

Appendix S4. CINeMA outputs.

This supplementary information contains all outputs of the CINeMA tool. The CINeMA outputs show the results for the different outcomes (primary plaque, secondary plaque, primary gingivitis, secondary gingivitis) for all studies and for studies with adults only.

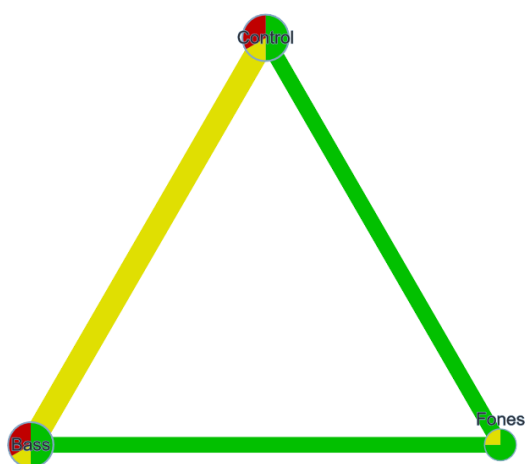
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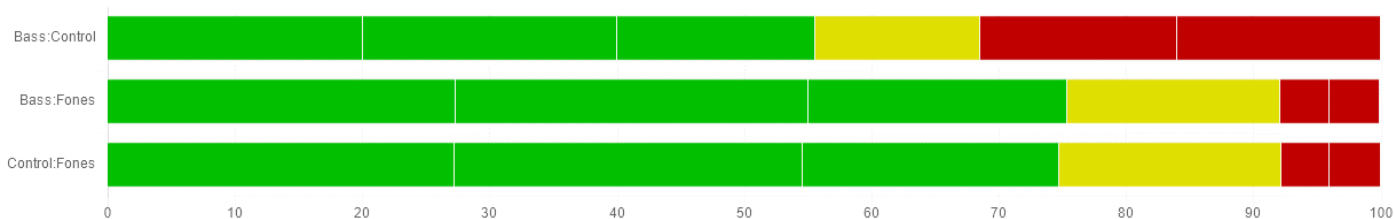
1. CINeMA-Output: Primary Plaque (all studies)

	id	study	year	feature	outcome	index	t1	n1	y1	sd1	rob	indirectness	t2	n2	y2	sd2
1	2	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	plaque	primary	MPI	Control	19	58.71	18.63	2	1	Fones	19	52.57	17.01
2	2	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	plaque	primary	MPI	Control	19	58.71	18.63	2	1	Bass	18	63.59	17.03
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4	3	Schlueter et al. (2013.1)	2013	plaque	primary	TQHI	Control	27	1.72	0.48	3	1	Bass	24	1.52	0.58
5	4	Schlueter et al. (2013.2)	2013	plaque	primary	TQHI	Control	27	1.72	0.48	3	1	Bass	26	1.5	0.69
6	5	Deinzer et al. (2016.1)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Control	30	70.04	16	1	1	Fones	32	71.89	15.29
7	5	Deinzer et al. (2016.1)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Control	30	70.04	16	1	1	Bass	30	67.18	18.21
8	5	Deinzer et al. (2016.1)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Fones	32	71.89	15.29	1	1	Bass	30	67.18	18.21
9	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Control	30	34.34	20.13	1	1	Fones	32	31.9	20.35
10	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Control	30	34.34	20.13	1	1	Bass	30	31.23	22.73
11	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Fones	32	31.9	20.35	1	1	Bass	30	31.23	22.73
12	7	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Control	22	78.89	10.66	1	1	Fones	23	72.87	15.69
13	7	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Control	22	78.89	10.66	1	1	Bass	23	80.93	13.39
14	7	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	plaque	primary	MPI	Fones	23	72.87	15.69	1	1	Bass	23	80.93	13.39

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Risk of bias contributions: The bar chart shows the contributions of each piece of study to the network estimate



Selected Rule: Average RoB

<p>Comparison Bass:Control</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>Majority RoB: No concerns</p> <p>Average RoB: Some concerns</p> <p>Highest RoB: Major concerns</p> <p>NMA judgment <input type="text" value="Some concerns"/></p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>Majority RoB: No concerns</p> <p>Average RoB: No concerns</p> <p>Highest RoB: Major concerns</p> <p>NMA judgment <input type="text" value="No concerns"/></p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>Majority RoB: No concerns</p> <p>Average RoB: No concerns</p> <p>Highest RoB: Major concerns</p> <p>NMA judgment <input type="text" value="No concerns"/></p>
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Reporting Bias: Judgement „all low Risk“

Indirectness: Judgement “all no concerns”

Imprecision: Clinically important effect size set at 0.2

<p>Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.129 95% Confidence interval: <i>Confidence interval (-0.377,0.119)</i> <i>extends into clinically important effects</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Some concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.091 95% Confidence interval: <i>Confidence interval (-0.200,0.382)</i> <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Major concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.220 95% Confidence interval: <i>Confidence interval (-0.070,0.510)</i> <i>extends into clinically important effects</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Some concerns</p>
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Heterogeneity

The estimated value of between-study variance for the network meta-analysis is **0.017**

<p>Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.129 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.377,0.119) Prediction interval: (-0.557,0.299) <i>Prediction interval extends into clinically important or unimportant effects</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment Some concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.091 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.200,0.382) Prediction interval: (-0.375,0.557) <i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.220 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.070,0.510) Prediction interval: (-0.245,0.685) <i>Prediction interval extends into clinically important or unimportant effects</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment Some concerns</p>
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Incoherence

