | 10.1 (-34.4 to 54.6) |
| % females | Indobufen | Indomethacin | -8.0 (-52.5 to 36.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Induprofen | 8.0 (-36.5 to 52.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Ketoprofen | -20.0 (-64.5 to 24.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Lamotrigine | -13.8 (-58.3 to 30.7) |
| % females | Indobufen | Lisinopril | -13.0 (-57.5 to 31.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Methysergide | -12.0 (-56.5 to 32.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Metoprolol | -15.1 (-51.4 to 21.2) |
| % females | Indobufen | Magnesium | -21.5 (-60.0 to 17.0) |
| % females | Indobufen | Montelukast | -20.0 (-64.5 to 24.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Nadolol | -13.3 (-57.8 to 31.2) |
| % females | Indobufen | Naproxen sodium | -11.3 (-47.6 to 25.0) |
| % females | Indobufen | Nicardipine | -5.0 (-49.5 to 39.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Nifedipine | -11.0 (-55.5 to 33.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Nimodipine | -2.3 (-38.6 to 34.0) |
| % females | Indobufen | Oxcarbazepine | -16.7 (-61.2 to 27.8) |
| % females | Indobufen | Pindolol | -17.7 (-62.2 to 26.8) |
| % females | Indobufen | Propranolol | -10.1 (-43.1 to 22.9) |
| % females | Indobufen | Rofecoxib | -16.5 (-61.0 to 28.0) |
| % females | Indobufen | Telmisartan | -16.5 (-61.0 to 28.0) |
| % females | Indobufen | Timolol | -3.7 (-42.2 to 34.8) |
| % females | Indobufen | Tizanidine | -11.0 (-55.5 to 33.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Tolfenamic Acid | -19.0 (-63.5 to 25.5) |
| % females | Indobufen | Tonabersat | -24.3 (-68.8 to 20.2) |
| % females | Indobufen | Topiramate | -2.0 (-35.2 to 31.1) |
| % females | Indobufen | Valproate | -14.7 (-53.2 to 23.9) |
| % females | Indobufen | Verapamil | -12.5 (-51.0 to 26.0) |
| % females | Indobufen | Vigabatrin | -5.9 (-50.4 to 38.6) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Induprofen | 16.0 (-28.5 to 60.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Ketoprofen | -12.0 (-56.5 to 32.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Lamotrigine | -5.8 (-50.3 to 38.7) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Lisinopril | -5.0 (-49.5 to 39.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Methysergide | -4.0 (-48.5 to 40.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Metoprolol | -7.1 (-43.4 to 29.2) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Magnesium | -13.5 (-52.0 to 25.0) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Montelukast | -12.0 (-56.5 to 32.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Nadolol | -5.3 (-49.8 to 39.2) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Naproxen sodium | -3.3 (-39.6 to 33.0) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Nicardipine | 3.0 (-41.5 to 47.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Nifedipine | -3.0 (-47.5 to 41.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Nimodipine | 5.7 (-30.6 to 42.0) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Oxcarbazepine | -8.7 (-53.2 to 35.8) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Pindolol | -9.7 (-54.2 to 34.8) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Propranolol | -2.1 (-35.1 to 30.9) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Rofecoxib | -8.5 (-53.0 to 36.0) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Telmisartan | -8.5 (-53.0 to 36.0) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Timolol | 4.3 (-34.2 to 42.8) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Tizanidine | -3.0 (-47.5 to 41.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Tolfenamic Acid | -11.0 (-55.5 to 33.5) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Tonabersat | -16.3 (-60.8 to 28.2) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Topiramate | 6.0 (-27.2 to 39.1) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Valproate | -6.7 (-45.2 to 31.9) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Verapamil | -4.5 (-43.0 to 34.0) |
| % females | Indomethacin | Vigabatrin | 2.1 (-42.4 to 46.6) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Induprofen | Ketoprofen | -28.0 (-72.5 to 16.5) |
| % females | Induprofen | Lamotrigine | -21.8 (-66.3 to 22.7) |
| % females | Induprofen | Lisinopril | -21.0 (-65.5 to 23.5) |
| % females | Induprofen | Methysergide | -20.0 (-64.5 to 24.5) |
| % females | Induprofen | Metoprolol | -23.1 (-59.4 to 13.2) |
| % females | Induprofen | Magnesium | -29.5 (-68.0 to 9.0) |
| % females | Induprofen | Montelukast | -28.0 (-72.5 to 16.5) |
| % females | Induprofen | Nadolol | -21.3 (-65.8 to 23.2) |
| % females | Induprofen | Naproxen sodium | -19.3 (-55.6 to 17.0) |
| % females | Induprofen | Nicardipine | -13.0 (-57.5 to 31.5) |
| % females | Induprofen | Nifedipine | -19.0 (-63.5 to 25.5) |
| % females | Induprofen | Nimodipine | -10.3 (-46.6 to 26.0) |
| % females | Induprofen | Oxcarbazepine | -24.7 (-69.2 to 19.8) |
| % females | Induprofen | Pindolol | -25.7 (-70.2 to 18.8) |
| % females | Induprofen | Propranolol | -18.1 (-51.1 to 14.9) |
| % females | Induprofen | Rofecoxib | -24.5 (-69.0 to 20.0) |
| % females | Induprofen | Telmisartan | -24.5 (-69.0 to 20.0) |
| % females | Induprofen | Timolol | -11.7 (-50.2 to 26.8) |
| % females | Induprofen | Tizanidine | -19.0 (-63.5 to 25.5) |
| % females | Induprofen | Tolfenamic Acid | -27.0 (-71.5 to 17.5) |
| % females | Induprofen | Tonabersat | -32.3 (-76.8 to 12.2) |
| % females | Induprofen | Topiramate | -10.0 (-43.2 to 23.1) |
| % females | Induprofen | Valproate | -22.7 (-61.2 to 15.9) |
| % females | Induprofen | Verapamil | -20.5 (-59.0 to 18.0) |
| % females | Induprofen | Vigabatrin | -13.9 (-58.4 to 30.6) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Lamotrigine | 6.2 (-38.3 to 50.7) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Lisinopril | 7.0 (-37.5 to 51.5) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Methysergide | 8.0 (-36.5 to 52.5) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Metoprolol | 4.9 (-31.4 to 41.2) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Magnesium | -1.5 (-40.0 to 37.0) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Montelukast | 0.0 (-44.5 to 44.5) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Nadolol | 6.7 (-37.8 to 51.2) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Naproxen sodium | 8.7 (-27.6 to 45.0) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Nicardipine | 15.0 (-29.5 to 59.5) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Nifedipine | 9.0 (-35.5 to 53.5) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Nimodipine | 17.7 (-18.6 to 54.0) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Oxcarbazepine | 3.3 (-41.2 to 47.8) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Pindolol | 2.3 (-42.2 to 46.8) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Propranolol | 9.9 (-23.1 to 42.9) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Rofecoxib | 3.5 (-41.0 to 48.0) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Telmisartan | 3.5 (-41.0 to 48.0) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Timolol | 16.3 (-22.2 to 54.8) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Tizanidine | 9.0 (-35.5 to 53.5) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Tolfenamic Acid | 1.0 (-43.5 to 45.5) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Tonabersat | -4.3 (-48.8 to 40.2) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Topiramate | 18.0 (-15.2 to 51.1) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Valproate | 5.4 (-33.2 to 43.9) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Verapamil | 7.5 (-31.0 to 46.0) |
| % females | Ketoprofen | Vigabatrin | 14.1 (-30.4 to 58.6) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Lisinopril | 0.8 (-43.7 to 45.3) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Methysergide | 1.8 (-42.7 to 46.3) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Metoprolol | -1.3 (-37.6 to 35.0) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Magnesium | -7.7 (-46.2 to 30.8) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Montelukast | -6.2 (-50.7 to 38.3) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Nadolol | 0.5 (-44.0 to 45.0) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Naproxen sodium | 2.5 (-33.8 to 38.8) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Nicardipine | 8.8 (-35.7 to 53.3) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Nifedipine | 2.8 (-41.7 to 47.3) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Lamotrigine | Nimodipine | 11.5 (-24.8 to 47.8) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Oxcarbazepine | -2.9 (-47.4 to 41.6) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Pindolol | -3.9 (-48.4 to 40.6) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Propranolol | 3.7 (-29.3 to 36.7) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Rofecoxib | -2.7 (-47.2 to 41.8) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Telmisartan | -2.7 (-47.2 to 41.8) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Timolol | 10.1 (-28.4 to 48.6) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Tizanidine | 2.8 (-41.7 to 47.3) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Tolfenamic Acid | -5.2 (-49.7 to 39.3) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Tonabersat | -10.5 (-55.0 to 34.0) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Topiramate | 11.8 (-21.4 to 44.9) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Valproate | -0.9 (-39.4 to 37.7) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Verapamil | 1.3 (-37.2 to 39.8) |
| % females | Lamotrigine | Vigabatrin | 7.9 (-36.6 to 52.4) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Methysergide | 1.0 (-43.5 to 45.5) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Metoprolol | -2.1 (-38.4 to 34.2) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Magnesium | -8.5 (-47.0 to 30.0) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Montelukast | -7.0 (-51.5 to 37.5) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Nadolol | -0.3 (-44.8 to 44.2) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Naproxen sodium | 1.7 (-34.6 to 38.0) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Nicardipine | 8.0 (-36.5 to 52.5) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Nifedipine | 2.0 (-42.5 to 46.5) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Nimodipine | 10.7 (-25.6 to 47.0) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Oxcarbazepine | -3.7 (-48.2 to 40.8) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Pindolol | -4.7 (-49.2 to 39.8) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Propranolol | 2.9 (-30.1 to 35.9) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Rofecoxib | -3.5 (-48.0 to 41.0) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Telmisartan | -3.5 (-48.0 to 41.0) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Timolol | 9.3 (-29.2 to 47.8) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Tizanidine | 2.0 (-42.5 to 46.5) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Tolfenamic Acid | -6.0 (-50.5 to 38.5) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Tonabersat | -11.3 (-55.8 to 33.2) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Topiramate | 11.0 (-22.2 to 44.1) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Valproate | -1.7 (-40.2 to 36.9) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Verapamil | 0.5 (-38.0 to 39.0) |
| % females | Lisinopril | Vigabatrin | 7.1 (-37.4 to 51.6) |
| % females | Magnesium | Montelukast | 1.5 (-37.0 to 40.0) |
| % females | Magnesium | Nadolol | 8.2 (-30.3 to 46.7) |
| % females | Magnesium | Naproxen sodium | 10.2 (-18.5 to 38.9) |
| % females | Magnesium | Nicardipine | 16.5 (-22.0 to 55.0) |
| % females | Magnesium | Nifedipine | 10.5 (-28.0 to 49.0) |
| % females | Magnesium | Nimodipine | 19.2 (-9.5 to 47.9) |
| % females | Magnesium | Oxcarbazepine | 4.8 (-33.7 to 43.3) |
| % females | Magnesium | Pindolol | 3.8 (-34.7 to 42.3) |
| % females | Magnesium | Propranolol | 11.4 (-13.0 to 35.8) |
| % females | Magnesium | Rofecoxib | 5.0 (-33.5 to 43.5) |
| % females | Magnesium | Telmisartan | 5.0 (-33.5 to 43.5) |
| % females | Magnesium | Timolol | 17.8 (-13.6 to 49.2) |
| % females | Magnesium | Tizanidine | 10.5 (-28.0 to 49.0) |
| % females | Magnesium | Tolfenamic Acid | 2.5 (-36.0 to 41.0) |
| % females | Magnesium | Tonabersat | -2.8 (-41.3 to 35.7) |
| % females | Magnesium | Topiramate | 19.5 (-5.1 to 44.1) |
| % females | Magnesium | Valproate | 6.9 (-24.6 to 38.3) |
| % females | Magnesium | Verapamil | 9.0 (-22.4 to 40.4) |
| % females | Magnesium | Vigabatrin | 15.6 (-22.9 to 54.1) |
| % females | Methysergide | Metoprolol | -3.1 (-39.4 to 33.2) |
| % females | Methysergide | Magnesium | -9.5 (-48.0 to 29.0) |
| % females | Methysergide | Montelukast | -8.0 (-52.5 to 36.5) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Methysergide | Nadolol | -1.3 (-45.8 to 43.2) |
| % females | Methysergide | Naproxen sodium | 0.7 (-35.6 to 37.0) |
| % females | Methysergide | Nicardipine | 7.0 (-37.5 to 51.5) |
| % females | Methysergide | Nifedipine | 1.0 (-43.5 to 45.5) |
| % females | Methysergide | Nimodipine | 9.7 (-26.6 to 46.0) |
| % females | Methysergide | Oxcarbazepine | -4.7 (-49.2 to 39.8) |
| % females | Methysergide | Pindolol | -5.7 (-50.2 to 38.8) |
| % females | Methysergide | Propranolol | 1.9 (-31.1 to 34.9) |
| % females | Methysergide | Rofecoxib | -4.5 (-49.0 to 40.0) |
| % females | Methysergide | Telmisartan | -4.5 (-49.0 to 40.0) |
| % females | Methysergide | Timolol | 8.3 (-30.2 to 46.8) |
| % females | Methysergide | Tizanidine | 1.0 (-43.5 to 45.5) |
| % females | Methysergide | Tolfenamic Acid | -7.0 (-51.5 to 37.5) |
| % females | Methysergide | Tonabersat | -12.3 (-56.8 to 32.2) |
| % females | Methysergide | Topiramate | 10.0 (-23.2 to 43.1) |
| % females | Methysergide | Valproate | -2.7 (-41.2 to 35.9) |
| % females | Methysergide | Verapamil | -0.5 (-39.0 to 38.0) |
| % females | Methysergide | Vigabatrin | 6.1 (-38.4 to 50.6) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Magnesium | -6.4 (-35.1 to 22.3) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Montelukast | -4.9 (-41.2 to 31.4) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Nadolol | 1.8 (-34.5 to 38.1) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Naproxen sodium | 3.7 (-21.9 to 29.4) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Nicardipine | 10.1 (-26.2 to 46.4) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Nifedipine | 4.1 (-32.2 to 40.4) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Nimodipine | 12.7 (-12.9 to 38.4) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Oxcarbazepine | -1.6 (-37.9 to 34.7) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Pindolol | -2.6 (-38.9 to 33.7) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Propranolol | 5.0 (-15.7 to 25.7) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Rofecoxib | -1.4 (-37.7 to 34.9) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Telmisartan | -1.4 (-37.7 to 34.9) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Timolol | 11.4 (-17.3 to 40.1) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Tizanidine | 4.1 (-32.2 to 40.4) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Tolfenamic Acid | -3.9 (-40.2 to 32.4) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Tonabersat | -9.2 (-45.5 to 27.1) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Topiramate | 13.1 (-7.9 to 34.0) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Valproate | 0.4 (-28.3 to 29.1) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Verapamil | 2.6 (-26.1 to 31.3) |
| % females | Metoprolol | Vigabatrin | 9.2 (-27.1 to 45.5) |
| % females | Montelukast | Nadolol | 6.7 (-37.8 to 51.2) |
| % females | Montelukast | Naproxen sodium | 8.7 (-27.6 to 45.0) |
| % females | Montelukast | Nicardipine | 15.0 (-29.5 to 59.5) |
| % females | Montelukast | Nifedipine | 9.0 (-35.5 to 53.5) |
| % females | Montelukast | Nimodipine | 17.7 (-18.6 to 54.0) |
| % females | Montelukast | Oxcarbazepine | 3.3 (-41.2 to 47.8) |
| % females | Montelukast | Pindolol | 2.3 (-42.2 to 46.8) |
| % females | Montelukast | Propranolol | 9.9 (-23.1 to 42.9) |
| % females | Montelukast | Rofecoxib | 3.5 (-41.0 to 48.0) |
| % females | Montelukast | Telmisartan | 3.5 (-41.0 to 48.0) |
| % females | Montelukast | Timolol | 16.3 (-22.2 to 54.8) |
| % females | Montelukast | Tizanidine | 9.0 (-35.5 to 53.5) |
| % females | Montelukast | Tolfenamic Acid | 1.0 (-43.5 to 45.5) |
| % females | Montelukast | Tonabersat | -4.3 (-48.8 to 40.2) |
| % females | Montelukast | Topiramate | 18.0 (-15.2 to 51.1) |
| % females | Montelukast | Valproate | 5.4 (-33.2 to 43.9) |
| % females | Montelukast | Verapamil | 7.5 (-31.0 to 46.0) |
| % females | Montelukast | Vigabatrin | 14.1 (-30.4 to 58.6) |
| % females | Nadolol | Naproxen sodium | 2.0 (-34.3 to 38.3) |
| % females | Nadolol | Nicardipine | 8.3 (-36.2 to 52.8) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Nadolol | Nifedipine | 2.3 (-42.2 to 46.8) |
| % females | Nadolol | Nimodipine | 11.0 (-25.3 to 47.3) |
| % females | Nadolol | Oxcarbazepine | -3.4 (-47.9 to 41.1) |
| % females | Nadolol | Pindolol | -4.4 (-48.9 to 40.1) |
| % females | Nadolol | Propranolol | 3.2 (-29.8 to 36.2) |
| % females | Nadolol | Rofecoxib | -3.2 (-47.7 to 41.3) |
| % females | Nadolol | Telmisartan | -3.2 (-47.7 to 41.3) |
| % females | Nadolol | Timolol | 9.6 (-28.9 to 48.1) |
| % females | Nadolol | Tizanidine | 2.3 (-42.2 to 46.8) |
| % females | Nadolol | Tolfenamic Acid | -5.7 (-50.2 to 38.8) |
| % females | Nadolol | Tonabersat | -11.0 (-55.5 to 33.5) |
| % females | Nadolol | Topiramate | 11.3 (-21.9 to 44.4) |
| % females | Nadolol | Valproate | -1.4 (-39.9 to 37.2) |
| % females | Nadolol | Verapamil | 0.8 (-37.7 to 39.3) |
| % females | Nadolol | Vigabatrin | 7.4 (-37.1 to 51.9) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Nicardipine | 6.3 (-30.0 to 42.6) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Nifedipine | 0.3 (-36.0 to 36.6) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Nimodipine | 9.0 (-16.7 to 34.7) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Oxcarbazepine | -5.4 (-41.7 to 30.9) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Pindolol | -6.4 (-42.7 to 29.9) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Propranolol | 1.2 (-19.5 to 21.9) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Rofecoxib | -5.2 (-41.5 to 31.1) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Telmisartan | -5.2 (-41.5 to 31.1) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Timolol | 7.6 (-21.1 to 36.3) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Tizanidine | 0.3 (-36.0 to 36.6) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Tolfenamic Acid | -7.7 (-44.0 to 28.6) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Tonabersat | -13.0 (-49.3 to 23.3) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Topiramate | 9.3 (-11.6 to 30.3) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Valproate | -3.3 (-32.0 to 25.4) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Verapamil | -1.2 (-29.9 to 27.5) |
| % females | Naproxen sodium | Vigabatrin | 5.4 (-30.9 to 41.7) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Nifedipine | -6.0 (-50.5 to 38.5) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Nimodipine | 2.7 (-33.6 to 39.0) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Oxcarbazepine | -11.7 (-56.2 to 32.8) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Pindolol | -12.7 (-57.2 to 31.8) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Propranolol | -5.1 (-38.1 to 27.9) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Rofecoxib | -11.5 (-56.0 to 33.0) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Telmisartan | -11.5 (-56.0 to 33.0) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Timolol | 1.3 (-37.2 to 39.8) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Tizanidine | -6.0 (-50.5 to 38.5) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Tolfenamic Acid | -14.0 (-58.5 to 30.5) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Tonabersat | -19.3 (-63.8 to 25.2) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Topiramate | 3.0 (-30.2 to 36.1) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Valproate | -9.7 (-48.2 to 28.9) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Verapamil | -7.5 (-46.0 to 31.0) |
| % females | Nicardipine | Vigabatrin | -0.9 (-45.4 to 43.6) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Nimodipine | 8.7 (-27.6 to 45.0) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Oxcarbazepine | -5.7 (-50.2 to 38.8) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Pindolol | -6.7 (-51.2 to 37.8) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Propranolol | 0.9 (-32.1 to 33.9) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Rofecoxib | -5.5 (-50.0 to 39.0) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Telmisartan | -5.5 (-50.0 to 39.0) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Timolol | 7.3 (-31.2 to 45.8) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Tizanidine | 0.0 (-44.5 to 44.5) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Tolfenamic Acid | -8.0 (-52.5 to 36.5) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Tonabersat | -13.3 (-57.8 to 31.2) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Topiramate | 9.0 (-24.2 to 42.1) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Valproate | -3.7 (-42.2 to 34.9) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Nifedipine | Verapamil | -1.5 (-40.0 to 37.0) |
| % females | Nifedipine | Vigabatrin | 5.1 (-39.4 to 49.6) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Oxcarbazepine | -14.4 (-50.7 to 21.9) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Pindolol | -15.4 (-51.7 to 20.9) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Propranolol | -7.8 (-28.5 to 12.9) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Rofecoxib | -14.2 (-50.5 to 22.1) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Telmisartan | -14.2 (-50.5 to 22.1) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Timolol | -1.4 (-30.1 to 27.3) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Tizanidine | -8.7 (-45.0 to 27.6) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Tolfenamic Acid | -16.7 (-53.0 to 19.6) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Tonabersat | -22.0 (-58.3 to 14.3) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Topiramate | 0.3 (-20.6 to 21.3) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Valproate | -12.3 (-41.0 to 16.4) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Verapamil | -10.2 (-38.9 to 18.5) |
| % females | Nimodipine | Vigabatrin | -3.6 (-39.9 to 32.7) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Pindolol | -1.0 (-45.5 to 43.5) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Propranolol | 6.6 (-26.4 to 39.6) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Rofecoxib | 0.2 (-44.3 to 44.7) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Telmisartan | 0.2 (-44.3 to 44.7) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Timolol | 13.0 (-25.5 to 51.5) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Tizanidine | 5.7 (-38.8 to 50.2) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Tolfenamic Acid | -2.3 (-46.8 to 42.2) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Tonabersat | -7.6 (-52.1 to 36.9) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Topiramate | 14.7 (-18.5 to 47.8) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Valproate | 2.1 (-36.5 to 40.6) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Verapamil | 4.2 (-34.3 to 42.7) |
| % females | Oxcarbazepine | Vigabatrin | 10.8 (-33.7 to 55.3) |
| % females | Pindolol | Propranolol | 7.6 (-25.4 to 40.6) |
| % females | Pindolol | Rofecoxib | 1.2 (-43.3 to 45.7) |
| % females | Pindolol | Telmisartan | 1.2 (-43.3 to 45.7) |
| % females | Pindolol | Timolol | 14.0 (-24.5 to 52.5) |
| % females | Pindolol | Tizanidine | 6.7 (-37.8 to 51.2) |
| % females | Pindolol | Tolfenamic Acid | -1.3 (-45.8 to 43.2) |
| % females | Pindolol | Tonabersat | -6.6 (-51.1 to 37.9) |
| % females | Pindolol | Topiramate | 15.7 (-17.5 to 48.8) |
| % females | Pindolol | Valproate | 3.1 (-35.5 to 41.6) |
| % females | Pindolol | Verapamil | 5.2 (-33.3 to 43.7) |
| % females | Pindolol | Vigabatrin | 11.8 (-32.7 to 56.3) |
| % females | Propranolol | Rofecoxib | -6.4 (-39.4 to 26.6) |
| % females | Propranolol | Telmisartan | -6.4 (-39.4 to 26.6) |
| % females | Propranolol | Timolol | 6.4 (-18.0 to 30.8) |
| % females | Propranolol | Tizanidine | -0.9 (-33.9 to 32.1) |
| % females | Propranolol | Tolfenamic Acid | -8.9 (-41.9 to 24.1) |
| % females | Propranolol | Tonabersat | -14.2 (-47.2 to 18.8) |
| % females | Propranolol | Topiramate | 8.1 (-6.4 to 22.5) |
| % females | Propranolol | Valproate | -4.5 (-28.9 to 19.8) |
| % females | Propranolol | Verapamil | -2.4 (-26.8 to 22.0) |
| % females | Propranolol | Vigabatrin | 4.2 (-28.8 to 37.2) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Telmisartan | 0.0 (-44.5 to 44.5) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Timolol | 12.8 (-25.7 to 51.3) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Tizanidine | 5.5 (-39.0 to 50.0) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Tolfenamic Acid | -2.5 (-47.0 to 42.0) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Tonabersat | -7.8 (-52.3 to 36.7) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Topiramate | 14.5 (-18.7 to 47.6) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Valproate | 1.9 (-36.7 to 40.4) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Verapamil | 4.0 (-34.5 to 42.5) |
| % females | Rofecoxib | Vigabatrin | 10.6 (-33.9 to 55.1) |
| % females | Telmisartan | Timolol | 12.8 (-25.7 to 51.3) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| % females | Telmisartan | Tizanidine | 5.5 (-39.0 to 50.0) |
| % females | Telmisartan | Tolfenamic Acid | -2.5 (-47.0 to 42.0) |
| % females | Telmisartan | Tonabersat | -7.8 (-52.3 to 36.7) |
| % females | Telmisartan | Topiramate | 14.5 (-18.7 to 47.6) |
| % females | Telmisartan | Valproate | 1.9 (-36.7 to 40.4) |
| % females | Telmisartan | Verapamil | 4.0 (-34.5 to 42.5) |
| % females | Telmisartan | Vigabatrin | 10.6 (-33.9 to 55.1) |
| % females | Timolol | Tizanidine | -7.3 (-45.8 to 31.2) |
| % females | Timolol | Tolfenamic Acid | -15.3 (-53.8 to 23.2) |
| % females | Timolol | Tonabersat | -20.6 (-59.1 to 17.9) |
| % females | Timolol | Topiramate | 1.7 (-22.9 to 26.3) |
| % females | Timolol | Valproate | -11.0 (-42.4 to 20.5) |
| % females | Timolol | Verapamil | -8.8 (-40.2 to 22.6) |
| % females | Timolol | Vigabatrin | -2.2 (-40.7 to 36.3) |
| % females | Tizanidine | Tolfenamic Acid | -8.0 (-52.5 to 36.5) |
| % females | Tizanidine | Tonabersat | -13.3 (-57.8 to 31.2) |
| % females | Tizanidine | Topiramate | 9.0 (-24.2 to 42.1) |
| % females | Tizanidine | Valproate | -3.7 (-42.2 to 34.9) |
| % females | Tizanidine | Verapamil | -1.5 (-40.0 to 37.0) |
| % females | Tizanidine | Vigabatrin | 5.1 (-39.4 to 49.6) |
| % females | Tolfenamic Acid | Tonabersat | -5.3 (-49.8 to 39.2) |
| % females | Tolfenamic Acid | Topiramate | 17.0 (-16.2 to 50.1) |
| % females | Tolfenamic Acid | Valproate | 4.4 (-34.2 to 42.9) |
| % females | Tolfenamic Acid | Verapamil | 6.5 (-32.0 to 45.0) |
| % females | Tolfenamic Acid | Vigabatrin | 13.1 (-31.4 to 57.6) |
| % females | Tonabersat | Topiramate | 22.3 (-10.9 to 55.4) |
| % females | Tonabersat | Valproate | 9.7 (-28.9 to 48.2) |
| % females | Tonabersat | Verapamil | 11.8 (-26.7 to 50.3) |
| % females | Tonabersat | Vigabatrin | 18.4 (-26.1 to 62.9) |
| % females | Topiramate | Valproate | -12.6 (-37.2 to 11.9) |
| % females | Topiramate | Verapamil | -10.5 (-35.1 to 14.1) |
| % females | Topiramate | Vigabatrin | -3.9 (-37.0 to 29.3) |
| % females | Valproate | Verapamil | 2.2 (-29.3 to 33.6) |
| % females | Valproate | Vigabatrin | 8.8 (-29.8 to 47.3) |
| % females | Verapamil | Vigabatrin | 6.6 (-31.9 to 45.1) |
| Obesity, BMI | Acetazolamide | Aspirin | -2.5 (-5.6 to 0.5) |
| Obesity, BMI | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergotamine | -0.7 (-4.3 to 3.0) |
| Obesity, BMI | Acetazolamide | Divalproex | -3.7 (-7.9 to 0.5) |
| Obesity, BMI | Acetazolamide | Gabapentin | -2.6 (-6.8 to 1.6) |
| Obesity, BMI | Acetazolamide | Nimodipine | 0.0 (-4.2 to 4.2) |
| Obesity, BMI | Acetazolamide | Telmisartan | -1.0 (-5.2 to 3.2) |
| Obesity, BMI | Acetazolamide | Topiramate | -6.1 (-9.6 to -2.7) |
| Obesity, BMI | Aspirin | Dihydroergotamine | 1.9 (-0.6 to 4.4) |
| Obesity, BMI | Aspirin | Divalproex | -1.2 (-4.2 to 1.9) |
| Obesity, BMI | Aspirin | Gabapentin | 0.0 (-3.1 to 3.0) |
| Obesity, BMI | Aspirin | Nimodipine | 2.6 (-0.5 to 5.6) |
| Obesity, BMI | Aspirin | Telmisartan | 1.6 (-1.5 to 4.6) |
| Obesity, BMI | Aspirin | Topiramate | -3.6 (-5.9 to -1.3) |
| Obesity, BMI | Dihydroergotamine | Divalproex | -3.0 (-6.7 to 0.6) |
| Obesity, BMI | Dihydroergotamine | Gabapentin | -1.9 (-5.6 to 1.7) |
| Obesity, BMI | Dihydroergotamine | Nimodipine | 0.7 (-3.0 to 4.3) |
| Obesity, BMI | Dihydroergotamine | Telmisartan | -0.3 (-4.0 to 3.3) |
| Obesity, BMI | Dihydroergotamine | Topiramate | -5.5 (-8.2 to -2.8) |
| Obesity, BMI | Divalproex | Gabapentin | 1.1 (-3.1 to 5.3) |
| Obesity, BMI | Divalproex | Nimodipine | 3.7 (-0.5 to 7.9) |
| Obesity, BMI | Divalproex | Telmisartan | 2.7 (-1.5 to 6.9) |
| Obesity, BMI | Divalproex | Topiramate | -2.5 (-5.9 to 1.0) |
| Obesity, BMI | Gabapentin | Nimodipine | 2.6 (-1.6 to 6.8) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Obesity, BMI | Gabapentin | Telmisartan | 1.6 (-2.6 to 5.8) |
| Obesity, BMI | Gabapentin | Topiramate | -3.6 (-7.0 to -0.1) |
| Obesity, BMI | Nimodipine | Telmisartan | -1.0 (-5.2 to 3.2) |
| Obesity, BMI | Nimodipine | Topiramate | -6.2 (-9.6 to -2.7) |
| Obesity, BMI | Telmisartan | Topiramate | -5.2 (-8.6 to -1.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Clonidine | 10.0 (-2.0 to 22.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Dihydroergotamine | 10.1 (-2.7 to 22.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Divalproex | 3.4 (-9.4 to 16.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Gabapentin | 5.2 (-9.5 to 19.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Indomethacin | 6.0 (-8.7 to 20.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Induprofen | 11.0 (-3.7 to 25.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Magnesium | 21.8 (7.1 to 36.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Methysergide | 6.0 (-8.7 to 20.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Metoprolol | 6.7 (-5.3 to 18.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Naproxen sodium | 9.4 (-5.3 to 24.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Nicardipine | 18.0 (3.3 to 32.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Nifedipine | 17.2 (2.5 to 31.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Nimodipine | 7.8 (-5.0 to 20.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Propranolol | 9.1 (-2.9 to 21.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Topiramate | 16.7 (5.1 to 28.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Valproate | 12.0 (-2.7 to 26.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Atenolol | Verapamil | 12.6 (-2.1 to 27.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Dihydroergotamine | 0.1 (-9.4 to 9.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Divalproex | -6.6 (-16.1 to 2.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Gabapentin | -4.8 (-16.8 to 7.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Indomethacin | -4.0 (-16.0 to 8.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Induprofen | 1.0 (-11.0 to 13.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Magnesium | 11.8 (-0.2 to 23.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Methysergide | -4.0 (-16.0 to 8.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Metoprolol | -3.3 (-11.8 to 5.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Naproxen sodium | -0.6 (-12.6 to 11.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Nicardipine | 8.0 (-4.0 to 20.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Nifedipine | 7.2 (-4.8 to 19.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Nimodipine | -2.3 (-11.8 to 7.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Propranolol | -0.9 (-9.4 to 7.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Topiramate | 6.7 (-1.3 to 14.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Valproate | 2.0 (-10.0 to 14.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Clonidine | Verapamil | 2.6 (-9.4 to 14.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Divalproex | -6.7 (-17.1 to 3.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Gabapentin | -4.9 (-17.7 to 7.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Indomethacin | -4.1 (-16.9 to 8.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Induprofen | 0.9 (-11.9 to 13.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Magnesium | 11.7 (-1.0 to 24.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Methysergide | -4.1 (-16.9 to 8.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Metoprolol | -3.4 (-12.9 to 6.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Naproxen sodium | -0.7 (-13.5 to 12.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Nicardipine | 7.9 (-4.9 to 20.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Nifedipine | 7.1 (-5.7 to 19.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Nimodipine | -2.4 (-12.8 to 8.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Propranolol | -1.0 (-10.5 to 8.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Topiramate | 6.6 (-2.4 to 15.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Valproate | 1.9 (-10.9 to 14.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Dihydroergotamine | Verapamil | 2.5 (-10.3 to 15.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Gabapentin | 1.8 (-11.0 to 14.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Indomethacin | 2.6 (-10.2 to 15.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Induprofen | 7.6 (-5.2 to 20.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Magnesium | 18.4 (5.7 to 31.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Methysergide | 2.6 (-10.2 to 15.4) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Metoprolol | 3.3 (-6.2 to 12.8) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Naproxen sodium | 6.0 (-6.8 to 18.8) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Nicardipine | 14.6 (1.8 to 27.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Nifedipine | 13.8 (1.0 to 26.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Nimodipine | 4.4 (-6.1 to 14.8) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Propranolol | 5.7 (-3.8 to 15.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Topiramate | 13.3 (4.3 to 22.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Valproate | 8.6 (-4.2 to 21.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Divalproex | Verapamil | 9.2 (-3.6 to 22.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Indomethacin | 0.8 (-13.9 to 15.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Induprofen | 5.8 (-8.9 to 20.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Magnesium | 16.6 (1.9 to 31.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Methysergide | 0.8 (-13.9 to 15.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Metoprolol | 1.5 (-10.5 to 13.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Naproxen sodium | 4.2 (-10.5 to 18.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Nicardipine | 12.8 (-1.9 to 27.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Nifedipine | 12.0 (-2.7 to 26.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Nimodipine | 2.6 (-10.2 to 15.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Propranolol | 3.9 (-8.1 to 16.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Topiramate | 11.5 (-0.1 to 23.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Valproate | 6.8 (-7.9 to 21.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Gabapentin | Verapamil | 7.4 (-7.3 to 22.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Induprofen | 5.0 (-9.7 to 19.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Magnesium | 15.8 (1.1 to 30.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Methysergide | 0.0 (-14.7 to 14.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Metoprolol | 0.7 (-11.3 to 12.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Naproxen sodium | 3.4 (-11.3 to 18.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Nicardipine | 12.0 (-2.7 to 26.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Nifedipine | 11.2 (-3.5 to 25.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Nimodipine | 1.8 (-11.0 to 14.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Propranolol | 3.1 (-8.9 to 15.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Topiramate | 10.7 (-0.9 to 22.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Valproate | 6.0 (-8.7 to 20.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Indomethacin | Verapamil | 6.6 (-8.1 to 21.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Magnesium | 10.8 (-3.9 to 25.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Methysergide | -5.0 (-19.7 to 9.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Metoprolol | -4.3 (-16.3 to 7.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Naproxen sodium | -1.6 (-16.3 to 13.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Nicardipine | 7.0 (-7.7 to 21.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Nifedipine | 6.2 (-8.5 to 20.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Nimodipine | -3.3 (-16.0 to 9.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Propranolol | -1.9 (-13.9 to 10.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Topiramate | 5.7 (-5.9 to 17.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Valproate | 1.0 (-13.7 to 15.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Induprofen | Verapamil | 1.6 (-13.1 to 16.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Magnesium | Naproxen sodium | -12.4 (-27.2 to 2.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Magnesium | Nicardipine | -3.8 (-18.6 to 10.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Magnesium | Nifedipine | -4.6 (-19.4 to 10.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Magnesium | Nimodipine | -14.1 (-26.8 to -1.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Magnesium | Propranolol | -12.7 (-24.7 to -0.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Magnesium | Topiramate | -5.1 (-16.8 to 6.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Magnesium | Valproate | -9.8 (-24.6 to 4.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Magnesium | Verapamil | -9.2 (-24.0 to 5.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Magnesium | 15.8 (1.1 to 30.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Metoprolol | 0.7 (-11.3 to 12.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Naproxen sodium | 3.4 (-11.3 to 18.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Nicardipine | 12.0 (-2.7 to 26.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Nifedipine | 11.2 (-3.5 to 25.9) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Nimodipine | 1.8 (-11.0 to 14.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Propranolol | 3.1 (-8.9 to 15.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Topiramate | 10.7 (-0.9 to 22.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Valproate | 6.0 (-8.7 to 20.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Methysergide | Verapamil | 6.6 (-8.1 to 21.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Magnesium | 15.1 (3.1 to 27.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Naproxen sodium | 2.7 (-9.3 to 14.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Nicardipine | 11.3 (-0.7 to 23.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Nifedipine | 10.5 (-1.5 to 22.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Nimodipine | 1.1 (-8.5 to 10.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Propranolol | 2.4 (-6.1 to 10.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Topiramate | 10.0 (2.0 to 18.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Valproate | 5.3 (-6.7 to 17.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Metoprolol | Verapamil | 5.9 (-6.1 to 17.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Naproxen sodium | Nicardipine | 8.6 (-6.1 to 23.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Naproxen sodium | Nifedipine | 7.8 (-6.9 to 22.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Naproxen sodium | Nimodipine | -1.7 (-14.4 to 11.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Naproxen sodium | Propranolol | -0.3 (-12.3 to 11.8) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Naproxen sodium | Topiramate | 7.3 (-4.3 to 19.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Naproxen sodium | Valproate | 2.6 (-12.1 to 17.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Naproxen sodium | Verapamil | 3.2 (-11.5 to 17.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nicardipine | Nifedipine | -0.8 (-15.5 to 13.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nicardipine | Nimodipine | -10.3 (-23.0 to 2.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nicardipine | Propranolol | -8.9 (-20.9 to 3.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nicardipine | Topiramate | -1.3 (-12.9 to 10.4) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nicardipine | Valproate | -6.0 (-20.7 to 8.7) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nicardipine | Verapamil | -5.4 (-20.1 to 9.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nifedipine | Nimodipine | -9.5 (-22.2 to 3.3) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nifedipine | Propranolol | -8.1 (-20.1 to 4.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nifedipine | Topiramate | -0.5 (-12.1 to 11.2) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nifedipine | Valproate | -5.2 (-19.9 to 9.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nifedipine | Verapamil | -4.6 (-19.3 to 10.1) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nimodipine | Propranolol | 1.4 (-8.1 to 10.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nimodipine | Topiramate | 9.0 (-0.1 to 18.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nimodipine | Valproate | 4.3 (-8.5 to 17.0) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Nimodipine | Verapamil | 4.9 (-7.9 to 17.6) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Propranolol | Topiramate | 7.6 (-0.4 to 15.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Propranolol | Valproate | 2.9 (-9.2 to 14.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Propranolol | Verapamil | 3.5 (-8.6 to 15.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Topiramate | Valproate | -4.7 (-16.4 to 6.9) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Topiramate | Verapamil | -4.1 (-15.8 to 7.5) |
| Duration of migraine, years | Valproate | Verapamil | 0.6 (-14.1 to 15.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Acetazolamide | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Alprenolol | 1.8 (-6.6 to 10.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Atenolol | 2.8 (-5.6 to 11.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Carbamazepine | 1.8 (-6.5 to 10.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Clonidine | 0.1 (-6.6 to 6.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Dihydroergocryptine | -1.2 (-9.6 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Dihydroergotamine | 0.4 (-6.9 to 7.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Divalproex | 3.3 (-4.0 to 10.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Femoxetine | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Fluoxetine | -2.2 (-10.6 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Gabapentin | -0.2 (-7.0 to 6.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Induprofen | 0.0 (-8.4 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Ketoprofen | 2.0 (-6.4 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Lamotrigine | 0.8 (-7.6 to 9.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Lisinopril | 2.5 (-5.9 to 10.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Lisuride | 1.3 (-7.1 to 9.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Magnesium | -0.2 (-7.5 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Methysergide | 1.8 (-6.6 to 10.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Metoprolol | -0.8 (-7.6 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Montelukast | -0.3 (-8.7 to 8.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Naproxen sodium | 3.5 (-4.9 to 11.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Nicardipine | 0.5 (-7.8 to 8.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Nifedipine | -5.2 (-13.6 to 3.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Nimodipine | -0.5 (-7.7 to 6.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Oxcarbazepine | -1.2 (-9.6 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Pindolol | 2.8 (-5.6 to 11.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Propranolol | 1.6 (-5.1 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Rofecoxib | -0.4 (-8.8 to 8.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Telmisartan | -1.4 (-9.8 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Timolol | 1.0 (-6.3 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Topiramate | -2.3 (-8.5 to 3.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Valproate | -0.5 (-7.8 to 6.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Verapamil | -0.5 (-8.9 to 7.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acebutolol | Vigabatrin | 2.8 (-5.6 to 11.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Alprenolol | 2.0 (-6.4 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Atenolol | 3.0 (-5.4 to 11.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Carbamazepine | 2.0 (-6.3 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Clonidine | 0.3 (-6.4 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergocryptine | -1.0 (-9.4 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergotamine | 0.6 (-6.7 to 7.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Divalproex | 3.5 (-3.8 to 10.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Femoxetine | 0.0 (-8.4 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Fluoxetine | -2.0 (-10.4 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Gabapentin | 0.0 (-6.8 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Induprofen | 0.2 (-8.2 to 8.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Ketoprofen | 2.2 (-6.2 to 10.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Lamotrigine | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Lisinopril | 2.7 (-5.7 to 11.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Lisuride | 1.5 (-6.9 to 9.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Magnesium | 0.0 (-7.3 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Methysergide | 2.0 (-6.4 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Metoprolol | -0.6 (-7.4 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Montelukast | -0.1 (-8.5 to 8.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Naproxen sodium | 3.7 (-4.7 to 12.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Nicardipine | 0.7 (-7.6 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Nifedipine | -5.0 (-13.4 to 3.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Nimodipine | -0.3 (-7.5 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Oxcarbazepine | -1.0 (-9.4 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Pindolol | 3.0 (-5.4 to 11.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Propranolol | 1.8 (-4.9 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Rofecoxib | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Telmisartan | -1.2 (-9.6 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Timolol | 1.2 (-6.1 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Topiramate | -2.1 (-8.3 to 4.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Valproate | -0.3 (-7.6 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Verapamil | -0.3 (-8.7 to 8.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Acetazolamide | Vigabatrin | 3.0 (-5.4 to 11.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Atenolol | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Carbamazepine | 0.0 (-8.3 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Clonidine | -1.7 (-8.4 to 4.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Dihydroergocryptine | -3.0 (-11.4 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Dihydroergotamine | -1.4 (-8.7 to 5.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Divalproex | 1.5 (-5.8 to 8.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Femoxetine | -2.0 (-10.4 to 6.4) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Fluoxetine | -4.0 (-12.4 to 4.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Gabapentin | -2.0 (-8.8 to 4.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Induprofen | -1.8 (-10.2 to 6.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Ketoprofen | 0.2 (-8.2 to 8.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Lamotrigine | -1.0 (-9.4 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Lisinopril | 0.7 (-7.7 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Lisuride | -0.5 (-8.9 to 7.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Magnesium | -2.0 (-9.3 to 5.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Methysergide | 0.0 (-8.4 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Metoprolol | -2.6 (-9.4 to 4.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Montelukast | -2.1 (-10.5 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Naproxen sodium | 1.7 (-6.7 to 10.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Nicardipine | -1.3 (-9.6 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Nifedipine | -7.0 (-15.4 to 1.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Nimodipine | -2.3 (-9.5 to 5.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Oxcarbazepine | -3.0 (-11.4 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Pindolol | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Propranolol | -0.3 (-6.9 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Rofecoxib | -2.2 (-10.6 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Telmisartan | -3.2 (-11.6 to 5.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Timolol | -0.9 (-8.1 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Topiramate | -4.1 (-10.3 to 2.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Valproate | -2.3 (-9.6 to 5.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Verapamil | -2.3 (-10.7 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Alprenolol | Vigabatrin | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Carbamazepine | -1.0 (-9.3 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Clonidine | -2.7 (-9.4 to 3.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Dihydroergocryptine | -4.0 (-12.4 to 4.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Dihydroergotamine | -2.4 (-9.7 to 4.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Divalproex | 0.5 (-6.8 to 7.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Femoxetine | -3.0 (-11.4 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Fluoxetine | -5.0 (-13.4 to 3.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Gabapentin | -3.0 (-9.8 to 3.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Induprofen | -2.8 (-11.2 to 5.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Ketoprofen | -0.8 (-9.2 to 7.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Lamotrigine | -2.0 (-10.4 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Lisinopril | -0.3 (-8.7 to 8.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Lisuride | -1.5 (-9.9 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Magnesium | -3.0 (-10.3 to 4.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Methysergide | -1.0 (-9.4 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Metoprolol | -3.6 (-10.4 to 3.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Montelukast | -3.1 (-11.5 to 5.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Naproxen sodium | 0.7 (-7.7 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Nicardipine | -2.3 (-10.6 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Nifedipine | -8.0 (-16.4 to 0.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Nimodipine | -3.3 (-10.5 to 4.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Oxcarbazepine | -4.0 (-12.4 to 4.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Pindolol | 0.0 (-8.4 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Propranolol | -1.3 (-7.9 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Rofecoxib | -3.2 (-11.6 to 5.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Telmisartan | -4.2 (-12.6 to 4.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Timolol | -1.9 (-9.1 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Topiramate | -5.1 (-11.3 to 1.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Valproate | -3.3 (-10.6 to 4.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Verapamil | -3.3 (-11.7 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Atenolol | Vigabatrin | 0.0 (-8.4 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Clonidine | -1.8 (-8.4 to 4.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Dihydroergocryptine | -3.0 (-11.4 to 5.3) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Dihydroergotamine | -1.4 (-8.7 to 5.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Divalproex | 1.5 (-5.8 to 8.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Femoxetine | -2.0 (-10.4 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Fluoxetine | -4.0 (-12.4 to 4.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Gabapentin | -2.0 (-8.8 to 4.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Induprofen | -1.8 (-10.2 to 6.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Ketoprofen | 0.2 (-8.2 to 8.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Lamotrigine | -1.1 (-9.4 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Lisinopril | 0.7 (-7.7 to 9.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Lisuride | -0.5 (-8.9 to 7.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Magnesium | -2.0 (-9.3 to 5.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Methysergide | 0.0 (-8.4 to 8.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Metoprolol | -2.6 (-9.5 to 4.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Montelukast | -2.1 (-10.5 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Naproxen sodium | 1.7 (-6.7 to 10.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Nicardipine | -1.3 (-9.7 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Nifedipine | -7.0 (-15.4 to 1.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Nimodipine | -2.3 (-9.5 to 5.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Oxcarbazepine | -3.0 (-11.4 to 5.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Pindolol | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Propranolol | -0.3 (-6.9 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Rofecoxib | -2.3 (-10.6 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Telmisartan | -3.2 (-11.6 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Timolol | -0.9 (-8.1 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Topiramate | -4.2 (-10.4 to 2.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Valproate | -2.3 (-9.6 to 4.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Verapamil | -2.3 (-10.7 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Carbamazepine | Vigabatrin | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Dihydroergocryptine | -1.3 (-7.9 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Dihydroergotamine | 0.3 (-4.8 to 5.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Divalproex | 3.2 (-1.9 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Femoxetine | -0.3 (-6.9 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Fluoxetine | -2.3 (-8.9 to 4.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Gabapentin | -0.2 (-4.7 to 4.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Induprofen | -0.1 (-6.7 to 6.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Ketoprofen | 1.9 (-4.7 to 8.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Lamotrigine | 0.7 (-5.9 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Lisinopril | 2.4 (-4.2 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Lisuride | 1.2 (-5.4 to 7.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Magnesium | -0.3 (-5.4 to 4.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Methysergide | 1.7 (-4.9 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Metoprolol | -0.8 (-5.4 to 3.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Montelukast | -0.4 (-7.0 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Naproxen sodium | 3.4 (-3.2 to 10.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Nicardipine | 0.5 (-6.1 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Nifedipine | -5.3 (-11.9 to 1.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Nimodipine | -0.5 (-5.6 to 4.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Oxcarbazepine | -1.3 (-7.9 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Pindolol | 2.7 (-3.9 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Propranolol | 1.5 (-2.7 to 5.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Rofecoxib | -0.5 (-7.1 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Telmisartan | -1.5 (-8.1 to 5.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Timolol | 0.9 (-4.2 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Topiramate | -2.4 (-5.9 to 1.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Valproate | -0.6 (-5.7 to 4.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Verapamil | -0.6 (-7.2 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Clonidine | Vigabatrin | 2.7 (-3.9 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Dihydroergotamine | 1.6 (-5.7 to 8.9) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Divalproex | 4.5 (-2.8 to 11.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Femoxetine | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Fluoxetine | -1.0 (-9.4 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Gabapentin | 1.0 (-5.8 to 7.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Induprofen | 1.2 (-7.2 to 9.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Ketoprofen | 3.2 (-5.2 to 11.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Lamotrigine | 2.0 (-6.4 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Lisinopril | 3.7 (-4.7 to 12.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Lisuride | 2.5 (-5.9 to 10.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Magnesium | 1.0 (-6.3 to 8.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Methysergide | 3.0 (-5.4 to 11.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Metoprolol | 0.4 (-6.4 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Montelukast | 0.9 (-7.5 to 9.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Naproxen sodium | 4.7 (-3.7 to 13.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Nicardipine | 1.7 (-6.6 to 10.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Nifedipine | -4.0 (-12.4 to 4.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Nimodipine | 0.8 (-6.5 to 8.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Oxcarbazepine | 0.0 (-8.4 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Pindolol | 4.0 (-4.4 to 12.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Propranolol | 2.8 (-3.9 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Rofecoxib | 0.8 (-7.6 to 9.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Telmisartan | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Timolol | 2.2 (-5.1 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Topiramate | -1.1 (-7.3 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Valproate | 0.7 (-6.6 to 8.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Verapamil | 0.7 (-7.7 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergocryptine | Vigabatrin | 4.0 (-4.4 to 12.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Divalproex | 2.9 (-3.0 to 8.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Femoxetine | -0.6 (-7.9 to 6.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Fluoxetine | -2.6 (-9.9 to 4.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Gabapentin | -0.6 (-6.0 to 4.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Induprofen | -0.4 (-7.7 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Ketoprofen | 1.6 (-5.7 to 8.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Lamotrigine | 0.4 (-6.9 to 7.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Lisinopril | 2.1 (-5.2 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Lisuride | 0.9 (-6.4 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Magnesium | -0.6 (-6.5 to 5.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Methysergide | 1.4 (-5.9 to 8.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Metoprolol | -1.2 (-6.6 to 4.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Montelukast | -0.7 (-8.0 to 6.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Naproxen sodium | 3.1 (-4.2 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Nicardipine | 0.1 (-7.1 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Nifedipine | -5.6 (-12.9 to 1.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Nimodipine | -0.9 (-6.8 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Oxcarbazepine | -1.6 (-8.9 to 5.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Pindolol | 2.4 (-4.9 to 9.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Propranolol | 1.2 (-4.0 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Rofecoxib | -0.8 (-8.1 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Telmisartan | -1.8 (-9.1 to 5.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Timolol | 0.6 (-5.4 to 6.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Topiramate | -2.7 (-7.3 to 1.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Valproate | -0.9 (-6.8 to 5.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Verapamil | -0.9 (-8.2 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Dihydroergotamine | Vigabatrin | 2.4 (-4.9 to 9.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Femoxetine | -3.5 (-10.8 to 3.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Fluoxetine | -5.5 (-12.8 to 1.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Gabapentin | -3.5 (-8.9 to 1.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Induprofen | -3.3 (-10.6 to 4.0) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Ketoprofen | -1.3 (-8.6 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Lamotrigine | -2.5 (-9.8 to 4.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Lisinopril | -0.8 (-8.1 to 6.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Lisuride | -2.0 (-9.3 to 5.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Magnesium | -3.5 (-9.4 to 2.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Methysergide | -1.5 (-8.8 to 5.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Metoprolol | -4.1 (-9.5 to 1.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Montelukast | -3.6 (-10.9 to 3.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Naproxen sodium | 0.2 (-7.1 to 7.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Nicardipine | -2.8 (-10.0 to 4.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Nifedipine | -8.5 (-15.8 to -1.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Nimodipine | -3.8 (-9.7 to 2.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Oxcarbazepine | -4.5 (-11.8 to 2.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Pindolol | -0.5 (-7.8 to 6.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Propranolol | -1.8 (-6.9 to 3.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Rofecoxib | -3.7 (-11.0 to 3.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Telmisartan | -4.7 (-12.0 to 2.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Timolol | -2.4 (-8.3 to 3.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Topiramate | -5.6 (-10.2 to -1.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Valproate | -3.8 (-9.7 to 2.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Verapamil | -3.8 (-11.1 to 3.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Divalproex | Vigabatrin | -0.5 (-7.8 to 6.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Fluoxetine | -2.0 (-10.4 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Gabapentin | 0.0 (-6.8 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Induprofen | 0.2 (-8.2 to 8.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Ketoprofen | 2.2 (-6.2 to 10.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Lamotrigine | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Lisinopril | 2.7 (-5.7 to 11.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Lisuride | 1.5 (-6.9 to 9.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Magnesium | 0.0 (-7.3 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Methysergide | 2.0 (-6.4 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Metoprolol | -0.6 (-7.4 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Montelukast | -0.1 (-8.5 to 8.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Naproxen sodium | 3.7 (-4.7 to 12.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Nicardipine | 0.7 (-7.6 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Nifedipine | -5.0 (-13.4 to 3.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Nimodipine | -0.3 (-7.5 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Oxcarbazepine | -1.0 (-9.4 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Pindolol | 3.0 (-5.4 to 11.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Propranolol | 1.8 (-4.9 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Rofecoxib | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Telmisartan | -1.2 (-9.6 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Timolol | 1.2 (-6.1 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Topiramate | -2.1 (-8.3 to 4.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Valproate | -0.3 (-7.6 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Verapamil | -0.3 (-8.7 to 8.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Femoxetine | Vigabatrin | 3.0 (-5.4 to 11.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Gabapentin | 2.0 (-4.8 to 8.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Induprofen | 2.2 (-6.2 to 10.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Ketoprofen | 4.2 (-4.2 to 12.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Lamotrigine | 3.0 (-5.4 to 11.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Lisinopril | 4.7 (-3.7 to 13.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Lisuride | 3.5 (-4.9 to 11.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Magnesium | 2.0 (-5.3 to 9.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Methysergide | 4.0 (-4.4 to 12.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Metoprolol | 1.4 (-5.4 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Montelukast | 1.9 (-6.5 to 10.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Naproxen sodium | 5.7 (-2.7 to 14.1) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Nicardipine | 2.7 (-5.6 to 11.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Nifedipine | -3.0 (-11.4 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Nimodipine | 1.8 (-5.5 to 9.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Oxcarbazepine | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Pindolol | 5.0 (-3.4 to 13.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Propranolol | 3.8 (-2.9 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Rofecoxib | 1.8 (-6.6 to 10.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Telmisartan | 0.8 (-7.6 to 9.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Timolol | 3.2 (-4.1 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Topiramate | -0.1 (-6.3 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Valproate | 1.7 (-5.6 to 9.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Verapamil | 1.7 (-6.7 to 10.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Fluoxetine | Vigabatrin | 5.0 (-3.4 to 13.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Induprofen | 0.2 (-6.7 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Ketoprofen | 2.2 (-4.7 to 9.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Lamotrigine | 0.9 (-5.9 to 7.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Lisinopril | 2.7 (-4.2 to 9.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Lisuride | 1.5 (-5.4 to 8.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Magnesium | 0.0 (-5.4 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Methysergide | 2.0 (-4.9 to 8.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Metoprolol | -0.6 (-5.5 to 4.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Montelukast | -0.1 (-7.0 to 6.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Naproxen sodium | 3.7 (-3.2 to 10.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Nicardipine | 0.7 (-6.1 to 7.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Nifedipine | -5.0 (-11.9 to 1.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Nimodipine | -0.3 (-5.7 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Oxcarbazepine | -1.0 (-7.9 to 5.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Pindolol | 3.0 (-3.9 to 9.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Propranolol | 1.7 (-2.8 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Rofecoxib | -0.3 (-7.1 to 6.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Telmisartan | -1.2 (-8.1 to 5.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Timolol | 1.1 (-4.3 to 6.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Topiramate | -2.2 (-6.1 to 1.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Valproate | -0.3 (-5.7 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Verapamil | -0.3 (-7.2 to 6.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Gabapentin | Vigabatrin | 3.0 (-3.9 to 9.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Ketoprofen | 2.0 (-6.4 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Lamotrigine | 0.8 (-7.6 to 9.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Lisinopril | 2.5 (-5.9 to 10.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Lisuride | 1.3 (-7.1 to 9.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Magnesium | -0.2 (-7.5 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Methysergide | 1.8 (-6.6 to 10.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Metoprolol | -0.8 (-7.6 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Montelukast | -0.3 (-8.7 to 8.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Naproxen sodium | 3.5 (-4.9 to 11.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Nicardipine | 0.5 (-7.8 to 8.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Nifedipine | -5.2 (-13.6 to 3.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Nimodipine | -0.5 (-7.7 to 6.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Oxcarbazepine | -1.2 (-9.6 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Pindolol | 2.8 (-5.6 to 11.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Propranolol | 1.6 (-5.1 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Rofecoxib | -0.4 (-8.8 to 8.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Telmisartan | -1.4 (-9.8 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Timolol | 1.0 (-6.3 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Topiramate | -2.3 (-8.5 to 3.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Valproate | -0.5 (-7.8 to 6.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Verapamil | -0.5 (-8.9 to 7.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Induprofen | Vigabatrin | 2.8 (-5.6 to 11.2) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Lamotrigine | -1.2 (-9.6 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Lisinopril | 0.5 (-7.9 to 8.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Lisuride | -0.7 (-9.1 to 7.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Magnesium | -2.2 (-9.5 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Methysergide | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Metoprolol | -2.8 (-9.6 to 4.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Montelukast | -2.3 (-10.7 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Naproxen sodium | 1.5 (-6.9 to 9.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Nicardipine | -1.5 (-9.8 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Nifedipine | -7.2 (-15.6 to 1.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Nimodipine | -2.5 (-9.7 to 4.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Oxcarbazepine | -3.2 (-11.6 to 5.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Pindolol | 0.8 (-7.6 to 9.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Propranolol | -0.5 (-7.1 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Rofecoxib | -2.4 (-10.8 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Telmisartan | -3.4 (-11.8 to 5.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Timolol | -1.1 (-8.3 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Topiramate | -4.3 (-10.5 to 1.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Valproate | -2.5 (-9.8 to 4.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Verapamil | -2.5 (-10.9 to 5.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Ketoprofen | Vigabatrin | 0.8 (-7.6 to 9.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Lisinopril | 1.7 (-6.7 to 10.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Lisuride | 0.5 (-7.9 to 8.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Magnesium | -1.0 (-8.2 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Methysergide | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Metoprolol | -1.6 (-8.4 to 5.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Montelukast | -1.1 (-9.5 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Naproxen sodium | 2.7 (-5.7 to 11.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Nicardipine | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Nifedipine | -6.0 (-14.4 to 2.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Nimodipine | -1.2 (-8.5 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Oxcarbazepine | -2.0 (-10.4 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Pindolol | 2.0 (-6.4 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Propranolol | 0.8 (-5.9 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Rofecoxib | -1.2 (-9.6 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Telmisartan | -2.2 (-10.6 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Timolol | 0.2 (-7.1 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Topiramate | -3.1 (-9.3 to 3.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Valproate | -1.3 (-8.5 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Verapamil | -1.3 (-9.7 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lamotrigine | Vigabatrin | 2.0 (-6.4 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Lisuride | -1.2 (-9.6 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Magnesium | -2.7 (-10.0 to 4.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Methysergide | -0.7 (-9.1 to 7.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Metoprolol | -3.3 (-10.1 to 3.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Montelukast | -2.8 (-11.2 to 5.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Naproxen sodium | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Nicardipine | -2.0 (-10.3 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Nifedipine | -7.7 (-16.1 to 0.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Nimodipine | -3.0 (-10.2 to 4.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Oxcarbazepine | -3.7 (-12.1 to 4.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Pindolol | 0.3 (-8.1 to 8.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Propranolol | -1.0 (-7.6 to 5.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Rofecoxib | -2.9 (-11.3 to 5.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Telmisartan | -3.9 (-12.3 to 4.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Timolol | -1.6 (-8.8 to 5.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Topiramate | -4.8 (-11.0 to 1.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Valproate | -3.0 (-10.3 to 4.3) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Verapamil | -3.0 (-11.4 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisinopril | Vigabatrin | 0.3 (-8.1 to 8.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Magnesium | -1.5 (-8.8 to 5.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Methysergide | 0.5 (-7.9 to 8.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Metoprolol | -2.1 (-8.9 to 4.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Montelukast | -1.6 (-10.0 to 6.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Naproxen sodium | 2.2 (-6.2 to 10.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Nicardipine | -0.8 (-9.1 to 7.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Nifedipine | -6.5 (-14.9 to 1.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Nimodipine | -1.8 (-9.0 to 5.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Oxcarbazepine | -2.5 (-10.9 to 5.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Pindolol | 1.5 (-6.9 to 9.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Propranolol | 0.3 (-6.4 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Rofecoxib | -1.7 (-10.1 to 6.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Telmisartan | -2.7 (-11.1 to 5.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Timolol | -0.4 (-7.6 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Topiramate | -3.6 (-9.8 to 2.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Valproate | -1.8 (-9.1 to 5.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Verapamil | -1.8 (-10.2 to 6.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Lisuride | Vigabatrin | 1.5 (-6.9 to 9.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Montelukast | -0.1 (-7.4 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Naproxen sodium | 3.7 (-3.6 to 11.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Nicardipine | 0.7 (-6.5 to 8.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Nifedipine | -5.0 (-12.3 to 2.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Nimodipine | -0.3 (-6.2 to 5.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Oxcarbazepine | -1.0 (-8.3 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Pindolol | 3.0 (-4.3 to 10.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Propranolol | 1.8 (-3.4 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Rofecoxib | -0.2 (-7.5 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Telmisartan | -1.2 (-8.5 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Timolol | 1.2 (-4.8 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Topiramate | -2.1 (-6.7 to 2.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Valproate | -0.3 (-6.2 to 5.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Verapamil | -0.3 (-7.6 to 7.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Magnesium | Vigabatrin | 3.0 (-4.3 to 10.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Magnesium | -2.0 (-9.3 to 5.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Metoprolol | -2.6 (-9.4 to 4.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Montelukast | -2.1 (-10.5 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Naproxen sodium | 1.7 (-6.7 to 10.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Nicardipine | -1.3 (-9.6 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Nifedipine | -7.0 (-15.4 to 1.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Nimodipine | -2.3 (-9.5 to 5.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Oxcarbazepine | -3.0 (-11.4 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Pindolol | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Propranolol | -0.3 (-6.9 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Rofecoxib | -2.2 (-10.6 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Telmisartan | -3.2 (-11.6 to 5.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Timolol | -0.9 (-8.1 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Topiramate | -4.1 (-10.3 to 2.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Valproate | -2.3 (-9.6 to 5.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Verapamil | -2.3 (-10.7 to 6.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Methysergide | Vigabatrin | 1.0 (-7.4 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Magnesium | 0.6 (-4.8 to 6.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Montelukast | 0.5 (-6.3 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Naproxen sodium | 4.3 (-2.5 to 11.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Nicardipine | 1.3 (-5.5 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Nifedipine | -4.4 (-11.2 to 2.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Nimodipine | 0.3 (-5.1 to 5.8) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Oxcarbazepine | -0.4 (-7.2 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Pindolol | 3.6 (-3.2 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Propranolol | 2.3 (-2.2 to 6.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Rofecoxib | 0.4 (-6.5 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Telmisartan | -0.6 (-7.4 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Timolol | 1.7 (-3.7 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Topiramate | -1.5 (-5.4 to 2.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Valproate | 0.3 (-5.1 to 5.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Verapamil | 0.3 (-6.5 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Metoprolol | Vigabatrin | 3.6 (-3.2 to 10.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Naproxen sodium | 3.8 (-4.6 to 12.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Nicardipine | 0.8 (-7.5 to 9.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Nifedipine | -4.9 (-13.3 to 3.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Nimodipine | -0.2 (-7.4 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Oxcarbazepine | -0.9 (-9.3 to 7.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Pindolol | 3.1 (-5.3 to 11.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Propranolol | 1.9 (-4.8 to 8.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Rofecoxib | -0.1 (-8.5 to 8.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Telmisartan | -1.1 (-9.5 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Timolol | 1.3 (-6.0 to 8.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Topiramate | -2.0 (-8.2 to 4.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Valproate | -0.2 (-7.5 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Verapamil | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Montelukast | Vigabatrin | 3.1 (-5.3 to 11.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Nicardipine | -3.0 (-11.3 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Nifedipine | -8.7 (-17.1 to -0.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Nimodipine | -4.0 (-11.2 to 3.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Oxcarbazepine | -4.7 (-13.1 to 3.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Pindolol | -0.7 (-9.1 to 7.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Propranolol | -2.0 (-8.6 to 4.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Rofecoxib | -3.9 (-12.3 to 4.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Telmisartan | -4.9 (-13.3 to 3.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Timolol | -2.6 (-9.8 to 4.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Topiramate | -5.8 (-12.0 to 0.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Valproate | -4.0 (-11.3 to 3.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Verapamil | -4.0 (-12.4 to 4.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Naproxen sodium | Vigabatrin | -0.7 (-9.1 to 7.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Nifedipine | -5.7 (-14.1 to 2.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Nimodipine | -1.0 (-8.2 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Oxcarbazepine | -1.7 (-10.1 to 6.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Pindolol | 2.3 (-6.1 to 10.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Propranolol | 1.0 (-5.6 to 7.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Rofecoxib | -1.0 (-9.3 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Telmisartan | -1.9 (-10.3 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Timolol | 0.4 (-6.8 to 7.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Topiramate | -2.9 (-9.1 to 3.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Valproate | -1.0 (-8.3 to 6.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Verapamil | -1.0 (-9.4 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nicardipine | Vigabatrin | 2.3 (-6.1 to 10.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Nimodipine | 4.8 (-2.5 to 12.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Oxcarbazepine | 4.0 (-4.4 to 12.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Pindolol | 8.0 (-0.4 to 16.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Propranolol | 6.8 (0.1 to 13.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Rofecoxib | 4.8 (-3.6 to 13.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Telmisartan | 3.8 (-4.6 to 12.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Timolol | 6.2 (-1.1 to 13.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Topiramate | 2.9 (-3.3 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Valproate | 4.7 (-2.6 to 12.0) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Verapamil | 4.7 (-3.7 to 13.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nifedipine | Vigabatrin | 8.0 (-0.4 to 16.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Oxcarbazepine | -0.8 (-8.0 to 6.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Pindolol | 3.3 (-4.0 to 10.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Propranolol | 2.0 (-3.1 to 7.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Rofecoxib | 0.0 (-7.2 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Telmisartan | -1.0 (-8.2 to 6.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Timolol | 1.4 (-4.5 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Topiramate | -1.9 (-6.5 to 2.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Valproate | -0.1 (-6.0 to 5.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Verapamil | -0.1 (-7.3 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Nimodipine | Vigabatrin | 3.3 (-4.0 to 10.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Pindolol | 4.0 (-4.4 to 12.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Propranolol | 2.8 (-3.9 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Rofecoxib | 0.8 (-7.6 to 9.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Telmisartan | -0.2 (-8.6 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Timolol | 2.2 (-5.1 to 9.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Topiramate | -1.1 (-7.3 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Valproate | 0.7 (-6.6 to 8.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Verapamil | 0.7 (-7.7 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Oxcarbazepine | Vigabatrin | 4.0 (-4.4 to 12.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Pindolol | Propranolol | -1.3 (-7.9 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Pindolol | Rofecoxib | -3.2 (-11.6 to 5.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Pindolol | Telmisartan | -4.2 (-12.6 to 4.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Pindolol | Timolol | -1.9 (-9.1 to 5.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Pindolol | Topiramate | -5.1 (-11.3 to 1.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Pindolol | Valproate | -3.3 (-10.6 to 4.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Pindolol | Verapamil | -3.3 (-11.7 to 5.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Pindolol | Vigabatrin | 0.0 (-8.4 to 8.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Propranolol | Rofecoxib | -2.0 (-8.6 to 4.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Propranolol | Telmisartan | -3.0 (-9.6 to 3.7) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Propranolol | Timolol | -0.6 (-5.7 to 4.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Propranolol | Topiramate | -3.9 (-7.4 to -0.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Propranolol | Valproate | -2.1 (-7.2 to 3.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Propranolol | Verapamil | -2.1 (-8.7 to 4.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Propranolol | Vigabatrin | 1.3 (-5.4 to 7.9) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Rofecoxib | Telmisartan | -1.0 (-9.4 to 7.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Rofecoxib | Timolol | 1.4 (-5.9 to 8.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Rofecoxib | Topiramate | -1.9 (-8.1 to 4.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Rofecoxib | Valproate | -0.1 (-7.3 to 7.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Rofecoxib | Verapamil | -0.1 (-8.5 to 8.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Rofecoxib | Vigabatrin | 3.2 (-5.2 to 11.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Telmisartan | Timolol | 2.4 (-4.9 to 9.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Telmisartan | Topiramate | -0.9 (-7.1 to 5.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Telmisartan | Valproate | 0.9 (-6.4 to 8.2) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Telmisartan | Verapamil | 0.9 (-7.5 to 9.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Telmisartan | Vigabatrin | 4.2 (-4.2 to 12.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Timolol | Topiramate | -3.3 (-7.9 to 1.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Timolol | Valproate | -1.5 (-7.4 to 4.5) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Timolol | Verapamil | -1.5 (-8.7 to 5.8) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Timolol | Vigabatrin | 1.9 (-5.4 to 9.1) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Topiramate | Valproate | 1.8 (-2.8 to 6.4) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Topiramate | Verapamil | 1.8 (-4.4 to 8.0) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Topiramate | Vigabatrin | 5.1 (-1.1 to 11.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Valproate | Verapamil | 0.0 (-7.3 to 7.3) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Valproate | Vigabatrin | 3.3 (-4.0 to 10.6) |
| Baseline migraine frequency/month | Verapamil | Vigabatrin | 3.3 (-5.1 to 11.7) |
| % naïve | Dihydroergotamine | Femoxetine | -36.7 (-83.9 to 10.6) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| % naïve | Dihydroergotamine | Metoprolol | -17.7 (-53.0 to 17.5) |
| % naïve | Dihydroergotamine | Pindolol | 63.3 (16.1 to 110.6) |
| % naïve | Dihydroergotamine | Propranolol | 37.6 (-9.6 to 84.9) |
| % naïve | Dihydroergotamine | Timolol | 27.6 (-19.6 to 74.9) |
| % naïve | Dihydroergotamine | Tonabersat | -36.7 (-83.9 to 10.6) |
| % naïve | Dihydroergotamine | Topiramate | 63.3 (16.1 to 110.6) |
| % naïve | Femoxetine | Metoprolol | 18.9 (-25.6 to 63.5) |
| % naïve | Femoxetine | Pindolol | 100.0 (45.4 to 154.6) |
| % naïve | Femoxetine | Propranolol | 74.3 (19.7 to 128.9) |
| % naïve | Femoxetine | Timolol | 64.3 (9.7 to 118.9) |
| % naïve | Femoxetine | Tonabersat | 0.0 (-54.6 to 54.6) |
| % naïve | Femoxetine | Topiramate | 100.0 (45.4 to 154.6) |
| % naïve | Metoprolol | Pindolol | 81.1 (36.5 to 125.6) |
| % naïve | Metoprolol | Propranolol | 55.4 (10.8 to 99.9) |
| % naïve | Metoprolol | Timolol | 45.4 (0.8 to 89.9) |
| % naïve | Metoprolol | Tonabersat | -18.9 (-63.5 to 25.6) |
| % naïve | Metoprolol | Topiramate | 81.1 (36.5 to 125.6) |
| % naïve | Pindolol | Propranolol | -25.7 (-80.3 to 28.9) |
| % naïve | Pindolol | Timolol | -35.7 (-90.3 to 18.9) |
| % naïve | Pindolol | Tonabersat | -100.0 (-154.6 to -45.4) |
| % naïve | Pindolol | Topiramate | 0.0 (-54.6 to 54.6) |
| % naïve | Propranolol | Timolol | -10.0 (-64.6 to 44.6) |
| % naïve | Propranolol | Tonabersat | -74.3 (-128.9 to -19.7) |
| % naïve | Propranolol | Topiramate | 25.7 (-28.9 to 80.3) |
| % naïve | Timolol | Tonabersat | -64.3 (-118.9 to -9.7) |
| % naïve | Timolol | Topiramate | 35.7 (-18.9 to 90.3) |
| % naïve | Tonabersat | Topiramate | 100.0 (45.4 to 154.6) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Alprenolol | -8.8 (-112.2 to 94.6) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Atenolol | 9.4 (-80.1 to 98.9) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergocryptine | 9.4 (-94.0 to 112.8) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergotamine | -11.6 (-96.1 to 72.8) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Divalproex | 5.4 (-84.1 to 94.9) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Fluoxetine | -13.2 (-102.7 to 76.3) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Gabapentin | -37.1 (-126.6 to 52.5) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Indobufen | 9.4 (-94.0 to 112.8) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Lamotrigine | -30.9 (-134.3 to 72.5) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Magnesium | -40.6 (-130.1 to 48.9) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Metoprolol | -40.6 (-130.1 to 48.9) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Nadolol | -75.0 (-178.4 to 28.4) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Nicardipine | -90.6 (-194.0 to 12.8) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Nimodipine | -17.8 (-107.3 to 71.7) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Pindolol | -40.6 (-144.0 to 62.8) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Propranolol | -45.9 (-123.4 to 31.7) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Timolol | -0.1 (-89.6 to 89.4) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Topiramate | -13.1 (-94.9 to 68.6) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Valproate | -33.8 (-123.3 to 55.8) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Verapamil | -32.3 (-135.7 to 71.1) |
| % with aura | Acetazolamide | Vigabatrin | -34.1 (-137.5 to 69.3) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Atenolol | 18.2 (-71.4 to 107.7) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Dihydroergocryptine | 18.2 (-85.2 to 121.6) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Dihydroergotamine | -2.9 (-87.3 to 81.6) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Divalproex | 14.2 (-75.4 to 103.7) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Fluoxetine | -4.4 (-94.0 to 85.1) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Gabapentin | -28.3 (-117.8 to 61.3) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Indobufen | 18.2 (-85.2 to 121.6) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Lamotrigine | -22.1 (-125.5 to 81.3) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Magnesium | -31.8 (-121.4 to 57.7) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Metoprolol | -31.8 (-121.4 to 57.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Nadolol | -66.2 (-169.6 to 37.2) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Nicardipine | -81.8 (-185.2 to 21.6) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Nimodipine | -9.0 (-98.6 to 80.5) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Pindolol | -31.8 (-135.2 to 71.6) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Propranolol | -37.1 (-114.6 to 40.5) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Timolol | 8.7 (-80.9 to 98.2) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Topiramate | -4.3 (-86.1 to 77.4) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Valproate | -25.0 (-114.5 to 64.6) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Verapamil | -23.5 (-126.9 to 79.9) |
| % with aura | Alprenolol | Vigabatrin | -25.3 (-128.7 to 78.1) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Dihydroergocryptine | 0.0 (-89.5 to 89.5) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Dihydroergotamine | -21.0 (-87.8 to 45.7) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Divalproex | -4.0 (-77.1 to 69.1) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Fluoxetine | -22.6 (-95.7 to 50.5) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Gabapentin | -46.5 (-119.6 to 26.7) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Indobufen | 0.0 (-89.5 to 89.5) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Lamotrigine | -40.3 (-129.8 to 49.2) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Magnesium | -50.0 (-123.1 to 23.1) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Metoprolol | -50.0 (-123.1 to 23.1) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Nadolol | -84.4 (-173.9 to 5.1) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Nicardipine | -100.0 (-189.5 to -10.5) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Nimodipine | -27.2 (-100.3 to 45.9) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Pindolol | -50.0 (-139.5 to 39.5) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Propranolol | -55.3 (-113.1 to 2.5) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Timolol | -9.5 (-82.6 to 63.6) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Topiramate | -22.5 (-85.8 to 40.8) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Valproate | -43.2 (-116.3 to 30.0) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Verapamil | -41.7 (-131.2 to 47.8) |
| % with aura | Atenolol | Vigabatrin | -43.5 (-133.0 to 46.0) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Dihydroergotamine | -21.0 (-105.5 to 63.4) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Divalproex | -4.0 (-93.5 to 85.5) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Fluoxetine | -22.6 (-112.1 to 66.9) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Gabapentin | -46.5 (-136.0 to 43.1) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Indobufen | 0.0 (-103.4 to 103.4) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Lamotrigine | -40.3 (-143.7 to 63.1) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Magnesium | -50.0 (-139.5 to 39.5) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Metoprolol | -50.0 (-139.5 to 39.5) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Nadolol | -84.4 (-187.8 to 19.0) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Nicardipine | -100.0 (-203.4 to 3.4) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Nimodipine | -27.2 (-116.7 to 62.3) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Pindolol | -50.0 (-153.4 to 53.4) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Propranolol | -55.3 (-132.8 to 22.3) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Timolol | -9.5 (-99.0 to 80.0) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Topiramate | -22.5 (-104.3 to 59.2) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Valproate | -43.2 (-132.7 to 46.4) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Verapamil | -41.7 (-145.1 to 61.7) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergocryptine | Vigabatrin | -43.5 (-146.9 to 59.9) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Divalproex | 17.0 (-49.7 to 83.8) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Fluoxetine | -1.6 (-68.3 to 65.2) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Gabapentin | -25.4 (-92.2 to 41.3) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Indobufen | 21.0 (-63.4 to 105.5) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Lamotrigine | -19.3 (-103.7 to 65.2) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Magnesium | -29.0 (-95.7 to 37.8) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Metoprolol | -29.0 (-95.7 to 37.8) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Nadolol | -63.4 (-147.8 to 21.1) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Nicardipine | -79.0 (-163.4 to 5.5) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Nimodipine | -6.2 (-72.9 to 60.6) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Pindolol | -29.0 (-113.4 to 55.5) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Propranolol | -34.2 (-83.7 to 15.3) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Timolol | 11.5 (-55.2 to 78.3) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Topiramate | -1.5 (-57.3 to 54.3) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Valproate | -22.1 (-88.9 to 44.6) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Verapamil | -20.7 (-105.1 to 63.8) |
| % with aura | Dihydroergotamine | Vigabatrin | -22.5 (-106.9 to 62.0) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Fluoxetine | -18.6 (-91.7 to 54.5) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Gabapentin | -42.5 (-115.6 to 30.7) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Indobufen | 4.0 (-85.5 to 93.5) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Lamotrigine | -36.3 (-125.8 to 53.2) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Magnesium | -46.0 (-119.1 to 27.1) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Metoprolol | -46.0 (-119.1 to 27.1) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Nadolol | -80.4 (-169.9 to 9.1) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Nicardipine | -96.0 (-185.5 to -6.5) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Nimodipine | -23.2 (-96.3 to 49.9) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Pindolol | -46.0 (-135.5 to 43.5) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Propranolol | -51.3 (-109.1 to 6.5) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Timolol | -5.5 (-78.6 to 67.6) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Topiramate | -18.5 (-81.8 to 44.8) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Valproate | -39.2 (-112.3 to 34.0) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Verapamil | -37.7 (-127.2 to 51.8) |
| % with aura | Divalproex | Vigabatrin | -39.5 (-129.0 to 50.0) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Gabapentin | -23.9 (-97.0 to 49.3) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Indobufen | 22.6 (-66.9 to 112.1) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Lamotrigine | -17.7 (-107.2 to 71.8) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Magnesium | -27.4 (-100.5 to 45.7) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Metoprolol | -27.4 (-100.5 to 45.7) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Nadolol | -61.8 (-151.3 to 27.7) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Nicardipine | -77.4 (-166.9 to 12.1) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Nimodipine | -4.6 (-77.7 to 68.5) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Pindolol | -27.4 (-116.9 to 62.1) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Propranolol | -32.7 (-90.5 to 25.1) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Timolol | 13.1 (-60.0 to 86.2) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Topiramate | 0.1 (-63.2 to 63.4) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Valproate | -20.6 (-93.7 to 52.6) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Verapamil | -19.1 (-108.6 to 70.4) |
| % with aura | Fluoxetine | Vigabatrin | -20.9 (-110.4 to 68.6) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Indobufen | 46.5 (-43.1 to 136.0) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Lamotrigine | 6.2 (-83.4 to 95.7) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Magnesium | -3.6 (-76.7 to 69.6) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Metoprolol | -3.6 (-76.7 to 69.6) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Nadolol | -38.0 (-127.5 to 51.6) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Nicardipine | -53.6 (-143.1 to 36.0) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Nimodipine | 19.3 (-53.9 to 92.4) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Pindolol | -3.6 (-93.1 to 86.0) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Propranolol | -8.8 (-66.6 to 49.0) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Timolol | 37.0 (-36.2 to 110.1) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Topiramate | 23.9 (-39.4 to 87.2) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Valproate | 3.3 (-69.8 to 76.4) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Verapamil | 4.8 (-84.8 to 94.3) |
| % with aura | Gabapentin | Vigabatrin | 3.0 (-86.6 to 92.5) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Lamotrigine | -40.3 (-143.7 to 63.1) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Magnesium | -50.0 (-139.5 to 39.5) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Metoprolol | -50.0 (-139.5 to 39.5) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Nadolol | -84.4 (-187.8 to 19.0) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Nicardipine | -100.0 (-203.4 to 3.4) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Nimodipine | -27.2 (-116.7 to 62.3) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Pindolol | -50.0 (-153.4 to 53.4) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| % with aura | Indobufen | Propranolol | -55.3 (-132.8 to 22.3) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Timolol | -9.5 (-99.0 to 80.0) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Topiramate | -22.5 (-104.3 to 59.2) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Valproate | -43.2 (-132.7 to 46.4) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Verapamil | -41.7 (-145.1 to 61.7) |
| % with aura | Indobufen | Vigabatrin | -43.5 (-146.9 to 59.9) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Magnesium | -9.7 (-99.2 to 79.8) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Metoprolol | -9.7 (-99.2 to 79.8) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Nadolol | -44.1 (-147.5 to 59.3) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Nicardipine | -59.7 (-163.1 to 43.7) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Nimodipine | 13.1 (-76.4 to 102.6) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Pindolol | -9.7 (-113.1 to 93.7) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Propranolol | -15.0 (-92.5 to 62.6) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Timolol | 30.8 (-58.7 to 120.3) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Topiramate | 17.8 (-64.0 to 99.5) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Valproate | -2.9 (-92.4 to 86.7) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Verapamil | -1.4 (-104.8 to 102.0) |
| % with aura | Lamotrigine | Vigabatrin | -3.2 (-106.6 to 100.2) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Nadolol | -34.4 (-123.9 to 55.1) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Nicardipine | -50.0 (-139.5 to 39.5) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Nimodipine | 22.8 (-50.3 to 95.9) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Pindolol | 0.0 (-89.5 to 89.5) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Propranolol | -5.3 (-63.1 to 52.5) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Timolol | 40.5 (-32.6 to 113.6) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Topiramate | 27.5 (-35.8 to 90.8) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Valproate | 6.9 (-66.3 to 80.0) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Verapamil | 8.3 (-81.2 to 97.8) |
| % with aura | Magnesium | Vigabatrin | 6.5 (-83.0 to 96.0) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Magnesium | 0.0 (-73.1 to 73.1) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Nadolol | -34.4 (-123.9 to 55.1) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Nicardipine | -50.0 (-139.5 to 39.5) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Nimodipine | 22.8 (-50.3 to 95.9) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Pindolol | 0.0 (-89.5 to 89.5) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Propranolol | -5.3 (-63.1 to 52.5) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Timolol | 40.5 (-32.6 to 113.6) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Topiramate | 27.5 (-35.8 to 90.8) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Valproate | 6.9 (-66.3 to 80.0) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Verapamil | 8.3 (-81.2 to 97.8) |
| % with aura | Metoprolol | Vigabatrin | 6.5 (-83.0 to 96.0) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Nicardipine | -15.6 (-119.0 to 87.8) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Nimodipine | 57.2 (-32.3 to 146.7) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Pindolol | 34.4 (-69.0 to 137.8) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Propranolol | 29.1 (-48.4 to 106.7) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Timolol | 74.9 (-14.6 to 164.4) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Topiramate | 61.9 (-19.9 to 143.6) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Valproate | 41.3 (-48.3 to 130.8) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Verapamil | 42.7 (-60.7 to 146.1) |
| % with aura | Nadolol | Vigabatrin | 40.9 (-62.5 to 144.3) |
| % with aura | Nicardipine | Nimodipine | 72.8 (-16.7 to 162.3) |
| % with aura | Nicardipine | Pindolol | 50.0 (-53.4 to 153.4) |
| % with aura | Nicardipine | Propranolol | 44.7 (-32.8 to 122.3) |
| % with aura | Nicardipine | Timolol | 90.5 (1.0 to 180.0) |
| % with aura | Nicardipine | Topiramate | 77.5 (-4.3 to 159.2) |
| % with aura | Nicardipine | Valproate | 56.9 (-32.7 to 146.4) |
| % with aura | Nicardipine | Verapamil | 58.3 (-45.1 to 161.7) |
| % with aura | Nicardipine | Vigabatrin | 56.5 (-46.9 to 159.9) |
| % with aura | Nimodipine | Pindolol | -22.8 (-112.3 to 66.7) |
| % with aura | Nimodipine | Propranolol | -28.1 (-85.9 to 29.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| % with aura | Nimodipine | Timolol | 17.7 (-55.4 to 90.8) |
| % with aura | Nimodipine | Topiramate | 4.7 (-58.6 to 68.0) |
| % with aura | Nimodipine | Valproate | -16.0 (-89.1 to 57.2) |
| % with aura | Nimodipine | Verapamil | -14.5 (-104.0 to 75.0) |
| % with aura | Nimodipine | Vigabatrin | -16.3 (-105.8 to 73.2) |
| % with aura | Pindolol | Propranolol | -5.3 (-82.8 to 72.3) |
| % with aura | Pindolol | Timolol | 40.5 (-49.0 to 130.0) |
| % with aura | Pindolol | Topiramate | 27.5 (-54.3 to 109.2) |
| % with aura | Pindolol | Valproate | 6.9 (-82.7 to 96.4) |
| % with aura | Pindolol | Verapamil | 8.3 (-95.1 to 111.7) |
| % with aura | Pindolol | Vigabatrin | 6.5 (-96.9 to 109.9) |
| % with aura | Propranolol | Timolol | 45.8 (-12.0 to 103.6) |
| % with aura | Propranolol | Topiramate | 32.7 (-12.0 to 77.5) |
| % with aura | Propranolol | Valproate | 12.1 (-45.7 to 69.9) |
| % with aura | Propranolol | Verapamil | 13.6 (-64.0 to 91.1) |
| % with aura | Propranolol | Vigabatrin | 11.8 (-65.8 to 89.3) |
| % with aura | Timolol | Topiramate | -13.0 (-76.3 to 50.3) |
| % with aura | Timolol | Valproate | -33.7 (-106.8 to 39.5) |
| % with aura | Timolol | Verapamil | -32.2 (-121.7 to 57.3) |
| % with aura | Timolol | Vigabatrin | -34.0 (-123.5 to 55.5) |
| % with aura | Topiramate | Valproate | -20.6 (-83.9 to 42.7) |
| % with aura | Topiramate | Verapamil | -19.2 (-100.9 to 62.6) |
| % with aura | Topiramate | Vigabatrin | -21.0 (-102.7 to 60.8) |
| % with aura | Valproate | Verapamil | 1.5 (-88.1 to 91.0) |
| % with aura | Valproate | Vigabatrin | -0.4 (-89.9 to 89.2) |
| % with aura | Verapamil | Vigabatrin | -1.8 (-105.2 to 101.6) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Amitriptyline | -31.3 (-63.9 to 1.4) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Candesartan | -5.0 (-42.7 to 32.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Carbamazepine | -6.3 (-44.0 to 31.4) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Clonidine | -22.5 (-50.5 to 5.4) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Dihydroergotamine | -0.4 (-31.1 to 30.4) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Divalproex | -1.8 (-34.5 to 30.8) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Femoxetine | -24.1 (-53.9 to 5.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Fluoxetine | -22.2 (-51.9 to 7.6) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Gabapentin | -2.0 (-32.8 to 28.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Guanfacine | -8.0 (-45.7 to 29.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Lamotrigine | 0.0 (-37.7 to 37.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Lisinopril | -22.0 (-59.7 to 15.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Lisuride | 0.0 (-37.7 to 37.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Magnesium | -23.0 (-53.8 to 7.8) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Methysergide | -32.4 (-70.1 to 5.3) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Mianserin | -10.5 (-48.2 to 27.2) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Montelukast | -2.2 (-39.9 to 35.5) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Naproxen sodium | -15.0 (-52.7 to 22.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Nicardipine | -14.0 (-51.7 to 23.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Nifedipine | -22.0 (-59.7 to 15.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Nimodipine | -17.7 (-47.5 to 12.1) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Oxcarbazepine | -3.5 (-41.2 to 34.2) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Propranolol | -14.4 (-42.5 to 13.6) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Telmisartan | -17.0 (-54.7 to 20.7) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Tonabersat | -5.1 (-42.8 to 32.6) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Valproate | -3.5 (-36.1 to 29.1) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Verapamil | -34.0 (-66.6 to -1.4) |
| % loss to followup | Acetazolamide | Vigabatrin | 0.0 (-37.7 to 37.7) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Candesartan | 26.3 (-6.4 to 58.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Carbamazepine | 25.0 (-7.7 to 57.6) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Clonidine | 8.7 (-11.9 to 29.4) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Dihydroergotamine | 30.9 (6.6 to 55.2) |

