		Favours atypical Favours conventional
Amisulpiride		
Efficacy 4 short term trials (603 participants) (refs w7-w9)	Overall symptom reduction: standardised weighted mean difference (95% CI) -0.35 (-0.52 to -0.18) (Equivalent in terms of Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale score: 5.2 points)  Positive symptoms: standardised weighted mean difference -0.25 (-0.42 to -0.07) Negative symptoms: standardised weighted mean difference -0 .28 (-0.45 to -0.10)	Delcker 1990  Hiller 1994  Möller 1997  Puech 1998 (400-1200mg)  Pooled fixed  Pooled random  -1.50 -1.00 -0.50 0.00 0.50
Tolerability 4 short term trials (603 participants) (refs w7-w9)	Drop-out: Fixed effects OR (95% CI):0.55 (0.38 to 0.79)  Number needed to treat: 9 (95% CI 5 to 22)	Delcker 1990  Hiller 1994  1  Puech 1998 (400-1200mg)  Mölle 1997  Pooled Fixed  Pooled Random  0.001  0.01  0.1  0.2  0.5  1  2  5
Clozapine  Efficacy  12 trials (1253 participants) (refs 20-w6, w11-w18)	(Data from short-term trials pooled) Overall symptom reduction standardised weighted mean difference -0.68 (95% CI -0.82 to -0.55) (Equivalent in terms of Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale score: 8.7 points)  Positive symptoms: data not available Negative symptoms: data not available	Kumra 1996
Tolerability 20 trials (1724 participants) (refs 20, 27-43)	Drop-out: Fixed effects OR: 0.52 (95% CI 0.40 to 0.67)  Number need to treat (short term trials): 31 (95% CI 14 to 200)  Number need to treat (long term trials): 4 (95% CI 2 to 5)	Kunra 1996  Singer 1974  Gelenberg 1979  Schonell 1988  Hong 1997  Guirguis 1977  Honigfeld 1984c  Honigfeld 1984b  Honigfeld 1984b  Honigfeld 1984b  Chi 1985  Kane 1988  Honigfeld 1984a  Rosenbeck 1997  Pooled Random Effects  Pooled Random Effects  0.01 0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2 5 10 100 1000

Olanzapine		
Efficacy  4 short-term trials (2471 participants) (refs w28-w31)	Overall symptom reduction Fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference –0.22 (95% CI: -0.30 to –0.14) (Equivalent in terms of Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale score: 2.9 points)  Positive symptoms Fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference -0.13 (95% CI: -0.21 to –0.05)  Negative symptoms Fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference -0.19 (95% CI: -0.27 to –0.11)	Conley 1998
Tolerability  4 short-term trials (2471 participants) (refs w28-w31)	Drop-out: Fixed effects OR 0.52 (95% CI: 0.44 to 0.61)  Random OR 0.63 (95% CI: 0.40 to 1.17)  Number needed to treat: 7 (95% CI: 6 to 9)	Conley 1998  Beasley 1996 (7.5-17.5mg daily)  Beasley 1997(7.5-17.5mg daily)  Tollefson 1997  Fixed effects pooled  Random effects pooled  0.2 0.5 1 2 5
Quetiapine		
Efficacy  2 short-term trials (449 participants) (refs w32,w33)	Overall symptom reduction: fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference: -0.03 (95% CI -0.23 to 0.18) Positive symptoms: fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference: 0.008 (95% CI -0.302 to 0.317) Negative symptoms: fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference: 0.23 (95% CI -0.07 to 0.54)	Peuskens 1997  Arvanitis (150-750mg)  Pooled Fixed  Pooled Random  -1.00 -0.50 0.00 0.50 1.00
Tolerability  2 short-term trials (449 participants) (refs w32, w33)	Drop-out: Fixed effect OR 0.70 (95% CI: 0.46 to 1.06)	Peuskens 1997  Arvanitis (150-750mg)  Pooled Fixed  Pooled Random  0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2 5

Risperidone		
Efficacy 6 short-term trials (1611 participants) (refs w34-w39) and two long term trials (840 participants) (refs 17, w2)	Overall symptom reduction: Fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference -0.15 (95% CI -0.27 to -0.04) Random effects standardised weighted mean difference -0.16 (95% CI -0.47 to 0.16)  Positive symptoms Fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference -0.12 (95% CI: -0.24 to 0.00)  Negative symptom Fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference -0.15 (95% CI: -0.27 to -0.03)	Blin 1996 Claus 1991 Ceiková 1993 Clousinard (6-16mg) 1993 Marder (6-16mg) 1994 Peuskens (4-16mg) 1995 Peoded Fixed Effects Pooled Random Effects -2.00 -1.50 -1.00 -0.50 0.00 0.50 1.00
Tolerability  10 short term trials (2138 participants) (refs w34-w43)	Drop –out : Fixed effects OR 0.59 (95% CI: 0.46 to 0.74) Random effects OR: 0.62 (95% CI: 0.31 to 1.34)  Number needed to treat: 11 (95% CI: 7 to 19)	Mesotten 1991  Blin 1996  Claus 1991  Hayberg 1993  Chouinard (6-16mg) 1993  Hattanen 1995  Marder (6-16mg) 1994  Peuskens (4-16mg) 1995  Pooled Random effects  Pooled Random effects  0.01  0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2 5 10 100
Sertindole  Efficacy  4 trials (3 short term; 1 12 month; 1549 participants) (refs w3, w44-w46)  Tolerability	Overall symptom reduction: fixed effects standardised weighted mean difference 0.05 ( 95% CI: -0.06 to 0.16) Positive symptoms Negative symptoms	Daniel 1998  M93-098 1995 (20 to 24 mg)  Zimbroff 1997  M93-302 1997 (12 to 24 mg)  Pooled fixed effects  Fooled random effects  Daniel 1998  M93-098 1995 (20 to 24 mg)
4 trials (1549 participants) (res w3, w44-w46)	Drop-out: Fixed effects OR 1.10 (95% CI 0.89 to 1.36)	M93.092 1997 (16 to 24 mg)  M93.302 1997 (16 to 24 mg)  Zimbroff 1997  Pooled fixed effects  Pouled random effects  0.5 1 2 5

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(Equivalent Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale point difference and numbers need to treat presented when estimates of 95% confidence interval excludes 1 for both fixed and random effects models)

Number needed to treat indicates the number of patients that would be treated to prevent one patient dropping out.