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Alexander 1988

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Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
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Becker 2003

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Brown 2002

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Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	High risk		Not blinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	High risk		Not blinded
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk		9% lost to FU
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk		All outcomes mentioned in the methods section are reported on.
Other bias	Low risk		No other apparent sources of bias

Charlton 1994

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Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Chen 2013

Methods	<p>Study design: Randomized controlled trial</p> <p>Study grouping: Parallel group</p>
Participants	<p>Baseline Characteristics</p> <p>Structured patient education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mean age (SD): 7.09 (1.63) ● Duration of asthma (years): >0.5 <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mean age (SD): 7.81 (2.36) ● Duration of asthma (years): >0.5 <p>Included criteria: Children from allergy clinics of medical centers in North Taiwan were eligible if they were aged 6-14 years, were diagnosed with asthma at least half a year before the study, and had no other serious chronic illnesses.</p> <p>Excluded criteria: No other chronic illnesses. Caregivers with significant language barriers were excluded.</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention Characteristics</p> <p>Structured patient education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Description: The SMIS program was developed by an interdisciplinary team that included physicians from the

	<p>divisions of pediatric allergies, case management workers, respiratory therapists, and staff nurses, with a steering committee charged with implementing the case management system. The program included the initial three-month one-on-one multifaceted behavioral intervention and follow-ups conducted by telephone at 1, 3, 6, and 12 months after enrollment (Table 1). The SMS program provided information, reinforced learning incentives, and encouraged self-care and maintenance of therapeutic regimens through the multi-disciplinary support of case management nurses and pharmacists. It involved a three-month multifaceted behavioral intervention including provision of asthma education appropriate to the caregiver's education, establishment of an individualized asthma self-management plan, and the provision of interactive support through meetings and telephone contact, and follow-up appointments with primary physicians as necessary. The case management nurses were supervised by pediatricians. Nurses took the initiative in educating the caregivers according to the guidelines in a standardized instruction booklet and provided interactive multimedia educational programs covering the basic pathophysiology of asthma, environmental triggers, quick-relief and control medicines and strategies to control and manage asthma. The nurses focused on teaching the caregivers to recognize the signs and symptoms of asthma and understand the daily medication regimens, as well as on teaching them how to interpret peak-flow meter rates, access information on asthma, and execute separate emergency action plans for asthma and allergy episodes. Each session took 30 minutes. The experimental group received monthly one-on-one face-to-face interactive support sessions on asthma self-management twice a month for three months. Furthermore, case management nurses contacted the participants via telephone at 1, 3, 6, and 12 months after enrollment to reinforce key educational messages regarding the program's main topics and concerns, to remind participants of the importance of regular medical visits, and to encourage them to inform their pediatric allergy physician of their children's symptoms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Duration in weeks:</i> 12 weeks ● <i>Length of follow up:</i> 40 weeks <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> Usual care, not described further ● <i>Duration in weeks:</i> 12 weeks ● <i>Length of follow up:</i> 40 weeks
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asthma control (Asthma control questionnaire, lower=better) ● Symptom score (Awakenings per night, lower=better) <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Correct use of devices

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adherence to treatment regime ● None emergency room visit last year
<p>Identification</p>	<p>Sponsorship source: This research was supported by a grant from Chang Gung Memorial Hospital at Keelung (Grant no. CMRPG2800112)</p> <p>Country: Taiwan</p> <p>Setting: Children from allergy clinics of medical centers in North Taiwan</p> <p>Authors name: Chen et al. Correspondence author: Yun-Fang Tsai</p> <p>Email: yfts81@mail.cgu.edu.tw</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>Continuous outcomes: <i>Britta Tendal</i> Not sure if there are data on asthma control or symptoms. No data on QoL or use of device. There are data on medication adherence in table 3</p>

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: not described
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Low risk	Comment: No blinding. Probably it is not a problem that the participants and the personnel were not blinded in regard ER visits
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Low risk	Comment: No blinding described
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	High risk	Comment: Of the enrolled participants 21.7% were lost to follow up. Data on healthcare utilization were collected using a medical record review
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: All outcomes mentioned in the methods section were reported in the results section
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: No other apparent sources of bias

