

Table 5: GRADE evidence profile for oral amantadine versus no antiviral therapy

Quality assessment							Summary of Findings				
Participants (studies) Follow up to 30 days	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Publication bias	Overall quality of evidence	Study event rates (%)		Relative effect (95% CI)	Anticipated absolute effects	
							With no antiviral treatment	With amantadine		Risk with no antiviral treatment	Absolute effect with amantadine (95% CI)
Mortality											
139 (1 study)	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	undetected ³	⊕⊕⊕⊕ VERY LOW ^{1,2,3} due to risk of bias, imprecision	8/62 (12.9%)	0/77 (0%)	OR 0.04 (0 to 0.73)	129 deaths per 1000	123 fewer deaths per 1000 (from 31 to 129 fewer)
- not measured											
Duration of hospitalisation (measured with: days; Better indicated by lower values)											
78 (1 study)	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	undetected	⊕⊕⊕⊕ VERY LOW ^{1,2} due to risk of bias, imprecision	27	51	-	-	The mean duration of hospitalisation was 1.01 fewer days (0.27 to 1.75 fewer)
Duration of signs and symptoms (measured with: hours from onset of symptoms; Better indicated by lower values)											
1508 (3 studies)	serious ⁴	serious ⁵	no serious indirectness	no serious imprecision	undetected ³	⊕⊕⊕⊕ VERY LOW ^{3,4,5} due to risk of bias, inconsistency	-	1508	-	-	⁶
Complications - Pneumonia											
139 (1 study)	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	undetected ³	⊕⊕⊕⊕ VERY LOW ^{1,2,3} due to risk of bias, imprecision	24/62 (38.7%)	25/77 (32.5%)	OR 0.76 (0.38 to 1.53)	387 pneumonia per 1000	63 fewer pneumonia per 1000 (from 194 fewer to 104 more)
Minor adverse events											
832 (3 studies)	serious ^{1,4}	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	no serious imprecision	undetected ³	⊕⊕⊕⊕ VERY LOW ^{1,3} due to risk of bias	-	6/832 (0.7%) Pooled risk (95% CI) 0% (0 to 1)	-	-	-
Hospitalisation, ICU admission/mechanical ventilation/respiratory failure, time to return to normal activity, viral shedding - not measured											

¹ Studies not adjusted for potential confounding factors.

² Few events and participants.

³ Although we did not downgrade, publication bias cannot be excluded.

⁴ Studies did not have comparison groups.

⁵ High heterogeneity among studies.

⁶ The mean time to alleviation of symptoms for people who had amantadine was 64 hours (63 to 65 hours). There is no comparison group.