

Appendix table A presentation of results in 121 reports of network meta-analysis according to funding source. Values are numbers (percentages)

Items—yes if reported	Funding sources		
	Public n=55	Private n=48	Not reported, n=18
Amount of evidence in network of randomised trials			
Interventions included in network	55 (100)	48 (100)	18 (100)
Direct comparisons between interventions	41 (75)	27 (56)	14 (78)
No of trials for each comparison	33 (60)	25 (52)	11 (61)
No of patients for each comparison	15 (27)	6 (13)	4 (22)
Network graph*	45 (82)	30 (63)	14 (78)
Effect size estimates for pair-wise comparisons between interventions			
Results of all individual trials used in network meta-analysis	31 (56)	26 (54)	11 (61)
Direct evidence	38 (69)	23 (48)	12 (67)
Indirect evidence	6 (11)	5 (10)	2 (11)
Mixed evidence	41 (75)	23 (48)	14 (78)
Effect estimates for some selected pairwise comparisons between interventions from network meta-analysis	14 (25)	25 (52)	4 (22)
Format of results†			
Table	30 (55)	33 (69)	15 (83)
Forest plot	18 (33)	20 (42)	3 (17)
Matrix	6 (11)	0 (0)	1 (6)
Figure	3 (5)	2 (4)	1 (6)
Text	3 (5)	1 (2)	0 (0)
Rank order of interventions			
Rank order of interventions‡	28/41 (68)	16/36 (44)	8/14 (57)
Rank order of interventions with uncertainty	5/28 (18)	2/16 (13)	2/8 (25)

†Multiple answers were possible, so the total does not equal 100%

* 7 star networks and 4 fully connected networks reported no network graph, but the authors explicitly mentioned the interventions and direct comparisons in the network.

‡NMs that did not use a Bayesian approach cannot derive intervention rankings; 91 NMs used a Bayesian approach

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