Global test based on a random-effects design-by-treatment interaction model

χ^2 statistic: 2.010 (1 degrees of freedom), P value: 0.156

<p>Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: direct</p> <p>Direct standardised mean difference: -0.128(-0.376,0.120) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA standardised mean difference: 0.091(-0.200,0.382) Direct standardised mean difference: 0.153(-0.151,0.458) Indirect standardised mean difference: -0.563(-1.552,0.426)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures Difference of standardised mean differences: 0.717(-0.318,1.751) P value: 0.175</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA standardised mean difference: 0.220(-0.070,0.510) Direct standardised mean difference: 0.164(-0.139,0.467) Indirect standardised mean difference: 0.831(-0.171,1.832)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures Difference of standardised mean differences: -0.666(-1.713,0.380) P value: 0.212</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>
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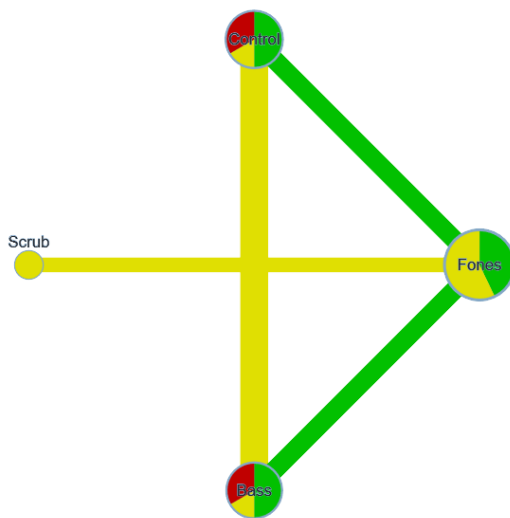
Overall rating of the confidence into the evidence

Comparison	Number of Studies	Within-study bias	Reporting bias	Indirectness	Imprecision	Heterogeneity	Incoherence	Confidence rating	Reason(s) for downgrading
Mixed evidence									
Bass vs Control	6	Some concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Some concerns	Some concerns	No concerns	Low	Within-study bias Imprecision Heterogeneity
Bass vs Fones	4	No concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Major concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Low	Imprecision
Control vs Fones	4	No concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Some concerns	Some concerns	No concerns	Moderate	Imprecision Heterogeneity

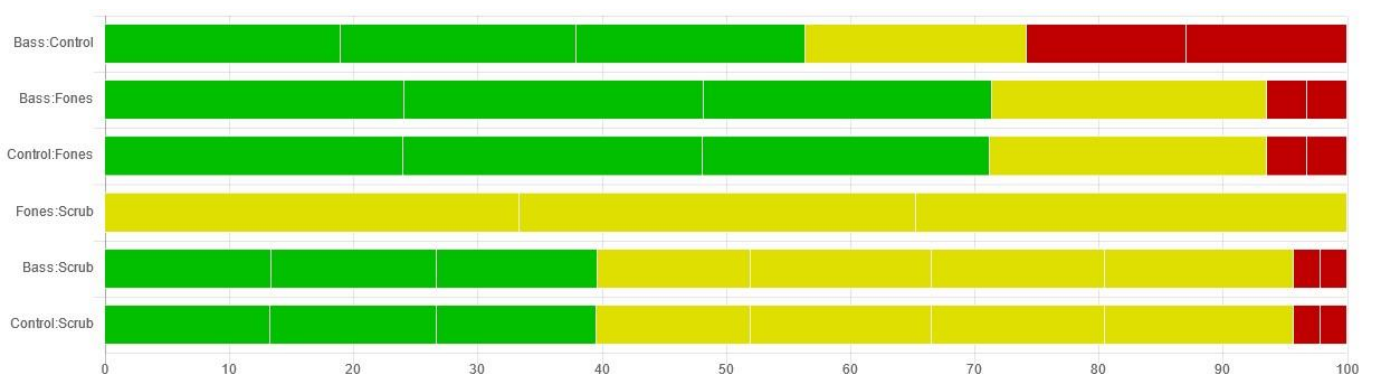
2. CINeMA-Output: Secondary Plaque (all studies)

	id	study	year	feature	outcome	index	t1	n1	y1	sd1	rob	indirectness	t2	n2	y2	sd2
1	2	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	19	62.51	20.05	2	1	Fones	18	50.19	15.33
2	2	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	19	62.51	20.05	2	1	Bass	18	64.72	19.31
3	2	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	plaque	secondary	MPI	Fones	18	50.19	15.33	2	1	Bass	18	64.72	19.31
4	3	Schlueter et al. (2013.1)	2013	plaque	secondary	TQHI	Control	27	1.8	0.47	3	1	Bass	24	1.58	0.58
5	4	Schlueter et al. (2013.2)	2013	plaque	secondary	TQHI	Control	27	1.8	0.47	3	1	Bass	26	1.64	0.58
6	5	Deinzer et al. (2016.1)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	30	76.18	14.93	1	1	Fones	32	71.99	14.92
7	5	Deinzer et al. (2016.1)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	30	76.18	14.93	1	1	Bass	30	70.56	16.9
8	5	Deinzer et al. (2016.1)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Fones	32	71.99	14.92	1	1	Bass	30	70.56	16.9
9	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	30	42.18	25.56	1	1	Fones	32	36.78	23.99
10	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	30	42.18	25.56	1	1	Bass	30	39.24	23.41
11	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Fones	32	36.78	23.99	1	1	Bass	30	39.24	23.41
12	7	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	22	77.45	12.08	1	1	Fones	23	70.67	14.49
13	7	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	22	77.45	12.08	1	1	Bass	23	76.05	17.26
14	7	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Fones	23	70.67	14.49	1	1	Bass	23	76.05	17.26
15	8	Ceyhan et al. (2018.1)	2018	plaque	secondary	PI	Scrub	17	0.3	0.04	2	3	Fones	21	0.25	0.04
16	9	Ceyhan et al. (2018.2)	2018	plaque	secondary	PI	Scrub	22	0.37	0.03	2	3	Fones	25	0.47	0.04
17	10	Ceyhan et al. (2018.3)	2018	plaque	secondary	PI	Scrub	39	0.23	0.02	2	3	Fones	39	0.18	0.02

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Risk of bias contributions: The bar chart shows the contributions of each piece of study to the network estimate