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|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Divalproex | 29.4 (2.8 to 56.1) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Femoxetine | 7.1 (-15.9 to 30.2) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Fluoxetine | 9.1 (-14.0 to 32.2) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Gabapentin | 29.2 (4.9 to 53.5) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Guanfacine | 23.3 (-9.4 to 55.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Lamotrigine | 31.3 (-1.4 to 63.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Lisinopril | 9.3 (-23.4 to 41.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Lisuride | 31.3 (-1.4 to 63.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Magnesium | 8.3 (-16.1 to 32.6) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Methysergide | -1.2 (-33.8 to 31.5) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Mianserin | 20.8 (-11.9 to 53.4) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Montelukast | 29.1 (-3.6 to 61.7) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Naproxen sodium | 16.3 (-16.4 to 48.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Nicardipine | 17.3 (-15.4 to 49.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Nifedipine | 9.3 (-23.4 to 41.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Nimodipine | 13.6 (-9.5 to 36.6) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Oxcarbazepine | 27.8 (-4.9 to 60.4) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Propranolol | 16.8 (-4.0 to 37.6) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Telmisartan | 14.3 (-18.4 to 46.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Tonabersat | 26.2 (-6.5 to 58.8) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Valproate | 27.8 (1.1 to 54.4) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Verapamil | -2.8 (-29.4 to 23.9) |
| % loss to followup | Amitriptyline | Vigabatrin | 31.3 (-1.4 to 63.9) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Carbamazepine | -1.3 (-39.0 to 36.4) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Clonidine | -17.5 (-45.5 to 10.4) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Dihydroergotamine | 4.6 (-26.1 to 35.4) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Divalproex | 3.2 (-29.5 to 35.8) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Femoxetine | -19.1 (-48.9 to 10.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Fluoxetine | -17.2 (-46.9 to 12.6) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Gabapentin | 3.0 (-27.8 to 33.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Guanfacine | -3.0 (-40.7 to 34.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Lamotrigine | 5.0 (-32.7 to 42.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Lisinopril | -17.0 (-54.7 to 20.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Lisuride | 5.0 (-32.7 to 42.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Magnesium | -18.0 (-48.8 to 12.8) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Methysergide | -27.4 (-65.1 to 10.3) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Mianserin | -5.5 (-43.2 to 32.2) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Montelukast | 2.8 (-34.9 to 40.5) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Naproxen sodium | -10.0 (-47.7 to 27.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Nicardipine | -9.0 (-46.7 to 28.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Nifedipine | -17.0 (-54.7 to 20.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Nimodipine | -12.7 (-42.5 to 17.1) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Oxcarbazepine | 1.5 (-36.2 to 39.2) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Propranolol | -9.4 (-37.5 to 18.6) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Telmisartan | -12.0 (-49.7 to 25.7) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Tonabersat | -0.1 (-37.8 to 37.6) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Valproate | 1.5 (-31.1 to 34.1) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Verapamil | -29.0 (-61.6 to 3.6) |
| % loss to followup | Candesartan | Vigabatrin | 5.0 (-32.7 to 42.7) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Clonidine | -16.2 (-44.2 to 11.7) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Dihydroergotamine | 5.9 (-24.8 to 36.7) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Divalproex | 4.5 (-28.2 to 37.1) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Femoxetine | -17.8 (-47.6 to 12.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Fluoxetine | -15.9 (-45.6 to 13.9) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Gabapentin | 4.3 (-26.5 to 35.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Guanfacine | -1.7 (-39.4 to 36.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Lamotrigine | 6.3 (-31.4 to 44.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Lisinopril | -15.7 (-53.4 to 22.0) |

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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Lisuride | 6.3 (-31.4 to 44.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Magnesium | -16.7 (-47.5 to 14.1) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Methysergide | -26.1 (-63.8 to 11.6) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Mianserin | -4.2 (-41.9 to 33.5) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Montelukast | 4.1 (-33.6 to 41.8) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Naproxen sodium | -8.7 (-46.4 to 29.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Nicardipine | -7.7 (-45.4 to 30.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Nifedipine | -15.7 (-53.4 to 22.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Nimodipine | -11.4 (-41.2 to 18.4) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Oxcarbazepine | 2.8 (-34.9 to 40.5) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Propranolol | -8.1 (-36.2 to 19.9) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Telmisartan | -10.7 (-48.4 to 27.0) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Tonabersat | 1.2 (-36.5 to 38.9) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Valproate | 2.8 (-29.8 to 35.4) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Verapamil | -27.7 (-60.3 to 4.9) |
| % loss to followup | Carbamazepine | Vigabatrin | 6.3 (-31.4 to 44.0) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Dihydroergotamine | 22.2 (4.6 to 39.7) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Divalproex | 20.7 (0.1 to 41.3) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Femoxetine | -1.6 (-17.4 to 14.2) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Fluoxetine | 0.4 (-15.4 to 16.1) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Gabapentin | 20.5 (3.0 to 38.0) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Guanfacine | 14.5 (-13.4 to 42.5) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Lamotrigine | 22.5 (-5.4 to 50.5) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Lisinopril | 0.5 (-27.4 to 28.5) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Lisuride | 22.5 (-5.4 to 50.5) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Magnesium | -0.5 (-18.0 to 17.1) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Methysergide | -9.9 (-37.8 to 18.1) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Mianserin | 12.0 (-15.9 to 40.0) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Montelukast | 20.3 (-7.6 to 48.3) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Naproxen sodium | 7.5 (-20.4 to 35.5) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Nicardipine | 8.5 (-19.4 to 36.5) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Nifedipine | 0.5 (-27.4 to 28.5) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Nimodipine | 4.9 (-10.9 to 20.6) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Oxcarbazepine | 19.0 (-8.9 to 47.0) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Propranolol | 8.1 (-4.2 to 20.3) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Telmisartan | 5.5 (-22.4 to 33.5) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Tonabersat | 17.4 (-10.5 to 45.4) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Valproate | 19.0 (-1.6 to 39.7) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Verapamil | -11.5 (-32.1 to 9.2) |
| % loss to followup | Clonidine | Vigabatrin | 22.5 (-5.4 to 50.5) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Divalproex | -1.5 (-25.8 to 22.9) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Femoxetine | -23.8 (-44.1 to -3.4) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Fluoxetine | -21.8 (-42.1 to -1.4) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Gabapentin | -1.7 (-23.4 to 20.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Guanfacine | -7.6 (-38.4 to 23.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Lamotrigine | 0.4 (-30.4 to 31.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Lisinopril | -21.6 (-52.4 to 9.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Lisuride | 0.4 (-30.4 to 31.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Magnesium | -22.6 (-44.4 to -0.9) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Methysergide | -32.0 (-62.8 to -1.3) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Mianserin | -10.1 (-40.9 to 20.6) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Montelukast | -1.8 (-32.6 to 28.9) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Naproxen sodium | -14.6 (-45.4 to 16.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Nicardipine | -13.6 (-44.4 to 17.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Nifedipine | -21.6 (-52.4 to 9.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Nimodipine | -17.3 (-37.7 to 3.0) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Oxcarbazepine | -3.1 (-33.9 to 27.6) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Propranolol | -14.1 (-31.8 to 3.7) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Telmisartan | -16.6 (-47.4 to 14.1) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Tonabersat | -4.7 (-35.5 to 26.0) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Valproate | -3.1 (-27.5 to 21.2) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Verapamil | -33.6 (-58.0 to -9.3) |
| % loss to followup | Dihydroergotamine | Vigabatrin | 0.4 (-30.4 to 31.1) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Femoxetine | -22.3 (-45.4 to 0.8) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Fluoxetine | -20.3 (-43.4 to 2.7) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Gabapentin | -0.2 (-24.5 to 24.1) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Guanfacine | -6.2 (-38.8 to 26.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Lamotrigine | 1.8 (-30.8 to 34.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Lisinopril | -20.2 (-52.8 to 12.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Lisuride | 1.8 (-30.8 to 34.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Magnesium | -21.2 (-45.5 to 3.1) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Methysergide | -30.6 (-63.2 to 2.1) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Mianserin | -8.7 (-41.3 to 24.0) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Montelukast | -0.4 (-33.0 to 32.3) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Naproxen sodium | -13.2 (-45.8 to 19.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Nicardipine | -12.2 (-44.8 to 20.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Nifedipine | -20.2 (-52.8 to 12.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Nimodipine | -15.9 (-38.9 to 7.2) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Oxcarbazepine | -1.7 (-34.3 to 31.0) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Propranolol | -12.6 (-33.4 to 8.2) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Telmisartan | -15.2 (-47.8 to 17.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Tonabersat | -3.3 (-35.9 to 29.4) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Valproate | -1.7 (-28.3 to 25.0) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Verapamil | -32.2 (-58.8 to -5.5) |
| % loss to followup | Divalproex | Vigabatrin | 1.8 (-30.8 to 34.5) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Fluoxetine | 2.0 (-16.9 to 20.8) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Gabapentin | 22.1 (1.7 to 42.4) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Guanfacine | 16.1 (-13.7 to 45.9) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Lamotrigine | 24.1 (-5.7 to 53.9) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Lisinopril | 2.1 (-27.7 to 31.9) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Lisuride | 24.1 (-5.7 to 53.9) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Magnesium | 1.1 (-19.2 to 21.5) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Methysergide | -8.3 (-38.1 to 21.5) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Mianserin | 13.6 (-16.2 to 43.4) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Montelukast | 21.9 (-7.9 to 51.7) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Naproxen sodium | 9.1 (-20.7 to 38.9) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Nicardipine | 10.1 (-19.7 to 39.9) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Nifedipine | 2.1 (-27.7 to 31.9) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Nimodipine | 6.5 (-12.4 to 25.3) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Oxcarbazepine | 20.6 (-9.2 to 50.4) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Propranolol | 9.7 (-6.3 to 25.7) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Telmisartan | 7.1 (-22.7 to 36.9) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Tonabersat | 19.0 (-10.8 to 48.8) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Valproate | 20.6 (-2.4 to 43.7) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Verapamil | -9.9 (-32.9 to 13.2) |
| % loss to followup | Femoxetine | Vigabatrin | 24.1 (-5.7 to 53.9) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Gabapentin | 20.1 (-0.2 to 40.5) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Guanfacine | 14.2 (-15.6 to 43.9) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Lamotrigine | 22.2 (-7.6 to 51.9) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Lisinopril | 0.2 (-29.6 to 29.9) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Lisuride | 22.2 (-7.6 to 51.9) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Magnesium | -0.9 (-21.2 to 19.5) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Methysergide | -10.3 (-40.0 to 19.5) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Mianserin | 11.7 (-18.1 to 41.4) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Montelukast | 20.0 (-9.8 to 49.7) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Naproxen sodium | 7.2 (-22.6 to 36.9) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Nicardipine | 8.2 (-21.6 to 37.9) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Nifedipine | 0.2 (-29.6 to 29.9) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Nimodipine | 4.5 (-14.4 to 23.3) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Oxcarbazepine | 18.7 (-11.1 to 48.4) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Propranolol | 7.7 (-8.3 to 23.7) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Telmisartan | 5.2 (-24.6 to 34.9) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Tonabersat | 17.1 (-12.7 to 46.8) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Valproate | 18.7 (-4.4 to 41.7) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Verapamil | -11.9 (-34.9 to 11.2) |
| % loss to followup | Fluoxetine | Vigabatrin | 22.2 (-7.6 to 51.9) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Guanfacine | -6.0 (-36.7 to 24.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Lamotrigine | 2.0 (-28.7 to 32.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Lisinopril | -20.0 (-50.7 to 10.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Lisuride | 2.0 (-28.7 to 32.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Magnesium | -21.0 (-42.7 to 0.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Methysergide | -30.4 (-61.1 to 0.4) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Mianserin | -8.5 (-39.2 to 22.3) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Montelukast | -0.2 (-30.9 to 30.6) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Naproxen sodium | -13.0 (-43.7 to 17.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Nicardipine | -12.0 (-42.7 to 18.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Nifedipine | -20.0 (-50.7 to 10.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Nimodipine | -15.6 (-36.0 to 4.7) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Oxcarbazepine | -1.5 (-32.2 to 29.3) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Propranolol | -12.4 (-30.2 to 5.4) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Telmisartan | -15.0 (-45.7 to 15.8) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Tonabersat | -3.1 (-33.8 to 27.7) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Valproate | -1.5 (-25.8 to 22.9) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Verapamil | -32.0 (-56.3 to -7.6) |
| % loss to followup | Gabapentin | Vigabatrin | 2.0 (-28.7 to 32.8) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Lamotrigine | 8.0 (-29.7 to 45.7) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Lisinopril | -14.0 (-51.7 to 23.7) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Lisuride | 8.0 (-29.7 to 45.7) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Magnesium | -15.0 (-45.8 to 15.8) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Methysergide | -24.4 (-62.1 to 13.3) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Mianserin | -2.5 (-40.2 to 35.2) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Montelukast | 5.8 (-31.9 to 43.5) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Naproxen sodium | -7.0 (-44.7 to 30.7) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Nicardipine | -6.0 (-43.7 to 31.7) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Nifedipine | -14.0 (-51.7 to 23.7) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Nimodipine | -9.7 (-39.5 to 20.1) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Oxcarbazepine | 4.5 (-33.2 to 42.2) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Propranolol | -6.4 (-34.5 to 21.6) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Telmisartan | -9.0 (-46.7 to 28.7) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Tonabersat | 2.9 (-34.8 to 40.6) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Valproate | 4.5 (-28.1 to 37.1) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Verapamil | -26.0 (-58.6 to 6.6) |
| % loss to followup | Guanfacine | Vigabatrin | 8.0 (-29.7 to 45.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Lisinopril | -22.0 (-59.7 to 15.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Lisuride | 0.0 (-37.7 to 37.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Magnesium | -23.0 (-53.8 to 7.8) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Methysergide | -32.4 (-70.1 to 5.3) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Mianserin | -10.5 (-48.2 to 27.2) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Montelukast | -2.2 (-39.9 to 35.5) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Naproxen sodium | -15.0 (-52.7 to 22.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Nicardipine | -14.0 (-51.7 to 23.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Nifedipine | -22.0 (-59.7 to 15.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Nimodipine | -17.7 (-47.5 to 12.1) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Oxcarbazepine | -3.5 (-41.2 to 34.2) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Propranolol | -14.4 (-42.5 to 13.6) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Telmisartan | -17.0 (-54.7 to 20.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Tonabersat | -5.1 (-42.8 to 32.6) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Valproate | -3.5 (-36.1 to 29.1) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Verapamil | -34.0 (-66.6 to -1.4) |
| % loss to followup | Lamotrigine | Vigabatrin | 0.0 (-37.7 to 37.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Lisuride | 22.0 (-15.7 to 59.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Magnesium | -1.0 (-31.8 to 29.8) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Methysergide | -10.4 (-48.1 to 27.3) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Mianserin | 11.5 (-26.2 to 49.2) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Montelukast | 19.8 (-17.9 to 57.5) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Naproxen sodium | 7.0 (-30.7 to 44.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Nicardipine | 8.0 (-29.7 to 45.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Nifedipine | 0.0 (-37.7 to 37.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Nimodipine | 4.3 (-25.5 to 34.1) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Oxcarbazepine | 18.5 (-19.2 to 56.2) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Propranolol | 7.6 (-20.5 to 35.6) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Telmisartan | 5.0 (-32.7 to 42.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Tonabersat | 16.9 (-20.8 to 54.6) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Valproate | 18.5 (-14.1 to 51.1) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Verapamil | -12.0 (-44.6 to 20.6) |
| % loss to followup | Lisinopril | Vigabatrin | 22.0 (-15.7 to 59.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Magnesium | -23.0 (-53.8 to 7.8) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Methysergide | -32.4 (-70.1 to 5.3) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Mianserin | -10.5 (-48.2 to 27.2) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Montelukast | -2.2 (-39.9 to 35.5) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Naproxen sodium | -15.0 (-52.7 to 22.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Nicardipine | -14.0 (-51.7 to 23.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Nifedipine | -22.0 (-59.7 to 15.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Nimodipine | -17.7 (-47.5 to 12.1) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Oxcarbazepine | -3.5 (-41.2 to 34.2) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Propranolol | -14.4 (-42.5 to 13.6) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Telmisartan | -17.0 (-54.7 to 20.7) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Tonabersat | -5.1 (-42.8 to 32.6) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Valproate | -3.5 (-36.1 to 29.1) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Verapamil | -34.0 (-66.6 to -1.4) |
| % loss to followup | Lisuride | Vigabatrin | 0.0 (-37.7 to 37.7) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Mianserin | 12.5 (-18.3 to 43.3) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Montelukast | 20.8 (-10.0 to 51.6) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Naproxen sodium | 8.0 (-22.8 to 38.8) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Nicardipine | 9.0 (-21.8 to 39.8) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Nifedipine | 1.0 (-29.8 to 31.8) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Nimodipine | 5.3 (-15.0 to 25.7) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Oxcarbazepine | 19.5 (-11.3 to 50.3) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Propranolol | 8.6 (-9.2 to 26.3) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Telmisartan | 6.0 (-24.8 to 36.8) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Tonabersat | 17.9 (-12.9 to 48.7) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Valproate | 19.5 (-4.8 to 43.8) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Verapamil | -11.0 (-35.3 to 13.3) |
| % loss to followup | Magnesium | Vigabatrin | 23.0 (-7.8 to 53.8) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Magnesium | 9.4 (-21.4 to 40.2) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Mianserin | 21.9 (-15.8 to 59.6) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Montelukast | 30.2 (-7.5 to 67.9) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Naproxen sodium | 17.4 (-20.3 to 55.1) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Nicardipine | 18.4 (-19.3 to 56.1) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Nifedipine | 10.4 (-27.3 to 48.1) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Nimodipine | 14.7 (-15.1 to 44.5) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Oxcarbazepine | 28.9 (-8.8 to 66.6) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

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| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Propranolol | 18.0 (-10.1 to 46.0) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Telmisartan | 15.4 (-22.3 to 53.1) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Tonabersat | 27.3 (-10.4 to 65.0) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Valproate | 28.9 (-3.7 to 61.5) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Verapamil | -1.6 (-34.2 to 31.0) |
| % loss to followup | Methysergide | Vigabatrin | 32.4 (-5.3 to 70.1) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Montelukast | 8.3 (-29.4 to 46.0) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Naproxen sodium | -4.5 (-42.2 to 33.2) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Nicardipine | -3.5 (-41.2 to 34.2) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Nifedipine | -11.5 (-49.2 to 26.2) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Nimodipine | -7.2 (-37.0 to 22.6) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Oxcarbazepine | 7.0 (-30.7 to 44.7) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Propranolol | -3.9 (-32.0 to 24.1) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Telmisartan | -6.5 (-44.2 to 31.2) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Tonabersat | 5.4 (-32.3 to 43.1) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Valproate | 7.0 (-25.6 to 39.6) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Verapamil | -23.5 (-56.1 to 9.1) |
| % loss to followup | Mianserin | Vigabatrin | 10.5 (-27.2 to 48.2) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Naproxen sodium | -12.8 (-50.5 to 24.9) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Nicardipine | -11.8 (-49.5 to 25.9) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Nifedipine | -19.8 (-57.5 to 17.9) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Nimodipine | -15.5 (-45.3 to 14.3) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Oxcarbazepine | -1.3 (-39.0 to 36.4) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Propranolol | -12.2 (-40.3 to 15.8) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Telmisartan | -14.8 (-52.5 to 22.9) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Tonabersat | -2.9 (-40.6 to 34.8) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Valproate | -1.3 (-33.9 to 31.3) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Verapamil | -31.8 (-64.4 to 0.8) |
| % loss to followup | Montelukast | Vigabatrin | 2.2 (-35.5 to 39.9) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Nicardipine | 1.0 (-36.7 to 38.7) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Nifedipine | -7.0 (-44.7 to 30.7) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Nimodipine | -2.7 (-32.5 to 27.1) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Oxcarbazepine | 11.5 (-26.2 to 49.2) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Propranolol | 0.6 (-27.5 to 28.6) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Telmisartan | -2.0 (-39.7 to 35.7) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Tonabersat | 9.9 (-27.8 to 47.6) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Valproate | 11.5 (-21.1 to 44.1) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Verapamil | -19.0 (-51.6 to 13.6) |
| % loss to followup | Naproxen sodium | Vigabatrin | 15.0 (-22.7 to 52.7) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Nifedipine | -8.0 (-45.7 to 29.7) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Nimodipine | -3.7 (-33.5 to 26.1) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Oxcarbazepine | 10.5 (-27.2 to 48.2) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Propranolol | -0.4 (-28.5 to 27.6) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Telmisartan | -3.0 (-40.7 to 34.7) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Tonabersat | 8.9 (-28.8 to 46.6) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Valproate | 10.5 (-22.1 to 43.1) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Verapamil | -20.0 (-52.6 to 12.6) |
| % loss to followup | Nicardipine | Vigabatrin | 14.0 (-23.7 to 51.7) |
| % loss to followup | Nifedipine | Nimodipine | 4.3 (-25.5 to 34.1) |
| % loss to followup | Nifedipine | Oxcarbazepine | 18.5 (-19.2 to 56.2) |
| % loss to followup | Nifedipine | Propranolol | 7.6 (-20.5 to 35.6) |
| % loss to followup | Nifedipine | Telmisartan | 5.0 (-32.7 to 42.7) |
| % loss to followup | Nifedipine | Tonabersat | 16.9 (-20.8 to 54.6) |
| % loss to followup | Nifedipine | Valproate | 18.5 (-14.1 to 51.1) |
| % loss to followup | Nifedipine | Verapamil | -12.0 (-44.6 to 20.6) |
| % loss to followup | Nifedipine | Vigabatrin | 22.0 (-15.7 to 59.7) |
| % loss to followup | Nimodipine | Oxcarbazepine | 14.2 (-15.6 to 44.0) |
| % loss to followup | Nimodipine | Propranolol | 3.2 (-12.8 to 19.2) |

Appendix Table D6. Differences in subject characteristics in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of the drugs for migraine prevention in adults (differences are statistically significant when 95% CI do not include 0) (continued)

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| % loss to followup | Nimodipine | Telmisartan | 0.7 (-29.1 to 30.5) |
| % loss to followup | Nimodipine | Tonabersat | 12.6 (-17.2 to 42.4) |
| % loss to followup | Nimodipine | Valproate | 14.2 (-8.9 to 37.2) |
| % loss to followup | Nimodipine | Verapamil | -16.3 (-39.4 to 6.7) |
| % loss to followup | Nimodipine | Vigabatrin | 17.7 (-12.1 to 47.5) |
| % loss to followup | Oxcarbazepine | Propranolol | -10.9 (-39.0 to 17.1) |
| % loss to followup | Oxcarbazepine | Telmisartan | -13.5 (-51.2 to 24.2) |
| % loss to followup | Oxcarbazepine | Tonabersat | -1.6 (-39.3 to 36.1) |
| % loss to followup | Oxcarbazepine | Valproate | 0.0 (-32.6 to 32.6) |
| % loss to followup | Oxcarbazepine | Verapamil | -30.5 (-63.1 to 2.1) |
| % loss to followup | Oxcarbazepine | Vigabatrin | 3.5 (-34.2 to 41.2) |
| % loss to followup | Propranolol | Telmisartan | -2.6 (-30.6 to 25.5) |
| % loss to followup | Propranolol | Tonabersat | 9.3 (-18.7 to 37.4) |
| % loss to followup | Propranolol | Valproate | 10.9 (-9.9 to 31.8) |
| % loss to followup | Propranolol | Verapamil | -19.6 (-40.4 to 1.3) |
| % loss to followup | Propranolol | Vigabatrin | 14.4 (-13.6 to 42.5) |
| % loss to followup | Telmisartan | Tonabersat | 11.9 (-25.8 to 49.6) |
| % loss to followup | Telmisartan | Valproate | 13.5 (-19.1 to 46.1) |
| % loss to followup | Telmisartan | Verapamil | -17.0 (-49.6 to 15.6) |
| % loss to followup | Telmisartan | Vigabatrin | 17.0 (-20.7 to 54.7) |
| % loss to followup | Tonabersat | Valproate | 1.6 (-31.0 to 34.2) |
| % loss to followup | Tonabersat | Verapamil | -28.9 (-61.5 to 3.7) |
| % loss to followup | Tonabersat | Vigabatrin | 5.1 (-32.6 to 42.8) |
| % loss to followup | Valproate | Verapamil | -30.5 (-57.1 to -3.9) |
| % loss to followup | Valproate | Vigabatrin | 3.5 (-29.1 to 36.1) |
| % loss to followup | Verapamil | Vigabatrin | 34.0 (1.4 to 66.6) |

Appendix Table D7. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials of drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| | Adequate Allocation Concealment | Unclear Allocation Concealment | Randomization Adequate | Unclear Adequacy of Randomization | Randomized Inadequate | Planned Intention to-treat | No Planned Intention to-treat | Double Blind | Single Blind | Open Label | Low ROB | Medium ROB | High ROB | Unclear ROB | Total |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Topiramate* | 6 | 21 | 15 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 25 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| Divalproex* | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Propranolol* | 1 | 44 | 13 | 32 | 0 | 6 | 39 | 39 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 34 | 5 | 0 | 45 |
| Timolol* | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Acetazolamide | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gabapentin | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Lamotrigine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Valproate | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Vigabatrin | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Carbamazepine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Alprenolol | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Atenolol | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Bisoprolol | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Metoprolol | 0 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Nadolol | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Pindolol | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Acebutolol | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Amitriptyline | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Femoxetine | 0 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Fluoxetine | 0 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Fluvoxamine | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Venlafaxine | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Mianserin | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Captopril | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lisinopril | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Candesartan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Telmisartan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Nifedipine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nimodipine | 0 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Verapamil | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Nicardipine | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Clonidine | 0 | 14 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| Guanfacine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dihydroergocryptine | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |

Appendix Table D7. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials of drugs for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| | Adequate Allocation Concealment | Unclear Allocation Concealment | Randomization Adequate | Unclear Adequacy of Randomization | Randomized Inadequate | Planned Intention to-treat | No Planned Intention to-treat | Double Blind | Single Blind | Open Label | Low ROB | Medium ROB | High ROB | Unclear ROB | Total |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Dihydroergotamine | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Lisuride | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Methysergide | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Non -drug | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Aspirin | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Fenoprofen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Flurbiprofen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Indobufen | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Indomethacin | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Induprofen | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ketoprofen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Naproxen | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Rofecoxib | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tolfenamic Acid | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Magnesium | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Montelukast | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tizanidine | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tonabersat | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|----|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Total | 14 | 206 | 87 | 111 | 22 | 53 | 167 | 188 | 5 | 27 | 45 | 148 | 25 | 2 | 220** |
| % | 6.36 | 93.64 | 39.55 | 50.45 | 10 | 24.09 | 75.91 | 85.45 | 2.27 | 12.27 | 20.45 | 67.27 | 11.36 | 0.91 | 100 |

* approved drugs;**- 24 RCTs of flunarizine contributed to counts; ROB = risk of bias

Appendix Table D8. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Trial | Country | Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Mean Age | Definition of Migraine | % Without Aura | Duration of Migraine, Months | Baseline Severity | Treatment History |
|--|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Aurora, 2010 ¹ | PREEMPT NCT00156910 | North American | 679 [679] 87.5% women | 41.7 | ICHD-II (2004) section 1, migraine, with the exception of "complicated migraine" (i.e., hemiplegic migraine, basilar-type migraine, ophthalmoplegic migraine, migrainous infarction) | NR % without aura NR | 20.4 | Migraine episodes: 12.1 | % with prior preventive treatments 61.8 |
| Diener, 2010 ² Lipton, 2011 ³ | PREEMPT NCT00168428 | North America & 16 European | 705 [705] 85.4% women | 41 | ICHD-II (2004) section 1, migraine, with the exception of "complicated migraine" | NR % without aura NR | 18 | Migraine episodes: 12.1 | % with prior preventive treatments 65.1 |
| Saper, 2007 ⁴ | BoNTA-009 Study Group | USA | 232 [232] 85.8% women | 43.6 | Migraine headaches as defined by the International Headache Society criteria | Included % without aura NR | 23.8 | Migraines per month (historical): 5.7 | % with prior preventive treatments NR |
| Freitag, 2008 ⁵ | | USA | 60 [41] 73% women | 42.3 | Migraine episodes meeting the criteria 1.1 or 1.2 of the ICHD-I | NR % without aura NR | NR | Number of migraine episodes: 14.2 | % with prior preventive treatments NR |
| Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ | BOTOX Migraine Clinical Research Group | USA | 123 [123] 85.4% women | 44 | Migraine, International Headache Society guideline | Included % without aura NR | NR | Mean migraine frequency: 4.4 | % with prior preventive treatments NR |
| Elkind, 2006 ⁷ | BoNTA-024-026-036 Study Group | USA | 418 [418] 84.7% women | 44.1 | Migraine, International Headache Society guideline | Included % without aura 50 | 21 | Mean Migraine Headache Frequency: 5.5 | % with prior preventive treatments NR |
| Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ | NCT00258609* | Thailand | 128 [Vary] 94.4% women | 38.6 | International Headache Society | % without aura 100 | 8.2 | Migraine attacks per month: 5.1 | % with prior preventive |

Appendix Table D8. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Trial | Country | Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Mean Age | Definition of Migraine | % Without Aura | Duration of Migraine, Months | Baseline Severity | Treatment History |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | treatments 98.5 |
| Petri*, 2009 ⁹ | Dysport *Migraine Study Group | Germany | 127 [122] 83.6% women | 46.2 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura NR | 26.5 | Mean attack frequency per month: 4.8 | % with prior preventive treatments NR |
| Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ | BOTOX CDH Study Group | USA | 355 [355] 84.5% women | 43.5 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura NR | Years since onset of chronic daily headache : 14.5 | Frequency of migraines/probable migraines (month): 11 | % with prior preventive treatments 35.8 |
| Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ | | North American | 702 [702] 82.9% women | 43.4 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura NR | Years since onset of CDH: 13.7 | Frequency of migraines/probable migraines (month): 10.5 | % with prior preventive treatments 49.6 |
| Anand, 2006 ¹² | | India | 32 [32] 75% women | NR | International Headache Society | Included % without aura NR | NR | Mean number of headache days per month: 8.3 | % with prior preventive treatments NR |
| Cady, 2008 ¹³ | | USA | 59 [54] 85.2% women | 42.1 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura 40.6 | NR | Mean headache frequency=5.1; headache days=8.4 | % with prior preventive treatments 100 |
| Vo, 2007 ¹⁴ | Walter Reed Army Medical Center Neurology trial | USA | 32 [32] 84.4% women | 42.4 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura NR | 19.5 | Mean migraine frequency (days): 19.4 | % with prior preventive treatments NR |
| Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ | BOTOX North American Episodic Migraine Study Group | North American | 369 [369] 89.2% women | 45 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura NR | 22.7 | Migraine headache episodes per month: 6.5 | % with prior preventive treatments 38.2 |
| Barrientos, 2003 ¹⁶ | | Chile (Unclear) | 30 [30] 80% women | 41.1 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura NR | 15.1 | Frequency of migraine attacks (month): 5.1 | % with prior preventive treatments NR |

Appendix Table D8. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Trial | Country | Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Mean Age | Definition of Migraine | % Without Aura | Duration of Migraine, Months | Baseline Severity | Treatment History |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ | European BoNTA Headache Study Group | European countries (Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, UK) | 515 [515] 87.9% women | 43.2 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura NR | Mean time since first migraine onset (years): 23.1 | Mean number of days of acute medication use: 6.2 | % with prior preventive treatments 57.6 |

NR = not reported; * trials of abobotulinumtoxin A

Appendix Table D9. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Finance | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interest Disclosure |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|----------------------|--|
| Aurora, 2010 ¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | SKA has received grants and research support from Advanced Bionics, Alexza, Allergan, Capnia, GlaxoSmithKline, MAP pharmaceuticals, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, Neuralieive, NuPathe and Takeda. She is a consultant for Ortho-McNeil, Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Allergan, Neuralieive, NuPathe and MAP Pharmaceuticals. She has also received honoraria from Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Kowa, NuPathe and Ortho-McNeil. DWD has received honoraria from Allergan, Merck, Neuralieive, Coherex, Kowa, Minster, NeurAxon, H Lundbeck, Endo, Pfizer, Nupathe and MAP Pharmaceuticals, in addition to being a consultant to and on the advisory board of these pharmaceutical companies. He has also received funding from Advanced Neurostimulation Systems, St. Jude Medical Center and Medtronic. CCT, RED and MFB are employees of Allergan, and own stock in the company. SDS and RBL have received honoraria and research funding from Allergan, in addition to being consultants to and on the advisory board of Allergan. HCD has received honoraria for participation in clinical trials, contribution to advisory boards, or oral presentations from Addex Pharma, Allergan, Almirall, AstraZeneca, Bayer Vital, Berlin Chemie, CoLucid, Bohringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Grunenthal, Janssen-Cilag, Lilly, La Roche, 3M Medica, Minster, MSD, Novartis, Johnson & Johnson, Pierre Fabre, Pfizer, Schaper and Brummer, Sanofi-Aventis and Weber & Weber. He has also received financial support for research projects from Allergan, Almirall, AstraZeneca, Bayer, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen-Cilag, and Pfizer. Headache research at the Department of Neurology in Essen, where HCD is Professor, is supported by the German Research Council (DFG), the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), and the European Union. |
| Diener, 2010 ² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | HCD has received honoraria for participation in clinical trials, contribution to advisory boards and/or oral presentations from Addex Pharma, Allergan, Almirall, AstraZeneca, Bayer Vital, Berlin Chemie, CoLucid, Bohringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Grunenthal, Janssen-Cilag, Lilly, La Roche, 3M Medica, Minster, MSD, Novartis, Johnson & Johnson, Pierre Fabre, Pfizer, Schaper and Brummer, Sanofi-Aventis and Weber & Weber. He has also received financial support for research projects from Allergan, Almirall, AstraZeneca, Bayer, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen-Cilag and Pfizer. Headache research at the Department of Neurology in Essen, where HCD is professor, is supported by the German Research Council (DFG), the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the European Union. DWD has received honoraria from Allergan, Merck, Neuralieive, Coherex, Kowa, Minster, NeurAxon, H Lundbeck, Endo, Pfizer, Nupathe and MAP Pharmaceuticals, in addition to being a consultant to and on the advisory board of these pharmaceutical companies. He has also received funding from Advanced Neurostimulation Systems, St. Jude Medical Center and Medtronic. SKA received grants and research support from Advanced Bionics, Alexza, Allergan, Capnia, GlaxoSmithKline, MAP Pharmaceuticals, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, Neuralieive, NuPathe and Takeda. She is a consultant for Ortho-McNeil, Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Allergan, |

Appendix Table D9. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Finance | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interest Disclosure |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | Neuralie, NuPathe and MAP Pharmaceuticals. She has also received honoraria from Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Kowa, NuPathe and Ortho-McNeil. CCT, RED and MFB are employees of Allergan, and own stock in the company. SDS and RBL have received honoraria and research funding from Allergan, in addition to being consultants to and on the advisory board of Allergan. |
| Saper, 2007 ⁴ | Industry | No | Yes | Yes | Two authors are employed by Allergan, Inc. |
| Freitag, 2008 ⁵ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Freitag has received grant support and consulting fees from Allergan. |
| Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | One author is employed by Allergan Inc, study funder. |
| Elkind, 2006 ⁷ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Two authors are employed by Allergan Inc, study funder. |
| Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | Industry | Yes | Yes | No | Not applicable |
| Petri*, 2009 ^{9*} | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | One of the authors (Ceballos-Baumann) has received honoraria for speeches from Ipsen Pharma and from other companies that manufacture botulinum toxin, |
| Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | R.Dimitrova, J.Gibson, and C.Turkel are employed by Allergan, Inc., and own stock in the company |
| Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Silberstein is on the advisory panel and speakers' bureau and receives research support from Allergan, Inc; Dr Stark has served as a principal investigator and sub investigator for Allergan, Inc, for the past 4 years. Dr Lucas is a consultant for Allergan, Inc. Dr Christie has received a research grant, consultancy fees, and honoraria from Allergan, Inc. Dr Turkel and Mr DeGryse are employed by and own stock in Allergan, Inc. |
| Anand, 2006 ¹² | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Cady, 2008 ¹³ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Vo, 2007 ¹⁴ | Grant | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Alexander Vo is an employee of Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (sponsor of the study) |
| Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Two authors are employed by Allergan, Inc, and own stock in the company. |
| Barrientos, 2003 ¹⁶ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Two authors are employed by Allergan, Inc. and own stock in the company. |

* Trials of abobotulinumtoxin A

Appendix Table D10. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking | Intention to Treat Planned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias | Other Biases |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Aurora, 2010 ¹ | Double blind | Yes | Adequate | No | Unclear | Medium | Mean headache episodes during baseline & Mean migraine episodes during baseline are statistically different between group |
| Diener, 2010 ² | Double blind | Yes | Adequate | Yes | Unclear | Low | |
| Saper, 2007 ⁴ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | |
| Freitag, 2008 ⁵ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Unclear (no tests conducted) | Unclear | Low | Poor reporting quality |
| Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | No | Unclear | Medium | Mean age differs by group: patients in vehicle group had higher mean age; Baseline frequencies of migraines of any severity were significantly lower in the 75-U BTX-A treatment group (4.40) than in the 25-U BTX-A (5.48) or vehicle (5.20) groups (P<.046). There was a statistically significant difference among groups in time since onset of migraines (P=0.001), with a greater mean time since onset in the vehicle (27.4 years) and 25-U BTX-A (23.4 years) groups than in the 75-U BTX-A group (16.9 years). |
| Elkind, 2006 ⁷ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes (See note) | Unclear | Low | |
| Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | ITT planned only for efficacy measures |
| Petri*, 2009 ^{9*} | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | No | Yes | High | Mean age differs by groups |
| Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | |
| Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | does not provide loss at follow-up |
| Anand, 2006 ¹² | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear (Table not provided, but | Unclear | Medium | Concern regarding baseline severity: in text, authors |

Appendix Table D10. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Masking | Intention to Treat Planned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias | Other Biases |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | | | authors mentioned "Demographic characteristics of patients in both the groups were comparable". | | | report mean number of headache days at baseline (4 moderate to severe headache in trt group vs. 12.6 in placebo group) |
| Cady, 2008 ¹³ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | |
| Vo, 2007 ¹⁴ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | Primary reason for attrition is attributable due the fluidity of personnel in a major military medical setting during a time of conflict |
| Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | No | Unclear | Medium | |
| Barrientos, 2003 ¹⁶ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | |
| Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | |

* Trials of abobotulinumtoxin A

Appendix Table D11. Strength of evidence of decrease in migraine frequency by $\geq 50\%$ with onabotulinumtoxin A

| Reference | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ | Medium | Yes | | | |
| Freitag, 2008 ⁵ | Low | Yes | | | |
| Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ | Low | Yes | | | |
| Overall | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |

Appendix Table D12. Decrease in migraine frequency by $\geq 50\%$ with onabotulinumtoxin A, pooled results from randomized controlled clinical trials, random effects models with inverse variance weights

| Duration of Active Treatment in Weeks | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight, Inverse Variance | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight, Inverse Variance |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12 weeks | Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ Medium | 19/42 | 5/21 | 1.9 (0.8 to 4.4) | 6.88 | 0.21 (-0.02 to 0.45) | 13.85 |
| 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 6/20 | 3/21 | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 3.1 | 0.16 (-0.09 to 0.41) | 12.33 |
| 24 weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 94/173 | 69/182 | 1.4 (1.1 to 1.8) | 90.02 | 0.16 (0.06 to 0.27) | 73.82 |
| 12-24 weeks | Pooled | 119/235 | 77/224 | 1.5 (1.2 to 1.8) | 100 | 0.17 (0.08 to 0.26) | 100 |
| Heterogeneity test | | | | P value=0.7 I squared=0% | | P value=0.9 I squared=0% | |

Bold = differences are statistically significant when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

Appendix Table D13. Migraine headache frequency (change from baseline) with onabotulinumtoxin A, pooled results from randomized controlled clinical trials, random effects models

| Reference | Dose, Weeks of Treatment | Sample in Active [Control] | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Ratio (95% CI) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Elkind, 2006 ⁷ | 7.5U 4 weeks | 105 [106] | -1.5 [2.6] | -1.3 [2.4] | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.2) | -0.2 (-0.9 to 0.5) | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.8) |
| | 7.5U 8 weeks | 105 [106] | -1.6 [2.2] | -1.4 [2.3] | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.2) | -0.2 (-0.8 to 0.4) | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.7) |
| | 7.5U 12 weeks | 105 [106] | -1.4 [2.6] | -1.2 [2.6] | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.2) | -0.1 (-0.8 to 0.6) | 1.1 (0.6 to 1.9) |
| | 7.5U 16 weeks | 105 [106] | -1.5 [2.6] | -1.5 [2.4] | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) | 0.0 (-0.7 to 0.7) | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.6) |
| | 25U 4 weeks | 101 [106] | -1.4 [2.2] | -1.3 [2.4] | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) | 0.0 (-0.7 to 0.6) | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.6) |
| | 25U 8 weeks | 101 [106] | -1.4 [2.7] | -1.4 [2.3] | 0.0 (-0.2 to 0.3) | 0.1 (-0.6 to 0.7) | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.6) |
| | 25U 12 weeks | 101 [106] | -1.3 [2.6] | -1.2 [2.6] | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.2) | -0.1 (-0.8 to 0.6) | 1.1 (0.6 to 1.9) |
| | 25U 16 weeks | 101 [106] | -1.0 [2.7] | -1.5 [2.4] | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) | 0.5 (-0.2 to 1.2) | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.2) |
| | 50U 4 weeks | 106.0 [106] | -1.1 [2.2] | -1.3 [2.4] | 0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4) | 0.2 (-0.4 to 0.8) | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.4) |
| | 50U 8 weeks | 106.0 [106] | -1.2 [2.4] | -1.4 [2.3] | 0.1 (-0.1 to 0.4) | 0.3 (-0.3 to 0.9) | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.3) |
| | 50U 12 weeks | 106.0 [106] | -1.4 [2.3] | -1.2 [2.6] | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.2) | -0.1 (-0.8 to 0.5) | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.9) |
| | 50U 16 weeks | 106.0 [106] | -1.6 [2.5] | -1.5 [2.4] | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.2) | -0.1 (-0.7 to 0.6) | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.6) |
| Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 43.0 [21] | 1.8 [3.2] | 2.2 [2.6] | -0.1 (-0.7 to 0.4) | -0.4 (-1.9 to 1.1) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.7) |
| | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 43.0 [21] | 2.0 [2.4] | 2.2 [2.6] | -0.1 (-0.6 to 0.4) | -0.3 (-1.6 to 1.0) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) |
| Pooled | | | | | 0.0 (-0.1 to 0.1) | 0.0 (-0.2 to 0.2) | -0.02 (-0.15 to 0.12) |

* trials of abobotulinumtoxin A

Appendix Table D14. Severity, disability, and quality of life with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Definition | Reference | Dose, Weeks of Treatment | Sample Active [Control] | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | P value | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Migraine Disability Assessment Scores (MIDAS) | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ | 100U 16weeks | 20.0 [21] | 51.0 [0.0] | 63.0 [0.0] | | 0.445 | |
| Headache Pain Specific QoL (no information on scale) | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ | 100U 16weeks | 20.0 [21] | 178.0 [0.0] | 191.0 [0.0] | | 0.078 | |
| Change in Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) from baseline | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -21.6 [38.7] | 4.8 [18.9] | -0.8 (-1.3 to -0.2) | | -26.4 (-41.1 to -11.7) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Global assessment | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 2.0 [1.4] | 0.9 [1.5] | 0.8 (0.2 to 1.3) | | 1.1 (0.3 to 1.9) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Effectiveness of non-Rx treatment | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 1.1 [1.2] | -0.3 [1.5] | 1.1 (0.5 to 1.7) | | 1.5 (0.7 to 2.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Effectiveness of Rx treatment | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 0.5 [1.6] | 0.4 [1.4] | 0.0 (-0.5 to 0.6) | | 0.1 (-0.7 to 0.9) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Effectiveness of current Treatment on frequency of migraine symptoms | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 1.4 [1.7] | 0.0 [1.3] | 0.9 (0.3 to 1.4) | | 1.4 (0.6 to 2.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Effectiveness of current Treatment on severity of migraine symptoms | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 1.5 [1.8] | 0.1 [1.4] | 0.9 (0.3 to 1.4) | | 1.4 (0.6 to 2.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Feelings with current preventive migraine treatment | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 1.7 [1.9] | 0.4 [1.9] | 0.7 (0.1 to 1.3) | | 1.3 (0.3 to 2.3) |

Appendix Table D14. Severity, disability, and quality of life with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Definition | Reference | Dose, Weeks of Treatment | Sample Active [Control] | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | P value | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Side effects of current preventive migraine treatment | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 1.7 [1.8] | 0.5 [1.6] | 0.7 (0.1 to 1.3) | | 1.2 (0.3 to 2.1) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Number of doses required for migraine preventive treatment | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 1.3 [2.0] | -0.2 [1.7] | 0.8 (0.2 to 1.3) | | 1.4 (0.5 to 2.4) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Overall effectiveness of current migraine preventive treatment | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 1.4 [2.1] | 0.1 [0.9] | 0.7 (0.2 to 1.3) | | 1.3 (0.5 to 2.1) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ): Ability to self-manage migraine symptoms | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | 1.0 [1.3] | -0.1 [1.3] | 0.8 (0.3 to 1.4) | | 1.1 (0.4 to 1.8) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Mood | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.5 [1.2] | -0.2 [1.1] | -0.3 (-0.8 to 0.3) | | -0.3 (-1.0 to 0.3) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Mood | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.8 [1.2] | -0.3 [1.1] | -0.4 (-1.0 to 0.1) | | -0.5 (-1.1 to 0.1) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Mood | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -1.1 [1.2] | -0.4 [0.9] | -0.7 (-1.2 to -0.1) | | -0.7 (-1.3 to -0.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Ability to walk or move about | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.5 [1.1] | -0.1 [1.1] | -0.3 (-0.9 to 0.2) | | -0.4 (-0.9 to 0.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Ability to walk or move about | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.7 [1.1] | 0.1 [0.9] | -0.8 (-1.3 to -0.2) | | -0.8 (-1.3 to -0.2) |

Appendix Table D14. Severity, disability, and quality of life with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Definition | Reference | Dose, Weeks of Treatment | Sample Active [Control] | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | P value | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Ability to walk or move about | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.6 [1.1] | 0.2 [0.8] | -0.8 (-1.3 to -0.2) | | -0.8 (-1.3 to -0.3) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Sleep | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.7 [1.3] | -0.4 [0.8] | -0.3 (-0.9 to 0.2) | | -0.4 (-0.9 to 0.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Sleep | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.8 [1.1] | -0.1 [1.2] | -0.6 (-1.2 to -0.1) | | -0.7 (-1.3 to -0.1) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Sleep | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.8 [1.0] | -0.2 [0.8] | -0.6 (-1.2 to -0.1) | | -0.6 (-1.1 to -0.1) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Normal work | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.7 [1.1] | -0.4 [0.9] | -0.4 (-0.9 to 0.2) | | -0.4 (-0.9 to 0.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Normal work | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.9 [1.1] | -0.1 [0.9] | -0.7 (-1.3 to -0.1) | | -0.8 (-1.3 to -0.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Normal work | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -1.1 [1.0] | -0.3 [0.8] | -0.8 (-1.4 to -0.2) | | -0.8 (-1.3 to -0.3) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Recreational activity | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.5 [1.1] | 0.1 [0.9] | -0.6 (-1.1 to 0.0) | | -0.6 (-1.1 to -0.1) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Recreational activity | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.6 [1.0] | 0.3 [1.0] | -0.9 (-1.5 to -0.3) | | -0.9 (-1.5 to -0.4) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Recreational activity | Cady, 2008¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.9 [1.0] | 0.2 [1.2] | -1.0 (-1.6 to -0.4) | | -1.1 (-1.7 to -0.5) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Enjoyment of life | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.6 [1.2] | -0.2 [1.0] | -0.3 (-0.9 to 0.2) | | -0.4 (-0.9 to 0.2) |
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Enjoyment of life | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -0.7 [1.3] | 0.0 [1.1] | -0.6 (-1.1 to 0.0) | | -0.7 (-1.3 to 0.0) |

Appendix Table D14. Severity, disability, and quality of life with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Definition | Reference | Dose, Weeks of Treatment | Sample Active [Control] | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | P value | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Change in Migraine Impact Questionnaire (MIQ)-QOL: Enjoyment of life | Cady, 2008 ¹³ | 139 U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 40.0 [19] | -1.0 [1.1] | -0.2 [1.1] | -0.7 (-1.3 to -0.1) | | -0.8 (-1.3 to -0.2) |
| Beck's Depression Inventory (BDI) | Petri*, 2009 ⁹ | 210U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 32.0 [32] | | | | No differences | |
| Beck's Depression Inventory (BDI) | Petri*, 2009 ⁹ | 80U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 32.0 [32] | | | | No differences | |
| Change from baseline in total Headache Impact Test-6 (HIT-6) score | Aurora, 2010 ¹ | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the course: week 1, week 12; open label three injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | 341.0 [338] | -4.7 [0.0] | -2.4 [0.0] | | <.001 | |
| Change from baseline in total Headache Impact Test-6 (HIT-6) score | Diener, 2010 ² | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (three injections over the course: week 1, week 12, week 24) weeks | 347.0 [358] | -4.9 [-2.4] | | | <.001 | |
| Severity of headache (VAS 10-point, 10 indicate no pain) | Anand, 2006 ¹² | 50U 12 (one treatment) weeks | 16.0 [16] | 7.3 [3.0] | 2.6 [1.0] | 2.1 (1.2 to 3.0) | | 4.7 (3.1 to 6.2) |
| Severity of headache (VAS 10-point, 10 indicate no pain) | Anand, 2006 ¹² | 50U 12 (one treatment) weeks | 16.0 [16] | 7.6 [3.2] | 2.7 [1.1] | 2.1 (1.2 to 2.9) | | 4.9 (3.2 to 6.5) |
| Severity of pain | Vo, 2007 ¹⁴ | Differs by weight: 1) < 65 kg: 135 U; 2) ≥ 65 kg: 205 U GLM Repeated measure analysis of variance during 12 weeks | 15.0 [17] | | | | Not significant | |

Appendix Table D14. Severity, disability, and quality of life with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Definition | Reference | Dose, Weeks of Treatment | Sample Active [Control] | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | P value | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Mean severity of migraines (change from baseline) | Silberstein, 2000⁶ | 25U | 42.0 [21] | | | | Significantly greater reduction in the 25U group than in the vehicle group at week 4 & week 8 (≤ 0.029). | |
| Change in the mean total intensity score (no details) from baseline | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 43.0 [21] | -14.6 [74.3] | -10.5 [22.8] | -0.1 (-0.6 to 0.5) | | -4.1 (-28.3 to 20.2) |
| Change in the mean total intensity score (no details) from baseline | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 43.0 [21] | -11.3 [85.5] | -5.2 [39.3] | -0.1 (-0.6 to 0.4) | | -6.1 (-36.7 to 24.5) |
| Change in the mean total intensity score (no details) from baseline | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 43.0 [21] | -22.3 [83.4] | -9.7 [53.0] | -0.2 (-0.7 to 0.4) | | -12.5 (-46.2 to 21.2) |
| Change in the mean total intensity score (no details) from baseline | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 43.0 [21] | -14.9 [35.9] | -10.5 [22.8] | -0.1 (-0.7 to 0.4) | | -4.4 (-18.9 to 10.1) |
| Change in the mean total intensity score (no details) from baseline | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 43.0 [21] | -10.7 [49.9] | -5.2 [39.3] | -0.1 (-0.6 to 0.4) | | -5.5 (-27.9 to 17.0) |
| Change in the mean total intensity score (no details) from baseline | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | 43.0 [21] | -16.1 [32.5] | -9.7 [53.0] | -0.2 (-0.7 to 0.4) | | -6.4 (-31.0 to 18.2) |

Bold = differences are statistically significant when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

* trials of abobotulinumtoxin A

Appendix Table D15. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication)

| Reference | Country | Design | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Headache Frequency at Baseline/ Month | Concomitant Treatments |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Storey, 2001 ¹⁸ | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 40 [Not reported] 97.5% female | Mean 38.2 years | International Headache Society (IHS) criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 4.7 | Not reported |
| Edwards, 2003 ¹⁹ | Previously reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 70 [70] 97.1% female | Mean 41.1 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 4.5 | Not reported |
| Silvestrini, 2003 ²⁰ | Italy | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 28 [28] 64.3% female | Mean 43.5 years | International Headache Society criteria | All patients had a history of migraine without aura attacks as inclusion criterion | 3 years | 20 | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2003 ²¹ | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 469 [Not reported] % females not reported | Not reported | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | At least 6 months | 2 to 12 | Not reported |
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | North America | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 483 [468] 86.8% female | Mean 38.9 years | International Headache Society (IHS) criteria | Not reported | At least 6 months | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | USA | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 487 [469] 89.1% female | Mean 40.4 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | Italy | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 115 [72] 54.2% female | Mean 39.2 years | International Headache Society (1988) criteria | Patients with migraine without aura, n (%): Topiramate: 27 (77), Placebo: 31 (84) | Not reported | 5.5 | Subjects on continuing medication for other pathologies were included and did not modify the dosages during the study |

Appendix Table 15 Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication) (continued)

| Reference | Country | Design | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Headache Frequency at Baseline/ Month | Concomitant Treatments |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial (Pooled analysis) | 758 [756] 84.3% female | Mean 39.8 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 5.4 | Not reported |
| Diamond, 2005 ²⁶ | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 756 [756] 84.7% female | Mean 40.4 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 3 to 12 | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁷ | USA | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 469 [469] 88.7% female | Mean 40.4 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | Italy | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 50 [35] 68.6% female | Mean 45.9 years | International Classification of Headache Disorders 2nd Edition | Not reported | 4.97 years | Not reported | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | USA | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 213 [Variable] 85.8% female | Mean 40.5 years | International Headache Society criteria | 75 subjects had migraine with aura | Not reported | 4.9 | Not reported |
| Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ | USA | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 483 [468] 86.8% female | Mean 38.9 years | International Headache Society criteria for migraine with or without aura | Not reported | At least 6 months | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ | USA | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 328 [Variable] 85.3% female | Mean 38.2 years | International Headache Society 1.1 or 1.2 | Not reported | Duration: 9.2 years; Age at onset: 19.7 years | Not reported | Not reported |
| Lofland, 2007 ³² | North America | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 325 [325] 89.0% female | Mean 40 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 3 to 12 | Not reported |
| Limmroth, 2007 ³³ | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 756 [756] 84.0% female | Mean 40 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 7.3 | Not reported |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁴ | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 59 [59] 74.5% female | Mean 46 years | Second edition of The International | Not reported | At least 1 year | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table 15 Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication) (continued)

| Reference | Country | Design | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Headache Frequency at Baseline/ Month | Concomitant Treatments |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|---------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | | Classification of Headache Disorders criteria | | | | |
| Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 774 [758] 84.4% female | Mean 39.9 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Freitag, 2007 ³⁶ | USA | Randomized controlled clinical trial (Pooled analysis) | 937 [937] 87.7% female | Mean 39.7 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Dahlof, 2007 ³⁷ | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 756 [756] 84.3% female | Mean 39.8 years | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 3 to 12 | Not reported |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁸ | 21 countries in Europe | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 818 [Not reported] 89.0% female | Mean 40.1 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 8.7 | Not reported |
| Dodick, 2007 ³⁹ | USA | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 328 [306] 85.3% female | Mean 38.2 years | International Classification of Headache Disorders, 2nd edition. However, for the inclusion criterion chronic migraine was defined by Silberstein–Lipton criteria | Not reported | Age at onset: 19.7 years | Not reported | Not reported |
| Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | USA, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Korea, | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 1580 [1580] 85.0% female | Mean 40.1 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table 15 Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication) (continued)

| Reference | Country | Design | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Headache Frequency at Baseline/ Month | Concomitant Treatments |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | the Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom | | | | | | | | |
| Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ | USA | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 328 [321] 85.3% female | Mean 38.2 years | International Headache Society 1.1 or 1.2 | Not reported | Duration: 9.2 years; Age at onset: 19.7 years | Not reported | Not reported |
| Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | Not reported | Randomized controlled clinical trial | 385 [Variable] 10.9% female | Mean 40.3 years | International Headache Society criteria 1.1,1.2 | Not reported | Age at migraine onset: 20.3 years | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table D16. Funding, ethical approval, and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication)

| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Storey, 2001 ¹⁸ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Edwards, 2003 ¹⁹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Ms. Potter is on the Speakers' Bureau for biogen, GlaxoSmithKline and Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc, and has received funding from Biogen, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc, Pfizer Inc, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals for previous research |
| Silvestrini, 2003 ²⁰ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Silberstein, 2003 ²¹ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Brandes has received grants or research support from Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Allergan, UCB Pharma, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Bristol Myers-Squibb, Winston Laboratories, Forest Laboratories, Sanofi-Synthelabo, and Elan Pharmaceuticals; has served on the speakers bureau for GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, Merck, Allergan, Pfizer, Pharmacia, Ortho-McNeil, and UCB Pharma; has served as a consultant to Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Allergan, and Ortho-McNeil; and has received educational funding from GlaxoSmithKline. Dr Saper has received research grants from GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, Merck, Abbott, Allergan, Elan, Pfizer, Ortho-McNeil, and Novartis; has served on advisory boards or as a consultant for AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Allergan, Ortho-McNeil, and Medtronic; and has served on the speakers bureau for GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, AstraZeneca, Ortho-McNeil, Pfizer, and Xcel. Dr Diamond has served as a speaker, consultant, or both or has conducted research for AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Ortho- McNeil, Elan, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, and Pfizer. Dr Couch has participated in research for, been an advisory board member of, and served as a speaker for Ortho-McNeil. |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Silberstein is on the advisory panel of, speakers bureau of, or serves as a consultant for Abbott Laboratories, Allergan, Inc, AstraZeneca, Elan Pharmaceutical Research Corp, Eli Lilly, Ortho- |

Appendix Table 16. Funding, ethical approval, and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication) (continued)

| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| | | | | | McNeil Pharmaceutical, Merck & Co, and GlaxoSmithKline; receives research support from Allergan, Inc, AstraZeneca, Eli Lilly, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen Pharmaceutical, Merck & Co, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Pfizer, Inc, UCB Pharma, and Vernalis; and has received educational grants from Abbott Laboratories, Allergan, Inc, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, and Parke-Davis. Drs Neto and Jacobs and Ms Schmitt hold shares in Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development, LLC, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson Corporation. |
| Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Diamond, 2005 ²⁶ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported, however, George Papadopoulos is from Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Services, LLC, Raritan, NJ; Dr. Neto is from Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, LLC, Raritan, NJ; and Dr. Wu is from Ortho-McNeil Neurologies, Inc., Raritan, NJ | |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁷ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | George Papadopoulos is from Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceutical Services, LLC, Raritan, NJ, USA and Steven Greenberg from Ortho-McNeil Neurologies, Titusville, NJ, USA. Personnel of Pharmaceutical Research and Development , Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Inc, Titusville, New Jersey, and Phase Five Communications, New York, New York, contributed to the preparation of the manuscript |
| Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |

Appendix Table 16. Funding, ethical approval, and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication) (continued)

| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | <p>Dr. Brandes has received grants or research support from Merck & Co, Inc, GlaxoSmithKline, UCB Pharma, Allergan Inc, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Pfizer Inc, Bristol-Meyers Squibb, Winston Laboratories, Sanofi-Aventis, Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc, Novartis, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Pozen, Vernalis, Ortho-McNeil, and Advanced Bionics; has served on the speaker's bureau for GlaxoSmith-Kline, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Pfizer Inc, Merck & Co, Inc, Ortho-McNeil, Allergan Inc, MedPointe Pharmaceuticals, Endo Pharmaceuticals, UCB Pharma; has served as a consultant to Merck & Co, Inc, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer Inc, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Allergan Inc, Ortho-McNeil, and Aradigm Corp; and has received an educational grant from GlaxoSmithKline. Dr Kudrow has been on a speaker's bureau of GlaxoSmithKline and Ortho-McNeil and has received grant and research support from Ortho-McNeil, GlaxoSmithKline, Pozen, Merck & Co, Inc, and Eisai Inc. Dr Fairclough received financial support as a consultant to perform analyses of the data in this study. Drs Rupnow and Greenberg are fulltime employees of Johnson & Johnson. Dr Rothrock has served as a paid consultant to Ortho-McNeil, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co, Inc, Pfizer Inc, Pozen, and Allergan Inc; has received research support from those companies and from Abbott Laboratories, Elan Corporation, Esai Inc, and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP; and has received honoraria for lecturing from Ortho-McNeil, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co, Inc, Pfizer Inc, Elan Corporation, and Endo Pharmaceuticals.</p> |
| Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | <p>Dr. Silberstein has received personal compensation for activities with: GlaxoSmith-Kline, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Merck & Co., Inc., UCB Pharma, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Pfizer, Inc., Allergan, Inc., Pozen, Inc., Abbott Laboratories, Inc., Eli Lilly & Company, NPS, and Xcel Pharmaceuticals; has received personal compensation in an editorial</p> |

Appendix Table 16. Funding, ethical approval, and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication) (continued)

| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | <p>capacity for CurrentPain and Headache; and has received financial support for scholarly activities from GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Merck&Co., Inc., Pfizer, Inc., Allergan, Inc., and Abbott Laboratories, Inc. Dr. Lipton has consulted for, conducted studies funded by, or received lecture honoraria from Allergan, Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, Pfizer, Pozen, among other companies. Dr. Dodick has received personal compensation for activities with Allergan, Inc., GlaxoSmith-Kline, Inc., Pfizer, Inc., Endo Pharmaceuticals, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Medtronic, Neuralieve; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Headache Currents; and has received research support from St. Jude, Allergan, Inc., Medtronic, Inc., National Institutes of Health, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, and Advanced Bionics. Dr. Freitag has received personal compensation for activities with Allergan, Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Pfizer, Inc., and GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., and has received research support from Alzyer, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc., GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Precision, Division of Boston Scientific, Solvay S.A., and Vernalis. Dr. Ramadan has received personal compensation for activities with GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., Ortho- McNeil Neurologics, Inc., Eli Lilly & Company, Eisai, Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Pfizer, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Aradign Corp., Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals and Map Pharmaceuticals; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Web Alert; and has received research support from Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Eli Lilly&Company, Pfizer, Inc., and the National Headache Ambassador Program. Dr. Mathew has received personal compensation for</p> |

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| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | | <p>activities with Eisai. Dr. Brandes has received grants or research support from Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, UCB Pharma, Allergan, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Winston Laboratories, Sanofi-Aventis, Elan Pharmaceuticals, Novartis, Endo, Pozen, Inc., Vernalis, Ortho-McNeil, Advanced Bionics; has served on the speakers bureau for GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, Allergan, MedPointe Pharmaceuticals, Endo, UCB Pharma; has served as a consultant to Merck, GlaxoSmith-Kline, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Allergan, Ortho-McNeil, Aradigm Corporation; and has received educational funding from GlaxoSmithKline. Dr. Bigal has received personal compensation for activities from Allergan, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, UCB, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Inc., and Advance PCS and has received research support from Allergan, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, Pfizer, UCB, AstraZeneca, and Advance PCS. Dr. Saper has received honoraria for speaking from GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co., Inc., Abbott Laboratories, Inc., Elan Corporation, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer, Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Medtronic, Inc., Endo Pharmaceuticals, Advanced Bionics, Pozen, Inc., and Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Pain Watch and Migraine Monitor; holds stock in Pozen, Inc.; and has received research support from Novartis, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Merck & Co., Inc., GlaxoSmithKline, Allergan, Inc., Eisai, Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Abbott, Advanced Bionics, Medtronic, Renovis, and Pozen, Inc. Dr. Ascher is an employee of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC. Dr. Jordan is an employee of PriCara, a Unit of Ortho-McNeil, Inc. Drs. Greenberg and Joseph Hulihan are employees of Ortho-McNeil Neurologics.</p> |

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| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Lofland, 2007 ³² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Jennifer H. Lofland received grant from Ortho-McNeil Janssen, Inc |
| Limmroth, 2007 ³³ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Volker Limmroth received honoraria as speaker from Janssen-Cilag, Germany. Susanne Schwalen is an employee of Janssen-Cilag, Germany |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁴ | Industry | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | JC Van Oene, M Lahaye and S Schwalen are employees of Janssen-Cilag |
| Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Yes | Miguel JA La´inez has received personal compensation or research support from activities with Allergan, Inc., Almirall SA, GlaxoSmithKline, Inc Jansen Cilag, Inc., Menarini, Merck & Co., Inc, Medtronic and Pfizer Inc. Frederick Freitag has received personal compensation for activities with Allergan, Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals,, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Pfizer Inc, and GlaxoSmithKline, Inc. Dr. Freitag has received research support from Alzyer, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Advanced Bionics, Solvay S.A., and Vernalis. Joop Pfeil is a paid consultant for Janssen Pharmaceutical/J & J, Novartis, Sanofi-Aventis, Pfizer, Schering-Plough, Numico, Vitatron, Actelion Pharmaceuticals and Sankyo. S. Ascher is a full-time employee of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Pharmaceutical. W.H. Olson is a full-time employee of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Pharmaceutical. S. Schwalen is a full-time employee of Janssen-Cilag GmbH. |
| Freitag, 2007 ³⁶ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Freitag has received honoraria, consulting fees, and research grant funds in excess of \$10,000 per year from Johnson & Johnson and Ortho-McNeil Neurologics. Dr. Forde has received honoraria in excess of \$10,000 per year from Johnson & Johnson and Ortho-McNeil Neurologics. Drs. Neto and Wang and Ms Schmitt are paid employees of Johnson & Johnson. Drs. Wu and Hulihan are paid employees of Ortho-McNeil Neurologics. |
| Dahlof, 2007 ³⁷ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Professor Carl Dahlöf has been a consultant/scientific advisor on advisory boards, clinical trials, and |

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| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | investigator-initiated trials and a speaker for: Allergan, Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eisai, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen Cilag, Merck, Lilly, NMT Medical Inc., Novartis, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Pharmacia, Pfizer, Pierre Fabre, and St Jude Medical EMEAC. Elizabeth Loder has had no financial relationship with any pharmaceutical company since July 2006, except grant support from NMT for a clinical trial. She has been a speaker, received grant support, or been a consultant for: OrthoMcNeil, Endo, AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, and Allergan. She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Headache Society, the Executive Council of the International Headache Society, and the Board of the Headache Cooperative of New England. Merle Diamond has served as a consultant and/or conducted research with AstraZeneca, Ortho-McNeil Neurologies, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck and Co., Pfizer, and Primary Care Network. Marcia Rupnow is a full-time salary employee of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC. George Papadopoulos was an employee of J&J Pharmaceutical Services at the time of study completion. Lian Mao is a full-time salary employee of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC. |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁸ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Hans-Christoph Diener, Reto Agosti, Gianni Allais, Gennaro Bussone, Brendan Davies, Michel Lanteri-Minet, Mustafa Ertas, Uwe Reuter, Margarita Sanchez Del Rio, and Jean Schoenen have participated in clinical trials and advisory boards for Janssen-Cilag. Paul Bergmans, Susanne Schwalen, Joop van Oene are employees of Janssen-Cilag EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa). Hans -Chirstoph Diener has received honoraria from Addex Pharmaceuticals, Allergan, Almirall, AstraZeneca, Bayer Vital, Berlin Chemie, CoLucid Pharmaceuticals, Böhringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Grünenthal, Janssen-Cilag, Eli Lilly, F Hoffmann-La Roche, 3M Medica, Merck Sharp and Dohme, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Johnson and Johnson, |

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| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | | Pierre Fabre, Pfizer, Schaper and Brümmer, Sanofi - Aventis, and Weber and Weber, and financial support for research projects from Allergan, Almirall, AstraZeneca, Bayer, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen-Cilag, and Pfizer. |
| Dodick, 2007 ³⁹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | David W. Dodick is a consultant/advisor for Eli Lilly, Glaxo-SmithKline, Merck, Neuralie, Ortho-McNeil. He is involved in research studies with Advanced Bionics, AstraZeneca, Medtronic, and Alexza, for which his academic institution has received research grants. He is also the principal investigator of a multicenter clinical trial with St. Jude. He has no stock or equity in any pharmaceutical company. Stephen Silberstein has received personal compensation for activities with GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson; Merck & Co., Inc.; UCB Pharma; AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals; Pfizer Inc.; Allergan, Inc.; Pozen, Inc.; Abbott Laboratories, Inc.; Eli Lilly & Company; NPS; and Xcel Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Silberstein has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Current Pain and Headache. Dr. Silberstein has received financial support for scholarly activities from GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson; Merck & Co., Inc.; Pfizer Inc.; Allergan, Inc.; and Abbott Laboratories, Inc. Joel Saper has received honoraria for speaking from Glaxo-SmithKline; Merck & Co., Inc.; Abbott Laboratories, Inc.; Elan Corporation; AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals; Pfizer Inc.; Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Bristol-Myers Squibb; Medtronic Inc.; Endo Pharmaceuticals; Advanced Bionics; Pozen, Inc.; and Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co. Dr. Saper has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for PainWatch and Migraine Monitor. He holds stock in Pozen, Inc. and has received research support from Novartis; Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc; Merck & Co., Inc.; GlaxoSmith-Kline; Allergan, Inc.; Eisai Inc.; AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals; Abbott; Advanced Bionics; Medtronic; Renovis; and Pozen, Inc. Fred G. Freitag has received personal compensation for |

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| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | | <p>activities with Allergan, Inc.; AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals; Merck & Co., Inc.; Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Valeant Pharmaceuticals International; Pfizer Inc.; and GlaxoSmithKline, Inc. Dr. Freitag has received research support from Alzyer; AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals; GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.; Merck & Co., Inc.; Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Advanced Bionics; Solvay S.A.; and Vernalis. Roger K. Cady has received personal compensation for activities with Allergan; Atrix Labs; Capnia; Endo; GlaxoSmithKline; Johnson & Johnson; Med Point; Merck; Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; and Winston Labs. Dr. Cady received compensation from NIPC for serving as a co-editor of their migraine newsletter. Dr. Cady has received research support from Abbott; Allergan; Alexa; Aradigm Corp; Capnia; Cipher; Eisai Pharmaceuticals; Endo Pharmaceuticals; GelStat; Glaxo-SmithKline; Johnson & Johnson; Matrixx; Merck; Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Pfizer Inc.; and Vernalis. Alan M. Rapoport has received personal compensation from the following pharmaceutical companies, advisory boards, speaker's bureau, research or educational grants: Abbott Laboratories; Allergan, Inc.; AstraZeneca; Eisai Pharmaceuticals; Endo Pharmaceuticals; Forest Laboratories; GlaxoSmithKline; Endo Pharmaceuticals; Forest Laboratories; GlaxoSmithKline; Merck; Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Pfizer Inc.; UCB Pharma; Valeant; Vernalis ; and Winston. Ninan T. Mathew has received personal compensation for activities with Eisai Pharmaceuticals. Joseph Hulihan, Concetta Crivera, Marcia F.T. Rupnow, Lian Mao, Gary Finlayson, and Steven J. Greenberg are employees of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC.</p> |
| Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | James Adelman: Clinical Trials 1998–2006 (Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals), Advisory Boards (Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals), Speaker (Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals); Frederick Freitag: Consultant, |

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| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | | <p>honoraria recipient (OrthoMcNeil Pharmaceuticals and Ortho-McNeil Neurologics), research grant recipient (Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceuticals, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, and Ortho-McNeil Neurologics); Miguel Lainez: grant/research recipient, consultant/scientific advisor, honoraria recipient (Allergan, Almirall Prodesfarma, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Elan Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen Cilag, Johnson and Johnson, MSD, Novartis, Pierre Fabre, and Sanofi-Synthelabo).</p> |
| Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | <p>Stephen Silberstein has received personal compensation for activities with: Johnson & Johnson, GlaxoSmith-Kline, Merck, UCB Pharma, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Allergan, Pozen, Abbott Laboratories., Eli Lilly & Company, NPS, and Xcel Pharmaceuticals; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Current Pain and Headache; and has received financial support for scholarly activities from GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Pfizer, Allergan, and Abbott Laboratories. Richard B. Lipton has consulted for, conducted studies funded by, or received lecture honoraria from Allergan, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Ortho-McNeill, Pfizer, and Pozen, among other companies. David W. Dodick has served as a consultant for GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Allergan, Endo, Pfizer, Eli Lilly, Addex, Solvay, and Neuralieve and has received research support from Advanced Neurostimulation Systems, Medtronic, and St. Jude. Fred Freitag has received grants and research support from Advanced Bionics Corporation, Alzyer, AstraZeneca, CAPNIA, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Solvay, and Vernalis Pharmaceuticals. He has served as a consultant for Allergan, AstraZeneca, CAPNIA, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Merck, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International. He has served</p> |

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| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | <p>on the speaker's bureaus of AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Pfizer, and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International. Ninan Mathew has received personal compensation for activities involving continuing medical education and for advisory board participation from Ortho McNeil, Merck, Allergan, GlaxoSmithKline, Endo, and Valiant. Jan Brandes has received grants, research support, or served as a consultant to Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, UCB Pharma, Pfizer, Allergan, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Winston Laboratories, Sanofi-Aventis, Elan, Novartis, Endo, Pozen, Vernalis, Ortho-McNeil, Advanced Bionics, MedPointe, and Aradigm. Marcelo E. Bigal is a full-time employee of Merck Research Laboratories. This manuscript was written during his tenure at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He has received, in the past, compensation from Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Allergan, MAP, NMT, and Endo, among other pharmaceutical companies. Steve Ascher, Jacqueline D. Morein, and Pamela Wright are employees of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC. Steven J. Greenberg is an employee of EMD Serono Inc.</p> |
| Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | <p>Not reported, however, David Biondi, Steven Ascher, William Olson and Joseph Hulihan were from Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, USA</p> |

Appendix Table D17. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication)

| Reference | Masking of Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Storey, 2001 ¹⁸ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes (Topiramate group had no men and higher number of patients with concurrent preventative treatment, but the differences were not significant) | Unclear | Low |
| Edwards, 2003 ¹⁹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Low |
| Silvestrini, 2003 ²⁰ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2003 ²¹ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Medium |
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | Double-blind | Yes | Clearly adequate | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Medium |
| Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Diamond, 2005 ²⁶ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Previously reported ^{22, 23, 43} | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁷ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Not adequate. Topiramate 200mg/day group has lower % of women and higher % of men as compared to other groups, but the differences were not significant (previously reported) | Unclear | Medium |
| Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ | Double-blind | Yes | Clearly adequate | Not adequate; the % of male patients were much lower in the topiramate 100mg and 200mg groups, but the difference were not significant | Unclear | Medium |
| Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Lofland, 2007 ³² | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Limmroth, 2007 ³³ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁴ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Not adequate (Mean Beck Depression Inventory scores were higher in | Unclear | Medium |

Appendix Table 17. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (sorted by year of publication) (continued)

| Reference | Masking of Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|--|--|--------------|
| | | | | placebo as compared to topiramate, but the differences were not significant) | | |
| Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Freitag, 2007 ³⁶ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Dahlof, 2007 ³⁷ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁸ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Medium |
| Dodick, 2007 ³⁹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ | Double-blind | Yes | Clearly adequate | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | The study mentions the significance of the outcome: ≥50% and 75% reduction in headache days and migraine headache days, however, the results are not given | Low |

Appendix Table D18. Strength of evidence of migraine prevention with topiramate in adults

| Outcome, Reference | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| ≥50% Reduction in monthly migraine frequency ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | Medium | Direct | Consistent | Precise | Moderate |
| ≥50% Reduction in monthly migraine days ^{25, 34, 41} | Low | Direct | Consistent | Imprecise | Moderate |
| ≥75% Reduction in monthly migraine days ^{25, 41} | Low | Direct | Consistent | Imprecise | Moderate |
| Complete migraine cessation ^{25, 29, 41} | Medium | Direct | Inconsistent | Imprecise | Low |

Appendix Table D19. Migraine prevention with topiramate vs. placebo in adults (pooled results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Outcome | Author, Year | Events/ Randomized | Events/ Randomized | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight Random Effects Inverse Variance | Absolute Risk Difference, (95% CI) | Weight, Random Effects Inverse Variance |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| Frequency:≥50% reduction | Storey, 2001 ¹⁸ | 5/19 | 2/21 | 2.8 (0.6 to 12.6) | 3.34 | 0.17 (-0.07 to 0.40) | 11 |
| Frequency:≥50% reduction | Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | 37/58 | 12/57 | 3.0 (1.8 to 5.2) | 15.25 | 0.43 (0.27 to 0.59) | 14.67 |
| Frequency:≥50% reduction | Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | 188/386 | 93/372 | 1.9 (1.6 to 2.4) | 27.28 | 0.24 (0.17 to 0.30) | 19.77 |
| Frequency:≥50% reduction | Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | 55/140 | 25/73 | 1.1 (0.8 to 1.7) | 20.61 | 0.05 (-0.09 to 0.19) | 16.2 |
| Frequency:≥50% reduction | Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ | 58/112 | 8/36 | 2.3 (1.2 to 4.4) | 12.66 | 0.30 (0.13 to 0.46) | 14.58 |
| Frequency:≥50% reduction | Silvestrini, 2003 ²⁰ | 10/14 | 1/14 | 10.0 (1.5 to 68.0) | 2.18 | 0.64 (0.37 to 0.92) | 9.41 |
| Frequency:≥50% reduction | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ | 38/60 | 18/60 | 2.1 (1.4 to 3.3) | 18.69 | 0.33 (0.17 to 0.50) | 14.36 |
| Frequency:≥50% reduction | Pooled | 391/789 | 159/633 | 2.0 (1.5 to 2.7) | 100 | 0.29 (0.18 to 0.40) | 100 |
| Reduction in headache days by ≥50% | Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | 175/386 | 81/372 | 2.1 (1.7 to 2.6) | 50.32 | 0.24 (0.17 to 0.30) | 41.85 |
| Reduction in headache days by ≥50% | Diener, 2007 ³⁴ | 7/32 | 0/27 | 12.7 (0.8 to 213.1) | 3.07 | 0.22 (0.07 to 0.37) | 24.44 |
| Reduction in headache days by ≥50% | Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ | 64/165 | 50/163 | 1.3 (0.9 to 1.7) | 46.61 | 0.08 (-0.02 to 0.18) | 33.71 |
| Reduction in headache days by ≥50% | Pooled | 246/583 | 131/562 | 1.7 (1.0 to 2.9) | 100 | 0.18 (0.08 to 0.28) | 100 |
| Reduction in headache days by ≥75% | Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | 98/386 | 41/372 | 2.3 (1.6 to 3.2) | 60.07 | 0.14 (0.09 to 0.20) | 52.98 |
| Reduction in headache days by ≥75% | Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ | 25/165 | 18/163 | 1.4 (0.8 to 2.4) | 39.93 | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11) | 47.02 |

Appendix Table D19. Migraine prevention with topiramate vs. placebo in adults (pooled results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Outcome | Author, Year | Events/ Randomized | Events/ Randomized | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight Random Effects Inverse Variance | Absolute Risk Difference, (95% CI) | Weight, Random Effects Inverse Variance |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| Reduction in headache days by ≥75% | Pooled | 123/551 | 59/535 | 1.9 (1.1 to 3.1) | 100 | 0.10 (-0.01 to 0.20) | 100 |
| Outcome | Heterogeneity statistics | Degree of freedom | P value Relative risk | I squared Relative risk | | P value Absolute risk difference | I squared Absolute risk difference |
| Frequency: ≥50% reduction | | 6 | 0.036 | 55.50% | | 0.001 | 73.60% |
| Reduction in headache days by ≥50% | | 2 | 0.012 | 77.20% | | 0.042 | 68.40% |
| Reduction in headache days by ≥75% | | 1 | 0.123 | 58.00% | | 0.026 | 79.70% |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D20. Reduction in migraine frequency and duration in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate in adults

