

Table 21: Modified-Release HC tablet vs Standard Glucocorticoid

Certainty assessment							No of patients		Effect		Certainty	Importance
No of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	[Isidori/Mixed] Modified-Release hydrocortisone	standard glucocorticoid	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
Change in BMI from baseline												
1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	serious ^b	serious ^c	none	43	35	-	MD 1.6 kg/m² lower (2.7 lower to 0.5 lower)	⊕○○○ Very low	CRITICAL
Change in bodyweight from baseline												
1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	serious ^b	serious ^d	none	43	35	-	MD 4 kg lower (6.64 lower to 1.36 lower)	⊕○○○ Very low	CRITICAL
Change in HbA1c from baseline												
1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	serious ^b	serious ^e	none	43	35	-	MD 0.3 % lower (0.44 lower to 0.16 lower)	⊕○○○ Very low	CRITICAL

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Change in AddiQoL from baseline												
1	randomised trials	very serious ^f	not serious	serious ^b	serious ^g	none	43	35	-	MD 5 out of 10 (AddiQoL score) higher (0.89 higher to 9.11 higher)	⊕○○○ Very low	CRITICAL
Change in infections [flu or flu-like events in 6 months] from baseline												
1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	serious ^b	serious ^h	none	43	35	-	MD 0.8 flu or flu-like events lower (1.52 lower to 0.08 lower)	⊕○○○ Very low	CRITICAL
Change in total cholesterol from baseline												

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1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	serious ^b	serious ⁱ	none	43	35	-	MD 1 mg/dL lower to 12.76 higher)	⊕○○○ Very low	CRITICAL
Serious adverse events												
1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	serious ^b	very serious ^j	none	0/43 (0.0%)	2/35 (5.7%)	OR 0.10 (0.01 to 1.73)	51 fewer per 1,000 (from 57 fewer to 38 more)	⊕○○○ Very low	CRITICAL

Explanations

- Downgraded by 1 increment as the majority of evidence was of high risk of bias due to bias arising from the randomisation process [single-blind study design, allocation not concealed from patients].
- Downgraded by 1 increment because of population indirectness. Population includes people with both primary and secondary AI [50% of population have secondary AI]
- Downgraded by 1 increment as confidence interval crossed 1 MID (+/- 1.165)
- Downgraded by 1 increment as confidence interval crossed 1 MID (+/- 2.91)
- Downgraded by 1 increment as confidence interval crossed 1 MID (+/- 0.145)

- f. Downgraded by 2 increments as the majority of evidence was of high risk of bias due to bias arising from the randomisation process [single-blind study design, allocation not concealed from patients] and measurement of the outcome [risk of measurement bias in patient-reported outcome].
- g. Downgraded by 1 increment as confidence interval crossed 1 MID (+/- 4.365)
- h. Downgraded by 1 increment as confidence interval crossed 1 MID (+/- 0.8)
- i. Downgraded by 1 increment as confidence interval crossed 1 MID (+/- 13.1)
- j. Downgraded by 2 increments as the confidence interval crossed two MIDS (0.8 to 1.25 default MID)