Cicutto 2005

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Methods	<p>Study design: Cluster randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group Cluster RCT: YES</p>
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<p>Participants</p>	<p>Baseline Characteristics Intervention: RAP+ Ressoruce Kit in school setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mean age (SD): 8.3 (1.4) ● Male, N (%): 392 (56.6) ● Drug plan, N(%): 576 (86.2) ● Poesses action plan, N(%): 114 (16.5) ● Mean no. of medical visits in 3 months (SD): 0.67 (1.14) <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mean age (SD): 8.2 (1.4) ● Male, N (%): 365 (58.4) ● Drug plan, N(%): 479 (82.9) ● Poesses action plan, N(%): 144 (18.2) ● Mean no. of medical visits in 3 months (SD): 0.67 (1.18) <p>Included criteria: Participant eligibility criteria included parental report of physician-diagnosed asthma, use of asthma medications, asthma symptoms experienced ≥ 3 times in the past year, enrollment in one of grades 1-5, ability to speak English.</p> <p>Excluded criteria: no other chronic conditions that could mimic asthma, such as cystic fibrosis.</p>
<p>Interventions</p>	<p>Intervention Characteristics Intervention: RAP+ Ressoruce Kit in school setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Description: six 45-60 minutes sessions during the lunch hour by public Health nurses ● Duration in weeks: 7-9 weeks ● Length of follow up: 52 weeks <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Description: The control schools did not receive any in-school asthma education nor did they receive the resource kit or the activities associated with its implementation. The control schools, and thus children with asthma, were placed on a waiting list to receive the program following completion of data collection ● Duration in weeks: 7-9 weeks ● Length of follow up: 52 weeks

Outcomes	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● asthma control given by limitations in daily activities (%of students) ● Urgent care (ED visits) in 1yr (% of students) ● Mean QoL total score (SD). higher=better ● Mean inhalation technique score (SD). higher=better <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Correct use of devices ● Adherence to treatment regime ● Mean total QoL score (SD). Higher =better
Identification	<p>Sponsorship source: none stated Country: Canada Setting: Public schools. Ontario, Canada Comments: funded by theOntarioMinistry of Health and Long TermCare Authors name: LISA CICUTTO Institution: Community Outreach and Research, National Jewish Health Email: cicutto@njhealth.org Address: University of Colorado,Denver-AnschutzMedical Campus, 1400 Jackson Street, G08a, Denver, CO80209</p>
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Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	

Other bias	High risk
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Clark 1986

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Cowie 2002

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Duncan 2013

Methods	Study grouping: Parallel group
Participants	<p>Baseline Characteristics Structured patient education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Duration of asthma (years): >0.5</i> <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Duration of asthma (years): >0.5</i> <p>Included criteria: Inclusion criteria required that the child: (a) have a diagnosis of persistent asthma for at least 6 months; (b) take Fluticasone metered dose inhaler (MDI) daily; and (c) have no evidence of neurological or significant cognitive impairment (per parent report). Participants did not need to have a suspected history of medication non-adherence; rather, they were chosen within the stated age range because previous research (e.g., Munzenberger et al., 2010) has documented these ages as relevant for youth taking on more or full responsibility for asthma management.</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention Characteristics Structured patient education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> Asthma Education Similar to the TI group, families in the AE group received and reviewed written materials with the researcher during sessions. These materials covered topics often found in AEP programs (see

	<p>Table II). Time spent with families generally was equivalent to that of its parallel TI session, thereby creating an attention control condition. Table II: Physiological mechanisms of asthma Common asthma medications Role of allergens and allergen control Role of irritants and trigger control Youth telling others about their asthma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Duration in weeks:</i> 8 weeks ● <i>Length of follow up:</i> 12 weeks <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> Standard Care Youth in the SC group completed all assessments at the same time interval as TI and AE participants, but did not receive any guidance beyond usual care. On completion of follow-up, these families were provided feedback on their child's medication adherence and offered an opportunity to receive either of the two interventions (their choice). ● <i>Duration in weeks:</i> 8 weeks ● <i>Length of follow up:</i> 12 weeks
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asthma control (Asthma control questionnaire, lower = better) ● Symptom score (Awakenings per night, lower = better) ● mean daily adherence <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Correct use of devices ● Adherence to treatment regime
<p>Identification</p>	<p>Sponsorship source: This work was supported by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (R03-HD039767-02), Christina L. Duncan, PhD (formerly Christina D. Adams), Principal Investigator.</p> <p>Country: US</p> <p>Setting: Participants were recruited from asthma clinics at a rural, university-based hospital in the northeastern United States and an urban-based children's hospital in the Midwest;</p> <p>Comments: ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier is NCT00166582.</p> <p>Authors name: Duncan et al</p> <p>Email: Christina.Duncan@mail.wvu.edu</p>

Notes	<p>Study design: <i>Britta Tendal</i> Also an arm with 'Teamwork intervention' not used in the review</p> <p>Baseline characteristics: <i>Britta Tendal</i> Participants were 48 youth, aged 9–15 years (M:11.1;SD:1.9),</p> <p>Continuous outcomes: <i>Britta Tendal</i> Asthma control measured with FSI, lower better, mean daily adherence high better. No data on GoL, but some on Conflict behaviour questionnaire, relevant?</p>
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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote: "youth were randomly assigned (via computer-generated number sequence)" Quote: "Initially, youth were randomly assigned (via computer-generated number sequence) to one of three parallel groups (n ¼ 16 each): TI, AE (an attention control condition), or SC. Approximately half-way through recruitment, groups were contrasted for four key variables (i.e., age, gender, disease severity, dosing schedule), and subsequent participants were assigned using a randomized block design to maintain group balance across these variables."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	Quote: "The sequence was available to the research assistant who recruited participants into the study, as participants were immediately randomized."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	High risk	Comment: no blinding. As increasing adherence was the primary aim of the study, allocation could interfere with behaviour
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	High risk	Comment: Not blinded
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	Comment: Randomized to education: 19 lost 3 end of treatment lost 1 to FU Randomized to standard care : 17 lost 1 end of treatment lost 1 to FU. Reasons similar
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: Match to protocol NCT00166582
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: No other apparent biases