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference Risk of Bias | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Daily Dose | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mean monthly migraine days | Silberstein, 2004 ²³ Risk of bias Low | 3.7 [3.3] | 100 mg/day | 5.3 [3.6] | -0.46 (-0.72 to -0.21) | -1.60 (-2.47 to -0.73) |
| Mean monthly migraine days | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ Risk of bias Low | 3.1 [0.91] | 100 mg/day | 15.4 [4.38] | -4.30 (-5.32 to -3.27) | -12.22 (-14.17 to -10.27) |
| Mean monthly migraine days | Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ Risk of bias Medium | 3.5 [3.5] | 100 mg/day | 4.5 [2.9] | -0.31 (-0.57 to -0.05) | -1.00 (-1.82 to -0.18) |
| Pooled with random effects | Risk of bias Low | Low | 100 mg/day | Heterogeneity test: P value=0 I squared=96.3% | -1.47 (-2.55 to -0.39) | -4.83 (-9.44 to -0.21) |
| Mean monthly migraine days | Silvestrini, 2003 ²⁰ Risk of bias Low | 8.1 [8.3] | 50mg/day | 20.6 [4.4] | -1.9 (-2.8 to -1.0) | -12.5 (-17.4 to -7.6) |
| Mean monthly migraine days | Silberstein, 2004 ²³ Risk of bias Low | 4.8 [4] | 50mg/day | 5.3 [3.6] | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.1) | -0.5 (-1.5 to 0.5) |
| Pooled with random effects | Risk of bias Low | Low | 50mg/day | Heterogeneity test: P value=0 I squared=92.6% | -1.0 (-2.7 to 0.8) | -6.2 (-18.5 to 5.5) |
| Mean reduction in the monthly number of migraine days | Brandes, 2004 ²² Risk of bias Low | -2.6 [3.4] | 100 mg/day | -1.3 [3.5] | -0.4 (-0.6 to -0.1) | -1.3 (-2.2 to -0.4) |
| Mean reduction in the monthly number of migraine days | Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ Risk of bias Low | -6.4 [5.8] | 100 mg/day | -4.7 [6.1] | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.1) | -1.7 (-3.0 to -0.4) |
| Mean reduction in the monthly number of migraine days | Lipton, 2011 ⁴² Risk of bias Low | -6.6 [3.5] | 100 mg/day | -5.3 [3.6] | -0.4 (-0.6 to -0.2) | -1.3 (-2.0 to -0.6) |
| Mean reduction in the monthly number of migraine days | Brandes, 2004 ²² Risk of bias Low | -2.9 [3.41] | 200mg/day | -1.3 [3.51] | -0.5 (-0.7 to -0.2) | -1.6 (-2.5 to -0.7) |
| Pooled with random effects | Risk of bias Low | Low | 50 to 200mg/day | Heterogeneity test: P value=0.7 I squared= 0% | -0.4 (-0.5 to -0.3) | -1.4 (-1.9 to -1.8) |
| Monthly migraine frequency | Silberstein, 2004 ²³ Risk of bias Low | 4.1 [3.6] | 50mg/day | 4.6 [3] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.1) | -0.5 (-1.3 to 0.3) |

Appendix Table D20. Reduction in migraine frequency and duration in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate in adults (continued)

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference Risk of Bias | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Daily Dose | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monthly migraine frequency | Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ Risk of bias Medium | 4.1 [3.6] | 50mg/day | 4.5 [2.9] | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.1) | -0.4 (-1.2 to 0.4) |
| Pooled with random effects | Risk of bias: Medium | Medium | 50mg/day | Heterogeneity test: P value=0.9 I squared= 0% | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.0) | -0.4 (-1.5 to 1.1) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D21. Reduction in migraine severity and symptoms in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate in adults

| Reference Risk of Bias | Definition of the Outcome | Daily Dose | Subjects in Active [Control] Groups | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|-------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Storey, 2001 ¹⁸ Risk of bias Low | Mean migraine severity during treatment | 200mg/day | 19 [21] | 2.0 [0.4] | 2.0 [0.4] | -0.1 (-0.7 to 0.5) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.2) |
| Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ Risk of bias Low | Mean change in the rating of average daily headache severity | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -0.3 [0.6] | -0.2 [0.4] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) | -0.1 (-0.2 to 0.0) |
| | Change in worst daily headache severity | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -0.4 [0.7] | -0.2 [0.5] | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.1) | -0.2 (-0.3 to -0.1) |
| | Mean decrease from baseline in the severity of nausea, photophobia, and phonophobia | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -0.2 [0.5] | -0.1 [0.4] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) | -0.1 (-0.2 to 0.0) |
| | Mean change from baseline in the monthly frequency of nausea | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -3.4 [5.8] | -2.3 [5.7] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) | -1.1 (-2.3 to 0.1) |
| | Mean change from baseline in the monthly rate of vomiting | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -1.0 [2.1] | -0.7 [2.6] | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.1) | -0.3 (-0.8 to 0.2) |
| | Mean change from baseline in the monthly frequency of photophobia | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -5.0 [6.4] | -3.8 [5.6] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) | -1.2 (-2.5 to 0.1) |
| | Mean change from baseline in the monthly frequency of phonophobia | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -5.2 [6.0] | -3.6 [6.2] | -0.3 (-0.5 to 0.0) | -1.6 (-2.9 to -0.3) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D22. Quality of life in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Risk of Bias | Definition of the Outcome | Daily Dose | Subjects in Active [Control] Groups | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Silberstein, 2009⁴¹ Risk of bias Low | Mean change from baseline in the headache index (The headache index was calculated as the sum of the product of daily average headache severity multiplied by headache duration for the day, divided by the number of days in the specified period) | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -0.3 [0.3] | -0.2 [0.4] | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.1) | -0.1 (-0.2 to 0.0) |
| | Mean change from baseline in the in the MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire)scores: Emotional function domain | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -26.3 [27.8] | -21.0 [30.2] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) | -5.3 (-11.6 to 1.0) |
| | Mean change from baseline in the in the MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire) scores: Role Function Preventive domain | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -16.1 [21.5] | -12.6 [21.0] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.1) | -3.5 (-8.1 to 1.1) |
| | Mean change from baseline in the in the MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire) scores: Role Function Restrictive domain | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -23.7 [23.1] | -18.8 [22.6] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) | -4.9 (-9.8 to 0.0) |
| | Mean change from baseline in the MIDAS (Migraine Disability Assessment) score | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -31.4 [53.8] | -21.0 [52.2] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) | -10.4 (-21.9 to 1.1) |
| Diener, 2007³⁸ Risk of bias Medium | Mean change in HIT-6 (Headache Impact Test) questionnaire in the last 4 weeks of double-blind phase compared to open-label baseline | 100mg/day | 255 [259] | | | | -1.9 (-3.4 to -0.4) |
| | Mean change in SF-12 mental component score in the last 4 weeks of double-blind phase compared to open-label baseline | 100mg/day | 255 [259] | | | | -1.2 (-3.4 to 1.0) |
| | Mean change in SF-12 physical health | 100mg/day | 255 [259] | -1.7 | -3.1 | NS | |
| | MIDAS score change at end-point | 50 to 200mg/day | 32 [27] | -26.0 [61.0] | 3.0 [21.0] | -0.6 (-1.1 to -0.1) | -29.0 (-51.6 to -6.4) |

Appendix Table D22. Quality of life in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Definition of the Outcome | Daily Dose | Subjects in Active [Control] Groups | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|-------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ Risk of bias Medium | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better functioning)-emotional function: at end of study | 50mg/day | 117 [114] | 77.6 [22.71] | 74.1 [21.35] | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.4) | 3.5 (-2.2 to 9.2) |
| | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better functioning)-emotional function: at end of study | 100 mg/day | 120 [114] | 82.9 [23.00] | 74.1 [21.35] | 0.4 (0.1 to 0.7) | 8.8 (3.1 to 14.5) |
| | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better functioning)-emotional function: at end of study | 200mg/day | 117 [114] | 82.7 [22.71] | 74.1 [21.35] | 0.4 (0.1 to 0.7) | 8.6 (2.9 to 14.3) |
| | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better functioning)-role function: prevention: at end of study | 50mg/day | 117 [114] | 82.6 [18.39] | 80.8 [17.08] | 0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4) | 1.8 (-2.8 to 6.4) |
| | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better functioning)-role function: prevention: at end of study | 100 mg/day | 120 [114] | 85.5 [18.62] | 80.8 [17.08] | 0.3 (0.0 to 0.5) | 4.7 (0.1 to 9.3) |
| | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better functioning)-role function: prevention: at end of study | 200mg/day | 117 [114] | 87.2 [18.39] | 80.8 [17.08] | 0.4 (0.1 to 0.6) | 6.4 (1.8 to 11.0) |
| | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better functioning)-role function: restrictive: at end of study | 50mg/day | 117 [114] | 71.9 [20.55] | 67.2 [19.22] | 0.2 (0.0 to 0.5) | 4.7 (-0.4 to 9.8) |
| | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating | 100 mg/day | 120 [114] | 75.8 [20.81] | 67.2 [19.22] | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.7) | 8.6 (3.5 to 13.7) |

Appendix Table D22. Quality of life in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Definition of the Outcome | Daily Dose | Subjects in Active [Control] Groups | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | better functioning)-role function: restrictive: at end of study | | | | | | |
| | MSQ (Migraine Specific Questionnaire: scored from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better functioning)-role function: restrictive: at end of study | 200mg/day | 117 [114] | 77.9 [18.39] | 67.2 [17.08] | 0.6 (0.3 to 0.9) | 10.7 (6.1 to 15.3) |
| Silberstein, 2006²⁷ Risk of bias Medium | MSQ role function: prevention domain score at end point | 100 mg/day | 125 [115] | 88.3 [15.7] | 80.6 [16.1] | 0.5 (0.2 to 0.7) | 7.7 (3.7 to 11.7) |
| | MSQ role function: prevention domain score at end point | 200mg/day | 112 [115] | 84.4 [18.0] | 80.6 [16.1] | 0.2 (0.0 to 0.5) | 3.8 (-0.6 to 8.2) |
| | MSQ role function: prevention domain score at end point | 50mg/day | 117 [115] | 84.3 [16.2] | 80.6 [16.1] | 0.2 (0.0 to 0.5) | 3.7 (-0.5 to 7.9) |
| | MSQ role function: restrictive domain score at end point | 100 mg/day | 125 [115] | 77.2 [19.0] | 65.8 [19.3] | 0.6 (0.3 to 0.9) | 11.4 (6.5 to 16.3) |
| | MSQ role function: restrictive domain score at end point | 200mg/day | 112 [115] | 75.8 [21.2] | 65.8 [19.3] | 0.5 (0.2 to 0.8) | 10.0 (4.7 to 15.3) |
| | MSQ role function: restrictive domain score at end point | 50mg/day | 117 [115] | 72.2 [19.5] | 65.8 [19.3] | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.6) | 6.4 (1.4 to 11.4) |
| | MSQ role function: emotional function score at end point | 100 mg/day | 125 [115] | 84.4 [21.2] | 72.9 [21.4] | 0.5 (0.3 to 0.8) | 11.5 (6.1 to 16.9) |
| | MSQ role function: emotional function score at end point | 200mg/day | 112 [115] | 81.2 [23.3] | 72.9 [21.4] | 0.4 (0.1 to 0.6) | 8.3 (2.5 to 14.1) |
| | MSQ role function: emotional function score at end point | 50mg/day | 117 [115] | 78.5 [21.6] | 72.9 [21.4] | 0.3 (0.0 to 0.5) | 5.6 (0.1 to 11.1) |
| Diamond, 2005²⁶ Risk of bias Low | MSQ: Emotional domain: endpoint score | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 82.5 [21.6] | 73.5 [21.2] | 0.4 (0.3 to 0.6) | 9.0 (6.0 to 12.0) |
| | MSQ: Prevention domain: endpoint score | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 85.5 [17.6] | 79.9 [17.4] | 0.3 (0.2 to 0.5) | 5.6 (3.1 to 8.1) |
| | MSQ: Restriction domain: endpoint score | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 75.4 [21.6] | 66.5 [19.3] | 0.4 (0.3 to 0.6) | 8.9 (6.0 to 11.8) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0; SF-12 = Short Form 12-Item Health Survey; CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D23. General health status in pooled analysis of individual patient data from randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (Medical Outcome Study Short Form 36 (SF-36) scores for each domain range from 0 to 100 with a higher score representing better function, a change of five points on the SF-36 is generally considered clinically meaningful)³⁷

| Definition of the Outcome | Daily Dose | Subjects in Active [Control] Groups | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| SF-36: Bodily pain: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 11.5 [1.2] | 4.6 [1.2] | 5.8 (5.4 to 6.1) | 6.9 (6.7 to 7.1) |
| SF-36: General health: Change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 2.2 [0.8] | 0.8 [0.8] | 1.8 (1.6 to 1.9) | 1.4 (1.3 to 1.5) |
| SF-36: Mental component summary: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | -0.2 [0.5] | 0.1 [0.5] | -0.6 (-0.7 to -0.5) | -0.3 (-0.4 to -0.2) |
| SF-36: Mental health: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | -0.5 [0.9] | -0.2 [0.9] | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.2) | -0.3 (-0.4 to -0.2) |
| SF-36: Physical component summary: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 4.7 [0.4] | 2.5 [0.4] | 5.5 (5.2 to 5.8) | 2.2 (2.1 to 2.3) |
| SF-36: Physical functioning: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 5.3 [0.8] | 3.6 [0.9] | 2.0 (1.8 to 2.2) | 1.7 (1.6 to 1.8) |
| SF-36: Role-emotional: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 2.3 [2.0] | 3.0 [2.0] | -0.4 (-0.5 to -0.2) | -0.7 (-1.0 to -0.4) |
| SF-36: Role-physical: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 17.9 [2.1] | 12.0 [2.1] | 2.8 (2.6 to 3.0) | 5.9 (5.6 to 6.2) |
| SF-36: Social functional: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 4.8 [1.2] | 4.8 [1.2] | 0.0 (-0.1 to 0.1) | 0.0 (-0.2 to 0.2) |
| SF-36: Vitality: change from baseline | 100 mg/day | 384 [372] | 5.2 [1.0] | 1.8 [1.0] | 3.4 (3.2 to 3.6) | 3.4 (3.3 to 3.5) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D24. Drug utilization for acute migraine attacks in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Risk of Bias | Definition of the Outcome | Daily Dose | Subjects in Active [Control] Groups | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|-----------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mei, 2006²⁸ Risk of bias Low | Amount of acute medication taken monthly | 100 mg/day | 30 [20] | 3.2 [1.0] | 15.4 [4.4] | -4.2 (-5.2 to -3.2) | -12.2 (-14.2 to -10.3) |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁴ Risk of bias Medium | Change in number of days per month of acute medications intake | 50 to 200mg/day | 32 [27] | -3.0 [5.9] | -0.7 [6.2] | -0.4 (-0.9 to 0.1) | -2.3 (-5.4 to 0.8) |
| Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ Risk of bias Low | Mean change from baseline in the number of days per month that subjects used acute headache medications | 100 mg/day | 165 [163] | -4.4 [5.8] | -3.4 [5.3] | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) | -1.0 (-2.2 to 0.2) |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁸ Risk of bias Medium | Mean change in intake of acute medication in the last 4 weeks of double-blind phase compared to open-label baseline | 100mg/day | 255 [259] | | | | -1.0 (-1.5 to -0.4) |
| Silberstein, 2004²³ Risk of bias Low | Mean monthly Acute rescue medications days during the double-blind phase | 100 mg/day | 128 [117] | 4.0 [3.4] | 5.2 [3.3] | -0.4 (-0.6 to -0.1) | -1.2 (-2.0 to -0.4) |
| | Mean monthly Acute rescue medications days during the double-blind phase | 50mg/day | 125 [117] | 4.5 [3.1] | 5.2 [3.3] | -0.2 (-0.5 to 0.0) | -0.7 (-1.5 to 0.1) |
| Brandes, 2004²² Risk of bias Low | Mean reduction in the monthly number of days when acute rescue medications were used | 100 mg/day | 122 [120] | -2.1 [3.20] | -1.0 [3.18] | -0.3 (-0.6 to -0.1) | -1.1 (-1.9 to -0.3) |
| | Mean reduction in the monthly number of days when acute rescue medications were used | 200mg/day | 121 [120] | -2.2 [3.19] | -1.0 [3.18] | -0.4 (-0.6 to -0.1) | -1.2 (-2.0 to -0.4) |

Appendix Table D24. Drug utilization for acute migraine attacks in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Definition of the Outcome | Daily Dose | Subjects in Active [Control] Groups | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lipton, 2011⁴² Risk of bias Low | Number of days of acute medications use | 100 mg/day | 188 [197] | -4.8 [3.5] | -3.8 [3.7] | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.1) | -1.0 (-1.7 to -0.3) |
| Bussone, 2005²⁵ Risk of bias Low | Percentage of migraine days with intake of medication to treat acute migraine attacks: from baseline to endpoint | 100 mg/day | 386 [372] | 12.7 [0.6] | 16.4 [0.6] | -6.7 (-7.1 to -6.4) | -3.7 (-3.8 to -3.6) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D25. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of divalproex or valproate for migraine prevention in adults

| Active Drug | Reference Sample Number Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine % without Aura | Baseline Severity | Age of Subjects (Eligible and Mean) | Years of Migraine % with prior Preventative Treatment |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Divalproex | Mathew, 1995 ⁴⁵ Sample 107 Analyzed 105 % of women 77.6 | Migraine (International Headache Society) % without aura: 95 | Days per 4 week with migraine headaches during baseline phase: 7 | 16-75 Mean: 45.6 | Years of migraine: 25 % with prior treatment: NR |
| Divalproex | Freitag, 2002 ⁴⁶ Sample 239 Analyzed 237 % of women 79 | Migraine (International Headache Society) % without aura: 97 | Days per 4 week with migraine headaches during baseline phase: 6.1 | ≥12 Mean: 40.5 | Years of migraine: 20.2 % with prior treatment: NR |
| Divalproex | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Sample 176 Analyzed 171 % of women 89 | Migraine (International Headache Society) % without aura: NR | Migraine attacks impairing usual activities during baseline (4 weeks): 5.8 | ≥16 Mean: 40.8 | Years of migraine: 21.6 % with prior treatment: 53 |
| Valproate | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ Sample 32 Analyzed 29 % of women 79.3 | Migraine with aura (classical); patients suffering from migraine without aura (common); Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache. % without aura: 13.7 (assumed) | From inclusion criteria: at least four attacks per months | NR (range: 18-54) Mean: 34 | Years of migraine: 14 % with prior treatment: NR |
| Valproate | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ Sample 43 Analyzed 34 % of women 86 | Diagnosis of migraine without aura (International Headache Society) % without aura: 100 | Mean frequency of migraines (4 weeks): 6.6 | 18-70 Mean: 46 | Years of migraine: NR % with prior treatment: NR |

NR = Not reported

Appendix Table D26. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of divalproex or valproate for migraine prevention in adults

| Active drug | Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| Divalproex | Mathew, 1995 ⁴⁵ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | One author is employed by Abbott Laboratory, study funder. |
| Divalproex | Freitag, 2002 ⁴⁶ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Three authors are employed by Abbott Laboratory, study funder. |
| Divalproex | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Industry | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Five study participants are employed by Abbott Laboratory, study funder. |
| Valproate | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Valproate | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table D27. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of divalproex or valproate for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of Treatment Status | Planned Intention to Treat | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Baseline Migraine Similarity | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Mathew, 1995 ⁴⁵ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | D | No | Medium |
| Freitag, 2002 ⁴⁶ | DB | Yes | Unclear | Yes | F, S & D | No | Low |
| Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | DB | Yes | Unclear | Yes | D | No | Low |
| Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | DB | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | No | Medium |
| Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | TB | No | Unclear | Yes | F, S & D | No | Medium |

DB = double blind

TB = triple blind

D = duration

F = frequency

S = severity

Appendix Table D28. Strength of evidence of migraine prevention in adults with divalproex vs. placebo, results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Outcome | Daily Dose | Reference | Sample | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|---|------------|--|--------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| ≥ 50% reduction in migraine headache rate | | Mathew, 1995 ⁴⁵ Freitag, 2002 ⁴⁶ Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | | | | | | |
| ≥ 50% reduction in migraine headache rate | | Pooled | 405 | Medium | Yes | No | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 60 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 58 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 59 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 60 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 57 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 59 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 60 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 58 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | 59 | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |

NA = not applicable

Appendix Table D29. Migraine prevention in adults with divalproex vs. placebo, results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Outcome | Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/Randomized with Divalproex | Events/Randomized with Placebo | Rate,% with Divalproex [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95%CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95%CI) |
|--|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| ≥50% reduction in migraine headache rate | | Mathew, 1995 ⁴⁵ Medium | 33/70 | 5/37 | 47.1 [13.5] | 3.5 (1.5 to 8.2) | 0.34 (0.18 to 0.50) |
| ≥50% reduction in migraine headache rate | | Freitag, 2002 ⁴⁶ Low | 50/123 | 32/116 | 40.7 [27.6] | 1.5 (1.0 to 2.1) | 0.13 (0.01 to 0.25) |
| ≥50% reduction in migraine headache rate | | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Low | 19/44 | 2/15 | 43.2 [13.6] | 3.2 (0.9 to 12.3) | 0.30 (0.07 to 0.52) |
| ≥50% reduction in migraine headache rate | 1,000-1,500mg | Medium | 102/237 | 39/168 | 43.0 [23.3] | 2.2 (1.1 to 4.2) | 0.24 (0.10 to 0.38) |
| ≥50% reduction in migraine headache rate | Heterogeneity P value | | | | | 0.098 | 0.108 |
| ≥50% reduction in migraine headache rate | Heterogeneity P value I squared | | | | | 56.90% | 55.10% |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 26/45 | 4/15 | 57.8 [25.0] | 2.2 (0.9 to 5.2) | 0.31 (0.04 to 0.58) |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 16/43 | 4/14 | 37.2 [25.0] | 1.4 (0.6 to 3.5) | 0.11 (-0.16 to 0.37) |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 24/44 | 4/15 | 54.5 [25.0] | 2.0 (0.8 to 4.9) | 0.28 (0.01 to 0.55) |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 19/45 | 2/15 | 42.2 [13.6] | 3.2 (0.8 to 12.0) | 0.29 (0.06 to 0.51) |

Appendix Table D29. Migraine prevention in adults with divalproex vs. placebo, the results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Outcome | Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/Randomized with Divalproex | Events/Randomized with Placebo | Rate,% with Divalproex [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95%CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95%CI) |
|--|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 16/43 | 2/14 | 37.2 [13.6] | 2.6 (0.7 to 10.0) | 0.23 (0.00 to 0.46) |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 19/44 | 2/15 | 43.2 [13.6] | 3.2 (0.9 to 12.3) | 0.30 (0.07 to 0.52) |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 21/45 | 3/15 | 46.7 [18.2] | 2.3 (0.8 to 6.7) | 0.27 (0.02 to 0.52) |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 1000 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 18/43 | 3/14 | 41.9 [18.2] | 2.1 (0.7 to 6.1) | 0.22 (-0.03 to 0.47) |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 1500 mg | Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ Risk of bias Low | 22/44 | 3/15 | 50.0 [18.2] | 2.5 (0.9 to 7.2) | 0.30 (0.05 to 0.55) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence level

Appendix Table D30. Migraine frequency, severity, and drug utilization with valproate vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trials

| Outcome | Daily Dose | Reference | Mean [Standard deviation] with Valproate | Mean [Standard deviation] with Placebo | Randomized to Valproate vs. Placebo | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Mean number of days with migraine | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 3.5 [4.8] | 6.1 [7.7] | 43 [43] | -2.6 (-5.3 to 0.1) | -0.4 (-0.8 to 0.0) |
| Total drug consumption | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | NR [NR] | NR [NR] | 43 [43] | p value <0.001 | |
| Consumption of symptomatic medication per attack | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | NR [NR] | NR [NR] | 43 [43] | p value 0.61 | |
| Mean number of attacks (4 weeks) | 400 mg twice a day | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 8.8 [6.1] | 15.6 [8.3] | 32 [32] | -6.8 (-10.3 to -3.2) | -0.9 (-1.4 to -0.4) |
| Duration of the remaining attack (hours) | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 11.1 [NR] | 11.5 [NR] | 43 [43] | p value 0.9 | |
| Duration of the attack (total hours) | 400 mg twice a day | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 1731.0 [NR] | 2789.0 [NR] | 32 [32] | p value = 0.002 | |
| Intensity of the remaining attacks (no details provided) | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 2.3 [NR] | 2.3 [NR] | 43 [43] | p value 0.45 | |
| Mean number of severe migraine attacks (4 weeks) | 400 mg twice a day | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 14.6 [9.8] | 24.0 [15.4] | 32 [32] | -9.4 (-15.7 to -3.1) | -0.7 (-1.2 to -0.2) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence level

NR = not reported

Appendix Table D31. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Total Sample Size as Randomized % Women | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine, Years | Age of Subjects | Baseline Severity |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------------|---|
| Diamond, 1976 ⁵⁰ Sample 83 80.7% women | To evaluate propranolol in the prophylaxis of migraine | Classic or common migraine (Ad Hoc Committee) | Not reported | Mean: 38.1 | Not reported |
| Stensrud, 1976 ⁵¹ Stensrud, 1976 ⁵¹ Sample 20 70% women | To investigate the effects of propranolol in the racemic form (Inderal) and d-propranolol. | Common and classic migraine (as defined by the Ad Hoc Committee) | Not reported | 43.5 | Not reported |
| Forssman, 1976 ⁵² Sample 40 87.5% women | To compare the preventive effect of propranolol on migraine attacks with placebo in a double-blind crossover trial | Not reported | 18.9 | Mean: 37.4 | Not reported |
| Pradalier, 1989 ⁵³ Sample 55 76% women | To evaluate the efficacy and tolerability of long-acting propranolol in migraine | International Headache Society | Not reported | Mean: 37.4 | Mean frequency of migraine (month): 4 |
| Nadelman, 1986 ⁵⁴ Sample 57 85.5% women | To compare the relative efficacy and safety of propranolol with that of placebo in the prophylaxis of migraine headache | Classic and/or common migraine headaches as set forth by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Classification of Headache | 1-5: 22.6%; 6-10: 27.4%; 11-15: 14.5%; 16-20: 9.7%; 21-25: 8.1%; 26+: 17.7% | Not reported | Headache Unit Index: 1.09 |
| Sargent, 1985 ⁵⁵ Sample 149 79% women | To evaluate the prophylactic effect and tolerance of naproxen sodium compared to propranolol hydrochloride and placebo in migraine | Common or classical migraine, or a combination migraine and muscle contraction headache (no definition provided) | 20 | Mean: 30 | Not reported |
| Ahuja, 1985 ⁵⁶ Sample 26 46.2% women | To compare the effectiveness of a selective and a non-selective beta1-receptor antagonist i.e. atenolol (Tenormin) and propranolol (Inderal), in the prophylaxis of migraine | Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache (1962) | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Malvea, 1973 ⁵⁷ Sample 31 87% women | To determine the relative effectiveness of propranolol in the prevention of migraine as compared to a placebo in a double-blind trial | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported (ranges: 25-57) | Average headache units: 25.4 (no definition provided) |

Appendix Table D31. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Total Sample Size as Randomized % Women | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine, Years | Age of Subjects | Baseline Severity |
|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Wideroe, 1974 ⁵⁸ Sample 30 86.7% women | To investigate the value of propranolol in preventing attacks of migraine | Classic or common migraine (Ad Hoc Committee, 1962) | Not reported | Mean: 40 | All except four patients had two or more attacks a month |
| Palferman, 1983 ⁵⁹ Sample 36 80% women | To assess the efficacy of prophylactic propranolol on the severity and frequency of their symptoms | Episodic headache with other accepted disorders of cerebral function including visual disturbances and vomiting | 17.5 (all patients: 11.3) | Mean: 41.4 (all patients: 37.8) | Not reported |
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Sample 96 74% women | To compare the beta-adrenergic blocker timolol to an established drug, propranolol, and to placebo for prophylactic effect in common migraine | Between 2 and 6 common migraine attacks per month as defined by the ad hoc committee and by Olsen | 20.9 | Mean: 39.5 | Number of migraine attacks per 4 weeks: 5.7 |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Sample 25 80% women | To evaluate the prophylactic effect of timolol in migraine | Common migraine attacks (as defined by the Ad Hoc Committee) | Not reported | Mean: 41.4 | Mean number of attacks (4 weeks): 6.65 |
| Stensrud, 1980 ⁶² Sample 35 68.6% women | To compare the effectiveness of a selective and a non-selective beta1-receptor antagonist i.e. atenolol (Tenormin) and propranolol (Inderal), in the prophylaxis of migraine | Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache (1962) | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| al-Qassab, 1993 ⁶³ Sample 45 80% women | To assess the effectiveness of two different doses of a long-acting formulation of propranolol (propranolol LA) in patients with severe migraine | Diagnosis of migraine was made on clinical assessment. | Median: 9 | Median: 36 | Median attacks (month): 4 |
| Diener, 2004 ⁴³ Sample 575 79.8% women | To evaluate the efficacy and safety of two doses of topiramate and safety of two doses of topiramate vs. placebo for migraine prophylaxis, with propranolol (PROP) as an active control | International Headache Society | Not reported | Median: 41 | Mean monthly migraine frequency: 5.1 |

Appendix Table D31. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Total Sample Size as Randomized % Women | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine, Years | Age of Subjects | Baseline Severity |
|---|--|---|--|------------------------|---|
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ Sample 105 % women Not reported | To compare the prophylactic activity of propranolol and amitriptyline on frequency, duration and severity of migraine attacks | Migraine (International Headache Society) | >1 (from inclusion criteria) | Not reported | Mean attack frequency: 4.02 (per month) |
| Weber, 1972 ⁶⁵ Sample 25 52% women | To compare the prophylactic effect of the propranolol to placebo | Migraine (Classification of headache, JAMA (1962) 179, 717) | Not reported | Mean: 40.6 | Not reported |
| Pradalier, 1989 ⁶⁶ Sample 55 75.7% women | To assess the efficacy and safety of long-acting propranolol (LA. P) 160 mg once-daily in the prophylactic treatment of migraine | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Kuritzky, 1987 ⁶⁷ Sample 38 % women Not reported | 1) To evaluate the efficacy of long acting propranolol (Deralin SR) in reducing the frequency, duration and severity of migraine when compared with placebo, 2) To register possible side effects, and 3) to study correlation between plasma propranolol levels and clinical effectiveness in migraine. | Not reported (While eligibility criteria are not reported, author described "classic or common migraine" patients were included.) | 14.2 | Not reported | Mean number of migraine attacks: 3 ("All patients averaged at least 3 attacks per month when untreated.") |

Appendix Table D32. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed - Relationships |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| Diamond, 1976 ⁵⁰ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Stensrud, 1976 ⁵¹ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Forssman, 1976 ⁵² | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Pradalier, 1989 ⁵³ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Nadelmann, 1986 ⁵⁴ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Unclear | Two authors are employed by pharmaceutical industry (Ayerst Laboratories), but unclear their relationship (no funding source reported.) |
| Sargent, 1985 ⁵⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ahuja, 1985 ⁵⁶ | Industry (Inderal brand of propranolol and identical looking placebo tablets were supplied by Alkali and Chemical Corp. India Ltd. | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Malvea, 1973 ⁵⁷ | Industry | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Wideroe, 1974 ⁵⁸ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Palferman, 1983 ⁵⁹ | Industry (all tablets were supplied by ICI Pharmaceuticals) | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ | Industry | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Stensrud, 1980 ⁶² | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| al-Qassab, 1993 ⁶³ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Hans-Christoph Diener has received grant/research support from, has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and/or has received honoraria for oral presentations from 3M Medica, Allergan, Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, Bayer Vital, Böhringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eisai, GlaxoSmithKline, Grünenthal, Janssen-Cilag, Johnson & Johnson, La Roche, Lilly, Novartis, MSD, Parke-Davis, Pfizer, Pharmacia, Pierre Fabre, Schaper and Brümmer, and Weber & Weber. Peer Tfelt-Hansen has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and/or has received honoraria for oral presentation from Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, MSD, Pfizer, and Quintiles. Carl Dahlöf has been a |

Appendix Table D32. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed - Relationships |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | | consultant/scientific advisor for, and has received honoraria for oral presentations from Allergan, Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Jansen-Cilag, Johnson & Johnson, Lilly, MSD, Novartis, Pfizer, Pharmacia, and Pierre Fabre. Miguel JA Láinez has received grant/research support from, has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and/or has received honoraria for oral presentations from Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, Böhringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Elan Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen-Cilag, Johnson & Johnson, MSD, Novartis, Pfizer, Pierre Fabre, and Sanofi-Synthelabo. Giorgio Sandrini has received grant/research support from, has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and/or has received honoraria for oral presentations from Allergan, AstraZeneca, Bayer, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Grünenthal, Janssen-Cilag, Johnson & Johnson, Lilly, MSD, Pfizer, Pharmacia, and Solvay Pharma. Shuu-Jiun Wang has received grant/research support from and/or received honoraria for oral presentations from AstraZeneca, Glaxo-SmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Lilly, MSD, and Pfizer. Walter Neto, Ujjwala Vijapurkar, Aiden Doyle, and David Jacobs are employed by Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development, LLC. |
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | Other | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | All authors are from the University that sponsored the study |
| Weber, 1972 ⁶⁵ | Industry (drugs were provided by Ayerst laboratories) | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Dr. Trent and Kyle of Ayerst laboratories assisted in the study. Their contribution not known. |
| Pradalier, 1989 ⁶⁶ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Kuritzky, 1987 ⁶⁷ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table D33. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking Treatment Status | Planned Intention to Treat | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Baseline Similarity by Migraine Status | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Diamond, 1976 ⁵⁰ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Stensrud, 1976 ⁵¹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Forssman, 1976 ⁵² | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Pradalier, 1989 ⁵³ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Low |
| Nadelmann, 1986 ⁵⁴ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Sargent, 1985 ⁵⁵ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Ahuja, 1985 ⁵⁶ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Low |
| Malvea, 1973 ⁵⁷ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Wideroe, 1974 ⁵⁸ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | S | Unclear | Medium |
| Palferman, 1983 ⁵⁹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Yes | F, S & D | Unclear | Medium |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Stensrud, 1980 ⁶² | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| al-Qassab, 1993 ⁶³ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | F | Unclear | Low |
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | F | Unclear | Medium |
| Weber, 1972 ⁶⁵ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Pradalier, 1989 ⁶⁶ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Low |
| Kuritzky, 1987 ⁶⁷ | Open-label | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | High |

F = monthly migraine frequency; S = migraine severity; D = migraine duration

Appendix Table D34. Strength of evidence of migraine prevention with propranolol (randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Reference | Active Drug | Control Drug | Sample Size | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ | | | | Medium | | | | |
| Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | | | | Low | | | | |
| Diamond, 1976 ⁵⁰ | | | | Medium | | | | |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ | | | | Medium | | | | |
| Pooled | Propranolol | Placebo | 541 | Medium | Yes | Consistent | No | Low |
| Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Topiramate | Propranolol | 288 | Low | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Kaniecki, 1997 ⁶⁸ | Divalproex | Propranolol | 74 | High | Yes | Not applicable | No | Insufficient |
| Kass, 1980 ⁶⁹ | Propranolol | Clonidine | 46 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Kangasniemi, 1984 ⁷⁰ | | | | Medium | | | | |
| Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ | | | | Medium | | | | |
| Pooled | Propranolol | Metoprolol. | 113 | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² | Propranolol | Nadolol | 93 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Olerud, 1986 ⁷³ | Nadolol | Propranolol | 28 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ | | | | Medium | | | | |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ | | | | Medium | | | | |
| Pooled | Timolol | Propranolol | 242 | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ | Propranolol | Nifedipine | 36 | Medium | | | | Low |
| Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | Propranolol | Nifedipine | 40 | High | | | | Low |
| Pooled | Propranolol | Nifedipine | 76 | High | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ | Propranolol | Nortriptyline | 49 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Ziegler, 1987 ⁷⁶ | Propranolol | Amitriptyline | 108 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | Yes | Low |
| Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | Propranolol | Femoxetine | 29 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ | Nortriptyline | Propranolol + Nortriptyline | 51 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ | Propranolol | Propranolol + Nortriptyline | 52 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Silberstein, 2012 ⁷⁸ | Propranolol | Propranolol+ Topiramate | 191 | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |

Appendix Table D35. Migraine prevention with propranolol, results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Definition Outcomes | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug, Daily Dose | Control, Daily Dose | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control | Rate,% with Active [Control] Treatments | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ≥50% reduction of average monthly migraine frequency | Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Medium | 80 mg b.i.d. (plus timolol placebo) | Placebo | 48/96 | 12/48 | 50.0 [25.0] | 2.0 (1.2 to 3.4) | 0.25 (0.09 to 0.41) |
| ≥50% reduction of average monthly migraine frequency | Diener, 2004 ⁴³ Low | 160 mg/d | Placebo | 62/144 | 11/49 | 43.1 [21.9] | 1.9 (1.1 to 3.3) | 0.21 (0.06 to 0.35) |
| ≥50% reduction of average monthly migraine frequency | Diamond, 1976 ⁵⁰ Medium | 80 or 160 mg | Placebo | 34/83 | 17/83 | 41.0 [20.5] | 2.0 (1.2 to 3.3) | 0.21 (0.07 to 0.34) |
| ≥50% reduction of average monthly migraine frequency | Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Medium | 80 mg + (timolol placebo) | Placebo | 13/25 | 3/13 | 52.0 [24.0] | 2.3 (0.8 to 6.5) | 0.29 (-0.01 to 0.59) |
| ≥50% reduction of average monthly migraine frequency | Pooled Medium | 80-160mg | Placebo | 157/348 | 43/193 | 45.1 [22.3] | 2.0 (1.5 to 2.7) | 0.22 (0.14 to 0.30) |
| Heterogeneity | | | | | | | P value = 0.9 I squared = 0% | P value = 0.9 I squared = 0% |
| ≥50% reduction of average monthly migraine frequency | Diener, 2004 ⁴³ Risk of bias Low | Topiramate 100 mg/d | Propranolol 160 mg/d | 52/141 | 62/144 | 36.9 [43.1] | 0.9 (0.6 to 1.1) | -0.06 (-0.18 to 0.05) |

Appendix Table D35. Migraine prevention with propranolol, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Definition Outcomes | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug, Daily Dose | Control, Daily Dose | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control | Rate,% with Active [Control] Treatments | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ≥ 50% reduction of average monthly migraine frequency | Diener, 2004 ⁴³ Risk of bias Low | Topiramate 200 mg/d | Propranolol 160 mg/d | 50/144 | 62/144 | 34.7 [43.1] | 0.8 (0.6 to 1.1) | -0.08 (-0.20 to 0.03) |
| Greater than 50% reduction in 28 day rate of moderate to severe headaches | Silberstein, 2012 ⁷⁸ Risk of bias medium | Propranolol, 240 mg/day + topiramate 88 mg/day | Topiramate 88 mg/day | 26/96 | 23/95 | 27 [24] | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.8) | 0.03 (-0.10 to 0.15) |
| Patients responding with a 50% or greater reduction in mean migraine frequency (month) | Kaniecki, 1997 ⁶⁸ Risk of bias High | Divalproex Mean dose: 1414mg/d | Propranolol Mean dose: 174mg/d | 21/37 | 20/37 | 56.8 [54.1] | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.6) | 0.03 (-0.20 to 0.25) |
| Patients responding with a 50% or greater reduction in mean migraine days (month) | Kaniecki, 1997 ⁶⁸ Risk of bias High | Divalproex Mean dose: 1414mg/d | Propranolol Mean dose: 174mg/d | 21/37 | 22/37 | 56.8 [59.5] | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.4) | -0.03 (-0.25 to 0.20) |
| >50% reduction of headache days, 4 weeks (comparing pretreatment period with the last 4 wks of treatment) | Kass, 1980 ⁶⁹ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol 160 mg (two 40 mg tablets twice daily) | Clonidine 100 µg (two 25 µg tablets twice daily) | 13/23 | 8/23 | 56.5 [34.8] | 1.6 (0.8 to 3.2) | 0.22 (-0.06 to 0.50) |

Appendix Table D35. Migraine prevention with propranolol, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Definition Outcomes | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug, Daily Dose | Control, Daily Dose | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control | Rate,% with Active [Control] Treatments | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| ≥50% reduction of the sum of severity scores | Kangasniemi, 1984 ⁷⁰ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol 80 mg b.i.d. | Metoprolol 200 mg o.m. | 15/36 | 17/36 | 41.7 [47.2] | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.5) | -0.06 (-0.29 to 0.17) |
| Responder of Migraine days | Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 160 m/day (HD) | Metoprolol 200 mg / day (HD) | 6/19 | 12/22 | 31.6 [54.5] | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.2) | -0.23 (-0.53 to 0.07) |
| | Pooled with random effects model | Propranolol | Metoprolol | 21/55 | 29/58 | 38.2 [50.0] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.2) | -0.12 (-0.30 to 0.06) |
| | Heterogeneity | | | | | | p=0.371 (I-squared (variation in RR Attributable Due heterogeneity)=0.0% | p=0.361 (I-squared (variation in RD Attributable Due heterogeneity)=0.0% |
| ≥50% reduction of frequency of distinct headache | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 80 mg o.d. | 4/44 | 13/49 | 9.1 [26.5] | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.0) | -0.17 (-0.32 to -0.02) |
| ≥50% reduction of frequency of distinct headache | Sudilovsky, 1987⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 160 mg o.d. | 4/44 | 17/47 | 9.1 [36.2] | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.7) | -0.27 (-0.43 to -0.11) |
| ≥50% reduction of frequency of distinct headache | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 80 mg o.d. | 5/44 | 11/49 | 11.4 [22.4] | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.3) | -0.11 (-0.26 to 0.04) |
| ≥50% reduction of frequency of distinct headache | Sudilovsky, 1987⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 160 mg o.d. | 5/44 | 18/47 | 11.4 [38.3] | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.7) | -0.27 (-0.44 to -0.10) |
| ≥50% reduction of headache intensity | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 80 mg o.d. | 8/44 | 14/49 | 18.2 [28.6] | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.4) | -0.10 (-0.27 to 0.07) |

Appendix Table D35. Migraine prevention with propranolol, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Definition Outcomes | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug, Daily Dose | Control, Daily Dose | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control | Rate,% with Active [Control] Treatments | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ≥50% reduction of headache intensity | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 160 mg o.d. | 8/44 | 19/47 | 18.2 [40.4] | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.9) | -0.22 (-0.40 to -0.04) |
| ≥50% reduction of headache intensity | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 80 mg o.d. | 10/44 | 11/49 | 22.7 [22.4] | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.2) | 0.00 (-0.17 to 0.17) |
| ≥50% reduction of headache intensity | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 160 mg o.d. | 10/44 | 21/47 | 22.7 [44.7] | 0.5 (0.3 to 1.0) | -0.22 (-0.41 to -0.03) |
| ≥50% reduction of pain days | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 80 mg o.d. | 8/44 | 9/49 | 18.2 [18.4] | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.3) | 0.00 (-0.16 to 0.16) |
| ≥50% reduction of pain days | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 160 mg o.d. | 8/44 | 19/47 | 18.2 [40.4] | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.9) | -0.22 (-0.40 to -0.04) |
| ≥50% reduction of pain days | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 80 mg o.d. | 9/44 | 11/49 | 20.5 [22.4] | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.0) | -0.02 (-0.19 to 0.15) |
| ≥50% reduction of pain days | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg b.i.d. | Nadolol 160 mg o.d. | 9/44 | 18/47 | 20.5[38.3] | 0.5 (0.3 to 1.1) | -0.18 (-0.36 to 0.00) |
| >50% reduction of number of migraine attacks compared to placebo period | Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Risk of bias Medium | Nadolol 80 mg/daily (every morning + matching placebo tablet every night) | Propranolol 80 mg (40 mg twice daily) | 5/13 | 9/15 | 38.5 [60.0] | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.4) | -0.22 (-0.58 to 0.15) |
| Responder of Migraine days | Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 80 mg/day | Nifedipine 20 mg/day | 0/19 | 0/17 | 0.0 [0.0] | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.10 to 0.10) |

Appendix Table D35. Migraine prevention with propranolol, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Definition Outcomes | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug, Daily Dose | Control, Daily Dose | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control | Rate,% with Active [Control] Treatments | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Responder of Migraine days | Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 40 mg/day | Nifedipine 10 mg/day | 3/19 | 0/17 | 15.8 [0.0] | 6.3 (0.3 to 113.8) | 0.16 (-0.03 to 0.34) |
| Responder of Migraine days | Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 120 mg/day | Nifedipine 30 mg/day | 4/19 | 2/17 | 21.1 [11.8] | 1.8 (0.4 to 8.6) | 0.09 (-0.15 to 0.33) |
| Responder of Migraine days | Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol Hydrochloride 160 mg/day | Nifedipine 40 mg/day | 6/19 | 1/17 | 31.6 [5.9] | 5.4 (0.7 to 40.2) | 0.26 (0.02 to 0.49) |
| Drug efficacy: >50% improvement | Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ Risk of bias High | Propranolol 60 mg TID | Nifedipine 30 mg TID | 12/20 | 6/20 | 60.0 [30.0] | 2.0 (0.9 to 4.3) | 0.30 (0.01 to 0.59) |
| Reduction by 50% or more in migraine days | Pooled with random effects models^{71, 74} | Propranolol 160-180mg | Nifedipine | 18/39 | 7/37 | 46.2 [18.9] | 2.3 (1.1 to 4.6) | 0.27 (0.09 to 0.46) |
| | Heterogeneity | | | | | | p=0.368 (I-squared (variation in RR Attributable Due heterogeneity)=0.0%) | p=0.823 (I-squared (variation in RD Attributable Due heterogeneity)=0.0%) |
| ≥50% reduction of the number of days with headache | Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol 40 mg/d | Nortriptyline 20 mg/d | 11/25 | 7/24 | 33.3 [39.3] | 1.5 (0.7 to 3.2) | 0.15 (-0.12 to 0.41) |
| Good response: fall in headache score (compared with placebo treatment) of 50% or more | Ziegler, 1987 ⁷⁶ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol 80-240 mg/d | Amitriptyline 50-150 mg/d | 12/54 | 10/54 | 19.2 [21.4] | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.5) | 0.04 (-0.11 to 0.19) |
| >50% reduction of frequency of attack | Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol 80 mg twice a day | Femoxetine 200 mg twice a day | 3/15 | 1/14 | 20.0 [7.1] | 2.8 (0.3 to 23.9) | 0.13 (-0.11 to 0.37) |

Appendix Table D35. Migraine prevention with propranolol, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Definition Outcomes | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug, Daily Dose | Control, Daily Dose | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control | Rate,% with Active [Control] Treatments | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ≥50% reduction of the number of days with headache | Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ Risk of bias Medium | Nortriptyline 20 mg/d | Propranolol + Nortriptyline | 7/24 | 10/27 | 29.2 [37.0] | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.7) | -0.08 (-0.34 to 0.18) |
| ≥ 50% reduction of the number of days with headache | Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ Risk of bias Medium | Propranolol 40 mg/d | Propranolol + Nortriptyline | 11/25 | 10/27 | 44.0 [37.0] | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.3) | 0.07 (-0.20 to 0.34) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit. Bold differences are statistically significant when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D36. Reduction in frequency of migraine attack by $\geq 50\%$ from baseline with timolol 10mg twice a day (pooled with random effects model results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Rate,% with Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight, Random Effects Inverse Variance | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight, Random Effects Inverse Variance |
|--|--|--|---|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Medium | 44/96 | 12/48 | 45.8[25.0] | 1.8 (1.1 to 3.1) | 49.32 | 0.21 (0.05 to 0.37) | 49.78 |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Medium | 14/25 | 3/13 | 56.0[24.0] | 2.4 (0.8 to 6.9) | 12.82 | 0.33 (0.03 to 0.63) | 13.75 |
| Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ Medium | 25/47 | 10/47 | 53.2[21.3] | 2.5 (1.4 to 4.6) | 37.86 | 0.32 (0.14 to 0.50) | 36.47 |
| Pooled | 83/168 | 25/108 | 49.4[23.3] | 2.1 (1.5 to 3.1) | 100 | 0.27 (0.15 to 0.38) | 100 |
| Heterogeneity test | | | | p = 0.732 | I-squared=0.0% | p = 0.606 | I-squared = 0.0% |

CI = confidence interval. Bold- differences are statistically significant when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

Appendix Table D37. Strength of evidence of migraine prevention with timolol

| Sample Size, References | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ 276 ^{60, 61, 79} | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |

Appendix Table D38. Reduction in migraine attack frequency and severity with timolol 10mg twice a day (results from randomized controlled clinical trial⁶⁰)

| Outcomes | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) | Mean Ratio (95% CI) |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Frequency of attacks | 3.4 [3.1] | 4.8 [3.9] | -1.5 (-2.5 to -0.5) | -0.4 (-0.7 to -0.1) | 0.7 (0.5 to 1.0) |
| Number of attacks (4 weeks) | 2.8 [NR] | 4.7 [NR] | P<0.01 | | |
| Duration of attacks (hours) | 7.4 [7.3] | 8.0 [6.7] | -0.5 (-2.5 to 1.4) | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.2) | 0.9 (0.7 to 1.3) |
| Frequency of attacks with any therapy | 2.8 [3.0] | 4.2 [3.7] | -1.4 (-2.4 to -0.4) | -0.4 (-0.7 to -0.1) | 0.7 (0.5 to 0.9) |
| Frequency of attacks with nausea | 1.4 [1.9] | 1.9 [2.1] | -0.5 (-1.0 to 0.1) | -0.2 (-0.5 to 0.0) | 0.7 (0.6 to 0.9) |
| Headache index (2) (frequency x average severity) | 41.7 [50.2] | 69.3 [69.4] | -27.6 (-44.7 to -10.5) | -0.5 (-0.7 to -0.2) | 0.6 (0.5 to 0.8) |
| Headache index (1) (frequency x average severity) | 5.7 [5.1] | 9.0 [7.3] | -3.3 (-5.1 to -1.5) | -0.5 (-0.8 to -0.2) | 0.6 (0.5 to 0.9) |
| Severity of attacks | 1.8 [0.6] | 1.9 [0.5] | -0.2 (-0.3 to 0.0) | -0.4 (-0.6 to -0.1) | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.6) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D39. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined off label anti-epileptic drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Active Drug | Reference Sample Number Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine % Without Aura | Baseline Severity | Eligible Age of Subjects | Years of Migraine % with prior Preventative Treatment |
|---------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Acetazolamide | Vahedi, 2002 ⁸⁰ Sample 53 Analyzed 53 % of women 75.5 | Migraine (International Headache Society) % without aura 90.6 | Attack frequency (4wks): 5 | 18-65 Mean: 39.2 | Years of migraine NR % with prior treatment NR |
| Gabapentin | Mathew, 2001 ⁸¹ Sample 145 Analyzed 87 % of women 82.8 | Migraine (International Headache Society) % without aura 56.3 | Migraine headache frequency during last 6 months: 4.9 | 16-75 Mean: 39.6 | Years of migraine 20.8 % with prior treatment NR |
| Vigabatrin | Ghose, 2002 ⁸² Sample 23 Analyzed 15 % of women 73.9 | Migraine (International Headache Society) % without aura 56.5 | Headache frequency (1 week): 2.14 | NR (range: 18-66) Mean: 43.6 | Years of migraine NR % with prior treatment Sodium Valproate: 65.2% |
| Oxcarbazepine | Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ Sample 170 Analyzed 170 % of women 84.7 | Migraine (International Headache Society) % without aura NR | Frequency of migraine headache per month (range, inclusion criteria): 3 to 9 | 16-65 Mean: 40.5 | Years of migraine NR % with prior treatment NR |
| Gabapentin | Wessely, 1987 ⁸⁴ Sample 45 Analyzed 33 % of women 88.9 | Common or classic migraine % without aura NR | Frequency of migraine headache per month: 5.23 | NR Mean: 43 | Years of migraine NR % with prior treatment NR |
| Gabapentin | Di Trapani, 2000 ⁸⁵ Sample 63 Analyzed 63 % of women 52.4 | Migraine with or without aura according to the international Headache Society Classification of Headache % without aura 50.8 | Frequency of migraine attack: 5.24 | 18-65 NR | Years of migraine NR % with prior treatment NR |
| Carbamazepine | Rompel, 1970 ⁸⁶ Sample NR Analyzed 48 % of women 68.8 | "Typical Migraine" % without aura NR | Frequency of migraine attack: 2.97 | NR (range: 14-60) NR | Years of migraine NR % with prior treatment NR |
| Lamotrigine | Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ Sample 77 Analyzed 77 % of women 81.8 | Migraine (International Headache Society) % without aura 59.7 | Frequency of migraine attack: 4.02 | 18-60 Mean: 37.2 | Years of migraine NR (At least 2 years of recognizable attacks was required at entry) % with prior treatment NR |

NR = not reported

Appendix Table D40. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined off label anti-epileptic drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Active drug | Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------|----------------------|---|
| Acetazolamide | Vahedi, 2002 ⁸⁰ | Unclear (Funded from Association pour le Development des Neurosciences a Lariboisiere) | Yes | Yes | Not reported | All authors are employed in a hospital. |
| Gabapentin | Mathew, 2001 ⁸¹ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Vigabatrin | Ghose, 2002 ⁸² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Oxcarbazepine | Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | S. Silberstein has received grants for other research or activities not reported in this article and has received honoraria during the course of this study from Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, not in excess of US \$10,000 per year. J. Saper has received honoraria from Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, not in excess of US \$10,000 per year, during the course of this study for other activities not reported in this article. F. Berenson has received honoraria from Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, not in excess of US \$10,000 per year, during the course of this study for other activities not reported in this article. M. Somogyi, K. McCague and J. D'Souza are employees of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. |
| Gabapentin | Wessely, 1987 ⁸⁴ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Gabapentin | Di Trapani, 2000 ⁸⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Carbamazepine | Rompel, 1970 ⁸⁶ | Industry supplied the drugs. | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Lamotrigine | Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table D41. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined off label anti-epileptic drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of Treatment Status | Planned Intention to Treat | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Baseline Migraine Similarity | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Vahedi, 2002 ⁸⁰ | DB | Yes | Yes | Yes | D | Unclear | Low |
| Mathew, 2001 ⁸¹ | DB | Yes | Yes | No | F, S & D | Unclear | Medium |
| Ghose, 2002 ⁸² | DB | No | Unclear | Not reported | F | Unclear | Medium |
| Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ | DB | Yes | Yes | Yes | F, S & D (D: age at onset provided) | Unclear | Low |
| Wessely, 1987 ⁸⁴ | DB | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Di Trapani, 2000 ⁸⁵ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Rompel, 1970 ⁸⁶ | DB | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ | DB | Yes | Unclear | Not reported (No formal testing conducted, and no mention about the random adequacy) | Not reported (No formal testing conducted, and no mention about the random adequacy) | Unclear | Low |

DB = double-blind

F = frequency

D = duration

S = severity

Appendix Table D42. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Aim | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females in Sample | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Migraine Frequency at Baseline/Month | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) |
|--|--|---|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ekbohm, 1972 ⁸⁸ To investigate the effect of beta-receptor blocking agents on migraine by using a new compound, LB-46 (d,1-4-indol) | 30 [26] 86.7 | Ad Hoc Committee, 1962 | Not reported | Since 4 had classic migraine it was assumed that these patients had migraine with aura | 4 | Mean 33.7 years |
| Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ To test the efficacy of Visken (LB-46) in migraine prophylaxis with a double-blind technique | 28 [24] 85.7 | Ad Hoc Committee on classification of headache (1962) | Not reported | Since 14 patients had classical migraine it was assumed that they had migraine with aura | 2 | Mean 35.8 years |
| Ekbohm, 1975 ⁹⁰ Not reported | 33 [28] 81.8 | Ad Hoc Committee on classification of headache and World Federation of Neurology's Research Group on Migraine and Headache | Not reported | Since 6 patients had classic migraine it was assumed that these patients had migraine with aura | 3 | Mean 41.3 years |
| Nanda, 1978 ⁹¹ Not reported | 43 [33] 74.4 | Migraine with the following characteristics: 1) Onset of first attack before age 25 years; 2) No evidence of a progressive neurological deficit over three years; 3) Hemicrania in association with any two of the following: a) family history, b) nausea and vomiting, and c) psychic, visual, or sensory prodroma | Not reported | Not reported | 4.8 | Not reported |
| Briggs, 1979 ⁹² To assess the value of timolol in migraine prophylaxis and to elucidate further the reason for the varied response to different beta-blockers. | 14 [Variable] 71.4 | Ad Hoc Committee on classification of headache | Not reported | Since 2 patients had classical it was assumed that these patients had migraine with aura | 2 | Not reported |

Appendix Table D42. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Aim | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females in Sample | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Migraine Frequency at Baseline/Month | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) |
|--|--|--|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ryan, 1982 ⁹³ Ryan, 1983 ⁹⁴ To determine the relative efficacy and safety of nadolol in reducing the frequency and/or the severity of migraine attacks as compared to placebo | 80 [80] 77.5 | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | 3 | Not reported |
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ To confirm the use of atenolol in migraine prophylaxis in a double-blind cross-over study with placebo | 24 [20] 80.0 | Ad Hoc Committee on classification of headache | Not reported | Since the definition of migraine was according to the Ad Hoc Committee classification it was assumed that none of the patients had aura | Not reported | Mean 40 years |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ To evaluate whether metoprolol decreases 1) the frequency, 2) the severity of the migraine attacks, 3) days with migraine, 4) consumption of acute migraine medication, compared with placebo in patients with classical and non-classical migraine | 71 [65] 84.5 | Vahlquist's criteria and World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Migraine and Headache | 18.4 years | Not reported | 4.8 | Mean 39.7 years |
| Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ To compare timolol with placebo | 107 [94] 72.0 | Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache. | Not reported | Since 5 patients had classic migraine it was assumed that they had migraine with aura. | 3 | Mean 43 years |
| Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ To evaluate the efficacy of nadolol in reducing the frequency and severity of migraine headaches | 32 [32] 81.3 | Ad Hoc Committee on classification of headache | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Mean 36.3 years |

Appendix Table D42. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Aim | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females in Sample | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Migraine Frequency at Baseline/Month | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Johannsson, 1987 ⁹⁹ To investigate the prophylactic anti-migraine effect of atenolol, a cardiovascular, water-soluble beta-antagonist | 72 [63] 69.8 | Ad Hoc Committee on classification of headache | 26 years | Since the definition of migraine was according to the Ad Hoc Committee classification it was assumed that none of the patients had aura | 2 | Mean 43 years |
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ To compare metoprolol with placebo in patients with frequent classic migraine attacks | 77 [74] 79.7 | NIH Ad Hoc Committee | 17.2 years | Since all had classic migraine it was assumed all had migraine with aura | 4.3 | Mean 37.5 years |
| van de Ven, 1997 ¹⁰¹ To assess the efficacy of bisoprolol in migraine prophylaxis | 226 [Not reported] 82.0 | Not reported | Age at onset (years): 20.3 | 23% of patients had migraine with aura and 77% migraine without aura | 5.5 | Mean 38.7 years |
| Siniatchkin, 2007 ¹⁰² To investigate the influence of a controlled-release (CR) form of metoprolol on the amplitude and habituation of the early and late control negative variation (CNV) components using a double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group design with systematic multiple CNV recordings during the treatment phase in order to provide more complete analysis of the treatment process. | 20 [20] 85.0 | International Headache Society criteria | 22.3 years | One of the inclusion criteria was patients having migraine without aura | 4.6 | Mean 37 years |

Appendix Table D43. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consensus | Conflict of Interest |
|--|---|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Ekbom, 1972 ⁸⁸ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ekbom, 1975 ⁹⁰ | Not reported (however, alprenolol was donated by AB Hassle, Gothenburg, Sweden) | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Nanda, 1978 ⁹¹ | Grant | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Briggs, 1979 ⁹² | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported |
| Ryan, 1982 ⁹³ Ryan, 1983 ⁹⁴ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported |
| Stellar, 1984 ⁹⁹ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Johannsson, 1987 ⁹⁹ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported |
| van de Ven, 1997 ¹⁰¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported |
| Siniatchkin, 2007 ¹⁰² | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported |

Appendix Table D44. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Baseline Similarity | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|--|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Ekbom, 1972 ⁸⁸ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: similar | Unclear | Medium |
| Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Ekbom, 1975 ⁹⁰ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Nanda, 1978 ⁹¹ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Frequency: similar; Severity: not reported; Duration: not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Briggs, 1979 ⁹² | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Ryan, 1982 ⁹³ Ryan, 1983 ⁹⁴ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported. However, there were more males in metoprolol group (9/34 as compared to placebo group (2/37); the metoprolol group patients had more years of migraine (22.6 years) as compared to the placebo group (14.6 years) | The metoprolol group patients had more years of migraine (22.6 years) as compared to the placebo group (14.6 years). Frequency and severity of migraine were similar across the groups | Unclear | Medium |
| Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Not adequate (The frequency of headaches with unilateral pain was significantly greater ($p < 0.05$) in the timolol-placebo sequence group than in the placebo-timolol group) | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: similar | Unclear | Medium |

Appendix Table D44. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined efficacy of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Baseline Similarity | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Low |
| Johannsson, 1987 ⁹⁹ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| van de Ven, 1997 ¹⁰¹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: similar | Unclear | Medium |
| Siniatchkin, 2007 ¹⁰² | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: similar | Unclear | Medium |

Appendix Table D45. Strength of evidence of migraine prevention with beta-blockers in adults (sorted by drug name)

| Definition of the Outcome | Drug Name | Reference | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--|------------|--|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Better during the period of the trial | Acebutolol | Nanda, 1978 ⁹¹ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | Yes | Low |
| Better during the period of the trial | Alprenolol | Ekbom, 1975 ⁹⁰ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Reduction of integrated headache more than 50% | Atenolol | Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | Yes | Low |
| Reduction of number of attacks more than 50% | Atenolol | Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | Yes | Low |
| Consumption of ergotamine drugs | Atenolol | Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | Yes | Low |
| Patients' subjective judgment of their migraine: complete remission/marked improvement | Metoprolol | Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ | Medium | | | | |
| Effect: marked or moderate | Metoprolol | Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ | Medium | | | | |
| Pooled | Metoprolol | | Medium | Yes | Yes | No | Low |
| Patients' subjective judgment of their migraine: Medium improvement | Metoprolol | Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Effect: slight | Metoprolol | Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Treatment successful: Frequency | Nadolol | Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ | Low | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Treatment successful: Intensity | Nadolol | Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ | Low | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Treatment successful: Pain | Nadolol | Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ | Low | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Treatment successful: Relief | Nadolol | Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ | Low | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Completely relieved of migraine | Timolol | Briggs, 1979 ⁹² | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | | Low |
| Responders (Patients with 50% or greater reduction in headache frequency) | Timolol | Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Global response of great or moderate improvement: to only one therapy | Timolol | Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Patient rating of medication as extremely or moderately helpful: to only one therapy | Timolol | Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Headaches with nausea: frequency per 28 days | Timolol | Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |

Appendix Table D46. Efficacy of beta-blockers in prevention of migraine in adults; results from randomized controlled clinical trials (sorted by drug name)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Drug and Dose | Outcome | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome with Drug, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome with Placebo, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|--|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Ekblom, 1975 ⁹⁰ Medium | Alprenolol 200mg/day ("Durules") | Better during the period of the trial | 11/33 [33.3%] | 12/33 [36.4%] | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.8) | -0.03 (-0.26 to 0.2) | | |
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ Medium | Atenolol 100mg/day | Reduction of integrated headache more than 50% | 11/24 [45.8%] | 0/24 [0.0%] | 23.0 (1.4 to 369.5) | 0.46 (0.26 to 0.7) | 2 (2 to 4) | 458 (255 to 661) |
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ Medium | Atenolol 100mg/day | Reduction of number of attacks more than 50% | 8/24 [33.3%] | 0/24 [0.0%] | 17.0 (1.0 to 278.9) | 0.33 (0.14 to 0.5) | 3 (2 to 7) | 333 (140 to 527) |
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ Medium | Atenolol 100mg/day | Consumption of ergotamine drugs | 14/24 [58.3%] | 0/24 [0.0%] | 29.0 (1.8 to 460.1) | 0.58 (0.38 to 0.8) | 2 (1 to 3) | 583 (382 to 784) |
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Patients' evaluation: complete remission/marked improvement | 29/77 [38.0%] | 16/77 [21.0%] | 1.8 (1.1 to 3.1) | 0.17 (0.03 to 0.3) | 6 (3 to 36) | 169 (28 to 310) |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Patients' evaluation: complete remission/marked improvement | 15/34 [44.1%] | 6/37 [16.2%] | 2.7 (1.2 to 6.2) | 0.28 (0.07 to 0.5) | 4 (2 to 13) | 279 (74 to 484) |
| | | Pooled ⁹⁷⁻¹⁰⁰ | 44/111 [39.9%] | 22/114 [19.4%] | 2.0 (1.3 to 3.2) | 0.20 (0.09 to 0.3) | 5 (3 to 11) | 204 (88 to 321) |
| | | Heterogeneity | | | P value = 0.42 I squared = 0% | P value = 0.39 I squared = 0% | | |
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Patients' subjective judgment of their migraine: moderate improvement | 14/77 [18.0%] | 15/77 [19.0%] | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.8) | -0.01 (-0.14 to 0.1) | | |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Patients' subjective judgment of their migraine: slight | 7/34 [20.6%] | 10/37 [27.0%] | 0.8 (0.3 to 1.8) | -0.06 (-0.26 to 0.1) | | |

Appendix Table D46. Efficacy of beta-blockers in prevention of migraine in adults; results from randomized controlled clinical trials (sorted by drug name) (continued)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Drug and Dose | Outcome | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome with Drug, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome with Placebo, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ Low | Nadolol 80mg to 240mg/day | Treatment successful: Frequency | 6/24 [25.0%] | 0/8 [0.0%] | 4.7 (0.3 to 75.0) | 0.25 (0.02 to 0.5) | 4 (2 to 45) | 250 (22 to 478) |
| | Nadolol 80mg to 240mg/day | Treatment successful: Intensity | 7/24 [29.2%] | 0/8 [0.0%] | 5.4 (0.3 to 85.3) | 0.29 (0.06 to 0.5) | 3 (2 to 17) | 292 (58 to 525) |
| | Nadolol 80mg to 240mg/day | Treatment successful: Pain | 7/24 [29.2%] | 0/8 [0.0%] | 5.4 (0.3 to 85.3) | 0.29 (0.06 to 0.5) | 3 (2 to 17) | 292 (58 to 525) |
| | Nadolol 80mg to 240mg/day | Treatment successful: Relief | 10/24 [41.7%] | 0/8 [0.0%] | 7.6 (0.5 to 116.2) | 0.42 (0.17 to 0.7) | 2 (2 to 6) | 417 (172 to 661) |
| Briggs, 1979 ⁹² Medium | Timolol 10mg twice a day | Completely relieved of migraine | 2/14 [14.3%] | 0/14 [0.0%] | 5.0 (0.3 to 95.6) | 0.14 (-0.07 to 0.4) | | |
| Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ Medium | Timolol 10mg twice a day | Responders (Patients with 50% or greater reduction in headache frequency) | 25/47 [53.2%] | 10/47 [21.3%] | 2.5 (1.4 to 4.6) | 0.32 (0.13 to 0.5) | 3 (2 to 7) | 319 (135 to 504) |
| | Timolol 10mg twice a day | Global response of great or moderate improvement | 35/47 [74.5%] | 12/47 [25.5%] | 2.9 (1.7 to 4.9) | 0.49 (0.31 to 0.7) | 2 (2 to 3) | 489 (313 to 666) |
| | Timolol 10mg twice a day | Patient rating of medication as extremely or moderately helpful | 32/47 [68.1%] | 12/47 [25.5%] | 2.7 (1.6 to 4.5) | 0.43 (0.24 to 0.6) | 2 (2 to 4) | 426 (243 to 608) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D47. Efficacy of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults on intermediate outcomes of migraine frequency, duration, and severity (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (sorted by drug name)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Drug, Dose | Outcome | Randomized into Drug/Placebo Groups | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Ekblom, 1975 ⁹⁰ Medium | Alprenolol 200mg/day ("Durules") | Migraine attacks per week | 33/33 | 0.2 (-0.9 to 1.3) |
| | Alprenolol 200mg/day ("Durules") | Headache index per week | 33/33 | 0.2 (-1.7 to 2.1) |
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Day with migraine per 4 weeks | 77/77 | 0.7 (0.1 to 1.1) |
| Andersson, 1983⁹⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Mean number of migraine days | 34/37 | -2.1 (-3.8 to -0.5) |
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Day with migraine per 4 weeks: aura attacks | 77/77 | 0.8 (0.0 to 0.7) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Mean duration (h) per attack: total | 77/77 | 2.0 (0.2 to 2.9) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Mean duration (h) per attack: aura attacks | 77/77 | 1.3 (-0.3 to 2.5) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Attack frequency per 4 weeks: total | 77/77 | 0.7 (0.2 to 1.0) |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Mean attack frequency | 34/37 | -1.5 (-2.4 to -0.6) |
| Siniatchkin, 2007 ¹⁰² Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Frequency of migraine attacks | 10/10 | -0.9 (-2.2 to 0.4) |
| | | | Pooled ^{97, 102} | -0.5 (-2.1 to 1.1) |
| Kangasneimi, 1987¹⁰⁰ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Attack frequency per 4 weeks: aura attacks | 77/77 | 0.6 (0.1 to 0.6) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Sum of intensity score per 4 weeks: total | 77/77 | 0.9 (0.7 to 2.4) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Sum of intensity score per 4 weeks: aura attacks | 77/77 | 1.2 (0.3 to 1.8) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Mean intensity score per attack: total | 77/77 | 0.1 (0.1 to 0.4) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Mean intensity score per attack: aura attacks | 77/77 | 0.0 (-0.1 to 0.4) |
| Andersson, 1983⁹⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Sum of severity score (migraine days' intensity) 1=Annoying, but patient not disabled; 2=Patient partly disabled (affecting his/her ability to work); and 3=Patient disabled -unable to work or in bed) | 34/37 | -4.6 (-8.2 to -0.9) |

Appendix Table D47. Efficacy of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults on intermediate outcomes of migraine frequency, duration, and severity (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (sorted by drug name) (continued)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Drug, Dose | Outcome | Randomized into Drug/Placebo Groups | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Sum of global ratings per 4 weeks: total | 77/77 | 4.1 (1.3 to 6.4) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Sum of global ratings per 4 weeks: aura attacks | 77/77 | 3.6 (0.7 to 5.5) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Mean global rating (1-10) per attack: total | 77/77 | 1.0 (0.2 to 1.3) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Mean global rating (1-10) per attack: aura attacks | 77/77 | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.5) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Consumption of analgesic tablets per 4 weeks: aura attacks | 77/77 | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.9) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Consumption of analgesic tablets per attack: total | 77/77 | 1.0 (0.2 to 1.0) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Consumption of analgesic tablets per attack: aura attack | 77/77 | 0.5 (0.1 to 0.8) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Consumption of ergotamine tablets per 4 weeks: total | 77/77 | 1.5 (0.0 to 2.1) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Consumption of ergotamine tablets per 4 weeks: aura attacks | 77/77 | 1.5 (-0.4 to 1.4) |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Acute tablet consumption | 34/37 | -9.3 (-16.4 to -2.2) |
| Kangasneimi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg once daily ("Durules") | Consumption of analgesic tablets per 4 weeks | 77/77 | 2.5 (0.5 to 4.8) |
| | | | Pooled ^{97,100} | -2.9 (-14.5 to 8.6) |
| Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ Medium | Pindolol (LB-46) 7.5 to 15mg | Headache days | 28/28 | 0.5 (-2.3 to 3.4) |
| | Pindolol (LB-46) 7.5 to 15mg | Headache indices | 28/28 | -0.1 (-4.5 to 4.3) |
| Briggs, 1979 ⁹² Medium | Timolol 10mg twice a day | Headache frequency | 14/14 | 1.6 (-1.2 to 4.4) |
| | Timolol 10mg twice a day | Headache frequency | 14/14 | 3.1 (0.2 to 5.9) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95%CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D48. Efficacy of beta-blockers on migraine severity in adults; results from randomized controlled clinical trials (sorted by drug name)

| Reference Risk of Bias | Drug and Dose | Outcome | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome with Drug, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome with Placebo, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|---|----------------------|--|---|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg/day | 50% reduction in sum of severity score | 10/34 [29.4%] | 4/37 [10.8%] | 2.7 (0.9 to 7.9) | 0.19 (0.00 to 0.4) | 5 (3 to 326) | 186 (3 to 369) |
| | Metoprolol 200mg/day | 1-50% reduction in the sum of severity score | 15/34 [44.1%] | 8/37 [21.6%] | 2.0 (1.0 to 4.2) | 0.22 (0.01 to 0.4) | 4 (2 to 85) | 225 (12 to 438) |
| Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ Medium | Pindolol 7.5 to 15mg | 50% reduction in headache indices | 3/28 [10.7%] | 0/28 [0.0%] | 7.0 (0.4 to 129.5) | 0.11 (-0.02 to 0.2) | | |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D49. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined off label antidepressants for migraine prevention in adults

| Examined Drug | Reference, Total Sample Size Number of Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine % of Patients without Aura | Baseline Monthly Migraine Frequency | Eligible Age Mean Age of Subjects | Duration of Migraine Prior Treatment |
|---------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| Amitriptyline | Couch, 1979 ¹⁰³ Sample 116 Analyzed 100 % women 84 | Modified 1962 Ad Hoc National Institutes of Health Committee NR | NR | 15-60 NR | NR NR |
| Amitriptyline | Gomersall, 1973 ¹⁰⁴ Sample 26 Analyzed 20 % women 75 | Ad hoc committee NR | NR | NR 21-30 years old:1 31-40 years old:4 41-50 years old:11 51-60 years old:2 61-70 years old:2 | 1-10 yr:5 11-20 yr:5 21-30 yr:6 31-40:2 41-50:2 NR |
| Amitriptyline | Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ Sample 715 Analyzed 554 % women 94.5 | NR NR | NR | NR (age ranged from 19-57) Mean: 38 | NR NR |
| Amitriptyline | Bank, 1994 ¹⁰⁶ Sample 64 Analyzed 51 % women 73.4 | International Headache Society 81.25 | Headache Unit Index active group = 0.16, Headache Unit Index control group = 0.24 | NR 34 | At least 12 months NR |
| Amitriptyline | Oguzhanoglu, 1999 ¹⁰⁷ Sample 17 Analyzed 15 % women 80 | International Headache Society NR | NR | NR 31 | NR NR |
| Amitriptyline | Krymchantowski, 2002 ¹⁰⁸ Sample 39 Analyzed 27 % women 66.7 | NR NR | NR | NR 36.4 | NR 100% overusing symptomatic medications |
| Amitriptyline | Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ Sample 76 Analyzed 52 % women 84.6 | International Headache Society 77 | Yes | 16-50 31.9 | NR NR |
| Amitriptyline | Lamp, 2009 ¹¹⁰ Sample 132 Analyzed 132 % women 73 | International Headache Society 76 | Yes | 18-60 32 | 16 years NR |

Appendix Table D49. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined off label antidepressants for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Examined Drug | Reference, Total Sample Size Number of Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine % of Patients without Aura | Baseline Monthly Migraine Frequency | Eligible Age Mean Age of Subjects | Duration of Migraine Prior Treatment |
|---------------|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Amitriptyline | Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ Sample 391 Analyzed 317 % women 81 | Modified 1962 Ad Hoc National Institutes of Health Committee NR | NR | 18-70 34.9 | NR NR |
| Amitriptyline | Couch, 1976 ¹¹² Sample 114 Analyzed 73 % women 84.9 | Not specified NR | NR | NR NR | NR NR |
| Amitriptyline | Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ Sample 105 Analyzed 95 % women NR | International Headache Society NR | Mean attack frequency: 4.02 (per month) | Adolescent & Adults NR | >1 (from inclusion criteria) NR |
| Amitriptyline | Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ Sample 105 Analyzed 95 % women NR | International Headache Society NR | 4.02 migraine attacks per month, 25.12 h average duration | 15-45 NR | At least 12 months NR |
| Femoxetine | Orholm, 1986 ¹¹³ Sample 65 Analyzed 53 % women 84.9 | Paroxysmal headache associated with discomfort, possibly with inability to work, and at least one of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, visual disturbances and paresthesia NR | Yes | NR ≥50 years old = 12 30-50 years old = 38 <30 years old = 3 | NR NR |
| Femoxetine | Zeeberg, 1981 ¹¹⁴ Sample 59 Analyzed 45 % women 86.7 | Paroxysmal headache associated with discomfort, possibly with inability to work, and at least one of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, visual disturbances and paresthesia NR | Yes | NR ≥50 years old = 9 30-50 years old = 29 <30 years old = 7 | NR NR |
| Femoxetine | Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ Sample 29 Analyzed 24 % women 86.2 | NR NR | Yes | NR 37 | NR NR |

Appendix Table D49. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined off label antidepressants for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Examined Drug | Reference, Total Sample Size Number of Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine % of Patients without Aura | Baseline Monthly Migraine Frequency | Eligible Age Mean Age of Subjects | Duration of Migraine Prior Treatment |
|---------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Femoxetine | Orholm, 1985 ¹¹⁵ Sample 59 Analyzed 47 % women NR | NR NR | NR | NR NR | NR NR |
| Fluoxetine | Adly, 1992 ¹¹⁶ Sample 32 Analyzed 18 % women 83.3 | the Ad hoc Committee on Classification of headache NR | Headache score 33.5 | NR 37.5 | NR 2 amitriptyline or nadolol, 1 imipramine |
| Fluoxetine | Saper, 1994 ¹¹⁷ Sample 111 Analyzed 111 % women 87.4 | International Headache Society NR | NR | 18-60 36.6 | At least 24 months NR |
| Fluoxetine | Steiner, 1998 ¹¹⁸ Sample 53 Analyzed 49 % women 75.5 | NR 54.8 | Yes | 18-45 40.6 | NR NR |
| Fluoxetine | d'Amato, 1999 ¹¹⁹ Sample 52 Analyzed 52 % women 63.5 | International Headache Society 1988 criteria 100 | NR | 18-65 37.6 | At least 6 months NR |
| Mianserin | Monro, 1985 ¹²⁰ Sample 38 Analyzed 34 % women NR | NR NR | NR | 18-65 NR | NR NR |
| Tonabersat* | Goadsby, 2009 ¹²¹ Sample 124 Analyzed 124 % women 92.3 | International Headache Society NR | Yes | 18-55 36 | NR NR |
| Venlafaxine | Ozyalcin, 2005 ¹²² Sample 60 Analyzed 49 % women 90 | International Headache Society 100 | Yes | 18-70 placebo 38.16; V75 34.25; V150 37.19 | NR NR |
| Venlafaxine | Tarlaci, 2009 ¹²³ Sample 105 Analyzed 93 % women 81.7 | International Headache Society 93.5 | Yes | NR 31.4 | NR NR |

NR = not reported; *Cortical spreading depression inhibitor

Appendix Table D50. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined off label antidepressants for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------|----------------------|--|
| Couch, 1979 ¹⁰³ | Industry | No | Yes | NR | NA |
| Gomersall, 1973 ¹⁰⁴ | Industry | No | Yes | NR | NA |
| Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Bank, 1994 ¹⁰⁶ | NR | No | Yes | NR | NA |
| Oguzhanoglu, 1999 ¹⁰⁷ | NR | No | NR | NR | NA |
| Krymchantowski, 2002 ¹⁰⁸ | No | No | Yes | NR | NA |
| Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | NR | NA |
| Lampl, 2009 ¹¹⁰ | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Lampl received personal compensation from Glaxo, Pfizer Austria, Mundipharma, Gruenthal, Bayer-Shering, Biogen Idec and Astra Zeneca |
| Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | NR | NA |
| Couch, 1976 ¹¹² | No | No | NR | NR | NA |
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | Other | NR | Yes | NR | All authors are from the University that sponsored the study |
| Rafien-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | University | No | Yes | NR | NA |
| Orholm, 1986 ¹¹³ | No | Yes | Yes | NR | NA |
| Zeeberg, 1981 ¹¹⁴ | No | Yes | Yes | NR | NA |
| Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | No | No | NR | NR | NA |
| Orholm, 1985 ¹¹⁵ | NR | NR | NR | NR | NA |
| Adly, 1992 ¹¹⁶ | NR | No | Yes | NR | NA |
| Saper, 1994 ¹¹⁷ | Industry | Yes | Yes | NR | NA |
| Steiner, 1998 ¹¹⁸ | Industry | Yes | Yes | NR | NA |
| d'Amato, 1999 ¹¹⁹ | NR | Yes | Yes | NR | NA |
| Monro, 1985 ¹²⁰ | Industry | No | Yes | NR | NA |
| Goadsby, 2009 ^{121*} | Industry | No | Yes | NR | JGM is an employee of Minster Research Ltd |
| Ozyalcin, 2005 ¹²² | Industry | Yes | Yes | NR | NA |
| Tarlaci, 2009 ¹²³ | No | No | NR | NR | NA |

NA = Not applicable; NR = Not reported; * RCT of Cortical spreading depression inhibitor

Appendix Table D51. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined off label antidepressants and tonabersat for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of Treatment Status | Planned Intention to Treat Analysis | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Adequacy of Randomization (Migraine Characteristics) | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Couch, 1979 ¹⁰³ | DB | No | NR | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Medium |
| Gomersall, 1973 ¹⁰⁴ | DB | No | Unclear | Unclear (crossover trial) | Unclear (crossover trial) | Unclear | Medium |
| Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ | Open-label | No | Unclear | Yes | NR | Unclear | High |
| Bank, 1994 ¹⁰⁶ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Oguzhanoglu, 1999 ¹⁰⁷ | Open-label | No | Unclear | Unclear | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Krymchantowski, 2002 ¹⁰⁸ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Bulutm 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Lampf, 2009 ¹¹⁰ | Open-label | Yes | NR | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | DB | No | NR | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Couch, 1976 ¹¹² | DB | No | Unclear | NR | NR | Unclear | Medium |
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | DB | No | Unclear | NR | F | Unclear | Medium |
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | DB | No | NR | Unclear | S | Unclear | Medium |
| Orholm, 1986 ¹¹³ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Zeeberg, 1981 ¹¹⁴ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | DB | No | Unclear | NR | NR | Unclear | Medium |
| Orholm, 1985 ¹¹⁵ | DB | No | NR | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Adly, 1992 ¹¹⁶ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | S | Unclear | Medium |
| Saper, 1994 ¹¹⁷ | DB | No | NR | Yes | S | Unclear | Medium |
| Steiner, 1998 ¹¹⁸ | DB | No | NR | No | No for F, but S is OK | Unclear | High |
| d'Amato, 1999 ¹¹⁹ | DB | No | NR | Yes | S | Unclear | Medium |
| Monro, 1985 ¹²⁰ | DB | No | Unclear | No | Unclear | Unclear | High |
| Goadsby, 2009 ^{121*} | DB | Yes | NR | Yes | F & S | Unclear | Low |
| Ozyalcin, 2005 ¹²² | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Medium |
| Tarlaci, 2009 ¹²³ | NR (seems open-label) | Yes | NR | No | F | Unclear | High |

DB = double-blind

NR = not reported

F = migraine frequency

S = migraine severity

D = migraine duration

* RCT of Cortical spreading depression inhibitor

Appendix Table D52. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined calcium channel antagonists for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Sample Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine Years of Migraine | Age of Subjects | Baseline Migraine Status |
|---|---|--|---|
| Markley, 1984 ¹²⁴ Sample 20 Analyzed 14 % women 86 | "Standard criteria" confirmed by self assessment questionnaire Years of migraine- Chronic headaches for an average of 13.4 years | 20 to 50 year Mean age 33 years | 57% had no significant relief when treated in the past with drugs used for migraine prophylaxis |
| Stewart, 1988 ¹²⁵ Sample 49 Analyzed 26 % women not reported | Not reported Years of migraine not reported | 18-65 | Headache index at baseline: active=126.7 (SD=112.5), placebo=141.1 (SD=142.3); number of headaches at baseline: active=6.15 (SD+3.62), placebo=6.46 (SD=4.21) |
| Leandri, 1990 ¹²⁶ Sample 30 Analyzed 30 % women 73 | International Headache Society criteria Years of migraine, mean: 7.9 +/- 6.2 years | Not reported Not reported | Mean frequency ± SD: 4.26 ± 3.03, mean intensity: 2.60 ± 0.49, mean duration: 35.76 ± 21.69, index a (monthly number x mean intensity of attacks): 12.61 ± 10.96, index b (monthly number x mean intensity x mean duration of attacks): 351.88 ± 214.84 |
| Gelmers, 1983 ¹²⁷ Sample 60 Analyzed 50 % women 62 | Ad Hoc Committee definition Years of migraine- 20 years | Not reported Mean (SD): 30 (9) | Classic migraine active: 8, common migraine placebo: 4, common migraine active: 20, common migraine placebo: 18, age at migraine onset active: 11 (SD=9), age at migraine onset placebo: 10 (SD=8), migraine index active: 56 (SD=25), migraine index placebo: 72 (SD=39) |
| Migraine-Nimodipine European Study Group, 1989 ¹²⁸ Sample 192 Analyzed 192 % women 78 | Ad hoc committee definition Years of migraine, active: 16, placebo 17 | Age 18-60 Mean: active 38, placebo 38.3 years | Median duration of migraine in years, active: 16, placebo: 17; migraine days per 4 weeks, active: 4.5, placebo: 4.2; migraine index of days per 4 weeks times severity, active: 9.27, placebo 8.79 |
| McArthur, 1989 ¹²⁹ Sample 24 Analyzed 14 % women Not reported | Ad hoc committee on the classification of headache Years of migraine Not reported | Not reported Not reported | Not reported |
| Solomon, 1983 ¹³⁰ Sample 23 Analyzed 12 % women 75 | Classic or common migraine by ad hoc committee on classification of headache Years of migraine Not reported | Age 19-60 Mean 38.9 years | 7/12 (58%) had common migraine and 5/12 (42%) had classic migraine |