Selected Rule: Average RoB

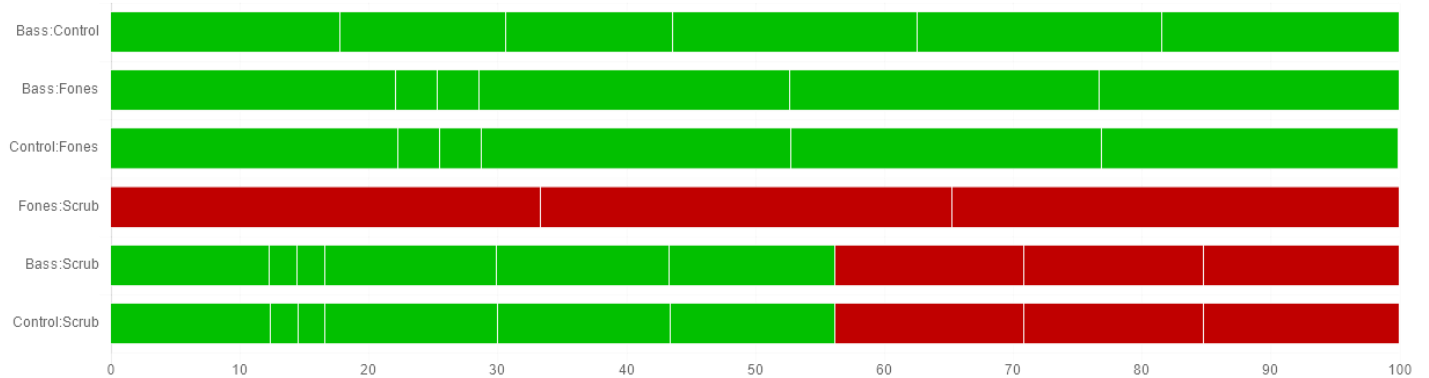
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Reporting Bias

The Comparison Control:Scrub was manually set to high risk (rationale: statistics from Sarvia et al. 1989 was not available for NMA)

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: direct Reporting bias judgment: <input type="text" value="Low risk"/>	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed Reporting bias judgment: <input type="text" value="Low risk"/>	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed Reporting bias judgment: <input type="text" value="Low risk"/>	Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: direct Reporting bias judgment: <input type="text" value="Low risk"/>
Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: indirect Reporting bias judgment: <input type="text" value="Low risk"/>	Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect Reporting bias judgment: <input type="text" value="High risk"/>		

Indirectness contributions



Selected rule: Average; indirect comparisons were manually set at high risk

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed Majority: No concerns Average: No concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: <input type="text" value="No concerns"/>	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed Majority: No concerns Average: No concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: <input type="text" value="No concerns"/>	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed Majority: No concerns Average: No concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: <input type="text" value="No concerns"/>	Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: mixed Majority: Major concerns Average: Major concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: <input type="text" value="Major concerns"/>	Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: indirect Majority: No concerns Average: Some concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: <input type="text" value="Major concerns"/>
Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect Majority: No concerns Average: Some concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: <input type="text" value="Major concerns"/>				

Imprecision: Clinically important effect size set at 0.2

<p>Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.196 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.974,0.582) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Major concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.237 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.676,1.151) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Major concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.433 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.480,1.347) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Major concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.386 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-1.515,0.743) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Major concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.149 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-1.601,1.303) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Major concerns</p>
<p>Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.047 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-1.405,1.499) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment Major concerns</p>				

Heterogeneity

The estimated value of between-study variance for the network meta-analysis is 0.865

<p>Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.196 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.974,0.582) Prediction interval: (-2.483,2.091) <i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.237 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.676,1.151) Prediction interval: (-2.116,2.590) <i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.433 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.480,1.347) Prediction interval: (-1.920,2.786) <i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.386 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-1.515,0.743) Prediction interval: (-2.860,2.088) <i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.149 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-1.601,1.303) Prediction interval: (-2.838,2.541) <i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>
<p>Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.047 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-1.405,1.499) Prediction interval: (-2.643,2.736) <i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>				

Incoherence

Global test based on a random-effects design-by-treatment interaction model

χ^2 statistic: 0.073 (1 degrees of freedom), P value: 0.787

<p>Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: direct</p> <p>Direct standardised mean difference: -0.196(-0.974,0.583) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA standardised mean difference: 0.237(-0.676,1.151) Direct standardised mean difference: 0.277(-0.677,1.232) Indirect standardised mean difference: -0.204(-3.365,2.958)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures Difference of standardised mean differences: 0.481(-2.821,3.783) P value: 0.775</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA standardised mean difference: 0.433(-0.480,1.347) Direct standardised mean difference: 0.394(-0.560,1.348) Indirect standardised mean difference: 0.864(-2.299,4.026)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures Difference of standardised mean differences: -0.470(-3.773,2.833) P value: 0.780</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: direct</p> <p>Direct standardised mean difference: -0.386(-1.515,0.743) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>
<p>Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>Indirect standardised mean difference: -0.149(-1.601,1.303) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>Indirect standardised mean difference: 0.047(-1.405,1.499) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>		

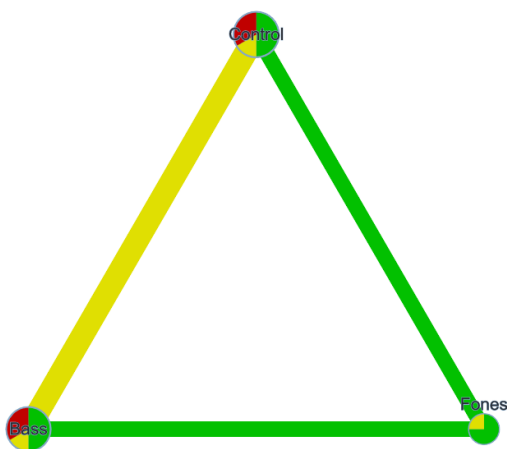
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Bass vs Fones	4	No concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Major concerns ✓	No concerns	No concerns	Low ▾	Imprecision
Control vs Fones	4	No concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Major concerns ✓	No concerns	No concerns	Low ▾	Imprecision
Fones vs Scrub	3	Some concerns ✓	Low risk	Major concerns ✓	Major concerns ✓	No concerns	No concerns	Very low ▾	Within-study bias Indirectness Imprecision
Indirect evidence									
Bass vs Scrub	--	Some concerns ✓	Low risk	Major concerns ✓	Major concerns ✓	No concerns	No concerns	Very low ▾	Within-study bias Indirectness Imprecision
Control vs Scrub	--	Some concerns ✓	High risk ✓	Major concerns ✓	Major concerns ✓	No concerns	No concerns	Very low ▾	Within-study bias Reporting bias Indirectness Imprecision

