

Comparison 1a: Shaving vs. no hair removal

Quality assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Quality
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	With shaving	With no hair removal	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
Surgical site infection											
7	RCTs	serious <sup>1</sup>	not serious	not serious	serious <sup>2</sup>	none	30/714 (4.2%)	18/776 (2.3%)	<b>OR 1.78</b> (0.96 to 3.29)	<b>17 more per 1.000</b> (from 1 fewer to 49 more)	⊕⊕○○ LOW

1. Risk of selection bias and performance bias
2. Optimal information size not met

CI: confidence interval; RCT: randomized clinical trial; OR: odds ratio