Appendix Table D52. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined calcium channel antagonists for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Sample Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine Years of Migraine | Age of Subjects | Baseline Migraine Status |
|---|--|---|--|
| Meyer, 1983 ¹³¹ Sample 35 Analyzed 35 % women 66 | Ad hoc committee Years of migraine Not reported | Age 20 years and older Mean 39.6 (SD=12.1) years | 27/35 (77%) patients with migraine, common migraine: 14/35 (40%), classic migraine: 13/35 (37%), cluster headaches: 8/35 (23%) |
| Havanka-Kanniainen, 1985 ¹³² Sample 33 Analyzed 29 % women 85 | Ad hoc committee Years of migraine- Mean duration of 14 years (1.6) | Not reported Mean age 32 (SD=1.3) | 20/30 (67%) with classical migraine, 33% with common, |
| Migraine-Nimodipine European Study Group, 1989 ¹³³ Sample 89 Analyzed 72 % women 79 | National Institute of Health for classic migraine Years of migraine- Active: 15 years, control: 10 years | 18-60 Mean age active: 33.2 yrs., control: 34.8 yrs. | Migraine days/4 weeks active: 3.4, control: 3.4; migraine index active: 7.7, control: 8.1 |
| Ansell, 1988 ¹³⁴ Sample 68 Analyzed 57 % women 71 | Defined in accordance with the definition of the research group on migraine and headache of the world federation of neurology, 1969 Years of migraine- Not reported | 18-60 Not reported | Placebo group: 16 common migraine, 11 classical migraine; active group: 14 with common migraine and 14 with classical migraine |
| Shukla, 1995 ¹³⁵ Sample 36 Analyzed 28 % women 79 | International Headache Society Years of migraine- 8.8 (1.18) years | 15-45 Mean years: 29.8 (SD=1.89) | Frequency: 10.4 (1.76), mild severity 0/28, moderate severity 12/28, severe severity 16/28, 100% with nausea/vomiting |

Appendix Table D53. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined calcium channel antagonists for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Sponsorship | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest |
|---|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Markley, 1984 ¹²⁴ | Industry (Knoll Pharmaceutical) provided medication | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Leandri, 1990 ¹²⁶ | Industry (Sandoz Prodotti Farmaceutici supplied medications) | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Stewart, 1988 ¹²⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Gelmers, 1983 ¹²⁷ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Migraine-Nimodipine European Study Group, 1989 ¹²⁸ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| McArthur, 1989 ¹²⁹ | Industry (Pfizer) and not for profit (national migraine foundations) | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Solomon, 1983 ¹³⁰ | Industry (Knoll Pharmaceutical) provided medication | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Meyer, 1983 ¹³¹ | Grant from government | Yes | Yes | Not reported |
| Havanka-Kanniainen, 1985 ¹³² | Industry (Bayer Ltd supplied medications) | Yes | Yes | Not reported |
| Migraine-Nimodipine European Study Group, 1989 ¹³³ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ansell, 1988 ¹³⁴ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Shukla, 1995 ¹³⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |

Appendix Table D54. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined calcium channel antagonists for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|---|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Markley, 1984 ¹²⁴ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | No | Medium |
| Stewart, 1988 ¹²⁵ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Medium |
| Leandri, 1990 ¹²⁶ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Yes | No | Medium |
| Gelmers, 1983 ¹²⁷ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Yes | No | Medium |
| Migraine-Nimodipine European Study Group, 1989 ¹²⁸ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | No, migraine index different between nimodipine and placebo groups | No | Medium |
| McArthur, 1989 ¹²⁹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | No, migraine index different between nimodipine and placebo groups | No | High |
| Solomon, 1983 ¹³⁰ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | No | Medium |
| Meyer, 1983 ¹³¹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | No | Medium |
| Havanka-Kanninen, 1985 ¹³² | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | No | Medium |
| Migraine-Nimodipine European Study Group, 1989 ¹³³ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | No | Low |
| Ansell, 1988 ¹³⁴ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear, more classical migraine in active group | No | Medium |
| Shukla, 1995 ¹³⁵ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | No | Medium |

Appendix Table D55. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined ACE inhibitors of Angiotensin II receptor blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Active Drug | Reference Sample Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine Years of Migraine | Eligible Age of Subjects | Baseline Migraine Status |
|-------------|--|--|---|---|
| Lisinopril | Schrader, 2001 ¹³⁶ Sample 60 Analyzed 55 % women 81 | International Headache Society criteria Years of migraine Not reported | Age 18 to 60 years gender, mean (SD): women, 41 (9), men, 43 (5) years | Mean (SD); hours with headache: 65(74), days with headache 9.4(4.0), days with migraine 6.8(3.0) |
| Captopril | Minervini, 1987 ¹³⁷ Sample 12 Analyzed 12 % women 58 | Ad Hoc committee on the classification of headache Years of migraine 7-36 years | Not reported 35-64 | Not reported |
| Candesartan | Tonvik, 2003 ¹³⁸ Sample 60 Analyzed 57 % women 79 | International Headache Society criteria Years of migraine Not reported | Age 18 to 65 years mean (SD) women: 42(11), men: 48(12) | Mean (SD) of Migraine days 5.7 (2.9) Disability level 9.7 (6.4) Sick leave days 1.00 (2.00) |
| Telmisartan | Diener, 2009 ¹³⁹ Sample 84 Analyzed 84 % women 84.5 | International Headache Society criteria Years of migraine Not reported | 18-65 Active group: 39.8 (11.7), placebo: 41.6 (12.9) years | Migraine days active: 6.2 (SD=2.9), placebo: 7.6 (SD=3.7); headache hours active: 58.2 (SD=50.4), placebo: 74.4 (SD=64.2) |

Appendix Table D56. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined ACE inhibitors of Angiotensin II receptor blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Sponsorship | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Schrader, 2001 ¹³⁶ | Industry by AstraZeneca | Yes | Yes | Yes | HS and GB have been reimbursed by AstraZeneca, one of the manufacturers of lisinopril, for attending conferences. These conferences were unrelated to the present study. |
| Minervini, 1987 ¹³⁷ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Tronvik, 2003 ¹³⁸ | Industry by AstraZeneca | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Tronvik has been reimbursed by AstraZeneca for attending a conference unrelated to the present study. |
| Diener, 2009 ¹³⁹ | By industry (Boehringer Ingelheim) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Multiple authors with honoraria or past research funding with pharmaceutical industry |

Appendix Table D57. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined ACE inhibitors of Angiotensin II receptor blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|--------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Schrader, 2001 ¹³⁶ | Double blind | Yes | Adequate | Not reported | No | Low |
| Minervini, 1987 ¹³⁷ | Double blind | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Low |
| Tronvik, 2003 ¹³⁸ | Double blind | Yes | Adequate | Not reported | No | Low |
| Diener, 2009 ¹³⁹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Headache hours greater in placebo group at baseline | No | High |

Appendix Table D58. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined clonidine for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Sample Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine Years of Migraine | Eligible Age of Subjects | Baseline Migraine Status |
|---|--|--|---|
| Ryan, 1975 ¹⁴⁰ Sample 75 Analyzed 75 % women 80 | Common or classical migraine Years of migraine Not reported | 21-60 Not reported | 17 tyramine positive, 58 tyramine negative |
| Ryan, 1975 ¹⁴¹ Sample 133 Analyzed 133 % women 78 | Not reported Years of migraine: Median duration 22 years | Not reported Median age 41 years | 4/133 (3%) had migraine related to menses, 32/133 (24%) had migraine related to emotional stress |
| Shafar, 1972 ¹⁴² Sample 65 Analyzed 50 % women 84 | Not reported Years of migraine: Not reported | Not reported Median age females=48 years, median age males=45 years | Not reported |
| Stensrud, 1976 ¹⁴³ Sample 29 Analyzed 27 % women 83 | Not reported Years of migraine: Not reported | Not reported Mean 45.4 years | Mean number of headache days at baseline: 5.78, mean headache index at baseline: 10.67 |
| Martucci, 1985 ¹⁴⁴ Sample 20 Analyzed 20 % women 70 | Ad hoc committee classification system Years of migraine: All participants had a clinical history longer than 5 years | Not reported Mean age 32.5 years | Not reported |
| Denaro, 1985 ¹⁴⁵ Sample 20 Analyzed 20 % women 70 | Ad hoc committee classification system Years of migraine All participants had a clinical history longer than 5 years | Not reported Mean age 32.5 years | Not reported |
| Boisen, 1978 ¹⁴⁶ Sample 71 Analyzed 49 % women Not reported | Migraine was defined as paroxysmal headache associated with discomfort, possibly with inability to work, and one or more of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, visual disturbances and paresthesia Years of migraine: Not reported | 16 to 60 years Not reported | 7/49 had 4 migraine days monthly, 20/49 had 4-8 days with migraine, 21/49 had more than 8 days with migraine in past two months |
| Wilkinson, 1970 ¹⁴⁷ Sample 27 Analyzed 24 % women 89 | Not reported Years of migraine: Not reported | Over 16 years of age Average age of men: 38, of women: 37.5 | Not reported |
| Adam, 1978 ¹⁴⁸ Sample 96 Analyzed 70 % women 84.3 | Not reported Years of migraine: Not reported | Not reported Mean age group one (clonidine to placebo) 40 years; mean age group two (placebo to clonidine) 35 years | Less than 3 headaches per 3 months 24/70 (34%), more than 3 headaches per 3 months 46/70 (66%) |

Appendix Table D58. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined clonidine for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Sample Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine Years of Migraine | Eligible Age of Subjects | Baseline Migraine Status |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Bredfeldt, 1989 ¹⁴⁹ Sample 43 Analyzed 30 % women 80 | Ad hoc committee on the classification of headache Years of migraine: Not reported | 18 years or more Range 20-57 years | Not reported |
| Kallanranta, 1977 ¹⁵⁰ Sample 50 Analyzed 50 % women 72 | Not reported Years of migraine: Not reported | Not reported mean age 31.6 years | 24/50 (48%) with classic migraine, 26 (52%) with common migraine, 6/50 (12%) with dietary migraine, mean frequency of attacks was 3.94 (sd 2.19) |
| Kallanranta, 1977 ¹⁵⁰ Sample 50 Analyzed 50 % women 64 | Not reported Years of migraine Not reported | Not reported Mean age 36.3 years | 14/50 (28%) with classic migraine, 36/50 (72%) with common migraine, 3/50 (6%) with dietary migraine, mean frequency of attacks was 4 (sd 2.20) |
| Das, 1979 ¹⁵¹ Sample 20 Analyzed 20 % women 70 | Ad hoc committee on classification of headache Years of migraine: Not reported | Not reported 20-48 years | Not reported |

Appendix Table D59. Sponsorship and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined clonidine for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Sponsorship | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Ryan, 1975 ¹⁴⁰ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ryan, 1975 ¹⁴¹ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Shafar, 1972 ¹⁴² | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Stensrud, 1976 ¹⁴³ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Martucci, 1985 ¹⁴⁴ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Denaro, 1985 ¹⁴⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Boisen, 1978 ¹⁴⁶ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Wilkinson, 1970 ¹⁴⁷ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Adam, 1978 ¹⁴⁸ | Industry (Boehringer Ingelheim Limited) | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Bredfeldt, 1989 ¹⁴⁹ | Industry (Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals) | Not reported | Yes | Not reported |
| Kallanranta, 1977 ¹⁵⁰ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Kallanranta, 1977 ¹⁵⁰ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Das, 1979 ¹⁵¹ | Industry (Unichem Labs supplied medication) | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table D60. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined clonidine for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| Ryan, 1975 ¹⁴⁰ | Double blind | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Low |
| Ryan, 1975 ¹⁴¹ | Double blind | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Low |
| Shafar, 1972 ¹⁴² | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | No | Medium |
| Stensrud, 1976 ¹⁴³ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | No | Medium |
| Martucci, 1985 ¹⁴⁴ | Double blind | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Low |
| Denaro, 1985 ¹⁴⁵ | Double blind | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Low |
| Boisen, 1978 ¹⁴⁶ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | No | Medium |
| Wilkinson, 1970 ¹⁴⁷ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear, different dosages of clonidine not reported separately | Medium |
| Adam, 1978 ¹⁴⁸ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Yes | No | Medium |
| Bredfeldt, 1989 ¹⁴⁹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | No | High |
| Kallanranta, 1977 ¹⁵⁰ | Not reported | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Unclear |
| Kallanranta, 1977 ¹⁵⁰ | Not reported | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Unclear |
| Das, 1979 ¹⁵¹ | Double blind | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Low |

Appendix Table D61. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined ergot alkaloids for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Sample Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine % Without Aura | Baseline Severity | Eligible Age Age of Subjects | Duration of Migraine Prior Treatment History |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Martucci, 1983 ¹⁵² Sample 90 Analyzed 79 % women 60 | Common migraine (Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache) 100 (assumed) | NR | Adults & Middle aged Mean: 36.6 | NR NR |
| Herrmann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Sample 153 Analyzed unclear % women 73.2 | NR 32.5 (assumed) | NR (Median frequency lies around 7-10 attacks per month) | NR NR (median lies around 20-40) | <1y: 6.8%, 1-5y: 35.8%, 5-10y: 15.9%, 10y: 37% NR |
| Whewell, 1966 ¹⁵⁴ Sample 74 Analyzed 50 % women 80 | Migraine defined as a periodic throbbing headache, unilateral initially, with at least three of the following features: a) sensory prodromata, b) photophobia, c) nausea or vomiting, d) family history of migraine, and e) fluid retention before or diuresis during attack. NR | ≥1 for 4 wks (from exclusion criterion) | Adolescent, Adults & Middle aged Mean: 42 | 20 NR |
| Pradalier, 2004 ¹⁵⁵ Sample 384 Analyzed 363 % women 80.7 | Migraine (with or without aura) was based on criteria defined by the International Headache Society 36.9 | Mean migraine attacks: 3.3 | Adults & Middle aged Mean: 39.1 | 15.8 NR |
| Neuman, 1986 ¹⁵⁶ Sample 40 Analyzed 40 % women 45 | Migraine NR | Mean migraine attacks: 3.3 | Adults, Middle aged, & Aged Mean: 47 | NR NR |
| Buscaino, 1991 ¹⁵⁷ Sample 90 Analyzed 90 % women 70 | Migraine (Ad Hoc Committee) 100 | NR (median lies around 5 to 6 attacks per month") | Adults & Middle aged Mean: 36.8 | 16 Flunarizine, ergot derivatives, and anti-depressants |
| Buscaino, 1991 ¹⁵⁷ Sample 18 Analyzed 13 % women 83.3 | Common (n=16), Classic (n=1), Cluster (n=1) 88.9 | NR | Adults & Middle aged Mean: 33.2 | NR NR |
| Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ Sample 150 Analyzed 132 % women NR | Migraine defined as recurrent paroxysmal headache lasting a minimum of one hour and associated with at least one of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, photophobia, visual, motor or sensory symptoms or dysphasia NR | NR (Median frequency lies around 3-4 attacks per month) | NR NR | NR NR |

Appendix Table D61. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined ergot alkaloids for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Sample Analyzed % Women | Definition of Migraine % Without Aura | Baseline Severity | Eligible Age Age of Subjects | Duration of Migraine Prior Treatment History |
|--|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Bonuso, 1983 ¹⁵⁹ Sample 41 Analyzed unclear % women 68.3 | Mixed headache diagnosed in accordance with the definitions of the "ad hoc Committee" 100 (assumed) | NR | Adults & Middle aged NR | NR NR |

NR = Not reported

Appendix Table D62. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined ergot alkaloids for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Martucci, 1983 ¹⁵² | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Herrmann, 1977 ¹⁵³ | NR | NR | Yes | NR | NR |
| Whewell, 1966 ¹⁵⁴ | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Pradalier, 2004 ¹⁵⁵ | Industry | Yes | Yes | No | NA |
| Neuman, 1986 ¹⁵⁶ | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Buscaino, 1991 ¹⁵⁷ | NR | NR | Yes | NR | NR |
| Buscaino, 1991 ¹⁵⁷ | NR | NR | Yes (unclear if it is fully informed, but patients agreed to participate in the study) | NR | NR |
| Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Bonuso, 1983 ¹⁵⁹ | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |

NR = not reported

Appendix Table D63. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined ergot alkaloids for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of Treatment Status | ITT Planned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Adequacy of Randomization (Migraine Characteristics) | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Martucci, 1983 ¹⁵² | DB | No | Unclear | NR | NR | No | Medium |
| Herrmann, 1977 ¹⁵³ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F, S & D | Unclear | Medium |
| Whewell, 1966 ¹⁵⁴ | DB | No | Unclear | NR | NR | Unclear | Medium |
| Pradalier, 2004 ¹⁵⁵ | DB | Yes | Unclear | Yes | F & D | No | Low |
| Neuman, 1986 ¹⁵⁶ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F | Unclear | Medium |
| Buscaino, 1991 ¹⁵⁷ | DB | No | Unclear | Yes | F, S & D | Unclear | Medium |
| Buscaino, 1991 ¹⁵⁷ | DB | No | Unclear | NR | F | Unclear | Medium |
| Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | DB | No | Unclear | NR | F | Unclear | Medium |
| Bonuso, 1983 ¹⁵⁹ | NR | No | Unclear | NR | S & D | Unclear | Medium |

ITT = Intention to treat

F= frequency

S = severity

D = duration

DB = double blind

NR = not reported

Appendix Table D64. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Country | Objective | Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Age | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura % Without Aura | Duration of Migraine, Years | Baseline Severity | Comorbidity |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------------------|---------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Millan-Guerrero, 2009 ¹⁶⁰ | Mexico | Histamine vs. botulinum toxin type A (BoNTA) | 100 [100] 92% women | Mean: 33 | International Headache Society | Included % without aura 81 | 15 | Mean migraine frequency (days): 4.12 | NR |
| Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ | USA | Onabotulinumtoxin A (BOTOX, Allergan, Inc) vs. topiramate (TOPAMAX, Ortho-McNeil) | 60 [33] 90% women | Mean: 36.8 | Migraine headache with or without aura occurring on >14 days/month for >3 months in the absence of medication overuse | Included % without aura NR | NR | Headache days: 15.6 | NR |
| Magalhaes, 2010 ¹⁶² | Brazil | Botulinum toxin type A vs. amitriptyline | 72 [unclear] 97.2% women | Mean: 34.1 | Chronic daily migraines, according to the International Classification of Headache Disorders-II | NR % without aura NR | NR | NR (Number of pain days at baseline: 24) | NR |
| Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ | USA | Onabotulinumtoxin A vs. topiramate (CM) | 59 [44] 91.5% women | Mean: 39.6 | Chronic migraine (CM) fulfilling criteria of the Second Edition of the ICHD | NR % without aura NR | 16 (median) | NR (Headache days/month: 21.1) | Every subject reported at least one problem with a body system (58/59, neurological; 39/59, psychological). A physical/neurological abnormality was found in 13.6% (8/59) |
| Blumenfeld, 2008 ¹⁶⁴ | USA | Botulinum toxin type A (BoNTA; BOTOX®: Allergan, Inc.) vs. divalproex sodium (DVPX; DEPAKOTE®: Abbott Laboratories) | 59 [59] 84.7% women | Mean: 42.4 | Episodic migraine (defined for this study as ≥3 migrainous headaches but <15 days | NR % without aura NR | NR | Number of headache days per month: 11.7 | NR |

Appendix Table D64. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Country | Objective | Sample [Number Analyzed] % Women | Age | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura % Without Aura | Duration of Migraine, Years | Baseline Severity | Comorbidity |
|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | /month) or chronic migraine (defined for this study as migrainous headaches on 15 days/month) | | | | |

NR = not reported

Appendix Table D65. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Finance | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interest Disclosure |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------|----------------------|--|
| Millan-Guerrero, 2009 ¹⁶⁰ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Matthew is on the scientific advisory board of Merck, Allergan, and Ortho-McNeil. Hi is also on the speaker's bureau for Merck, GSK, Endo Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan. |
| Magalhaes, 2010 ¹⁶² | Government | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Roger Cady: Consultant for GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Ortho-McNeil. Research grants from Allergan, Endo Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, and Wyeth. Dr. John Porter: Consulting Speakers panel with Novartis, Forest, Biogen, UCB Pharma, Pfizer, TEVA. Dr. Andrew Blumenfeld: Consultant, speaker's bureau, and research grants from Allergan. Dr. Curtis Schreiber and Dr. Kathleen Farmer: None to disclose. |
| Blumenfeld, 2008 ¹⁶⁴ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Blumenfeld has received honoraria for speaking activities and a research grant from Allergan, Inc. Dr. Schim has received research grants from Allergan, Inc., has been a consultant for Allergan, Inc., and serves on the speaker's bureau for Allergan. He has received research grants from Boehringer, Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Astra-Zeneca, and Ortho-McNeil. He serves on the speaker's bureau for Boehringer, Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, and Ortho-McNeil. Dr. Chippendale has received personal compensation from Allergan, Inc., and Photothera for consulting services. He received personal compensation from Boehringer Ingelheim, Pfizer, and Teva for speaking. |

Appendix Table D66. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of botulinum toxin for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of Treatment | Planned Intention to Treat Analysis | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias | Other Concerns |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Millan-Guerrero, 2009 ¹⁶⁰ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low | Poor reporting quality |
| Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | No | Unclear | Medium | |
| Magalhaes, 2010 ¹⁶² | Open label | No | Unclear | Unclear (age seems to differ by groups; no tests conducted) | Unclear | High | |
| Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Unclear (unclear in demographic characters, but adequate in migraine characteristics) | Unclear | Medium | |
| Blumenfeld, 2008 ¹⁶⁴ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | No | Unclear | Medium | Baseline Headache severity differs by groups |

Appendix Table D67. Comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A vs. topiramate in migraine prevention (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Outcome | Reference Risk of Bias | Active vs. Control Drug | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control Drug | Relative Risk 95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| At least a 50% reduction in headache days per month | Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ Medium | Topiramate vs. Onabotulinumtoxin A | 12/30 | 9/29 | 1.3 (0.6 to 2.6) | 0.09 (-0.15 to 0.33) |
| ≥ 50% reduction in HA/migraine days | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | Topiramate plus placebo injection vs. Onabotulinumtoxin A (Botox) + Oral placebo | 9/30 | 9/30 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.2) | 0.00 (-0.23 to 0.23) |
| Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) total score >21 (severe disability) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | Topiramate plus placebo injection vs. Onabotulinumtoxin A (Botox) + Oral placebo | 7/30 | 6/30 | 1.2 (0.4 to 3.1) | 0.03 (-0.17 to 0.24) |
| ≥ 50% improvement in the Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) total score | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | Topiramate plus placebo injection vs. Onabotulinumtoxin A (Botox) + Oral placebo | 12/30 | 11/30 | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.1) | 0.03 (-0.21 to 0.28) |
| Physician global assessment: marked improvement | Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ Medium | Topiramate vs. Onabotulinumtoxin A | 10/30 | 10/29 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | -0.01 (-0.25 to 0.23) |
| Physician global assessment: moderate improvement | Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ Medium | Topiramate vs. Onabotulinumtoxin A | 6/30 | 4/29 | 1.5 (0.5 to 4.6) | 0.06 (-0.13 to 0.25) |
| Physician global assessment: slight improvement | Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ Medium | Topiramate vs. Onabotulinumtoxin A | 1/30 | 5/29 | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.6) | -0.14 (-0.29 to 0.01) |
| Physician Global Assessment - response to treatment: Marked improvement (defined as at least 75% improvement) | Mathew, 2009¹⁶¹ Medium | Topiramate plus placebo injection vs. Onabotulinumtoxin A (Botox) + Oral placebo | 18/30 | 8/30 | 2.3 (1.2 to 4.4) | 0.33 (0.10 to 0.57) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D68. Comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A vs. divalproex sodium in migraine prevention (results from a single medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)¹⁶⁵

| Outcome | Active vs. Control Drug | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control Drug | Relative Risk 95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------|---|
| ≥50% reduction in attack frequency per month | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 2/7 | 0/7 | 5.0 (0.3 to 88.5) | 0.29 (-0.08 to 0.65) |
| ≥50% reduction in attack frequency per month | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 4/7 | 2/7 | 2.0 (0.5 to 7.6) | 0.29 (-0.21 to 0.78) |
| ≥50% reduction in attack frequency per month | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 4/7 | 4/7 | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.5) | 0.00 (-0.52 to 0.52) |
| ≥50% reduction in attack frequency per month | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 4/7 | 3/7 | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.9) | 0.14 (-0.38 to 0.66) |
| ≥50% reduction in attack frequency per month | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 5/22 | 4/23 | 1.3 (0.4 to 4.2) | 0.05 (-0.18 to 0.29) |
| ≥50% reduction in attack frequency per month | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 10/22 | 17/23 | 0.6 (0.4 to 1.0) | -0.28 (-0.56 to -0.01) |
| ≥50% reduction in attack frequency per month | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 12/22 | 12/23 | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.8) | 0.02 (-0.27 to 0.32) |
| ≥50% reduction in attack frequency per month | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 12/22 | 16/23 | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.3) | -0.15 (-0.43 to 0.13) |
| ≥75% reduction in Migraine Disability Assessment Scores (MIDAS) | Divalproex sodium (plus placebo BoNTA) vs. Botulinum toxin type A (plus placebo-tablets) | 5/29 | 16/30 | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.8) | -0.36 (-0.59 to -0.14) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D69. Comparative effectiveness of onabotulinumtoxin A vs. amitriptyline in migraine prevention (results from a single high risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)¹⁶²

| Outcome | Active vs. Control Drug | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------------|---|
| Physician assessment: improvement | Amitriptyline vs. Botulinum toxin type A | 32/37 | 31/35 | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.2) | -0.02 (-0.17 to 0.13) |
| Patient self assessment: improvement | Amitriptyline vs. Botulinum toxin type A | 33/37 | 29/35 | 1.1 (0.9 to 1.3) | 0.06 (-0.10 to 0.22) |
| Improvement a) any single criterion met among objective criteria: a) a reduction by at least 50% in the number of pain episodes, b) a reduction in the intensity of pain of at least 3 point, and c) a reduction by at least 50% in the number of pain drug doses used for migraine | Amitriptyline vs. Botulinum toxin type A | 35/37 | 31/35 | 1.1 (0.9 to 1.2) | 0.06 (-0.07 to 0.19) |
| A reduction by at least 50% in the number of pain drug doses used for migraines | Amitriptyline vs. Botulinum toxin type A | 26/37 | 27/35 | 0.9 (0.7 to 1.2) | -0.07 (-0.27 to 0.13) |
| A reduction by at least 50% in the number of days of pain | Amitriptyline vs. Botulinum toxin type A | 27/37 | 24/35 | 1.1 (0.8 to 1.4) | 0.04 (-0.17 to 0.25) |

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D70. Randomized controlled clinical trials of comparative effectiveness of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (all trials did not report prior migraine preventive treatments)

| Reference | Country | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females | Age | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Migraine Frequency/ Month | Baseline Comorbidity |
|---|--------------|--|---------------------|--|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Bartolini, 2005 ¹⁶⁶ | Italy | 49 [44] 70.5% females | Mean 41.8 years | International Headache Society Classification of Head and Facial Pain | Patients having migraine without aura were included in the study | 5.45 years | 26.6 | Not reported |
| Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ | Iran | 64 [64] 56.3% females | Mean 34.1 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | 11.2 years | 5.4 | Not reported |
| Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ | India | 60 [Variable] 78.3% females | Mean 29.41 years | International Headache Society criteria | 31.67% had aura | 5.08 years | 6.98 | 30% of patients had pre-migrainous depression |
| de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ | Italy | 45 [39] 86.0% females | Mean 37.86 years | Headache Classification Committee, 2004 | None of the patients had aura | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Millan-Guerrero, 2008 ¹⁶⁹ | Not reported | 90 [90] 86.0% females | Mean 32 years | International Headache Society criteria | With aura (n): Histamine:3, Topiramate: 5, Without aura (n); Histamine: 42, Topiramate: 40 | 14.8 years | 4.1 | Not reported |
| Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ | Turkey | 75 [63] 66.7% females | Mean 37.5 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 6.1 | Beck Depression Inventory BDI-II score: Topiramate: 17.95±5.64, Amitriptyline: 17.05±8.90, Combined: 16.95±6.05 |
| Ashtan, 2008 ¹⁷¹ | Iran | 62 [60] 81.7% females | Mean 30.5 years | International Headache Society | Not reported | At least 1 year | 5.9 | Not reported |

Appendix Table D70. Randomized controlled clinical trials of comparative effectiveness of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (all trials did not report prior migraine preventive treatments) (continued)

| Reference | Country | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females | Age | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Migraine Frequency/ Month | Baseline Comorbidity |
|---|---------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² | USA | 347 [Variable] 84.9% females | Mean 38.8 years | International Headache Society 1.1 or 1.2 | Not reported | Age at migraine onset: 20.25 years | 6.15 | Not reported |
| Mohammadianinejad, 2011 ¹⁷³ | Iran | 80 [75] 78.8% females | Mean 34.2 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | 9.9 years | 7.4 | Not reported |

Appendix Table D71. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | How Project was Funded | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests - Relationship |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Bartolini, 2005 ¹⁶⁶ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | None | Not applicable |
| de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Millan-Guerrero, 2008 ¹⁶⁹ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Ashtan, 2008 ¹⁷¹ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported, however, Jim Xiang, Marcia Rupnow, and David Biondi are employees of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC, Titusville, New Jersey |
| Mohammadianinejad, 2011 ¹⁷³ | Other | Yes | Yes | None | Not applicable |

Appendix Table D72. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|--|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Bartolini, 2005 ¹⁶⁶ | Open-label | Not reported | Unclear | No (Females were more in the valproate group and males in the topiramate group) | Unclear | High |
| Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | No (sodium valproate group had slightly more severe headache and lower duration of migraine than topiramate group) | Unclear | Medium |
| Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Low |
| de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Milan-Guerrero, 2008 ¹⁶⁹ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Medium |
| Ashtari, 2008 ¹⁷¹ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Medium |
| Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Mohammadianinejad, 2011 ¹⁷³ | Double-blind | No | Clearly adequate | Yes | Unclear | Medium |

Appendix Table D73. Comparative effectiveness of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Drug Daily Dose | Control Drug Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Decrease in headache days by more than 50% | Topiramate 100mg | Amitriptyline 100mg | Dodick, 2009¹⁷² Low | 97/178 [54.4] | 74/169 [43.9] | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.5) | 0.11 (0.00 to 0.21) |
| Decrease in migraine by more than 50% | Topiramate 100mg | Amitriptyline 100mg | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 99/178 [55.6] | 78/169 [45.9] | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.5) | 0.09 (-0.01 to 0.20) |
| Decrease in headache frequency by more than 50% | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 38/60 [63.0] | 28/60 [46.0] | 1.4 (1.0 to 1.9) | 0.17 (-0.01 to 0.34) |
| Headache intensity (≥50% reduction in mean migraine intensity) | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007⁴⁴ Low | 30/60 [50.0] | 13/60 [21.0] | 2.3 (1.3 to 4.0) | 0.28 (0.12 to 0.45) |
| Migraine frequency of less than 50% of the basal frequency | Topiramate 100mg BD | Levetiracetam 1000mg BD | de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ Medium | 8/13 [61.5] | 8/15 [53.3] | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.2) | 0.08 (-0.28 to 0.45) |
| Reduction of at least 50% in days with headache | Topiramate 75mg/day (25mg in the morning and 50mg in the evening) | Valproate(Slow-release) 750mg/day (250mg in the morning and 500mg in the evening) | Bartolini, 2005 ¹⁶⁶ High | 20/22 [90.9] | 21/22 [95.5] | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.1) | -0.05 (-0.19 to 0.10) |
| Decrease in headache frequency by more than 50% | Topiramate 25mg/day, gradually titrated up to 100mg/day | Zonisamide 50mg/day, gradually titrated up to 200mg/day | Mohammadianinejad, 2011 ¹⁷³ Medium | 16/40 [40.0] | 15/40 [37.5] | 1.1 (0.6 to 1.9) | 0.03 (-0.19 to 0.24) |
| Presence of concomitant symptoms | Topiramate 200mg | Amitriptyline 150mg of 150mg/day) | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 3/24 [12.5] | 8/28 [28.6] | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.5) | -0.16 (-0.37 to 0.05) |
| Presence of concomitant symptoms | Topiramate + Amitriptyline Initial doses of topiramate 25mg/day and amitriptyline | Amitriptyline 150mg | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 5/23 [21.7] | 8/28 [28.6] | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.0) | -0.07 (-0.31 to 0.17) |

Appendix Table 73. Comparative effectiveness of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued))

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Drug Daily Dose | Control Drug Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 10mg/day and this was followed by weekly increases of 25mg/day topiramate and 10mg/day amitriptyline | | | | | | |
| Presence of concomitant symptoms | Topiramate 200mg | Topiramate + Amitriptyline Initial doses of topiramate 25mg/day and amitriptyline 10mg/day and this was followed by weekly increases of 25mg/day topiramate and 10mg/day amitriptyline | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 3/24 [12.5] | 5/23 [21.7] | 0.6 (0.2 to 2.1) | -0.09 (-0.31 to 0.12) |

Bold = differences are statistically significant when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

Appendix Table D74. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of propranolol of migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Total Sample Size as Randomized % Women | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine, Years | Age of Subjects | Baseline Severity |
|---|---|--|--|----------------------------|--|
| Ashtari, 2008 ¹⁷¹ Sample Not reported 81.7% women | To assess the efficacy and safety of low-dose topiramate in migraine prophylaxis vs. propranolol | International Headache Society | Not reported | Mean: 30.8 | Mean monthly headache frequency: 5.95 |
| Behan, 1980 ¹⁷⁴ Sample 56 66.1% women | To compare propranolol with methysergide in a large group of patients with chronic, incapacitating migraine | Chronic, incapacitating migraine | 0.5 to 33 | Not reported | Not reported; inclusion criterion: at least two attacks of severe migraine per month |
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ Sample 105 % women Not reported | To compare the prophylactic activity of propranolol and amitriptyline on frequency, duration and severity of migraine attacks | Migraine (International Headache Society) | >1 (from inclusion criteria) | Not reported | Mean attack frequency: 4.02 (per month) |
| Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ Sample 29 86.2% women | 1) To compare the relative efficacy of propranolol and femoxetine in migraine prophylaxis, and 2) to assess the usefulness of steady state VEP (visual evoked potential) recording in the evaluation of drug effects on migraine. | Common and classic migraine | 17 | 37 | Mean frequency of migraine attacks: 7.18 |
| Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ Sample 76 % women Not reported | To evaluate the short term efficacy and safety of the combination of low doses of propranolol and nortriptyline compared to these drugs alone | International Headache Society | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Carroll, 1990 ¹⁷⁵ Sample 55 69% women | To compare the efficacy and tolerability of two long-acting formulations of propranolol | Classical or common migraine (Ad hoc committee classification of headache) | Median: 14 | Mean: 39 | Mean frequency of migraine (month): 6.1 |
| Kaniecki, 1997 ⁶⁸ Sample 37 81% women | To compare the efficacy of divalproex sodium (Depakote) with that of | Migraine without aura as defined by the International Headache | Not reported | Not reported | Mean attacks (month): 4.38 |

Appendix Table 74. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of propranolol of migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Total Sample Size as Randomized % Women | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine, Years | Age of Subjects | Baseline Severity |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | propranolol hydrochloride (and placebo) for the prophylaxis of migraine without aura | Society | | | |
| Ziegler, 1987 ⁷⁶ Sample 54 73% women | To compare efficacy of propranolol and amitriptyline in the prophylaxis of migraine headache | Patients were admitted to the study when two senior neurologists agreed on the diagnosis of migraine based on the frequent occurrence of the following factors: 1) unilateral nature of the headache; 2) nausea and/or vomiting, 3) premonitory visual phenomena, and 4) headache with no consistent association with transient stress or anxiety | Not reported | Mean: 38 | More than half of the headache episodes were classified as either "severe" (defined as "able to carry on some activities with discomfort but not with normal efficiency") or "disabling" (defined as "cannot carry on any normal activity, must go to bed") |
| Kaushik, 2005 ¹⁷⁶ Sample 192 69% women | To evaluate utility of biofeedback assisted diaphragmatic breathing and systematic relaxation in migraine and to compare their efficacy with propranolol in long term prophylaxis of migraine | International Headache Society | Not reported | Not applicable | Frequency of migraine episodes (per month): 4-5 (propranolol vs. biofeedback, 71.9% and 76%, respectively) |
| Kangasniemi, 1984 ⁷⁰ Sample 36 89% women | To compare the well-established migraine prophylactic effect of the non-selective beta-blocker propranolol with that of the beta1-selective beta-blocker metoprolol | World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Migraine and Headache, 1969 | 15.6 | Mean: 33.8 | Number of migraine attacks per 4 weeks: 5.3 |
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Sample 96 74% women | To compare the beta-adrenergic blocker timolol to an established drug, | Between 2 and 6 common migraine attacks per month as defined by the | 20.9 | Mean: 39.5 | Number of migraine attacks per 4 weeks: 5.7 |

Appendix Table 74. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of propranolol of migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Total Sample Size as Randomized % Women | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine, Years | Age of Subjects | Baseline Severity |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | propranolol, and to placebo for prophylactic effect in common migraine | ad hoc committee and by Olsen | | | |
| Olerud, 1986 ⁷³ Sample 28 % women 79 | To compare the prophylactic efficacy of nadolol with that of propranolol in patients with classic or common migraine | Classic and/or common migraine headaches as set forth by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Classification of Headache | Range: 2-45 | Not reported (range: 17-61) | Median number of migraine attack per month during single blind placebo period: 5.6 (Nadolol), 3.6 (Propranolol) |
| Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ Sample 715 94.5% women | To determine propranolol long-term effectiveness and tolerance, and to the patient's migraine status after termination of therapy | Not reported | Not reported | Mean: 38 | Not reported |
| Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ Sample 40 89.5% women | To compare the effectiveness of nifedipine to that of propranolol in the initial prophylaxis of migraine headache | Ad Hoc Committee on the Classification of Headache | Not reported | Mean: 35.2 | 5.2 |
| Andersson, 1981 ¹⁷⁷ Sample 49 69.4% women | To compare the prophylactic effect of femoxetine with the effect of propranolol (Frekven) in a double-blind crossover study | Migraine was defined as paroxysmal headache associated with discomfort, possibly with inability to work, and one or more of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, visual disturbances and paresthesia. | Not reported | Mean: 38 | Migraine attacks per 4 weeks: 5.7 |
| Kass, 1980 ⁶⁹ Sample 23 69.6% women | To compare the prophylactic effect on migraine of propranolol and clonidine | World Federation of Neurology, 1969 | Not reported | Mean: 39.7 | Not reported |
| Havanka-Kanniainen, 1988 ¹⁷⁸ Sample Not reported 81% women | To compare the efficacy and side-effects of LA propranolol 80 mg once a day with that of LA propranolol 160 mg once daily in the prophylactic | Ad Hoc Committee on the Classification of Headache | 17.5 | Mean: 37.7 | Migraine attack: 5.1 |

Appendix Table 74. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of propranolol of migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Total Sample Size as Randomized % Women | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine, Years | Age of Subjects | Baseline Severity |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | treatment of classic and common migraine | | | | |
| Olerud, 1986 ⁷³ Sample 42 % women Not reported | To evaluate the effectiveness of a Beta-blocker (propranolol) alone, a calcium antagonist (cinnarizine) alone, and both in combination | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Solomon, 1986 ¹⁷⁹ Sample Not reported % women Not reported | To compare the prophylactic antimigraine effect of the calcium entry blocker verapamil with beta-blocker propranolol | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ryan, 1984 ¹⁸⁰ Sample 48 73% women | To compare the relative efficacy and safety of propranolol and nadolol in the prophylactic phase of the treatment of migraine | Common or classical migraine (no definition provided) | Not reported | Not reported | Headache frequency/4 weeks: 6.3 |
| Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ Sample 58 81% women | To ascertain, on the basis of single case statistics and time-series analysis, responder and non-responder rates for metoprolol, propranolol and nifedipine in migraine prophylaxis. In addition, an attempt was made to identify the dose relationship for the various drugs on headache parameters. | Common or classical migraine (no definition provided) | 21 | Mean: 42.4 | Headache frequency/4 weeks: 3.55 |
| Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² Sample 140 76% women | To compare the effects of nadolol with those of propranolol in the prophylactic treatment of migraine | Classic or common migraine as defined by Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache | 20.7 | Mean: 39.3 | Headache frequency/4 weeks (during last year): 5.29 |
| Stensrud, 1980 ⁶² Sample 35 | To compare the effectiveness of a selective | Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table 74. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of propranolol of migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Total Sample Size as Randomized % Women | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine, Years | Age of Subjects | Baseline Severity |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 68.6% women | and a non-selective beta1-receptor antagonist i.e. atenolol (Tenormin) and propranolol (Inderal), in the prophylaxis of migraine | Headache (1962) | | | |
| Olsson, 1984 ¹⁸¹ Sample 56 73.2% women | To investigate the prophylactic effect of metoprolol under double-blind controlled conditions and to compare the effect with that of propranolol in dosages that could be regarded as starting dosage | Classical or common migraine (defined by the World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Migraine and Headache, 1969/18/) | 20.7 | Mean: 39.6 | Migraine attack (median) / 4 weeks (during placebo run in): 5.4 |
| Ahuja, 1985 ⁵⁶ Sample 26 46.2% women | To compare the effectiveness of a selective and a non-selective beta1-receptor antagonist i.e. atenolol (Tenormin) and propranolol (Inderal), in the prophylaxis of migraine | Ad Hoc Committee on Classification of Headache (1962) | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Sargent, 1985 ⁵⁵ Sample 149 79% women | To evaluate the prophylactic effect and tolerance of naproxen sodium compared to propranolol hydrochloride and placebo in migraine | Common or classical migraine, or a combination migraine and muscle contraction headache (no definition provided) | 20 | Mean: 30 | Not reported |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Sample 25 80% women | To evaluate the prophylactic effect of timolol in migraine | Common migraine attacks (as defined by the Ad Hoc Committee) | Not reported | Mean: 41.4 | Mean number of attacks (4 weeks): 6.65 |
| Diener, 2004 ⁴³ Sample 575 79.8% women | To evaluate the efficacy and safety of two doses of topiramate and safety of two doses of topiramate vs. placebo for migraine prophylaxis, with propranolol (PROP) as an active control | International Headache Society | Not reported | Median: 41 | Mean monthly migraine frequency: 5.1 |

Appendix Table D75. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------|----------------------|---|
| Ashtari, 2008 ¹⁷¹ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Behan, 1980 ¹⁷⁴ | Other | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | Other | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | All authors are from the University that sponsored the study |
| Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Diener, 2002 ¹⁸² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Carroll, 1990 ¹⁷⁵ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Unclear | One of author is employed by industry (ICI pharmaceuticals), but unclear their relationship (no funding source reported.) |
| Kaniecki, 1997 ⁶⁸ | Industry | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ziegler, 1987 ⁷⁶ | Grant | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Kaushik, 2005 ¹⁷⁶ | Other | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Kangasniemi, 1984 ⁷⁰ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Olerud, 1986 ⁷³ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | Industry + Grant | Not reported | Yes | No | Not reported |
| Andersson, 1981 ¹⁷⁷ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Kass, 1980 ⁶⁹ | Industry | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Havanka-Kanninen, 1988 ¹⁷⁸ | Industry | Yes | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Olerud, 1986 ⁷³ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Solomon, 1986 ¹⁷⁹ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ryan, 1984 ¹⁸⁰ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Stensrud, 1980 ⁶² | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Olsson, 1984 ¹⁸¹ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ahuja, 1985 ⁵⁶ | Industry (Inderal brand of propranolol and identical looking placebo tablets were supplied by Alkali and Chemical Corp. India Ltd. | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Sargent, 1985 ⁵⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ | Industry | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table D75. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval | Consent | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|----------------------|--|
| Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | <p>Hans-Christoph Diener has received grant/research support from, has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and/or has received honoraria for oral presentations from 3M Medica, Allergan, Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, Bayer Vital, Böhringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eisai, GlaxoSmithKline, Grünenthal, Janssen-Cilag, Johnson & Johnson, La Roche, Lilly, Novartis, MSD, Parke-Davis, Pfizer, Pharmacia, Pierre Fabre, Schaper and Brümmer, and Weber & Weber. Peer Tfelt-Hansen has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and/or has received honoraria for oral presentation from Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, MSD, Pfizer, and Quintiles. Carl Dahlöf has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and has received honoraria for oral presentations from Allergan, Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Jansen-Cilag, Johnson & Johnson, Lilly, MSD, Novartis, Pfizer, Pharmacia, and Pierre Fabre. Miguel JA Láinez has received grant/research support from, has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and/or has received honoraria for oral presentations from Almirall Prodesfarma, AstraZeneca, Böhringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Elan Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen-Cilag, Johnson & Johnson, MSD, Novartis, Pfizer, Pierre Fabre, and Sanofi-Synthelabo. Giorgio Sandrini has received grant/research support from, has been a consultant/scientific advisor for, and/or has received honoraria for oral presentations from Allergan, AstraZeneca, Bayer, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Grünenthal, Janssen-Cilag, Johnson & Johnson, Lilly, MSD, Pfizer, Pharmacia, and Solvay Pharma. Shuu-Jiun Wang has received grant/research support from and/or received honoraria for oral presentations from AstraZeneca, Glaxo-SmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Lilly, MSD, and Pfizer. Walter Neto, Ujjwala Vijapurkar, Aiden Doyle, and David Jacobs are employed by Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development, LLC.</p> |

Appendix Table D76. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of propranolol for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking Treatment Status | Planned Intention to Treat | Allocation Concealment | Baseline Similarity in Migraine | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Ashtari, 2008 ¹⁷¹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Behan, 1980 ¹⁷⁴ | Double blind | No | Unclear | D | Unclear | Medium |
| Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | Double blind | No | Unclear | F | Unclear | Medium |
| Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Diener, 2002 ¹⁸² | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | F | Unclear | Low |
| Carroll, 1990 ¹⁷⁵ | Double blind | No | Unclear | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Kaniecki, 1997 ⁶⁸ | Single blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | High |
| Ziegler, 1987 ⁷⁶ | Double blind | No | Unclear | S | Unclear | Medium |
| Kaushik, 2005 ¹⁷⁶ | Single blind | Yes | Adequate | F & S | Unclear | Medium |
| Kangasniemi, 1984 ⁷⁰ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ | Double blind | No | Unclear | F, S & D | Unclear | Medium |
| Olerud, 1986 ⁷³ | Double blind | No | Unclear | F | Unclear | Medium |
| Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ | Open-label | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | High |
| Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | Open-label | No | Unclear | F | Unclear | High |
| Andersson, 1981 ¹⁷⁷ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Kass, 1980 ⁶⁹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Havanka-Kanniainen, 1988 ¹⁷⁸ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Olerud, 1986 ⁷³ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Low |
| Solomon, 1986 ¹⁷⁹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Ryan, 1984 ¹⁸⁰ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Gerber, 1991 ⁷¹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | F & D | Unclear | Medium |
| Sudilovsky, 1987 ⁷² | Double blind | No | Unclear | F & D | Unclear | Medium |
| Stensrud, 1980 ⁶² | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Olsson, 1984 ¹⁸¹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Ahuja, 1985 ⁵⁶ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Low |
| Sargent, 1985 ⁵⁵ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ | Double blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Double blind | Yes | Unclear | F | Unclear | Low |

F = migraine frequency; S = migraine severity; D = migraine duration

Appendix Table D77. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference Aim | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females in Sample | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Migraine Frequency at Baseline/Month | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) |
|---|--|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ To compare the effect of clonidine with that of the β 1-selective β -adreno-receptor antagonist metoprolol in patients with classical and common migraine. | 33 [31] 80.6 | World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Migraine and Headache, 1969 | 18.7 years | Not reported | 3 to 10 (inclusion criterion) | Mean 35.5 years |
| Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ To compare the efficacy of clomipramine, a serotonin-reuptake inhibitor, as anti-migraine drug, with that of metoprolol, a beta-blocking agent | 63 [34] 66.7 | Ad Hoc Committee on classification of headache | 20.8 years | Since 13 patients had classical migraine it was assumed that these patients had migraine with aura | Not reported | Mean 44.4 years |
| Grottemeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ To compare in a double-blind cross-over study with a well-demarcated run-in period the effectiveness of ASA with that of a well-established beta-blocker | 28 [Not reported] 82.1 | Ad hoc Committee | 10 years | None of the patients had aura | 4 to 8 | Mean 31 years |
| Worz, 1991 ¹⁸⁶ To compare the efficacy and safety of bisoprolol (5-10mg once daily) in migraine prophylaxis with that of the beta1-selective blocker metoprolol (50-100mg twice daily), a well established migraine prophylactic drug | 78 [Variable] 80.8 | International Headache Society criteria | At least 2 years | 55 had migraine without aura and 23 had migraine with aura | 4 | Not reported |
| Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ To compare bisoprolol | 125 [78] 77.6 | International Headache Society | 19.5 years | Migraine with aura: 27.2% and migraine | 4.01 | Mean 38.5 years |

Appendix Table D77. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference Aim | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females in Sample | Definition of Migraine | Duration of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Migraine Frequency at Baseline/Month | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) |
|---|--|--|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5mg once daily with metoprolol 50mg twice daily in migraine prophylaxis | | criteria (Olesen, 1988) | | without aura:72.8% | | |
| Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ To show equivalence of Aspirin with metoprolol with respect to efficacy, defined as a 50% reduction in the rate of migraine attacks. | 270 [270] 81.1 | International Headache Society criteria | 13.8 years | 50 Patients had migraine with aura | 3.5 | Mean 41.25 years |
| Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ To evaluate the efficacy of oral treatment with nebivolol and metoprolol in the prophylaxis of migraine attacks. | 30 [30] 86.7 | International Headache Society criteria -II: 1.1 and 1.2 | 17 years | Headache with aura/other symptoms: n (%): Metoprolol: 14 (100), Nebivolol: 15 (94) | 3.4 | Mean 39 years |

Appendix Table D78. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ | Industry | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Grotemeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Worz, 1991 ¹⁸⁶ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | G.Latta is from Bayer, Leverkusen, Germany |
| Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | None | Not applicable |

Appendix Table D79. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Baseline Similarity | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Frequency: not reported; Severity: not reported; Duration: not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Grotemeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Frequency: not reported; Severity: not reported; Duration: not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Worz, 1991 ¹⁸⁶ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Frequency: similar; Severity: not reported; Duration: not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Not reported | Frequency: similar; Severity: not reported; Duration: not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: similar | Unclear | Low |
| Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | No, there were no males in the metoprolol group | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: similar | Unclear | Medium |

Appendix Table D80. Strength of evidence of comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference | Active Drug | Control Drug | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Reduction of frequency of attacks by more than 50% | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ | Metoprolol | Bisoprolol | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Responder rate(at least 50% in number of attacks from baseline to endpoint) | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ | Metoprolol | Nebivolol | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Reduction of attacks more than 50% | Grotemeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ | Metoprolol | Aspirin | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Responder rate (Reduction in the number of migraine attacks greater than 50%) | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | Metoprolol | Aspirin, 1500mg/day | Low | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Reduction of more than 50% in the number of migraine days | Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ | Metoprolol | Clonidine | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |

Appendix Table D81. Comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers on migraine frequency, severity, and impact (results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug, Dose | Randomized to Active/Control Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Active Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Control Drug | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| Number of attacks per 4 weeks | Worz, 1991 ¹⁸⁶ Medium | Bisoprolol 5 to 10mg once daily | Metoprolol 50 to 100mg twice daily | 78/78 | Not reported | Not reported | 0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4) |
| Mean frequency per 28 days in phase I | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 65/60 | 2.0 [1.7] | 2.4 [2.0] | -0.4 (-1.0 to 0.3) |
| Mean frequency per 28 days in phase II | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 60/65 | 2.0 [1.7] | 1.8 [1.7] | 0.2 (-0.4 to 0.8) |
| Mean frequency per 28 days (overall) | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 125/125 | 2.0 [1.5] | 2.1 [1.8] | -0.1 (-0.5 to 0.4) |
| Frequency of migraine attacks | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 14/16 | 1.3 [1.0] | 1.6 [1.5] | -0.3 (-1.2 to 0.6) |
| Duration of migraine attacks at endpoint (hours) | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 14/16 | 26.0 [55.0] | 15.0 [14.0] | 11.0 (-18.6 to 40.6) |
| Severity at endpoint (measured on 100 mm visual analog scale) | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 14/16 | 54.0 [16.0] | 50.0 [24.0] | 4.0 (-10.4 to 18.4) |
| MIDAS: days with headache | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 14/16 | 13.0 [18.0] | 14.0 [14.0] | -1.0 (-12.7 to 10.7) |
| MIDAS: pain intensity | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 14/16 | 6.0 [2.0] | 6.0 [3.0] | 0.0 (-1.8 to 1.8) |

Appendix Table D81. Comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers on migraine frequency, severity, and impact (results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug, Dose | Randomized to Active/Control Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Active Drug | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Control Drug | Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| | Medium | week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | | | | | |
| Quality of life(SF-36): Physical | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 14/16 | 46.0 [7.0] | 50.0 [10.0] | -4.0 (-10.1 to 2.1) |
| Quality of life(SF-36): Mental | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 14/16 | 48.0 [8.0] | 45.0 [13.0] | 3.0 (-4.6 to 10.6) |
| % change in frequency of migraine attacks | Grotemeyer, 1990¹⁸⁵ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 1500mg/day | 28/28 | -50.0 [18.0] | -26.0 [22.0] | -24.0 (-34.5 to - 13.5) |
| Intensity of attacks | Grotemeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 1500mg/day | 28/28 | 1.6 [0.7] | 1.4 [0.5] | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) |
| Frequency of migraine attacks | Diener, 2001¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 135/135 | 1.8 [1.6] | 2.4 [1.9] | -0.5 (-1.0 to -0.1) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D82. Comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reduction of frequency of attacks by more than 50% | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 11/125 [8.8] | 12/125 [9.6] | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.0) | -0.01 (-0.08 to 0.06) |
| Patients rated treatment as more effective | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 28/125 [22.4] | 37/125 [29.6] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.2) | -0.07 (-0.18 to 0.04) |
| MIDAS :No impairment | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 -16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 2/14 [14.3] | 2/16 [12.5] | 1.1 (0.2 to 7.1) | 0.02 (-0.23 to 0.26) |
| MIDAS :Severe impairment | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 -16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 2/14 [14.3] | 5/16 [31.3] | 0.5 (0.1 to 2.0) | -0.17 (-0.46 to 0.12) |
| MIDAS :Moderate impairment | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 -16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 4/14 [28.6] | 6/16 [37.5] | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.2) | -0.09 (-0.42 to 0.25) |
| MIDAS :Mild impairment | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 -16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 5/14 [35.7] | 2/16 [12.5] | 2.9 (0.7 to 12.5) | 0.23 (-0.07 to 0.53) |
| Responder rate(at least 50% in number of attacks from baseline to endpoint) | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 -16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 8/14 [57.0] | 8/16 [50.0] | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.2) | 0.07 (-0.29 to 0.43) |

Appendix Table D82. Comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Patients using pain medications at endpoint | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 -16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 10/14 [71.4] | 10/16 [62.5] | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.9) | 0.09 (-0.25 to 0.42) |
| Pain intensity: mild | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 6/135 [4.4] | 9/135 [6.7] | 0.7 (0.2 to 1.8) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.03) |
| Reduction of attacks more than 50% | Grotemeyer, 1990¹⁸⁵ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 1500mg/day (| 14/28 [50.0] | 3/28 [10.7] | 4.7 (1.5 to 14.5) | 0.39 (0.18 to 0.61) |
| Photophobia: mild | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 17/135 [12.6] | 23/135 [17.0] | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.3) | -0.04 (-0.13 to 0.04) |
| Phonophobia: mild | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 25/135 [18.5] | 17/135 [12.6] | 1.5 (0.8 to 2.6) | 0.06 (-0.03 to 0.15) |
| Nausea: mild | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 33/135 [24.4] | 22/135 [16.3] | 1.5 (0.9 to 2.4) | 0.08 (-0.01 to 0.18) |

Appendix Table D82. Comparative effectiveness of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|--|---------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Vomiting: mild | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 38/135 [28.1] | 32/135 [23.7] | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.15) |
| Responder rate (Reduction in the number of migraine attacks greater than 50%) | Diener, 2001¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 40/135 [29.6] | 61/135 [45.2] | 0.7 (0.5 to 0.9) | -0.16 (-0.27 to -0.04) |
| Reduction of more than 50% in the number of migraine days | Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID | Clonidine 50µg BID | 10/31 [32.3] | 8/31 [25.8] | 1.3 (0.6 to 2.7) | 0.06 (-0.16 to 0.29) |
| Migraine days with nausea symptoms | Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID | Clonidine 50µg BID | 11/31 [35.0] | 12/31 [39.0] | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.8) | -0.03 (-0.27 to 0.21) |
| Migraine attacks accompanied by visual disturbances | Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID | Clonidine 50µg BID | 12/31 [38.7] | 17/31 [54.8] | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.2) | -0.16 (-0.41 to 0.08) |
| Subjective therapeutic evaluation: Marked or moderate | Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID | Clonidine 50µg BID | 22/31 [71.0] | 15/31 [48.4] | 1.5 (1.0 to 2.2) | 0.23 (-0.01 to 0.46) |
| Number of migraine days reduced | Louis, 1985¹⁸³ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID | Clonidine 50µg BID | 24/31 [77.4] | 14/31 [45.2] | 1.7 (1.1 to 2.6) | 0.32 (0.09 to 0.55) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D83. Exploratory Network Bayesian Meta-analysis of clinical response (defined as ≥50% reduction in migraine or self reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency) with preventive approved drugs and off label drug classes in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Class | Control Class | Active Drug | Control Drugs | Risk of Bias, Reference | Events/Randomized In Active Group | Events/Randomized in Control Group | Events/Randomized in the Second control Group |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Propranolol | Medium ⁵⁰ | 17/83 | 34/83 | NA/1 |
| Anti-epileptic | Antidepressant | Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Low ¹⁷² | 99/178 | 78/169 | NA/1 |
| Anti-epileptic | Anti-epileptic | Topiramate | Levetiracetam | Medium ¹⁶⁸ | 8/13 | 8/15 | NA/1 |
| Anti-epileptic | Anti-epileptic | Topiramate | Valproate | High ¹⁶⁶ | 20/22 | 21/22 | NA/1 |
| Anti-epileptic | Beta-blocker | Divalproex | Propranolol | High ⁶⁸ | 24/37 | 25/37 | NA/1 |
| Anti-epileptic | Other | Valproate | Cinnarizine | Low ¹⁹⁰ | 37/58 | 41/67 | NA/1 |
| Anti-epileptic | Other | Topiramate | Histamine | Low ¹⁶⁹ | 27/45 | 30/45 | NA/1 |
| Anti-epileptic | Other | Topiramate | Zonisamide | Medium ¹⁷³ | 16/40 | 15/40 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Anti-adrenergic | Metoprolol | Clonidine | Medium ¹⁸³ | 10/31 | 8/31 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Anti-adrenergic | Propranolol | Clonidine | Medium ⁶⁹ | 13/23 | 8/23 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Antidepressant | Propranolol | Amitriptyline | Medium ⁷⁶ | 12/54 | 10/54 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Antidepressant | Propranolol | Femoxetine | Medium ⁷⁷ | 3/15 | 1/14 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Antidepressant | Propranolol | Femoxetine | Medium ⁷⁷ | 1/13 | 3/11 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Antidepressant | Propranolol | Nortriptyline | Medium ⁷⁵ | 11/25 | 7/24 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Beta-blocker | Propranolol | Metoprolol | Medium ⁷⁰ | 15/36 | 17/36 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Beta-blocker Ca++ blocker | Propranolol | Metoprolol, Nifedipine | Medium ⁷¹ | 0/19 | 6/22 | 0/17 |
| Beta-blocker | Beta-blocker | Propranolol | Nadolol | Medium ^{73, 191} | 9/15 | 5/13 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Beta-blocker | Propranolol | Nadolol | Medium ¹⁹¹ | 5/44 | 18/47 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Calcium Channel Blockers | Propranolol | Nifedipine | High ⁷⁴ | 12/20 | 6/20 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Other | Propranolol | Cinnarizine | Low ⁷³ | 1/14 | 2/14 | NA/1 |
| NSAID | Beta-blocker | Aspirin | Metoprolol | Medium ¹⁸⁵ | 3/28 | 14/28 | NA/1 |
| NSAID | Beta-blocker | Aspirin | Metoprolol | Low ¹⁸⁸ | 61/135 | 40/135 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | ACE Inhibitors | Placebo | Captopril | Low ¹³⁷ | 0/12 | 8/12 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | ACE Inhibitors | Placebo | Lisinopril | Low ¹³⁶ | 0/60 | 14/60 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-adrenergic | Placebo | Clonidine | Medium ¹⁴³ | 0/30 | 10/30 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Antidepressant | Placebo | Amitriptyline | Medium ¹⁰³ | 18/61 | 26/55 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Antidepressant | Placebo | Amitriptyline | Medium ¹¹¹ | 48/197 | 47/194 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Antidepressant | Placebo | Amitriptyline | Medium ¹¹² | 7/36 | 16/37 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Antidepressant | Placebo | Fluoxetine | Medium ¹¹⁶ | 1/16 | 6/16 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Antidepressant | Placebo | Venlafaxine | Medium ¹²² | 0/19 | 9/21 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Acetazolamide | Low ⁸⁰ | 9/27 | 8/26 | NA/1 |

Appendix Table D83. Exploratory Network Bayesian Meta-analysis of clinical response (defined as $\geq 50\%$ reduction in migraine or self reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency) with preventive approved drugs and off label drug classes in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Class | Control Class | Active Drug | Control Drugs | Risk of Bias, Reference | Events/Randomized In Active Group | Events/Randomized in Control Group | Events/Randomized in the Second control Group |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Carbamazepin | Medium ⁸⁶ | 5/48 | 26/48 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Divalproex | Medium ⁴⁵ | 5/37 | 33/70 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Divalproex | Low ⁴⁷ | 2/15 | 19/44 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Divalproex | Low ⁴⁶ | 32/116 | 50/123 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Gabapentin | Medium ⁸⁴ | 12/22 | 18/23 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Gabapentin | Medium ⁸¹ | 5/45 | 26/98 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Gabapentin | Low ¹⁹² | 10/20 | 40/62 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Oxcarbazepine | Low ⁸³ | 31/85 | 28/85 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Valproate | Medium ⁴⁹ | 6/43 | 17/43 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Medium ³¹ | 8/36 | 58/112 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Low ³³ | 16/372 | 8/384 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Low ⁴¹ | 50/163 | 64/165 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Low ¹⁸ | 2/21 | 5/19 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Low ²⁰ | 1/14 | 10/14 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Medium ²⁴ | 12/57 | 37/58 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Low ²⁵ | 93/372 | 188/386 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Medium ²⁹ | 25/73 | 55/140 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate | Medium ³⁴ | 0/27 | 7/32 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic Beta-blocker | Placebo | Topiramate, propranolol | Low ⁴³ | 11/49 | 50/144 | 62/144 |
| Placebo | Anti-epileptic | Placebo | Topiramate, lamotrigine | Low ⁴⁴ | 18/60 | 38/60 | 28/60 |
| Placebo | Angiotensin II Antagonists | Placebo | Candesartan | Low ¹³⁸ | 2/60 | 23/60 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Angiotensin II Antagonists | Placebo | Telmisartan | High ¹³⁹ | 11/47 | 16/48 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Acebutolol | Medium ⁹¹ | 2/43 | 13/43 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Alprenolol | Medium ⁹⁰ | 12/33 | 11/33 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Atenolol | Medium ⁹⁵ | 0/24 | 8/24 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Metoprolol | Medium ¹⁰⁰ | 16/77 | 29/77 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Metoprolol | Medium ⁹⁷ | 4/37 | 10/34 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Nadolol | Low ⁹⁸ | 0/8 | 6/24 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Pindolol | Medium ⁸⁹ | 0/28 | 3/28 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker Antiadrenergic | Placebo | Practolol, clonidine | Unclear ¹⁵⁰ | 13/50 | 21/50 | 22/50 |

Appendix Table D83. Exploratory Network Bayesian Meta-analysis of clinical response (defined as $\geq 50\%$ reduction in migraine or self reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency) with preventive approved drugs and off label drug classes in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Class | Control Class | Active Drug | Control Drugs | Risk of Bias, Reference | Events/Randomized In Active Group | Events/Randomized in Control Group | Events/Randomized in the Second control Group |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Propranolol, Timolol | Medium ⁶⁰ | 12/48 | 48/96 | 44/96 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Propranolol | Medium ⁶⁵ | 0/11 | 5/8 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Propranolol, Timolol | Medium ⁶¹ | 3/13 | 13/25 | 14/25 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Propranolol | Low ¹⁹³ | 6/16 | 18/53 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Timolol | Medium ⁹² | 0/14 | 2/14 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Beta-blocker | Placebo | Timolol | Medium ⁷⁹ | 10/47 | 25/47 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Calcium Channel Blockers | Placebo | Nifedipine | Medium ¹³⁵ | 4/36 | 20/36 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Calcium Channel Blockers | Placebo | Nimodipine | Medium ¹³² | 0/33 | 10/33 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Calcium Channel Blockers | Placebo | Nimodipine | Medium ¹²⁷ | 4/30 | 8/30 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Ergot alkaloid | Placebo | Dihydroergotamine | Low ¹⁵⁵ | 112/200 | 112/184 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Ergot alkaloid | Placebo | Lisuride | Medium ¹⁵⁸ | 19/75 | 28/75 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Magnesium | Placebo | Magnesium | Low ¹⁹⁴ | 10/34 | 10/35 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Magnesium | Placebo | Magnesium | Low ¹⁹⁵ | 7/32 | 14/36 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | NSAID | Placebo | Aspirin | Low ¹⁹⁶ | 818/11034 | 661/11037 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | NSAID | Placebo | Aspirin | Medium ¹⁹⁷ | 1/40 | 17/40 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | NSAID | Placebo | Fenoprofen | Low ¹⁹⁸ | 11/35 | 10/38 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | NSAID | Placebo | Flurbiprofen | Medium ¹⁹⁹ | 7/23 | 16/23 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | NSAID | Placebo | Indomethacin | Medium ²⁰⁰ | 5/19 | 6/19 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | NSAID | Placebo | Rofecoxib | Medium ²⁰¹ | 8/84 | 20/91 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | NSAID | Placebo | Tolfenamic Acid | Medium ²⁰² | 2/31 | 14/31 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Other | Placebo | Montelukast | Low ²⁰³ | 18/84 | 23/93 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Other | Placebo | Tonabersat | Low ¹²¹ | 24/65 | 24/59 | NA/1 |

NA = Not available from 2 arms trials

Appendix Table D84. Clinical response defined as ≥50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency or self reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency; indirect adjusted frequentist comparisons of migraine preventive drugs in adults from RCTs (analyzed for drugs that were more effective than placebo) (Strength of indirect evidence is low due to risk of bias and imprecision)

| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--------------|
| Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.5) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.6) | Medium |
| Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | Medium |
| Valproate ⁴⁹ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 1.2 (0.4 to 3.8) | Medium |
| Valproate ⁴⁹ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.0) | Medium |
| Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 1.1 (0.4 to 2.9) | Medium |
| Valproate ⁴⁹ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 1.4 (0.5 to 4.5) | Medium |
| Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.7) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.9 (0.4 to 1.7) | Medium |
| Valproate ⁴⁹ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 1.2 (0.4 to 4.1) | Medium |
| Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 2.2 (0.6 to 7.2) | Medium |
| Valproate ⁴⁹ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 2.8 (0.7 to 10.7) | Medium |
| Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 1.3 (0.4 to 3.8) | Medium |
| Valproate ⁴⁹ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 1.7 (0.5 to 5.7) | Medium |
| Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.5 (0.0 to 6.7) | Medium |
| Valproate ⁴⁹ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.7 (0.0 to 9.2) | Medium |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.4) | High |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Divalproex ^{45, 46} | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.5 (0.1 to 1.8) | High |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.6) | High |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.4) | High |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.6) | High |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 5.3 (1.1 to 26.0) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.7) | Low |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.3) | Low |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 11.2 (0.6 to 200.5) | Low |
| Magnesium ^{194, 195} | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.2) | Low |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.8) | Low |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 1.8 (0.1 to 36.6) | Low |
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.8) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 5.7 (1.0 to 32.2) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.0) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.7) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 11.9 (0.6 to 233.2) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.2) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 1.9 (0.1 to 42.4) | Medium |

Appendix Table D84. Clinical response defined as ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency or self reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency; indirect adjusted frequentist comparisons of migraine preventive drugs in adults from RCTs (analyzed for drugs that were more effective than placebo) (Strength of indirect evidence is low due to risk of bias and imprecision) (continued)

| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--------------|
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.1) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 6.4 (1.4 to 30.4) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.8) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.4) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 13.4 (0.8 to 237.7) | Medium |
| Magnesium ^{194, 195} | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.3) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.0) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 2.1 (0.1 to 43.4) | Medium |
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.0) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 5.5 (1.1 to 27.3) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.7) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.3) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 11.6 (0.6 to 209.6) | Medium |
| Magnesium ^{194, 195} | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.2) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 1.8 (0.1 to 38.2) | Medium |
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.1 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 4.5 (0.7 to 28.1) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.6) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 9.4 (0.4 to 194.7) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.1) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 1.5 (0.1 to 35.3) | Medium |
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.0) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 2.6 (0.5 to 13.5) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.9 (0.3 to 3.0) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 7.5 (0.4 to 144.4) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 1.5 (0.4 to 6.0) | Medium |
| Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.6) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.7) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.2) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 3.0 (0.8 to 11.2) | Medium |
| Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 1.8 (0.2 to 20.6) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.2) | Medium |
| Tofenamic Acid ²⁰² | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 3.5 (0.7 to 18.8) | Medium |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 1.0 (0.3 to 3.9) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 8.0 (0.4 to 167.6) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 1.7 (0.4 to 7.6) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.4 (0.1 to 2.1) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.7) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 3.2 (0.7 to 14.2) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.9) | Medium |
| Tofenamic Acid ²⁰² | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 3.8 (0.6 to 23.2) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 3.2 (0.6 to 15.9) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 1.1 (0.4 to 3.5) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 9.0 (0.5 to 171.2) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 1.9 (0.5 to 7.0) | Medium |
| Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.9 (0.4 to 1.8) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.5 (0.1 to 2.0) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.4) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 3.6 (1.0 to 13.0) | Medium |
| Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 2.1 (0.2 to 24.3) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.5) | Medium |
| Tofenamic Acid ²⁰² | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 4.2 (0.8 to 22.1) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 2.7 (0.5 to 14.2) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 1.0 (0.3 to 3.2) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 7.7 (0.4 to 150.9) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 1.6 (0.4 to 6.3) | Medium |
| Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.7) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.8) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.3) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 3.1 (0.8 to 11.8) | Medium |
| Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 1.8 (0.2 to 21.6) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.3) | Medium |
| Tofenamic Acid ²⁰² | Timolol ^{60, 61, 79} | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 3.7 (0.7 to 19.8) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 2.2 (0.3 to 14.5) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.5) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 6.3 (0.3 to 139.7) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 1.3 (0.3 to 6.7) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.9) | Medium |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--------------|
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.5) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 2.5 (0.5 to 12.6) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.6) | Medium |
| Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 3.0 (0.4 to 20.1) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Topiramate ^{18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 31, 44} | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 3.4 (2.1 to 5.6) | 0.7 (0.2 to 1.8) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.4) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Propranolol ^{43, 50, 60, 61} | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 2.8 (1.9 to 4.2) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.0) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Timolo ^{60, 61, 79} | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 3.3 (1.9 to 5.6) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.9) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Valproate ⁴⁹ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.6) | 0.6 (0.1 to 2.1) | Medium |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 1.1 (0.3 to 3.9) | High |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.4 (0.4 to 4.4) | High |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.0) | High |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.3 (0.0 to 3.5) | High |
| Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.9) | High |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 11.0 (1.9 to 63.6) | High |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 0.7 (0.3 to 2.0) | High |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 1.1 (0.3 to 3.4) | High |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 23.1 (1.2 to 456.2) | High |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.3) | High |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 3.7 (0.2 to 82.9) | High |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 14.7 (3.1 to 70.0) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Fenoprofen ¹⁹⁸ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.2) | 23.1 (3.8 to 141.8) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Fenoprofen ¹⁹⁸ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.2) | 1.6 (0.5 to 4.7) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 10.3 (1.9 to 55.0) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.6) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.5 (0.0 to 11.9) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.6) | Low |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.9) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 12.3 (2.2 to 69.1) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.1) | Low |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 1.2 (0.4 to 3.7) | Low |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 25.8 (1.3 to 501.9) | Low |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.5) | Low |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 4.1 (0.2 to 91.2) | Low |
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.4) | Low |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 15.0 (2.8 to 78.6) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.3) | Low |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.5 (0.5 to 4.0) | Low |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 31.3 (1.7 to 586.8) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 3.0 (0.1 to 85.6) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.2) | Low |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.3 (0.0 to 6.4) | Low |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 6.3 (0.1 to 391.4) | Low |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.3) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 21.1 (4.1 to 107.5) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 1.4 (0.7 to 3.0) | Low |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 2.0 (0.8 to 5.4) | Low |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 44.1 (2.4 to 813.0) | Low |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 1.4 (0.5 to 3.6) | Low |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 7.0 (0.3 to 148.1) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 15.4 (2.9 to 81.6) | Low |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.4) | Low |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.5 (0.5 to 4.2) | Low |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 32.2 (1.7 to 606.6) | Low |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.8) | Low |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 5.1 (0.2 to 110.4) | Low |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 10.2 (3.4 to 30.1) | 1.8 (0.3 to 11.3) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 3.5 (0.5 to 24.5) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 7.4 (1.4 to 37.8) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.1) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.9) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 15.5 (0.8 to 285.4) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.3) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 2.4 (0.1 to 52.0) | Medium |
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.3) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 13.9 (1.8 to 109.3) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 0.9 (0.2 to 4.1) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 10.3 (2.0 to 53.9) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.6) | Medium |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.8) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 21.5 (1.1 to 402.3) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 1.8 (0.3 to 12.6) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.4) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.2 (0.0 to 0.7) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 3.8 (0.2 to 83.7) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.5) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.6 (0.0 to 15.1) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 3.0 (0.2 to 50.9) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.2 (0.0 to 2.3) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.3 (0.0 to 3.6) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 6.3 (0.2 to 259.5) | Medium |
| Magnesium ^{194, 195} | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.2 (0.0 to 3.1) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.2 (0.0 to 2.4) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 1.0 (0.0 to 45.9) | Medium |
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.2 (0.0 to 2.4) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 6.7 (1.2 to 38.5) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.2) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.1) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 14.1 (0.7 to 277.1) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 0.5 (0.1 to 1.4) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 2.2 (0.1 to 50.4) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 1.5 (0.2 to 13.5) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.5) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 3.2 (0.1 to 82.6) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.6) | Medium |
| Nadolol ⁹⁸ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.5 (0.0 to 14.8) | Medium |
| Candesartan ¹³⁸ | Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 8.1 (1.4 to 45.2) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 5.4 (0.9 to 33.0) | High |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 1.9 (0.5 to 7.7) | High |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 15.4 (0.7 to 327.8) | High |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 3.2 (0.7 to 15.0) | High |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 0.8 (0.1 to 4.2) | High |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 1.1 (0.3 to 3.4) | High |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 6.1 (1.3 to 28.1) | High |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 1.6 (0.5 to 5.8) | High |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.8) | 10.0 (1.4 to 69.7) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Aspirin ¹⁹⁶ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 0.8 (0.7 to 0.9) | 11.2 (2.3 to 53.4) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Aspirin ¹⁹⁶ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 0.8 (0.7 to 0.9) | 4.0 (1.4 to 11.4) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Candesartan ¹³⁸ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 0.5 (0.1 to 4.3) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Candesartan ¹³⁸ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.1) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Candesartan ¹³⁸ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 18.0 (4.0 to 81.0) | 1.4 (0.1 to 37.3) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 7.3 (1.4 to 36.5) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 2.6 (0.8 to 8.0) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 20.7 (1.1 to 393.8) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Fenoprofen ¹⁹⁸ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.2) | 11.4 (1.8 to 73.4) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Fenoprofen ¹⁹⁸ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.2) | 4.1 (0.9 to 17.5) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Fenoprofen ¹⁹⁸ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.2) | 32.4 (1.5 to 712.7) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 5.1 (0.9 to 28.6) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 1.8 (0.5 to 6.5) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 14.4 (0.7 to 293.1) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 3.0 (0.7 to 12.8) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 0.7 (0.2 to 3.6) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.2 (0.0 to 6.0) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.7) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.7 (0.0 to 39.4) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 3.1) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.8) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 6.1 (1.0 to 35.9) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 2.2 (0.6 to 8.3) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 17.3 (0.8 to 360.7) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 3.6 (0.8 to 16.2) | Medium |
| Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 1.7 (0.6 to 4.8) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 0.9 (0.2 to 4.6) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 1.2 (0.4 to 3.6) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 6.8 (1.5 to 30.4) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 1.8 (0.5 to 6.2) | Medium |
| Tofenamic Acid ²⁰² | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 8.2 (1.3 to 49.8) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 7.4 (1.3 to 40.9) | Medium |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 2.6 (0.7 to 9.3) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 21.0 (1.0 to 422.1) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 4.3 (1.0 to 18.3) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.1 (0.2 to 5.2) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.5 (0.5 to 3.9) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 1.5 (0.1 to 43.3) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.5 (0.0 to 12.6) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 4.2 (0.1 to 275.8) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.9 (0.0 to 22.4) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.2 (0.0 to 5.9) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Nadolol ⁹⁸ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.3 (0.0 to 6.3) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 10.4 (1.9 to 56.0) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 3.7 (1.1 to 12.6) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 29.5 (1.5 to 585.1) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 6.1 (1.5 to 24.9) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 1.5 (0.3 to 7.1) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 2.1 (0.8 to 5.3) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 11.7 (2.9 to 46.6) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 7.6 (1.4 to 42.4) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 2.7 (0.8 to 9.7) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 21.5 (1.1 to 436.3) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 4.5 (1.0 to 19.0) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.1 (0.2 to 5.4) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.5 (0.5 to 4.1) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 8.5 (2.0 to 35.6) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 2.3 (0.7 to 7.1) | Medium |
| Tofenamic Acid ²⁰² | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 10.2 (1.8 to 58.9) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Amitriptyline ¹¹² | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 2.8 (0.4 to 18.5) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Atenolol ⁹⁵ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.4) | 10.2 (1.6 to 65.3) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Atenolol ⁹⁵ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 0.4 (0.0 to 9.6) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Atenolol ⁹⁵ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.8) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 10.2 (3.4 to 30.1) | 0.9 (0.1 to 5.9) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 10.2 (3.4 to 30.1) | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.4) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 10.2 (3.4 to 30.1) | 2.5 (0.1 to 56.0) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Divalproex ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 3.2 (1.3 to 7.5) | 2.8 (0.5 to 16.7) | Medium |

Appendix Table D84. Clinical response defined as ≥ 50 percent reduction in monthly migraine frequency or self reported substantial reduction in monthly migraine frequency; indirect adjusted frequentist comparisons of migraine preventive drugs in adults from RCTs (analyzed for drugs that were more effective than placebo) (Strength of indirect evidence is low due to risk of bias and imprecision) (continued)

| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 1.7 (0.2 to 12.6) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 0.6 (0.1 to 3.1) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 4.8 (0.2 to 116.0) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 3.6 (0.7 to 19.6) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 1.3 (0.4 to 4.4) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 10.4 (0.5 to 205.4) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 2.1 (0.5 to 8.7) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 0.5 (0.1 to 2.5) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.9) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 4.1 (1.0 to 16.4) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 1.1 (0.4 to 3.2) | Medium |
| Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 4.9 (0.9 to 27.3) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 6.9 (0.8 to 56.2) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 2.4 (0.4 to 14.1) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 19.5 (0.8 to 499.2) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 4.0 (0.6 to 26.6) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 5.1 (0.9 to 28.0) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 1.8 (0.5 to 6.4) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 14.4 (0.7 to 289.4) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 3.0 (0.7 to 12.5) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 0.7 (0.2 to 3.5) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.9 (0.1 to 6.5) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.6) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 2.5 (0.1 to 60.0) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.5 (0.1 to 3.0) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.8) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.2 (0.0 to 0.7) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 1.5 (0.1 to 25.9) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.5 (0.0 to 7.2) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 4.2 (0.1 to 183.8) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.9 (0.1 to 13.0) | Medium |
| Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.4 (0.0 to 4.8) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.2 (0.0 to 3.5) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.3 (0.0 to 3.6) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 1.7 (0.1 to 24.7) | Medium |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.4 (0.0 to 5.7) | Medium |
| Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 2.0 (0.1 to 35.5) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 3.3 (0.6 to 19.9) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 1.2 (0.3 to 4.6) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 9.4 (0.4 to 199.1) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 2.0 (0.4 to 9.1) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 0.5 (0.1 to 2.5) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.0) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 3.7 (0.8 to 17.0) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.7 (0.1 to 6.9) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.3 (0.0 to 1.8) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 2.1 (0.1 to 59.0) | Medium |
| Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.4 (0.1 to 3.3) | Medium |
| Indomethacin ²⁰⁰ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.8) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.8 (0.1 to 6.3) | Medium |
| Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.4) | Medium |
| Acebutolol ⁹¹ | Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | 8.9 (1.9 to 42.3) | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 4.0 (0.7 to 23.4) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ¹¹² | Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | 3.2 (1.1 to 9.0) | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.4 (0.4 to 5.4) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁵ | Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | 25.2 (1.4 to 467.9) | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 11.3 (0.5 to 235.7) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Telmisartan ¹³⁹ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.6 (0.7 to 4.0) | 1.4 (0.4 to 4.7) | High |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Dihydroergotamine ¹⁵⁵ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 1.8 (0.7 to 4.7) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Fenoprofen ¹⁹⁸ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.2) | 2.9 (0.8 to 10.7) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Lamotrigine ⁴⁴ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 1.3 (0.4 to 3.9) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Lisinopril ¹³⁶ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 37.7 (2.2 to 649.0) | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.2) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Magnesium ^{194, 195} | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 1.5 (0.5 to 5.0) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.9 (0.6 to 5.6) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Nadolol ¹⁹⁸ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 6.0 (0.3 to 118.6) | 0.4 (0.0 to 8.4) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.6) | 2.6 (0.9 to 7.5) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 1.9 (0.6 to 5.8) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Flurbiprofen ¹⁹⁹ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 5.2 (1.5 to 18.3) | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.9) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 2.4 (1.3 to 4.6) | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.6) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Indomethacin 4867513 | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.3) | 1.7 (0.3 to 8.9) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.5) | 1.3 (0.4 to 3.8) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Nifedipine ¹³⁵ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 10.0 (2.9 to 34.2) | 0.2 (0.1 to 1.0) | Medium |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Control Drug vs. Placebo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) with Active vs. Control Drug | Risk of Bias |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Nimodipine ^{127, 132} | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 6.0 (0.5 to 66.2) | 0.4 (0.0 to 4.7) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Rofecoxib ²⁰¹ | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 2.7 (1.1 to 6.5) | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.8) | Medium |
| Clonidine ¹⁵⁰ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 2.2 (1.0 to 5.2) | 11.9 (2.4 to 59.0) | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.1) | Medium |

Appendix Table D85. Comparative effectiveness of antidepressant amitriptyline and spinal manipulation for migraine prevention in adults, individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²⁰⁴

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Events/ Randomized Rate,% with Active | Events/ Randomized Rate,% with Control | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|--|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| >60% reduction in HI in last 4 weeks of treatment phase | Spinal Manipulation (high-velocity, low-amplitude, short-lever arm) | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 17/34 22.15 | 34/77 48.65 | 0.5 (0.3 to 0.7) | -0.26 (-0.41 to -0.12) |
| >60% reduction in HI during the 4-week post-treatment followup phase | Spinal Manipulation (high-velocity, low-amplitude, short-lever arm) | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 17/11 22.15 | 11/77 15.75 | 1.4 (0.7 to 2.8) | 0.06 (-0.06 to 0.19) |
| Reduction in HI from baseline during the post-treatment followup period | Spinal Manipulation +Amitriptyline 100mg/day | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 18/17 25.45 | 17/71 24.35 | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.9) | 0.01 (-0.13 to 0.15) |
| Reduction in HI (headache index) scores during treatment compared with baseline | Spinal Manipulation +Amitriptyline 100mg/day | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 29/34 40.85 | 34/71 48.65 | 0.8 (0.6 to 1.2) | -0.08 (-0.24 to 0.09) |
| Reduction in HI (headache index) scores during treatment compared with baseline | Spinal Manipulation (high-velocity, low-amplitude, short-lever arm) | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 31/34 40.35 | 34/77 48.65 | 0.8 (0.6 to 1.2) | -0.08 (-0.24 to 0.08) |
| Reduction in HI from baseline during the post-treatment followup period | Spinal Manipulation (high-velocity, low-amplitude, short-lever arm) | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 32/17 41.65 | 17/77 24.35 | 1.7 (1.0 to 2.8) | 0.17 (0.02 to 0.32) |
| Reduction in HI (headache index) scores during treatment compared with baseline | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 31/29 40.35 | 29/77 40.85 | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.5) | -0.01 (-0.16 to 0.15) |
| Reduction in HI from baseline during the post-treatment followup period | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 32/18 41.65 | 18/77 25.45 | 1.6 (1.0 to 2.6) | 0.16 (0.01 to 0.31) |