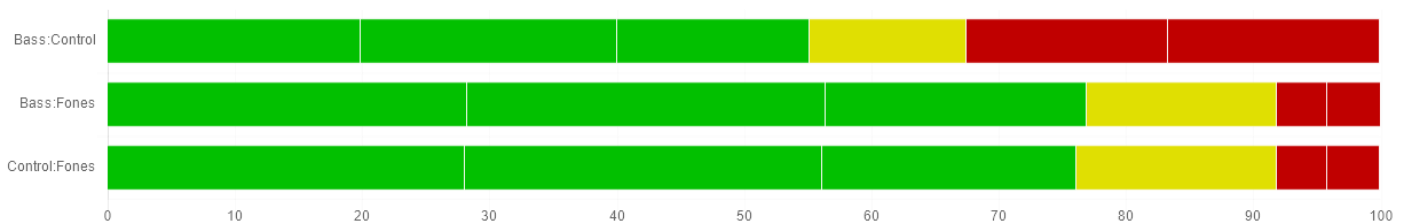
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9	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	30	42.18	25.56	1	1	Fones	32	36.78	23.99
10	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Control	30	42.18	25.56	1	1	Bass	30	39.24	23.41
11	6	Deinzer et al. (2016.2)	2016	plaque	secondary	MPI	Fones	32	36.78	23.99	1	1	Bass	30	39.24	23.41
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Reporting Bias: Judgement „all low Risk“

Indirectness: Judgement “all no concerns”

Imprecision: Clinically important effect size set at 0.2

<p>Comparison Bass:Control</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.213</p> <p>95% Confidence interval: <i>Confidence interval</i> (-0.439,0.012) <i>extends into clinically important effects</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment <input type="button" value="Some concerns"/></p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.174</p> <p>95% Confidence interval: <i>Confidence interval</i> (-0.090,0.438) <i>extends into clinically important effects</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment <input type="button" value="Some concerns"/></p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.387</p> <p>95% Confidence interval: <i>Confidence interval</i> (0.123,0.651) <i>does not cross clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Imprecision judgment <input type="button" value="No concerns"/></p>
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Heterogeneity

The estimated value of between-study variance for the network meta-analysis is **0.000**

<p>Comparison Bass:Control</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.213</p> <p>95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.439,0.012) Prediction interval: (-0.485,0.058)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment <input type="button" value="No concerns"/></p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.174</p> <p>95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.090,0.438) Prediction interval: (-0.144,0.492)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment <input type="button" value="No concerns"/></p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.387</p> <p>95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (0.123,0.651) Prediction interval: (0.069,0.706)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment <input type="button" value="No concerns"/></p>
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Incoherence

Global test based on a random-effects design-by-treatment interaction model

χ^2 statistic: **0.767** (1 degrees of freedom), P value: **0.381**

<p>Comparison Bass:Control</p> <p>Evidence: direct</p> <p>Direct standardised mean difference: -0.212(-0.437,0.013)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment <input type="button" value="No concerns"/></p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA standardised mean difference: 0.174(-0.090,0.438) Direct standardised mean difference: 0.210(-0.066,0.485) Indirect standardised mean difference: -0.213(-1.118,0.693)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures Difference of standardised mean differences: 0.423(-0.524,1.369) P value: 0.382</p> <p>Incoherence judgment <input type="button" value="No concerns"/></p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones</p> <p>Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA standardised mean difference: 0.387(0.123,0.651) Direct standardised mean difference: 0.359(0.083,0.635) Indirect standardised mean difference: 0.690(-0.211,1.590)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures Difference of standardised mean differences: -0.331(-1.272,0.611) P value: 0.491</p> <p>Incoherence judgment <input type="button" value="No concerns"/></p>
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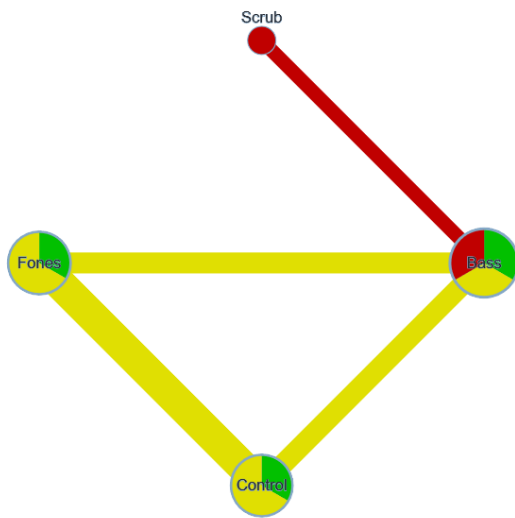
Overall rating of the confidence into the evidence

Comparison	Number of Studies	Within-study bias	Reporting bias	Indirectness	Imprecision	Heterogeneity	Incoherence	Confidence rating	Reason(s) for downgrading
Mixed evidence									
Bass vs Control	6	Some concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Some concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Low	Within-study bias Imprecision
Bass vs Fones	4	No concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Some concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Moderate	Imprecision
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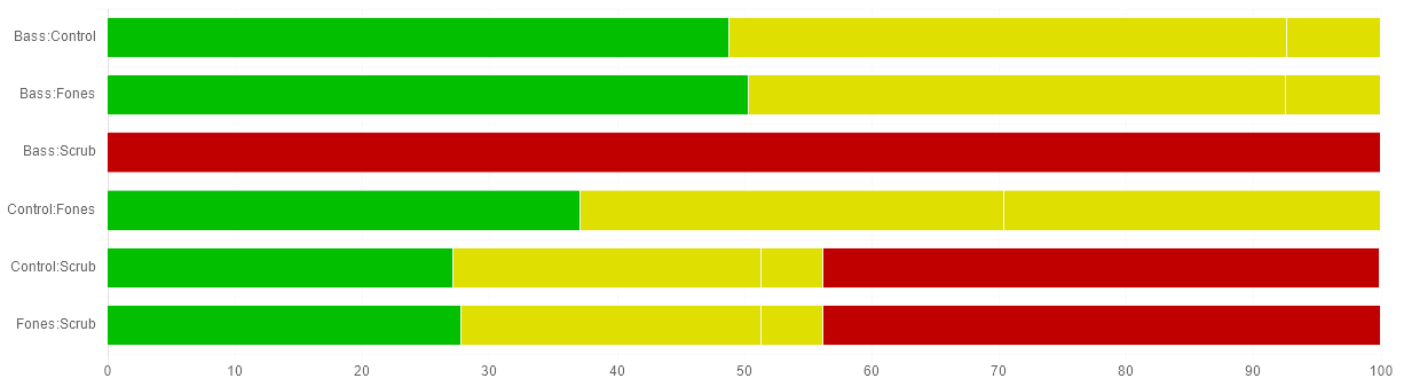
4. CINeMA-Output: Primary Gingivitis (all studies)

