

### Comparison 2c: Clipping or no hair removal vs. shaving

Quality assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Quality
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	With clipping or no hair removal	With shaving	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
Surgical site infection											
10	RCTs	serious <sup>1</sup>	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	36/1524 (2.4%)	94/1896 (5.0%)	<b>OR 0.51</b> (0.34 to 0.78)	<b>24 fewer per 1.000</b> (from 10 fewer to 32 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE

1. Risk of selection bias, performance bias and detection bias

SSI: surgical site infection; CI: confidence interval; OR: odds ratio