HI = headache index ; Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0; CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D86. Comparative effectiveness of drugs with nonpharmacological treatments for migraine prevention in adults, randomized controlled clinical trials

| Reference Country Sample | Drug | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Concurrent Medication | Age % Women Baseline Status of Subjects |
|---|---------------|--|---|--|---|
| Nelson, 1998 ²⁰⁴ Country: USA Sample: 218 | Amitriptyline | To measure the relative efficacy of amitriptyline, spinal manipulation and the combination of both therapies for the prophylaxis of migraine headache. | International Headache Society criteria | None | Age Mean 37.9 years; % women 78.9 Migraine interfered substantially with work (% of patients): Amitriptyline group: 47.2; SMT group: 41.6; Combined treatment: 46.5 Days with headache (% of possible days during past month): Amitriptyline group: 54.5; SMT group: 53.3; Combined treatment: 50.8 Headache Index (mean diary score (0-70) during the 1-month baseline period): Amitriptyline group: 18.2(9.8); SMT group: 18.2 (9.1); Combined treatment: 10.1 (7.0) |
| Holroyd, 1995 ²⁰⁵ Country: Not reported Sample: 33 | Beta-blocker | To evaluate the ability of propranolol to enhance results achieved with relaxation-biofeedback training | International Headache Society diagnostic criteria (Headache Classification Committee of the IHS, 1988) | None | Age Mean 31.7 years; % women 79 Mean years of problem headache: 15.2 years (range, 1-47) |
| Streng, 2006 ²⁰⁶ Country: Germany Sample: 114 | Beta-blocker | To investigate whether acupuncture is as effective and safe as metoprolol in the prophylactic treatment migraine under conditions similar to routine care. | International Headache Society criteria | None | Age Mean 40.1 years; % women 87.72 Days with migraine, Mean (SD): Acupuncture: 5.8 (2.5); Metoprolol: 5.8 (2.9) Number of migraine attacks, Mean (SD): Acupuncture: 3.0 (1.4); Metoprolol: 2.9 (1.3) |
| Seng, 2010 ²⁰⁷ Country: USA Sample: 232 | Beta-blocker | To examine expectancy changes with various combinations of Behavioral Migraine Management and migraine drug therapy | International Classification of Headache Disorders | Rescue drugs such as steroids were allowed | Age Mean 39.1 years; % women 79 Migraine days/30 days, mean (SD): 8.8 (11.5) |
| Holroyd, 2010 ¹⁹³ Country: USA Sample: 232 | Beta-blocker | To determine if the addition of preventive drug treatment (β blocker), brief behavioral migraine management, or their combination improves the outcome of optimized acute treatment in the management of frequent migraine. | International Classification of Headache Disorders | Rescue drugs such as steroids were allowed | Age Mean 38.3 years; % women 79 Mean (SD) migraine days/30 days: Optimized acute treatment + placebo: 8.4 (3.5); Optimized acute treatment + β blocker: 8.6 (3.3); Optimized acute treatment plus behavioral migraine management + placebo: 8.1 (3.4); Optimized acute treatment plus behavioral migraine management + β blocker: 8.7 (4.0) |

Appendix Table D87. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of drugs and nonpharmacological migraine preventive treatments in adults

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Nelson, 1998 ²⁰⁴ | Grant | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Holroyd, 1994 ²⁰⁵ | Grant | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Streng, 2006 ²⁰⁶ | Other | Yes | Yes | None | Not applicable |
| Seng, 2010 ²⁰⁷ | Grant | Yes | Yes | Yes | Ms. Seng reports no conflicts of interest. Dr. Holroyd has received support from the National Institutes of Health (NINDS; NS32375), has consulted for ENDO Pharmaceuticals and Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, and received an investigator initiated grant from ENDO Pharmaceuticals. |
| Holroyd, 2010 ¹⁹³ | Grant | Yes | Yes | Yes | KA Holroyd has consulted for ENDO Pharmaceuticals and for Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America and received an investigator initiated grant from ENDO Pharmaceuticals. He has also received support from the National Institutes of Health (NINDS; NS32375). CK Cottrell has received research funding and materials from GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals (GSK) and Merck and participates in industry sponsored research involving GSK, Merck, UCB Pharma, and Allergan. FJ O'Donnell has received research funding and materials from GSK and Merck; receives educational funding from GSK, Merck, and Allergan; participates in industry sponsored research involving GSK, Merck, UCB Pharma, and Allergan; and has consulted for and received honorariums from GSK. GE Corfingley owns stock in Johnson and Johnson, Novartis, and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. |
| Wang, 2011 ²⁰⁸ | Other | Yes | Yes | None | Not applicable |
| Dahlof, 1987 ²⁰⁹ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |

Appendix Table D88. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined comparative effectiveness of drugs and nonpharmacological migraine preventive treatments in adults

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Masking - Outcome Assessment | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Baseline Similarity | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Nelson, 1998 ²⁰⁴ | Open-label | Not reported | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Frequency: not reported; Severity: not reported; Duration: not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Holroyd, 1995 ²⁰⁵ | Open-label | Not reported | No | Unclear | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | High |
| Streng, 2006 ²⁰⁶ | Open-label | Outcome evaluators were blinded | Yes | Clearly Adequate | No (there was a significant difference between the groups for the scale for sensoric pain of the SES) | Frequency: similar; Severity: not reported; Duration: not reported | Unclear | High |
| Seng, 2010 ²⁰⁷ | Double-blind | Not reported | No | Unclear | Yes | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Holroyd, 2010 ¹⁹³ | Double-blind for the drug and not for behavioral migraine management | Not reported | Yes | Unclear | Not reported The optimized treatment + beta-blocker group had migraine with current frequency for fewer number of years as compared to other groups | Not reported | Unclear | Low |
| Wang, 2011 ²⁰⁸ | Single-blind | The outcome measurements were evaluated by blinded assessors who were unaware of patient allocation | Yes | Clearly adequate | Yes | Not reported | Unclear | Low |
| Dahlof, 1987 ²⁰⁹ | Open-label | The analysis of the diary data was conducted by blind operators who did not know the group of each patient. | No | Unclear | Yes | Frequency: similar Severity: similar; Duration: not reported | Unclear | Medium |

Appendix Table D89. Migraine prevention with beta-blockers combined with behavior therapy vs. placebo in adults, results from individual low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial¹⁹³

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Events/ Randomized with Active Treatment | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Rate of Outcome, % in Active Group [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|--|
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management and relaxation + propranolol (max dose 240mg/day) or nadolol (max dose 120mg/day) | 53/69 | 8/21 | 76.8[40.0] | 2.0 (1.2 to 3.5) | 0.39 (0.16 to 0.62) |
| Dropped due to lack of efficacy | Behavioral migraine management and relaxation + propranolol (max dose 240mg/day) or nadolol (max dose 120mg/day) | 1/69 | 2/21 | 1.4 [7.3] | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.6) | -0.08 (-0.21 to 0.05) |
| Dropped due to side effects | Behavioral migraine management and relaxation + propranolol (max dose 240mg/day) or nadolol (max dose 120mg/day) | 6/69 | 2/21 | 8.7 [9.1] | 0.9 (0.2 to 4.2) | -0.01 (-0.15 to 0.13) |
| Dropped out | Behavioral migraine management and relaxation + propranolol (max dose 240mg/day) or nadolol (max dose 120mg/day) | 24/69 | 9/21 | 34.8 [41.8] | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.5) | -0.08 (-0.32 to 0.16) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95%CI of absolute risk difference do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D90. Strength of evidence - efficacy and safety of beta-blockers combined with behavioral therapy (orientation + relaxation training; migraine warning signs and triggers; effectively using migraine medication and reducing impact of migraines; stress management or biofeedback training; migraine management plan) vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from individual low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial¹⁹³

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|---|--|--|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + Placebo | Propranolol/nadolol | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | Propranolol/nadolol | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + placebo | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | Low | Yes | NA | No | Low |

Appendix Table D91. Efficacy of beta-blockers combined with behavioral therapy (orientation + relaxation training; migraine warning signs and triggers; effectively using migraine medication and reducing impact of migraines; stress management or biofeedback training; migraine management plan) vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²⁰⁷

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Randomized for Active Treatment [Placebo] | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Active Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Placebo | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|---|--|--------------------------|---|
| Mean HSE (Headache Management Self-Efficacy Scale) at month 16 | Propranolol(240mg/day) or nadolol (120mg/day) plus behavioral Migraine Management | 69 [55] | 144.8 [23.6] | 117.2 [18.6] | 27.6 (20.2 to 35.0) | 1.3 (0.9 to 1.7) |
| Mean Internal HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Propranolol(240mg/day) or nadolol (120mg/day) plus behavioral Migraine Management | 69 [55] | 63.9 [7.7] | 55.5 [9.5] | 8.4 (5.3 to 11.5) | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.4) |
| Mean Chance HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Propranolol(240mg/day) or nadolol (120mg/day) plus behavioral Migraine Management | 69 [55] | 21.1 [8.4] | 30.7 [8.5] | -9.6 (-12.6 to -6.6) | -1.1 (-1.5 to -0.8) |
| Mean Medical Professionals HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Propranolol(240mg/day) or nadolol (120mg/day) plus behavioral Migraine Management | 69 [55] | 31.6 [6.9] | 35.4 [6.5] | -3.8 (-6.2 to -1.4) | -0.6 (-0.9 to -0.2) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D92. Comparative effectiveness of antidepressant amitriptyline, 100mg/day and spinal manipulation on intermediate outcomes in adults with migraine, individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²⁰⁴

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Active Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Standardized Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| HI (Headache Index): mean of last 4 week of the treatment period | Spinal Manipulation The spinal manipulation administered was a type described as high-velocity, low-amplitude, and short-lever arm. | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 9.8 [6.3] | 9.1 [6.3] | 0.7 (-1.3 to 2.7) | 0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4) |
| HI (Headache Index): mean of last 4 week of the treatment period | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 9.8 [6.3] | 9.1 [6.3] | 0.7 (-1.4 to 2.8) | 0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4) |
| HI (Headache Index): mean during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 12.6 [7.0] | 12.6 [7.0] | 0.0 (-2.3 to 2.3) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |
| HI (Headache Index): mean during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 12.6 [7.0] | 12.6 [7.0] | 0.0 (-2.3 to 2.3) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |
| OTC pills/day: mean of last 4 weeks of the treatment period | Spinal Manipulation | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 1.1 [1.1] | 0.9 [1.0] | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) |
| OTC pills/day: mean of last 4 weeks of the treatment period | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 1.1 [1.1] | 0.9 [1.0] | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) |
| OTC pills/day: mean during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 1.1 [1.3] | 1.4 [1.3] | -0.3 (-0.7 to 0.1) | -0.2 (-0.6 to 0.1) |
| OTC pills/day: mean during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | | 1.2 [1.5] | 1.4 [1.3] | -0.2 (-0.7 to 0.3) | -0.1 (-0.5 to 0.2) |
| General health status (S-36): % points during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 73.6 [10.7] | 71.2 [10.5] | 2.4 (-1.0 to 5.8) | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.6) |
| General health status (S-36): % points during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | Amitriptyline 100mg/days | 72.9 [10.5] | 71.2 [10.5] | 1.7 (-1.8 to 5.2) | 0.2 (-0.2 to 0.5) |

Appendix Table 92. Comparative effectiveness of antidepressant amitriptyline, 100mg/day and spinal manipulation on intermediate outcomes in adults with migraine, individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial (continued)

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Active Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Drug | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Standardized Cohen Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| HI (Headache Index) : mean of last 4 week of the treatment period | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 9.8 [6.3] | 9.8 [6.3] | 0.0 (-2.0 to 2.0) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |
| HI (Headache Index) : mean during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 9.8 [7.0] | 12.6 [7.0] | -2.8 (-5.1 to -0.5) | -0.4 (-0.7 to -0.1) |
| OTC pills/day: mean of last 4 weeks of the treatment period | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 1.1 [1.1] | 1.1 [1.1] | 0.0 (-0.4 to 0.4) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |
| OTC pills/day: mean during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 1.1 [1.3] | 1.2 [1.5] | -0.1 (-0.6 to 0.4) | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.3) |
| General health status (S-36): % points during post-treatment follow-up period | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 73.6 [10.7] | 72.9 [10.5] | 0.7 (-2.7 to 4.1) | 0.1 (-0.3 to 0.4) |

OTC = over-the-counter medications

Appendix Table D93. Dose response in acute treatment utilization with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (individual low risk of bias RCT)¹¹

| Outcome | Dose of Onabotulinumtoxin A in Active vs. Control, units | Events/Randomized with Larger Dose | Events/Randomized with Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Patients using and overusing acute headache pain medications | 225 vs. 150 | 144/182 | 152/168 | 0.9 (0.8 to 1.0) | -0.11 (-0.19 to -0.04) |
| Patients using and overusing acute headache pain medications | 225 vs. 150 | 151/182 | 157/168 | 0.9 (0.8 to 1.0) | -0.10 (-0.17 to -0.04) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D94. Dose response in global assessment of treatment success with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (individual low risk of bias RCT)⁸

| Outcome | Dose of Onabotulinumtoxin A in Active vs. Control, Units | Events/Randomized with Larger Dose | Events/Randomized with Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Improvement in global assessment (patient score) week 4-8 | 240 vs. 120 | 11/43 | 14/43 | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.5) | -0.07 (-0.26 to 0.12) |
| Improvement in global assessment (investigator score) week 4-8 | 240 vs. 120 | 12/43 | 11/43 | 1.1 (0.5 to 2.2) | 0.02 (-0.16 to 0.21) |
| Improvement in global assessment (patient score) week 4-12 | 240 vs. 120 | 16/43 | 16/43 | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.7) | 0.00 (-0.20 to 0.20) |
| Improvement in global assessment (investigator score) week 4-12 | 240 vs. 120 | 17/43 | 18/43 | 0.9 (0.6 to 1.6) | -0.02 (-0.23 to 0.18) |

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D95. Dose response reduction in migraine attacks by $\geq 50\%$ from baseline with topiramate in adults

| Reference | Active Dose | Control Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---|------------|
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | 100mg/day | 50mg/day | 1.3 (0.9 to 1.7) | 33.7 | 0.10 (-0.02 to 0.23) | 32.30 |
| Silberstein, 2003 ²¹ | 100mg/day | 50mg/day | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.1) | 31.9 | 0.19 (0.07 to 0.31) | 33.27 |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | 100mg/day | 50mg/day | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.0) | 34.5 | 0.18 (0.06 to 0.30) | 34.43 |
| Pooled, random effects model, inverse variance | 100mg/day | 50mg/day | 1.4 (1.2 to 1.7) | 100.0 | 0.16 (0.09 to 0.23) | 100 |
| Heterogeneity | | | P value = 0.6 I squared = 0% | | P value = 0.6 I squared = 0% | |
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | 200mg/day | 100mg/day | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.2) | 29.42 | -0.02 (-0.15 to 0.11) | 33.49 |
| Silberstein, 2003 ²¹ | 200mg/day | 100mg/day | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.2) | 34.63 | -0.02 (-0.15 to 0.11) | 32.75 |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | 200mg/day | 100mg/day | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.2) | 35.95 | -0.02 (-0.14 to 0.11) | 33.77 |
| Pooled, random effects model, inverse variance | 200mg/day | 100mg/day | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.1) | 100 | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.05) | 100 |
| Heterogeneity | | | P value = 0.0 I squared = 0% | | P value = 0.0 I squared = 0% | |
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | 200mg/day | 50mg/day | 1.2 (0.9 to 1.6) | 34.17 | 0.08 (-0.05 to 0.20) | 33.49 |
| Silberstein, 2003 ²¹ | 200mg/day | 50mg/day | 1.5 (1.1 to 2.0) | 31.43 | 0.17 (0.04 to 0.29) | 32.44 |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | 200mg/day | 50mg/day | 1.4 (1.1 to 1.9) | 34.4 | 0.16 (0.04 to 0.29) | 34.07 |
| Pooled, random effects model, inverse variance | 200mg/day | 50mg/day | 1.4 (1.2 to 1.6) | 100 | 0.14 (0.06 to 0.21) | 100 |
| Heterogeneity | | | P value = 0.6 I squared = 0% | | P value = 0.6 I squared = 0% | |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D96. Dose response migraine prevention with divalproex in adults, results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial⁴⁷

| Outcome | Daily Doses of Divalproex | Events/ Randomized with Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized with Smaller Dose | Relative Risk | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 16/43 | 26/45 | 0.6 (0.4 to 1.0) | -0.21 (-0.41 to 0.00) | -206 (-410 to -1) |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 24/44 | 26/45 | 0.9 (0.7 to 1.4) | -0.03 (-0.24 to 0.17) | NS |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks impairing usual activities | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 24/44 | 16/43 | 1.5 (0.9 to 2.4) | 0.17 (-0.03 to 0.38) | NS |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 16/43 | 19/45 | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.5) | -0.05 (-0.25 to 0.15) | NS |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 19/44 | 19/45 | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.7) | 0.01 (-0.20 to 0.22) | NS |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks necessitating symptomatic medication | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 19/44 | 16/43 | 1.2 (0.7 to 1.9) | 0.06 (-0.15 to 0.27) | NS |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 18/43 | 21/45 | 0.9 (0.6 to 1.4) | -0.05 (-0.26 to 0.16) | NS |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 22/44 | 21/45 | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.6) | 0.03 (-0.17 to 0.24) | NS |
| 50% improvement in migraine attacks with nausea, vomiting, phonophobia or photophobia | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 22/44 | 18/43 | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.9) | 0.08 (-0.13 to 0.29) | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence level; NS = not significant

Appendix Table D97. Migraine management programs examined in randomized controlled clinical trials

| Reference Country Sample | Aim | Definition of Migraine | Concurrent Medication | Age of Subjects (Mean or Median) % Women Baseline Migraine Severity |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Lemstra, 2002 ²¹⁰ Country: Not reported Sample: 80 | To test the effectiveness of a multidisciplinary management program for migraine treatment in a group, low-cost, nonclinical setting | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Mean 34.5 years 66.3% women Average pain in last month (1-10): Intervention: 7.34±1.87, Control: 7.14±2.02 Pain Disability Index: Intervention: 32.95±12.92, Control: 34.19±16.06 |
| Matchar, 2008 ²¹¹ Country: USA Sample: 614 | To determine of patients cared for in a coordinated headache management program would achieve reduced headache disability compared with patients in usual care | Not reported | Not reported | Mean 43.5 years 87% women Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS), mean (SD): 48.8 (64.0) |
| Rothrock, 2006 ²¹² Country: USA Sample: 100 | To determine whether the addition of patient education to routine medical management improves the clinical status of migraine patients and reduces their utilization of healthcare resources. | International Headache Society criteria | Prophylactic medication was prescribed to all "school" patients and to 41 (82%) of the "no school" patients: antiepileptic drug or gabapentin. | Mean 42.5 years 92% women Mean headache days: intervention=14, control=23 |
| Fritsche, 2010 ²¹³ Country: Germany Sample: 158 | To compare the therapeutic effect of a cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program (MCT) to the effect of a brochure (bibliotherapy) for the prevention of medication overuse headache (MOH) in migraine patients. | International Headache Society criteria -II criteria | Not reported | Mean 48 years 91% women Migraine days, mean (SD):MCT=7.23 (3.70), bibliography=7.27 (3.82); Headache disability, mean (SD): MCT=4.46 (1.80), bibliography=4.16 (1.56) |
| Sondergaard, 2006 ²¹⁴ Country: Denmark Sample: 2463 | To evaluate the impact of an intensive pharmaceutical care campaign targeting inappropriate use of triptans | Not reported | Triptans | Median: Intervention: 47 years, Control: 46 years 83% women Baseline severity not reported |
| Hoffmann, 2008 ²¹⁵ Country: Germany Sample: 410 | To evaluate the effects of pharmaceutical care (defined as intensified structured counseling between patient and pharmacist, including the use of drug databases), for patients with headache or migraine, on both clinical and psychological endpoints. | Criteria of the International Headache Society and the Kiel Headache Questionnaire | Not reported | Mean 43,3 years 83% women Headache attacks/month, n: Intervention group: 5.12±7.29, Control group: 4.81±5.65 Treated: Intervention group: 27.43±70.27, Control group: 22.37±56.87 Intensity of headache pain: Untreated: Intervention group: 8.38±1.52, Control group: 8.45±1.61 |

Appendix Table D98. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined migraine management programs in adults

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Disclosed Relationships |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Lemstra, 2002 ²¹⁰ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Matchar, 2008 ²¹¹ | Grant | Yes | Yes | Yes | Richard Lipton has consulted for, conducted studies funded by, and/or received lecture honoraria from Advanced Bionics, Allergan, AstraZeneca, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Cierra, Endo, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Neulieve, Ortho-McNeil, Pfizer, Pozen, ProEthics and St Judes. The following authors have no conflict of interest. Including specific financial interests and relationships and affiliations relevant to the subject matter or materials discussed in the manuscript: David B. Matchar, Gregory Samsa, Annette Jurgelski. Dr. Harpole and Kori are presently employees of GlaxoSmithKline. |
| Rothrock, 2006 ²¹² | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Fritsche, 2010 ²¹³ | Grant | Yes | Yes | None | Not applicable |
| Sondergaard, 2006 ²¹⁴ | Grant | Yes | Not reported | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Hoffmann, 2008 ²¹⁵ | Industry + Other | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not reported, however, Michael Cramer is the Head of Division for Pharmacies and Health Provision, Ministry for Work, Social, Health, Family and Gender Issues, Mainz, Germany. Doris Gresselmeyer is a pharmacist from Linden - Apotheke, Bremen, Germany |

Appendix Table D99. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined migraine management programs in adults

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Masking - Outcome Assessment | Intention to Treat Analysis Preplanned | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Groups Similarity | Risk of Bias |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|---|--------------|
| Lemstra, 2002 ²¹⁰ | Open-label (Therapists were blind as to which specific outcome variables were primarily under evaluation). | The outcome assessor was blind to the intervention status. | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: not reported | Medium |
| Matchar, 2008 ²¹¹ | Not reported | Yes | No | Unclear | Not adequate | Frequency: not reported; Severity: similar (MIDAS score include headache days and severity of pain and they were similar across the groups); Duration: not reported | Medium |
| Rothrock, 2006 ²¹² | Not reported | Yes | No | Unclear | Not adequate : difference in episodic migraine in control group (36% vs. 2%); frequent episodic migraine (72% vs. 28%); and mean Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) score was lower in the intervention group | Not reported | Medium |
| Fritsche, 2010 ²¹³ | Not reported | Not reported | No | Clearly adequate (central randomization) | Not reported (There were no patients with aura in the control group) | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: not reported | Low |
| Sondergaard, 2006 ²¹⁴ | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Unclear | Yes | Not reported | Low |
| Hoffman, 2008 ²¹⁵ | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Frequency: similar; Severity: similar; Duration: similar | Low |

Appendix Table D100. Description of disease management programs for migraine prevention in adults

| Reference | Program | Description | Control | Description |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Lemstra, 2002 ²¹⁰ | <p>Multidisciplinary intervention: It consisted of a neurologist intake, physical therapist intake, 18 group-supervised exercise therapy sessions with an exercise therapist, 2 group lectures with a registered psychologist 1 group lecture with a dietitian, 2 massage therapy sessions, and a neurologist and physical therapist discharge. The initial neurologist evaluation was intended to confirm the diagnosis, obtain a detailed history, and confirm appropriateness to participate. The physical therapist provided a detailed biomechanical evaluation, provided education on hurt versus harm, identified barriers to participation, and initiated an action plan to prevent dropout. The exercise therapist supervised the exercise therapy sessions, which included submaximal aerobic exercise, stretching, and light weight training, and monitored attendance and created a social no intimidating environment for the patients. The psychologist provided 1 group lecture on relaxation training and another on behavioral modification and stress management. The dietitian provided 1 group lecture on general dietary goals and explained how to substitute alternatives to potential dietary triggers. The massage therapist provided 2 individual sessions with the goal of relaxation and a means of reward after initial exercise sessions rather than any type of therapeutic benefit.</p> | <p>Multidisciplinary intervention: It consisted of a neurologist intake, physical therapist intake, 18 group-supervised exercise therapy sessions with an exercise therapist, 2 group lectures with a registered psychologist 1 group lecture with a dietitian, 2 massage therapy sessions, and a neurologist and physical therapist discharge. The initial neurologist evaluation was intended to confirm the diagnosis, obtain a detailed history, and confirm appropriateness to participate. The physical therapist provided a detailed biomechanical evaluation, provided education on hurt versus harm, identified barriers to participation, and initiated an action plan to prevent dropout. The exercise therapist supervised the exercise therapy sessions, which included submaximal aerobic exercise, stretching, and light weight training, and monitored attendance and created a social no intimidating environment for the patients. The psychologist provided 1 group lecture on relaxation training and another on behavioral modification and stress management. The dietitian provided 1 group lecture on general dietary goals and explained how to substitute alternatives to potential dietary triggers. The massage therapist provided 2 individual sessions with the goal of relaxation and a means of reward after initial exercise sessions rather than any type of therapeutic benefit.</p> | <p>Standard medical care with the patient's family physician</p> | <p>Standard medical care with the patient's family physician</p> |

Appendix Table 100. Description of disease management programs for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Program | Description | Control | Description |
|-------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|--|
| Matchar, 2008 ²¹¹ | Headache management program: This involved developing a set of general functional specifications for a headache program, identifying local site-specific barriers to implementing the functional specifications, and working with investigators to develop a set of mutually acceptable tools that assured comparability and standardization across sites. The intervention was administered by a mid-level provider (e.g. nurse practitioner or PA) with expertise in headache evaluation and management. The program included an educational session attended by all intervention patients either individually or as a group (the headache class). Patients were given educational materials that included information on headache types and etiologies, pharmacologic treatment, triggers, sleep hygiene, and relaxation techniques. | Headache management program consisting of :1) a class specifically designed to inform patients about headache types, triggers, and treatment options; 2) diagnosis and treatment by a professional especially trained in headache care (based on US Headache Consortium guidelines); and 3) proactive follow-up by a case-manager. It also included an educational session attended by all intervention patients either individually or as a group; an initial visit to the clinic for evaluation; and follow-up visits (in-person or by telephone) at 1, 3, and 6 months. | Usual care | Continue with current clinician and no access to the headache management program |
| Fritsche, 2010 ²¹³ | Cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program (MCT) | It consisted of 5 sessions with sic participants and lasting 2 hours (2*50min plus 20-min plus a 20-min break) each. The first unit (session) was called "Introduction and syndrome education". It main components included information about symptoms, pathophysiology and pathopsychology of migraine as well as instructions for progressive muscle relaxation (PMR). The 2nd unit was called "Medication rules and the risk of Medication Overuse Headache" including information about acute and prophylactic migraine medication and medication overuse headache-symptoms and patho-mechanisms. The 3rd unit was called "Medication intake behavior" aimed at raising awareness for "external" (e.g. availability of drugs, stock-keeping, iatrogenic risk factors like doctor shopping) and "internal" (e.g. fear of attack and losing social functioning, stress level in private and professional life) influences on patient's medication intake behavior. The 4th | Brochure (bibliography) | The participants received two brochures: a detailed brochure as a patient guide with information about physiological and psychological aspects of migraine, medication-overuse headache and migraine medication. It summarized the topics which were covered by the MCT, written in the style of a self-help manual containing instructions for exercises to minimize drug consumption and instructions for PMR. Each chapter of the brochure ended with questions about the |

Appendix Table 100. Description of disease management programs for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Program | Description | Control | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | <p>unit was called "general and personal risk factors for drug intake" and established a general risk profile of medication overuse for each patient. The 5th unit was called "everyday transfer" with the aim of establishing individual goals for future drug intake and learning how to make use of social support to control intake behavior. At the end of the 5th session, participants received the brochures given to the biblio-group.</p> | | <p>content of the chapter which the patients were to answer. The brochure was called "Migraine and medication – Which problems can arise and what to do". The second brochure (extended information about migraine medication) contained information material without any exercise instructions. Part one of the brochure described the indication, the pharmacological mechanisms of action and the side-effects of different acute migraine medications, and part two discussed prophylactic medication. There was no face-to-face contact and the participants had the opportunity to obtain advice by telephone if they had any questions regarding the brochures.</p> |
| <p>Rothrock, 2006²¹²</p> | <p>Standardized course of didactic instructions regarding migraine biogenesis and management ("headache school")</p> | <p>The curriculum consisted of 3 90-minute classes held on evenings and weekends and taught by lay migraineurs who previously had undergone intensive classroom and in-clinic training by 1 of the neurology investigators (Johns Rothrock). The 3 "headache school" classes primarily involved the topics of migraine biogenesis, acute treatment of migraine, and prevention of migraine. Working together, in each class 2 instructors provided 30 to 45 minutes of didactic instruction, followed by a review of hard copy materials related to the primary topic and permanently provided to the participants, demonstration of therapeutic devices (e.g., the autoinjector used to administer sumatriptan; subcutaneous administration of Dihydroergotamine via a 1 cc syringe and 27 g needle), and, to close, an interactive question and answer session cum open forum. All individuals serving as patient instructors underwent 12 hours of classroom instruction in headache theory and treatment, received and reviewed a</p> | <p>Routine medical management</p> | |

Appendix Table 100. Description of disease management programs for migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Reference | Program | Description | Control | Description |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|---|
| | | related course syllabus, were required to pass successfully a written examination based on that didactic instruction, and then served a minimum of 12 hours as observers in the headache clinics. | | |
| Hoffmann, 2008 ²¹⁵ | Pharmaceutical care for migraine | Pharmacists from the intervention pharmacies participated in a 2-day central training program conducted by a physician and a pharmacist who were employees of the university. Together with the patient, the intervention pharmacist prioritized problems, defined goals, and devised a plan to work toward them. The training was based on a comprehensive standard operation manual that was distributed to the intervention pharmacists upon completion of the program. The manual was developed by the Federal Union of German Associations of Pharmacists, in cooperation with the principal investigators, and contains central definitions of pharmaceutical care (PC), with a focus on PC in patients with different types of pain (e.g., headache, muscle). | Standard counseling | Patients received the regular pharmaceutical consultation; their pharmacists were not specially trained, did not receive the standard manual, and were not included in the documentation scheme for counseling. This regular counseling includes general information about application and possible adverse drug effects. |
| Sondergaard, 2006 ²¹⁴ | Intensive pharmaceutical care campaign | Pharmacists from the intervention pharmacies provided the intervention. They were encouraged to involve the pharmacy assistants. A manual given to pharmacy staff described how to identify inappropriate triptan use, how to establish a dialogue and how to ask questions. Moreover, it offered suggestions for relevant questions, advice, literature on headache, migraine and pharmaceutical care, and included a checklist. The training package was developed in cooperation with the Danish College of Pharmacy Practice (Pharmakon). When presenting a triptan prescription at the pharmacy, the user received a folder designed to support the dialogue and assist the pharmacist in detecting triptan overuse. It included information on the campaign and questions on the patient's drug use, e.g. the type of headache for which the patient used triptans, monthly consumption of triptans, repeated use of triptans even if the first dose had no effect on the attack, and the frequency of use of other types of painkillers. The dialogue between the pharmacist and the patient took place immediately after the folder had been read and its questions answered. To ensure an undisturbed, confidential conversation, the pharmacies were encouraged to let the dialogue with triptan users take place in a separate room. Each dialogue was estimated to last on average 15 minutes and each triptan user participated only once. | Control pharmacy | |

Appendix Table D101. Adherence to multidisciplinary intervention for migraine prevention in adults compared to standard care, results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²¹⁰

| Definition of the Outcome | Events/Randomized with Multidisciplinary Intervention | Events/Randomized with Usual Care | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Quit intervention due to inefficiency | 1/44 | 0/36 | 2.5 (0.1 to 58.8) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Quit intervention | 3/44 | 0/36 | 5.8 (0.3 to 107.9) | 0.07 (-0.02 to 0.15) |

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D102. Effectiveness of multidisciplinary intervention for migraine prevention in adults compared to standard care (results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹⁰

| Definition of the Outcome at 3 Months of followup After the Intervention | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Multidisciplinary Intervention | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Usual Care | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|--------------------------|---|
| % change in self-perceived pain frequency (Visual Analogue Scale that included values from 100% worse to 100% improvement) | 56.9 [9.1] | -2.2 [2.2] | 59.15 (56.36 to 61.94) | 8.5 (7.1 to 9.9) |
| % change in pain intensity (Visual Analogue Scale that included values from 100% worse to 100% improvement) | 38.2 [8.5] | -2.8 [2.0] | 40.96 (38.36 to 43.56) | 6.3 (5.2 to 7.4) |
| % change in pain duration (Visual Analogue Scale that included values from 100% worse to 100% improvement) | 47.2 [8.3] | -5.0 [2.9] | 52.16 (49.52 to 54.80) | 8.0 (6.7 to 9.4) |
| % change in functional status (Visual Analogue Scale that included values from 100% worse to 100% improvement) | 51.6 [7.7] | -0.6 [2.0] | 52.15 (49.78 to 54.52) | 8.9 (7.4 to 10.3) |
| % change in quality of life (Visual Analogue Scale that included values from 100% worse to 100% improvement) | 57.1 [8.2] | -1.9 [1.9] | 58.99 (56.49 to 61.49) | 9.5 (8.0 to 11.1) |
| % change in Pain Disability Index (Visual Analogue Scale that included values from 100% worse to 100% improvement) | 18.8 [2.2] | 1.7 [1.0] | 17.08 (16.35 to 17.81) | 9.6 (8.0 to 11.2) |
| % change in Beck Depression Inventory (Visual Analogue Scale that included values from 100% worse to 100% improvement) | 10.6 [1.3] | 1.2 [0.5] | 9.44 (9.04 to 9.84) | 9.7 (8.1 to 11.2) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% CI when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D103. Reduction in disability with headache management program for migraine prevention in adults compared to standard care (results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹¹

| Definition of the Outcome | Events/Randomized with Headache Management Program | Events/Randomized with Usual Care | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 6 months: Achieved a Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) score of 0 reflecting no headache-related disability | 124/305 | 65/309 | 1.9 (1.5 to 2.5) | 0.20 (0.12 to 0.27) | 5 (4 to 8) | 196 (125 to 258) |

CI = confidence interval

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

Appendix Table D104. Effectiveness of headache management program for migraine prevention in adults compared to standard care (results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹¹

| Definition of the Outcome | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Headache Management Program | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Usual Care | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------|---|
| MIDAS score at 6 months | 15.9 [24.4] | 23.6 [37.6] | -7.70 (-12.71 to -2.69) | -0.2 (-0.4 to -0.1) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Physical function domain | 84.0 [20.6] | 79.0 [22.3] | 5.00 (1.60 to 8.40) | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.4) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Role physical domain | 75.7 [24.8] | 67.5 [25.1] | 8.20 (4.25 to 12.15) | 0.3 (0.2 to 0.5) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Pain domain | 63.8 [23.0] | 55.5 [22.5] | 8.30 (4.70 to 11.90) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.5) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): General health domain | 53.3 [9.9] | 52.3 [9.8] | 1.00 (-0.56 to 2.56) | 0.1 (-0.1 to 0.3) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Vitality domain | 52.8 [21.4] | 48.8 [19.3] | 4.00 (0.78 to 7.22) | 0.2 (0.0 to 0.4) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Social function domain | 73.4 [24.9] | 68.7 [24.8] | 4.70 (0.77 to 8.63) | 0.2 (0.0 to 0.3) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Role emotional domain | 77.9 [24.1] | 73.8 [25.6] | 4.10 (0.17 to 8.03) | 0.2 (0.0 to 0.3) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Mental health domain | 69.7 [19.2] | 66.8 [19.9] | 2.90 (-0.19 to 5.99) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.3) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Physical summary domain | 47.6 [7.7] | 45.0 [8.4] | 2.60 (1.33 to 3.87) | 0.3 (0.2 to 0.5) |
| Quality of life (SF-36): Mental summary domain | 45.4 [11.6] | 43.9 [11.6] | 1.50 (-0.34 to 3.34) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.3) |
| General health (from 1 [excellent] to 5 [poor]) | 2.4 [0.9] | 2.7 [0.9] | -0.30 (-0.44 to -0.16) | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.2) |
| Change since last year (from 1 [much better] to 5 [much worse]) | 2.5 [0.9] | 2.8 [0.9] | -0.30 (-0.44 to -0.16) | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.2) |
| Depression (PHQ-9) (Patient Health Questionnaire-Short Form) | 5.6 [5.2] | 6.6 [5.3] | -1.00 (-1.83 to -0.17) | -0.2 (-0.3 to 0.0) |
| MIDAS: Missed work days | 1.2 [2.7] | 1.6 [6.5] | -0.40 (-1.19 to 0.39) | -0.1 (-0.2 to 0.1) |
| MIDAS: Missed half work days | 3.9 [7.9] | 5.2 [8.8] | -1.30 (-2.62 to 0.02) | -0.2 (-0.3 to 0.0) |
| MIDAS: Missed house days | 5.0 [10.2] | 7.1 [11.2] | -2.10 (-3.79 to -0.41) | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) |
| MIDAS: Missed half house days | 3.9 [6.0] | 6.8 [10.5] | -2.90 (-4.25 to -1.55) | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.2) |
| MIDAS: Missed family days | 2.4 [4.9] | 3.6 [8.1] | -1.20 (-2.26 to -0.14) | -0.2 (-0.3 to 0.0) |
| MIDAS: Headache days | 13.8 [17.6] | 17.7 [20.9] | -3.90 (-6.95 to -0.85) | -0.2 (-0.4 to 0.0) |
| MIDAS: Headache pain (from 0 [no pain at all] to 10 [pain as bad as it can be]) | 5.6 [2.3] | 6.1 [2.2] | -0.50 (-0.86 to -0.14) | -0.2 (-0.4 to -0.1) |
| Worried about headache (from 0 [not worried at all] to 10 [extremely worried]) | 4.4 [2.7] | 5.1 [2.7] | -0.70 (-1.13 to -0.27) | -0.3 (-0.4 to -0.1) |
| Problems with headache management (from 1 [no problems] to 4 [severe amount of problems]) | 2.1 [0.8] | 2.4 [0.7] | -0.30 (-0.42 to -0.18) | -0.4 (-0.6 to -0.2) |
| Satisfaction with care (from 1 [very satisfied] to 5 [very dissatisfied]): Headache care | 1.8 [1.0] | 2.4 [1.2] | -0.60 (-0.77 to -0.43) | -0.5 (-0.7 to -0.4) |
| Satisfaction with care (from 1 [very satisfied] to 5 [very dissatisfied]): Understanding | 1.7 [1.0] | 2.4 [1.2] | -0.70 (-0.87 to -0.53) | -0.6 (-0.8 to -0.5) |
| Satisfaction with care (from 1 [very satisfied] to 5 [very dissatisfied]): Medications | 2.0 [1.1] | 2.5 [1.2] | -0.50 (-0.68 to -0.32) | -0.4 (-0.6 to -0.3) |
| Satisfaction with care (from 1 [very satisfied] to 5 [very dissatisfied]): Medical care in general | 1.7 [0.9] | 2.0 [1.0] | -0.30 (-0.45 to -0.15) | -0.3 (-0.5 to -0.2) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D105. Effectiveness of cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program for migraine prevention in adults compared to educational brochure (results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹⁶

| Definition of the Outcome | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Cognitive-behavioral Minimal Contact Program | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Educational Brochure | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|--------------------------|---|
| Headache days: 3 months after treatment | 8.6 [5.5] | 8.1 [4.8] | 0.44 (-1.21 to 2.09) | 0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4) |
| Headache days: 1-2 years after treatment | 8.7 [5.3] | 8.3 [5.2] | 0.35 (-1.32 to 2.02) | 0.1 (-0.3 to 0.4) |
| Migraine days: 3 months after treatment | 6.2 [4.0] | 5.5 [3.2] | 0.70 (-0.44 to 1.84) | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) |
| Migraine days: 1-2 years after treatment | 6.2 [4.0] | 5.8 [3.8] | 0.31 (-0.94 to 1.56) | 0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4) |
| Headache disability: 3 months after treatment | 4.6 [2.0] | 4.3 [1.9] | 0.36 (-0.26 to 0.98) | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) |
| Headache disability: 1-2 years after treatment | 4.4 [2.2] | 4.4 [1.7] | -0.01 (-0.63 to 0.61) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |
| Intake at headache days: 3 months after treatment | 5.9 [3.2] | 6.5 [3.2] | -0.54 (-1.57 to 0.49) | -0.2 (-0.5 to 0.2) |
| Intake at headache days: 1-2 years after treatment | 6.2 [3.7] | 6.0 [2.8] | 0.18 (-0.86 to 1.22) | 0.1 (-0.3 to 0.4) |
| Intake at migraine days: 3 months after treatment | 4.8 [3.0] | 4.8 [2.8] | 0.08 (-0.85 to 1.01) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |
| Intake at migraine days: 1-2 years after treatment | 5.0 [3.5] | 5.0 [2.8] | 0.01 (-1.00 to 1.02) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |
| CPAQ-AE ('Activity engagement' subscale of the "Chronic Pain Acceptance Questionnaire"): 3 months after intervention; lower score indicates worse and higher score indicates better ability to maintain functioning in the presence of chronic pain | 34.6 [10.9] | 34.9 [9.4] | -0.32 (-3.56 to 2.92) | 0.0 (-0.4 to 0.3) |
| CPAQ-AE ('Activity engagement' subscale of the "Chronic Pain Acceptance Questionnaire"): 1-2 years after intervention; lower score indicates worse and higher score indicates better ability to maintain functioning in the presence of chronic pain | 35.5 [10.8] | 34.4 [9.4] | 1.12 (-2.11 to 4.35) | 0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4) |
| CPAQ-PW ('Pain willingness' subscale of the "Chronic Pain Acceptance Questionnaire"): 3 months after intervention; lower score indicates worse and higher score indicates better ability to maintain functioning in the presence of chronic pain | 22.5 [8.9] | 23.4 [8.0] | -0.89 (-3.58 to 1.80) | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.2) |
| CPAQ-PW ('Pain Willingness' subscale of the "Chronic Pain Acceptance Questionnaire"): 1-2 years after intervention; lower score indicates worse and higher score indicates better ability to maintain functioning in the presence of chronic pain | 26.8 [9.6] | 25.2 [7.6] | 1.55 (-1.21 to 4.31) | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) |
| FSS-CATA ('Catastrophising cognitions' subscale of the "Pain-related self instructions" questionnaire): 3 months after intervention. It consists of 9 items on a 6-point scale (0=almost never, 5=almost always) | 24.2 [7.3] | 25.5 [7.3] | -1.33 (-3.67 to 1.01) | -0.2 (-0.5 to 0.1) |
| FSS-CATA ('Catastrophising cognitions' subscale of the "Pain-related self instructions" questionnaire): 1-2 years after intervention. It consists of 9 items on a 6-point scale (0=almost never, 5=almost always) | 21.4 [10.3] | 22.1 [8.5] | -0.68 (-3.70 to 2.34) | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.2) |

Appendix Table 105. Effectiveness of cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program for migraine prevention in adults compared to educational brochure (results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial) (continued)

| Definition of the Outcome | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Cognitive-behavioral Minimal Contact Program | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Educational Brochure | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---|
| FSS-FUNC ('Functional cognitions' subscale of the "Pain-related self instructions" questionnaire): 3 months after intervention. It consists of 9 items on a 6-point scale (0=almost never, 5=almost always) | 34.2 [14.7] | 29.8 [6.1] | 4.32 (0.79 to 7.85) | 0.4 (0.1 to 0.7) |
| FSS-FUNC ('Functional cognitions' subscale of the "Pain-related self instructions" questionnaire): 1-2 years after intervention. It consists of 9 items on a 6-point scale (0=almost never, 5=almost always) | 29.5 [7.3] | 29.2 [6.3] | 0.33 (-1.84 to 2.50) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.4) |
| HADS -A ('Anxiety' subscale of the "Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale"; 7 items on a 4-point Likert scale (0-3), with higher scores being worse condition): 3 months after intervention. | 6.2 [2.3] | 6.4 [2.2] | -0.17 (-0.90 to 0.56) | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.2) |
| HADS -A ('Anxiety' subscale of the "Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale"; 7 items on a 4-point Likert scale (0-3), with higher scores being worse condition): 1-2 years after intervention. | 5.9 [3.8] | 6.2 [4.1] | -0.32 (-1.58 to 0.94) | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.2) |
| HADS -D ('Depression' subscale of the "Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale"; 7 items on a 4-point Likert scale (0-3), with higher scores being worse condition): 3 months after intervention. | 4.8 [1.2] | 4.8 [1.3] | 0.03 (-0.37 to 0.43) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |
| HADS -D ('Depression' subscale of the "Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale"; 7 items on a 4-point Likert scale (0-3), with higher scores being worse condition): 1-2 years after intervention. | 4.8 [4.2] | 4.9 [4.0] | -0.14 (-1.45 to 1.17) | 0.0 (-0.4 to 0.3) |
| KKG-INT ('Internal control' subscale of the "Illness -specific locus of control"; 7 items on a 6-point Likert scale (range1=totally not correct to 6=totally correct): 3 months after intervention | 26.2 [5.3] | 25.1 [4.4] | 1.07 (-0.48 to 2.62) | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5) |
| KKG-INT ('Internal control' subscale of the "Illness -specific locus of control"; 7 items on a 6-point Likert scale (range1=totally not correct to 6=totally correct): 1-2 years after intervention | 26.3 [4.3] | 25.2 [4.9] | 1.10 (-0.38 to 2.58) | 0.2 (-0.1 to 0.6) |
| KKG-EXT ('External control' subscale of the "Illness -specific locus of control"; 7 items on a 6-point Likert scale (range1=totally not correct to 6=totally correct): 3 months after intervention | 21.0 [5.7] | 21.2 [5.1] | -0.17 (-1.90 to 1.56) | 0.0 (-0.4 to 0.3) |
| KKG-EXT ('External control' subscale of the "Illness -specific locus of control"; 7 items on a 6-point Likert scale (range1=totally not correct to 6=totally correct): 1-2 years after intervention | 21.0 [5.5] | 20.7 [6.8] | 0.26 (-1.73 to 2.25) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.4) |
| KKG-FATA ('Fatalistic' subscale of the "Illness -specific locus of control"; 7 items on a 6-point Likert scale (range1=totally not correct to 6=totally correct): 3 months after intervention | 16.8 [6.3] | 19.5 [6.1] | -2.72 (-4.71 to -0.73) | -0.4 (-0.8 to -0.1) |
| KKG-FATA ('Fatalistic' subscale of the "Illness -specific locus of control"; 7 items on a 6-point Likert scale (range1=totally not correct to 6=totally correct): 1-2 years after intervention | 18.5 [6.7] | 18.4 [6.5] | 0.10 (-2.03 to 2.23) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.3) |

Appendix Table 105. Effectiveness of cognitive-behavioral minimal contact program for migraine prevention in adults compared to educational brochure (results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial) (continued)

| Definition of the Outcome | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Cognitive-behavioral Minimal Contact Program | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Educational Brochure | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Satisfied with treatment (assessed in a telephone interview three months after the intervention. Patients rated the extent of helpfulness of the treatment in reducing medication intake and whether and to what extent they would recommend the treatment to a friend on a range of 1-6 (1=very good to 6=very bad)) | 1.7 [0.6] | 2.8 [1.0] | -1.10 (-1.37 to -0.83) | -1.3 (-1.7 to -1.0) |
| Satisfied that treatment is helpful for reducing medication intake (assessed in a telephone interview three months after the intervention. Patients rated the extent of helpfulness of the treatment in reducing medication intake and whether and to what extent they would recommend the treatment to a friend on a range of 1-6 (1=very good to 6=very bad)) | 1.9 [0.6] | 2.6 [0.8] | -0.68 (-0.91 to -0.45) | -1.0 (-1.3 to -0.6) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% CI when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D106. Reduction in acute drug overuse with headache school for migraine prevention in adults on acute drug utilization (results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹²

| Definition of the Outcome | Events/Randomized with Headache School | Events/Randomized with Usual Care | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Analgesic overuse: at 6 months (number of patients using a given abortive agent or class of abortive agents >3 days/week for >4 weeks) | 0/50 | 18/50 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.4) | -0.36 (-0.49 to -0.23) | -3 (-4- to -2) | 360 (225 to 495) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% CI when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D107. Effectiveness of headache school for migraine prevention in adults (results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹²

| Definition of the Outcome | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Headache School | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Usual Care | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Mean Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS): change relative to baseline | 15.0 [24.0] | 54.0 [14.0] | -39.00 (-46.70 to -31.30) | -2.0 (-2.5 to -1.5) |
| Mean functionally incapacitating headache days per month | 3.0 [2.6] | 4.6 [1.7] | -1.60 (-2.46 to -0.74) | -0.7 (-1.1 to -0.3) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% CI when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D108. Migraine cessation with specialized pharmaceutical care for migraine compared to standard counseling in adults (results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹⁵

| Definition of the Outcome | Events/Randomized with Active Intervention | Events/Randomized with Control Intervention | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| No headache during the preceding 4 weeks | 21/201 | 16/209 | 1.4 (0.7to 2.5) | 0.03 (-0.03 to 0.08) |

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D109. Effectiveness of specialized pharmaceutical care for migraine compared to standard counseling for migraine prevention in adults (results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹⁵

| Definition of the Outcome | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Active Intervention | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Control Intervention | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|---|
| Days/month with headache | 6.1 [6.7] | 6.4 [6.9] | -0.30 (-1.61 to 1.01) | 0.0 (-0.2 to 0.1) |
| Headache attacks/month | 4.6 [6.1] | 5.1 [7.3] | -0.43 (-1.74 to 0.88) | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.1) |
| Intensity of pain: Untreated (on an analog scale of 1 (no headache) to 10 (extremely intense headache)) | 6.8 [3.4] | 7.3 [2.9] | -0.46 (-1.07 to 0.15) | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.0) |
| Intensity of pain: Treated (on an analog scale of 1 (no headache) to 10 (extremely intense headache)) | 3.3 [2.7] | 3.5 [2.8] | -0.19 (-0.73 to 0.35) | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.1) |
| Self-efficacy (Definitions of Schwarzer et al. Higher the score better the self-efficacy) | 83.8 [7.5] | 84.5 [8.2] | -0.78 (-2.30 to 0.74) | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.1) |
| Quality of life: physical health (SF-36) | 43.0 [10.3] | 44.4 [9.1] | -1.37 (-3.25 to 0.51) | -0.1 (-0.3 to 0.1) |
| Quality of life: mental health (SF-36) | 49.4 [9.1] | 49.5 [10.4] | -0.09 (-1.98 to 1.80) | 0.0 (-0.2 to 0.2) |

Appendix Table D110. Effectiveness of intensive pharmaceutical care campaign for migraine prevention in adults (results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)²¹⁴

| Definition of the Outcome | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Intensive Pharmaceutical Care Campaign | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Usual Pharmacy Service | Reported Results |
|---|---|---|--|
| 3 months: Incident users (No prescription 9 months before index date): Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 2.5 [Not reported] | 2.5 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(2.45, 2.61), control=(2.29, 2.64) |
| 3 months: Prevalent users (One or more prescriptions 9 months before index date): Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 7.1 [Not reported] | 7.1 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(6.66, 7.51), control=(6.49, 7.65) |
| 6 months: Incident users (No prescription 9 months before index date): Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 1.3 [Not reported] | 1.3 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(1.21, 1.39), control=(1.19, 1.46) |
| 6 months: Prevalent users (One or more prescriptions 9 months before index date): Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 5.3 [Not reported] | 5.3 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(5.04, 5.61), control=(4.75, 5.89) |
| 9 months: Incident users (No prescription 9 months before index date): Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 0.8 [Not reported] | 0.8 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(0.73, 0.97), control=(0.78, 0.90) |
| 9 months: Prevalent users (One or more prescriptions 9 months before index date): Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 4.2 [Not reported] | 4.3 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(3.89, 4.51), control=(3.87, 4.72) |
| 9 months: Prevalent users (One or more prescriptions 9 months before index date): <6 doses per month: Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 3.0 [Not reported] | 3.0 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(2.78, 3.17), control=(2.71, 3.20) |
| 9 months: Prevalent users (One or more prescriptions 9 months before index date): ≥6 and <15 doses per month: Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 9.9 [Not reported] | 9.3 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(9.3, 10.5), control=(10.4, 11.2) |
| 9 months: Prevalent users (One or more prescriptions 9 months before index date): ≥15 doses per month: Patients' triptan consumption (doses per month) | 25.4 [Not reported] | 26.0 [Not reported] | Geometric mean. Sample size for incident users: intervention=269 and control=348; 95% CI for intervention=(20.9, 31.0), control=(22.4, 30.1) |

Appendix Table D111. Funding, ethical approval, and disclosure of conflict of interest in placebo controlled randomized controlled clinical trials of drugs for migraine prevention that included adverse effects

| Drugs | Funded by Grant | Funded by Industry | Funding not Reported | Clear Reporting of Consent | COI not Disclosed | No COI | Disclosed COI | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------|-------|
| Topiramate | 0 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 11 |
| Divalproex | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Valproate | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Propranolol | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Timolol | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lamotrigine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Carbamazepine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gabapentin | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Acetazolamide | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Amitriptyline | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Nadolol | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Metoprolol | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Atenolol | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Alprenolol | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Pindolol | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Captopril | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lisinopril | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Telmisartan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Candesartan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Nimodipine | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Verapamil | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nicardipine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nifedipine | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Clonidine | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Dihydroergocryptine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dihydroergotamine | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Lisuride | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Methysergide | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tizanidine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Montelukast | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Femoxetine | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Fluoxetine | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Indomethacin | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Induprofen | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ketoprofen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Naproxen sodium | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Tofenamic Acid | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tonabersat | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mg | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total* | 4 | 34 | 45 | 59 | 70 | 1 | 12 | 83 |

*-Total includes flunarizine trials

Appendix Table D112. Patient characteristics in placebo controlled randomized controlled clinical trials of adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Drug | # RCTs | Mean Age in Years | # RCTs | % Women | # RCTs | % with Aura | # RCTs | Migraine Frequency/Month | Total RCTs |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|--------------------------|------------|
| Topiramate | 10 | 40.7 | 10 | 71.6 | 5 | 19.8 | 10 | 7.01 | 11 |
| Divalproex | 2 | 43.1 | 2 | 78.3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1.5 | 2 |
| Valproate | 1 | 34 | 1 | 79.3 | 1 | 86.3 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Propranolol | 3 | 37.6 | 4 | 82.4 | 4 | 22.4 | 2 | 3.5 | 4 |
| Timolol | 1 | 43 | 1 | 72 | 1 | 4.7 | 1 | 5.7 | 1 |
| Lamotrigine | 1 | 37.2 | 1 | 81.8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4.02 | 1 |
| Gabapentin | 2 | 41.3 | 2 | 85.9 | 1 | 43.7 | 2 | 4.95 | 2 |
| Acetazolamide | 1 | 39.2 | 1 | 75.5 | 1 | 9.4 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Amitriptyline | 2 | 37.5 | 3 | 80 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Nadolol | 1 | 36.3 | 1 | 81.3 | 1 | 15.6 | 0 | | 1 |
| Metoprolol | 3 | 38.1 | 3 | 83.1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5.59 | 3 |
| Atenolol | 2 | 41.5 | 2 | 74.9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Alprenolol | 1 | 41.3 | 1 | 81.8 | 1 | 18.2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Pindolol | 1 | 35.8 | 1 | 85.7 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Captopril | 1 | 49 | 1 | 58 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4.6 | 1 |
| Lisinopril | 1 | 41 | 1 | 81 | 0 | | 1 | 2.3 | 1 |
| Telmisartan | 1 | 39.8 | 1 | 84.5 | 0 | | 1 | 6.2 | 1 |
| Candesartan | 1 | 42 | 1 | 79 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2.97 | 1 |
| Nimodipine | 4 | 33.5 | 4 | 76 | 4 | 25 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Verapamil | 1 | 33 | 1 | 86 | 0 | | 1 | 5.3 | 1 |
| Nicardipine | 0 | | 1 | 73 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4.26 | 1 |
| Nifedipine | 1 | 29.8 | 1 | 79 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| Clonidine | 4 | 40.1 | 5 | 80.8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Dihydroergotamine | 3 | 38.5 | 3 | 72.9 | 3 | 21.0 | 2 | 4.4 | 3 |
| Lisuride | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 1 | 3.5 | 1 |
| Methysergide | 1 | 42 | 1 | 80 | 0 | | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Montelukast | 1 | 40 | 1 | 88 | 0 | | 1 | 5.1 | 1 |
| Femoxetine | 2 | 40 | 2 | 85.8 | 0 | | 0 | | 3 |
| Fluoxetine | 4 | 38.1 | 4 | 77.4 | 2 | 22.6 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| Indomethacin | 1 | 40 | 1 | 76 | 0 | | 0 | | 1 |
| Induprofen | 1 | 35.8 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 40.3 | 1 | 4.8 | 1 |
| Ketoprofen | 1 | 36 | 1 | 88 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2.8 | 1 |
| Magnesium | 2 | 42.4 | 2 | 89.5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Naproxen sodium | 2 | 39.2 | 2 | 85 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 2 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 1 | 40.5 | 1 | 84.7 | 0 | | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Tizanidine | 1 | 40.3 | 1 | 79 | 0 | | 0 | | 1 |
| Tolfenamic Acid | 1 | 35 | 1 | 87 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 1 |
| Tonabersat | 1 | 36 | 1 | 92.3 | 0 | | 0 | | 1 |

RCTs = number of randomized controlled clinical trials that reported baseline variables

Appendix Table D113. Followup characteristics in placebo controlled randomized controlled clinical trials of adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Drug | Mean Length of followup in Weeks | # RCTs | Mean % Lost to followup | # RCTs |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Topiramate | 17.9 | 10 | 8.4 | 4 |
| Divalproex | 12 | 2 | 1.8 | 2 |
| Valproate | 16 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Propranolol | 12 | 3 | 17.3 | 4 |
| Timolol | 16 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Lamotrigine | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Carbamazepine | 12 | 1 | 6.3 | 1 |
| Gabapentin | 12 | 2 | 3.1 | 2 |
| Acetazolamide | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Amitriptyline | 17 | 3 | 28.5 | 3 |
| Nadolol | 12 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Metoprolol | 13.3 | 3 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Atenolol | 27 | 2 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Alprenolol | 13 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Pindolol | 11 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Captopril | 68 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Lisinopril | 7.5 | 1 | 22 | 1 |
| Telmisartan | 12 | 1 | 17 | 1 |
| Candesartan | 32 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Nimodipine | 13 | 4 | 8.6 | 3 |
| Verapamil | 20 | 1 | 20 | 1 |
| Nicardipine | 16 | 1 | 14 | 1 |
| Nifedipine | 16 | 2 | 32 | 2 |
| Clonidine | 26 | 6 | 29.3 | 5 |
| Dihydroergocryptine | 16 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Dihydroergotamine | 14.7 | 3 | 5.7 | 3 |
| Lisuride | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Methysergide | 24 | 1 | 32.4 | 1 |
| Montelukast | 20 | 1 | 2.2 | 1 |
| Femoxetine | 14.7 | 3 | 24.5 | 3 |
| Fluoxetine | 15 | 4 | 22.2 | 4 |
| Indomethacin | 4 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Induprofen | 12 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Ketoprofen | 12 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Magnesium | 14 | 2 | 13.5 | 2 |
| Naproxen sodium | 19 | 2 | 15 | 1 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 15 | 1 | 3.5 | 1 |
| Tizanidine | 12 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tolfenamic Acid | 22 | 1 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Tonabersat | 13 | 1 | 5.1 | 1 |
| Total | 17.35 | 81 | | |

RCTs = number of randomized controlled clinical trials that reported baseline variables

Appendix Table D114. Risk of bias in placebo controlled randomized controlled clinical trials of adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention

| Drugs | High | Low | Medium | Total | % Low |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----|--------|-------|-------|
| Topiramate | 0 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 54.5 |
| Divalproex | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50 |
| Valproate | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Propranolol | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 25 |
| Timolol | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lamotrigine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| Carbamazepine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Acetazolamide | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| Amitriptyline | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Nadolol | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| Metoprolol | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Atenolol | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Alprenolol | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Pindolol | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Captopril | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| Lisinopril | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| Telmisartan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Candesartan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| Nimodipine | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 25 |
| Verapamil | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Nicardipine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Nifedipine | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Clonidine | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 16.67 |
| Dihydroergocryptine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dihydroergotamine | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 33.33 |
| Lisuride | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Methysergide | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tizanidine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Montelukast | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| Femoxetine | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Fluoxetine | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Gabapentin | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Indomethacin | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Induprofen | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ketoprofen | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Naproxen sodium | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Magnesium | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 100 |
| Oxcarbazepine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| Tolfenamic Acid | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tonabersat | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| TOTAL*(includes flunarizine trials) | 7 | 22 | 54 | 83 | 26.51 |

Appendix Table D115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| Botulinum toxin type A 25 U | Guyron, 2004 ²¹⁷ Non-RCT: Case reports | Not reported | Not reported | Depression of temple area (Patient reported) | 28.3 |
| Botulinum toxin type A 25 U | Guyron, 2004 ²¹⁷ Non-RCT: Case reports | Not reported | Not reported | Deformity (Physician examined) | 100.0 |
| Botulinum toxin type A (and Lidocaine 2 mL) 50 U | Omoigui, 2005 ²¹⁸ Non-RCT: Case reports | Not reported | Not reported | Ptosis | 100.0 |
| Zonisamide Initiated with 25 mg/day and titrated up to 100 mg/day | Villani, 2011 ²¹⁹ Non-RCT: Uncontrolled prospective observational study | 24 | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Difficulty concentrating (transient) | 5.9 |
| Zonisamide Initiated with 25 mg/day and titrated up to 100 mg/day | Villani, 2011 ²¹⁹ Non-RCT: Uncontrolled prospective observational study | 24 | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Mood disorders (transient) | 5.9 |
| Zonisamide Initiated with 100 mg/day and titrated up to 300 mg/day | Ashkenazi, 2006 ²²⁰ Non-RCT: Retrospective uncontrolled study (chart review) | Unclear | Episodic migraine or Transformed migraine according to the Silberstein-Lipton criteria | All | 42.4 |
| Zonisamide Initiated with 100 mg/day and titrated up to 300 mg/day | Ashkenazi, 2006 ²²⁰ Non-RCT: Retrospective uncontrolled study (chart review) | Unclear | Episodic migraine or Transformed migraine according to the Silberstein-Lipton criteria | Fatigue | 12.1 |
| Lamotrigine 500 mg/die for 1 wk and 1000 mg/die for 24 wks | Pizza, 2011 ²²¹ Non-RCT: Uncontrolled study | 25 | Not reported | Somnolence, lack of concentration and a modest gastralgia | 53.8 |
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | All | 47.8 |
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | Drowsiness | 22.4 |
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | Dizziness | 5.9 |
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | Slowness | 11.9 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|---------|
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | Constipation | 5.9 |
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | Ataxia | 3.0 |
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | Swollen face/body | 3.0 |
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | Weight gain | 3.0 |
| Gabapentin 900-1800 mg | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Mean: 28.8 (range: 12-48) | Migraine (International Headache Society - 2 criteria) | Discontinuation due to adverse effects | 22.4 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Nausea | 42.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Infection | 39.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Vukovic, 2009 ²²² Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Alopecia | 31.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Tremor | 28.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Asthenia | 25.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Dyspepsia | 25.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Somnolence | 25.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Pharyngitis | 23.0 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|--|----------------|
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Flu-like syndrome | 21.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Pain | 19.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Weight gain | 19.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Abdominal pain | 18.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Back pain | 17.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Dizziness | 17.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Diarrhea | 16.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Rhinitis | 15.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Nervousness | 11.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Vomiting | 11.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Insomnia | 10.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Myalgia | 9.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Sinusitis | 9.0 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|--|----------------|
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Depression | 9.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Neck pain | 9.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Bronchitis | 8.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Increased appetite | 8.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Accidental injury | 7.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Allergic reaction | 7.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Chest pain | 7.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Increased cough | 7.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Constipation | 7.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Arthralgia | 6.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Rash | 6.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Ecchymosis | 6.0 |
| Divalproex Mean: 974 mg /day | Silberstein, 1999 ²²³ Non-RCT: Prospective uncontrolled open-label | Up to 144 (3y) | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Flatulence | 6.0 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Valproic acid 300 to 1200 mg per day | Kinze, 2001 ²²⁴ Non-RCT: Prospective open-label | 24 | Migraine (International Headache Society) | Discontinuation due to hair loss | 1.9 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Sleepiness | 12.5 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Nausea | 6.3 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Blurry vision | 6.3 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Sluggish | 6.3 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Libido | 6.3 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Upset stomach | 12.5 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Confusion | 6.3 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | All adverse effects | 50.0 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|--|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------|
| and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | | | | | |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Discontinuation due to Nausea | 6.3 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Discontinuation due to GI Upset | 12.5 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Discontinuation due to Confusion | 6.3 |
| Valproic acid Adjusted to maintain blood levels between 50 and 100 µg/mL (mean 61 µg/m) | Vijayan, 1995 ²²⁵ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable (Up to 52) | Chronic daily headache | Discontinuation due to Sleepiness | 6.3 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Discontinuation due to adverse effects | 12.0 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Abnormal liver function test | 3.3 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Weight gain | 50.0 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Tremor | 5.0 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Other | 5.0 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Abnormal liver function test | 2.8 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Weight gain | 77.8 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Tremor | 13.9 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Other adverse effects | 8.3 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Abnormal liver function test | 3.3 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Weight gain | 33.3 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Tremor | 10.0 |
| Sodium valproate 600 to 1000 mg daily | Ghose, 1999 ²²⁶ Non-RCT: Prospective, open-label | 240 (5y) | Migraine with or without aura | Other adverse effects | 6.7 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Drowsiness, tiredness, weakness | 13.7 vs. 20.5 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Dryness of mouth, sore tongue, bad taste | 0.0 vs. 13.7 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Giddiness, ataxia | 19.6 vs. 0.0 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Faintness, dizziness | 5.9 vs. 6.8 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Nausea | 11.8 vs. 6.8 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Increased appetite | 2.0 vs. 0.0 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Epigastric discomfort | 2.0 vs. 1.4 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Cramps, limb pains | 3.9 vs. 1.4 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate, % |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Irritability, agitation | 3.9 vs. 2.7 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Insomnia, nightmare | 2.0 vs. 1.4 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Bruising, prominent veins | 0.0 vs. 1.4 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Skin itching, rash | 3.9 vs. 0.0 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Blurred vision | 3.9 vs. 0.0 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Lack of concentration | 3.9 vs. 0.0 |
| Carbamazepine 200 mg three times daily vs. Clonidine 75 µg three times daily | Anthony, 1972 ²²⁷ Non-RCT: Controlled trial | Variable (up to 72 for Clonidine and to 16 for Carbamazepine) | Migraine (Friedman's Criteria, 1962) | Swelling of throat | 2.0 vs. 0.0 |
| Propranolol 40 mg four times a day (three times a day below age 10) | Rosen, 1983 ²²⁸ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | 48 | Not reported | Discontinuation due to adverse effects | 4.7 |
| Propranolol 40 mg four times a day (three times a day below age 10) | Rosen, 1983 ²²⁸ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | 48 | Not reported | Discontinuation due to incident asthma (not previously experienced) | 0.1 |
| Propranolol 40 mg four times a day (three times a day below age 10) | Rosen, 1983 ²²⁸ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | 48 | Not reported | Discontinuation due to hypotension with or without bradycardia | 2.5 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Propranolol 40 mg four times a day (three times a day below age 10) | Rosen, 1983 ²²⁸ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | 48 | Not reported | Discontinuation due to Excessive weight gain | 0.8 |
| Propranolol 40 mg four times a day (three times a day below age 10) | Rosen, 1983 ²²⁸ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | 48 | Not reported | Discontinuation due to Congestive heart failure | 0.2 |
| Propranolol 40 mg four times a day (three times a day below age 10) | Rosen, 1983 ²²⁸ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | 48 | Not reported | Discontinuation due to Insomnia | 0.7 |
| Propranolol 40 mg four times a day (three times a day below age 10) | Rosen, 1983 ²²⁸ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | 48 | Not reported | Discontinuation due to Severe psychological depression | 0.3 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Bradycardia | 4.4 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Insomnia | 1.5 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Depression | 1.5 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Precardialgia | 1.5 vs. 2.8 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Dizziness | 2.9 vs. 0.0 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Paresthesia | 0.0 vs. 8.3 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate, % |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------|---|---------------|
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Gastralgia | 0.0 vs. 5.6 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Metoprolol 40mg | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Bradycardia | 4.4 vs. 16.7 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Metoprolol 40mg | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Hypotension | 0.0 vs. 10.0 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Discontinuation due to adverse effects | 11.8 vs. 16.7 |
| Propranolol 40mg vs. Metoprolol 40mg | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Discontinuation due to adverse effects | 11.8 vs. 26.7 |
| Metoprolol 40mg vs. Methysergide 6 to 10 mg/day | Steardo, 1982 ²²⁹ Non-RCT: Controlled open-label | 24 | Migraine (ad hoc Committee) | Discontinuation due to adverse effects | 26.7 vs. 16.7 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | All adverse effects | 45.0 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Discontinuation due to adverse effects | 10.0 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Angina pectoris | 0.7 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Intermittent claudication | 1.3 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Lower limb pains | 2.6 |

Appendix Table 115. Adverse effects with drugs for migraine prevention in adults, results from nonrandomized studies (continued)

| Drugs, Daily Doses | Reference, Design | Total Length of followup, Weeks | Migraine Definition | Definition of the Adverse Effects | Rate ,% |
|----------------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|---------|
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Upper limb pains | 0.3 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Swelling of ankles | 0.3 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): venules over nose and cheeks | 0.3 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Facial flushing | 0.3 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Vomiting | 2.3 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Abdominal cramps | 0.7 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Rash | 0.3 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Scalp hair falling out | 0.3 |
| Methysergide 6 mg daily | Curran, 1964 ²³⁰ Non-RCT: Prospective cohort | Variable ("3 or less to 13 or more (month)") | Not reported | Adverse effects (Severe): Vertigo and ataxia | 1.0 |
| Ergotamine NR | Kim, 2005 ²³¹ Non-RCT: Case report | Not applicable | Not reported | Upper extremity ischemia | 100.0 |

Appendix Table D116. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with random effects model, inverse variance weights)

| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Any adverse effect | 6U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 8/45 | 3/11 | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.1) | 2.35 | -0.10 (-0.38 to 0.19) | 3.06 |
| Any adverse effect | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 52/105 | 17/36 | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.6) | 6.71 | 0.02 (-0.17 to 0.21) | 4.58 |
| Any adverse effect | 9U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 11/49 | 3/12 | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.7) | 2.48 | -0.03 (-0.30 to 0.25) | 3.25 |
| Any adverse effect | 10U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 9/44 | 3/11 | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.3) | 2.42 | -0.07 (-0.36 to 0.22) | 3.02 |
| Any adverse effect | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 47/101 | 16/34 | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.5) | 6.57 | -0.01 (-0.20 to 0.19) | 4.49 |
| Any adverse effect | 25U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 17/49 | 3/12 | 1.4 (0.5 to 4.0) | 2.67 | 0.10 (-0.18 to 0.38) | 3.15 |
| Any adverse effect | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 60/106 | 17/36 | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.8) | 6.82 | 0.09 (-0.10 to 0.28) | 4.59 |
| Any adverse effect | 75U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 97/174 | 13/59 | 2.5 (1.5 to 4.2) | 5.86 | 0.34 (0.21 to 0.47) | 5.77 |
| Any adverse effect | 80U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Petri*, 2009 ⁹ High | 4/32 | 5/32 | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.7) | 2.16 | -0.03 (-0.20 to 0.14) | 4.94 |
| Any adverse effect | 139U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Cady, 2008 ¹³ Low | 0/40 | 0/19 | 2.6 (1.5 to 4.4) | 5.68 | 0.00 (-0.08 to 0.08) | 6.77 |
| Any adverse effect | 150U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 92/168 | 12/57 | 2.2 (1.6 to 3.0) | 7.48 | 0.34 (0.21 to 0.47) | 5.75 |
| Any adverse effect | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 88/173 | 42/182 | 2.2 (1.5 to 3.1) | 7.12 | 0.28 (0.18 to 0.37) | 6.41 |
| Any adverse effect | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 86/341 | 39/338 | 2.4 (1.8 to 3.3) | 7.51 | 0.14 (0.08 to 0.19) | 7.06 |

Appendix Table 116. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with random effects model, inverse variance weights) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|---------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | course: week 1, week 12; open label three injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | | | | | | | |
| Any adverse effect | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (three injections over the course: week 1, week 12, week 24) weeks | Diener, 2010 ² Low | 116/347 | 49/358 | 1.3 (1.1 to 1.5) | 8.56 | 0.20 (0.14 to 0.26) | 7 |
| Any adverse effect | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the course: wk 1, week 12; open label three injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 203/341 | 156/338 | 2.8 (2.1 to 3.8) | 7.5 | 0.13 (0.06 to 0.21) | 6.8 |
| Any adverse effect | 110U to 260U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 113/187 | 39/182 | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.3) | 8.67 | 0.39 (0.30 to 0.48) | 6.5 |
| Any adverse effect | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (three injections over the course: week 1, week 12, week 24) weeks | Diener, 2010 ² Low | 226/347 | 202/358 | 2.0 (0.9 to 4.7) | 3.54 | 0.09 (0.02 to 0.16) | 6.84 |
| Any adverse effect | 210U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Petri*, 2009 ⁹ High | 12/32 | 6/32 | 3.1 (1.9 to 5.1) | 5.89 | 0.19 (-0.03 to 0.40) | 4.11 |
| Any adverse effect | 225U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 119/182 | 13/62 | (Excluded) (0.0 to 0.0) | | 0.44 (0.32 to 0.57) | 5.9 |
| Any adverse effect | All doses | Pooled | 1360/2863 | 637/2168 | 1.6 (1.3 to 2.0) | 100 | 0.16 (0.09 to 0.22) | 100 |

Appendix Table 116. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with random effects model, inverse variance weights) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Back pain | 75U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 3/174 | 0/59 | 2.4 (0.1 to 45.8) | 17.6 | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | 20.51 |
| Back pain | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 0/20 | 1/21 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | 15.48 | -0.05 (-0.17 to 0.08) | 1.28 |
| Back pain | 150U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 4/168 | 0/57 | 3.1 (0.2 to 56.5) | 18.12 | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.06) | 17.03 |
| Back pain | 11 U to 260U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 3/187 | 1/182 | 2.9 (0.3 to 27.8) | 30.12 | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | 44.76 |
| Back pain | 225U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 6/182 | 0/62 | 4.5 (0.3 to 78.3) | 18.68 | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.07) | 16.41 |
| Back pain | All doses | Pooled | 16/731 | 2/381 | 2.2 (0.6 to 7.7) | 100 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) | 100 |
| Discontinuations related to adverse effects | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (three injections over the course: week 1, week 12, week 24) weeks | Diener, 2010 ² Low | 12/347 | 5/358 | 2.5 (0.9 to 7.0) | 58.96 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.04) | 51.23 |
| Discontinuations related to adverse effects | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the course: week 1, week 12; open label three injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 14/341 | 3/338 | 4.6 (1.3 to 16.0) | 41.04 | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.06) | 48.77 |
| Discontinuations related to adverse effects | All doses | Pooled | 26/688 | 8/696 | 3.2 (1.4 to 7.1) | 100 | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.04) | 100 |
| Dizziness | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 0/20 | 1/21 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | 16.12 | -0.05 (-0.17 to 0.08) | 3.06 |

Appendix Table 116. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with random effects model, inverse variance weights) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dizziness | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ *Low | 2/43 | 0/21 | 2.5 (0.1 to 49.9) | 17.79 | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.14) | 5.31 |
| Dizziness | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 1/173 | 3/182 | 0.4 (0.0 to 3.3) | 31.37 | -0.01 (-0.03 to 0.01) | 43.71 |
| Dizziness | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 4/187 | 0/182 | 8.8 (0.5 to 161.6) | 18.76 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.05) | 41.31 |
| Dizziness | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, *2011 ⁸ Low | 1/43 | 0/21 | 1.5 (0.1 to 35.3) | 15.96 | 0.02 (-0.06 to 0.11) | 6.61 |
| Dizziness | All doses | Pooled | 8/466 | 4/427 | 1.1 (0.3 to 4.1) | 100 | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.03) | 100 |
| Dysphagia | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 3/174 | 0/59 | 2.4 (0.1 to 45.8) | 23.99 | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | 25.86 |
| Dysphagia | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 5/168 | 0/57 | 3.8 (0.2 to 67.2) | 25.16 | 0.03 (-0.01 to 0.07) | 19.36 |
| Dysphagia | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 4/173 | 0/182 | 9.5 (0.5 to 174.5) | 24.56 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.05) | 40.45 |
| Dysphagia | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 11/182 | 0/62 | 7.8 (0.5 to 130.3) | 26.29 | 0.06 (0.02 to 0.10) | 14.33 |
| Dysphagia | All doses | Pooled | 23/697 | 1/360 | 5.1 (1.2 to 21.8) | 100 | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.04) | 100 |

Appendix Table 116. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with random effects model, inverse variance weights) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|----------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Eyelid edema | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 1/105 | 0/36 | 1.0 (0.0 to 25.1) | 18.17 | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) | 21.56 |
| Eyelid edema | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 0/101 | 0/34 | 5.2 (0.3 to 88.6) | 20.8 | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) | 22.27 |
| Eyelid edema | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7/106 | 0/36 | 0.5 (0.0 to 7.8) | 21.78 | 0.07 (0.01 to 0.13) | 15.8 |
| Eyelid edema | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 1/43 | 1/21 | 24.3 (1.5 to 408.0) | 20.96 | -0.02 (-0.12 to 0.08) | 8.51 |
| Eyelid edema | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 12/187 | 0/182 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 18.3 | 0.06 (0.03 to 0.10) | 24.28 |
| Eyelid edema | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, *2011 ⁸ Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | (Excluded) (0.0 to 0.0) | | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.06) | 7.59 |
| Eyelid edema | All doses | Pooled | 21/585 | 1/330 | 1.7 (0.3 to 9.7) | 100 | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.06) | 100 |
| Headache | 6U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 2/45 | 0/11 | 1.2 (0.1 to 23.2) | 1.84 | 0.04 (-0.10 to 0.18) | 1.94 |
| Headache | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 1/105 | 1/36 | 0.3 (0.0 to 5.3) | 2.15 | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) | 11.71 |
| Headache | 9U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/49 | 1/12 | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.0) | 1.64 | -0.08 (-0.26 to 0.09) | 1.22 |
| Headache | 10U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 1/44 | 0/11 | 0.8 (0.0 to 18.4) | 1.64 | 0.02 (-0.10 to 0.15) | 2.43 |
| Headache | 25U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 3/49 | 1/12 | 0.7 (0.1 to 6.5) | 3.42 | -0.02 (-0.19 to 0.15) | 1.31 |
| Headache | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 2/101 | 1/34 | 0.7 (0.1 to 7.4) | 2.88 | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.05) | 9.99 |
| Headache | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 8/106 | 1/36 | 2.7 (0.4 to 21.0) | 3.87 | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.12) | 6.99 |
| Headache | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 7/174 | 3/59 | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.0) | 9.29 | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.05) | 9.46 |
| Headache | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 1.62 | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.06) | 3.39 |
| Headache | 150 U 24 (three | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ | 14/168 | 3/57 | 1.6 (0.5 to 5.4) | 11.04 | 0.03 | 7.57 |

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| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|----------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Low | | | | | (-0.04 to 0.10) | |
| Headache | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 12/173 | 11/182 | 1.1 (0.5 to 2.5) | 25.84 | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.06) | 14.36 |
| Headache | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 11/187 | 9/182 | 1.2 (0.5 to 2.8) | 22.03 | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.06) | 17.75 |
| Headache | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 15/182 | 3/62 | 1.7 (0.5 to 5.7) | 11.13 | 0.03 (-0.03 to 0.10) | 8.5 |
| Headache | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 1.62 | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.06) | 3.39 |
| Headache | All doses | Pooled | 76/1469 | 33/735 | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.6) | 100 | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.02) | 100 |
| Hypertonia | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 13/174 | 0/59 | 9.3 (0.6 to 153.4) | 8 | 0.08 (0.03 to 0.12) | 17.89 |
| Hypertonia | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 15/168 | 0/57 | 10.6 (0.6 to 175.0) | 8.04 | 0.09 (0.04 to 0.14) | 15.31 |
| Hypertonia | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 9/173 | 4/182 | 2.4 (0.7 to 7.5) | 46.94 | 0.03 (-0.01 to 0.07) | 23.81 |
| Hypertonia | 110 U to 260 U per treatment | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 13/187 | 2/182 | 6.3 (1.4 to 27.6) | 29.01 | 0.06 (0.02 to 0.10) | 23.67 |

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| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|-------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | weeks | | | | | | | |
| Hypertonia | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Risk of bias Low | 13/182 | 0/62 | 9.1 (0.6 to 151.6) | 8 | 0.07 (0.03 to 0.12) | 19.32 |
| Hypertonia | All doses | Pooled | 63/884 | 7/542 | 4.4 (2.0 to 9.8) | 100 | 0.06 (0.04 to 0.08) | 100 |
| Neck pain | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 30/174 | 1/59 | 10.2 (1.4 to 73.0) | 12.65 | 0.16 (0.09 to 0.22) | 12.91 |
| Neck pain | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 2/43 | 1/21 | 1.0 (0.1 to 10.7) | 10.24 | 0.00 (-0.11 to 0.11) | 9.63 |
| Neck pain | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 37/168 | 1/57 | 12.6 (1.8 to 89.4) | 12.7 | 0.20 (0.13 to 0.27) | 12.42 |
| Neck pain | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 23/173 | 1/182 | 24.2 (3.3 to 177.2) | 12.5 | 0.13 (0.08 to 0.18) | 13.93 |
| Neck pain | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the course: week 1, week 12; open label three injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 20/341 | 0/338 | 40.6 (2.5 to 669.2) | 8.02 | 0.06 (0.03 to 0.08) | 15.51 |
| Neck pain | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 32/187 | 8/182 | 3.9 (1.8 to 8.2) | 24.5 | 0.13 (0.07 to 0.19) | 13.18 |
| Neck pain | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 41/182 | 1/62 | 14.0 (2.0 to 99.4) | 12.7 | 0.21 (0.14 to 0.28) | 12.66 |

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| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|----------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | day 90, and day 180) weeks | | | | | | | |
| Neck pain | 240U 12 (one time injection)weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Risk of bias Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 6.7 | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.06) | 9.76 |
| Neck pain | All doses | Pooled | 185/1311 | 13/922 | 6.4 (2.5 to 16.4) | 100 | 0.11 (0.06 to 0.16) | 100 |
| Neck rigidity | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 14/174 | 0/59 | 9.9 (0.6 to 164.1) | 5.8 | 0.08 (0.03 to 0.13) | 18.99 |
| Neck stiffness | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 1/20 | 1/21 | 1.1 (0.1 to 15.7) | 6.24 | 0.00 (-0.13 to 0.13) | 5.5 |
| Neck rigidity | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 14/168 | 0/57 | 10.0 (0.6 to 164.2) | 5.8 | 0.08 (0.04 to 0.13) | 18.54 |
| Neck rigidity | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 8/173 | 2/182 | 4.2 (0.9 to 19.5) | 19.34 | 0.04 (0.00 to 0.07) | 22.59 |
| Neck rigidity | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 19/187 | 6/182 | 3.1 (1.3 to 7.5) | 56.93 | 0.07 (0.02 to 0.12) | 17.98 |
| Neck rigidity | 225 U 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 27/182 | 0/62 | 18.6 (1.2 to 301.0) | 5.89 | 0.15 (0.09 to 0.21) | 16.4 |
| Neck rigidity | All doses | Pooled | 83/904 | 10/563 | 3.9 (2.0 to 7.7) | 100 | 0.08 (0.04 to 0.11) | 100 |
| Injection site pain | 75U 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 8/174 | 3/59 | 0.9 (0.2 to 3.3) | 17.11 | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.06) | 3.24 |
| Injection site pain | 120U 12 (one time injection) | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | 2.87 | -0.05 (-0.17 to 0.08) | 1.19 |

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| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|---------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | weeks | | | | | | | |
| Injection site pain | 150U 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 10/168 | 3/57 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 18.19 | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.06) | 2.87 |
| Injection site pain | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 4/173 | 4/182 | 1.1 (0.3 to 4.0) | 15.26 | 0.01 (-0.06 to 0.08) | 13.95 |
| Injection site pain | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 4/187 | 1/182 | 1.1 (0.3 to 4.1) | 6.02 | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03) | 24.43 |
| Injection site pain | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 17/182 | 3/62 | 3.9 (0.4 to 34.5) | 20.14 | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04) | 2.82 |
| Injection site pain | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 6.8 (0.4 to 131.0) | 2.87 | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04) | 1.19 |
| Pain | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 3/187 | 0/182 | 1.1 (0.2 to 5.1) | 3.28 | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03) | 30.95 |
| Pain | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 3/173 | 3/182 | 1.9 (0.6 to 6.3) | 11.38 | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11) | 18.49 |
| Pain | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 0/20 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 2.9 | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.06) | 0.87 |
| Pain | All doses | Pooled | 49/1350 | 20/969 | 1.2 (0.7 to 2.0) | 100 | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) | 100 |
| Blepharoptosis | 6U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 1/45 | 0/11 | 0.8 (0.0 to 18.0) | 3.72 | 0.02 (-0.10 to 0.15) | 2.32 |

