

#### Comparison 4. Father as a labour companion compared with no companion

Source: Baguiya A, Portela A, Moyvisan A, Gerlach N, Gopal P, Sauv  C, et al. Effectiveness of male involvement intervention on maternal and newborn health outcomes (in preparation).

Certainty assessment							No of participants		Effect		Certainty (GRADE)	Importance
No of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Labour companion (father)	No companion	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
<b>Maternal morbidity – depressive symptoms 6–8 weeks after childbirth</b>												
1 (Sapkota et al., 2013)	Non-randomized controlled trial	serious <sup>a</sup>	not serious	not serious	very serious <sup>b, c</sup>	none	77	79	-	SMD <b>0.28 lower</b> (0.60 lower to 0.04 higher)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
<b>Maternal morbidity – anxiety 6–8 weeks after childbirth</b>												
1 (Sapkota et al., 2013)	non-randomized controlled trial	serious <sup>a</sup>	not serious	not serious	serious <sup>b</sup>	none	77	79	-	SMD <b>0.40 lower</b> (0.71 lower to 0.08 lower)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
<b>Father–infant bonding on the first day after childbirth</b>												
1 (Brandao, 2012)	quasi-experimental	serious <sup>d</sup>	not serious	not serious	very serious <sup>b, c</sup>	none	45	28	-	SMD <b>0.11 lower</b> (0.58 lower to 0.36 higher)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
<b>Father–infant bonding in the first month after childbirth</b>												
1 (Brandao, 2012)	quasi-experimental	serious <sup>d</sup>	not serious	not serious	serious <sup>b</sup>	none	45	28	-	SMD <b>0.87 SD higher</b> (0.37 higher to 1.36 higher)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL

CI: confidence interval; SMD: standardized mean difference.

a. Concerns with missing data.

b. Limited sample size and/or limited number of events.

c. Wide confidence interval crossing the line of no effect.

d. Lack of appropriate accounting for confounders.