	study	year	feature	outcome	index	t1	n1	y1	sd1	rob	indirectness	t2	n2	y2	sd2
1	Smutkeeree et al. (2011)	2011	gingivitis	primary	GI	Scrub	29	2.42	0.28	3	3	Bass	28	2.43	0.34
2	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	gingivitis	primary	PBI	Control	19	26	15.03	2	1	Fones	19	15.35	12.57
3	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	gingivitis	primary	PBI	Control	19	26	15.03	2	1	Bass	18	27.96	21.29
4	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	gingivitis	primary	PBI	Fones	19	15.35	12.57	2	1	Bass	18	27.96	21.29
5	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	gingivitis	primary	BOP	Control	22	7.36	4.7	1	1	Fones	23	10.5	7.39
6	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	gingivitis	primary	BOP	Control	22	7.36	4.7	1	1	Bass	24	10.84	7.01
7	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	gingivitis	primary	BOP	Fones	23	10.5	7.39	1	1	Bass	24	10.84	7.01
8	Schmalz et al. (2018)	2018	gingivitis	primary	GI	Control	22	1	0.08	2	2	Fones	22	0.97	0.14

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Risk of bias contributions: The bar chart shows the contributions of each piece of study to the network estimate



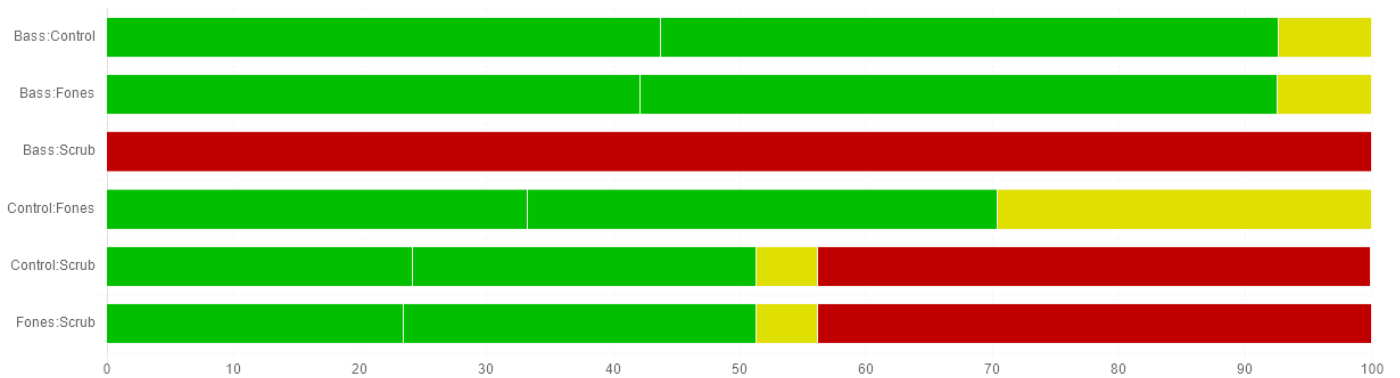
Selected Rule: Average RoB

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed Majority RoB: Some concerns Average RoB: Some concerns Highest RoB: Major concerns NMA judgment: Some concerns	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed Majority RoB: No concerns Average RoB: No concerns Highest RoB: Major concerns NMA judgment: No concerns	Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: mixed Majority RoB: Major concerns Average RoB: Major concerns Highest RoB: Major concerns NMA judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed Majority RoB: Some concerns Average RoB: Some concerns Highest RoB: Major concerns NMA judgment: Some concerns	Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect Majority RoB: Major concerns Average RoB: Some concerns Highest RoB: Major concerns NMA judgment: Some concerns
Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: indirect Majority RoB: Major concerns Average RoB: Some concerns Highest RoB: Major concerns NMA judgment: Some concerns				

Reporting Bias: The Comparison Bass:Control was manually set to high risk (rationale: statistics from Dosumo et al. 2019 and Ausenda et al. 2019 were not available for NMA)

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed Reporting bias judgment High risk	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed Reporting bias judgment Low risk	Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: direct Reporting bias judgment Low risk	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: direct Reporting bias judgment Low risk
Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect Reporting bias judgment Low risk	Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: indirect Reporting bias judgment Low risk		

Indirectness contributions



Selected rule: Average; indirect comparisons were manually set at high risk

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed Majority: No concerns Average: No concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: No concerns	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed Majority: No concerns Average: No concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: No concerns	Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: mixed Majority: Major concerns Average: Major concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed Majority: No concerns Average: No concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: No concerns	Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect Majority: No concerns Average: Some concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: Major concerns
Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: indirect Majority: No concerns Average: Some concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: Major concerns				

Imprecision: Clinically important effect size set at 0.2

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed NMA estimate: 0.285 95% Confidence interval: (-0.327,0.898) extends into clinically important effects in both directions Imprecision judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed NMA estimate: 0.407 95% Confidence interval: (-0.206,1.021) extends into clinically important effects in both directions Imprecision judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: mixed NMA estimate: 0.032 95% Confidence interval: (-0.811,0.875) extends into clinically important effects in both directions Imprecision judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed NMA estimate: 0.122 95% Confidence interval: (-0.400,0.644) extends into clinically important effects in both directions Imprecision judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect NMA estimate: -0.254 95% Confidence interval: (-1.296,0.789) extends into clinically important effects in both directions Imprecision judgment: Major concerns
Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: indirect NMA estimate: -0.376 95% Confidence interval: (-1.418,0.667) extends into clinically important effects in both directions Imprecision judgment: Major concerns				

Heterogeneity

The estimated value of between-study variance for the network meta-analysis is **0.115**

<p>Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.285 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.327,0.898) Prediction interval: (-1.698,2.269)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.407 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.206,1.021) Prediction interval: (-1.578,2.392)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.032 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.811,0.875) Prediction interval: (-2.324,2.388)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA estimate: 0.122 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-0.400,0.644) Prediction interval: (-1.732,1.976)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.254 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-1.296,0.789) Prediction interval: (-2.966,2.459)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>
<p>Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>NMA estimate: -0.376 95% intervals for NMA estimate Confidence interval: (-1.418,0.667) Prediction interval: (-3.089,2.338)</p> <p><i>Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect</i></p> <p>Heterogeneity judgment No concerns</p>				

