

NKR10 Rehabilitering af KOL. Gruppebaseret struktureret patientuddannelse for patienter med KOL

Characteristics of studies

Characteristics of included studies

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| Methods | <p>Study design: Randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group</p> |
| Participants | <p>Baseline Characteristics</p> <p>Intervention 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>COPD severity (GOLD/MRC):</i> 56 (23) FEV1, % predicted ● <i>Age (range):</i> 72.4 (10.0) Age, years ● <i>Male (%):</i> 63% <p>Intervention 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>COPD severity (GOLD/MRC):</i> ● <i>Age (range):</i> ● <i>Male (%):</i> <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>COPD severity (GOLD/MRC):</i> 59 (22) FEV1, % predicted ● <i>Age (range):</i> 72.0 (8.4) Age, years ● <i>Male (%):</i> 57% <p>Overall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>COPD severity (GOLD/MRC):</i> ● <i>Age (range):</i> ● <i>Male (%):</i> <p>Included criteria: Eligible participants had a primary diagnosis of COPD, 2 reported dyspnoea with daily activities and were on stable medical therapy. Excluded criteria: People were excluded if they were not fluent in English, had a documented cognitive deficit limiting their ability to learn, had comorbidities limiting their ability to exercise, or if they had participated in a pulmonary rehabilitation programme in the preceding 2 years.</p> |
| Interventions | <p>Intervention Characteristics</p> <p>Intervention 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description :</i> Exercise training + education ● <i>Length (weeks):</i> 8 weeks ● <i>Longest follow-up (after end of treatment):</i> 12 months after end of treatment <p>Intervention 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description :</i> ● <i>Length (weeks):</i> ● <i>Longest follow-up (after end of treatment):</i> <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description :</i> Exercise training ● <i>Length (weeks):</i> 8 weeks ● <i>Longest follow-up (after end of treatment):</i> 12 months after end of treatment |
| Outcomes | <p><i>Quality of life, SD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Continuous Outcome <p><i>Quality of life, CI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Continuous Outcome <p><i>ADL, SD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Continuous Outcome <p><i>ADL, CI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Continuous Outcome <p><i>Mortality, n</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome <p><i>Hospital admission, n</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome <p><i>Quality of life, SD (longest follow-up)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Continuous Outcome <p><i>Quality of life, CI (longest follow-up)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Continuous Outcome <p><i>ADL, SD (longest follow-up)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Continuous Outcome <p><i>ADL, CI (longest follow-up)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Continuous Outcome |

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| | <p><i>Mortality, n (longest follow-up)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: DichotomousOutcome <p><i>Hospital admission, n (longest follow-up)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: DichotomousOutcome <p><i>Anxiety, SD (longest follow-up)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome <p><i>Depression, SD (longest follow-up)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: ContinuousOutcome |
| Notes | <p>Sponsorship source:</p> <p>Country: Australia</p> <p>Setting:</p> <p>Comments: Australian Clinical Trial Registration Number: ACTRNO12605000703606.</p> <p>Authors name: Felicity C. Blackstock</p> <p>Institution: Department of Physiotherapy, School of Allied Health, La Trobe University, Melbourne</p> <p>Email: f.blackstock@latrobe.edu.au</p> <p>Address: Felicity C. Blackstock, Department of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Allied Health, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Vic, Au</p> |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Support for judgement |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | Patients were assigned using computer-generated random numbers to one of two pulmonary rehabilitation intervention groups |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | Allocation was performed independently using sequentially numbered sealed opaque envelopes |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | Unclear risk | Nothing mentioned |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | Unclear risk | Nothing mentioned |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Low risk | No apparent other sources of bias |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | No apparent other sources of bias |
| Other bias | Low risk | No apparent other sources of bias |

Casey 2013

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| Methods | Cluster RCT, 32 clusters, 350 participants |
| Participants | GOLD 3 severe COPD 27.7%, GOLD 2 moderate COPD 72.3%, mean age 68 years, 64% male |
| Interventions | A structured education pulmonary rehabilitation programme (SEPRP), delivered by the practice nurse and physiotherapist. 8 sessions over 8 weeks, 12-4 weeks follow up. Control: usual care |
| Outcomes | Adverse events, HRQoL (CRQ), All cause hospital admission |
| Notes | Ireland, Funded by the Health Research Board, Ireland and by an unconditional educational grant from Pfizer (grant number NMRPS/2007/1). |