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|----------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Blepharoptosis | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 2/105 | 0/36 | 1.7 (0.1 to 35.5) | 4.03 | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.07) | 8.98 |
| Blepharoptosis | 9U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/49 | 0/12 | 2.2 (0.1 to 37.5) | 4.5 | 0.00 (-0.12 to 0.12) | 2.59 |
| Blepharoptosis | 10U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/44 | 0/11 | 3.8 (0.2 to 66.5) | 4.45 | 0.00 (-0.12 to 0.12) | 2.56 |
| Blepharoptosis | 25U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 4/49 | 0/12 | 6.7 (0.4 to 112.7) | 4.57 | 0.08 (-0.06 to 0.22) | 1.92 |
| Blepharoptosis | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 5/101 | 0/34 | 5.9 (0.3 to 99.4) | 4.58 | 0.05 (-0.01 to 0.11) | 7.06 |
| Blepharoptosis | 25U 12 weeks | Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ Medium | 6/42 | 0/21 | 7.7 (0.5 to 128.1) | 4.62 | 0.14 (0.02 to 0.27) | 2.33 |
| Blepharoptosis | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 8/106 | 0/36 | 2.0 (0.3 to 16.6) | 8.33 | 0.08 (0.01 to 0.14) | 6.46 |
| Blepharoptosis | 75U 12 weeks | Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ Risk of bias Medium | 7/40 | 0/20 | 4.9 (0.2 to 100.5) | 8.52 | 0.18 (0.04 to 0.31) | 2 |
| Blepharoptosis | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 6/174 | 1/59 | 2.4 (0.3 to 18.9) | 8.89 | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.06) | 9.83 |
| Blepharoptosis | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 0/21 | 12.6 (1.7 to 96.1) | 26.7 | 0.00 (-0.07 to 0.07) | 5.7 |
| Blepharoptosis | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 7/168 | 1/57 | 9.4 (2.9 to 30.3) | 8.98 | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.08) | 9.27 |
| Blepharoptosis | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 12/173 | 1/182 | 4.1 (0.5 to 30.8) | 4.09 | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.07) | 10.51 |
| Blepharoptosis | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 29/187 | 3/182 | 2.5 (0.1 to 49.9) | 4.02 | 0.06 (0.03 to 0.10) | 7.63 |

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|-----------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Blepharoptosis | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 12/182 | 1/62 | (Excluded) (0.0 to 0.0) | | 0.14 (0.08 to 0.19) | 8.85 |
| Blepharoptosis | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 2/43 | 0/21 | (Excluded) (0.0 to 0.0) | | 0.05 (0.00 to 0.10) | 3.77 |
| Blepharoptosis | 210U plus 80U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Petri*, 2009 ⁹ High | 2/64 | 0/63 | (Excluded) (0.0 to 0.0) | | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.14) | 8.21 |
| Blepharoptosis | All doses | Pooled | 103/1615 | 7/839 | 4.7 (2.6 to 8.7) | 100 | 0.05 (0.03 to 0.07) | 100 |
| Muscle weakness | 6U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/45 | 0/11 | 3.4 (0.2 to 56.2) | 16.37 | 0.00 (-0.12 to 0.12) | 10.02 |
| Muscle weakness | 9U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/49 | 0/12 | 20.2 (1.3 to 326.0) | 16.74 | 0.00 (-0.11 to 0.11) | 10.37 |
| Muscle weakness | 10U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/44 | 0/11 | 30.5 (1.9 to 488.1) | 16.84 | 0.00 (-0.12 to 0.12) | 10.01 |
| Muscle weakness | 25U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ R Low | 6/49 | 0/12 | 81.0 (5.0 to 1308.0) | 16.71 | 0.12 (-0.02 to 0.26) | 9.1 |
| Muscle weakness | 75U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 29/174 | 0/59 | 40.6 (2.5 to 669.2) | 16.48 | 0.17 (0.11 to 0.23) | 12.09 |
| Muscle weakness | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 44/168 | 0/57 | 38.3 (2.4 to 610.4) | 16.87 | 0.26 (0.19 to 0.33) | 11.76 |
| Muscle weakness | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 38/173 | 0/182 | (Excluded) (0.0 to 0.0) | | 0.22 (0.16 to 0.28) | 12.03 |
| Muscle weakness | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 20/341 | 0/338 | (Excluded) (0.0 to 0.0) | | 0.06 (0.03 to 0.08) | 12.87 |

Appendix Table 116. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with random effects model, inverse variance weights) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events Randomized Onabotulinumtoxin A | Events Randomized Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Weight (Relative Risk) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Weight (Risk Difference) |
|------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | course: week 1, week 12; open label three injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | | | | | | | |
| Muscle weakness | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 56/182 | 0/62 | (Excluded) (0.0 to 0.0) | | 0.31 (0.24 to 0.38) | 11.76 |
| Muscle weakness | All doses | Pooled | 193/1225 | 1/743 | 25.5 (8.2 to 79.5) | 100 | 0.13 (0.06 to 0.21) | 100 |
| Fever | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 0/20 | 2/21 | 1.3 (0.4 to 4.3) | 5.48 | 0.02 (-0.09 to 0.13) | 9.11 |
| Flu syndrome | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 4/101 | 3/34 | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.9) | 23.26 | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.05) | 18.89 |
| Flu syndrome | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7/106 | 3/36 | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.9) | 28.82 | -0.02 (-0.12 to 0.09) | 19.16 |
| Flu syndrome | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 11/105 | 3/36 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 32.7 | -0.10 (-0.24 to 0.05) | 17.18 |
| Pyrexia | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 4.87 | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.06) | 17.83 |
| Pyrexia | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | 4.87 | -0.05 (-0.15 to 0.06) | 17.83 |
| Pyrexia | All doses | Pooled | 22/418 | 12/169 | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.3) | 100 | -0.03 (-0.08 to 0.01) | 100 |

| Outcomes | P Value for Relative Risk | I Squared for Relative Risk | P Value for Absolute Risk Difference | I Squared for Absolute Risk Difference |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Any adverse effect | 0 | 81.20% | 0 | 82.90% |
| Back pain | 0.80 | 0.00% | 0.67 | 0.00% |
| Discontinuations related to adverse effects | 0.45 | 0.00% | 0.49 | 0.00% |
| Dizziness | 0.44 | 0.00% | 0.23 | 28.60% |
| Dysphagia | 0.90 | 0.00% | 0.40 | 0.00% |
| Eyelid edema | 0.15 | 41.50% | 0.06 | 52.80% |
| Headache | 0.84 | 0.00% | 0.91 | 0.00% |

Appendix Table 116. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with random effects model, inverse variance weights) (continued)

| Outcomes | P Value for Relative Risk | I Squared for Relative Risk | P Value for Absolute Risk Difference | I Squared for Absolute Risk Difference |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Hypertonia | 0.69 | 0.00% | 0.38 | 4.70% |
| Neck pain | 0.06 | 47.70% | 0 | 83.70% |
| Neck rigidity | 0.66 | 0.00% | 0.03 | 60.80% |
| Injection site pain | 0.67 | 0.00% | 0.80 | 0.00% |
| Blepharoptosis | 0.96 | 0.00% | 0.06 | 37.90% |
| Muscle weakness | 0.72 | 0.00% | 0 | 91.10% |
| Fever | 0.65 | 0.00% | 0.86 | 0.00% |

CI = confidence interval; Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0; * trials of abobotulinumtoxin A

Appendix Table D117. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with Bayesian odds ratios and maximum likelihood absolute risk difference)

| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|--------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------|--|--------|
| Any adverse effect | 6U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 8/45 | 3/11 | 0.6 (0.1 to 2.7) | 0.027 | 0.04 (-0.16 to 0.24) | 0.03 |
| Any adverse effect | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 52/105 | 17/36 | 1.1 (0.5 to 2.3) | 0.058 | 0.07 (-0.09 to 0.22) | 0.045 |
| Any adverse effect | 9U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 11/49 | 3/12 | 0.9 (0.2 to 3.8) | 0.029 | 0.07 (-0.13 to 0.26) | 0.031 |
| Any adverse effect | 10U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 9/44 | 3/11 | 6.2 (0.3 to 114.2) | 0.009 | 0.19 (0.05 to 0.33) | 0.049 |
| Any adverse effect | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 47/101 | 16/34 | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.1) | 0.056 | 0.05 (-0.11 to 0.21) | 0.044 |
| Any adverse effect | 25U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 17/49 | 3/12 | 1.6 (0.4 to 6.7) | 0.03 | 0.13 (-0.07 to 0.32) | 0.03 |
| Any adverse effect | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 60/106 | 17/36 | 1.5 (0.7 to 3.1) | 0.058 | 0.11 (-0.04 to 0.27) | 0.045 |
| Any adverse effect | 75 U 24 weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 97/174 | 13/59 | 4.5 (2.2 to 8.8) | 0.062 | 0.30 (0.19 to 0.42) | 0.057 |
| Any adverse effect | 80U 12 weeks | Petri*, 2009 ⁹ High | 4/32 | 5/32 | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.2) | 0.03 | 0.02 (-0.12 to 0.17) | 0.048 |
| Any adverse effect | 139U 12 weeks | Cady, 2008 ¹³ Low | 0/40 | 0/19 | 0.5 (0.0 to 25.2) | 0.005 | 0.01 (-0.06 to 0.09) | 0.067 |
| Any adverse effect | 150 U 24 weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 92/168 | 12/57 | 4.5 (2.2 to 9.2) | 0.061 | 0.30 (0.19 to 0.42) | 0.056 |
| Any adverse effect | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (3 injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Risk of bias Low | 88/173 | 42/182 | 3.5 (2.2 to 5.4) | 0.075 | 0.26 (0.17 to 0.36) | 0.063 |
| Any adverse effect | 155U-195U [Follow-the-pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the course: week 1, week 12; open label 3 injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 86/341 | 39/338 | 2.6 (1.7 to 3.9) | 0.078 | 0.14 (0.08 to 0.19) | 0.07 |

Appendix Table 117. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with Bayesian odds ratios and maximum likelihood absolute risk difference) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|---------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| Any adverse effect | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (three injections over the course: week 1, week 12, week 24) weeks | Diener, 2010 ² Low | 116/347 | 49/358 | 3.2 (2.2 to 4.6) | 0.08 | 0.20 (0.14 to 0.26) | 0.069 |
| Any adverse effect | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (2 injections over the course: week 1, week 12; open label 3 injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 203/341 | 156/338 | 1.7 (1.3 to 2.3) | 0.083 | 0.14 (0.06 to 0.21) | 0.067 |
| Any adverse effect | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 113/187 | 39/182 | 5.6 (3.5 to 8.9) | 0.075 | 0.37 (0.28 to 0.45) | 0.064 |
| Any adverse effect | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (3 injections over the course: week 1, week 12, week 24) weeks | Diener, 2010 ² Low | 226/347 | 202/358 | 1.4 (1.1 to 2.0) | 0.083 | 0.09 (0.02 to 0.16) | 0.068 |
| Any adverse effect | 210U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Petri*, 2009 ⁹ High | 12/32 | 6/32 | 2.6 (0.8 to 8.1) | 0.039 | 0.18 (0.01 to 0.35) | 0.04 |
| Any adverse effect | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 119/182 | 13/62 | 7.1 (3.6 to 14.1) | 0.062 | 0.40 (0.28 to 0.51) | 0.058 |
| Any adverse effect | Pooled | | 1360/2863 | 637/2168 | 2.2 (1.5 to 3.0) | 1 | 0.16 (0.09 to 0.23) | 1 |
| Back pain | 75 U 24 (3 injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 3/174 | 0/59 | 2.4 (0.1 to 47.7) | 0.177 | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04) | 0.205 |

Appendix Table 117. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with Bayesian odds ratios and maximum likelihood absolute risk difference) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|--|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| Back pain | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 0/20 | 1/21 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.7) | 0.148 | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.04) | 0.013 |
| Back pain | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 4/168 | 0/57 | 3.1 (0.2 to 59.3) | 0.182 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.04) | 0.17 |
| Back pain | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 3/187 | 1/182 | 3.0 (0.3 to 28.6) | 0.304 | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | 0.448 |
| Back pain | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 6/182 | 0/62 | 4.6 (0.3 to 82.9) | 0.188 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.05) | 0.164 |
| Back pain | All doses | Pooled | 16/731 | 2/381 | 4.9 (1.2 to 35.7) | 1 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.04) | 1 |
| Discontinuations related to AE | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (three injections over the course: week 1, week 12, week 24) weeks | Diener, 2010 ² Low | 12/347 | 5/358 | 2.5 (0.9 to 7.3) | 0.587 | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.04) | 0.512 |
| Discontinuations related to AE | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (2 injections over the course: week 1, week 12; open label 3 injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 14/341 | 3/338 | 4.8 (1.4 to 16.8) | 0.413 | 0.03 (0.02 to 0.04) | 0.488 |
| Discontinuations related to adverse effects | All doses | Pooled | 26/688 | 8/696 | 3.5 (1.2 to 10.9) | 1 | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.05) | 1 |
| Dizziness | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 0/20 | 1/21 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.7) | 0.156 | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) | 0.031 |
| Dizziness | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 2/43 | 0/21 | 2.6 (0.1 to 56.4) | 0.174 | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.06) | 0.053 |

Appendix Table 117. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with Bayesian odds ratios and maximum likelihood absolute risk difference) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------|--|----------|
| Dizziness | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 1/173 | 3/182 | 0.3 (0.0 to 3.4) | 0.32 | -0.01 (-0.03 to 0.01) | 0.437 |
| Dizziness | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 4/187 | 0/182 | 9.0 (0.5 to 167.5) | 0.193 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.04) | 0.413 |
| Dizziness | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 1/43 | 0/21 | 1.5 (0.1 to 38.8) | 0.157 | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) | 0.066 |
| Dizziness | All doses | Pooled | 8/466 | 4/427 | 1.8 (0.5 to 8.0) | 1 | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.04) | 1 |
| Dysphagia | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 3/174 | 0/59 | 2.4 (0.1 to 47.7) | 0.24 | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.05) | 0.258 |
| Dysphagia | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 5/168 | 0/57 | 3.9 (0.2 to 71.1) | 0.251 | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.05) | 0.193 |
| Dysphagia | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (3 injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 205 ¹⁰ Low | 4/173 | 0/182 | 9.7 (0.5 to 181.3) | 0.248 | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.05) | 0.404 |
| Dysphagia | 225 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 11/182 | 0/62 | 8.4 (0.5 to 144.4) | 0.262 | 0.04 (0.02 to 0.07) | 0.144 |
| Dysphagia | All doses | Pooled | 23/697 | 1/360 | | | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.05) | 1 |
| Eyelid edema | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 1/105 | 0/36 | 1.0 (0.0 to 26.3) | 0.16 | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) | 0.217 |
| Eyelid edema | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 0/101 | 0/34 | 0.3 (0.0 to 17.5) | 0.121 | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.04) | 0.225 |
| Eyelid edema | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7/106 | 0/36 | 5.5 (0.3 to 98.8) | 0.184 | 0.05 (0.00 to 0.09) | 0.16 |
| Eyelid edema | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 1/43 | 1/21 | 0.5 (0.0 to 8.0) | 0.189 | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) | 0.081 |

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| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|----------------|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------|--|--------|
| Eyelid edema | 110 U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 12/187 | 0/182 | 26.0 (1.5 to 442.4) | 0.188 | 0.06 (0.02 to 0.09) | 0.245 |
| Eyelid edema | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | 0.159 | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) | 0.072 |
| Eyelid edema | All doses | Pooled | 21/585 | 1/330 | 5.5 (0.8 to 62.0) | 1 | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.06) | 1 |
| Headache | 6U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 2/45 | 0/11 | 1.3 (0.1 to 29.5) | 0.019 | 0.01 (-0.05 to 0.06) | 0.022 |
| Headache | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 1/105 | 1/36 | 0.3 (0.0 to 5.5) | 0.023 | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.03) | 0.118 |
| Headache | 9U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/49 | 1/12 | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.0) | 0.017 | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.05) | 0.012 |
| Headache | 10U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 1/44 | 0/11 | 0.8 (0.0 to 20.8) | 0.017 | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.06) | 0.025 |
| Headache | 25U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 3/49 | 1/12 | 0.7 (0.1 to 7.6) | 0.032 | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) | 0.013 |
| Headache | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 2/101 | 1/34 | 0.7 (0.1 to 7.6) | 0.031 | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.04) | 0.096 |
| Headache | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 8/106 | 1/36 | 2.9 (0.3 to 23.7) | 0.04 | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.07) | 0.07 |
| Headache | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 7/174 | 3/59 | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.1) | 0.094 | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.04) | 0.095 |
| Headache | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | 0.017 | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.04) | 0.032 |
| Headache | 150U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 14/168 | 3/57 | 1.6 (0.5 to 5.9) | 0.109 | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) | 0.075 |
| Headache | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 12/173 | 11/182 | 1.2 (0.5 to 2.7) | 0.252 | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) | 0.145 |

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| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|-------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| Headache | 110U to 260 U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 11/187 | 9/182 | 1.2 (0.5 to 3.0) | 0.22 | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.04) | 0.179 |
| Headache | 225U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 15/182 | 3/62 | 1.8 (0.5 to 6.3) | 0.111 | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.06) | 0.086 |
| Headache | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | 0.017 | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.04) | 0.032 |
| Headache | All doses | Pooled | 76/1469 | 33/735 | 1.0 (0.5 to 1.6) | 1 | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.03) | 1 |
| Hypertonia | 75U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 13/174 | 0/59 | 9.9 (0.6 to 170.0) | 0.082 | 0.07 (0.04 to 0.10) | 0.179 |
| Hypertonia | 150U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 15/168 | 0/57 | 11.6 (0.7 to 197.3) | 0.082 | 0.07 (0.04 to 0.10) | 0.153 |
| Hypertonia | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (3 injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 9/173 | 4/182 | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.1) | 0.461 | 0.05 (0.02 to 0.08) | 0.238 |
| Hypertonia | 110U to 260U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 13/187 | 2/182 | 6.7 (1.5 to 30.2) | 0.292 | 0.06 (0.04 to 0.09) | 0.236 |
| Hypertonia | 22U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 13/182 | 0/62 | 10.0 (0.6 to 170.0) | 0.082 | 0.07 (0.04 to 0.10) | 0.194 |
| Hypertonia | All doses | Pooled | 63/884 | 7/542 | 7.3 (3.1 to 20.9) | 1 | 0.06 (0.04 to 0.09) | 1 |
| Neck pain | 75U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 30/174 | 1/59 | 12.1 (1.6 to 90.7) | 0.128 | 0.15 (0.09 to 0.21) | 0.13 |
| Neck pain | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 2/43 | 1/21 | 1.0 (0.1 to 11.4) | 0.101 | 0.04 (-0.05 to 0.13) | 0.094 |

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| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| Neck pain | 150 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 37/168 | 1/57 | 15.8 (2.1 to 118.1) | 0.128 | 0.19 (0.12 to 0.25) | 0.125 |
| Neck pain | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (3 injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 23/173 | 1/182 | 27.8 (3.7 to 207.9) | 0.128 | 0.13 (0.08 to 0.17) | 0.14 |
| Neck pain | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the course: week 1, week 12; open label 3 injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 20/341 | 0/338 | 43.2 (2.6 to 716.7) | 0.085 | 0.06 (0.04 to 0.09) | 0.156 |
| Neck pain | 110U to 260U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 32/187 | 8/182 | 4.5 (2.0 to 10.0) | 0.233 | 0.13 (0.07 to 0.18) | 0.133 |
| Neck pain | 225U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 41/182 | 1/62 | 17.7 (2.4 to 131.9) | 0.128 | 0.19 (0.13 to 0.26) | 0.127 |
| Neck pain | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | 0.069 | 0.01 (-0.08 to 0.10) | 0.095 |
| Neck pain | All doses | Pooled | 185/1311 | 13/922 | 9.5 (4.7 to 19.2) | 1 | 0.11 (0.05 to 0.17) | 1 |
| Neck rigidity | 75U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 14/174 | 0/59 | 10.8 (0.6 to 183.1) | 0.061 | 0.08 (0.04 to 0.12) | 0.19 |
| Neck stiffness | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ³ Low | 1/20 | 1/21 | 1.1 (0.1 to 18.1) | 0.061 | 0.06 (-0.01 to 0.12) | 0.055 |
| Neck rigidity | 150U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 14/168 | 0/57 | 10.8 (0.6 to 183.9) | 0.061 | 0.08 (0.04 to 0.12) | 0.185 |

Appendix Table 117. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with Bayesian odds ratios and maximum likelihood absolute risk difference) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|----------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| Neck rigidity | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (3 injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 8/173 | 2/182 | 4.4 (0.9 to 20.8) | 0.201 | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.07) | 0.226 |
| Neck rigidity | 110U to 260U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 19/187 | 6/182 | 3.3 (1.3 to 8.5) | 0.554 | 0.07 (0.03 to 0.11) | 0.18 |
| Neck rigidity | 225U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 27/182 | 0/62 | 22.1 (1.3 to 368.0) | 0.062 | 0.12 (0.08 to 0.17) | 0.164 |
| Neck rigidity | All doses | Pooled | 83/904 | 10/563 | 6.2 (2.9 to 14.1) | 1 | 0.08 (0.04 to 0.11) | 1 |
| Injection site pain | 75U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 8/174 | 3/59 | 0.9 (0.2 to 3.5) | 0.167 | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) | 0.032 |
| Injection site pain | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ *Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | 0.029 | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.04) | 0.011 |
| Injection site pain | 150U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 10/168 | 3/57 | 1.1 (0.3 to 4.3) | 0.176 | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) | 0.029 |
| Injection site pain | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (3 injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 4/173 | 4/182 | 1.1 (0.3 to 4.3) | 0.157 | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03) | 0.14 |
| Injection site pain | 110U to 260U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 4/187 | 1/182 | 4.0 (0.4 to 35.7) | 0.064 | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | 0.245 |
| Injection site pain | 225U 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 205 ¹¹ Low | 17/182 | 3/62 | 2.0 (0.6 to 7.2) | 0.194 | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) | 0.029 |
| Injection site pain | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ *Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | 0.029 | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.04) | 0.011 |

Appendix Table 117. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with Bayesian odds ratios and maximum likelihood absolute risk difference) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|----------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| Pain | 110U to 260U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 3/187 | 0/182 | 6.9 (0.4 to 135.0) | 0.035 | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | 0.31 |
| Pain | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (3 injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 3/173 | 3/182 | 1.1 (0.2 to 5.3) | 0.119 | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) | 0.185 |
| Pain | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ⁵ Low | 0/20 | 1/21 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.7) | 0.029 | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.04) | 0.009 |
| Injection site pain | All doses | Pooled | 49/1350 | 20/969 | 1.4 (0.7 to 2.5) | 1 | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) | 1 |
| Blepharoptosis | 6U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 1/45 | 0/11 | 0.8 (0.0 to 20.3) | 0.034 | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11) | 0.023 |
| Blepharoptosis | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 2/105 | 0/36 | 1.8 (0.1 to 37.6) | 0.038 | 0.03 (-0.01 to 0.07) | 0.089 |
| Blepharoptosis | 9U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/49 | 0/12 | 0.3 (0.0 to 13.4) | 0.023 | 0.03 (-0.03 to 0.10) | 0.029 |
| Blepharoptosis | 10U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/44 | 0/11 | 0.3 (0.0 to 13.7) | 0.023 | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.10) | 0.026 |
| Blepharoptosis | 25U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 4/49 | 0/12 | 2.5 (0.1 to 49.1) | 0.04 | 0.06 (-0.01 to 0.13) | 0.021 |
| Blepharoptosis | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 5/101 | 0/34 | 3.9 (0.2 to 73.0) | 0.042 | 0.05 (0.00 to 0.10) | 0.07 |
| Blepharoptosis | 25U 12 weeks | Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ Medium | 6/42 | 0/21 | 7.7 (0.4 to 142.8) | 0.042 | 0.08 (0.01 to 0.15) | 0.023 |
| Blepharoptosis | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 8/106 | 0/36 | 6.3 (0.4 to 111.9) | 0.043 | 0.07 (0.02 to 0.12) | 0.064 |
| Blepharoptosis | 75U 12 weeks | Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ Medium | 7/40 | 0/20 | 9.2 (0.5 to 169.4) | 0.042 | 0.09 (0.02 to 0.16) | 0.02 |
| Blepharoptosis | 75U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 6/174 | 1/59 | 2.1 (0.2 to 17.6) | 0.078 | 0.03 (-0.01 to 0.06) | 0.098 |
| Blepharoptosis | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 0/21 | 0.5 (0.0 to 25.8) | 0.023 | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.08) | 0.057 |
| Blepharoptosis | 150U 24 (three injection at day 0, | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ | 7/168 | 1/57 | 2.4 (0.3 to 20.2) | 0.08 | 0.03 (-0.01 to 0.07) | 0.092 |

Appendix Table 117. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with Bayesian odds ratios and maximum likelihood absolute risk difference) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|-----------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| | day 90, and day 180) weeks | Low | | | | | | |
| Blepharoptosis | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 12/173 | 1/182 | 13.5 (1.7 to 104.9) | 0.085 | 0.06 (0.03 to 0.10) | 0.104 |
| Blepharoptosis | 110U to 260U per treatment weeks | Aurora, 2007 ¹⁵ Medium | 29/187 | 3/182 | 11.0 (3.3 to 36.6) | 0.246 | 0.11 (0.07 to 0.16) | 0.076 |
| Blepharoptosis | 225U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 12/182 | 1/62 | 4.3 (0.5 to 33.8) | 0.084 | 0.05 (0.01 to 0.09) | 0.088 |
| Blepharoptosis | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 2/43 | 0/21 | 2.6 (0.1 to 56.4) | 0.038 | 0.05 (-0.01 to 0.11) | 0.038 |
| Blepharoptosis | 210U plus 80U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Petri*, 2009 ⁹ High | 2/64 | 0/63 | 5.1 (0.2 to 108.0) | 0.038 | 0.04 (-0.01 to 0.08) | 0.082 |
| Blepharoptosis | All doses | Pooled | 103/1615 | 7/839 | 8.0 (3.5 to 21.6) | 1 | 0.05 (0.03 to 0.08) | 1 |
| Muscle weakness | 6U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/45 | 0/11 | 0.3 (0.0 to 13.4) | 0.087 | 0.03 (-0.07 to 0.13) | 0.1 |
| Muscle weakness | 9U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/49 | 0/12 | 0.3 (0.0 to 13.4) | 0.087 | 0.03 (-0.07 to 0.12) | 0.104 |
| Muscle weakness | 10U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 0/44 | 0/11 | 0.3 (0.0 to 13.7) | 0.087 | 0.03 (-0.07 to 0.13) | 0.1 |
| Muscle weakness | 25U 12 weeks | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 6/49 | 0/12 | 3.7 (0.2 to 71.0) | 0.119 | 0.13 (0.01 to 0.24) | 0.091 |
| Muscle weakness | 75 U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 29/174 | 0/59 | 24.1 (1.5 to 401.3) | 0.124 | 0.16 (0.11 to 0.22) | 0.121 |
| Muscle weakness | 150 U 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 44/168 | 0/57 | 41.1 (2.5 to 679.2) | 0.124 | 0.25 (0.18 to 0.32) | 0.118 |

Appendix Table 117. Adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials were pooled with Bayesian odds ratios and maximum likelihood absolute risk difference) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Dose and Weeks of Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Bayesian Odds Ratio (Median, 2.5 and 97.5% CrI) | Weight | Absolute Risk Difference, Maximum Likelihood Method (95% CI) | Weight |
|------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------|--|----------|
| Muscle weakness | 105U-260U ("Follow-the-pain" approach) 24 (three injections at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Mathew, 2005 ¹⁰ Low | 38/173 | 0/182 | 103.7 (6.3 to 1703.1) | 0.124 | 0.21 (0.15 to 0.27) | 0.12 |
| Muscle weakness | 155U-195U [Follow-the-Pain strategy] 24 (two injections over the course: week 1, week 12; open label three injections: week 24, 36, 48) weeks | Aurora, 2010 ¹ Medium | 20/341 | 0/338 | 43.2 (2.6 to 716.7) | 0.124 | 0.06 (0.03 to 0.09) | 0.129 |
| Muscle weakness | 225U 24 (three injection at day 0, day 90, and day 180) weeks | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 56/182 | 0/62 | 55.8 (3.4 to 918.6) | 0.124 | 0.29 (0.22 to 0.36) | 0.118 |
| Muscle weakness | All doses | Pooled | 193/1225 | 1/743 | | | 0.13 (0.06 to 0.21) | 1 |
| Fever | 100U 16 weeks | Freitag, 2008 ³ Low | 0/20 | 2/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.2) | 0.059 | -0.05 (-0.11 to 0.01) | 0.094 |
| Flu syndrome | 25U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 4/101 | 3/34 | 0.4 (0.1 to 2.0) | 0.234 | -0.04 (-0.10 to 0.01) | 0.194 |
| Flu syndrome | 50U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7/106 | 3/36 | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.2) | 0.284 | -0.03 (-0.09 to 0.02) | 0.197 |
| Flu syndrome | 7.5U 16 weeks | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 11/105 | 3/36 | 1.3 (0.3 to 4.9) | 0.316 | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) | 0.177 |
| Pyrexia | 240U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | 0.054 | -0.04 (-0.10 to 0.02) | 0.169 |
| Pyrexia | 120U 12 (one time injection) weeks | Chrankrachang, 2011 ⁸ Low | 0/43 | 1/21 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | 0.054 | -0.04 (-0.10 to 0.02) | 0.169 |
| Pyrexia | All doses | Pooled | 22/418 | 12/169 | 0.5 (0.1 to 1.3) | 1 | -0.04 (-0.09 to 0.01) | 1 |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative measure of the association estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0; CrI = credible intervals; * trials of abobotulinumtoxinA

Appendix Table D118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Edema | Chankrachang*, 2011 ^{8*} Low | 240 vs. 120 | 1/43 | 0/43 | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Eyelid edema | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 25 vs. 7.5 | 0/101 | 1/105 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.4) | -0.01 (-0.04 to 0.02) |
| Eyelid edema | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 25 | 7/106 | 0/101 | 14.3 (0.8 to 247.2) | 0.07 (0.02 to 0.12) |
| Eyelid edema | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 7.5 | 7/106 | 1/105 | 6.9 (0.9 to 55.4) | 0.06 (0.01 to 0.11) |
| Eyelid edema | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 0/125 | 2/123 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | -0.02 (-0.04 to 0.01) |
| Eyelid edema | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 3/129 | 0/125 | 6.8 (0.4 to 130.0) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) |
| Eyelid edema | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 3/129 | 2/123 | 1.4 (0.2 to 8.4) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.04) |
| Eyelid edema | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Rash | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 0/125 | 3/123 | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.01) |
| Rash | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 1/129 | 0/125 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.7) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) |
| Rash | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 1/129 | 3/123 | 0.3 (0.0 to 3.0) | -0.02 (-0.05 to 0.01) |
| Adverse effects | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 9 vs. 6 | 11/49 | 8/45 | 1.3 (0.6 to 2.9) | 0.05 (-0.11 to 0.21) |
| Adverse effects | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 10 vs. 6 | 9/44 | 8/45 | 1.2 (0.5 to 2.7) | 0.03 (-0.14 to 0.19) |
| Adverse effects | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 10 vs. 9 | 9/44 | 11/49 | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.0) | -0.02 (-0.19 to 0.15) |
| Adverse effects | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 10 | 17/49 | 9/44 | 1.7 (0.8 to 3.4) | 0.14 (-0.04 to 0.32) |
| Adverse effects | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 6 | 17/49 | 8/45 | 2.0 (0.9 to 4.1) | 0.17 (0.00 to 0.34) |
| Adverse effects | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 9 | 17/49 | 11/49 | 1.5 (0.8 to 3.0) | 0.12 (-0.05 to 0.30) |
| Adverse effects | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 25 vs. 7.5 | 47/101 | 52/105 | 0.9 (0.7 to 1.2) | -0.03 (-0.17 to 0.11) |
| Adverse effects | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 25 | 60/106 | 47/101 | 1.2 (0.9 to 1.6) | 0.10 (-0.03 to 0.24) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Adverse effects | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 7.5 | 60/106 | 52/105 | 1.1 (0.9 to 1.5) | 0.07 (-0.06 to 0.21) |
| Adverse effects | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 79/125 | 77/123 | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.2) | 0.01 (-0.11 to 0.13) |
| Adverse effects | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 92/168 | 97/174 | 1.0 (0.8 to 1.2) | -0.01 (-0.12 to 0.10) |
| Adverse effects | Petri*, 2009⁹ High | 210 vs. 80 | 12/32 | 4/32 | 3.0 (1.1 to 8.3) | 0.25 (0.05 to 0.45) |
| Adverse effects | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 87/129 | 79/125 | 1.1 (0.9 to 1.3) | 0.04 (-0.07 to 0.16) |
| Adverse effects | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 87/129 | 77/123 | 1.1 (0.9 to 1.3) | 0.05 (-0.07 to 0.17) |
| Adverse effects | Silberstein, 2005¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 119/182 | 92/168 | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.4) | 0.11 (0.00 to 0.21) |
| Adverse effects | Silberstein, 2005¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 119/182 | 97/174 | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.4) | 0.10 (0.00 to 0.20) |
| Adverse effects | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 139/180 | 135/173 | 1.0 (0.9 to 1.1) | -0.01 (-0.10 to 0.08) |
| Mastication disorder | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 1/43 | 0/43 | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Menorrhagia | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 0/43 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Bronchitis | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 10/180 | 6/173 | 1.6 (0.6 to 4.3) | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.06) |
| Flu syndrome | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 25 vs. 7.5 | 4/101 | 11/105 | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.1) | -0.07 (-0.13 to 0.00) |
| Flu syndrome | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 25 | 7/106 | 4/101 | 1.7 (0.5 to 5.5) | 0.03 (-0.03 to 0.09) |
| Flu syndrome | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 7.5 | 7/106 | 11/105 | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.6) | -0.04 (-0.11 to 0.04) |
| Flu syndrome | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 14/180 | 12/173 | 1.1 (0.5 to 2.4) | 0.01 (-0.05 to 0.06) |
| Herpes zoster | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 0/43 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 15/180 | 20/173 | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.4) | -0.03 (-0.09 to 0.03) |
| Respiratory infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 25 vs. 7.5 | 10/101 | 12/105 | 0.9 (0.4 to 1.9) | -0.02 (-0.10 to 0.07) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Respiratory infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 25 | 11/106 | 10/101 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.4) | 0.00 (-0.08 to 0.09) |
| Respiratory infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 7.5 | 11/106 | 12/105 | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.0) | -0.01 (-0.09 to 0.07) |
| Respiratory infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 12/180 | 14/173 | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.7) | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.04) |
| Sinus infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 25 vs. 7.5 | 7/101 | 4/105 | 1.8 (0.5 to 6.0) | 0.03 (-0.03 to 0.09) |
| Sinus infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 25 | 4/106 | 7/101 | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.8) | -0.03 (-0.09 to 0.03) |
| Sinus infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 7.5 | 4/106 | 4/105 | 1.0 (0.3 to 3.9) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |
| Sinus infection | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 15/180 | 16/173 | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.8) | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.05) |
| Injection site hemorrhage | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 2/125 | 3/123 | 0.7 (0.1 to 3.9) | -0.01 (-0.04 to 0.03) |
| Injection site hemorrhage | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 0/129 | 2/125 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | -0.02 (-0.04 to 0.01) |
| Injection site hemorrhage | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 0/129 | 3/123 | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.6) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.01) |
| Injection site pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 9/125 | 4/123 | 2.2 (0.7 to 7.0) | 0.04 (-0.02 to 0.09) |
| Injection site pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 3/129 | 9/125 | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.2) | -0.05 (-0.10 to 0.00) |
| Injection site pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 3/129 | 4/123 | 0.7 (0.2 to 3.1) | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.03) |
| Injection site pain | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 0/43 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Injection site weakness | Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ Medium | 75 vs. 25 | 5/40 | 4/42 | 1.3 (0.4 to 4.5) | 0.03 (-0.11 to 0.17) |
| Injection-site pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 10/168 | 8/174 | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.2) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) |
| Injection-site pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 17/182 | 10/168 | 1.6 (0.7 to 3.3) | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.09) |
| Injection-site pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 17/182 | 8/174 | 2.0 (0.9 to 4.6) | 0.05 (-0.01 to 0.10) |
| Injection-site stinging | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 5/168 | 2/174 | 2.6 (0.5 to 13.2) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Injection-site stinging | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 3/182 | 5/168 | 0.6 (0.1 to 2.3) | -0.01 (-0.04 to 0.02) |
| Injection-site stinging | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 3/182 | 2/174 | 1.4 (0.2 to 8.5) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.03) |
| Pyrexia | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 0/43 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Blepharoptosis | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 9 vs. 6 | 0/49 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.3) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Blepharoptosis | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 10 vs. 6 | 0/44 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Blepharoptosis | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 10 vs. 9 | 0/44 | 0/49 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Blepharoptosis | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 10 | 4/49 | 0/44 | 8.1 (0.4 to 146.3) | 0.08 (0.00 to 0.17) |
| Blepharoptosis | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 6 | 4/49 | 1/45 | 3.7 (0.4 to 31.7) | 0.06 (-0.03 to 0.15) |
| Blepharoptosis | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 9 | 4/49 | 0/49 | 9.0 (0.5 to 162.8) | 0.08 (0.00 to 0.17) |
| Blepharoptosis | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 25 vs. 7.5 | 5/101 | 2/105 | 2.6 (0.5 to 13.1) | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.08) |
| Blepharoptosis | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 25 | 8/106 | 5/101 | 1.5 (0.5 to 4.5) | 0.03 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Blepharoptosis | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ 18329 Low | 50 vs. 7.5 | 8/106 | 2/105 | 4.0 (0.9 to 18.2) | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.11) |
| Blepharoptosis | Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ Medium | 75 vs. 25 | 7/40 | 6/42 | 1.2 (0.5 to 3.3) | 0.03 (-0.13 to 0.19) |
| Blepharoptosis | Relja, 2007¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 12/125 | 3/123 | 3.9 (1.1 to 13.6) | 0.07 (0.01 to 0.13) |
| Blepharoptosis | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 7/168 | 6/174 | 1.2 (0.4 to 3.5) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) |
| Blepharoptosis | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 18/129 | 12/125 | 1.5 (0.7 to 2.9) | 0.04 (-0.04 to 0.12) |
| Blepharoptosis | Relja, 2007¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 18/129 | 3/123 | 5.7 (1.7 to 18.9) | 0.12 (0.05 to 0.18) |
| Blepharoptosis | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 12/182 | 7/168 | 1.6 (0.6 to 3.9) | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.07) |
| Blepharoptosis | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 12/182 | 6/174 | 1.9 (0.7 to 5.0) | 0.03 (-0.01 to 0.08) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Blepharoptosis | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Risk of bias Low | 240 vs. 120 | 2/43 | 0/43 | 5.0 (0.2 to 101.2) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.12) |
| Blepharoptosis | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 16/180 | 7/173 | 2.2 (0.9 to 5.2) | 0.05 (0.00 to 0.10) |
| Muscle tightness | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 2/43 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | -0.05 (-0.12 to 0.03) |
| Muscle weakness | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 9 vs. 6 | 0/49 | 0/45 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Muscle weakness | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 10 vs. 6 | 0/44 | 0/45 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Muscle weakness | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 10 vs. 9 | 0/44 | 0/49 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Muscle weakness | Saper, 2007⁴ Low | 25 vs. 10 | 6/49 | 0/44 | 11.7 (0.7 to 201.9) | 0.12 (0.02 to 0.22) |
| Muscle weakness | Saper, 2007⁴ Low | 25 vs. 6 | 6/49 | 0/45 | 12.0 (0.7 to 206.4) | 0.12 (0.02 to 0.22) |
| Muscle weakness | Saper, 2007⁴ Low | 25 vs. 9 | 6/49 | 0/49 | 13.0 (0.8 to 224.7) | 0.12 (0.03 to 0.22) |
| Muscle weakness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 35/125 | 30/123 | 1.1 (0.8 to 1.7) | 0.04 (-0.07 to 0.15) |
| Muscle weakness | Silberstein, 2005¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 44/168 | 29/174 | 1.6 (1.0 to 2.4) | 0.10 (0.01 to 0.18) |
| Muscle weakness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 35/129 | 35/125 | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.4) | -0.01 (-0.12 to 0.10) |
| Muscle weakness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 35/129 | 30/123 | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.7) | 0.03 (-0.08 to 0.14) |
| Muscle weakness | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 56/182 | 44/168 | 1.2 (0.8 to 1.6) | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.14) |
| Muscle weakness | Silberstein, 2005¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 56/182 | 29/174 | 1.8 (1.2 to 2.7) | 0.14 (0.05 to 0.23) |
| Musculoskeletal stiffness | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Neck rigidity | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 20/125 | 13/123 | 1.5 (0.8 to 2.9) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.14) |
| Neck rigidity | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 14/168 | 14/174 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.1) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) |
| Neck rigidity | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 22/129 | 20/125 | 1.1 (0.6 to 1.9) | 0.01 (-0.08 to 0.10) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Neck rigidity | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 22/129 | 13/123 | 1.6 (0.9 to 3.1) | 0.06 (-0.02 to 0.15) |
| Neck rigidity | Silberstein, 2005¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 27/182 | 14/168 | 1.8 (1.0 to 3.3) | 0.07 (0.00 to 0.13) |
| Neck rigidity | Silberstein, 2005¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 27/182 | 14/174 | 1.8 (1.0 to 3.4) | 0.07 (0.00 to 0.13) |
| Skin tightness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 9/125 | 7/123 | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.3) | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.08) |
| Skin tightness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 6/129 | 9/125 | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.8) | -0.03 (-0.08 to 0.03) |
| Skin tightness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 6/129 | 7/123 | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.4) | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.04) |
| Tenderness | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 1/43 | 0/43 | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Diplopia | Silberstein, 2000 ⁶ Medium | 75 vs. 25 | 2/40 | 0/42 | 5.2 (0.3 to 106.0) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.13) |
| Dizziness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 3/125 | 3/123 | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.8) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Dizziness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 2/129 | 3/125 | 0.6 (0.1 to 3.8) | -0.01 (-0.04 to 0.03) |
| Dizziness | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 2/129 | 3/123 | 0.6 (0.1 to 3.7) | -0.01 (-0.04 to 0.03) |
| Dizziness | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 1/43 | 2/43 | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.3) | -0.02 (-0.10 to 0.05) |
| Dizziness | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 9/180 | 2/173 | 4.3 (0.9 to 19.7) | 0.04 (0.00 to 0.07) |
| Dyskinesia | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Dysphagia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 3/125 | 1/123 | 3.0 (0.3 to 28.0) | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Dysphagia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 5/168 | 3/174 | 1.7 (0.4 to 7.1) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.04) |
| Dysphagia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 4/129 | 3/125 | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.7) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) |
| Dysphagia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 4/129 | 1/123 | 3.8 (0.4 to 33.6) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.06) |
| Dysphagia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 11/182 | 5/168 | 2.0 (0.7 to 5.7) | 0.03 (-0.01 to 0.07) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dysphagia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 11/182 | 3/174 | 3.5 (1.0 to 12.4) | 0.04 (0.00 to 0.08) |
| Hypertonia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 3/125 | 3/123 | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.8) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Hypertonia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 15/168 | 13/174 | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.4) | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.07) |
| Hypertonia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 4/129 | 3/125 | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.7) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) |
| Hypertonia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 4/129 | 3/123 | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.6) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) |
| Hypertonia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 13/182 | 15/168 | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.6) | -0.02 (-0.07 to 0.04) |
| Hypertonia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 13/182 | 13/174 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.05) |
| Hypesthesia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 11/168 | 11/174 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.3) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |
| Hypesthesia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 12/182 | 11/168 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.2) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |
| Hypesthesia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 12/182 | 11/174 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.3) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |
| Hypoesthesia | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Nausea | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 2/125 | 1/123 | 2.0 (0.2 to 21.4) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.03) |
| Nausea | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 4/129 | 2/125 | 1.9 (0.4 to 10.4) | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Nausea | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 4/129 | 1/123 | 3.8 (0.4 to 33.6) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.06) |
| Nausea | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Paresthesia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 4/125 | 4/123 | 1.0 (0.3 to 3.8) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Paresthesia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 6/129 | 4/125 | 1.5 (0.4 to 5.0) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) |
| Paresthesia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 6/129 | 4/123 | 1.4 (0.4 to 4.9) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) |
| Sedation | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Somnolence | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Trismus | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 0/43 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Vomiting | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 1/43 | 0/43 | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Arm pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 6/125 | 7/123 | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.4) | -0.01 (-0.06 to 0.05) |
| Arm pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 6/129 | 6/125 | 1.0 (0.3 to 2.9) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |
| Arm pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 6/129 | 7/123 | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.4) | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.04) |
| Asthenia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 3/125 | 4/123 | 0.7 (0.2 to 3.2) | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.03) |
| Asthenia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 6/168 | 1/174 | 6.2 (0.8 to 51.1) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.06) |
| Asthenia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 5/129 | 3/125 | 1.6 (0.4 to 6.6) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) |
| Asthenia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 5/129 | 4/123 | 1.2 (0.3 to 4.3) | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.05) |
| Asthenia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 2/182 | 6/168 | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.5) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.01) |
| Asthenia | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 2/182 | 1/174 | 1.9 (0.2 to 20.9) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.02) |
| Back pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 4/168 | 3/174 | 1.4 (0.3 to 6.1) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.04) |
| Back pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 6/182 | 4/168 | 1.4 (0.4 to 4.8) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.04) |
| Back pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 6/182 | 3/174 | 1.9 (0.5 to 7.5) | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Face pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 6/125 | 4/123 | 1.5 (0.4 to 5.1) | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.06) |
| Face pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 4/129 | 6/125 | 0.6 (0.2 to 2.2) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.03) |
| Face pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 4/129 | 4/123 | 1.0 (0.2 to 3.7) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Headache | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 9 vs. 6 | 0/49 | 2/45 | 0.2 (0.0 to 3.7) | -0.04 (-0.12 to 0.03) |

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| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Headache | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 10 vs. 6 | 1/44 | 2/45 | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.4) | -0.02 (-0.10 to 0.05) |
| Headache | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 10 vs. 9 | 1/44 | 0/49 | 3.3 (0.1 to 79.8) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Headache | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 10 | 3/49 | 1/44 | 2.7 (0.3 to 25.0) | 0.04 (-0.04 to 0.12) |
| Headache | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 6 | 3/49 | 2/45 | 1.4 (0.2 to 7.9) | 0.02 (-0.07 to 0.11) |
| Headache | Saper, 2007 ⁴ Low | 25 vs. 9 | 3/49 | 0/49 | 7.0 (0.4 to 132.0) | 0.06 (-0.01 to 0.14) |
| Headache | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 25 vs. 7.5 | 2/101 | 1/105 | 2.1 (0.2 to 22.6) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.04) |
| Headache | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 50 vs. 25 | 8/106 | 2/101 | 3.8 (0.8 to 17.5) | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.11) |
| Headache | Elkind, 2006⁷ Low | 50 vs. 7.5 | 8/106 | 1/105 | 7.9 (1.0 to 62.3) | 0.07 (0.01 to 0.12) |
| Headache | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 5/125 | 4/123 | 1.2 (0.3 to 4.5) | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.05) |
| Headache | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 14/168 | 7/174 | 2.1 (0.9 to 5.0) | 0.04 (-0.01 to 0.09) |
| Headache | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 2/129 | 5/125 | 0.4 (0.1 to 2.0) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.02) |
| Headache | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 2/129 | 4/123 | 0.5 (0.1 to 2.6) | -0.02 (-0.05 to 0.02) |
| Headache | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 15/182 | 14/168 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) |
| Headache | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 15/182 | 7/174 | 2.0 (0.9 to 4.9) | 0.04 (-0.01 to 0.09) |
| Headache | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 0/43 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Headache | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 10/180 | 8/173 | 1.2 (0.5 to 3.0) | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.06) |
| Infection site pain | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 4/180 | 9/173 | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.4) | -0.03 (-0.07 to 0.01) |
| Malaise | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 0/125 | 0/123 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) |
| Malaise | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 4/129 | 0/125 | 8.7 (0.5 to 160.4) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.06) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Malaise | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 4/129 | 0/123 | 8.6 (0.5 to 157.8) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.06) |
| Migraine | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 3/125 | 2/123 | 1.5 (0.3 to 8.7) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.04) |
| Migraine | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 5/168 | 2/174 | 2.6 (0.5 to 13.2) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) |
| Migraine | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 1/129 | 3/125 | 0.3 (0.0 to 3.1) | -0.02 (-0.05 to 0.01) |
| Migraine | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 1/129 | 2/123 | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.2) | -0.01 (-0.04 to 0.02) |
| Migraine | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 0/182 | 5/168 | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.5) | -0.03 (-0.06 to 0.00) |
| Migraine | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 0/182 | 2/174 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | -0.01 (-0.03 to 0.01) |
| Myalgia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 5/125 | 7/123 | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.2) | -0.02 (-0.07 to 0.04) |
| Myalgia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 10/129 | 5/125 | 1.9 (0.7 to 5.5) | 0.04 (-0.02 to 0.10) |
| Myalgia | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 10/129 | 7/123 | 1.4 (0.5 to 3.5) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Neck pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 24/125 | 22/123 | 1.1 (0.6 to 1.8) | 0.01 (-0.08 to 0.11) |
| Neck pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 37/168 | 30/174 | 1.3 (0.8 to 2.0) | 0.05 (-0.04 to 0.13) |
| Neck pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 30/129 | 24/125 | 1.2 (0.8 to 2.0) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) |
| Neck pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 30/129 | 22/123 | 1.3 (0.8 to 2.1) | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.15) |
| Neck pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 41/182 | 37/168 | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.5) | 0.01 (-0.08 to 0.09) |
| Neck pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 41/182 | 30/174 | 1.3 (0.9 to 2.0) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.14) |
| Neck pain | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 2/43 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | -0.05 (-0.12 to 0.03) |
| Pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 3/125 | 3/123 | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.8) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 5/129 | 3/125 | 1.6 (0.4 to 6.6) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) |

Appendix Table 118. Dose response adverse effects with onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Dose of Drug, Units | Events/ Randomized Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Pain | Relja, 2007 ¹⁷ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 5/129 | 3/123 | 1.6 (0.4 to 6.5) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) |
| Pain | Elkind, 2006 ⁷ Low | 7.5 or 50 vs. 7.5 or 25 | 14/180 | 13/173 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.1) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.06) |
| Radicular pain | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Shoulder / arm pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 150 vs. 75 | 11/168 | 8/174 | 1.4 (0.6 to 3.5) | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.07) |
| Shoulder / arm pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 150 | 12/182 | 11/168 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.2) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |
| Shoulder / arm pain | Silberstein, 2005 ¹¹ Low | 225 vs. 75 | 12/182 | 8/174 | 1.4 (0.6 to 3.4) | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.07) |
| Tension headache | Chankrachang*, 2011 ⁸ Low | 240 vs. 120 | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |

CI = confidence interval

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

* trials of abobotulinumtoxinA

Appendix Table D119. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate vs. placebo

| Reference | Country where Study was Conducted | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females | Age | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Migraine Frequency/ Month | Baseline Comorbidity |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|---|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Storey, 2001 ¹⁸ | Not reported | 40 [Not reported] 97.5% female | Mean 38.2 years | International Headache Society (IHS) criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 4.7 | Not reported |
| Edwards, 2003 ¹⁹ | Previously reported | 70 [70] 97.1% female | Mean 41.1 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 4.5 | Not reported |
| Silvestrini, 2003 ²⁰ | Italy | 28 [28] 64.3% female | Mean 43.5 years | International Headache Society criteria | All patients had a history of migraine without aura attacks as inclusion criterion | 3 years | 20 | Not reported |
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | North America | 483 [468] 86.8% female | Mean 38.9 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | At least 6 months | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | USA | 487 [469] 89.1% female | Mean 40.4 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | Italy | 115 [72] 54.2% female | Mean 39.2 years | International Headache Society (1988) criteria | Patients with migraine without aura, n (%): Topiramate: 27 (77), Placebo: 31 (84) | Not reported | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | Not reported (Pooled analysis) | 758 [756] 84.3% female | Mean 39.8 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 5.4 | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁷ | USA | 469 (ITT population). Number randomized not given [469] 88.7% female | Mean 40.4 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 5.5 | Not reported |

Appendix Table 119. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate versus placebo (continued)

| Reference | Country where Study was Conducted | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females | Age | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Migraine Frequency/ Month | Baseline Comorbidity |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | Italy | 50 [35] 68.6% female | Mean 45.9 years | International Classification of Headache Disorders 2nd Edition | Not reported | 4.97 years | Not reported | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | USA | 213 [Variable] 85.8% female | Mean 40.5 years | International Headache Society criteria | 75 subjects had migraine with aura | Not reported | 4.9 | Not reported |
| Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ | USA | 483 [468] 86.8% female | Mean 38.9 years | International Headache Society criteria for migraine with or without aura | Not reported | At least 6 months | 5.5 | Not reported |
| Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ | USA | 328 [Variable] 85.3% female | Mean 38.2 years | International Headache Society 1.1 or 1.2 | Not reported | Duration:9.2 years; Age at onset (years): 19.7 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁴ | Not reported | 59 [59] 74.5% female | Mean 46 years | Second edition of The International Classification of Headache Disorders criteria | Not reported | At least 1 year | Not reported | Beck Depression Inventory, mean (SD): Placebo: 13.4 (8.8), Topiramate: 9.0 (7.0) |
| Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | Not reported | 774 [758] 84.4% female | Mean 39.9 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁸ | 21 countries in Europe | 818 in open-label phase and 514 in the double-blind phase [Not reported] 89.0% female | Mean 40.1 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | 8.7 | Not reported |
| Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | USA, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, | 1580 [1580] 85.0% female | Mean 40.1 years | International Headache Society criteria | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported | Not reported |

Appendix Table 119. Randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate versus placebo (continued)

| Reference | Country where Study was Conducted | Total Sample [Number Analyzed] % Females | Age | Definition of Migraine | Presence of Aura | Duration of Migraine | Migraine Frequency/ Month | Baseline Comorbidity |
|---------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | France, Germany, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom | | | | | | | |
| Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ | USA | 328 [321] 85.3% female | Mean 38.2 years | International Headache Society 1.1 or 1.2 | Not reported | Duration:9.2 years; Age at onset (years): 19.7 | Not reported | Not reported |
| Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | Not reported | 385 [Variable] 10.9% female | Mean 40.3 years | International Headache Society criteria 1.1,1.2 | Not reported | Age at migraine onset (years): 20.3 | Not reported | Not reported |

SD = Standard deviation

Appendix Table D120. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate vs. placebo

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests-Relationship |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Storey, 2001 ¹⁸ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Edwards, 2003 ¹⁹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Ms. Potter is on the Speakers' Bureau for biogen, GlaxoSmithKline and Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc, and has received funding from Biogen, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc, Pfizer Inc, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals for previous research |
| Silvestrini, 2003 ²⁰ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Brandes has received grants or research support from Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Allergan, UCB Pharma, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Bristol Myers-Squibb, Winston Laboratories, Forest Laboratories, Sanofi-Synthelabo, and Elan Pharmaceuticals; has served on the speakers bureau for GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, Merck, Allergan, Pfizer, Pharmacia, Ortho-McNeil, and UCB Pharma; has served as a consultant to Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Allergan, and Ortho-McNeil; and has received educational funding from GlaxoSmithKline. Dr Saper has received research grants from GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, Merck, Abbott, Allergan, Elan, Pfizer, Ortho-McNeil, and Novartis; has served on advisory boards or as a consultant for AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Allergan, Ortho-McNeil, and Medtronic; and has served on the speakers bureau for GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, AstraZeneca, Ortho-McNeil, Pfizer, and Xcel. Dr Diamond has served as a speaker, consultant, or both or has conducted research for AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Ortho- McNeil, Elan, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, and Pfizer. Dr Couch has participated in research for, been an advisory board member of, and served as a speaker for Ortho-McNeil. |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Silberstein is on the advisory panel of, speakers bureau of, or serves as a consultant for Abbott Laboratories, Allergan, Inc, AstraZeneca, Elan Pharmaceutical Research Corp, Eli Lilly, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Merck & Co, and GlaxoSmithKline; receives research support from Allergan, Inc, AstraZeneca, Eli Lilly, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen Pharmaceutical, Merck & Co, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Pfizer, Inc, UCB Pharma, and Vernalis; and has received educational grants from Abbott Laboratories, Allergan, Inc, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, and Parke-Davis. Drs Neto and Jacobs and Ms Schmitt hold shares in Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development, LLC, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson Corporation. |
| Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |

Appendix Table 120. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate versus placebo (continued)

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests-Relationship |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁷ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | George Papadopoulos is from Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceutical Services, LLC, Raritan, NJ, USA and Steven Greenberg from Ortho-McNeil Neurologies, Titusville, NJ, USA. Personnel of Pharmaceutical Research and Development, Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Inc, Titusville, New Jersey, and Phase Five Communications, New York, New York, contributed to the preparation of the manuscript |
| Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Not reported | Not applicable |
| Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Brandes has received grants or research support from Merck & Co, Inc, GlaxoSmithKline, UCB Pharma, Allergan Inc, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Pfizer Inc, Bristol-Meyers Squibb, Winston Laboratories, Sanofi-Aventis, Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc, Novartis, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Pozen, Vernalis, Ortho-McNeil, and Advanced Bionics; has served on the speaker's bureau for GlaxoSmith-Kline, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Pfizer Inc, Merck & Co, Inc, Ortho-McNeil, Allergan Inc, MedPointe Pharmaceuticals, Endo Pharmaceuticals, UCB Pharma; has served as a consultant to Merck & Co, Inc, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer Inc, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Allergan Inc, Ortho-McNeil, and Aradigm Corp; and has received an educational grant from GlaxoSmithKline. Dr Kudrow has been on a speaker's bureau of GlaxoSmithKline and Ortho-McNeil and has received grant and research support from Ortho-McNeil, GlaxoSmithKline, Pozen, Merck & Co, Inc, and Eisai Inc. Dr Fairclough received financial support as a consultant to perform analyses of the data in this study. Drs Rupnow and Greenberg are fulltime employees of Johnson & Johnson. Dr Rothrock has served as a paid consultant to Ortho-McNeil, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co, Inc, Pfizer Inc, Pozen, and Allergan Inc; has received research support from those companies and from Abbott Laboratories, Elan Corporation, Esai Inc, and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP; and has received honoraria for lecturing from Ortho-McNeil, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co, Inc, Pfizer Inc, Elan Corporation, and Endo Pharmaceuticals. |
| Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Dr. Silberstein has received personal compensation for activities with: GlaxoSmith-Kline, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Merck & Co., Inc., UCB Pharma, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Pfizer, Inc., Allergan, Inc., Pozen, Inc., Abbott Laboratories, Inc., Eli Lilly & Company, NPS, and Xcel |

Appendix Table 120. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate versus placebo (continued)

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests-Relationship |
|-----------|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | | <p>Pharmaceuticals; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for CurrentPain and Headache; and has received financial support for scholarly activities from GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Merck&Co., Inc., Pfizer, Inc., Allergan, Inc., and Abbott Laboratories, Inc. Dr. Lipton has consulted for, conducted studies funded by, or received lecture honoraria from Allergan, Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, Pfizer, Pozen, among other companies. Dr. Dodick has received personal compensation for activities with Allergan, Inc., GlaxoSmith-Kline, Inc., Pfizer, Inc., Endo Pharmaceuticals, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Medtronic, Neuralieve; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Headache Currents; and has received research support from St. Jude, Allergan, Inc., Medtronic, Inc., National Institutes of Health, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, and Advanced Bionics. Dr. Freitag has received personal compensation for activities with Allergan, Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Pfizer, Inc., and GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., and has received research support from Alzyer, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc., GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Precision, Division of Boston Scientific, Solvay S.A., and Vernalis. Dr. Ramadan has received personal compensation for activities with GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Inc., Eli Lilly & Company, Eisai, Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Pfizer, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Aradigm Corp., Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals and Map Pharmaceuticals; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Web Alert; and has received research support from Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Eli Lilly&Company, Pfizer, Inc., and the National Headache Ambassador Program. Dr. Mathew has received personal compensation for activities with Eisai. Dr. Brandes has received grants or research support from Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, UCB Pharma, Allergan, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Winston Laboratories, Sanofi-Aventis, Elan Pharmaceuticals, Novartis, Endo, Pozen, Inc., Vernalis, Ortho-McNeil, Advanced Bionics; has served on the speakers bureau for GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, Allergan, MedPointe Pharmaceuticals, Endo, UCB Pharma; has served as a consultant to Merck, GlaxoSmith-Kline, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Allergan, Ortho-McNeil, Aradigm Corporation; and has received educational funding from GlaxoSmithKline. Dr. Bigal has received personal compensation for activities from Allergan, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Ortho-McNeil,</p> |

Appendix Table 120. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate versus placebo (continued)

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests-Relationship |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | UCB, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Inc., and Advance PCS and has received research support from Allergan, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Ortho-McNeil, Pfizer, UCB, AstraZeneca, and Advance PCS. Dr. Saper has received honoraria for speaking from GlaxoSmithKline, Merck & Co., Inc., Abbott Laboratories, Inc., Elan Corporation, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer, Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Medtronic, Inc., Endo Pharmaceuticals, Advanced Bionics, Pozen, Inc., and Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Pain Watch and Migraine Monitor; holds stock in Pozen, Inc.; and has received research support from Novartis, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Merck & Co., Inc., GlaxoSmithKline, Allergan, Inc., Eisai, Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Abbott, Advanced Bionics, Medtronic, Renovis, and Pozen, Inc. Dr. Ascher is an employee of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC. Dr. Jordan is an employee of PriCara, a Unit of Ortho-McNeil, Inc. Drs. Greenberg and Joseph Hulihan are employees of Ortho-McNeil Neurologics. |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁴ | Industry | Not reported | Not reported | Yes | JC Van Oene, M Lahaye and S Schwalen are employees of Janssen-Cilag |
| Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | Not reported | Yes | Yes | Yes | Miguel JA La´inez has received personal compensation or research support from activities with Allergan, Inc., Almirall SA, GlaxoSmithKline, Inc Jansen Cilag, Inc., Menarini, Merck & Co., Inc, Medtronic and Pfizer Inc. Frederick Freitag has received personal compensation for activities with Allergan, Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Pfizer Inc, and GlaxoSmithKline, Inc. Dr. Freitag has received research support from Alzyer, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Advanced Bionics, Solvay S.A., and Vernalis. Joop Pfeil is a paid consultant for Janssen Pharmaceutical/J & J, Novartis, Sanofi-Aventis, Pfizer, Schering-Plough, Numico, Vitatron, Actelion Pharmaceuticals and Sankyo. S. Ascher is a full-time employee of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Pharmaceutical. W.H. Olson is a full-time employee of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Pharmaceutical. S. Schwalen is a full-time employee of Janssen-Cilag GmbH. |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁸ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Hans-Christoph Diener, Reto Agosti, Gianni Allais, Gennaro Bussone, Brendan Davies, Michel Lanteri-Minet, Mustafa Ertas, Uwe Reuter, Margarita Sanchez Del Rio, and Jean Schoenen have participated in clinical trials and advisory boards for Janssen-Cilag. Paul Bergmans, Susanne Schwalen, Joop van Oene are employees of Janssen-Cilag EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa). Hans-Christoph Diener has received honoraria from Addex Pharmaceuticals, Allergan, Almirall, AstraZeneca, Bayer Vital, Berlin Chemie, CoLucid Pharmaceuticals, Böhlinger Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, |

Appendix Table 120. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate versus placebo (continued)

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests-Relationship |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | GlaxoSmithKline, Grünenthal, Janssen-Cilag, Eli Lilly, F Hoffmann-La Roche, 3M Medica, Merck Sharp and Dohme, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Johnson and Johnson, Pierre Fabre, Pfizer, Schaper and Brümmer, Sanofi-Aventis, and Weber and Weber, and financial support for research projects from Allergan, Almirall, AstraZeneca, Bayer, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen-Cilag, and Pfizer. |
| Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | James Adelman: Clinical Trials 1998–2006 (Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals), Advisory Boards (Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals), Speaker (Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals); Frederick Freitag: Consultant, honoraria recipient (OrthoMcNeil Pharmaceuticals and Ortho-McNeil Neurologics), research grant recipient (Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceuticals, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, and Ortho-McNeil Neurologics); Miguel Lainez: grant/research recipient, consultant/scientific advisor, honoraria recipient (Allergan, Almirall Prodesfarma, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Elan Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen Cilag, Johnson and Johnson, MSD, Novartis, Pierre Fabre, and Sanofi-Synthelabo). |
| Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Stephen Silberstein has received personal compensation for activities with: Johnson & Johnson, GlaxoSmith-Kline, Merck, UCB Pharma, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Allergan, Pozen, Abbott Laboratories., Eli Lilly & Company, NPS, and Xcel Pharmaceuticals; has received personal compensation in an editorial capacity for Current Pain and Headache; and has received financial support for scholarly activities from GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Pfizer, Allergan, and Abbott Laboratories. Richard B. Lipton has consulted for, conducted studies funded by, or received lecture honoraria from Allergan, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Ortho-McNeill, Pfizer, and Pozen, among other companies. David W. Dodick has served as a consultant for GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Allergan, Endo, Pfizer, Eli Lilly, Addex, Solvay, and Neuralieve and has received research support from Advanced Neurostimulation Systems, Medtronic, and St. Jude. Fred Freitag has received grants and research support from Advanced Bionics Corporation, Alzyer, AstraZeneca, CAPNIA, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Solvay, and Vernalis Pharmaceuticals. He has served as a consultant for Allergan, AstraZeneca, CAPNIA, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Merck, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International. He has served on the speaker's bureaus of AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Pfizer, and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International. Ninan Mathew has received personal compensation for activities involving continuing medical education and for advisory board participation from Ortho McNeil, Merck, Allergan, |

Appendix Table 120. Funding and conflict of interest in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate versus placebo (continued)

| Reference | Funding | Ethical Approval of Study | Consent of Participants | Conflict of Interest | Conflict of Interests-Relationship |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | <p>GlaxoSmithKline, Endo, and Valiant. Jan Brandes has received grants, research support, or served as a consultant to Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, UCB Pharma, Pfizer, Allergan, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Winston Laboratories, Sanofi-Aventis, Elan, Novartis, Endo, Pozen, Vernalis, Ortho-McNeil, Advanced Bionics, MedPointe, and Aradigm. Marcelo E. Bigal is a full-time employee of Merck Research Laboratories. This manuscript was written during his tenure at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He has received, in the past, compensation from Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Allergan, MAP, NMT, and Endo, among other pharmaceutical companies. Steve Ascher, Jacqueline D. Morein, and Pamela Wright are employees of Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC. Steven J. Greenberg is an employee of EMD Serono Inc.</p> |
| Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | <p>Not reported, however, David Biondi, Steven Ascher, William Olson and Joseph Hulihan were from Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, USA</p> |

Appendix Table D121. Risk of bias in randomized controlled clinical trials that examined adverse effects with topiramate vs. placebo

| Reference | Masking of the Treatment Status | Intention to Treat Analysis | Allocation Concealment | Adequacy of Randomization | Selective Outcome Reporting | Risk of Bias |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| Storey, 2001 ¹⁸ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes (Topiramate group had no men and higher number of patients with concurrent preventative treatment), but the differences were not significant | Unclear | Low |
| Edwards, 2003 ¹⁹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Low |
| Silvestrini, 2003 ²⁰ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Brandes, 2004 ²² | Double-blind | Yes | Clearly adequate | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2004 ²³ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Medium |
| Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁷ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Not adequate. Topiramate 200mg/day group has lower % of women and higher % of men as compared to other groups, but the differences were not significant (previously reported) | Unclear | Medium |
| Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Not reported | Unclear | Medium |
| Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ | Double-blind | Yes | Clearly adequate | Not adequate; the % of male patients was much lower in the topiramate 100mg and 200mg groups, but the difference was not significant | Unclear | Medium |
| Brandes, 2006 ³⁰ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁴ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Not adequate (Mean Beck Depression Inventory scores were higher in placebo as compared to topiramate), but the differences were not significant | Unclear | Medium |
| Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Diener, 2007 ³⁸ | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Medium |
| Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Double-blind | No | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Silberstein, 2009 ⁴¹ | Double-blind | Yes | Clearly adequate | Yes | Unclear | Low |
| Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | Double-blind | Yes | Unclear | Yes | The study mentions the significance of the outcome: $\geq 50\%$ and 75% reduction in headache days and migraine headache days, however, the results are not given | Low |

Appendix Table D122. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved drugs vs. placebo (pooled with random effects models results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Active Drug | Author, Year | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Relative Risk Weight (Inverse Variance) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference Weight (Inverse Variance) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference (95% CI) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference Weight |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Topiramate | Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | 21/140 | 4/73 | 2.7 (1.0 to 7.7) | 8.11 | 0.10 (0.02 to 0.17) | 13.26 | 0.16 (0.02 to 0.30) | 13.19 |
| Topiramate | Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ | 18/165 | 10/163 | 1.8 (0.8 to 3.7) | 14.16 | 0.05 (-0.01 to 0.11) | 16.09 | 0.09 (-0.02 to 0.20) | 16.26 |
| Topiramate | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ | 3/60 | 3/60 | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.8) | 3.78 | 0.00 (-0.08 to 0.08) | 13.39 | 0.00 (-0.18 to 0.18) | 10.36 |
| Topiramate | Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | 96/391 | 41/383 | 2.3 (1.6 to 3.2) | 38.96 | 0.14 (0.09 to 0.19) | 17.29 | 0.19 (0.12 to 0.26) | 20.05 |
| Topiramate | Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | 21/188 | 18/197 | 1.2 (0.7 to 2.2) | 19.75 | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) | 16.06 | 0.03 (-0.07 to 0.13) | 17.09 |
| Topiramate | Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | 3/58 | 2/57 | 1.5 (0.3 to 8.5) | 3.03 | 0.02 (-0.06 to 0.09) | 13.92 | 0.04 (-0.14 to 0.22) | 10.11 |
| Topiramate | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 9/30 | 6/20 | 1.0 (0.4 to 2.4) | 11.01 | 0.00 (-0.26 to 0.26) | 2.59 | 0.00 (-0.28 to 0.28) | 5.58 |
| Topiramate | Edwards, 2003 ¹⁹ | 6/34 | 0/36 | 13.7 (0.8 to 235.0) | 1.19 | 0.18 (0.04 to 0.31) | 7.4 | 0.43 (0.20 to 0.67) | 7.36 |
| Topiramate | Pooled | 177/1066 | 84/989 | 1.8 (1.3 to 2.4) | 100 | 0.06 (0.02 to 0.11) | 100 | 0.11 (0.04 to 0.19) | 100 |
| Divalproex | Mathew, 1995 ⁴⁵ | 9/70 | 2/37 | 2.4 (0.5 to 10.4) | 27.42 | 0.08 (-0.03 to 0.18) | 36.56 | 0.13 (-0.07 to 0.33) | 34.55 |
| Divalproex | Freitag, 2002 ⁴⁶ | 10/237 | 10/204 | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.2) | 72.58 | -0.01 (-0.08 to 0.07) | 63.44 | -0.01 (-0.14 to 0.12) | 65.45 |
| Divalproex | Pooled | 19/307 | 12/241 | 1.2 (0.5 to 2.7) | 100 | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.10) | 100 | 0.04 (-0.09 to 0.17) | 100 |
| Valproate | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 1/32 | 2/32 | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.2) | 32.86 | -0.03 (-0.14 to 0.07) | 51.79 | -0.08 (-0.32 to 0.17) | 42.88 |
| Valproate | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 4/43 | 2/43 | 2.0 (0.4 to 10.4) | 67.14 | 0.05 (-0.06 to 0.15) | 48.21 | 0.09 (-0.12 to 0.30) | 57.12 |
| Valproate | Pooled | 5/75 | 4/75 | 1.3 (0.3 to 4.9) | 100 | 0.01 (-0.07 to 0.08) | 100 | 0.02 (-0.14 to 0.18) | 100 |
| Propranolol | Diamond, 1976 ⁵⁰ | 6/83 | 1/83 | 6.0 (0.7 to 48.8) | 28.76 | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.12) | 93.42 | 0.16 (0.01 to 0.31) | 75.42 |
| Propranolol | Pradalier, 1989 ⁵³ | 9/31 | 5/24 | 1.4 (0.5 to 3.6) | 71.24 | 0.08 (-0.15 to 0.31) | 6.58 | 0.10 (-0.17 to 0.36) | 24.58 |

Appendix Table D122. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved drugs vs. placebo (pooled with random effects models results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Active Drug | Author, Year | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Relative Risk Weight (Inverse Variance) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference Weight (Inverse Variance) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference (95% CI) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference Weight |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Propranolol | Pooled | 15/114 | 6/107 | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.7) | 100 | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.12) | 100 | 0.15 (0.01 to 0.28) | 100 |
| Active drug | Heterogeneity statistics | | Degree of freedom | P value Relative risk | I squared Relative risk | P value Absolute risk different | I squared Absolute risk difference | P value, arcsine transformed risk difference | I squared, arcsine transformed risk difference |
| Topiramate | | | 7 | 0.291 | 17.60% | 0.014 | 60.30% | 0.018 | 58.40% |
| Divalproex | | | 1 | 0.286 | 12.00% | 0.224 | 32.30% | 0.242 | 26.90% |
| Valproate | | | 1 | 0.343 | 0.00% | 0.306 | 4.60% | 0.31 | 2.90% |
| Propranolol | | | 1 | 0.214 | 35.30% | 0.857 | 0.00% | 0.668 | 0.00% |

CI = confidence interval

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

Appendix Table D123. Treatment discontinuation due to specific adverse effects with topiramate vs. placebo, pooled with random effects model results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials

| Adverse Effect Leading to Treatment Discontinuation | Author, Year | Events/Randomized with Drug | Events/Randomized with Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Relative Risk Weight (Inverse Variance) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference Weight (Inverse Variance) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference (95% CI) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference Weight |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Cognitive difficulties | Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | 28/391 | 8/383 | 3.4 (1.6 to 7.4) | 56.75 | 0.05 (0.02 to 0.08) | 49.71 | 0.13 (0.06 to 0.20) | 40.3 |
| Cognitive difficulties | Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | 7/58 | 0/57 | 14.7 (0.9 to 252.3) | 23.12 | 0.12 (0.03 to 0.21) | 29.13 | 0.36 (0.17 to 0.54) | 33.48 |
| Cognitive difficulties | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 0/30 | 1/20 | 0.2 (0.0 to 5.3) | 20.13 | -0.05 (-0.17 to 0.07) | 21.16 | -0.23 (-0.51 to 0.06) | 26.21 |
| Cognitive difficulties | Pooled | 35/479 | 9/460 | 2.8 (0.5 to 15.3) | 100 | 0.05 (-0.02 to 0.12) | 100 | 0.11 (-0.13 to 0.35) | 100 |
| Difficulty with memory | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | 9/514 | 1/202 | 3.5 (0.4 to 27.6) | 59.83 | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.03) | 96.19 | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.13) | 62.52 |
| Difficulty with memory | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 0/30 | 1/20 | 0.2 (0.0 to 5.3) | 40.17 | -0.05 (-0.17 to 0.07) | 3.81 | -0.23 (-0.51 to 0.06) | 37.48 |
| Difficulty with memory | Pooled | 9/544 | 2/222 | 1.2 (0.1 to 16.3) | 100 | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | 100 | -0.05 (-0.32 to 0.21) | 100 |
| Dizziness | Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | 8/391 | 6/383 | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.7) | 69.8 | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.02) | 74.65 | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.09) | 58.46 |
| Dizziness | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 0/30 | 2/20 | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 30.2 | -0.10 (-0.25 to 0.05) | 25.35 | -0.32 (-0.61 to -0.04) | 41.54 |
| Dizziness | Pooled | 8/421 | 8/403 | 0.7 (0.1 to 5.1) | 100 | -0.02 (-0.11 to 0.07) | 100 | -0.12 (-0.45 to 0.21) | 100 |
| Fatigue | Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | 18/391 | 3/383 | 5.9 (1.7 to 19.8) | 66.18 | 0.04 (0.02 to 0.06) | 96.3 | 0.13 (0.06 to 0.20) | 84 |
| Fatigue | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 1/30 | 1/20 | 0.7 (0.0 to 10.1) | 33.82 | -0.02 (-0.13 to 0.10) | 3.7 | -0.04 (-0.33 to 0.24) | 16 |
| Fatigue | Pooled | 19/421 | 4/403 | 2.8 (0.4 to 21.2) | 100 | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.06) | 100 | 0.1 (0.1 to 0.22) | 100 |
| Insomnia | Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | 13/391 | 4/383 | 3.2 (1.0 to 9.7) | 66.18 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.04) | 83.59 | 0.08 (0.01 to 0.15) | 60.4 |
| Insomnia | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 0/30 | 1/20 | 0.2 (0.0 to 5.3) | 33.82 | -0.05 (-0.17 to 0.07) | 16.41 | -0.23 (-0.51 to 0.06) | 39.6 |
| Insomnia | Pooled | 13/421 | 5/403 | 1.3 (0.1 to 15.1) | 100 | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.06) | 100 | -0.04 (-0.33 to 0.25) | 100 |
| Language problems | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | 10/514 | 1/202 | 3.9 (0.5 to 30.5) | 67.97 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) | 98.27 | 0.07 (-0.01 to 0.15) | 76.93 |
| Language problems | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 2/30 | 0/20 | 3.4 | 32.03 | 0.07 | 1.73 | 0.26 | 23.07 |

Appendix Table D123. Treatment discontinuation due to specific adverse effects with topiramate vs. placebo, pooled with random effects model results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Adverse Effect Leading to Treatment Discontinuation | Author, Year | Events/Randomized with Drug | Events/Randomized with Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Relative Risk Weight (Inverse Variance) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference Weight (Inverse Variance) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference (95% CI) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference Weight |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | (0.2 to 67.0) | | (-0.05 to 0.18) | | (-0.02 to 0.54) | |
| Language problems | Pooled | 12/544 | 1/222 | 3.7 (0.7 to 20.3) | 100 | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) | 100 | 0.12 (-0.04 to 0.27) | 100 |
| Paresthesia | Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | 31/391 | 3/383 | 10.1 (3.1 to 32.8) | 74.85 | 0.07 (0.04 to 0.10) | 85.36 | 0.20 (0.13 to 0.27) | 75.34 |
| Paresthesia | Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | 5/58 | 0/57 | 10.8 (0.6 to 191.2) | 12.56 | 0.09 (0.01 to 0.16) | 11.18 | 0.30 (0.12 to 0.48) | 17.11 |
| Paresthesia | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 4/30 | 0/20 | 6.1 (0.3 to 107.4) | 12.59 | 0.13 (-0.01 to 0.27) | 3.46 | 0.37 (0.09 to 0.66) | 7.55 |
| Paresthesia | Pooled | 40/479 | 3/460 | 9.6 (3.5 to 26.5) | 100 | 0.08 (0.05 to 0.10) | 100 | 0.23 (0.15 to 0.31) | 100 |
| Somnolence | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | 10/514 | 4/202 | 1.0 (0.3 to 3.1) | 81.03 | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) | 86.81 | 0.01 (-0.08 to 0.09) | 83.43 |
| Somnolence | Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | 2/58 | 1/57 | 2.0 (0.2 to 21.1) | 18.97 | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) | 13.19 | 0.05 (-0.13 to 0.24) | 16.57 |
| Somnolence | Pooled | 12/572 | 5/259 | 1.1 (0.4 to 3.2) | 100 | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) | 100 | 0.01 (-0.06 to 0.09) | 100 |
| Taste perversion | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | 6/514 | 0/202 | 5.1 (0.3 to 90.5) | 36.48 | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) | 93.08 | 0.11 (0.03 to 0.19) | 78.03 |
| Taste perversion | Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | 1/58 | 0/57 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.9) | 29.76 | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.06) | 5.96 | 0.13 (-0.05 to 0.31) | 15.5 |
| Taste perversion | Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 2/30 | 0/20 | 3.4 (0.2 to 67.0) | 33.76 | 0.07 (-0.05 to 0.18) | 0.97 | 0.26 (-0.02 to 0.54) | 6.47 |
| Taste perversion | Pooled | 9/602 | 0/279 | 3.8 (0.7 to 21.4) | 100 | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) | 100 | 0.12 (0.05 to 0.19) | 100 |

| Heterogeneity Statistics | Degree of Freedom | P Value Relative Risk | I Squared Relative Risk | P Value Absolute Risk Difference | I Squared Absolute Risk Difference | P Value Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference | I Squared Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Any cognitive symptom | 2 | 0.15 | 48.10% | 0.08 | 61.30% | 0.003 | 83.10% |
| Difficulty with memory | 1 | 0.15 | 51.10% | 0.31 | 4.70% | 0.07 | 70.40% |
| Dizziness | 1 | 0.16 | 49.20% | 0.16 | 49.00% | 0.02 | 80.80% |

Appendix Table D123. Treatment discontinuation due to specific adverse effects with topiramate vs. placebo, pooled with random effects model results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Heterogeneity Statistics | Degree of Freedom | P Value Relative Risk | I Squared Relative Risk | P Value Absolute Risk Difference | I Squared Absolute Risk Difference | P Value Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference | I Squared Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Fatigue | 1 | 0.12 | 51% | 0.40 | 0.00% | 0.30 | 23% |
| Insomnia | 1 | 0.12 | 58.50% | 0.24 | 28.70% | 0.04 | 76.40% |
| Language problems | 1 | 0.94 | 0.00% | 0.38 | 0.00% | 0.21 | 36.40% |
| Paresthesia | 2 | 0.95 | 0.00% | 0.67 | 0.00% | 0.33 | 11.00% |
| Somnolence | 1 | 0.61 | 0.00% | 0.59 | 0.00% | 0.63 | 0.00% |
| Taste perversion | 2 | 0.97 | 0.00% | 0.64 | 0.00% | 0.59 | 0.00% |

Appendix Table D124. Discontinuation due to adverse effects with topiramate in pooled analysis of individual patient data from three randomized controlled clinical trials of migraine prevention in adults⁴⁰

| Outcome, Daily Dose | Events/Randomized with Drug [Placebo] | Rate % with Drug [Placebo] | Peto Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm 1 Person (95% CI) Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Abdominal pain leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 5/235 [1/92] | 2.1 [0.9] | 1.8 (0.3 to 10.7) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.04) | NS |
| Abdominal pain leading to withdrawal 100mg/day | 3/386 [1/151] | 0.8 [0.9] | 1.2 (0.1 to 10.4) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Abdominal pain leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 12/514 [2/202] | 2.3 [0.9] | 2.0 (0.6 to 6.5) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Abnormal vision leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 2/235 [0/92] | 0.9 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.2 to 88.5) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Abnormal vision leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 3/386 [0/151] | 0.8 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.3 to 50.3) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Abnormal vision leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 5/514 [0/202] | 1.0 [0.0] | 4.1 (0.6 to 28.6) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) | NS |
| Anorexia leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 2/235 [0/92] | 0.9 [0.5] | 4.0 (0.2 to 88.5) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Anorexia leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 8/386 [1/151] | 2.1 [0.5] | 2.4 (0.5 to 10.2) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Anorexia leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 14/514 [1/202] | 2.7 [0.5] | 3.0 (1.0 to 9.2) | 0.02 (0.01 to 0.04) | NNT 45 (25 to 192) Attributable events 22 (5 to 39) |
| Anxiety leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 3/235 [0/92] | 1.3 [0.0] | 4.1 (0.3 to 50.6) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Anxiety leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 8/386 [0/151] | 2.1 [0.2] | 4.1 (0.9 to 19.3) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.04) | NNT 48 (26 to 284) Attributable events 21 (4 to 38) |
| Anxiety leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 9/514 [0/202] | 1.8 [0.2] | 4.1 (0.9 to 17.6) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) | NNT 57 (32 to 249) Attributable events 18 (4 to 31) |
| Arthralgia leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 1/235 [0/92] | 0.4 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.1 to 314.3) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Arthralgia leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 2/386 [0/151] | 0.5 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.2 to 88.2) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Arthralgia leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 1/514 [0/202] | 0.2 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.1 to 313.6) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) | NS |
| Back pain leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 2/235 [0/92] | 0.9 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.2 to 88.5) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Back pain leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 1/514 [0/202] | 0.2 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.1 to 313.6) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) | NS |
| Depression leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 1/235 [1/92] | 0.4 [0.7] | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.5) | -0.01 (-0.03 to 0.02) | NS |

Appendix Table 124. Discontinuation due to adverse effects with topiramate in pooled analysis of individual patient data from three randomized controlled clinical trials of migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Outcome, Daily Dose | Events/Randomized with Drug [Placebo] | Rate % with Drug [Placebo] | Peto Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm 1 Person (95% CI) Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Depression leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 3/386 [1/151] | 0.8 [0.7] | 1.2 (0.1 to 10.4) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Depression leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 14/514 [1/202] | 2.7 [0.7] | 3.0 (0.9 to 9.2) | 0.02 (0.01 to 0.04) | NNT 45 (25 to 194) Attributable events 22 (5 to 40) |
| Diarrhea leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 2/235 [0/92] | 0.9 [0.5] | 4.0 (0.2 to 88.5) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Diarrhea leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 6/386 [1/151] | 1.6 [0.5] | 2.0 (0.4 to 10.5) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Diarrhea leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 10/514 [1/202] | 1.9 [0.5] | 2.6 (0.7 to 9.8) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.03) | NS |
| Dry mouth leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 1/235 [0/92] | 0.4 [0.5] | 4.0 (0.1 to 314.3) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Dry mouth leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 2/386 [1/151] | 0.5 [0.5] | 0.8 (0.1 to 9.6) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.01) | NS |
| Dry mouth leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 5/514 [1/202] | 1.0 [0.5] | 1.8 (0.3 to 10.6) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Dyspepsia leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 1/235 [0/92] | 0.4 [0.2] | 4.0 (0.1 to 314.3) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Dyspepsia leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 4/386 [0/151] | 1.0 [0.0] | 4.1 (0.5 to 36.1) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) | NS |
| Dyspepsia leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 1/514 [0/202] | 0.2 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.1 to 313.6) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) | NS |
| Hypesthesia leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 1/235 [0/92] | 0.4 [0.2] | 4.0 (0.1 to 314.3) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Hypesthesia leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 7/386 [0/151] | 1.8 [0.2] | 4.1 (0.8 to 21.4) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) | NNT 55 (29 to 603) Attributable events 18 (2 to 35) |
| Hypesthesia leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 12/514 [0/202] | 2.3 [0.2] | 4.1 (1.2 to 14.6) | 0.02 (0.01 to 0.04) | NNT 43 (26 to 119) Attributable events 23 (8 to 38) |
| Injury leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 1/386 [0/151] | 0.3 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.1 to 314.4) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) | NS |
| Mood problems leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 2/235 [0/92] | 0.9 [0.2] | 4.0 (0.2 to 88.5) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Mood problems leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 5/386 [0/151] | 1.3 [0.2] | 4.1 (0.6 to 28.7) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.03) | |
| Mood problems leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 10/514 [0/202] | 1.9 [0.2] | 4.1 (1.0 to 16.4) | 0.02 (0.01 to 0.03) | NNT 51 (30 to 183) Attributable events 20 (6 to 34) |

