

Table 5: Clinical evidence profile: Comparison 2.3. CF centre care versus general clinic (non-CF)

Quality assessment							No of patients		Effect		Quality	Importance
No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	CF specialist clinic	General (not CF) clinic	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute		
Patient satisfaction with care overall (Better indicated by higher values)												
1 (Walters 1994)	observational studies	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	Not calculable	none	N= 686 overall (not disaggregated by group)	-	-	MD 0.44 higher (0.29 higher to 0.58 higher)	VERY LOW	CRITICAL

Abbreviations: CI: confidence interval; CF: cystic fibrosis; MD: mean difference

¹ The quality of the evidence was downgraded by 1 because the authors did not control the analysis for any of the confounding factors