Risk of bias table

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| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | Group allocation concealment was achieved by giving responsibility for computerised allocation sequence generation and group allocation to a researcher independent of the research team and blinded to baseline outcome data. To minimise time delay and patient attrition, practices were randomised to control or intervention groups in four groups of eligible practices on a 1:1 ratio. |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | Group allocation concealment was achieved by giving responsibility for computerised allocation sequence generation and group allocation to a researcher independent of the research team and blinded to baseline outcome data. To minimise time delay and patient attrition, practices were randomised to control or intervention groups in four groups of eligible practices on a 1:1 ratio. |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | Not blinded |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | High risk | Not blinded HRQoL Obs Outcome assessor blinded relevant for mortality and hospital admissions |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | High risk | In all, 35 of the 178 participants (19.7%) allocated to the intervention and 38 of the 172 allocated to the control groups (22.1%) did not complete the CRQ (figure 2). |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | Protocol available, all outcomes measured |
| Other bias | Low risk | No other apparent sources of bias. Cluster randomization taken into the data analyses |

Emery 1998

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| Methods | Obs copied partly from Effing et al 2009 http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD002990.pub2/abstract RCT. FUP= 2 m. Control: usual care |
| Participants | Eligible: 92 Randomised: 50 Completed: 49 Mean age: I: 67 (6) yrs C: 67 (6) yrs Sex (% male): I: 42 C: 48 Diagnosis of COPD: stable COPD; > 50 yrs; FEV1/VC<70;> 6 months clinical symptoms of COPD Recruitment: outpatients + GP-patients + advertisements + word of mouth Major exclusions: significant cardiac disease; other diseases affecting exercise tolerance or learning skills last 3 months; asthma without fixed obstruction FEV1%pred: I: 43 (18) C: 39 (16) FEV1/VC:? |
| Interventions | Mode: group education Content:COPDknowledge;therapy; coping; interpreting pulmonary function tests; understanding of arterial blood gases; stress management Duration: 26 hrs Action Plan: N |
| Outcomes | Dropout due to illness, CES depression + SCL depression and anxiety + STAI anxiety - SIP (ADL scale) - HRQoL-MHLC |
| Notes | USA, Funding: Grants from the National Heart, Lung and blood institute and the National institute on aging |

Risk of bias table

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| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | 'Group assignments were taken from a random number schedule...' |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | '...printed on a piece of paper, and placed in a sealed envelope. Participants were not given the envelope containing their group assignment until after completing the baseline assessment, and technical staff conducting the assessments were not aware of group assignments.' |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | no blinding |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | High risk | No information. Comment: likely no |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Unclear risk | |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Unclear risk | |
| Other bias | Unclear risk | |

Gallefoss 1999

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| Methods | Obs copied partly from Effing et al 2009 http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD002990.pub2/abstract RCT. FUP=12 m. Control: usual care |
| Participants | Eligible: 68 Randomised: 62 Completed: 53 Mean age: I: 57 (9) yrs C: 58 (10) yrs Sex (% male): I:48 C: 52 Diagnosis of COPD: FEV1pred>= 40% and FEV1pred<80% Recruitment: outpatients Major exclusions: any serious disease FEV1%pred: I:59 (9) C: 56 (11) FEV1/VC: I: 55(9) C:52(10) |
| Interventions | Mode:patient brochure + group sessions Content:COPD knowledge; medication; symptoms; exacerbations; inhalation technique;smoking cessation; relaxation; coping Duration: max 6.5 hrs Action Plan: Y |
| Outcomes | SGRQ Hospital admissions Dropout due to illness |
| Notes | Norway, Supported by the Quality Improvement Fund II of the Norwegian Medical Association. |

Risk of bias table

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| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | Participants '...randomized to an intervention group or a control group using random number tables.' |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | Study investigators unaware as to order of treatment group assignment |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | No blinding |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | High risk | We were unable to ascertain whether outcome assessment was made blind to treatment group assignment Comment: likely no |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Unclear risk | |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Unclear risk | |
| Other bias | Unclear risk | |