Appendix Table 124. Discontinuation due to adverse effects with topiramate in pooled analysis of individual patient data from three randomized controlled clinical trials of migraine prevention in adults (continued)

| Outcome, Daily Dose | Events/Randomized with Drug [Placebo] | Rate % with Drug [Placebo] | Peto Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm 1 Person (95% CI) Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Nausea leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 7/235 [1/92] | 3.0 [1.1] | 2.2 (0.5 to 10.5) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | NS |
| Nausea leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 9/386 [2/151] | 2.3 [1.1] | 1.7 (0.4 to 6.2) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS |
| Nausea leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 29/514 [2/202] | 5.6 [1.1] | 3.1 (1.4 to 6.8) | 0.05 (0.02 to 0.07) | NNT 22 (14 to 45) Attributable events 47 (23 to 71) |
| Pharyngitis leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 1/235 [0/92] | 0.4 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.1 to 314.3) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Pharyngitis leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 2/386 [0/151] | 0.5 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.2 to 88.2) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Sinusitis leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 1/514 [0/202] | 0.2 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.1 to 313.6) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) | NS |
| Weight loss leading to withdrawal 50mg/day | 1/235 [0/92] | 0.4 [0.0] | 4.0 (0.1 to 314.3) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) | NS |
| Weight loss leading to withdrawal 100 mg/day | 4/386 [0/151] | 1.0 [0.0] | 4.1 (0.5 to 36.1) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) | NS |
| Weight loss leading to withdrawal 200mg/day | 6/514 [0/202] | 1.2 [0.0] | 4.1 (0.7 to 24.2) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D125. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved and off label drugs vs. placebo, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Drug, Daily Dose Reference | Adverse Effect that Resulted in Treatment Discontinuation | Sample Size Risk of Bias | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Approved drugs | | | | |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 | Hypesthesia | 715 Risk of bias Low | 9.8 (0.6 to 164.8) | 0.02 (0.01 to 0.04) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Dry mouth | 716 Risk of bias Low | 2.0 (0.2 to 16.7) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Mood problems | 715 Risk of bias Low | 8.2 (0.5 to 139.9) | 0.02 (0.01 to 0.03) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Weight decrease | 716 Risk of bias Low | 5.1 (0.3 to 90.5) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Abdominal pain | 716 Risk of bias Low | 2.4 (0.5 to 10.4) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Anorexia | 716 Risk of bias Low | 5.5 (0.7 to 41.6) | 0.02 (0.01 to 0.04) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Diarrhea | 716 Risk of bias Low | 3.9 (0.5 to 30.5) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.03) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Dyspepsia | 716 Risk of bias Low | 1.2 (0.0 to 28.9) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) |
| Topiramate 100mg Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | Nausea | 774 Risk of bias Low | 1.8 (0.6 to 5.2) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) |
| Topiramate 100mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Pharyngitis | 537 Risk of bias Low | 2.0 (0.1 to 40.7) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.02) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Sinusitis | 716 Risk of bias Low | 1.2 (0.0 to 28.9) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) |
| Topiramate 200mg Freitag, 2007 ³⁶ | Upper respiratory tract infection | 304 Risk of bias Low | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) |
| Topiramate 100mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Injury | 537 Risk of bias Low | 1.2 (0.0 to 28.8) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Arthralgia | 716 Risk of bias Low | 1.2 (0.0 to 28.9) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Back pain | 716 Risk of bias Low | 1.2 (0.0 to 28.9) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) |
| Topiramate 200mg Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | Abnormal vision | 716 Risk of bias Low | 4.3 (0.2 to 78.1) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) |
| Topiramate 75mg Bavrasad, 2010 ²³² | Paresthesia | 70 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.2) | 0.03 (-0.05 to 0.10) |
| Topiramate 75mg Bavrasad, 2010 ²³² | Nausea | 70 Risk of bias Medium | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.9) | -0.03 (-0.10 to 0.05) |
| Topiramate 200mg Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Fatigue | 288 Risk of bias Low | 1.7 (0.8 to 3.7) | 0.04 (-0.02 to 0.11) |

Appendix Table D125. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved and off label drugs vs. placebo, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Drug, Daily Dose Reference | Adverse Effect that Resulted in Treatment Discontinuation | Sample Size Risk of Bias | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Topiramate 200mg Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Difficulty with memory | 288 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.3 to 28.5) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.04) |
| Topiramate 200mg Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Insomnia | 288 Risk of bias Low | 2.0 (0.7 to 5.7) | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.09) |
| Topiramate 200mg Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Somnolence | 288 Risk of bias Low | 0.7 (0.1 to 3.9) | -0.01 (-0.04 to 0.02) |
| Topiramate 100mg Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Taste perversion | 285 Risk of bias Low | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) |
| Topiramate 200mg Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Weight decrease | 288 Risk of bias Low | 7.0 (0.4 to 134.3) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) |
| Topiramate 200mg Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Nausea | 288 Risk of bias Low | 3.2 (1.2 to 8.5) | 0.08 (0.02 to 0.14) |
| Divalproex sodium 1000 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Abdominal pain | 87 Risk of bias Low | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Alopecia | 88 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Back pain | 88 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Constipation | 89 Risk of bias Low | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.2) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Emotional lability | 88 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Gastrointestinal disorder | 58 Risk of bias Low | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.10 to 0.10) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Nausea | 88 Risk of bias Low | 9.0 (0.5 to 162.3) | 0.09 (0.00 to 0.18) |
| Divalproex sodium 1000 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Pharyngitis | 87 Risk of bias Low | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Divalproex sodium 500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Pneumonia | 89 Risk of bias Low | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.2) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Somnolence | 88 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Thinking abnormal | 88 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Vomiting | 88 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Weight increase (gain) | 88 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Divalproex sodium 1500 mg Klapper, 1997 ⁴⁷ | Diarrhea | 88 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |

Appendix Table D125. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved and off label drugs vs. placebo, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Drug, Daily Dose Reference | Adverse Effect that Resulted in Treatment Discontinuation | Sample Size Risk of Bias | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sodium valproate 1000mg to 1500 mg per day Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | Dry mouth | 86 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Sodium valproate 1000mg to 1500 mg per day Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | Tremor | 86 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Sodium valproate 1000mg to 1500 mg per day Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | Vertigo | 86 Risk of bias Medium | 5.0 (0.2 to 101.2) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.12) |
| Sodium valproate 1000mg to 1500 mg per day Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | Weight increase (gain) | 86 Risk of bias Medium | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.5) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) |
| Sodium valproate 1000mg to 1500 mg per day Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | Abdominal pain | 86 Risk of bias Medium | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Sodium valproate 1000mg to 1500 mg per day Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | Appetite increase | 86 Risk of bias Medium | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Sodium valproate 1000mg to 1500 mg per day Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | Nausea | 86 Risk of bias Medium | 7.0 (0.4 to 131.6) | 0.07 (-0.02 to 0.16) |
| Timolol 10mg twice a day Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | Any adverse event | 94 Risk of bias Medium | 5.0 (0.2 to 101.4) | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11) |
| Timolol 10mg twice a day Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | Chest pain(moderate) on day 28 | 94 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.8) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Timolol 10mg twice a day Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | Epigastric distress(severe) and fecal impaction | 94 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.8) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Propranolol 160 mg/d Diener, 2004⁴³ | Fatigue | 290 Risk of bias Low | 19.3 (1.1 to 327.9) | 0.06 (0.02 to 0.10) |
| Propranolol 160 mg/d Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Difficulty with memory | 290 Risk of bias Low | 3.0 (0.1 to 74.0) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) |
| Propranolol 160 mg/d Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Somnolence | 193 Risk of bias Low | 2.4 (0.1 to 45.9) | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.06) |
| Propranolol 160 mg/d Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Weight decrease | 290 Risk of bias Low | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01) |
| Propranolol 160 mg/d Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | Nausea | 193 Risk of bias Low | 1.7 (0.2 to 14.2) | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.06) |
| Propranolol 160 mg Pradalier, 1989 ⁵³ | Psoriasis | 55 Risk of bias Low | 0.3 (0.0 to 6.1) | -0.04 (-0.14 to 0.06) |

Appendix Table D125. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved and off label drugs vs. placebo, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Drug, Daily Dose Reference | Adverse Effect that Resulted in Treatment Discontinuation | Sample Size Risk of Bias | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Off label drugs | | | | |
| Acetazolamide 500 mg Vahedi, 2002 ⁸⁰ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 53 Risk of bias Low | 4.7 (1.1 to 19.6) | 0.27 (0.06 to 0.48) |
| Carbamazepine Rompel, 1970 ⁸⁶ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 96 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.9) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Lamotrigine 25 mg-200 mg Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ | Dizziness | 58 Risk of bias Low | 6.5 (0.3 to 151.7) | 0.06 (-0.07 to 0.18) |
| Lamotrigine 26 mg-200 mg Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ | Dyspepsia | 59 Risk of bias Low | 0.7 (0.0 to 16.0) | -0.03 (-0.11 to 0.06) |
| Lamotrigine 27 mg-200 mg Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ | Nausea | 58 Risk of bias Low | 0.7 (0.0 to 16.9) | -0.03 (-0.12 to 0.07) |
| Lamotrigine 28 mg-200 mg Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ | Leucopenia | 58 Risk of bias Low | 0.7 (0.0 to 16.9) | -0.03 (-0.12 to 0.07) |
| Lamotrigine 29 mg-200 mg Steiner, 1997⁸⁷ | Rash | 58 Risk of bias Low | 15.6 (2.1 to 117.3) | 0.36 (0.13 to 0.59) |
| Oxcarbazepine up to 1,200 mg Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 170 Risk of bias Low | 2.0 (0.6 to 6.4) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.12) |
| Femoxetine 200 mg-400mg Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 58 Risk of bias Medium | 7.0 (0.4 to 129.7) | 0.10 (-0.02 to 0.23) |
| Tonabersat 20 mg-40 mg Goadsby, 2009 ¹²¹ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 124 Risk of bias Low | 2.2 (0.2 to 23.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.07) |
| Tonabersat 20 mg-40 mg Goadsby, 2009 ¹²¹ | Dizziness | 124 Risk of bias Low | 1.8 (0.5 to 7.4) | 0.04 (-0.05 to 0.13) |
| Atenolol 100mg Johannsson, 1987 ⁹⁹ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 144 Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | -0.04 (-0.09 to 0.01) |
| Bisoprolol 100mg van de Ven, 1997 ¹⁰¹ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 115 Risk of bias Medium | 1.7 (0.4 to 7.9) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.13) |
| Metoprolol 200mg Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 71 Risk of bias Medium | 1.1 (0.1 to 16.7) | 0.00 (-0.07 to 0.08) |
| Nadolol 80mg -240mg Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ | Bradycardia | 32 Risk of bias Low | 1.1 (0.0 to 24.2) | 0.04 (-0.13 to 0.22) |
| Pindolol 7.5 -15mg Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 56 Risk of bias Medium | 7.0 (0.4 to 129.5) | 0.11 (-0.02 to 0.23) |
| Nicardipine 40mg Leandri, 1990 ¹²⁶ | Dyspepsia | 60 Risk of bias Medium | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.2) | -0.03 (-0.14 to 0.08) |
| Verapamil 240mg Markley, 1984 ¹²⁴ | Constipation | 40 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 69.5) | 0.05 (-0.08 to 0.18) |
| Dihydroergotamine 10mg Bousser, 1988 ²³³ | Intolerance(alleged) | 90 Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | -0.07 (-0.15 to 0.02) |

Appendix Table D125. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved and off label drugs vs. placebo, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Drug, Daily Dose Reference | Adverse Effect that Resulted in Treatment Discontinuation | Sample Size Risk of Bias | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 2.4 (0.9 to 6.5) | 0.09 (-0.01 to 0.19) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Fatigue, weakness | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 7.0 (0.4 to 133.2) | 0.04 (-0.01 to 0.09) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Hallucinations | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 72.5) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Numbness of tongue | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.02) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Somnolence (Drowsiness) | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.7) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.04) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Vertigo | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 72.5) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Chest pains | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 2.0 (0.2 to 21.6) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Subcutaneous hemorrhage | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.4) | -0.01 (-0.06 to 0.03) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Blurred vision | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 72.5) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Eye irritation | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 72.5) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Nausea | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 1.0 (0.1 to 6.9) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Back pains | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 72.5) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Lisuride 0.075 mg Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | Impotence | 150 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 72.5) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Methysergide 1 mg q.d.s. Whewell, 1966 ¹⁵⁴ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 148 Risk of bias Medium | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.4) | -0.01 (-0.06 to 0.03) |
| Methysergide 1 mg q.d.s. Whewell, 1966 ¹⁵⁴ | Nausea(excessive) | 148 Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 72.5) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Tizanidine 4mg Saper, 2002 ²³⁴ | Adverse event other than death | 136 Risk of bias Medium | 2.0 (0.6 to 6.2) | 0.06 (-0.03 to 0.16) |
| Tizanidine 4mg Saper, 2002 ²³⁴ | Headache | 136 Risk of bias Medium | 2.7 (0.1 to 64.4) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.05) |
| Fenopropfen 600 mg TID CN-00048653 | Fatigue | 75 Risk of bias Medium | 0.9 (0.1 to 14.2) | 0.00 (-0.08 to 0.07) |
| Fenopropfen 600 mg TID Solomon, 1987 ¹⁹⁸ | Adverse effects: fatigue and/or somnolence | Risk of bias Low | 0.9 (0.1 to 14.2) | 0.00 (-0.08 to 0.07) |
| Fenopropfen 600 mg TID Diamond, 1987 ²³⁵ | Gastrointestinal symptoms | 75 Risk of bias Medium | 2.8 (0.3 to 25.4) | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.15) |

Appendix Table D125. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with approved and off label drugs vs. placebo, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Drug, Daily Dose Reference | Adverse Effect that Resulted in Treatment Discontinuation | Sample Size Risk of Bias | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Tolfenamic Acid 300mg Mikkelsen, 1982 ²⁰² | Discontinued due to adverse event | 76 Risk of bias Medium | 2.0 (0.2 to 21.1) | 0.03 (-0.06 to 0.11) |
| Montelukast 20 mg Brandes, 2004 ²⁰³ | Discontinued due to adverse event | 177 Risk of bias Low | 0.9 (0.1 to 6.3) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.04) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D126. Adverse effects with topiramate in adults with migraine (pooled with random effects models—results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Outcome, Reference | Sample | Rate with Topiramate [Placebo] | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Adverse events ^{29, 31, 34, 40, 42, 44} | 1700 | 59.9 [56.1] | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.5) | 0.12 (0.02 to 0.22) | 8 (4 to 42) | 124 (24 to 223) |
| Paresthesia ^{18, 20, 24, 28, 29, 31, 34, 40, 42, 44} | 1876 | 24.0 [5.5] | 6.8 (4.8 to 9.7) | 0.24 (0.14 to 0.33) | 4 (3 to 7) | 235 (142 to 328) |
| Weight decrease ^{18, 24, 28, 29, 38, 40} | 1648 | 12.3 [4.4] | 4.7 (1.7 to 12.6) | 0.10 (0.05 to 0.15) | 10 (6 to 19) | 104 (53 to 154) |
| Cognitive difficulties ^{24, 28, 31, 34, 38, 40, 43} | 1782 | 8 [3] | 2.3 (1.1 to 4.8) | 0.045 (0.01 to 0.08) | 22 (13 to 100) | 45 (10 to 80) |
| Diarrhea ^{19, 40, 42} | 1170 | 9.8 [3.6] | 2.9 (1.6 to 5.2) | 0.06 (0.01 to 0.10) | 18 (10 to 71) | 57 (14 to 100) |
| Dry mouth ⁴⁰⁻⁴² | 1429 | 6.1 [2.7] | 2.6 (1.4 to 4.6) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.06) | 29 (18 to 71) | 35 (14 to 57) |
| Fatigue ^{34, 40} | 1857 | 9.6 [4.6] | 1.8 (1.3 to 2.6) | 0.05 (0.03 to 0.08) | 20 (13 to 38) | 50 (26 to 75) |
| Hyperesthesia ^{31, 40, 42} | 1756 | 7.4 [1.6] | 3.7 (1.9 to 7.1) | 0.06 (0.03 to 0.08) | 18 (13 to 30) | 57 (33 to 80) |
| Insomnia ^{19, 25, 28, 43} | 878 | 4 [2] | 1.7 (0.5 to 5.1) | 0.021 (0.001 to 0.042) | | 21 (1 to 42) |
| Memory impairment ^{19, 28, 29, 34, 40, 41, 43} | 1436 | 10.4 [3.9] | 2.5 (1.2 to 5.3) | 0.058 (0.017 to 0.099) | 17 (10 to 59) | 58 (17 to 99) |
| Nausea ^{29, 31, 38, 40, 42, 43} | 2156 | 11 [6] | 1.6 (1.1 to 2.2) | 0.034 (0.003 to 0.065) | 29 (15 to 333) | 34 (3 to 65) |
| Taste perversion ^{18, 24, 28, 40-43} | 1634 | 5.9 [1.3] | 5.5 (2.7 to 11.1) | 0.083 (0.025 to 0.14) | 12 (7 to 40) | 83 (25 to 140) |
| Abdominal pain ^{38, 40} | 1229 | 2.0 [2.3] | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.0) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) | | |
| Anorexia ^{18, 28, 29, 31, 34, 38, 40, 42, 44} | 2424 | 5.6 [3.3] | 1.8 (1.2 to 2.9) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.05) | | |
| Back pain ^{40, 42} | 1100 | 4.6 [5.1] | 0.9 (0.5 to 1.7) | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.02) | | |
| Giddiness ^{28, 29, 31, 34, 40, 42, 44} | 1871 | 10.1 [7.8] | 1.2 (0.7 to 1.8) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.04) | | |
| Dyspepsia ^{34, 40} | 1018 | 1.5 [1.1] | 1.3 (0.4 to 3.8) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) | | |
| Infection, viral ^{34, 42} | 444 | 8.2 [8.0] | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.1) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) | | |
| Injury ^{31, 40, 42} | 1672 | 5.0 [6.1] | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.4) | -0.01 (-0.07 to 0.04) | | |
| Adverse events: Serious ^{38, 41} | 842 | 7.9 [6.6] | 1.1 (0.5 to 2.3) | 0.01 (-0.05 to 0.06) | | |
| Sinusitis ^{31, 40, 42} | 1429 | 7.4 [6.4] | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.8) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.03) | | |
| Sleepiness ^{20, 24, 28, 29, 34, 40-42} | 1893 | 4.4 [3.4] | 1.6 (0.8 to 3.2) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04) | | |
| Language problems: Treatment - emergent adverse events ^{19, 28, 40} | 657 | 3.6 [0.5] | 5.1 (1.2 to 22.8) | 0.09 (-0.03 to 0.21) | | |
| Upper respiratory tract infection ^{29, 40-42} | 1641 | 8.7 [9.0] | 1.0 (0.7 to 1.5) | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03) | | |
| Vision, abnormal ^{18, 40} | 756 | 7.7 [2.2] | 3.5 (1.4 to 8.5) | 0.07 (-0.01 to 0.15) | | |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative measure of the association estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D127. Significant increase in risk of adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs vs. placebo, results from individual RCTs

| Drug | Adverse Effect | Risk of Bias Reference | Sample | % with Active Drugs [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95%CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95%CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95%CI) | Attributable Events (95%CI) |
|---------------|--|---|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Topiramate | Mood problems | Low Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | 716 | 5.4 [1.8] | 2.8 (1.0 to 7.7) | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.06) | 29 (16 to 139) | 35 (7 to 62) |
| Topiramate | Paresthesia: Moderate | Low Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ | 716 | 12.6 [1.4] | 8.5 (2.7 to 26.8) | 0.11 (0.08 to 0.14) | 9 (7 to 13) | 112 (78 to 145) |
| Topiramate | Nausea: Mild/moderate | Low Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | 758 | 11.1 [6.5] | 1.7 (1.1 to 2.8) | 0.05 (0.01 to 0.09) | 21 (11 to 148) | 47 (7 to 87) |
| Topiramate | Anorexia: Severe | Low Bussone, 2005 ²⁵ | 758 | 1.3 [0.0] | 10.6 (0.6 to 191.1) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.03) | 77 (39 to 1695) | 13 (1 to 25) |
| Topiramate | Low bicarbonate values that met the study-defined criteria for markedly abnormal laboratory values | Low Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | 385 | 7.4 [0.0] | 30.4 (1.8 to 505.7) | 0.07 (0.04 to 0.11) | 13 (9 to 28) | 74 (36 to 113) |
| Divalproex | Hair loss(Alopecia) | Medium Mathew, 1995 ⁴⁵ | 107 | 12.9 [0.0] | 10.2 (0.6 to 170.0) | 0.13 (0.04 to 0.22) | 8 (5 to 24) | 129 (41 to 216) |
| Propranolol | Weight increase >2kg | Medium Forssman, 1976 ⁵² | 80 | 12.5 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 192.6) | 0.1 (0.02 to 0.23) | 8 (4 to 65) | 125 (15 to 235) |
| Propranolol | Bradycardia | Medium Nadelmann, 1986 ²³⁶ | 114 | 8.8 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 194.4) | 0.09 (0.01 to 0.17) | 11 (6 to 116) | 88 (9 to 167) |
| Propranolol | Epigastric distress | Medium Nadelmann, 1986 ²³⁶ | 114 | 19.3 [3.5] | 5.5 (1.3 to 23.7) | 0.16 (0.04 to 0.27) | 6 (4 to 22) | 158 (45 to 271) |
| Propranolol | Malaise | Medium Nadelmann, 1986 ²³⁶ | 114 | 15.8 [3.5] | 4.5 (1.0 to 19.9) | 0.12 (0.02 to 0.23) | 8 (4 to 60) | 123 (17 to 229) |
| Acetazolamide | Fatigue, drowsiness, memory impairment | Low Vahedi, 2002 ⁸⁰ | 53 | 57.7 [14.8] | 3.9 (1.5 to 10.2) | 0.43 (0.20 to 0.66) | 2 (2 to 5) | 429 (196 to 661) |
| Acetazolamide | Paresthesia | Low Vahedi, 2002 ⁸⁰ | 53 | 80.8 [7.4] | 10.9 (2.8 to 41.9) | 0.73 (0.55 to 0.91) | 1 (1 to 2) | 734 (553 to 914) |
| Carbamazepine | Total adverse effects | Medium Rompel, 1970 ⁸⁶ | 96 | 62.5 [22.9] | 2.7 (1.6 to 4.8) | 0.40 (0.21 to 0.58) | 3 (2 to 5) | 396 (214 to 577) |
| Carbamazepine | Sleepiness | Medium Rompel, 1970 ⁸⁶ | 96 | 10.4 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 193.6) | 0.10 (0.01 to 0.20) | 10 (5 to 88) | 104 (11 to 197) |
| Carbamazepine | Vertigo or giddiness | Medium Rompel, 1970 ⁸⁶ | 96 | 47.9 [4.2] | 11.5 (2.9 to 46.1) | 0.44 (0.29 to 0.59) | 2 (2 to 4) | 438 (285 to 590) |
| Oxcarbazepine | Total adverse effects | Unclear Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ | 170 | 80.0 [64.7] | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.5) | 0.15 (0.02 to 0.29) | 7 (4 to 49) | 153 (20 to 285) |

Appendix Table D127. Significant increase in risk of adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs vs. placebo, results from individual RCTs (continued)

| Drug | Adverse Effect | Risk of Bias Reference | Sample | % with Active Drugs [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95%CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95%CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95%CI) | Attributable Events (95%CI) |
|---------------|--|---|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Oxcarbazepine | Dizziness | Unclear Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ | 170 | 17.6 [7.1] | 2.5 (1.0 to 6.1) | 0.11 (0.01 to 0.20) | 9 (5 to 121) | 106 (8 to 204) |
| Oxcarbazepine | Fatigue | Unclear Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ | 170 | 20.0 [7.1] | 2.8 (1.2 to 6.8) | 0.13 (0.03 to 0.23) | 8 (4 to 35) | 129 (28 to 230) |
| Oxcarbazepine | Nausea | Unclear Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ | 170 | 16.5 [4.7] | 3.5 (1.2 to 10.2) | 0.12 (0.03 to 0.21) | 8 (5 to 37) | 118 (27 to 208) |
| Atenolol | Dizziness (slight) of orthostatic type during first week | Medium Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ | 48 | 25.0 [4.2] | 6.0 (0.8 to 46.1) | 0.21 (0.02 to 0.40) | 5 (3 to 57) | 208 (18 to 399) |
| Pindolol | Dizziness/faintness (orthostatic) | Medium Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ | 56 | 21.4 [0.0] | 13.0 (0.8 to 220.3) | 0.21 (0.06 to 0.37) | 5 (3 to 18) | 214 (55 to 373) |
| Metoprolol | Adverse events | Medium Kangasniemi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ | 154 | 55.8 [27.3] | 2.0 (1.4 to 3.1) | 0.29 (0.14 to 0.43) | 3 (2 to 7) | 286 (137 to 435) |
| Metoprolol | Fatigue/tiredness | Medium Kangasniemi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ | 154 | 16.9 [5.2] | 3.3 (1.1 to 9.5) | 0.12 (0.02 to 0.21) | 9 (5 to 51) | 117 (20 to 214) |
| Metoprolol | Gastrointestinal adverse events | Medium Kangasniemi, 1987 ¹⁰⁰ | 154 | 20.8 [3.9] | 5.3 (1.6 to 17.6) | 0.17 (0.07 to 0.27) | 6 (4 to 15) | 169 (68 to 269) |
| Lisinopril | Total adverse effects | Low Schrader, 2001 ¹³⁶ | 120 | 40.0 [21.7] | 1.8 (1.0 to 3.3) | 0.18 (0.02 to 0.35) | 5 (3 to 47) | 183 (21 to 345) |
| Clonidine | Total adverse effects | Medium Shafar, 1972 ¹⁴² | 130 | 55.4 [26.2] | 2.1 (1.3 to 3.4) | 0.29 (0.13 to 0.45) | 3 (2 to 8) | 292 (131 to 454) |
| Amitriptyline | Adverse events: Severe | Medium Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | 391 | 15.5 [5.1] | 3.0 (1.5 to 6.1) | 0.10 (0.04 to 0.16) | 10 (6 to 22) | 104 (44 to 163) |
| Amitriptyline | Body as a whole | Medium Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | 391 | 12.9 [6.6] | 2.0 (1.0 to 3.7) | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.12) | 16 (8 to 230) | 63 (4 to 121) |
| Amitriptyline | Integument | Medium Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | 391 | 35.1 [9.1] | 3.8 (2.4 to 6.2) | 0.26 (0.18 to 0.34) | 4 (3 to 6) | 259 (181 to 337) |
| Amitriptyline | Psychiatric | Medium Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | 391 | 31.4 [15.2] | 2.1 (1.4 to 3.0) | 0.16 (0.08 to 0.24) | 6 (4 to 13) | 162 (80 to 245) |
| Amitriptyline | Digestive | Medium Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | 391 | 14.4 [7.6] | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.4) | 0.07 (0.01 to 0.13) | 15 (8 to 156) | 68 (6 to 130) |
| Amitriptyline | Urogenital Urinary retention | Medium Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | 391 | 3.1 [0.0] | 13.2 (0.7 to 232.7) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.06) | 32 (18 to 209) | 31 (5 to 57) |
| Fluoxetine | Tremor | Medium Saper, 1994 ¹¹⁷ | 111 | 19.7 [6.0] | 3.3 (1.0 to 11.0) | 0.14 (0.02 to 0.26) | 7 (4 to 58) | 137 (17 to 256) |
| Fluoxetine | Stomach pain | Medium Saper, 1994 ¹¹⁷ | 111 | 13.1 [0.0] | 14.0 (0.8 to 236.5) | 0.13 (0.04 to 0.22) | 8 (5 to 24) | 131 (41 to 221) |

Appendix Table D127. Significant increase in risk of adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs vs. placebo, results from individual RCTs (continued)

| Drug | Adverse Effect | Risk of Bias Reference | Sample | % with Active Drugs [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95%CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95%CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95%CI) | Attributable Events (95%CI) |
|--------------------|---|---|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fluoxetine | Pyrosis | Medium d'Amato, 1999 ¹¹⁹ | 52 | 21.9 [0.0] | 9.5 (0.6 to 158.5) | 0.22 (0.06 to 0.38) | 5 (3 to 16) | 219 (62 to 376) |
| Venlafaxine | Vomiting | Medium Ozyalcin, 2005 ¹²² | 40 | 23.8 [0.0] | 10.0 (0.6 to 169.6) | 0.24 (0.04 to 0.43) | 4 (2 to 22) | 238 (45 to 432) |
| Dihydro-ergotamine | Nausea, sleepiness, mild gastralgias and abdominal discomfort | Medium Bousser, 1988 ²³³ | 90 | 13.3 [2.2] | 6.0 (0.8 to 47.8) | 0.11 (0.00 to 0.22) | 9 (5 to 350) | 111 (3 to 219) |
| Magnesium | Total adverse effects | Low Pfaffenrath, 1996 | 69 | 45.7 [23.5] | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.9) | 0.22 (0.00 to 0.44) | 5 (2 to 267) | 222 (4 to 440) |
| Tizanidine | Dizziness | Medium Saper, 2002 ²³⁴ | 136 | 23.6 [6.3] | 3.8 (1.3 to 10.6) | 0.17 (0.06 to 0.29) | 6 (3 to 17) | 174 (59 to 288) |
| Tizanidine | Dry mouth | Medium Saper, 2002 ²³⁴ | 136 | 22.2 [1.6] | 14.2 (1.9 to 104.3) | 0.21 (0.11 to 0.31) | 5 (3 to 9) | 207 (106 to 307) |
| Tizanidine | Asthenia | Medium Saper, 2002 ²³⁴ | 136 | 19.4 [3.1] | 6.2 (1.5 to 26.3) | 0.16 (0.06 to 0.26) | 6 (4 to 16) | 163 (62 to 264) |
| Tizanidine | Sleepiness | Medium Saper, 2002 ²³⁴ | 136 | 45.8 [4.7] | 9.8 (3.1 to 30.4) | 0.41 (0.29 to 0.54) | 2 (2 to 4) | 411 (285 to 538) |
| Indomethacin | Insomnia | Medium Anthony, 1968 ²⁰⁰ | 38 | 26.3 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.7 to 186.0) | 0.26 (0.06 to 0.47) | 4 (2 to 18) | 263 (56 to 470) |
| Indomethacin | Indigestion | Medium Anthony, 1968 ²⁰⁰ | 38 | 36.8 [5.3] | 7.0 (1.0 to 51.5) | 0.32 (0.08 to 0.55) | 3 (2 to 13) | 316 (77 to 555) |
| Nifedipine | Total adverse effects | High McArthur, 1989 ¹²⁹ | 48 | 54.2 [8.3] | 6.5 (1.6 to 25.8) | 0.46 (0.23 to 0.69) | 2 (1 to 4) | 458 (230 to 686) |
| Nifedipine | Dizziness | High McArthur, 1989 ¹²⁹ | 48 | 45.8 [0.0] | 23.0 (1.4 to 369.5) | 0.46 (0.26 to 0.66) | 2 (2 to 4) | 458 (255 to 661) |
| Nifedipine | Headache | High McArthur, 1989 ¹²⁹ | 48 | 16.7 [0.0] | 9.0 (0.5 to 158.5) | 0.17 (0.01 to 0.33) | 6 (3 to 157) | 167 (6 to 327) |
| Nimodipine | Abdominal cramps | Medium Gelmers, 1983 ¹²⁷ | 60 | 16.7 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 190.5) | 0.17 (0.03 to 0.31) | 6 (3 to 40) | 167 (25 to 308) |
| Verapamil | Constipation | Medium Markley, 1984 ¹²⁴ | 40 | 30.0 [0.0] | 13.0 (0.8 to 216.4) | 0.30 (0.09 to 0.51) | 3 (2 to 11) | 300 (92 to 508) |
| Nifedipine | Edema | High McArthur, 1989 ¹²⁹ | 48 | 45.8 [0.0] | 23.0 (1.4 to 369.5) | 0.46 (0.26 to 0.66) | 2 (2 to 4) | 458 (255 to 661) |
| Tonabersat | Total adverse effects | Low 19222510 | 124 | 39.0 [15.4] | 2.5 (1.3 to 4.9) | 0.24 (0.08 to 0.39) | 4 (3 to 12) | 236 (84 to 388) |
| Tonabersat | Vertigo | Low Goadsby, 2009 ¹²¹ | 124 | 8.5 [0.0] | 12.1 (0.7 to 214.2) | 0.08 (0.01 to 0.16) | 12 (6 to 114) | 85 (9 to 161) |

Appendix Table D128. Dose response adverse effects with topiramate in adults

| Adverse effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active vs. Control Daily Dose | Events/Randomized (Rate of Outcome in Active Group) Events/Randomized (Rate of Outcome in Control Group) | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Abnormal vision | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 6/514 (1.2) 12/235 (5.1) | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.6) | -0.04 (-0.07 to -0.01) |
| Abnormal vision | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 38/514 (7.4) 14/386 (3.6) | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.7) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.07) |
| Anorexia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 56/386 (14.5) 22/235 (9.4) | 1.5 (1.0 to 2.5) | 0.05 (0.00 to 0.10) |
| Anorexia leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 14/514 (2.7) 2/235 (0.9) | 3.2 (0.7 to 14.0) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.04) |
| Any adverse event | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 187/514 (36.4) 227/386 (58.8) | 0.6 (0.5 to 0.7) | -0.22 (-0.29 to -0.16) |
| Arthralgia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 11/386 (2.8) 17/235 (7.2) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.8) | -0.04 (-0.08 to -0.01) |
| Arthralgia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 7/514 (1.4) 17/235 (7.2) | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.4) | -0.06 (-0.09 to -0.02) |
| Arthralgia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 4/514 (0.8) 8/235 (3.4) | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.8) | -0.03 (-0.05 to 0.00) |
| Depression leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 14/514 (2.7) 1/235 (0.4) | 6.4 (0.8 to 48.4) | 0.02 (0.01 to 0.04) |
| Depression leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 14/514 (2.7) 3/386 (0.8) | 3.5 (1.0 to 12.1) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.04) |
| Difficulty in memory leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 8/386 (2.1) 1/235 (0.4) | 4.9 (0.6 to 38.7) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) |
| Difficulty in memory leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 24/514 (4.7) 1/235 (0.4) | 11.0 (1.5 to 80.6) | 0.04 (0.02 to 0.06) |
| Difficulty in memory leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 24/514 (4.7) 8/386 (2.1) | 2.3 (1.0 to 5.0) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.05) |
| Difficulty with concentration/attention | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 51/514 (9.9) 7/235 (3.0) | 3.3 (1.5 to 7.2) | 0.07 (0.04 to 0.10) |
| Difficulty with concentration/attention | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 51/514 (9.9) 23/386 (6.0) | 1.7 (1.0 to 2.7) | 0.04 (0.00 to 0.07) |
| Difficulty with memory | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 57/514 (11.1) 26/386 (6.7) | 1.6 (1.1 to 2.6) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.08) |
| Dry mouth | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 26/514 (5.1) 4/235 (1.7) | 3.0 (1.0 to 8.4) | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.06) |
| Hypoesthesia leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 12/514 (2.3) 1/235 (0.4) | 5.5 (0.7 to 41.9) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) |

Appendix Table 128. Significant dose response adverse effects with topiramate in adults (continued)

| Adverse effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active vs. Control Daily Dose | Events/Randomized (Rate of Outcome in Active Group) Events/Randomized (Rate of Outcome in Control Group) | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Marked anorexia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 6/514 (1.2) 0/235 (0.0) | 6.0 (0.3 to 105.3) | 0.01 (0.00 to 0.02) |
| Marked fatigue | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 6/386 (1.6) 0/235 (0.0) | 7.9 (0.4 to 140.1) | 0.02 (0.00 to 0.03) |
| Marked fatigue | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 15/514 (2.9) 0/235 (0.0) | 14.2 (0.9 to 236.4) | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.05) |
| Marked paresthesia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 20/514 (3.9) 3/235 (1.3) | 3.0 (0.9 to 10.2) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.05) |
| Markedly low serum bicarbonate levels (range >5mmol/L to <17mmo/L below baseline) | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 50 vs. 0 | 5/235 (2.0) 57/514 (11.0) | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.5) | -0.09 (-0.12 to -0.06) |
| Markedly low serum bicarbonate levels (range >5mmol/L to <17mmo/L below baseline) | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 35/386 (9.0) 5/235 (2.0) | 4.3 (1.7 to 10.7) | 0.07 (0.04 to 0.10) |
| Mild paresthesia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 130/386 (33.7) 54/235 (23.0) | 1.5 (1.1 to 1.9) | 0.11 (0.04 to 0.18) |
| Mild paresthesia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 169/514 (32.9) 54/235 (23.0) | 1.4 (1.1 to 1.9) | 0.10 (0.03 to 0.17) |
| Moderate anorexia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 23/386 (6.0) 4/235 (1.7) | 3.5 (1.2 to 10.0) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.07) |
| Moderate anorexia | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 22/514 (4.3) 4/235 (1.7) | 2.5 (0.9 to 7.2) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.05) |
| Moderate nausea | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 36/514 (7.0) 7/235 (3.0) | 2.4 (1.1 to 5.2) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.07) |
| Mood problems | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 23/386 (6.0) 6/235 (2.6) | 2.3 (1.0 to 5.6) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.07) |
| Mood problems | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 28/514 (5.4) 6/235 (2.6) | 2.1 (0.9 to 5.1) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.06) |
| Nausea | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 16/386 (4.1) 2/235 (0.9) | 4.9 (1.1 to 21.0) | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.06) |
| Nausea | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 51/235 (21.7) 21/386 (5.4) | 4.0 (2.5 to 6.5) | 0.16 (0.11 to 0.22) |
| Nausea | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 73/235 (31.1) 21/514 (4.1) | 7.6 (4.8 to 12.0) | 0.27 (0.21 to 0.33) |
| Nausea | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 8/514 (1.6) 16/386 (4.1) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.9) | -0.03 (-0.05 to 0.00) |
| Nausea | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 73/386 (18.9) 51/514 (9.9) | 1.9 (1.4 to 2.7) | 0.09 (0.04 to 0.14) |

Appendix Table 128. Significant dose response adverse effects with topiramate in adults (continued)

| Adverse effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active vs. Control Daily Dose | Events/Randomized (Rate of Outcome in Active Group) Events/Randomized (Rate of Outcome in Control Group) | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nausea leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 29/514 (5.6) 9/386 (2.3) | 2.4 (1.2 to 5.1) | 0.03 (0.01 to 0.06) |
| Paresthesia | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 34/386 (8.8) 11/235 (4.7) | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.6) | 0.04 (0.00 to 0.08) |
| Paresthesia | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 195/386 (50.5) 83/235 (35.3) | 1.4 (1.2 to 1.7) | 0.15 (0.07 to 0.23) |
| Paresthesia | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 254/514 (49.4) 83/235 (35.3) | 1.4 (1.2 to 1.7) | 0.14 (0.07 to 0.22) |
| Paresthesia leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 31/386 (8.0) 8/235 (3.4) | 2.4 (1.1 to 5.0) | 0.05 (0.01 to 0.08) |
| Paresthesia leading to withdrawal | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 37/514 (7.2) 8/235 (3.4) | 2.1 (1.0 to 4.5) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.07) |
| Pharyngitis | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 9/514 (1.8) 11/235 (4.7) | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.9) | -0.03 (-0.06 to 0.00) |
| Pharyngitis | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 9/514 (1.8) 22/386 (5.7) | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.7) | -0.04 (-0.07 to -0.01) |
| Pharyngitis | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 4/514 (0.8) 12/386 (3.1) | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.8) | -0.02 (-0.04 to 0.00) |
| Taste perversion | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 30/386 (7.8) 36/235 (15.3) | 0.5 (0.3 to 0.8) | -0.08 (-0.13 to -0.02) |
| Taste perversion | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 63/514 (12.3) 30/386 (7.8) | 1.6 (1.0 to 2.4) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.08) |
| Treatment discontinuation | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 100 vs. 50 | 146/386 (37.8) 108/235 (46.0) | 0.8 (0.7 to 1.0) | -0.08 (-0.16 to 0.00) |
| Treatment discontinuation | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 149/514 (29.0) 41/235 (17.4) | 1.7 (1.2 to 2.3) | 0.12 (0.05 to 0.18) |
| Treatment discontinuation | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 239/514 (46.5) 146/386 (37.8) | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.4) | 0.09 (0.02 to 0.15) |
| Upper respiratory tract infection | Adelman, 2008 ⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 100 | 32/514 (6.2) 42/386 (10.9) | 0.6 (0.4 to 0.9) | -0.05 (-0.08 to -0.01) |
| Weight loss | Adelman, 2008⁴⁰ Risk of bias Low | 200 vs. 50 | 58/514 (11.3) 13/235 (5.5) | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.6) | 0.06 (0.02 to 0.10) |

Bold = significant increase in risk of adverse effects with increasing the dose of topiramate when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D129. Dose response in treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects with divalproex for migraine prevention in adults, results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial⁴⁷

| Adverse Effect that Lead to Discontinuation | Daily Doses of Divalproex | Events/Randomized with Larger Dose | Events/Randomized with Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Abdominal pain | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/43 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 75.0) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Abdominal pain | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 0/44 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.8) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Alopecia | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/44 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Alopecia | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 1/44 | 0/43 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.1) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Asthenia | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 0/43 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.3) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Asthenia | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 0/44 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Back pain | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/44 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Back pain | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 1/44 | 0/43 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.1) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Constipation | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 0/43 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.3) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Constipation | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 0/44 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Depression | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 3/43 | 0/45 | 7.3 (0.4 to 137.6) | 0.07 (-0.02 to 0.16) |
| Depression | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 0/44 | 3/43 | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.6) | -0.07 (-0.16 to 0.02) |
| Diarrhea | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/44 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Diarrhea | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 1/44 | 0/43 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.1) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Emotional liability | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/44 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Emotional liability | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 1/44 | 0/43 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.1) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Nausea | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/43 | 1/45 | 1.0 (0.1 to 16.2) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) |
| Nausea | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 4/44 | 1/45 | 4.1 (0.5 to 35.2) | 0.07 (-0.03 to 0.16) |

Appendix Table D129. Dose response in treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects with divalproex for migraine prevention in adults, results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial (continued)

| Adverse Effect that Lead to Discontinuation | Daily Doses of Divalproex | Events/Randomized with Larger Dose | Events/Randomized with Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Nausea | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 4/44 | 1/43 | 3.9 (0.5 to 33.6) | 0.07 (-0.03 to 0.16) |
| Pharyngitis | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/43 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 75.0) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Pharyngitis | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 0/44 | 1/43 | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.8) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Pneumonia | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 0/43 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.3) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Pneumonia | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 0/44 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Somnolence | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/44 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Somnolence | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 1/44 | 0/43 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.1) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Thinking abnormal | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/44 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Thinking abnormal | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 1/44 | 0/43 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.1) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Vomiting | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 0/43 | 1/45 | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.3) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Vomiting | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/44 | 1/45 | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.8) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) |
| Vomiting | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 1/44 | 0/43 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.1) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Weight gain | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 1/44 | 0/45 | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.3) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Weight gain | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 1/44 | 0/43 | 2.9 (0.1 to 70.1) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |

CI = confidence interval

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

Appendix Table D130. Dose response in adverse effects with divalproex for migraine prevention in adults, results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial⁴⁷

| Adverse Effect | Daily Doses of Divalproex | Events/ Randomized with Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized with Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|---|---|
| Asthenia | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 4/43 | 4/45 | 1.0 (0.3 to 3.9) | 0.00 (-0.12 to 0.12) | NS |
| Asthenia | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 10/44 | 4/45 | 2.6 (0.9 to 7.5) | 0.14 (-0.01 to 0.29) | NS |
| Asthenia | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 10/44 | 4/43 | 2.4 (0.8 to 7.2) | 0.13 (-0.02 to 0.29) | NS |
| Back pain | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 2/43 | 3/45 | 0.7 (0.1 to 4.0) | -0.02 (-0.12 to 0.08) | NS |
| Back pain | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 6/44 | 3/45 | 2.0 (0.5 to 7.7) | 0.07 (-0.06 to 0.19) | NS |
| Back pain | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 6/44 | 2/43 | 2.9 (0.6 to 13.7) | 0.09 (-0.03 to 0.21) | NS |
| Diarrhea | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 2/43 | 3/45 | 0.7 (0.1 to 4.0) | -0.02 (-0.12 to 0.08) | NS |
| Diarrhea | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 8/44 | 3/45 | 2.7 (0.8 to 9.6) | 0.12 (-0.02 to 0.25) | NS |
| Diarrhea | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 8/44 | 2/43 | 3.9 (0.9 to 17.4) | 0.14 (0.01 to 0.27) | 135 (5 to 265) |
| Dizziness | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 3/43 | 3/45 | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.9) | 0.00 (-0.10 to 0.11) | NS |
| Dizziness | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 9/44 | 3/45 | 3.1 (0.9 to 10.6) | 0.14 (0.00 to 0.28) | NS |
| Dizziness | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 9/44 | 3/43 | 2.9 (0.9 to 10.1) | 0.13 (-0.01 to 0.28) | NS |
| Dyspepsia | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 8/43 | 3/45 | 2.8 (0.8 to 9.8) | 0.12 (-0.02 to 0.26) | NS |
| Dyspepsia | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 7/44 | 3/45 | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.6) | 0.09 (-0.04 to 0.22) | NS |
| Dyspepsia | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 7/44 | 8/43 | 0.9 (0.3 to 2.2) | -0.03 (-0.19 to 0.13) | NS |
| Infection | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 7/43 | 8/45 | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.3) | -0.01 (-0.17 to 0.14) | NS |
| Infection | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 9/44 | 8/45 | 1.2 (0.5 to 2.7) | 0.03 (-0.14 to 0.19) | NS |
| Infection | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 9/44 | 7/43 | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 0.04 (-0.12 to 0.20) | NS |

Appendix Table 130. Dose response in adverse effects with divalproex for migraine prevention in adults, results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Daily Doses of Divalproex | Events/ Randomized with Larger Dose | Events/ Randomized with Smaller Dose | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Nausea | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 4/43 | 12/45 | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.0) | -0.17 (-0.33 to -0.02) | -174 (-329 to -18) |
| Nausea | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 15/44 | 12/45 | 1.3 (0.7 to 2.4) | 0.07 (-0.12 to 0.26) | NS |
| Nausea | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 15/44 | 4/43 | 3.7 (1.3 to 10.2) | 0.25 (0.08 to 0.41) | 248 (83 to 413) |
| Pain | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 3/43 | 4/45 | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.3) | -0.02 (-0.13 to 0.09) | NS |
| Pain | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 5/44 | 4/45 | 1.3 (0.4 to 4.5) | 0.02 (-0.10 to 0.15) | NS |
| Pain | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 5/44 | 3/43 | 1.6 (0.4 to 6.4) | 0.04 (-0.08 to 0.16) | NS |
| Somnolence | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 3/43 | 3/45 | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.9) | 0.00 (-0.10 to 0.11) | NS |
| Somnolence | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 8/44 | 3/45 | 2.7 (0.8 to 9.6) | 0.12 (-0.02 to 0.25) | NS |
| Somnolence | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 8/44 | 3/43 | 2.6 (0.7 to 9.2) | 0.11 (-0.03 to 0.25) | NS |
| Tremor | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 3/43 | 0/45 | 7.3 (0.4 to 137.6) | 0.07 (-0.02 to 0.16) | NS |
| Tremor | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 7/44 | 0/45 | 15.3 (0.9 to 260.6) | 0.16 (0.05 to 0.27) | 159 (46 to 272) |
| Tremor | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 7/44 | 3/43 | 2.3 (0.6 to 8.2) | 0.09 (-0.04 to 0.22) | NS |
| Vomiting | 1000 mg vs. 500 mg | 2/43 | 2/45 | 1.0 (0.2 to 7.1) | 0.00 (-0.09 to 0.09) | NS |
| Vomiting | 1500 mg vs. 500 mg | 5/44 | 2/45 | 2.6 (0.5 to 12.5) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) | NS |
| Vomiting | 1500 mg vs. 1000 mg | 5/44 | 2/43 | 2.4 (0.5 to 11.9) | 0.07 (-0.05 to 0.18) | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D131. Adverse effects with valproate vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trials

| Adverse Effects | Daily Dose | Reference | Events/ Randomized with Valproate | Events/ Randomized Placebo | Rate,% with Valproate [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Abdominal pain | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 2/43 | 1/43 | 4.7[2.3] | 2.0 (0.2 to 21.2) | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.10) |
| Constipation | 400 mg twice a day | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 0/32 | 1/32 | 0.0[3.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.9) | -0.03 (-0.11 to 0.05) |
| Diarrhea | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 1/43 | 0/43 | 2.3[0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Dizziness | 400 mg twice a day | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 0/32 | 1/32 | 0.0[3.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.9) | -0.03 (-0.11 to 0.05) |
| Drowsiness | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 5/43 | 2/43 | 11.6[4.7] | 2.5 (0.5 to 12.2) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) |
| Dry mouth | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 1/43 | 0/43 | 2.3[0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Dyspepsia | 400 mg twice a day | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 2/32 | 0/32 | 6.3[0.0] | 5.0 (0.2 to 100.2) | 0.06 (-0.04 to 0.16) |
| Dyspnea | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 1/43 | 0/43 | 2.3[0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Increased appetite | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 1/43 | 1/43 | 2.3[2.3] | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.5) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) |
| Mild weariness | 400 mg twice a day | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 2/32 | 0/32 | 6.3[0.0] | 5.0 (0.2 to 100.2) | 0.06 (-0.04 to 0.16) |
| Nausea | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 5/43 | 2/43 | 11.6[4.7] | 2.5 (0.5 to 12.2) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) |
| Nausea | 400 mg twice a day | Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 2/32 | 0/32 | 6.3[0.0] | 5.0 (0.2 to 100.2) | 0.06 (-0.04 to 0.16) |
| Pain in neck/shoulders | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 1/43 | 0/43 | 2.3[0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Restless legs | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 1/43 | 0/43 | 2.3[0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Tinnitus | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 0/43 | 1/43 | 0.0[2.3] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04) |
| Total | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 14/43 | 7/43 | 32.6[16.3] | 2.0 (0.9 to 4.5) | 0.16 (-0.02 to 0.34) |
| Tremor | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 1/43 | 0/43 | 2.3[0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.7) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.09) |
| Vertigo | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 3/43 | 0/43 | 7.0[0.0] | 7.0 (0.4 to 131.6) | 0.07 (-0.02 to 0.16) |
| Weight gain | 1000mg to 1500 mg per day | Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 3/43 | 1/43 | 7.0[2.3] | 3.0 (0.3 to 27.7) | 0.05 (-0.04 to 0.13) |

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D132. Adverse effects with propranolol vs. placebo, pooled results from randomized controlled clinical trials (random effects model)

| Definition of the Outcome | Sample | Rate with Drug [Placebo] | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Any adverse effects ^{50, 60, 61, 64} | 414 | 28.4 [17.0] | 1.7 (1.1 to 2.8) | 0.09 (0.01 to 0.17) | 11 (6 to 111) | 88 (9 to 167) |
| Paresthesia ^{43, 52} | 273 | 10.3 [4.5] | 2.1 (0.7 to 6.3) | 0.04 (-0.02 to 0.10) | NS | NS |
| Cold extremities ^{53, 62} | 125 | 6.1 [1.7] | 2.7 (0.4 to 17.6) | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.10) | NS | NS |
| Depression ^{53, 60, 61, 236} | 411 | 5.3 [2.5] | 2.3 (0.3 to 17.2) | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Diarrhea ^{53, 236} | 169 | 11.4 [2.5] | 4.6 (1.0 to 22.3) | 0.09 (0.01 to 0.16) | 11 (6 to 71) | 89 (14 to 164) |
| Dreaming, abnormal. ^{60, 236} | 306 | 4.6 [0.7] | 7.8 (0.9 to 66.0) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) | NS | NS |
| Fatigue ^{43, 52, 53, 60, 62, 236} | 657 | 21.3 [11.0] | 2.1 (0.8 to 5.8) | 0.10 (-0.03 to 0.23) | NS | NS |
| Insomnia ^{43, 52, 53, 60, 62} | 542 | 9.2 [6.0] | 1.4 (0.7 to 2.8) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Nausea ^{43, 52, 53, 60-62, 236} | 694 | 9.3 [3.5] | 2.3 (1.1 to 4.5) | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.08) | 23 (13 to 111) | 43 (9 to 77) |
| Sleepiness ^{43, 236} | 307 | 14.9 [2.8] | 8.5 (2.5 to 29.0) | 0.16 (-0.03 to 0.35) | NS | NS |
| Dizziness ^{52, 53, 60, 62} | 349 | 5.4 [3.4] | 1.6 (0.6 to 4.3) | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.06) | NS | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D133. Adverse effects with timolol 10mg twice a day (results from randomized controlled clinical trials pooled with random effects model)

| Outcome; Reference | Sample | Rate with Timolol [Placebo] | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|---|---------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Total adverse effects^{60, 61} | 183 | 38.0 [23.1] | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.8) | 0.14 (0.00 to 0.28) | 137 (0 to 275) |
| Dizziness ^{60, 79} | 238 | 5.6 [3.2] | 1.8 (0.5 to 7.1) | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.08) | NS |
| Tiredness ^{60, 61, 79} | 277 | 16.1 [9.8] | 1.4 (0.7 to 3.0) | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11) | NS |
| Insomnia ^{60, 79} | 238 | 7.7 [3.2] | 3.1 (0.8 to 11.6) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.13) | NS |
| Nausea ^{60, 61} | 182 | 1.7 [2.5] | 0.5 (0.1 to 3.7) | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.04) | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D134. Adverse effects with timolol 10mg twice a day (results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Adverse Effects | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/Randomized with Active Drug | Events/Randomized with Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Abnormal dreaming | Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Medium | 2/96 | 0/96 | 5.0 (0.2 to 102.8) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.06) |
| Blurred vision | Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Medium | 1/25 | 0/25 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.3) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) |
| Cold extremities | Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Medium | 1/25 | 0/25 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.3) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) |
| Depression | Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Medium | 2/96 | 0/96 | 5.0 (0.2 to 102.8) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.06) |
| Dyspnea | Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Medium | 1/25 | 0/25 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.3) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) |
| Fatigue/tiredness | Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Medium | 18/96 | 8/48 | 1.1 (0.5 to 2.5) | 0.02 (-0.11 to 0.15) |
| Gastroenteritis | Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Medium | 1/25 | 0/25 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.3) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) |
| Increased weight | Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Medium | 1/25 | 0/25 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.3) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) |
| Sleep disturbances | Tfelt-Hansen, 1984 ⁶⁰ Medium | 4/96 | 1/48 | 2.0 (0.2 to 17.4) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) |
| Tiredness | Standnes, 1982 ⁶¹ Medium | 6/25 | 2/13 | 1.6 (0.4 to 6.7) | 0.09 (-0.17 to 0.34) |

Appendix Table D 135. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with off label migraine preventive drugs vs. placebo, pooled with random effects model results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Drug | Reference | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Relative Risk Weight (Inverse Variance) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference Weight (Inverse Variance) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference (95% CI) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference Weight |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Amitriptyline | Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | 23/194 | 13/197 | 1.8 (0.9 to 3.4) | 85.8 | 0.05 (-0.01 to 0.11) | 70.37 | 0.09 (-0.01 to 0.19) | 77.17 |
| Amitriptyline | Couch, 1979 ¹⁰³ | 5/55 | 2/61 | 2.8 (0.6 to 13.7) | 14.2 | 0.06 (-0.03 to 0.15) | 29.63 | 0.12 (-0.06 to 0.31) | 22.83 |
| Amitriptyline | Pooled | 28/249 | 15/258 | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.5) | 100 | 0.05 (0.01 to 0.10) | 100 | 0.10 (0.01 to 0.19) | 100 |
| Clonidine | Boisen, 1978 ¹⁴⁶ | 2/71 | 0/71 | 5.0 (0.2 to 102.3) | 38.41 | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.08) | 36.3 | 0.17 (0.00 to 0.33) | 44.23 |
| Clonidine | Adam, 1978 ¹⁴⁸ | 2/96 | 1/96 | 2.0 (0.2 to 21.7) | 61.59 | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) | 63.7 | 0.04 (-0.10 to 0.18) | 55.77 |
| Clonidine | Pooled | 4/167 | 1/167 | 2.8 (0.4 to 18.5) | 100 | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.05) | 100 | 0.10 (-0.02 to 0.22) | 100 |
| Femoxetine | Orholm, 1986 ¹¹³ | 4/31 | 2/34 | 2.2 (0.4 to 11.2) | 52.65 | 0.07 (-0.07 to 0.21) | 50.09 | 0.12 (-0.12 to 0.37) | 52.37 |
| Femoxetine | Orholm, 1985 ¹¹⁵ | 3/29 | 2/30 | 1.6 (0.3 to 8.6) | 47.35 | 0.04 (-0.11 to 0.18) | 49.91 | 0.07 (-0.19 to 0.32) | 47.63 |
| Femoxetine | Pooled | 7/60 | 4/64 | 1.9 (0.6 to 6.1) | 100 | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.15) | 100 | 0.10 (-0.08 to 0.27) | 100 |
| Gabapentin | NCT00742209 ¹⁹² | 13/62 | 2/20 | 2.1 (0.5 to 8.5) | 31.39 | 0.11 (-0.06 to 0.28) | 21.89 | 0.18 (-0.07 to 0.43) | 26.43 |
| Gabapentin | Mathew, 2001 ⁸¹ | 16/98 | 4/45 | 1.8 (0.7 to 5.2) | 57.25 | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.19) | 49.16 | 0.11 (-0.06 to 0.29) | 53.91 |
| Gabapentin | Wessely, 1987 ⁸⁴ | 2/23 | 1/22 | 1.9 (0.2 to 19.6) | 11.36 | 0.04 (-0.10 to 0.19) | 28.95 | 0.08 (-0.21 to 0.38) | 19.66 |
| Gabapentin | Pooled | 31/183 | 7/87 | 1.9 (0.9 to 4.2) | 100 | 0.07 (-0.01 to 0.15) | 100 | 0.13 (0.00 to 0.26) | 100 |
| Lamotrigine | Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ | 7/18 | 3/40 | 5.2 (1.5 to 17.8) | 54.39 | 0.31 (0.07 to 0.55) | 43.22 | 0.40 (0.12 to 0.67) | 46.23 |
| Lamotrigine | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ | 3/60 | 3/60 | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.8) | 45.61 | 0.00 (-0.08 to 0.08) | 56.78 | 0.00 (-0.18 to 0.18) | 53.77 |
| Lamotrigine | Pooled | 10/78 | 6/100 | 2.4 (0.5 to 12.2) | 100 | 0.14 (-0.17 to 0.44) | 100 | 0.18 (-0.20 to 0.57) | 100 |
| Magnesium | Pfaffenrath, 1996 ¹⁹⁴ | 3/35 | 1/34 | 2.9 (0.3 to 26.7) | 63.69 | 0.06 (-0.05 to 0.17) | 39.24 | 0.13 (-0.11 to 0.36) | 46.09 |

Appendix Table D135. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with off label migraine preventive drugs vs. placebo, pooled with random effects model results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Drug | Reference | Events/ Randomized with Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Relative Risk Weight (Inverse Variance) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference Weight (Inverse Variance) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference (95% CI) | Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference Weight |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Magnesium | Peikert, 1996 ¹⁹⁵ | 3/43 | 0/38 | 6.2 (0.3 to 116.4) | 36.31 | 0.07 (-0.02 to 0.16) | 60.76 | 0.27 (0.05 to 0.49) | 53.91 |
| Magnesium | Pooled | 6/78 | 1/72 | 3.8 (0.7 to 22.4) | 100 | 0.06 (0.00 to 0.13) | 100 | 0.20 (0.04 to 0.36) | 100 |
| Naproxen sodium | Welch, 1985 ^{237, 238} | 2/46 | 1/46 | 2.0 (0.2 to 21.3) | 64.25 | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.09) | 45.78 | 0.06 (-0.14 to 0.27) | 53.49 |
| Naproxen sodium | Ziegler, 1985 ²³⁹ | 1/40 | 0/40 | 3. 0(0.1 to 71.5) | 35.75 | 0.03 (-0.04 to 0.09) | 54.22 | 0.16 (-0.06 to 0.38) | 46.51 |
| Naproxen sodium | Pooled | 3/86 | 1/86 | 2.3 (0.3 to 15.4) | 100 | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.07) | 100 | 0.11 (-0.04 to 0.26) | 100 |
| Nimodipine | Havanka- Kanniainen, 1985 ¹³² | 0/33 | 1/33 | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.9) | 17.11 | -0.03 (-0.11 to 0.05) | 66 | -0.18 (-0.42 to 0.07) | 42.61 |
| Nimodipine | MINES, 1989 ¹³³ | 3/43 | 4/46 | 0.8 (0.2 to 3.4) | 82.89 | -0.02 (-0.13 to 0.09) | 34 | -0.03 (-0.24 to 0.18) | 57.39 |
| Nimodipine | Pooled | 3/76 | 5/79 | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.6) | 100 | -0.03 (-0.09 to 0.04) | 100 | -0.09 (-0.25 to 0.07) | 100 |

| Active Drug | Degree of Freedom | P Value Relative Risk | I Squared Relative Risk | P Value Absolute Risk Difference | I Squared Absolute Risk Difference | P Value, Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference | I Squared, Arcsine Transformed Risk Difference |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Amitriptyline | 1 | 0.62 | 0.00% | 0.01 | 60.30% | 0.02 | 58.40% |
| Clonidine | 1 | 0.64 | 0.00% | 0.22 | 32.30% | 0.24 | 26.90% |
| Femoxetine | 1 | 0.77 | 0.00% | 0.31 | 4.60% | 0.31 | 2.90% |
| Gabapentin | 2 | 0.99 | 0.00% | 0.86 | 0.00% | 0.67 | 0.00% |
| Lamotrigine | 1 | 0.11 | 62.00% | 0.92 | 0.00% | 0.76 | 0.00% |
| Magnesium | 1 | 0.69 | 0.00% | 0.55 | 0.00% | 0.26 | 22.90% |
| Naproxen | 1 | 0.84 | 0.00% | 0.75 | 0.00% | 0.76 | 0.00% |
| Nimodipine | 1 | 0.62 | 0.00% | 0.83 | 0.00% | 0.87 | 0.00% |

Appendix Table D136. Adverse effects with antiepileptic drugs vs. placebo, pooled results from randomized controlled clinical trials (random effects model)

| Drug | Outcome, Reference | Sample | Rate with Drug [Placebo] | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|-------------------|--|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Divalproex | Diarrhea ^{46, 47} | 297 | 6.6 [3.6] | 1.8 (0.6 to 5.2) | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.08) | NS | NS |
| Divalproex | Asthenia ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 404 | 17.3 [9.8] | 2.1 (0.5 to 9.5) | 0.11 (-0.07 to 0.30) | NS | NS |
| Divalproex | Sleepiness ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 405 | 15.6 [2.8] | 4.9 (1.9 to 13.0) | 0.13 (0.00 to 0.26) | NS | NS |
| Divalproex | Tremor^{45, 47} | 166 | 14.0 [0.0] | 8.5 (1.1 to 66.1) | 0.14 (0.06 to 0.21) | 7 (5 to 16) | 137 (64 to 211) |
| Divalproex | Vomiting⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 404 | 11.0 [1.4] | 5.3 (1.5 to 18.4) | 0.11 (0.02 to 0.20) | 9 (5 to 63) | 108 (16 to 200) |
| Divalproex | Infection ^{46, 47} | 298 | 16.2 [14.3] | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.0) | 0.01 (-0.08 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Divalproex | Nausea ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ | 403 | 22.9 [9.5] | 2.7 (1.2 to 6.0) | 0.13 (-0.04 to 0.29) | NS | NS |
| Valproate | Nausea ^{48, 49} | 150 | 9.3 [2.7] | 3.2 (0.7 to 14.0) | 0.07 (-0.01 to 0.14) | NS | NS |
| Gabapentin | Any adverse effects^{81, 192} | 225 | 70.6 [54.4] | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.6) | 0.16 (0.02 to 0.30) | 6 (3 to 56) | 158 (18 to 297) |
| Gabapentin | Weight increase (gain) ^{81, 192} | 321 | 5.2 [3.8] | 1.5 (0.4 to 5.4) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Gabapentin | Dizziness^{81, 192} | 406 | 28.0 [7.5] | 4.3 (1.4 to 12.9) | 0.19 (0.05 to 0.34) | 5 (3 to 20) | 193 (51 to 335) |
| Gabapentin | Infection ^{81, 192} | 225 | 8.7 [17.8] | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.0) | -0.06 (-0.19 to 0.07) | NS | NS |
| Gabapentin | Sleepiness^{81, 192} | 225 | 20.6 [7.6] | 3.3 (1.2 to 8.9) | 0.13 (0.04 to 0.22) | 8 (5 to 24) | 128 (41 to 216) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D137. Adverse effects with acetazolamide, 500 mg/day vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial⁸⁰

| Adverse effect | Events/ Randomized with Acetazolamide | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Rate, % with Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat (95% CI) | Attributable Events (95% CI) |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Paresthesia | 21/26 | 2/27 | 80.8 [7.4] | 10.9 (2.8 to 41.9) | 0.73 (0.55 to 0.91) | 1 (1 to 2) | 734 (553 to 914) |
| Fatigue, drowsiness, memory impairment, malaise, fasciculation | 15/26 | 4/27 | 57.7 [14.8] | 3.9 (1.5 to 10.2) | 0.43 (0.20 to 0.66) | 2 (2 to 5) | 429 (196 to 661) |
| Gastrointestinal intolerance | 3/26 | 2/27 | 11.5 [7.4] | 1.6 (0.3 to 8.6) | 0.04 (-0.12 to 0.20) | NS | NS |
| Hypokalemia | 1/26 | 0/27 | 3.8 [0.0] | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.1) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) | NS | NS |
| Hyperuricemia | 1/26 | 0/27 | 3.8 [0.0] | 3.1 (0.1 to 73.1) | 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.14) | NS | NS |
| Skin eruption | 0/26 | 2/27 | 0.0 [7.4] | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | -0.07 (-0.19 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Fever and shivering | 0/26 | 1/27 | 0.0 [3.7] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.04 (-0.13 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Dry mouth | 1/26 | 1/27 | 3.8 [3.7] | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.7) | 0.00 (-0.10 to 0.10) | NS | NS |
| Breast tension | 0/26 | 1/27 | 0.0 [3.7] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.04 (-0.13 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Rhinitis | 1/26 | 2/27 | 3.8 [7.4] | 0.5 (0.1 to 5.4) | -0.04 (-0.16 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Tinnitus | 0/26 | 1/27 | 0.0 [3.7] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.04 (-0.13 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Miscellaneous | 1/26 | 3/27 | 3.8 [11.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 3.1) | -0.07 (-0.21 to 0.07) | NS | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence level; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D138. Adverse effects with carbamazepine vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial⁸⁶

| Adverse Effect | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Rate, % with Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Drowsiness | 5/48 | 0/48 | 10.4 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 193.6) | 0.10 (0.01 to 0.20) | 10 (5 to 88) | 104 (11 to 197) |
| Vertigo or giddiness | 23/48 | 2/48 | 47.9 [4.2] | 11.5 (2.9 to 46.1) | 0.44 (0.29 to 0.59) | 2 (2 to 4) | 438 (285 to 590) |
| Total | 30/48 | 11/48 | 62.5 [22.9] | 2.7 (1.6 to 4.8) | 0.40 (0.21 to 0.58) | 3 (2 to 5) | 396 (214 to 577) |
| Necessitating reduction of dosage | 6/48 | 0/48 | 12.5 [0.0] | 13.0 (0.8 to 224.5) | 0.13 (0.03 to 0.22) | 8 (4 to 39) | 125 (26 to 224) |
| Nausea | 4/48 | 3/48 | 8.3 [6.3] | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.6) | 0.02 (-0.08 to 0.12) | NS | NS |
| Dry mouth | 2/48 | 0/48 | 4.2 [0.0] | 5.0 (0.2 to 101.5) | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Heavy eyes | 2/48 | 0/48 | 4.2 [0.0] | 5.0 (0.2 to 101.5) | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Constipation | 2/48 | 0/48 | 4.2 [0.0] | 5.0 (0.2 to 101.5) | 0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Vomiting | 1/48 | 0/48 | 2.1 [0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.9) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) | NS | NS |
| Weight gain | 1/48 | 1/48 | 2.1 [2.1] | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.5) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Sweating | 1/48 | 0/48 | 2.1 [0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.9) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) | NS | NS |
| Transient rash | 1/48 | 0/48 | 2.1 [0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.9) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) | NS | NS |
| Dysuria | 1/48 | 0/48 | 2.1 [0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 71.9) | 0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08) | NS | NS |
| Blacked nose | 0/48 | 1/48 | 0.0 [2.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Lack of drive | 0/48 | 1/48 | 0.0 [2.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Flushing | 0/48 | 1/48 | 0.0 [2.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Blunted feeling | 0/48 | 1/48 | 0.0 [2.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Heavy head | 0/48 | 1/48 | 0.0 [2.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) | NS | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence level; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D139. Adverse effects with gabapentin, titrated up to 2400 mg daily vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial⁸¹

| Adverse Effect | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Rate, % with Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|---|--|
| Dizziness | 25/98 | 5/98 | 25.5 [11.1] | 2.3 (0.9 to 5.6) | 0.14 (0.02 to 0.27) | 7 (4 to 56) | 144 (18 to 270) |
| Somnolence | 24/98 | 5/98 | 24.5 [11.1] | 2.2 (0.9 to 5.4) | 0.13 (0.01 to 0.26) | 7 (4 to 117) | 134 (9 to 259) |
| Asthenia | 22/98 | 12/98 | 22.4 [26.7] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.5) | -0.04 (-0.20 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Infection | 11/98 | 11/98 | 11.2 [24.4] | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.0) | -0.13 (-0.27 to 0.01) | NS | NS |
| Weight gain | 3/98 | 1/98 | 3.1 [2.2] | 1.4 (0.1 to 12.9) | 0.01 (-0.05 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Designated as probably, possibly, or definitely related to study drug (Total) | 66/98 | 22/98 | 67.3 [48.9] | 1.4 (1.0 to 1.9) | 0.18 (0.01 to 0.36) | 5 (3 to 87) | 185 (12 to 358) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence level ;NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D140. Treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects with lamotrigine, titrated up to 200 mg daily vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial⁸⁷

| Adverse Effect | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Rate, % with Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95%CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| Rash | 7/18 | 1/40 | 38.9 [3] | 15.6 (2.1 to 117.3) | 0.36 (0.13 to 0.59) | 3 (2 to 7) | 364 (134 to 594) |
| Dizziness | 1/18 | 0/40 | 5.6 [0] | 6.5 (0.3 to 151.7) | 0.06 (-0.07 to 0.18) | NS | NS |
| Leucopenia | 0/18 | 1/40 | 0.0 [3] | 0.7 (0.0 to 16.9) | -0.03 (-0.12 to 0.07) | NS | NS |
| Dyspepsia | 0/18 | 1/40 | 0.0 [3] | 0.7 (0.0 to 16.9) | -0.03 (-0.12 to 0.07) | NS | NS |
| Nausea | 0/18 | 1/40 | 0.0 [3] | 0.7 (0.0 to 16.9) | -0.03 (-0.12 to 0.07) | NS | NS |
| Other | 2/18 | 1/40 | 11.1 [3] | 4.4 (0.4 to 45.9) | 0.09 (-0.07 to 0.24) | NS | NS |
| Any | 7/18 | 3/40 | 38.9 [8] | 5.2 (1.5 to 17.8) | 0.31 (0.07 to 0.55) | 3 (2 to 13) | 314 (74 to 553) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence level; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D141. Adverse effects with oxcarbazepine, titrated to a maximum tolerated dose of 1,200 mg/day vs. placebo for migraine prevention in adults, results from low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial⁸³

| Adverse Effect | Events/ Randomized with Active Drug | Events/ Randomized with Placebo | Rate, % with Active Drug [Placebo] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Patients with any adverse effects | 68/85 | 55/85 | 80.0 [64.7] | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.5) | 0.15 (0.02 to 0.29) | 7 (4 to 49) | 153 (20 to 285) |
| Fatigue | 17/85 | 6/85 | 20.0 [7.1] | 2.8 (1.2 to 6.8) | 0.13 (0.03 to 0.23) | 8 (4 to 35) | 129 (28 to 230) |
| Dizziness | 15/85 | 6/85 | 17.6 [7.1] | 2.5 (1.0 to 6.1) | 0.11 (0.01 to 0.20) | 9 (5 to 121) | 106 (8 to 204) |
| Nausea | 14/85 | 4/85 | 16.5 [4.7] | 3.5 (1.2 to 10.2) | 0.12 (0.03 to 0.21) | 8 (5 to 37) | 118 (27 to 208) |
| Somnolence | 7/85 | 6/85 | 8.2 [7.1] | 1.2 (0.4 to 3.3) | 0.01 (-0.07 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Balance disorder | 5/85 | 2/85 | 5.9 [2.4] | 2.5 (0.5 to 12.5) | 0.04 (-0.02 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Insomnia | 5/85 | 6/85 | 5.9 [7.1] | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.6) | -0.01 (-0.09 to 0.06) | NS | NS |
| Migraine | 5/85 | 2/85 | 5.9 [2.4] | 2.5 (0.5 to 12.5) | 0.04 (-0.02 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Paresthesia | 5/85 | 1/85 | 5.9 [1.2] | 5.0 (0.6 to 41.9) | 0.05 (-0.01 to 0.10) | NS | NS |
| Sinusitis | 2/85 | 5/85 | 2.4 [5.9] | 0.4 (0.1 to 2.0) | -0.04 (-0.09 to 0.02) | NS | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence level; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D142. Adverse effects with off label antidepressants vs. placebo, pooled results from randomized controlled clinical trials (random effects model)

| Active Drug | Outcome, Reference | Sample | Rate with Drug [Placebo] | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|----------------------|--|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Amitriptyline | Total adverse effects ^{104, 111} | 494 | 60.2 [28.8] | 4.0 (2.2 to 7.3) | 0.32 (0.18 to 0.47) | 3 (2 to 6) | 322 (175 to 469) |
| Amitriptyline | Dizziness ^{104, 111} | 431 | 10.3 [5.1] | 2.1 (1.0 to 4.4) | 0.05 (0.00 to 0.10) | 19 (10 to 500) | 52 (2 to 102) |
| Amitriptyline | Depression ^{104, 111} | 431 | 2.3 [1.4] | 1.7 (0.4 to 7.3) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS | NS |
| Amitriptyline | Dry mouth ^{104, 111} | 431 | 32.7 [6.9] | 6.6 (3.6 to 12.0) | 0.18 (-0.05 to 0.40) | NS | NS |
| Amitriptyline | Drowsiness ^{104, 111} | 431 | 27.1 [9.2] | 3.6 (2.1 to 6.3) | 0.18 (0.11 to 0.25) | 6 (4 to 9) | 180 (109 to 251) |
| Amitriptyline | Weight increase (gain) ^{104, 111} | | 1.9 [1.8] | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.4) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.03) | | |
| Amitriptyline | Constipation ^{104, 111} | 431 | 11.2 [3.7] | 3.2 (1.4 to 7.1) | 0.07 (0.03 to 0.12) | 14 (8 to 40) | 74 (25 to 123) |
| Amitriptyline | Nausea ^{104, 111} | 431 | 2.8 [2.3] | 1.2 (0.4 to 4.1) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.03) | NS | NS |
| Femoxetine | Adverse events: Any ^{113, 114} | 124 | 23.0 [6.3] | 4.4 (1.3 to 14.6) | 0.17 (0.05 to 0.29) | 6 (3 to 21) | 167 (48 to 286) |
| Femoxetine | Nausea ^{113, 114} | 124 | 3.3 [0.0] | 3.2 (0.3 to 31.5) | 0.03 (-0.03 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Fluoxetine | Adverse events ^{116, 117, 119} | 195 | 56.9 [45.3] | 2.1 (1.0 to 4.2) | 0.12 (0.01 to 0.24) | 8 (4 to 200) | 121 (5 to 238) |
| Fluoxetine | Insomnia ^{117, 119} | 163 | 20.4 [15.7] | 1.5 (0.6 to 3.4) | 0.06 (-0.03 to 0.15) | NS | NS |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D143. Strength of evidence of treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (evidence from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Reference | Drug | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--|------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ | Atenolol | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| van de Ven, 1997 ¹⁰¹ | Bisoprolol | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ | Metoprolol | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ | Nadolol | Low | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ | Pindolol (LB-46) | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |

Appendix Table D144. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials

| Reference Risk of Bias | Drug and Dose | Outcome | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome with Drug, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome with Placebo, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Johannsson, 1987 ⁹⁹ Medium | Atenolol 100mg | Withdrawal due to side effects | 0/72 [0.0%] | 3/72 [4.2%] | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | -0.04 (-0.09 to 0.0) |
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ Medium | Atenolol 100mg/day | Withdrawal due to mood alternations and increased tiredness | 1/24 [4.2%] | 0/24 [0.0%] | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.2) | 0.04 (-0.07 to 0.1) |
| Forssman, 1982 ⁹⁵ Forssman, 1983 ⁹⁶ Medium | Atenolol 100mg/day | Withdrawal due to intolerable increase of headache attack | 0/24 [0.0%] | 1/24 [4.2%] | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.8) | -0.04 (-0.15 to 0.1) |
| van de Ven, 1997 ¹⁰¹ Medium | Bisoprolol 5mg/day Bisoprolol 10mg/day | Dropped out of the study due to adverse effects | 4/74 [5.4%] 7/77 [9.1%] | 2/37 [5.3%] 2/38 [5.3%] | 1.0 (0.2 to 5.2) 1.7 (0.4 to 7.9) | 0.00 (-0.09 to 0.1) 0.04 (-0.06 to 0.1) |
| Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 200mg/day thereafter | Discontinued due to side-effects | 1/34 [2.9%] | 1/37 [2.7%] | 1.1 (0.1 to 16.7) | 0.00 (-0.07 to 0.1) |
| Freitag, 1984 ⁹⁸ Low | Nadolol 80mg to 240mg/day | Discontinued due to bradycardia | 1/24 [4.2%] | 0/8 [0.0%] | 1.1 (0.0 to 24.2) | 0.04 (-0.13 to 0.2) |
| Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ Medium | Pindolol (LB-46) 7.5 to 15mg | Discontinued due to side-effects | 3/28 [10.7%] | 0/28 [0.0%] | 7.0 (0.4 to 129.5) | 0.11 (-0.02 to 0.2) |

Appendix Table D145. Adverse effects with beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Active Drug | Outcome, Reference | Sample | Rate with Drug [Placebo] | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|-------------------|--|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Atenolol | Tiredness, diffuse ^{62, 95} | 118 | 5.1 [0.0] | 4.2 (0.4 to 38.8) | 0.04 (-0.02 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Metoprolol | Fatigue ^{97, 102} | 91 | 18.2 [4.3] | 4.6 (0.9 to 24.4) | 0.14 (0.02 to 0.27) | 7 (4 to 67) | 141 (15 to 268) |
| Metoprolol | Sleep disturbances ^{97, 100} | 225 | 9.9 [4.4] | 2.3 (0.6 to 9.1) | 0.05 (0.00 to 0.11) | 19 (9 to 1000) | 54 (1 to 106) |
| Metoprolol | Gastrointestinal disturbances ^{97, 102} | 91 | 2.3 [12.8] | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.3) | -0.10 (-0.20 to 0.01) | NS | NS |

Bold = significant differences at 95% CI when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D146. Comparative safety of topiramate vs. onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Adverse Effects | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized with Onabotulinumtoxin A | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|---|
| Nausea | Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ Medium | 6/30 | 13/29 | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.0) | -0.25 (-0.48 to -0.02) |
| Mood swing | Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ Medium | 6/30 | 4/29 | 1.5 (0.5 to 4.6) | 0.06 (-0.13 to 0.25) |
| Difficulty concentrating or with memory | Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ Medium | 11/30 | 13/29 | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.5) | -0.08 (-0.33 to 0.17) |
| Mild fatigue | Cady, 2011 ¹⁶³ Medium | 15/30 | 16/29 | 0.9 (0.6 to 1.5) | -0.05 (-0.31 to 0.20) |
| Cognitive deficits (probable) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 0/30 | 0/30 | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (0.00 to 0.00) |
| Dry mouth/thirst (definite) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 1/30 | 0/30 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.8) | 0.03 (-0.05 to 0.12) |
| Sleepiness/tiredness/fatigue/dizziness (probable) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 1/30 | 1/30 | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.3) | 0.00 (-0.09 to 0.09) |
| Depression/mood disturbance (probable) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 1/30 | 0/30 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.8) | 0.03 (-0.05 to 0.12) |
| Appetite/weight loss (probable) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 1/30 | 0/30 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.8) | 0.03 (-0.05 to 0.12) |
| Night sweats (probable) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 1/30 | 0/30 | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.8) | 0.03 (-0.05 to 0.12) |
| Night sweats (definite) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 2/30 | 0/30 | 5.0 (0.3 to 100.0) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.17) |
| Blurred vision/vision problems (definite) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 2/30 | 0/30 | 5.0 (0.3 to 100.0) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.17) |
| Blurred vision/vision problems (probable) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 2/30 | 0/30 | 5.0 (0.3 to 100.0) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.17) |
| Sleepiness/tiredness/fatigue/dizziness (definite) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 3/30 | 2/30 | 1.5 (0.3 to 8.3) | 0.03 (-0.11 to 0.17) |
| Dry mouth/thirst (probable) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 3/30 | 0/30 | 7.0 (0.4 to 129.9) | 0.10 (-0.02 to 0.22) |
| Depression/mood disturbance (definite) | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 5/30 | 0/30 | 11.0 (0.6 to 190.5) | 0.17 (0.03 to 0.31) |
| Appetite/weight loss (definite) | Mathew, 2009¹⁶¹ High | 8/30 | 0/30 | 17.0 (1.0 to 281.9) | 0.27 (0.10 to 0.43) |
| Paresthesia (probable) | Mathew, 2009¹⁶¹ High | 11/30 | 0/30 | 23.0 (1.4 to 373.5) | 0.37 (0.19 to 0.54) |

