**Appendix 8 (as supplied by the authors):** Effect of quality improvement strategies relative to control in terms of mean number of hospital admissions per patient per month

Author(s) and Year	Treatment (n)	Control (n)	Mean I	Difference [95% CI]	
Beck 1997 (1)	160	161		-0.04[-0.11, 0.03]	
Botha 2014 (2)	32	24	÷	-0.01[-0.11,0.08]	
Burns T 1999 (3)	338	340	į	-0.01[-0.05, 0.04]	
Gagnon 1999 (4)	212	215	į	0.01[-0.04, 0.06]	
Killaspy 2009 (5)	120	117	÷	0.00[-0.09, 0.08]	
Lichtenberg 2008 (6)	122	95	141	-0.03 [-0.19, 0.14]	
Puschner 2011 (7)	241	250	<b>H</b> 1	0.00 [-0.11, 0.11]	
Scott 2004 (8)	145	149	,	-0.02 [ -0.08 , 0.05 ]	
Shumway 2008 (9)	167	85	į	0.00[-0.03, 0.03]	
Sledge 2006 (10)	47	49	<b>+</b>	-0.03 [ -0.32 , 0.26 ]	
Muijen 1994 (11)	41	41		0.01[0.00,0.02]	
Castro 2003 (12)	50	46	H	-0.03 [ -0.16 , 0.10 ]	
RE Model				0.00 [-0.01, 0.01]	
			-1.00 1.00		
		Mean Difference			

**Abbreviations:** CI, Confidence interval; n, number; RE, Random effects.  $I^2 = 0\%$ 

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