Monnikhof 2003

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| Methods | Obs copied partly from Effing et al 2009 http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD002990.pub2/abstract RCT. FUP= 12 m. Control: usual care |
| Participants | Eligible: 615 Randomised: 248 Completed: 236 Mean age: I: 65 (7) yrs C: 65 (7) yrs Sex (% male): I: 85% C: 84% Diagnosis of stable COPD (ATS). - Age 40-75 yrs - current or former smoker - FEV1% pred (pre): 25-80% - FEV1/VC (pre): < 60 - reversibility =< 12% pred - TLC > TLC pred (1.64*sd) Recruitment: outpatients Major exclusions: - no previous diagnosis of asthma. - exacerbation in the months prior to inclusion - medical condition with low survival or serious psychiatric morbidity - any other lung disease - maintenance treatment of oral steroids or antibiotics |
| Interventions | Mode: group education by respiratory nurse. Content: COPD knowledge; inhalation technique; importance of exercise; relaxation; nutrition; coping with breathlessness; ergonomic posture and energy conservation during daily activities or work; communication and social relationships; guidelines for self-treatment for exacerbations (action plans). Duration: 5 * 2h A fitness program was aimed at coping with disease, recognising their individual capacity, social interactions and behavioural change. Duration 1-2 a week for 30-45 min. Action Plan: Y |
| Outcomes | - SGRQ - Hospital admissions |
| Notes | The Netherlands. This study was sponsored by the Netherlands Asthma Foundation, Boehringer Ingelheim, Amicon Health Care Insurance Company, and GlaxoSmithKline Ltd. |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Support for judgement |
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| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | Computer-generated randomisation schedule. |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | Central randomisation; study investigators were not aware as to the order of treatment group assignment |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | No blinding |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | High risk | No information. Comment: likely not |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Unclear risk | |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Unclear risk | |
| Other bias | Unclear risk | |

Ninot 2011

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| Methods | RCT, 45 participants, Moderate to severe COPD patients, age 56 to 74, 84% male |
| Participants | Moderate to severe COPD patients, age 56 to 74, 84% male |
| Interventions | The self-management program was provided in the hospital on an outpatient basis. A health professional gave 8 lectures to small groups of 4-8 participants at a rate of 2 sessions (i.e. 2 h per session) per week for 4 weeks. The program emphasized on the acquisition of self-management skills: to promote smoking cessation, encourage prompt management of acute exacerbation (e.g., advice about when to initiate antibiotics or steroid regimens), ensure correct inhaler |

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| | techniques, ensure right secretion removal techniques, optimize nutrition and promote active lifestyle (particularly exercise). After each educational session within the same group, participants performed the usual exercise program used in our laboratory ¹² (i.e. cycling at the level of the ventilatory threshold for 30e45 min under the supervision of a qualified exercise trainer). The provider was insisted on the use of correct breathing techniques during exercise. Control: Usual care. 1 month treatment and follow-up after 12 month |
| Outcomes | Drop out due to illness, HRQoL (NHP sub scales, SGRQ total and sub scales), All cause hospitalization |
| Notes | France, Funded by a grant from the Hospital of Montpellier CHRU, PHRC (Grant: number UF7608). |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Support for judgement |
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| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | The trial statistician, MCP, generated the random allocation sequence using the random procedure in SAS (SAS v.9.1 e SAS Institute, Cary NC), with a 1:1 allocation using block size of 4. The enrollment of patients in the study proceeded as follows: (i) patients were contacted via flyers advertizing the study in the corridors of the hospital; (ii) they met the investigator (i.e. physician) who informed them about the objective of the study; and he verified their eligibility; (iii) eligible patients were invited to participate in the study. After the physician had obtained the patient's consent, he sent by fax the randomization form to the Clinical Research Unit (AJ) for allocation consignment re-addressed by fax. He subsequently informed patients of their group allocation. |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | The trial statistician, MCP, generated the random allocation sequence using the random procedure in SAS (SAS v.9.1 e SAS Institute, Cary NC), with a 1:1 allocation using block size of 4. The enrollment of patients in the study proceeded as follows: (i) patients were contacted via flyers advertizing the study in the corridors of the hospital; (ii) they met the investigator (i.e. physician) who informed them about the objective of the study; and he verified their eligibility; (iii) eligible patients were invited to participate in the study. After the physician had obtained the patient's consent, he sent by fax the randomization form to the Clinical Research Unit (AJ) for allocation consignment re-addressed by fax. He subsequently informed patients of their group allocation |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | No blinding |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | High risk | No blinding |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Unclear risk | 7 out of 45 lost to Follow up |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | No protocol available, but all mentioned outcomes are reported |
| Other bias | Low risk | No obvious other sources of bias |

