Table 36: Clinical evidence profile: Comparison 7. Oral ciprofloxacin + inhaled colistin versus inhaled tobramycin for acute infection with P aeruginosa

Quality assessment							No of patients		Effect			
No of studi es	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsisten cy	Indirectne ss	Imprecisi on	Other consideratio ns	Oral ciprofloxaci n + inhaled colistin	inhal ed tobra myci n	Relati ve (95% CI)	Absolut e	Quali ty	Importance
Adverse events: severe cough (follow-up 3 months)												
1 (Proe sman s 2013)	randomise d trials	serious 1	no serious inconsistenc y	no serious indirectnes s	very serious ²	none	0/29 (0%)	1/29 (3.4%)	RR 0.33 (0.01 to 7.86)	23 fewer per 1000 (from 34 fewer to 237 more)	VER Y LOW	IMPORTAN T

Abbreviations: CI: confidence interval; RR: risk ratio

1 The quality of the evidence was downgraded by 1 due to no blinding. Blinding was not possible due to route of administration (oral versus inhaled). 2 The quality of the evidence was downgraded by 2 due to very serious imprecision as 95% CI crossed 2 default MIDs.