

openMetaAnalysis: Reconciliation of conclusions

Table. Reconciliation of conclusions as recommended by Rias, 2016*.				
	Current	Andriolo, 2017 PMID 28099689	Westwood PMID 26569153	Prkno PMID 24330744
Duration of antibiotics	Reduces by 1.8 days if control group duration is 7 days or more	evidence of very low to moderate quality...does not clearly support the use of procalcitonin-guided antimicrobial therapy	"limited available data suggest that PCT testing may be effective"	"helpful approach to guide antibiotic therapy"
Heterogeneity	79%	86%	95%	0%
Mortality	0.89 (0.79 - 1.00)	0.92(0.81-1.05)	"No study reported a statistically significant difference"	"without a beneficial effect on mortality"
Heterogeneity	17%	11%	Not reported	0%
Comments				
Notes: * Riaz IB, Badgett RG. Epidural Corticosteroid Injections for Radiculopathy and Spinal Stenosis. Ann Intern Med. 2016 May 3;164(9):634-5. PMID: 27136216				