Rice 2010

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| Methods | RCT |
| Participants | Most patients had severe COPD, as indicated by the overall mean FEV1 , 37% of predicted and by the 55% rate of home oxygen use. 98% male |
| Interventions | Patients assigned to usual care received a one-page handout containing a summary of the principles of COPD care and the telephone number for the 24-hour VA [Veterans Affairs Medical Centers] nursing helpline, which is a service available to all VA patients. Patients assigned to the disease management arm attended a single 1- to 1.5-hour group education session conducted by a respiratory therapist case manager. The patient education session included general information about COPD, direct observation of inhaler techniques, a review and adjustment of outpatient COPD medications, smoking cessation counseling, recommendations concerning influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations, encouragement of regular exercise, and instruction in hand hygiene (17). Each subject received an individualized written action plan that included refillable prescriptions for prednisone and an oral antibiotic, contact information for a case manager, and the telephone number of the 24-hour VA helpline (see Appendix 2 in the online supplement). Subjects were to be in possession of action plan medications at all times and were to refill prescriptions immediately upon initiating the action plan. The case manager made monthly phone calls to patients in disease management. We encouraged patients to call the case manager during regular working hours if they took action plan medications or if they had questions relating to their medical care. There were no subsequent scheduled clinic visits. Duration: 1 single education session and monthly phone calls for 12 month |
| Outcomes | HRQoL (SGRQ total), mortality, Hospital admissions |
| Notes | USA, Funding: Department of Veterans Affairs |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Support for judgement |
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| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | We assigned subjects in equal proportions to each of the two treatment arms by permuted-block randomization |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | Allocation: concealed. Comment: likely yes |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | Not blinded |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | Low risk | Blinded (data collectors, primary outcome assessors, data analysts) |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Low risk | Follow up on all patients |

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| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | Match to protocol |
| Other bias | Low risk | No obvious other sources of bias |

Van Wetering 2009

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| Methods | RCT |
| Participants | 71% male, moderate airflow obstruction but impaired exercise capacity (mean (SD) forced expiratory volume in 1 s (FEV1) 60 (16)%, peak work load (Wmax) ,70%) |
| Interventions | The programme was designed to improve and subsequently maintain exercise capacity, to promote selfmanagement skills and improve knowledge of COPD. Nutritional intervention and smoking cessation support were provided when indicated. The programme was offered by local physiotherapists and dieticians in the proximity of the patient's home and by respiratory nurses from the hospital. Local caregivers were supervised by colleagues from the hospital. During the first 4 months the patients visited the physiotherapists twice a week (30 min per visit) for intensive exercise training consisting of endurance training (cycling and walking) and four specific exercises for upper and lower extremities to improve both strength and endurance without the use of special equipment. Patients were instructed to perform the same exercises twice a day during 30 min in their home environment in addition to walking and cycling outside. Furthermore, all patients participated in an individualised education programme that was structured using a patient education book. All smokers were assigned to the respiratory nurse for standardised smoking cessation counselling according to the Minimal Intervention Strategy for Lung patients. ¹² Nutritionally depleted patients received scheduled counselling (four visits) by a dietician and nutritional supplements (Respifor, Nutricia, The Netherlands). Control: The usual care group received pharmacotherapy according to accepted guidelines, a short smoking cessation advice by their chest physician and, if they were nutritionally depleted, a recommendation by their respiratory physician to eat more.4-month standardised supervised rehabilitation phase and a 20-month active maintenance phase |
| Outcomes | Drop out due to 'Co-morbidity', HRQoL (SGRQ total + sub scales), Mortality |
| Notes | The Netherlands, This study was financially supported by the Netherlands Asthma Foundation (NAF 3.4.01.63), the "Stichting Astma Bestrijding" (SAB), Nutricia Netherlands, Pfizer and Partners in Care Solutions (PICASSO) for COPD. The funding sources had no role in the design, conduct or reporting of the study or the decision to submit the manuscript for publication. |

Risk of bias table

| Bias | Authors' judgement | Support for judgement |
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| Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Low risk | Patients were randomised to the INTERCOM programme or to usual care using a computerised Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease procedure with concealed patient allocation. |
| Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Low risk | Patients were randomised to the INTERCOM programme or to usual care using a computerised Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease procedure with concealed patient allocation. |
| Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | High risk | Not blinded |
| Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | High risk | No info, judgement: not blinded |
| Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Unclear risk | intervention: (77+7) 84 out of 102, Control (81+5) 85 out of 97 |
| Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Low risk | Outcomes reported match study protocol |
| Other bias | Low risk | none detected |

Footnotes

Characteristics of excluded studies

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Characteristics of studies awaiting classification