Incoherence

Global test based on a random-effects design-by-treatment interaction model
 χ^2 statistic: 0.089 (1 degrees of freedom), P value: 0.766

<p>Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA standardised mean difference: 0.285(-0.327,0.898) Direct standardised mean difference: 0.329(-0.312,0.970) Indirect standardised mean difference: -0.180(-2.268,1.907)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures Difference of standardised mean differences: 0.509(-1.674,2.693) P value: 0.648</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed</p> <p>NMA standardised mean difference: 0.407(-0.206,1.021) Direct standardised mean difference: 0.372(-0.270,1.014) Indirect standardised mean difference: 0.777(-1.305,2.859)</p> <p>Inconsistency measures Difference of standardised mean differences: -0.405(-2.584,1.774) P value: 0.715</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: direct</p> <p>Direct standardised mean difference: 0.032(-0.811,0.875) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: direct</p> <p>Direct standardised mean difference: 0.123(-0.399,0.645) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>
<p>Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>Indirect standardised mean difference: -0.254(-1.296,0.789) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>	<p>Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: indirect</p> <p>Indirect standardised mean difference: -0.376(-1.418,0.667) Inconsistency measures: Not applicable</p> <p>Incoherence judgment No concerns</p>		

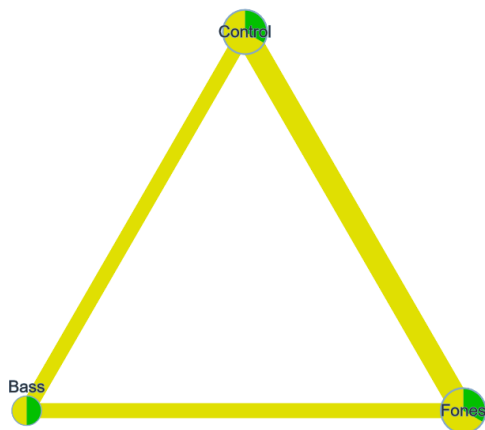
Overall rating of the confidence into the evidence

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Mixed evidence									
Bass vs Control	2	Some concerns	High risk	No concerns	Major concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Very low	Within-study bias Reporting bias Imprecision
Bass vs Fones	2	No concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Major concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Low	Imprecision
Bass vs Scrub	1	Major concerns	Low risk	Major concerns	Major concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Very low	Within-study bias Indirectness Imprecision
Control vs Fones	3	Some concerns	Low risk	No concerns	Major concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Very low	Within-study bias Imprecision
Indirect evidence									
Control vs Scrub	--	Some concerns	Low risk	Major concerns	Major concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Very low	Within-study bias Indirectness Imprecision
Fones vs Scrub	--	Some concerns	Low risk	Major concerns	Major concerns	No concerns	No concerns	Very low	Within-study bias Indirectness Imprecision

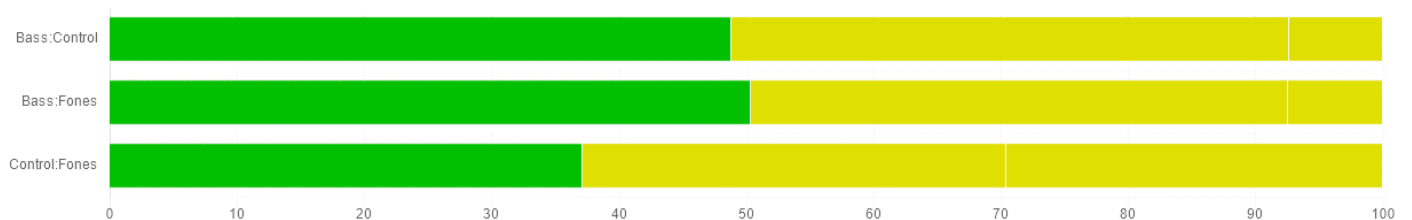
5. CINeMA-Output: Primary Gingivitis (studies with adults only)

	study	year	feature	outcome	index	t1	n1	y1	sd1	rob	indirectness	t2	n2	y2	sd2
1	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	gingivitis	primary	PBI	Control	19	26	15.03	2	1	Fones	19	15.35	12.57
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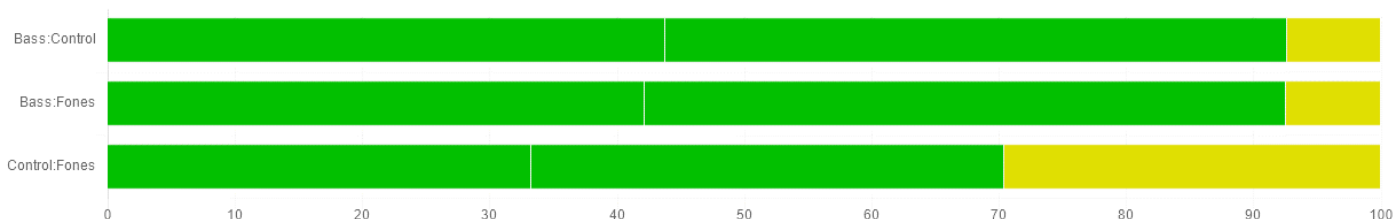
Selected Rule: Average RoB

Comparison	Bass:Control	Bass:Fones	Control:Fones
Evidence:	mixed	mixed	mixed
Majority RoB:	Some concerns	No concerns	Some concerns
Average RoB:	Some concerns	No concerns	Some concerns
Highest RoB:	Some concerns	Some concerns	Some concerns
NMA judgment	<input type="text" value="Some concerns"/>	<input type="text" value="No concerns"/>	<input type="text" value="Some concerns"/>

Reporting Bias: The Comparison Bass:Control was manually set to high risk (rationale: statistics from Dosumo et al. 2019 and Ausenda et al. 2019 were not available for NMA)

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed Reporting bias judgment High risk	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed Reporting bias judgment Low risk	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: direct Reporting bias judgment Low risk
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Indirectness contributions



Selected rule: Average

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Imprecision: Clinically important effect size set at 0.2

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Heterogeneity

The estimated value of between-study variance for the network meta-analysis is **0.115**