Appendix Table D146. Comparative safety of topiramate vs. onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effects | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized with Onabotulinumtoxin A | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------|---|
| Paresthesia (definite) | Mathew, 2009¹⁶¹ High | 14/30 | 3/30 | 4.7 (1.5 to 14.6) | 0.37 (0.16 to 0.57) |
| Cognitive deficits (definite) | Mathew, 2009¹⁶¹ High | 15/30 | 0/30 | 31.0 (1.9 to 495.6) | 0.50 (0.32 to 0.68) |
| Drug-related adverse effects | Mathew, 2009¹⁶¹ High | 25/30 | 18/30 | 1.4 (1.0 to 1.9) | 0.23 (0.01 to 0.45) |
| Probable/possible drug-related | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 26/30 | 22/30 | 1.2 (0.9 to 1.5) | 0.13 (-0.07 to 0.33) |
| All adverse effects | Mathew, 2009 ¹⁶¹ High | 28/30 | 26/30 | 1.1 (0.9 to 1.3) | 0.07 (-0.08 to 0.22) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D147. Comparative safety of divalproex sodium vs. onabotulinumtoxin A for migraine prevention in adults (results from a single medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)¹⁶⁴

| Adverse Effect | Events/ Randomized with Divalproex | Events/ Randomized with Onabotulinumtoxin A | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ptosis, eyelid (possibly related to treatment) | 0/29 | 8/30 | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.0) | -0.27 (-0.43 to -0.10) |
| Ptosis, eyebrow (possibly related to treatment) | 0/29 | 5/30 | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.6) | -0.17 (-0.31 to -0.02) |
| Headache intensity/frequency increase (possibly related to treatment) | 0/29 | 2/30 | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | -0.07 (-0.17 to 0.04) |
| Vision disturbance (possibly related to treatment) | 2/29 | 1/30 | 2.1 (0.2 to 21.6) | 0.04 (-0.08 to 0.15) |
| Dizziness (possibly related to treatment) | 2/29 | 0/30 | 5.2 (0.3 to 103.2) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) |
| Infection, viral (possibly related to treatment) | 2/29 | 0/30 | 5.2 (0.3 to 103.2) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) |
| Numbness (possibly related to treatment) | 2/29 | 0/30 | 5.2 (0.3 to 103.2) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) |
| Pruritis (possibly related to treatment) | 2/29 | 0/30 | 5.2 (0.3 to 103.2) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) |
| Tinnitus (possibly related to treatment) | 2/29 | 0/30 | 5.2 (0.3 to 103.2) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) |
| Tremors (possibly related to treatment) | 3/29 | 0/30 | 7.2 (0.4 to 134.2) | 0.10 (-0.02 to 0.23) |
| Other gastrointestinal discomfort (possibly related to treatment) | 3/29 | 0/30 | 7.2 (0.4 to 134.2) | 0.10 (-0.02 to 0.23) |
| Sleepiness (possibly related to treatment) | 4/29 | 0/30 | 9.3 (0.5 to 165.4) | 0.14 (0.00 to 0.27) |
| Weight gain (possibly related to treatment) | 4/29 | 1/30 | 4.1 (0.5 to 34.9) | 0.10 (-0.04 to 0.25) |
| Fatigue (possibly related to treatment) | 5/29 | 0/30 | 11.4 (0.7 to 196.7) | 0.17 (0.03 to 0.32) |
| Hair loss (possibly related to treatment) | 5/29 | 1/30 | 5.2 (0.6 to 41.6) | 0.14 (-0.01 to 0.29) |
| Nausea (possibly related to treatment) | 9/29 | 1/30 | 9.3 (1.3 to 68.9) | 0.28 (0.10 to 0.46) |
| Related to treatment adverse effect | 18/29 | 12/30 | 1.6 (0.9 to 2.6) | 0.22 (-0.03 to 0.47) |
| Possibly related to treatment adverse effect | 22/29 | 15/30 | 1.5 (1.0 to 2.3) | 0.26 (0.02 to 0.50) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0.
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D148. Comparative safety of amitriptyline vs. botulinum toxin type A for migraine prevention in adults (results from a single high risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial)¹⁶²

| Adverse Effect | Events/ Randomized with Amitriptyline | Events/ Randomized with Botulinum | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Constipation | 14/37 | 0/35 | 27.5 (1.7 to 443.8) | 0.38 (0.22 to 0.54) |
| Dry mouth | 16/37 | 5/35 | 3.0 (1.2 to 7.4) | 0.29 (0.09 to 0.49) |
| Somnolence | 19/37 | 1/35 | 18.0 (2.5 to 127.2) | 0.48 (0.31 to 0.66) |
| Weight gain | 22/37 | 4/35 | 5.2 (2.0 to 13.6) | 0.48 (0.29 to 0.67) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D149. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs compared to each other, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active vs. Control Drug | Adverse Effect that Resulted in Treatment Discontinuation | Reference Risk of Bias | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Topiramate vs. Amitriptyline | Fatigue | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Risk of bias Low | 1.4 (0.4 to 5.0) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) |
| Topiramate vs. Amitriptyline | Hypesthesia | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Risk of bias Low | 6.6 (0.3 to 127.7) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04) |
| Topiramate vs. Amitriptyline | Dizziness | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Risk of bias Low | 6.6 (0.3 to 127.7) | 0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04) |
| Topiramate vs. Lamotrigine | Any adverse event | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Risk of bias Low | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.8) | 0.00 (-0.08 to 0.08) |
| Topiramate vs. Histamine | Any adverse event | Millan-Guerrero, 200¹⁶⁹ Risk of bias Low | 21.0 (1.3 to 347.9) | 0.22 (0.10 to 0.35) |
| Topiramate vs. Levetiracetam | Somnolence (drowsiness) and sedation | de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ Risk of bias Medium | 3.4 (0.2 to 77.6) | 0.08 (-0.11 to 0.26) |
| Propranolol vs. Nadolol | Any adverse event | Sudilovsky, 1987 ¹⁹¹ Risk of bias Medium | 2.1 (0.4 to 11.1) | 0.05 (-0.05 to 0.15) |
| Amitriptyline vs. Dihydroergotamine | Any adverse event | Bonuso, 1983 ¹⁵⁹ Risk of bias Medium | 1.4 (0.3 to 7.7) | 0.04 (-0.16 to 0.24) |
| Clomipramine vs. Metoprolol | Severe | Langohr, 1985¹⁸⁴ Risk of bias Medium | 37.0 (2.3 to 600.9) | 0.29 (0.17 to 0.40) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Any adverse event | Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ Risk of bias Medium | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.6) | -0.15 (-0.32 to 0.01) |
| Metoprolol vs. Bisoprolol | Any adverse event | Worz, 1991 ¹⁸⁶ Risk of bias Medium | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.8) | -0.04 (-0.12 to 0.05) |
| Metoprolol vs. Nebivolol | Any adverse event | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Risk of bias Medium | 1.1 (0.1 to 16.6) | 0.01 (-0.17 to 0.19) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | Drowsiness | Grotmeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ Risk of bias Medium | 5.0 (0.3 to 99.7) | 0.07 (-0.04 to 0.18) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | Gastrointestinal side-effects | Grotmeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.6) | -0.18 (-0.33 to -0.03) |
| Metoprolol vs. Clonidine | Discontinued due to adverse event and/or lack of efficacy | Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.0) | -0.13 (-0.26 to 0.00) |
| Dihydroergocryptine vs. Dihydroergotamine | Gastric pain | Frediani, 1991 ²⁴⁰ Risk of bias Medium | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | -0.07 (-0.17 to 0.04) |
| Dihydroergocryptine vs. Dihydroergotamine | Nausea(severe) | Frediani, 1991 ²⁴⁰ Risk of bias Medium | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.0) | -0.07 (-0.17 to 0.04) |

Appendix Table D149. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs compared to each other, results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active vs. Control Drug | Adverse Effect that Resulted in Treatment Discontinuation | Reference Risk of Bias | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dihydroergocryptine vs. Dihydroergotamine | Skin rash(severe) | Frediani, 1991 ²⁴⁰ Risk of bias Medium | 3.0 (0.1 to 70.8) | 0.03 (-0.05 to 0.12) |
| Lisuride vs. Lisuride | Gastric pain and feeling badly | Bisceglia, 1990 ²⁴¹ Risk of bias Medium | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.7) | -0.05 (-0.18 to 0.08) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Any adverse event | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.4 (0.3 to 0.7) | -0.22 (-0.33 to -0.11) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Tiredness | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.6) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.01) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Dizziness | Hermann, 1977¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.6) | -0.11 (-0.17 to -0.04) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Paresthesia | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.6) | -0.03 (-0.07 to 0.01) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Somnolence (Drowsiness) | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.8) | -0.01 (-0.06 to 0.04) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Tachycardia | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.9) | -0.03 (-0.07 to 0.00) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Vomiting | Hermann, 1977¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.4) | -0.13 (-0.20 to -0.07) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Eye pain | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.6) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.01) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Gastro-intestinal | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.5) | -0.04 (-0.10 to 0.03) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Nausea | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.7) | -0.12 (-0.19 to -0.04) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Neuralgia | Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ Risk of bias Medium | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.3) | -0.05 (-0.09 to -0.01) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D150. Discontinuation due to treatment failure with topiramate versus other drugs for migraine prevention in adults

| Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 2/178 [1.1] | 0/169 [0.0] | 4.7 (0.2 to 98.2) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) |
| Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 1/60 [1.7] | 1/60 [1.7] | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.6) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D151. Adverse effects with preventive drugs compared to each other, pooled with random effects models results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active | Control | Definition of the Outcome, References | Sample | % with Active [Control] | Pooled Relative Risk (95% CI) | Pooled Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Metoprolol | Bisoprolol | Adverse events ^{186, 187} | 406 | 18.2 [22.7] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.2) | -0.04 (-0.12 to 0.04) | NS | NS |
| Timolol | Propranolol | Adverse events: Total ^{60, 61} | 242 | 38.0 [33.9] | 1.1 (0.8 to 1.6) | 0.04 (-0.08 to 0.16) | NS | NS |
| Propranolol | Femoxetine | Gastric distress ^{77, 177} | 107 | 1.9 [3.8] | 0.6 (0.1 to 4.8) | -0.02 (-0.09 to 0.05) | NS | NS |
| Propranolol | Femoxetine | Palpitations ^{77, 177} | 107 | 7.4 [1.9] | 3.0 (0.5 to 18.0) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.13) | NS | NS |
| Propranolol | Femoxetine | Exanthema ^{77, 177} | 107 | 7.4 [3.8] | 1.9 (0.3 to 10.6) | 0.03 (-0.06 to 0.11) | NS | NS |
| Propranolol | Femoxetine | Dizziness ^{77, 177} | 107 | 20.4 [7.5] | 2.7 (0.9 to 8.1) | 0.10 (-0.13 to 0.34) | NS | NS |
| Propranolol | Femoxetine | Tiredness^{77, 177} | 107 | 31.5 [9.4] | 3.3 (0.8 to 13.7) | 0.23 (0.09 to 0.37) | 4 (3 to 11) | 230 (87 to 374) |
| Propranolol | Femoxetine | Sleep disturbances ^{77, 177} | 107 | 11.1 [3.8] | 2.7 (0.5 to 14.2) | 0.06 (-0.08 to 0.19) | NS | NS |
| Propranolol | Femoxetine | Feeling unwell ^{77, 177} | 107 | 5.6 [7.5] | 0.8 (0.1 to 5.1) | -0.03 (-0.14 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Timolol | Propranolol | Depression ^{60, 61} | 242 | 1.7 [3.3] | 0.6 (0.1 to 2.6) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.03) | NS | NS |
| Timolol | Propranolol | Fatigue/tiredness ^{60, 61} | 242 | 19.8 [11.6] | 1.7 (0.9 to 3.2) | 0.08 (-0.01 to 0.17) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Adverse events: Any ^{170, 172} | 399 | 82.7 [87.3] | 1.0 (0.9 to 1.0) | -0.04 (-0.11 to 0.02) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Valproate | Hair loss ^{167, 232} | 134 | 0.0 [4.5] | 0.3 (0.0 to 2.2) | -0.04 (-0.10 to 0.02) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Weight increase^{172, 242} | 383 | 3.6 [18.7] | 0.1 (0.0 to 3.7) | -0.14 (-0.19 to -0.09) | -7 (-11 to -5) | -140 (-192 to -88) |
| Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Paresthesia^{170, 172} | 399 | 30.4 [4.1] | 6.7 (3.4 to 13.5) | 0.26 (0.19 to 0.33) | 4 (3 to 5) | 261 (192 to 331) |
| Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Weight decrease (loss)^{172, 242} | 383 | 23.8 [4.0] | 6.3 (2.9 to 13.4) | 0.24 (0.06 to 0.42) | 4 (2 to 16) | 242 (61 to 423) |
| Topiramate | Valproate | Weight increase (gain) ^{167, 232} | 134 | 0.0 [19.4] | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.7) | -0.19 (-0.47 to 0.09) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Valproate | Somnolence ^{167, 232, 243} | 210 | 13.1 [10.7] | 0.7 (0.1 to 4.0) | -0.06 (-0.28 to 0.16) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Valproate | Paresthesia ^{167, 232, 243} | 210 | 24.3 [4.9] | 4.3 (0.3 to 56.0) | 0.17 (-0.01 to 0.34) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Valproate | Weight decrease (loss)^{167, 232} | 134 | 11.9 [0.0] | 8.3 (1.1 to 65.1) | 0.24 (0.06 to 0.42) | 4 (2 to 16) | 242 (61 to 423) |
| Metoprolol | Aspirin | Diastolic blood pressure ^{185, 188} | 326 | 0.6 [0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 73.0) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Constipation ^{170, 172} | 399 | 3.0 [13.6] | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.5) | -0.25 (-0.65 to 0.16) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Amitriptyline | Hyperesthesia ¹⁷² | 399 | 9.4 [10.8] | 0.4 (0.0 to 29.7) | -0.23 (-0.82 to 0.37) | NS | NS |
| Topiramate | Valproate | Weight decrease (loss) ^{167, 170, 232} | 134 | 11.9 [0.0] | 6.3 (2.9 to 13.4) | 0.11 (-0.02 to 0.24) | NS | NS |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval; NS= not significant; Number needed to treat and number of attributable events were calculated for statistically significant differences

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Abnormal vision | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 9/178 [5.1] | 9/169 [5.3] | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.3) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.04) |
| Anorexia | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 12/178 [6.7] | 8/169 [4.7] | 1.4 (0.6 to 3.4) | 0.02 (-0.03 to 0.07) |
| Anorexia | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 1/60 [1.7] | 1/60 [1.7] | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.6) | 0.00 (-0.05 to 0.05) |
| Constipation | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 6/178 [3.4] | 14/169 [8.3] | 0.4 (0.2 to 1.0) | -0.05 (-0.10 to 0.00) |
| Constipation | Topiramate 200mg (Initiated at a dose of 25mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 25mg/day to a maximum dose of 200mg) | Amitriptyline 150mg (Initiated at a dose of 10mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 10-25mg/day to a maximum dose of 150mg/day) | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 0/24 [0.0] | 13/28 [45.4] | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.7) | -0.46 (-0.65 to -0.27) |
| Coughing | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 9/178 [5.1] | 7/169 [4.1] | 1.2 (0.5 to 3.2) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) |

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| | titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | | | | | |
| Difficulty with concentration/attention | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 12/178 [6.7] | 5/169 [3.0] | 2.3 (0.8 to 6.3) | 0.04 (-0.01 to 0.08) |
| Distal paresthesia | Topiramate 100mg BD | Levetiracetam 1000mg BD | de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ Medium | 7/13 [53.8] | 0/15 [0.0] | 17.1 (1.1 to 274.0) | 0.54 (0.26 to 0.81) |
| Dizziness | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 15/178 [8.4] | 18/169 [10.7] | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.5) | -0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04) |
| Drowsiness | Topiramate 100mg BD | Levetiracetam 1000mg BD | de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ Medium | 3/13 [23.1] | 0/15 [0.0] | 8.0 (0.5 to 141.8) | 0.23 (-0.01 to 0.47) |
| Dry mouth | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 12/178 [6.7] | 60/169 [35.5] | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.3) | -0.29 (-0.37 to -0.21) |
| Dyspepsia | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 9/178 [5.1] | 14/169 [8.3] | 0.6 (0.3 to 1.4) | -0.03 (-0.08 to 0.02) |

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | | | | | |
| Fatigue | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 30/178 [16.9] | 41/169 [24.3] | 0.7 (0.5 to 1.1) | -0.07 (-0.16 to 0.01) |
| Gastrointestinal intolerance | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 3/60 [5.0] | 2/60 [3.3] | 1.5 (0.3 to 8.7) | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.09) |
| Giddiness | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 2/60 [3.3] | 2/60 [3.3] | 1.0 (0.1 to 6.9) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) |
| Hair loss | Topiramate 50mg (25mg daily increment over 1 week to 50mg) | Sodium valproate 400mg (200mg daily increment over 1 week to 400mg) | Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ Medium | 0/32 [0.0] | 1/32 [3.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.9) | -0.03 (-0.11 to 0.05) |
| Headache | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 9/178 [5.1] | 0/169 [0.0] | 18.0 (1.1 to 307.6) | 0.05 (0.02 to 0.08) |
| Hyperosmia | Topiramate 200mg (Initiated at a dose of 25mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 25mg/day to a maximum dose of 200mg) | Amitriptyline 150mg (Initiated at a dose of 10mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 10-25mg/day to a maximum dose of 150mg/day) | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 0/24 [0.0] | 15/28 [54.6] | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.6) | -0.54 (-0.73 to -0.35) |
| Hypoesthesia | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 19/178 [10.7] | 6/169 [3.6] | 3.0 (1.2 to 7.3) | 0.07 (0.02 to 0.12) |

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | | | | | |
| Nausea | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 18/178 [10.1] | 12/169 [7.1] | 1.4 (0.7 to 2.9) | 0.03 (-0.03 to 0.09) |
| Palpitations | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 0/60 [0.0] | 0/60 [0.0] | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.0) | 0.00 (-0.03 to 0.03) |
| Paresthesia | Topiramate 200mg (Initiated at a dose of 25mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 25mg/day to a maximum dose of 200mg) | Amitriptyline 150mg (Initiated at a dose of 10mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 10-25mg/day to a maximum dose of 150mg/day) | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 4/24 [15.0] | 0/28 [0.0] | 10.4 (0.6 to 184.6) | 0.17 (0.01 to 0.32) |
| Paresthesia | Topiramate 200mg (Initiated at a dose of 25mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 25mg/day to a maximum dose of 200mg) | Amitriptyline 150mg (Initiated at a dose of 10mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 10-25mg/day to a maximum dose of 150mg/day) | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 8/24 [35.0] | 0/28 [0.0] | 19.7 (1.2 to 324.8) | 0.33 (0.14 to 0.52) |
| Paresthesia | Topiramate 200mg (Initiated at a dose of 25mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 25mg/day to a maximum dose of 200mg) | Amitriptyline 150mg (Initiated at a dose of 10mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 10-25mg/day to a maximum dose of 150mg/day) | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 10/24 [40.0] | 0/28 [0.0] | 24.4 (1.5 to 395.1) | 0.42 (0.22 to 0.62) |

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Paresthesia | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 53/178 [29.8] | 8/169 [4.7] | 6.3 (3.1 to 12.8) | 0.25 (0.18 to 0.32) |
| Paresthesia | Topiramate 50mg (25mg daily increment over 1 week to 50mg) | Sodium valproate 400mg (200mg daily increment over 1 week to 400mg) | Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ Medium | 3/32 [9.4] | 0/32 [0.0] | 7.0 (0.4 to 130.3) | 0.09 (-0.02 to 0.21) |
| Paresthesia | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 3/60 [5.0] | 2/60 [3.3] | 1.5 (0.3 to 8.7) | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.09) |
| Paresthesia | Topiramate 25mg/day, gradually titrated up to 100mg/day | Zonisamide 50mg/day, gradually titrated up to 200mg/day | Mohammadiani nejad, 2011 ¹⁷³ Medium | 9/40 [22.5] | 0/40 [0.0] | 19.0 (1.1 to 315.8) | 0.23 (0.09 to 0.36) |
| Paresthesia and weight loss | Topiramate 50mg (25mg daily increment over 1 week to 50mg) | Sodium valproate 400mg (200mg daily increment over 1 week to 400mg) | Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ Medium | 8/32 [25.0] | 0/32 [0.0] | 17.0 (1.0 to 282.7) | 0.25 (0.10 to 0.40) |
| Pharyngitis | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 8/178 [4.5] | 11/169 [6.5] | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.7) | -0.02 (-0.07 to 0.03) |
| Rash | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 0/60 [0.0] | 2/60 [3.3] | 0.2 (0.0 to 4.1) | -0.03 (-0.09 to 0.02) |
| Sedation and dizziness in the first days of therapy | Topiramate 100mg BD | Levetiracetam 1000mg BD | de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ Medium | 0/13 [0.0] | 5/15 [33.3] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.7) | -0.33 (-0.59 to -0.08) |
| Sinusitis | Topiramate 100mg (The starting | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 14/178 [7.9] | 18/169 [10.7] | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.4) | -0.03 (-0.09 to 0.03) |

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | | | | | |
| Sleepiness and concentration difficulty | Topiramate 25mg BD | Lamotrigine 25mg BD | Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ Low | 3/60 [5.0] | 2/60 [3.3] | 1.5 (0.3 to 8.7) | 0.02 (-0.05 to 0.09) |
| Somnolence | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 21/178 [11.8] | 30/169 [17.8] | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.1) | -0.06 (-0.13 to 0.02) |
| Somnolence | Topiramate 50mg (25mg daily increment over 1 week to 50mg) | Sodium valproate 400mg (200mg daily increment over 1 week to 400mg) | Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ Medium | 0/32 [0.0] | 1/32 [3.1] | 0.3 (0.0 to 7.9) | -0.03 (-0.11 to 0.05) |
| Taste perversion | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 10/178 [5.6] | 6/169 [3.6] | 1.6 (0.6 to 4.3) | 0.02 (-0.02 to 0.06) |
| Upper respiratory tract infection | Topiramate 100m g(The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 14/178 [7.9] | 11/169 [6.5] | 1.2 0.6 to 2.6) | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.07) |
| Viral infection | Topiramate 100mg (The starting | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 14/178 [7.9] | 11/169 [6.5] | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.6) | 0.01 (-0.04 to 0.07) |

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| | dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | | | | | |
| Weight gain | Topiramate 200mg(Initiated at a dose of 25mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 25mg/day to a maximum dose of 200mg) | Amitriptyline 150mg (Initiated at a dose of 10mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 10-25mg/day to a maximum dose of 150mg/day) | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 0/24 [0.0] | 8/28 [27.3] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.1) | -0.29 (-0.46 to -0.11) |
| Weight gain | Topiramate 50mg (25mg daily increment over 1 week to 50mg) | Sodium valproate 400mg (200mg daily increment over 1 week to 400mg) | Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ Risk of bias Medium | 0/32 [0.0] | 11/32 [34.4] | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.7) | -0.34 (-0.51 to -0.18) |
| Weight increase | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 0/178 [0.0] | 23/169 [13.6] | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.3) | -0.14 (-0.19 to -0.08) |
| Weight loss | Topiramate 50mg (25mg daily increment over 1 week to 50mg) | Sodium valproate 400mg (200mg daily increment over 1 week to 400mg) | Shaygannejad, 2006 ¹⁶⁷ Medium | 6/32 [18.8] | 0/32 [0.0] | 13.0 (0.8 to 221.5) | 0.19 (0.05 to 0.33) |
| Weight loss | Topiramate 100mg BD | Levetiracetam 1000mg BD | de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ Medium | 8/13 [61.5] | 0/15 [0.0] | 19.4 (1.2 to 307.1) | 0.62 (0.35 to 0.89) |
| <1% decrease to <1% increase from baseline | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Risk of bias Low | 33/178 [18.7] | 28/169 [16.5] | 1.1 (0.7 to 1.8) | 0.02 (-0.06 to 0.10) |

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | the maximum tolerated dose)) | | | | | |
| ≥1% loss of body weight during the study | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 115/178 [64.4] | 32/169 [19.0] | 3.4 (2.5 to 4.7) | 0.46 (0.36 to 0.55) |
| ≥1% to <5% weight decrease from baseline | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made u to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 61/178 [34.5] | 27/169 [15.8] | 2.1 (1.4 to 3.2) | 0.18 (0.09 to 0.27) |
| ≥1% to 5% increase in weight from baseline | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 23/178 [12.9] | 61/169 [36.1] | 0.4 (0.2 to 0.6) | -0.23 (-0.32 to -0.14) |
| ≥10% increase in weight from baseline | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 1/178 [0.6] | 15/169 [8.9] | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.5) | -0.08 (-0.13 to -0.04) |

Appendix Table D152. Comparative safety of topiramate for migraine prevention in adults (individual randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ≥10% weight decrease from baseline | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ^{1/2} Low | 16/178 [8.8] | 0/169 [0.0] | 31.3 (1.9 to 518.3) | 0.09 (0.05 to 0.13) |
| ≥5% loss of body weight during the study | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ^{1/2} Low | 53/178 [29.9] | 5/169 [3.2] | 10.1 (4.1 to 24.6) | 0.27 (0.20 to 0.34) |
| ≥5% to 10% increase in weight from baseline | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ^{1/2} Low | 6/178 [3.5] | 33/169 [19.6] | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.4) | -0.16 (-0.23 to -0.10) |
| ≥5% to <10% weight decrease from baseline | Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ^{1/2} Low | 38/178 [21.1] | 5/169 [3.2] | 7.2 (2.9 to 17.9) | 0.18 (0.12 to 0.25) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D153. Adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs compared to each other, significant results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active vs. Control Drug | Adverse Effect | Risk of Bias Reference | Sample | % with Active [Control] Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Topiramate vs. Amitriptyline | Dry mouth | Low Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² | 347 | 6.7 [35.5] | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.3) | -0.29 (-0.37 to -0.21) | -3 (-5 to -3) | -288 (-369 to -207) |
| Topiramate vs. Amitriptyline | Headache | Low Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² | 347 | 5.1 [0.0] | 18.0 (1.1 to 307.6) | 0.05 (0.02 to 0.08) | 20 (12 to 60) | 51 (17 to 84) |
| Topiramate vs. Propranolol | Paresthesia | Low Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² | 288 | 56.3 [11.8] | 4.8 (3.0 to 7.6) | 0.44 (0.35 to 0.54) | 2 (2 to 3) | 444 (348 to 541) |
| Topiramate vs. Levetiracetam | Paresthesia | Medium de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ | 28 | 53.8 [0.0] | 17.1 (1.1 to 274.0) | 0.54 (0.26 to 0.81) | 2 (1 to 4) | 538 (264 to 813) |
| Topiramate vs. Propranolol | Concentration/attention: Difficult | Low Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | 288 | 15.3 [4.9] | 3.1 (1.4 to 7.1) | 0.10 (0.04 to 0.17) | 10 (6 to 28) | 104 (36 to 173) |
| Topiramate vs. Propranolol | Weight decrease | Low Diener, 2004 ⁴³ | 288 | 9.0 [0.0] | 27.0 (1.6 to 449.9) | 0.09 (0.04 to 0.14) | 11 (7 to 24) | 90 (42 to 139) |
| Topiramate vs. Levetiracetam | Sedation and dizziness | Medium de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ | 28 | 0.0 [33.3] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.7) | -0.33 (-0.59 to -0.08) | -3 (-12 to -2) | -333 (-586 to -81) |
| Topiramate vs. Levetiracetam | Weight decrease (loss) | Medium de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ | 28 | 61.5 [0.0] | 19.4 (1.2 to 307.1) | 0.62 (0.35 to 0.89) | 2 (1 to 3) | 615 (346 to 885) |
| Propranolol LA (+ placebo) vs. Atenolol | Physical capacity: reduced | Medium Stensrud, 1980 ⁶² | 70 | 17.1 [2.9] | 6.0 (0.8 to 47.3) | 0.14 (0.01 to 0.28) | 7 (4 to 158) | 143 (6 to 279) |
| Propranolol vs. Clonidine | Insomnia | Medium Kass, 1980 ⁶⁹ | 46 | 21.7 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 188.1) | 0.22 (0.04 to 0.39) | 5 (3 to 25) | 217 (40 to 395) |
| Propranolol vs. Femoxetine | Mental disorder | Medium Andersson, 1981 ¹⁷⁷ | 49 | 40.0 [4.2] | 9.6 (1.3 to 69.4) | 0.36 (0.15 to 0.57) | 3 (2 to 7) | 358 (150 to 566) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Adverse events (Moderate-Severe):Any | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 65.0 [90.0] | 0.7 (0.5 to 1.0) | -0.25 (-0.50 to 0.00) | -4 (-328 to -2) | -250 (-497 to -3) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Dizziness | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 15.0 [65.0] | 0.2 (0.1 to 0.7) | -0.50 (-0.76 to -0.24) | -2 (-4 to -1) | -500 (-761 to -239) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Dizziness: Moderate-Severe | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 5.0 [40.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.9) | -0.35 (-0.58 to -0.12) | -3 (-9 to -2) | -350 (-585 to -115) |
| Propranolol vs. | Fatigue: Total | High | 40 | 45.0 [0.0] | 19.0 | 0.45 | 2 (1 to 4) | 450 |

Appendix Table D153. Adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs compared to each other, significant results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active vs. Control Drug | Adverse Effect | Risk of Bias Reference | Sample | % with Active [Control] Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|----------------------------|---|--|--------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Nifedipine | | Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | | | (1.2 to 305.9) | (0.23 to 0.67) | | (227 to 673) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Fatigue: Moderate-Severe | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 45.0 [0.0] | 19.0 (1.2 to 305.9) | 0.45 (0.23 to 0.67) | 2 (1 to 4) | 450 (227 to 673) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Shakiness: Total | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 0.0 [20.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.9) | -0.20 (-0.39 to -0.01) | -5 (-78 to -3) | -200 (-387 to -13) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Concentration decreased | High 2654067 | 40 | 0.0 [20.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.9) | -0.20 (-0.39 to -0.01) | -5 (-78 to -3) | -200 (-387 to -13) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Tachycardia | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 0.0 [30.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.3) | -0.30 (-0.51 to -0.09) | -3 (-11 to -2) | -300 (-508 to -92) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Nausea | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 0.0 [30.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.3) | -0.30 (-0.51 to -0.09) | -3 (-11 to -2) | -300 (-508 to -92) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Warm, swollen red legs: Moderate-Severe | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 0.0 [30.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.3) | -0.30 (-0.51 to -0.09) | -3 (-11 to -2) | -300 (-508 to -92) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Warm, swollen red legs: Total | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 0.0 [45.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.8) | -0.45 (-0.67 to -0.23) | -2 (-4 to -1) | -450 (-673 to -227) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Facial flushing | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 0.0 [30.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.3) | -0.30 (-0.51 to -0.09) | -3 (-11 to -2) | -300 (-508 to -92) |
| Propranolol vs. Nifedipine | Facial flushing: Moderate-Severe | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 40 | 0.0 [20.0] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.9) | 0(-0.39 to -0.01) | -5 (-78 to -3) | -200 (-387 to -13) |
| Metoprolol vs. Nebivolol | Adverse events: Moderate | Medium Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ | 30 | 85.7 [37.5] | 2.3 (1.2 to 4.5) | 0.48 (0.18 to 0.78) | 2 (1 to 5) | 482 (182 to 782) |
| Metoprolol vs. Nebivolol | Fatigue | Medium Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ | 30 | 78.6 [43.8] | 1.8 (1.0 to 3.3) | 0.35 (0.02 to 0.67) | 3 (1 to 42) | 348 (24 to 673) |
| Metoprolol vs. Nebivolol | Bradycardia | Medium Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ | 30 | 35.7 [6.3] | 5.7 (0.8 to 43.2) | 0.2 9(0.02 to 0.57) | 3 (2 to 59) | 295 (17 to 572) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | Adverse events | Low Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | 270 | 73.3 [37.8] | 1.9 (1.5 to 2.5) | 0.36 (0.24 to 0.47) | 3 (2 to 4) | 356 (245 to 466) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | Autonomic nervous system disorders | Low Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | 270 | 8.1 [0.0] | 23.0 (1.4 to 386.4) | 0.08 (0.03 to 0.13) | 12 (8 to 30) | 81 (34 to 129) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | Body as a whole general disorders | Low Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | 270 | 8.1 [2.2] | 3.7 (1.0 to 12.9) | 0.06 (0.01 to 0.11) | 17 (9 to 146) | 59 (7 to 112) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | Psychiatric disorders | Low Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | 270 | 11.9 [1.5] | 8.0 (1.9 to 34.1) | 0.10 (0.05 to 0.16) | 10 (6 to 22) | 104 (45 to 162) |

Appendix Table D153. Adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs compared to each other, significant results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active vs. Control Drug | Adverse Effect | Risk of Bias Reference | Sample | % with Active [Control] Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | Vascular disorders | Low Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | 270 | 3.7 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 197.0) | 0.04 (0.00 to 0.07) | 27 (14 to 416) | 37 (2 to 72) |
| Metoprolol vs. Aspirin | Skin and appendices disorders | Low Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ | 270 | 6.7 [1.5] | 4.5 (1.0 to 20.4) | 0.05 (0.01 to 0.10) | 19 (10 to 196) | 52 (5 to 99) |
| Clomipramine vs. Metoprolol | Insomnia | Medium Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ | 126 | 23.8 [3.2] | 7.5 (1.8 to 31.4) | 0.21 (0.09 to 0.32) | 5 (3 to 11) | 206 (93 to 320) |
| Clomipramine vs. Metoprolol | Sweating | Medium Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ | 126 | 14.3 [1.6] | 9.0 (1.2 to 69.0) | 0.13 (0.04 to 0.22) | 8 (5 to 28) | 127 (35 to 219) |
| Clomipramine vs. Metoprolol | Constipation | Medium Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ | 126 | 9.5 [1.6] | 6.0 (0.7 to 48.4) | 0.08 (0.00 to 0.16) | 13 (6 to 1716) | 79 (1 to 158) |
| Femoxetine vs. propranolol | Dizziness | Medium Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | 48 | 41.7 [12.5] | 3.3 (1.0 to 10.6) | 0.29 (0.05 to 0.53) | 3 (2 to 18) | 292 (54 to 529) |
| Femoxetine vs. propranolol | Tiredness | Medium Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | 48 | 37.5 [4.2] | 9.0 (1.2 to 65.6) | 0.33 (0.12 to 0.54) | 3 (2 to 8) | 333 (124 to 543) |
| Fluoxetine vs. Amitriptyline | Adverse events, no detailed information | Medium Oguzhanoglu, 1999 ¹⁰⁷ | 47 | 40.0 [77.3] | 0.5 (0.3 to 0.9) | -0.37 (-0.63 to -0.11) | -3 (-9 to -2) | -373 (-633 to -113) |
| Nortriptyline vs. Propranolol | Sleepiness (Somnolence) | Medium Domingues, 2009 ⁷⁵ | 49 | 25.0 [4.0] | 6.3 (0.8 to 48.1) | 0.21 (0.02 to 0.40) | 5 (3 to 49) | 210 (20 to 400) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Dry mouth | Medium Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | 104 | 5.8 [69.2] | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.3) | -0.63 (-0.78 to -0.49) | -2 (-2 to -1) | -635 (-775 to -494) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Memory loss | Medium Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | 104 | 1.9 [17.3] | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.8) | -0.15 (-0.26 to -0.04) | -6 (-22 to -4) | -154 (-263 to -44) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Sedation | Medium Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | 104 | 11.5 [34.6] | 0.3 (0.1 to 0.8) | -0.23 (-0.39 to -0.08) | -4 (-13 to -3) | -231 (-387 to -75) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Concentration difficult | Medium Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | 104 | 5.8 [53.8] | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.3) | -0.48 (-0.63 to -0.33) | -2 (-3 to -2) | -481 (-630 to -331) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Orthostatic hypotension | Medium Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | 104 | 1.9 [30.8] | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.5) | -0.29 (-0.42 to -0.16) | -3 (-6 to -2) | -288 (-419 to -158) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Weight increase (gain) | Medium Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | 104 | 1.9 [15.4] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.0) | -0.13 (-0.24 to -0.03) | -7 (-34 to -4) | -135 (-240 to -30) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Weight decrease (Loss of weight) | Medium Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | 104 | 9.6 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 194.0) | 0.10 (0.01 to 0.18) | 10 (5 to 100) | 96 (10 to 182) |
| Venlafaxine vs. Amitriptyline | Blurred vision | Medium Bulut, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | 104 | 0.0 [13.5] | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.1) | -0.13 (-0.23 to -0.04) | -7 (-27 to -4) | -135 (-232 to -37) |

Appendix Table D153. Adverse effects with migraine preventive drugs compared to each other, significant results from individual randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active vs. Control Drug | Adverse Effect | Risk of Bias Reference | Sample | % with Active [Control] Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) | Number Needed to Treat to Harm (95% CI) | Attributable Events per 1000 Treated (95% CI) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|--------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Amitriptyline vs. Propranolol | Blurred vision | Medium Rafieian-Kopaei, 2005 ⁶⁴ | 105 | 66.7 [31.3] | 2.1 (1.2 to 3.8) | 0.35 (0.12 to 0.59) | 3 (2 to 8) | 354 (121 to 587) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Cold feeling | Medium Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ | 253 | 7.7 [0.0] | 19.9 (1.2 to 335.6) | 0.08 (0.03 to 0.12) | 13 (8 to 34) | 77 (29 to 125) |
| Lisuride vs. Methysergide | Muscle weakness | Medium Hermann, 1977 ¹⁵³ | 253 | 7.7 [0.0] | 19.9 (1.2 to 335.6) | 0.08 (0.03 to 0.12) | 13 (8 to 34) | 77 (29 to 125) |

Appendix Table D154. Risk of any adverse effects with topiramate vs. amitriptyline for migraine prevention in adults

| Topiramate, Daily Dose | Control Drug, Daily Dose | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Topiramate | Events/ Randomized [Rate, %] with Control Drug | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Topiramate + Amitriptyline Initial doses of topiramate 25mg/day and amitriptyline 10mg/day and this was followed by weekly increases of 25mg/day topiramate and 10mg/day amitriptyline | Amitriptyline 150mg (Initiated at a dose of 10mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 10-25mg/day to a maximum dose of 150mg/day) | Keskinbor, 2008¹⁷⁰ Medium | 9/23 [39.1] | 22/28 [78.6] | 0.5 (0.3 to 0.9) | -0.39 (-0.65 to -0.14) |
| Topiramate 200mg (Initiated at a dose of 25mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 25mg/day to a maximum dose of 200mg) | Amitriptyline 150mg (Initiated at a dose of 10mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 10-25mg/day to a maximum dose of 150mg/day) | Keskinbor, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 15/24 [62.5] | 22/28 [78.6] | 0.8 (0.6 to 1.1) | -0.16 (-0.41 to 0.09) |
| Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 121/178 [68.0] | 128/169 [75.7] | 0.9 (0.8 to 1.0) | -0.08 (-0.17 to 0.02) |
| Topiramate 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25mg/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Amitriptyline 100mg (The starting dosage was 25mg/d for 7 days. Weekly dose titrations of 25m/d were made up to 50mg BID (or the maximum tolerated dose)) | Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² Low | 152/178 [85.4] | 150/169 [88.8] | 1.0 (0.9 to 1.0) | -0.03 (-0.10 to 0.04) |
| Topiramate 200mg (Initiated at a dose of 25mg/day and increased in weekly increments of 25mg/day to a maximum dose of 200mg) | Topiramate + Amitriptyline Initial doses of topiramate 25mg/day and amitriptyline 10mg/day and this was followed by weekly increases of 25mg/day topiramate and 10mg/day amitriptyline | Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ Medium | 15/24 [62.5] | 9/23 [39.1] | 1.6 (0.9 to 2.9) | 0.23 (-0.04 to 0.51) |

Bold = significant difference at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D155. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with propranolol for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Active Treatment | Events/ Randomized with Control Treatment | Rate, % with Active [Control] Treatment | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------------|---|
| Propranolol + Amitriptyline Propranolol: 160 mg; Amitriptyline: 75 mg | Abortive treatment with ergotamine and analgesics (control) Total ergotamine intake was restricted to 6 mg a week. | Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ Risk of bias High | 2/41 | 4/45 | 5 [9] | 0.5 (0.1 to 2.8) | -0.04 (-0.15 to 0.07) |
| Propranolol + Amitriptyline Propranolol: 160 mg; Amitriptyline: 75 mg | Abortive treatment with ergotamine and analgesics (control) Total ergotamine intake was restricted to 6 mg a week. | Mathew, 1981¹⁰⁵ Risk of bias High | 2/47 | 9/49 | 4 [18] | 0.2 (0.1 to 1.0) | -0.14 (-0.26 to -0.02) |
| Propranolol + Amitriptyline + Biofeedback Propranolol: 160 mg; Amitriptyline: 75 mg; Biofeedback: 10 x 1hr session of combined electromyographic and temperature regulation training; instructed to practice biofeedback at least once a day for minimum of 30 minutes | Abortive treatment with ergotamine and analgesics (control) Total ergotamine intake was restricted to 6 mg a week. | Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ Risk of bias High | 4/46 | 9/49 | 9 [18] | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.4) | -0.10 (-0.23 to 0.04) |
| Propranolol + Amitriptyline + Biofeedback Propranolol: 160 mg; Amitriptyline: 75 mg; | Abortive treatment with ergotamine and analgesics (control) | Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ Risk of bias High | 3/38 | 4/45 | 8 [9] | 0.9 (0.2 to 3.7) | -0.01 (-0.13 to 0.11) |

Appendix Table D155. Treatment discontinuation due to adverse effects with propranolol for migraine prevention in adults (results from randomized controlled clinical trials) (continued)

| Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Reference Risk of Bias | Events/ Randomized with Active Treatment | Events/ Randomized with Control Treatment | Rate, % with Active [Control] Treatment | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Biofeedback: 10 x 1hr session of combined electromyographic and temperature regulation training; instructed to practice biofeedback at least once a day for minimum of 30 minutes | Total ergotamine intake was restricted to 6 mg a week. | | | | | | |
| Propranolol + Biofeedback Propranolol: 160 mg; Biofeedback: 10 x 1hr session of combined electromyographic and temperature regulation training; instructed to practice biofeedback at least once a day for minimum of 30 minutes | Abortive treatment with ergotamine and analgesics (control) Total ergotamine intake was restricted to 6 mg a week. | Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ Risk of bias High | 2/39 | 4/45 | 5 [9] | 0.6 (0.1 to 3.0) | -0.04 (-0.15 to 0.07) |
| Propranolol + Biofeedback Propranolol: 160 mg; Biofeedback: 10 x 1hr session of combined electromyographic and temperature regulation training; instructed to practice biofeedback at least once a day for minimum of 30 minutes | Abortive treatment with ergotamine and analgesics (control) Total ergotamine intake was restricted to 6 mg a week. | Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ Risk of bias High | 3/43 | 9/49 | 7 [18] | 0.4 (0.1 to 1.3) | -0.11 (-0.25 to 0.02) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D156. Comparative effectiveness and safety of beta-blockers combined with behavioral therapy (orientation + relaxation training; migraine warning signs and triggers; effectively using migraine medication and reducing impact of migraines; stress management or biofeedback training; migraine management plan) vs. beta-blockers alone for migraine prevention in adults, results from individual low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial¹⁹³

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Events Randomized with Active Treatment | Events/ Randomized with Control Treatment | Rate in Active Group,% [Control Group] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + Placebo | Propranolol/nadolol | 19/55 | 18/53 | 34.5 [34.0] | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.7) | 0.01 (-0.17 to 0.18) |
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | Propranolol/nadolol | 53/69 | 18/53 | 76.8 [34.0] | 2.3 (1.5 to 3.4) | 0.43 (0.27 to 0.59) |
| Clinically improved (≥50% reduction in migraines) at month 10 | Behavioral migraine management + placebo | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | 19/55 | 53/69 | 34.5 [76.8] | 0.4 (0.3 to 0.7) | -0.42 (-0.58 to -0.26) |
| Dropped out | Behavioral migraine management + Placebo | Propranolol/nadolol | 22/55 | 27/53 | 40.0 [50.9] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.2) | -0.11 (-0.30 to 0.08) |
| Dropped out | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | Propranolol/nadolol | 24/69 | 27/53 | 34.8 [50.9] | 0.7 (0.4 to 1.0) | -0.16 (-0.34 to 0.01) |
| Dropped out | Behavioral migraine management + placebo | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | 22/55 | 24/69 | 40.0 [34.8] | 1.2 (0.7 to 1.8) | 0.05 (-0.12 to 0.22) |
| Dropped due to side - effects | Behavioral migraine management + Placebo | Propranolol/nadolol | 5/55 | 7/53 | 9.1 [13.2] | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.0) | -0.04 (-0.16 to 0.08) |
| Dropped due to side - effects | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | Propranolol/nadolol | 6/69 | 7/53 | 8.7 [13.2] | 0.7 (0.2 to 1.8) | -0.05 (-0.16 to 0.07) |
| Dropped out due to side effects | Behavioral migraine management + placebo | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | 5/55 | 6/69 | 9.1 [8.7] | 1.0 (0.3 to 3.2) | 0.00 (-0.10 to 0.10) |

Appendix Table 156. Comparative effectiveness and safety of beta-blockers combined with behavioral therapy (orientation +relaxation training; migraine warning signs and triggers; effectively using migraine medication, and reducing impact of migraines; stress management or biofeedback training; migraine management plan) vs. beta-blockers alone for migraine prevention in adults, results from individual low risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial (continued)

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Events Randomized with Active Treatment | Events/ Randomized with Control Treatment | Rate in Active Group,% [Control Group] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Dropped due to lack of efficacy | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | Propranolol/nadolol | 1/69 | 5/53 | 1.4 [9.4] | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.3) | -0.08 (-0.16 to 0.00) |
| Dropped due to lack of efficacy | Behavioral migraine management + Placebo | Propranolol/nadolol | 4/55 | 5/53 | 7.3 [9.4] | 0.8 (0.2 to 2.7) | -0.02 (-0.13 to 0.08) |
| Dropped out due to lack of efficacy | Behavioral migraine management + placebo | Behavioral migraine management + Propranolol/nadolol | 4/55 | 1/69 | 7.3 [1.4] | 5.0 (0.6 to 43.6) | 0.06 (-0.02 to 0.13) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D157. Headache specific locus of control at month 16 with beta-blockers combined with behavioral therapy (orientation + relaxation training; migraine warning signs and triggers; effectively using migraine medication and reducing impact of migraines; stress management or biofeedback training; migraine management plan) vs. beta-blockers alone for migraine prevention in adults, results from individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²⁰⁷

| Outcome | Active | Control | Randomized for Active [Control] Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Active Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Control Treatment | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|--------------------------|---|
| Mean Change HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Placebo + Behavioral Migraine Management | Propranolol HCL/nadolol | 55 [53] | 21.4 [6.9] | 26.4 [9.0] | -5.0 (-8.0 to -2.0) | -0.6 (-1.0 to -0.2) |
| Mean Change HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Propranolol HCL/nadolol + Behavioral Migraine Management | Propranolol HCL/nadolol | 69 [53] | 21.1 [8.4] | 26.4 [9.0] | -5.3 (-8.4 to -2.2) | -0.6 (-1.0 to -0.2) |
| Mean Change Professionals HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Behavioral Migraine Management + Placebo | Propranolol HCL/nadolol + Behavioral Migraine Management | 55 [69] | 21.4 [6.9] | 21.1 [8.4] | 0.3 (-2.4 to 3.0) | 0.0 (-0.3 to 0.4) |
| Mean Medical Professionals HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Placebo + Behavioral Migraine Management | Propranolol HCL/nadolol | 55 [53] | 32.9 [5.8] | 35.1 [6.7] | -2.2 (-4.6 to 0.2) | -0.4 (-0.7 to 0.0) |
| Mean Medical Professionals HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Propranolol HCL/nadolol + Behavioral Migraine Management | Propranolol HCL/nadolol | 69 [53] | 31.6 [6.9] | 35.1 [6.7] | -3.5 (-5.9 to -1.1) | -0.5 (-0.9 to -0.1) |
| Mean Medical Professionals HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Behavioral Migraine Management + Placebo | Propranolol HCL/nadolol + Behavioral Migraine Management | 55 [69] | 32.9 [5.8] | 31.6 [6.9] | 1.3 (-0.9 to 3.5) | 0.2 (-0.2 to 0.6) |
| Mean Internal HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Placebo + Behavioral Migraine Management | Propranolol HCL/nadolol | 55 [53] | 63.4 [6.8] | 57.7 [8.9] | 5.7 (2.7 to 8.7) | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.1) |

Appendix Table 157. Headache Specific Locus of Control at month 16 with beta-blockers combined with behavioral therapy (orientation + relaxation training; migraine warning signs and triggers; effectively using migraine medication, and reducing impact of migraines; stress management or biofeedback training; migraine management plan) vs. beta-blockers alone for migraine prevention in adults, results from individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial (continued)

| Outcome | Active | Control | Randomized for Active [Control] Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Active Treatment | Mean [Standard Deviation] with Control Treatment | Mean Difference (95% CI) | Cohen Standardized Mean Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| Mean Internal HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Propranolol HCL/nadolol + Behavioral Migraine Management | Propranolol HCL/nadolol | 69 [53] | 63.9 [7.7] | 57.7 [8.9] | 6.2 (3.2 to 9.2) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.1) |
| Mean Internal Professionals HSLC (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Behavioral Migraine Management + Placebo | Propranolol HCL/nadolol + Behavioral Migraine Management | 55 [69] | 63.4 [6.8] | 63.9 [7.7] | -0.5 (-3.1 to 2.1) | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.3) |
| Mean HSE (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Placebo + Behavioral Migraine Management | Propranolol HCL/nadolol | 55 [53] | 143.4 [20.0] | 127.5 [21.9] | 15.9 (8.0 to 23.8) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.1) |
| Mean HSE (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Propranolol HCL/nadolol + Behavioral Migraine Management | Propranolol HCL/nadolol | 69 [53] | 144.8 [23.6] | 127.5 [21.9] | 17.3 (9.2 to 25.4) | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.1) |
| Mean HSE (Headache Specific Locus of Control) at month 16 | Behavioral Migraine Management + Placebo | Propranolol HCL/nadolol + Behavioral Migraine Management | 55 [69] | 143.4 [20.0] | 144.8 [23.6] | -1.4 (-9.1 to 6.3) | -0.1 (-0.4 to 0.3) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of mean difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D158. Strength of evidence of comparative safety of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults (treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects in randomized controlled clinical trials)

| Definition of the Outcome | Reference | Active Drug | Control Drug | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Withdrew because of side effects and/or lack of efficacy | Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ | Metoprolol | Clonidine | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Discontinued due to side-effects | Worz, 1991 ¹⁸⁶ | Metoprolol | Bisoprolol | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Patient withdrawal due to events | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ | Metoprolol | Nebivolol | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Drowsiness leading to withdrawal | Grotemeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ | Metoprolol | Aspirin | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Gastrointestinal side-effects leading to withdrawal | Grotemeyer, 1990 ¹⁸⁵ | Metoprolol | Aspirin | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |
| Discontinued treatment because of severe adverse reactions | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ | Clomipramine | Metoprolol | Medium | Yes | Not applicable | No | Low |

Appendix Table D159. Comparative safety of beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults, adverse effects in randomized controlled clinical trials

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Insomnia | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ Medium | Clomipramine 100mg/day | Metoprolol 100mg/day | 15/63 [23.8] | 2/63 [3.2] | 7.5 (1.8 to 31.4) | 0.21 (0.09 to 0.32) |
| Sweating | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ Medium | Clomipramine 100mg/day | Metoprolol 100mg/day | 9/63 [14.3] | 1/63 [1.6] | 9.0 (1.2 to 69.0) | 0.13 (0.04 to 0.22) |
| Tiredness | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ Medium | Clomipramine 100mg/day | Metoprolol 100mg/day | 7/63 [11.1] | 9/63 [14.3] | 0.8 (0.3 to 2.0) | -0.03 (-0.15 to 0.08) |
| Constipation | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ Medium | Clomipramine 100mg/day | Metoprolol 100mg/day | 6/63 [9.5] | 1/63 [1.6] | 6.0 (0.7 to 48.4) | 0.08 (0.00 to 0.16) |
| Nausea | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ Medium | Clomipramine 100mg/day | Metoprolol 100mg/day | 5/63 [7.9] | 2/63 [3.2] | 2.5 (0.5 to 12.4) | 0.05 (-0.03 to 0.13) |
| Dizziness | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ Medium | Clomipramine 100mg/day | Metoprolol 100mg/day | 4/63 [6.3] | 1/63 [1.6] | 4.0 (0.5 to 34.8) | 0.05 (-0.02 to 0.12) |
| Loss of appetite | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ Medium | Clomipramine 100mg/day | Metoprolol 100mg/day | 3/63 [4.8] | 1/63 [1.6] | 3.0 (0.3 to 28.1) | 0.03 (-0.03 to 0.09) |
| Restlessness | Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ Medium | Clomipramine 100mg/day | Metoprolol 100mg/day | 2/63 [3.2] | 2/63 [3.2] | 1.0 (0.1 to 6.9) | 0.00 (-0.06 to 0.06) |
| Adverse events | Worz, 1991 ¹⁸⁶ Medium | Metoprolol 50 to 100mg twice daily | Bisoprolol 5 to 10mg once daily | 18/78 [23.1] | 23/78 [29.5] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.3) | -0.06 (-0.20 to 0.07) |
| Dizziness | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 4/125 [3.2] | 8/125 [6.4] | 0.5 (0.2 to 1.6) | -0.03 (-0.08 to 0.02) |
| Tiredness/fatigue | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 7/125 [5.6] | 3/125 [2.4] | 2.3 (0.6 to 8.8) | 0.03 (-0.02 to 0.08) |
| Sleep disturbances | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 6/125 [4.8] | 2/125 [1.6] | 3.0 (0.6 to 14.6) | 0.03 (-0.01 to 0.08) |
| Cardiovascular, hypotensive reactions | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 1/125 [0.8] | 6/125 [4.8] | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.4) | -0.04 (-0.08 to 0.00) |

Appendix Table 159. Comparative safety beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults, adverse effects in randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| Gastrointestinal disturbances | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 2/125 [1.6] | 5/125 [4.0] | 0.4 (0.1 to 2.0) | -0.02 (-0.06 to 0.02) |
| Adverse effects | Worz, 1992 ¹⁸⁷ Medium | Metoprolol 50mg BID (max. 200mg daily after 4 weeks) | Bisoprolol 5mg/day (max. 10mg daily after 4 weeks) | 19/125 [15.2] | 23/125 [18.4] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.4) | -0.03 (-0.12 to 0.06) |
| Patients with treatment-related events | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 13/14 [92.9] | 11/16 [68.8] | 1.4 (0.9 to 1.9) | 0.24 (-0.02 to 0.51) |
| Patients reporting mild events | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 1/14 [7.1] | 4/16 [25.0] | 0.3 (0.0 to 2.3) | -0.18 (-0.43 to 0.07) |
| Patients reporting moderate events | Schellenberg, 2008¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 12/14 [85.7] | 6/16 [37.5] | 2.3 (1.2 to 4.5) | 0.48 (0.18 to 0.78) |
| Patients reporting severe events | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 6/14 [42.9] | 2/16 [12.5] | 3.4 (0.8 to 14.3) | 0.30 (0.00 to 0.61) |
| Fatigue | Schellenberg, 2008¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 11/14 [78.6] | 7/16 [43.8] | 1.8 (1.0 to 3.3) | 0.35 (0.02 to 0.67) |
| Bradycardia | Schellenberg, 2008¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 5/14 [35.7] | 1/16 [6.3] | 5.7 (0.8 to 43.2) | 0.29 (0.02 to 0.57) |

Appendix Table 159. Comparative safety beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults, adverse effects in randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---|---|--|------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Hypotension | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 2/14 [14.3] | 1/16 [6.3] | 2.3 (0.2 to 22.6) | 0.08 (-0.14 to 0.30) |
| Supraventricular extrasystoles | Schellenberg, 2008 ¹⁸⁹ Medium | Metoprolol Week 1: 47.5mg, week 2: 95mg, week 3 - 16:142.5mg | Nebivolol 5mg daily | 2/14 [14.3] | 0/16 [0.0] | 5.7 (0.3 to 108.9) | 0.14 (-0.06 to 0.35) |
| At least one adverse effect | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 53/135 [39.3] | 42/135 [31.1] | 1.3 (0.9 to 1.8) | 0.08 (-0.03 to 0.19) |
| Skin disorders | Diener, 2001¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 9/135 [6.7] | 2/135 [1.5] | 4.5 (1.0 to 20.4) | 0.05 (0.01 to 0.10) |
| Muscular-skeletal system disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 1/135 [0.7] | 2/135 [1.5] | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.4) | -0.01 (-0.03 to 0.02) |
| Central & peripheral nervous system disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 4/135 [3.0] | 3/135 [2.2] | 1.3 (0.3 to 5.8) | 0.01 (-0.03 to 0.05) |
| Autonomic nervous system disorders | Diener, 2001¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week | Aspirin 300mg/day | 11/135 [8.1] | 0/135 [0.0] | 23.0 (1.4 to 386.4) | 0.08 (0.03 to 0.13) |

Appendix Table 159. Comparative safety beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults, adverse effects in randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| | | and 200mg/day thereafter) | | | | | |
| Vision disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 1/135 [0.7] | 0/135 [0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 73.0) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) |
| Hearing and vestibular disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 1/135 [0.7] | 0/135 [0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 73.0) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) |
| Psychiatric disorders | Diener, 2001¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 16/135 [11.9] | 2/135 [1.5] | 8.0 (1.9 to 34.1) | 0.10 (0.05 to 0.16) |
| Gastrointestinal system disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 25/135 [18.5] | 30/135 [22.2] | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.3) | -0.04 (-0.13 to 0.06) |
| Liver and biliary system disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 1/135 [0.7] | 1/135 [0.7] | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.8) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) |
| Endocrine disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 0/135 [0.0] | 1/135 [0.7] | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.1) | -0.01 (-0.03 to 0.01) |

Appendix Table 159. Comparative safety beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults, adverse effects in randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--|---|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| Cardiovascular disorders, general | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 1/135 [0.7] | 0/135 [0.0] | 3.0 (0.1 to 73.0) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03) |
| Vascular (extracardiac) disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 5/135 [3.7] | 0/135 [0.0] | 11.0 (0.6 to 197.0) | 0.04 (0.00 to 0.07) |
| Respiratory system disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 6/135 [4.4] | 1/135 [0.7] | 6.0 (0.7 to 49.2) | 0.04 (0.00 to 0.07) |
| White blood cell disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 2/135 [1.5] | 0/135 [0.0] | 5.0 (0.2 to 103.2) | 0.01 (-0.01 to 0.04) |
| Urinary system disorders | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 2/135 [1.5] | 4/135 [3.0] | 0.5 (0.1 to 2.7) | -0.01 (-0.05 to 0.02) |
| Reproductive disorders, female | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 2/135 [1.5] | 1/135 [0.7] | 2.0 (0.2 to 21.8) | 0.01 (-0.02 to 0.03) |
| Body as a whole general disorders | Diener, 2001¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day | Aspirin 300mg/day | 11/135 [8.1] | 3/135 [2.2] | 3.7 (1.0 to 12.9) | 0.06 (0.01 to 0.11) |

Appendix Table 159. Comparative safety beta-blockers for migraine prevention in adults, adverse effects in randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Adverse Effect | Reference Risk of Bias | Active Drug Dose | Control Drug Dose | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Active Group, %] | Events/ Randomized [Rate of Outcome in Control Group, %] | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| | | (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | | | | | |
| Non-medical | Diener, 2001 ¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 1/135 [0.7] | 1/135 [0.7] | 1.0 (0.1 to 15.8) | 0.00 (-0.02 to 0.02) |
| Total adverse effects | Diener, 2001¹⁸⁸ Low | Metoprolol 200mg/day (100mg/day in the first week and 200mg/day thereafter) | Aspirin 300mg/day | 99/135 [73.3] | 51/135 [37.8] | 1.9 (1.5 to 2.5) | 0.36 (0.24 to 0.47) |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D160. Strength of evidence about treatment adherence and discontinuation due to adverse effects with antidepressant amitriptyline and spinal manipulation for migraine prevention in adults, individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²⁰⁴

| Definition of the Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Risk of Bias | Directness | Consistency | Precision | Strength of Evidence |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Withdrawn due to side-effects | Spinal Manipulation | Amitriptyline | Medium | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| Withdrawn due to side-effects | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline | Amitriptyline | Medium | Yes | NA | No | Low |
| Withdrawn due to side-effects | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline | Medium | Yes | NA | No | Low |

Appendix Table D161. Treatment adherence and discontinuation due to adverse effects with antidepressant amitriptyline and spinal manipulation for migraine prevention in adults, individual medium risk of bias randomized controlled clinical trial²⁰⁴

| Outcome | Active Treatment | Control Treatment | Events/Randomized Rate, % with Active Treatment | Events/Randomized Rate, % with Control Treatment | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Withdrawn due to side-effects | Spinal Manipulation The spinal manipulation administered was a type described as high-velocity, low-amplitude, and short-lever arm. | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 0/7 0.05 | 7/77 10.05 | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.0) | -0.10 (-0.17 to -0.03) |
| Withdrawn due to side-effects | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 4/7 5.65 | 7/71 10.05 | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.8) | -0.04 (-0.13 to 0.04) |
| Withdrawn due to side-effects | Spinal Manipulation | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 0/4 0.05 | 4/77 5.65 | 0.1 (0.0 to 1.9) | -0.06 (-0.11 to 0.00) |
| Withdrawn | Spinal Manipulation + Amitriptyline 100mg/day | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 17/15 23.95 | 15/71 21.45 | 1.1 (0.6 to 2.1) | 0.03 (-0.11 to 0.16) |
| Withdrawn | Spinal Manipulation | Amitriptyline 100mg/day | 19/15 24.75 | 15/77 21.45 | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.1) | 0.03 (-0.10 to 0.17) |
| Withdrawn | Spinal Manipulation | Amitriptyline + Spinal Manipulation | 19/17 24.75 | 17/77 23.95 | 1.0 (0.6 to 1.8) | 0.01 (-0.13 to 0.15) |

Bold = significant at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0
 CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D162. Indirect adjusted analysis of the comparative effects on the treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects with preventive drugs in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (results with approved drugs and statistically significant results when off label drugs were compared with each other) (strength of evidence is low due to risk of bias and imprecision)

| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio with Active Drug vs. Placebo (95% CI) | Odds Ratio with Control Drug vs. Placebo (95% CI) | Odds Ratio of Active vs. Control Drug (95% CI) | Risk of Bias in Body of Evidence |
|--|--|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.2 (0.0 to 5.9) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.4 (0.0 to 8.2) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.5 (0.0 to 12.6) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Propranolol ^{50, 53} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 0.5 (0.1 to 2.5) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.7) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 1.2 (0.3 to 4.6) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Pindolol ⁸⁹ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 7.8 (0.4 to 158.9) | 0.2 (0.0 to 3.7) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Pindolol ⁸⁹ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 7.8 (0.4 to 158.9) | 0.3 (0.0 to 5.2) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Pindolol ⁸⁹ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 7.8 (0.4 to 158.9) | 0.3 (0.0 to 8.0) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 3.1 (0.1 to 77.1) | 0.4 (0.0 to 11.7) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Pindolol ⁸⁹ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 7.8 (0.4 to 158.9) | 0.7 (0.0 to 49.0) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 0.2 (0.0 to 2.3) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 3.1 (0.1 to 77.1) | 0.6 (0.0 to 16.5) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 3.1 (0.1 to 77.1) | 0.8 (0.0 to 25.0) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.8 (0.0 to 25.6) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 0.9 (0.0 to 38.2) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 3.1 (0.1 to 77.1) | 1.7 (0.0 to 145.7) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.2 (0.0 to 1.2) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 0.3 (0.0 to 3.1) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 0.4 (0.0 to 5.2) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Mg ^{194, 195} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 4.1 (0.7 to 25.7) | 0.3 (0.0 to 2.3) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.4 (0.0 to 2.9) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.2 (0.2 to 25.4) | 0.6 (0.0 to 7.4) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Mg ^{194, 195} | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 4.1 (0.7 to 25.7) | 1.3 (0.0 to 45.0) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.3 (0.1 to 1.6) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Clonidine ^{146, 148} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.9 (0.4 to 19.3) | 0.4 (0.1 to 3.5) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Lamotrigine ^{44, 87} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.9 (0.4 to 21.6) | 0.4 (0.1 to 4.0) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.1 (0.2 to 23.7) | 0.6 (0.1 to 8.2) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Clonidine ^{146, 148} | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.9 (0.4 to 19.3) | 1.8 (0.1 to 66.1) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Lamotrigine ^{44, 87} | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.9 (0.4 to 21.6) | 1.8 (0.1 to 71.2) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.2 (0.2 to 25.4) | 2.3 (0.1 to 115.8) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.1 (0.2 to 23.7) | 2.5 (0.1 to 127.8) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Naproxen sodium ²³⁷⁻²³⁹ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.4 (0.3 to 16.6) | 0.5 (0.1 to 4.5) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Mg ^{194, 195} | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 4.1 (0.7 to 25.7) | 0.6 (0.1 to 5.4) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Metoprolol ⁹⁷ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 1.1 (0.1 to 18.2) | 1.2 (0.1 to 22.0) | Medium |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio with Active Drug vs. Placebo (95% CI) | Odds Ratio with Control Drug vs. Placebo (95% CI) | Odds Ratio of Active vs. Control Drug (95% CI) | Risk of Bias in Body of Evidence |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Naproxen sodium ²³⁷⁻²³⁹ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.4 (0.3 to 16.6) | 2.2 (0.1 to 82.9) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Mg ^{194, 195} | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 4.1 (0.7 to 25.7) | 0.5 (0.1 to 3.1) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.2 (0.2 to 25.4) | 1.1 (0.1 to 16.5) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.1 (0.2 to 23.7) | 1.2 (0.1 to 18.3) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Metoprolol ⁹⁷ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 1.1 (0.1 to 18.2) | 4.8 (0.1 to 306.0) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Clonidine ^{146, 148} | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.9 (0.4 to 19.3) | 0.8 (0.1 to 8.1) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Lamotrigine ^{44, 87} | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.9 (0.4 to 21.6) | 0.8 (0.1 to 9.0) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Tonabersat ¹²¹ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.2 (0.2 to 25.4) | 0.9 (0.1 to 10.2) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.1 (0.2 to 23.7) | 1.0 (0.1 to 11.3) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.7 (0.9 to 8.0) | 2.0 (0.1 to 50.7) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Lamotrigine ^{44, 87} | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.9 (0.4 to 21.6) | 0.7 (0.1 to 5.3) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Tizanidine ²³⁴ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 2.4 (0.1 to 66.1) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 2.5 (0.1 to 67.6) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Bisoprolol ¹⁰¹ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 1.8 (0.4 to 9.1) | 2.9 (0.1 to 92.9) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Clonidine ^{146, 148} | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.9 (0.4 to 19.3) | 0.7 (0.1 to 4.7) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Naproxen sodium ²³⁷⁻²³⁹ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.4 (0.3 to 16.6) | 1.0 (0.1 to 10.3) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Metoprolol ⁹⁷ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 1.1 (0.1 to 18.2) | 2.2 (0.1 to 48.0) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.1 (0.9 to 5.1) | 2.5 (0.1 to 59.8) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Femoxetine ^{113, 115} | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.0 (0.5 to 7.1) | 2.6 (0.1 to 73.3) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.7 (0.9 to 8.0) | 0.5 (0.1 to 1.9) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Bisoprolol ¹⁰¹ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 1.8 (0.4 to 9.1) | 0.7 (0.1 to 4.5) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Naproxen sodium ²³⁷⁻²³⁹ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.4 (0.3 to 16.6) | 0.8 (0.1 to 6.0) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Metoprolol ⁹⁷ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 1.1 (0.1 to 18.2) | 1.8 (0.1 to 30.7) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Amitriptyline ^{103, 111} | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.9) | 2.6 (0.1 to 58.9) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Tizanidine ²³⁴ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 0.6 (0.1 to 2.7) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 0.6 (0.1 to 2.8) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Femoxetine ^{113, 115} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.0 (0.5 to 7.1) | 0.6 (0.1 to 3.0) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.9 (0.1 to 6.5) | 5.8 (0.2 to 222.7) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 0.9 (0.1 to 6.5) | 1.4 (0.2 to 12.3) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.1 (0.9 to 5.1) | 0.6 (0.2 to 2.1) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.7 (0.9 to 8.0) | 0.9 (0.2 to 4.8) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Bisoprolol ¹⁰¹ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 1.8 (0.4 to 9.1) | 1.3 (0.2 to 10.4) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Fluoxetine ¹¹⁸ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.3) | 5.5 (0.2 to 165.6) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Tizanidine ²³⁴ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 1.1 (0.2 to 6.6) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 1.1 (0.2 to 6.7) | Medium |

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| Active Drug, Reference | Control Drug, Reference | Odds Ratio with Active Drug vs. Placebo (95% CI) | Odds Ratio with Control Drug vs. Placebo (95% CI) | Odds Ratio of Active vs. Control Drug (95% CI) | Risk of Bias in Body of Evidence |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Methysergide ¹⁵⁴ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.6) | 2.5 (0.2 to 33.7) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Amitriptyline ^{103, 111} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.9) | 0.6 (0.2 to 1.9) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Femoxetine ^{113, 115} | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.0 (0.5 to 7.1) | 1.2 (0.2 to 7.4) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Bisoprolol ¹⁰¹ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 1.8 (0.4 to 9.1) | 1.1 (0.2 to 5.8) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Methysergide ¹⁵⁴ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.6) | 10.6 (0.2 to 525.8) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.7 (0.9 to 8.0) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.3) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Fluoxetine ¹¹⁸ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.3) | 1.3 (0.2 to 7.6) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.1 (0.9 to 5.1) | 1.1 (0.2 to 5.3) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Tizanidine ²³⁴ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 0.9 (0.3 to 3.3) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 0.9 (0.1 to 6.5) | 2.7 (0.3 to 28.0) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 0.9 (0.3 to 3.4) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Femoxetine ^{113, 115} | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.0 (0.5 to 7.1) | 1.0 (0.3 to 3.8) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Nimodipine ^{132, 133} | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.7) | 7.8 (0.3 to 227.8) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Amitriptyline ^{103, 111} | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.9) | 1.2 (0.3 to 4.9) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Montelukast ²⁰³ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 0.9 (0.1 to 6.5) | 2.2 (0.3 to 16.4) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Methysergide ¹⁵⁴ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.6) | 4.8 (0.3 to 74.8) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Methysergide ¹⁵⁴ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.6) | 4.0 (0.3 to 46.1) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Fluoxetine ¹¹⁸ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.3) | 2.5 (0.4 to 17.9) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.1 (0.9 to 5.1) | 0.9 (0.4 to 2.4) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Nimodipine ^{132, 133} | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.7) | 1.9 (0.4 to 10.0) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Atenolol ⁹⁹ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 9.2 (0.4 to 206.0) | Medium |
| Divalproex ^{45, 46} | Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | 1.3 (0.5 to 3.1) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 9.4 (0.4 to 213.7) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Fluoxetine ¹¹⁸ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.3) | 2.1 (0.4 to 9.6) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Amitriptyline ^{103, 111} | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.9) | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Atenolol ⁹⁹ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 38.1 (0.5 to 2739.1) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Nimodipine ^{132, 133} | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.7) | 3.6 (0.5 to 23.9) | Medium |
| Timolol ⁷⁹ | Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 39.1 (0.5 to 2833.1) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Atenolol ⁹⁹ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 17.4 (0.7 to 446.5) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Nimodipine ^{132, 133} | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.7) | 3.0 (0.7 to 12.6) | Medium |
| Propranolol ^{50, 53} | Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | 2.4 (0.7 to 8.5) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 17.9 (0.7 to 463.0) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Atenolol ⁹⁹ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 14.3 (0.7 to 288.9) | Medium |
| Topiramate ^{19, 24, 28, 29, 31, 35, 42, 44} | Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | 2.0 (1.4 to 2.8) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 14.7 (0.7 to 299.8) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.0 (0.0 to 1.9) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁹ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.0 (0.0 to 1.9) | Medium |
| Nimodipine ^{132, 133} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.7) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.1 (0.0 to 3.7) | Medium |

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Methysergide ¹⁵⁴ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 0.5 (0.0 to 5.6) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.1 (0.0 to 4.7) | Medium |
| Montelukast ²⁰³ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 0.9 (0.1 to 6.5) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.2 (0.0 to 6.6) | Medium |
| Metoprolol ⁹⁷ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 1.1 (0.1 to 18.2) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.2 (0.0 to 13.4) | Medium |
| Fluoxetine ¹¹⁸ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 1.0 (0.2 to 4.3) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.2 (0.0 to 5.6) | Medium |
| Femoxetine ^{113, 115} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.0 (0.5 to 7.1) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.4 (0.0 to 10.5) | Medium |
| Oxcarbazepine ⁸³ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.4 (0.0 to 11.0) | Medium |
| Bisoprolol ¹¹⁰¹ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 1.8 (0.4 to 9.1) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.3 (0.0 to 11.0) | Medium |
| Naproxen sodium ²³⁷⁻²³⁹ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.4 (0.3 to 16.6) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.5 (0.0 to 17.1) | Medium |
| Tolfenamic Acid ²⁰² | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.1 (0.2 to 23.7) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.4 (0.0 to 19.8) | Medium |
| Tonabersat ¹²¹ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.2 (0.2 to 25.4) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.4 (0.0 to 21.4) | Medium |
| Lamotrigine ^{44, 87} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.9 (0.4 to 21.6) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.6 (0.0 to 21.6) | Medium |
| Carbamazepine ⁸⁶ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 3.1 (0.1 to 77.1) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.6 (0.0 to 50.2) | Medium |
| Amitriptyline ^{103, 111} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.0 (1.1 to 3.9) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.4 (0.0 to 8.9) | Medium |
| Gabapentin ^{81, 84, 192} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.1 (0.9 to 5.1) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.4 (0.0 to 9.8) | Medium |
| Tizanidine ²³⁴ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.1 (0.6 to 7.3) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.4 (0.0 to 11.1) | Medium |
| Lisuride ¹⁵⁸ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.7 (0.9 to 8.0) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.5 (0.0 to 13.2) | Medium |
| Clonidine ^{146, 148} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 2.9 (0.4 to 19.3) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.6 (0.0 to 20.4) | Medium |
| Mg ^{194, 195} | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 4.1 (0.7 to 25.7) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 0.8 (0.0 to 28.0) | Medium |
| Pindolol ⁸⁹ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 7.8 (0.4 to 158.9) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 1.5 (0.0 to 110.0) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 1.2 (0.0 to 51.3) | Medium |
| Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | Timolol ⁷⁹ | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 5.2 (0.2 to 111.7) | 1.3 (0.0 to 41.2) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.6) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁹ | Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.6) | Medium |
| Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Atenolol ⁹⁹ | Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 0.0 (0.0 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Nimodipine ^{132, 133} | Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.7) | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.1 (0.0 to 0.9) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | Atenolol ⁹⁹ | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 44.2 (1.1 to 1831.0) | Medium |
| Nifedipine ¹²⁹ | Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | 6.1 (0.6 to 56.4) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 45.4 (1.1 to 1896.0) | Medium |
| Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | Nimodipine ^{132, 133} | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.7 (0.2 to 2.7) | 9.9 (1.1 to 86.8) | Medium |
| Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | Atenolol ⁹⁹ | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 48.3 (1.6 to 1459.9) | Medium |
| Acetazolamide ⁸⁰ | Dihydroergotamine ²³³ | 6.6 (1.3 to 34.5) | 0.1 (0.0 to 2.7) | 49.6 (1.6 to 1513.0) | Medium |

Table D163. Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analysis of treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects with preventive drugs in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials

| Active Class | Active Drug | Control Class | Control Drugs | Risk of Bias Reference | Events/ Randomized In Active | Events/ Randomized In Control | Events/ Randomized In Control |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Antidepressant | Amitriptyline | Ergot alkaloid | Dihydroergotamine | Medium Bonuso, 1983 ¹⁵⁹ | 3/21 | 2/20 | NA/1 |
| Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Antidepressant | Amitriptyline | Medium Keskinbora, 2008 ¹⁷⁰ | 2/24 | 4/28 | NA/1 |
| Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Antidepressant | Amitriptyline | Low Dodick, 2009 ¹⁷² | 35/178 | 38/169 | NA/1 |
| Antiepileptic | Divalproex | Beta blocker | Propranolol | High Kaniecki, 1997 ⁶⁸ | 4/37 | 1/37 | NA/1 |
| Antiepileptic | Valproate | Calcium-channel antagonist | Cinnarizine | Low Togha, 2008 ¹⁹⁰ | 3/58 | 2/67 | NA/1 |
| Antiepileptic | Topiramate | | Histamine | Low Millan-Guerrero, 2008 ¹⁶⁹ | 10/45 | 0/45 | NA/1 |
| Anti-epileptic | Topiramate | Anti-epileptic | Levetiracetam | Medium de Tommaso, 2007 ¹⁶⁸ | 1/13 | 0/15 | NA/1 |
| Beta blocker | Propranolol | Antidepressant | Femoxetine | Medium Kangasniemi, 1983 ⁷⁷ | 0/29 | 3/29 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Metoprolol | Antiadrenergics | Clonidine | Medium Louis, 1985 ¹⁸³ | 0/31 | 4/31 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Propranolol | Antidepressant Ergot alkaloid | Amitriptyline, Ergotamine | High Mathew, 1981 ¹⁰⁵ | 3/48 | 3/44 | 9/49 |
| Beta-blocker | Metoprolol | Anti-depressant | Clomipramine | Medium Langohr, 1985 ¹⁸⁴ | 0/63 | 18/63 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Propranolol Hydrochloride | Beta blocker | Nadolol | Medium Sudilovsky, 1987 ¹⁹¹ | 4/44 | 2/47 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Propranolol | Dopaminergic agent | Dihydroergocryptine | High Micieli, 2001 ²⁴⁴ | 5/20 | 4/20 | NA/1 |
| Beta-blocker | Propranolol | Selective calcium channel blockers | Nifedipine | High Albers, 1989 ⁷⁴ | 5/20 | 13/20 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiadrenergics | Clonidine | Medium Adam, 1978 ¹⁴⁸ | 1/96 | 2/96 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiadrenergics | Clonidine | Medium Boisen, 1978 ¹⁴⁶ | 0/71 | 2/71 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antidepressant | Amitriptyline | Medium Couch, 1979 ¹⁰³ | 2/61 | 5/55 | NA/1 |

Table D163. Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analysis of treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects with preventive drugs in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Class | Active Drug | Control Class | Control Drugs | Risk of Bias Reference | Events/ Randomized In Active | Events/ Randomized In Control | Events/ Randomized In Control |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Placebo | Placebo | Antidepressant | Amitriptyline | Medium Couch, 2011 ¹¹¹ | 13/197 | 23/194 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antidepressant | Femoxetine | Medium Orholm, 1986 ¹¹³ | 2/34 | 4/31 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antidepressant | Femoxetine | Medium Orholm, 1985 ¹¹⁵ | 2/30 | 3/29 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antidepressant | Fluoxetine, | High Steiner, 1998 ¹¹⁸ | 4/26 | 4/27 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Acetazolamide | Low Vahedi, 2002 ⁸⁰ | 2/27 | 9/26 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Carbamazepine | Medium Rompel, 1970 ⁸⁶ | 0/48 | 1/48 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Divalproex | Medium Mathew, 1995 ⁴⁵ | 2/37 | 9/70 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Divalproex | Low Freitag, 2002 ⁴⁶ | 10/116 | 10/123 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Gabapentin | Medium Mathew, 2001 ⁸¹ | 4/45 | 16/98 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Gabapentin | Medium Wessely, 1987 ⁸⁴ | 1/22 | 2/23 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Gabapentin enacarbil | Low NCT00742209 ¹⁹² | 2/20 | 13/62 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Lamotrigine | Low Steiner, 1997 ⁸⁷ | 3/40 | 7/18 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Oxcarbazepine | Low Silberstein, 2008 ⁸³ | 4/85 | 8/85 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Sodium valproate | Medium Jensen, 1994 ⁴⁹ | 2/43 | 4/43 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Medium Mei, 2004 ²⁴ | 2/57 | 3/58 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Low Mei, 2006 ²⁸ | 6/20 | 9/30 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Medium Silberstein, 2006 ²⁹ | 4/73 | 21/140 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Low Silberstein, 2007 ³¹ | 10/163 | 18/165 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Low Lainez, 2007 ³⁵ | 41/383 | 96/391 | NA/1 |

Table D163. Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analysis of treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects with preventive drugs in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Class | Active Drug | Control Class | Control Drugs | Risk of Bias Reference | Events/ Randomized In Active | Events/ Randomized In Control | Events/ Randomized In Control |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Low Lipton, 2011 ⁴² | 18/197 | 21/188 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Topiramate | Low Edwards, 2003 ¹⁹ | 0/36 | 6/34 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic | Valproate | Medium Hering, 1992 ⁴⁸ | 2/32 | 1/32 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Antiepileptic Antiepileptic | Topiramate, Lamotrigine | Low Gupta, 2007 ⁴⁴ | 3/60 | 3/60 | 3/60 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Beta-blocker | Atenolol | Medium Johannsson, 1987 ⁹⁹ | 3/72 | 0/72 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Beta-blocker | Bisoprolol | Medium van de Ven, 1997 ¹⁰¹ | 2/38 | 7/77 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Beta-blocker | Metoprolol | Medium Andersson, 1983 ⁹⁷ | 1/37 | 1/34 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Beta-blocker | Pindolol | Medium Sjaastad, 1972 ⁸⁹ | 0/28 | 3/28 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Beta-blocker | Propranolol | Medium Diamond, 1976 ⁵⁰ | 1/83 | 6/83 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Beta-blocker | Timolol | Medium Stellar, 1984 ⁷⁹ | 0/47 | 2/47 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Beta-blocker | Propranolol | Low Pradalier, 1989 ⁵³ | 5/24 | 9/31 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Ergot alkaloid | Dihydroergotamine | Medium Boussier, 1988 ²³³ | 3/45 | 0/45 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Ergot alkaloids | Lisuride | Medium Somerville, 1976 ¹⁵⁸ | 5/75 | 12/75 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Ergot alkaloids | Methysergide | Medium Whewell, 1966 ¹⁵⁴ | 2/74 | 1/74 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Magnesium | Magnesium | Low Peikert, 1996 ¹⁹⁵ | 0/38 | 3/43 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Magnesium | Magnesium | Low Pfaffenrath, 1996 ¹⁹⁴ | 1/34 | 3/35 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Muscle relaxant | Tizanidine | Medium Saper, 2002 ²³⁴ | 4/64 | 9/72 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | NSAID | Naproxen sodium | High Ziegler, 1985 ²³⁹ | 0/40 | 1/40 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | NSAID | Naproxen sodium | High Welch, 1985 ²³⁷ , ²³⁸ 7068 | 1/46 | 2/46 | NA/1 |

Table D163. Exploratory network Bayesian meta-analysis of treatment discontinuation due to bothersome adverse effects with preventive drugs in adults, results from randomized controlled clinical trials (continued)

| Active Class | Active Drug | Control Class | Control Drugs | Risk of Bias Reference | Events/ Randomized In Active | Events/ Randomized In Control | Events/ Randomized In Control |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Placebo | Placebo | NSAID | Tolfenamic Acid | Medium Mikkelsen, 1982 ²⁰² | 1/38 | 2/38 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Other | Tonabersat | Low Goadsby, 2009 ¹²¹ | 1/65 | 2/59 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Selective calcium channel blockers | Nifedipine | High McArthur, 1989 ¹²⁹ | 1/24 | 5/24 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Selective calcium channel blockers | Nimodipine | Low MINES, 1989 ¹³³ | 4/46 | 3/43 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Selective calcium channel blockers | Nimodipine | Medium Havanka- Kanniainen, 1985 ¹³² | 1/33 | 0/33 | NA/1 |
| Placebo | Placebo | Systemic Drugs | Montelukast | Low Brandes, 2004 ²⁰³ | 2/84 | 2/93 | NA/1 |

Bold = significant differences at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of odds ratio estimates do not include 1

Appendix Table D164. Decrease in frequency of migraine >50% with amitriptyline vs. placebo in adults with different baseline migraine frequency, results from medium risk of bias RCT¹¹¹

| Baseline Migraine Frequency | Weeks of Treatment | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Baseline ≥17 Headaches per month | 4 | 5.5 (0.7 to 40.5) | 0.20 (0.04 to 0.37) |
| Baseline 1-16 Headaches per month | 4 | 0.7 (0.3 to 1.5) | -0.04 (-0.10 to 0.03) |
| Baseline ≥17 Headaches per month | 8 | 1.7 (0.5 to 5.4) | 0.14 (-0.12 to 0.39) |
| Baseline 1-16 Headaches per month | 8 | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.2) | 0.00 (-0.08 to 0.08) |
| Baseline ≥17 Headaches per month | 12 | 5.0 (0.7 to 34.3) | 0.37 (0.11 to 0.63) |
| Baseline 1-16 Headaches per month | 12 | 1.2 (0.6 to 2.5) | 0.02 (-0.08 to 0.12) |
| Baseline ≥17 Headaches per month | 16 | 1.8 (0.5 to 7.1) | 0.16 (-0.16 to 0.48) |
| Baseline 1-16 Headaches per month | 16 | 0.8 (0.4 to 1.8) | -0.03 (-0.13 to 0.07) |

Bold = significant difference at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D165. Improvement of M score >50%* with amitriptyline vs. placebo in adults with different baseline M score and depressive symptoms, results from medium risk of bias RCT¹⁰³

| Baseline Condition | Relative Risk (95% CI) | Absolute Risk Difference (95% CI) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Baseline H<14 | 1.6 (1.0 to 2.5) | 0.21 (0.00 to 0.43) |
| Baseline H>=14 | 1.5 (0.4 to 5.7) | 0.13 (-0.29 to 0.54) |
| Baseline M<100 | 1.7 (0.9 to 3.0) | 0.21 (-0.01 to 0.43) |
| Baseline M<100 AND H<14 | 1.5 (0.8 to 2.8) | 0.16 (-0.08 to 0.40) |
| Baseline M<100 AND H>14 | 3.0 (0.8 to 11.3) | 0.50 (-0.02 to 1) |
| Baseline M≥100 | 1.4 (0.7 to 2.9) | 0.21 (-0.18 to 0.59) |
| Baseline M≥100 AND H<14 | 1.7 (1.0 to 3.1) | 0.44 (0.10 to 0.79) |
| Baseline M≥100 AND H>14 | 0.3 (0.0 to 6.4) | -0.25 (-0.73 to 0.23) |

M score = 2 (frequency*duration) Disabling+1 (frequency*duration) Severe; H SCORE=Hamilton Physician Depression Rating Scale (0-7 normal, 20 - severe depression)

Bold = significant difference at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of relative risk estimates do not include 1 and 95% CI of absolute risk difference estimates do not include 0

CI = confidence interval

Appendix Table D166. Prediction of $\geq 50\%$ in migraine days reduction per month with different doses of amitriptyline (50 vs. 25mg/day) for migraine prevention in adults, results from medium risk of bias RCT¹¹⁰

| Predictor of Effect | Odds Ratio (95% CI) |
|---|---------------------------|
| Age (+1 year) | 1.08 (0.99 to 1.17) |
| Age at onset of migraine (+1 year) | 1.04 (0.94 to 1.16) |
| Amitriptyline ER 50 mg per day (versus not) | 0.24 (0.06 to 1.04) |
| Duration of attack (+1 h) | 1.04 (0.98 to 1.12) |
| Male gender (versus female) | 2.1 (0.45 to 9.87) |
| Migraine days per month (+1 day) | 2.35 (1.45 to 3.8) |
| Migraine with aura (versus without) | 0.63 (0.13 to 3.12) |
| Number of drugs (+1 drug) | 1.02 (0.67 to 1.55) |
| Pain intensity per attack (+1 score point) | 0.69 (0.46 to 1.04) |
| Positive family history of migraine (versus negative) | 2.35 (0.57 to 9.72) |
| Smoker (versus not) | 2.23 (0.44 to 11.3) |

Bold = significant difference at 95% confidence limit when 95% CI of odds ratio estimates do not include 1
 CI = confidence interval

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