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Characteristics of ongoing studies

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Summary of findings tables

Additional tables

References to studies

Included studies

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Other references

Additional references

Other published versions of this review

Classification pending references

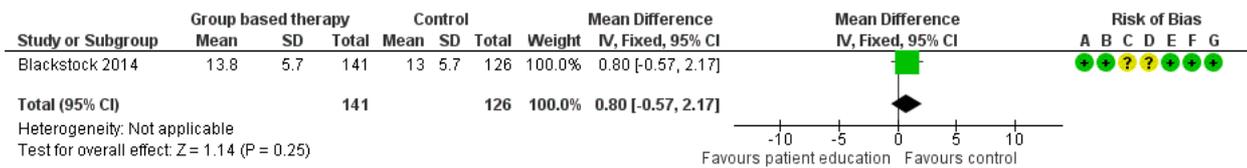
Data and analyses

2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy

| Outcome or Subgroup | Studies | Participants | Statistical Method | Effect Estimate |
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| 2.1 Quality of life. End of treatment | 1 | 267 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | 0.80 [-0.57, 2.17] |
| 2.2 Quality of life. Longest follow-up | 6 | | Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI) | -2.74 [-4.60, -0.89] |
| 2.4 ADL. End of treatment | 1 | 73 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | -2.25 [-5.86, 1.35] |
| 2.5 Mortality. End of treatment | 3 | 1190 | Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI) | 0.81 [0.56, 1.17] |
| 2.6 Hospital admission. Longest follow-up. | 4 | 1184 | Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI) | -0.27 [-1.24, 0.70] |
| 2.7 No. of hospital admissions. Longest follow-up | 1 | 181 | Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI) | 0.81 [0.64, 1.02] |
| 2.8 Depression. End of treatment | 1 | 73 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | -2.43 [-5.52, 0.66] |
| 2.9 Anxiety. End of treatment | 1 | 73 | Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI) | 0.74 [-2.10, 3.58] |

Figures

Figure 1 (Analysis 2.1)

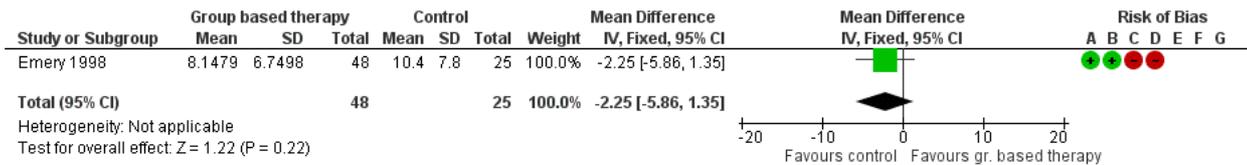


Risk of bias legend

- (A) Random sequence generation (selection bias)
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- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Forest plot of comparison: 2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy, outcome: 2.1 Quality of life. End of treatment.

Figure 2 (Analysis 2.4)

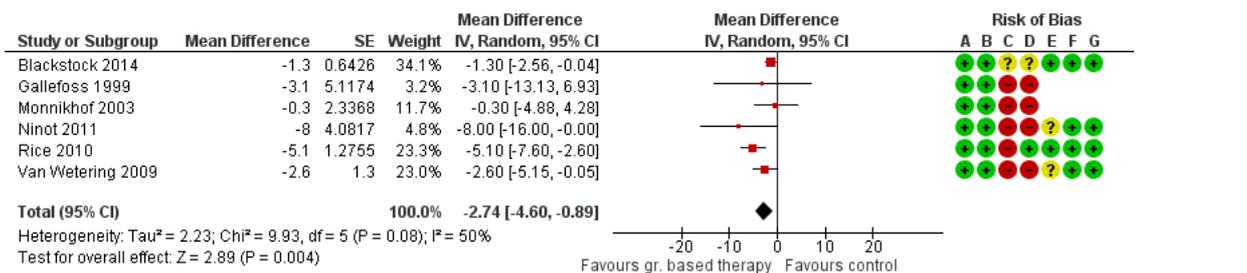


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- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Forest plot of comparison: 2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy, outcome: 2.4 ADL. End of treatment.