Comparison	Bass:Control	Comparison	Bass:Fones	Comparison	Control:Fones
Evidence: mixed		Evidence: mixed		Evidence: mixed	
NMA estimate:	0.285	NMA estimate:	0.407	NMA estimate:	0.122
95% intervals for NMA estimate		95% intervals for NMA estimate		95% intervals for NMA estimate	
Confidence interval:	(-0.327,0.898)	Confidence interval:	(-0.206,1.021)	Confidence interval:	(-0.400,0.644)
Prediction interval:	(-1.698,2.269)	Prediction interval:	(-1.578,2.392)	Prediction interval:	(-1.732,1.976)
Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect		Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect		Confidence and prediction intervals agree in relation to clinically important effect	
Heterogeneity judgment		Heterogeneity judgment		Heterogeneity judgment	
No concerns		No concerns		No concerns	

Incoherence

Global test based on a random-effects design-by-treatment interaction model

χ^2 statistic: 0.089 (1 degrees of freedom), P value: 0.766

Comparison	Bass:Control	Comparison	Bass:Fones	Comparison	Control:Fones
Evidence: mixed		Evidence: mixed		Evidence: direct	
NMA standardised mean difference:	0.285(-0.327,0.898)	NMA standardised mean difference:	0.407(-0.206,1.021)	Direct standardised mean difference:	0.123(-0.399,0.645)
Direct standardised mean difference:	0.329(-0.312,0.970)	Direct standardised mean difference:	0.372(-0.270,1.014)	Inconsistency measures: Not applicable	
Indirect standardised mean difference:	-0.180(-2.268,1.907)	Indirect standardised mean difference:	0.777(-1.305,2.859)	Incoherence judgment	No concerns
Inconsistency measures		Inconsistency measures		Incoherence judgment	
Difference of standardised mean differences:	0.509(-1.674,2.693)	Difference of standardised mean differences:	-0.405(-2.584,1.774)		
P value:	0.648	P value:	0.715		
Incoherence judgment		Incoherence judgment		Incoherence judgment	
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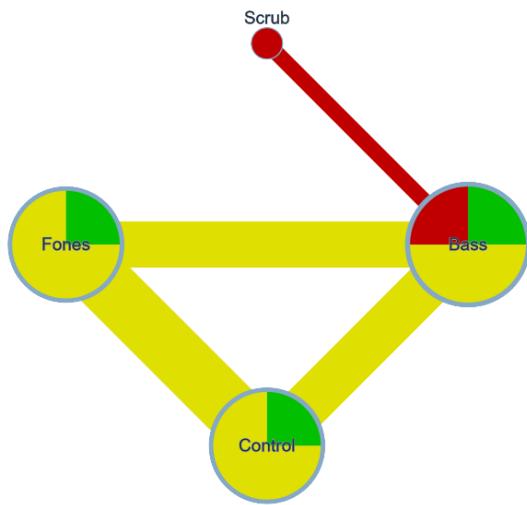
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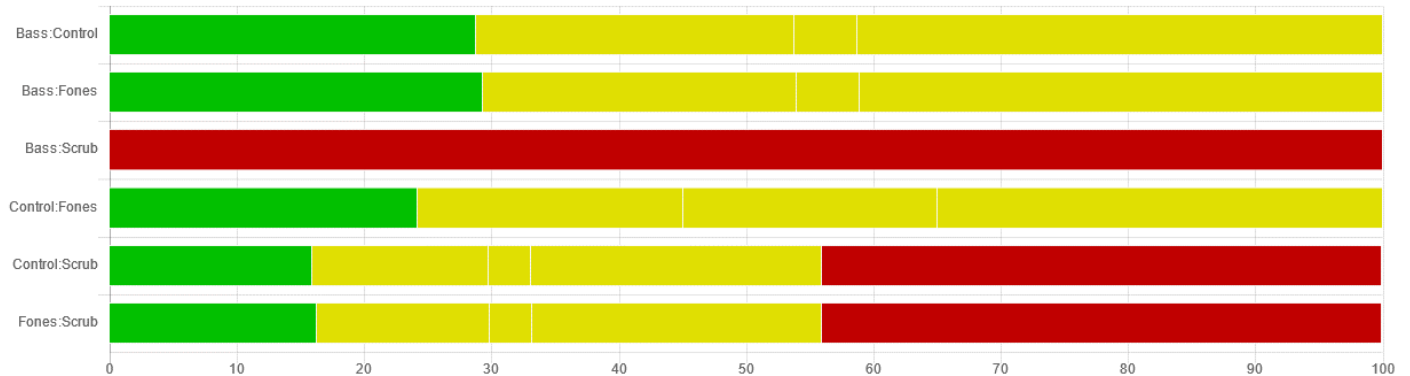
6. CINeMA-Output: Secondary Gingivitis (all studies)

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1	Smutkeeree et al. (2011)	2011	gingivitis	secondary	GI	Scrub	29	2.35	0.18	3	3	Bass	28	2.4	0.27
2	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	gingivitis	secondary	PBI	Control	19	17.58	14.74	2	1	Fones	18	22.23	25.56
3	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	gingivitis	secondary	PBI	Control	19	17.58	14.74	2	1	Bass	19	18.57	12.67
4	Harnacke et al. (2012)	2012	gingivitis	secondary	PBI	Fones	18	22.23	25.56	2	1	Bass	19	18.57	12.67
5	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	gingivitis	secondary	BOP	Control	22	11.79	6.65	1	1	Fones	23	10.5	6.91
6	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	gingivitis	secondary	BOP	Control	22	11.79	6.65	1	1	Bass	24	11.15	8.4
7	Harnacke et al. (2016)	2016	gingivitis	secondary	BOP	Fones	23	10.5	6.91	1	1	Bass	24	11.15	8.4
8	Schmalz et al. (2018)	2018	gingivitis	secondary	GI	Control	22	1.03	0.11	2	2	Fones	22	0.96	0.11
9	Janakiram et al. (2020)	2020	gingivitis	secondary	GI	Control	40	0.9	0.61	2	2	Fones	40	1.1	0.5
10	Janakiram et al. (2020)	2020	gingivitis	secondary	GI	Control	40	0.9	0.61	2	2	Bass	40	0.9	0.4
11	Janakiram et al. (2020)	2020	gingivitis	secondary	GI	Fones	40	1.1	0.5	2	2	Bass	40	0.9	0.4