Figure 3 (Analysis 2.2)

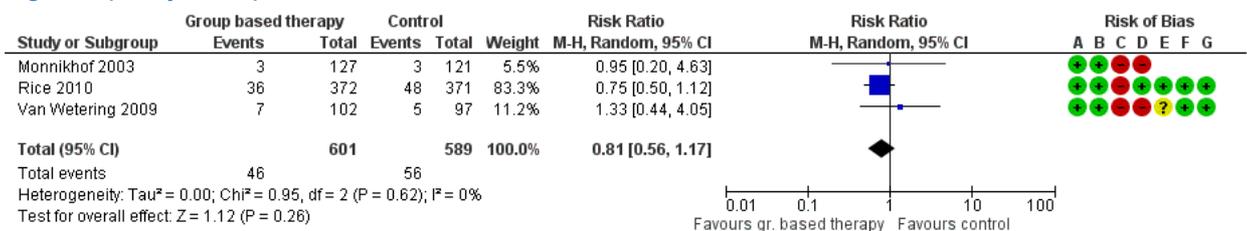


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- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
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Forest plot of comparison: 2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy, outcome: 2.2 Quality of life. Longest follow-up.

Figure 4 (Analysis 2.5)

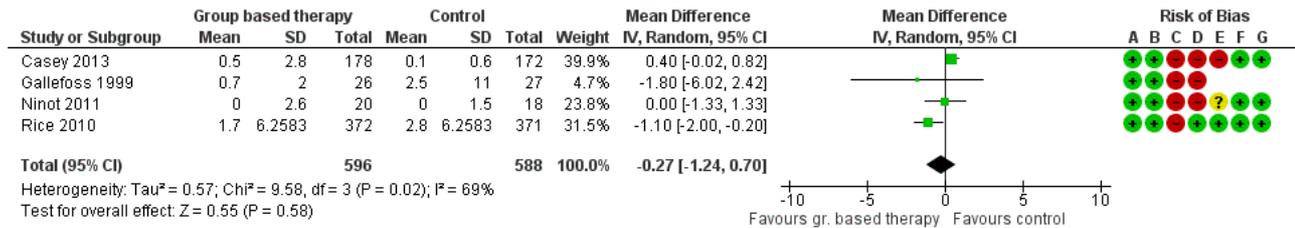


Risk of bias legend

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- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Forest plot of comparison: 2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy, outcome: 2.5 Mortality. End of treatment.

Figure 5 (Analysis 2.6)



Risk of bias legend

- (A) Random sequence generation (selection bias)
- (B) Allocation concealment (selection bias)
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Forest plot of comparison: 2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy, outcome: 2.6 Hospital admission. Longest follow-up..

Figure 6 (Analysis 2.7)

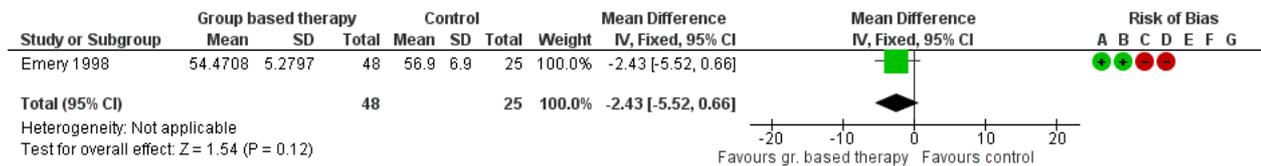


Risk of bias legend

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- (B) Allocation concealment (selection bias)
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Forest plot of comparison: 2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy, outcome: 2.7 No. of hospital admissions. Longest follow-up.

Figure 7 (Analysis 2.8)

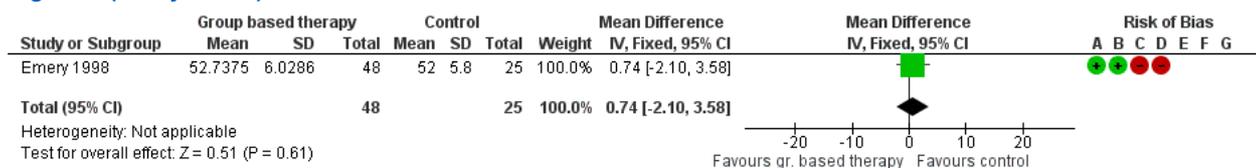


Risk of bias legend

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- (B) Allocation concealment (selection bias)
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Forest plot of comparison: 2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy, outcome: 2.8 Depression. End of treatment.

Figure 8 (Analysis 2.9)



Risk of bias legend

- (A) Random sequence generation (selection bias)
- (B) Allocation concealment (selection bias)
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Forest plot of comparison: 2 Group-based therapy versus no group-based therapy, outcome: 2.9 Anxiety. End of treatment.