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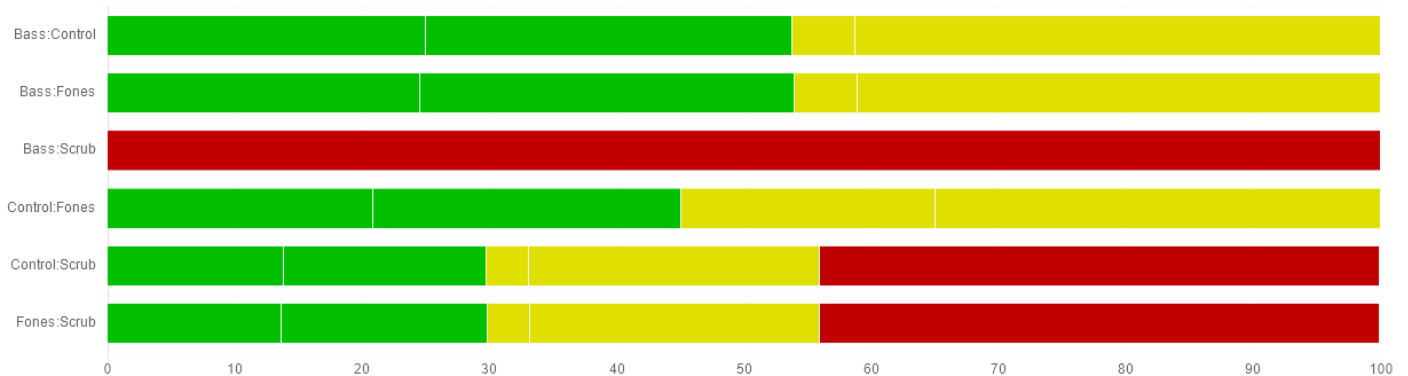
Selected Rule: Average RoB

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Reporting Bias: The Comparison Bass:Control was manually set to high risk (rationale: statistics from Dosumo et al. 2019 and Ausenda et al. 2019 were not available for NMA)

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed Reporting bias judgment High risk	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed Reporting bias judgment Low risk	Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: direct Reporting bias judgment Low risk	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: direct Reporting bias judgment Low risk
Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect Reporting bias judgment Low risk	Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: indirect Reporting bias judgment Low risk		

Indirectness contributions



Selected rule: Average; indirect comparisons were manually set at high risk

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed Majority: No concerns Average: No concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: No concerns	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed Majority: No concerns Average: No concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: No concerns	Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: mixed Majority: Major concerns Average: Major concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed Majority: Some concerns Average: Some concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: Some concerns	Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect Majority: Major concerns Average: Some concerns Highest: Major concerns NMA judgment: Major concerns
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Imprecision: Clinically important effect size set at 0.2

Comparison Bass:Control Evidence: mixed NMA estimate: -0.101 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.495,0.294) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i> Imprecision judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Bass:Fones Evidence: mixed NMA estimate: -0.096 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.491,0.300) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i> Imprecision judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Bass:Scrub Evidence: mixed NMA estimate: 0.216 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.472,0.903) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i> Imprecision judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Control:Fones Evidence: mixed NMA estimate: 0.005 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.355,0.365) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i> Imprecision judgment: Major concerns	Comparison Control:Scrub Evidence: indirect NMA estimate: 0.316 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.476,1.109) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i> Imprecision judgment: Major concerns
Comparison Fones:Scrub Evidence: indirect NMA estimate: 0.311 95% Confidence interval: Confidence interval (-0.482,1.105) <i>extends into clinically important effects in both directions</i> Imprecision judgment: Major concerns				

Heterogeneity

The estimated value of between-study variance for the network meta-analysis is **0.052**

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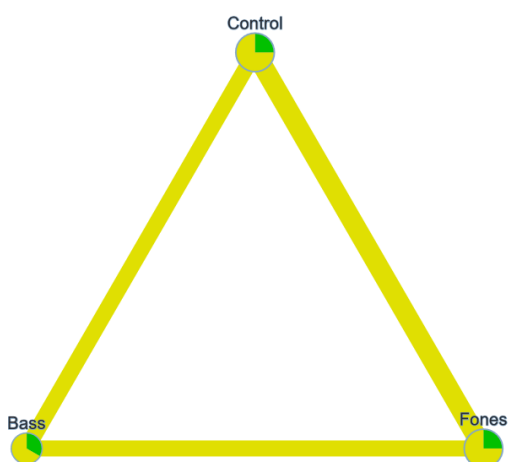
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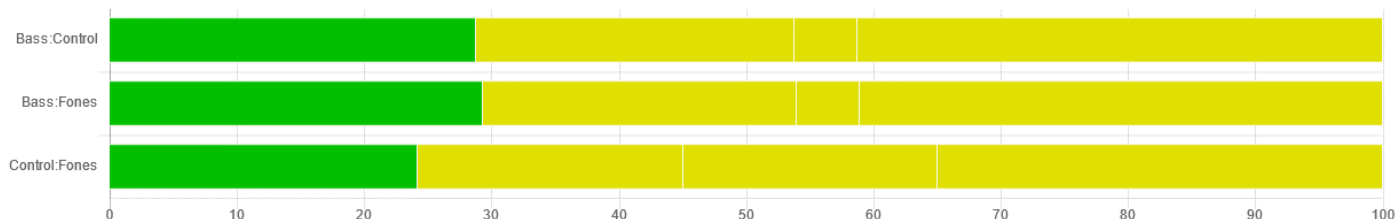
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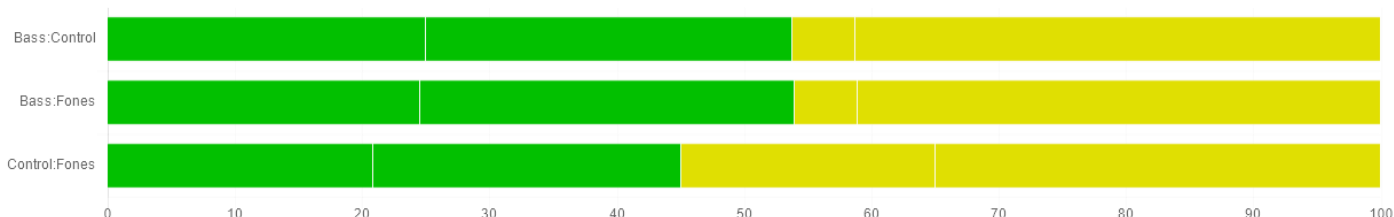
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