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Fisher 2009

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Garrett 1994

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Gorelick 2006

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Other bias	Unclear risk	

Gustafson 2012

Methods	Study design: Randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group
Participants	Baseline Characteristics Structured patient education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mean age (SD): 7.65 (2.6)

	<p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mean age (SD): 8.18 (2.45) <p>Included criteria: Eligible participants were parents or other adults functioning as parents, such as grandmothers, who were able to read at a sixth-grade level and had children ages 4–12 years with a diagnosis of asthma (International Classification of Diseases, 9th revision code 493) or wheezing (code 786.07); a prescribed asthma controller medication; and poor medication adherence, defined as having missed more than one medication refill or having an emergency department visit or hospitalization because of poor asthma control.</p>
<p>Interventions</p>	<p>Intervention Characteristics Structured patient education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> The year-long intervention called CHES+CM consisted of an eHealth program, Comprehensive Health Enhancement Support System (CHES), and a monthly telephone call to the parent from an asthma nurse case manager (CM). CHES is an umbrella name for several eHealth systems developed and tested for the past 25 years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. CHES modules provide information, adherence strategies, decision-making tools, and support services in attractive, easy-to-use formats. The most important strength of CHES modules may be the closed, guided universe of tailored information and support in an integrated package with efficient navigation, eliminating the need for complicated search and discovery... The CHES module used in this study was designed specifically for asthma. ● <i>Duration in weeks:</i> 52 ● <i>Length of follow up:</i> 0 <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> treatment as usual plus asthma information ● <i>Duration in weeks:</i> 52 ● <i>Length of follow up:</i> 0
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACQ ● Comp Adherence score (%) ● Asthma control (Asthma control questionnaire, lower=better) ● Symptom score (Awakenings pr night, lower=better) <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Correct use of devices

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adherence to treatment regime <p>Identification</p> <p>Sponsorship source: National Institute for Nursing Research 5R01 NR007889-03. Conflicts of Interest: The authors have no financial interests in the eHealth system evaluated here, although Gustafson, Wise, and Hawkins were lead members of the development team.</p> <p>Country: US</p> <p>Setting: Originally children were identified through the health care utilization and pharmacy claim databases at four MCOs (MCOs 1–4) and the Wisconsin Medicaid Program from one urban–rural county (Dane County, which is also the home of the University of Wisconsin–Madison) and seven surrounding rural counties (Columbia, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Rock, and Sauk). MCO 5 in Milwaukee was added after it became clear that MCOs 1–4 could not produce enough participants with poorly controlled asthma. MCO 5 served an entirely Medicaid population in Milwaukee County and had the state’s highest rates of asthma-related emergency department visits and overnight hospital stays</p> <p>Comments: Clinicaltrials.gov NCT00214383; Study data is posted</p> <p>Authors name: Gustafson</p> <p>Email: dhgustaf@wisc.edu</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>Baseline characteristics: <i>Britta Tendal</i> table 2 ,mean age at first asthma diagnosis: intervention 3.16 sd 2.57, control 2.79 sd 2.45</p> <p>Continuous outcomes: <i>Britta Tendal</i> ACQ and adherence change data available obs negative values covidence not able to handle</p>
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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote: "Researchers at the University of Wisconsin generated the random allocation sequence." Quote: "Participants were equally randomized according to their MCO and then blocked by severity and by Medicaid status. Randomization occurred upon receipt of the run in diaries for MCO 1-4 subject and after just the intake for MCO 5 participants [40]. The CHES+CM group received a 45-minute training session."

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote: "Nurses conducting consent, assent, and pretests were given sequentially numbered envelopes containing the random assignment for each participants."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	High risk	Quote: "It was not possible to blind participants or outcome assessors."
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	High risk	Quote: "It was not possible to blind participants or outcome assessors. We did blind those analyzing the data."
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	Quote: "301 were randomly assigned: 153 to the control group and 148 to the CHES+CM group. Finally, 259 dyads (86.1%) completed the study. After randomization, 42 dropped out: 26 (17%) from the control group and 16 (11%) from the CHES+CM group. The between-group dropout rate was not significant (P = .12). However, participants who dropped out were significantly less likely to be white or married, and more likely to be significantly younger, have lower asthma quality of life, and have less education. Children of dropouts had no significant differences in baseline ACQ scores, but had significantly lower pharmacy refill rates and more asthma- related school absences."
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: Match to protocol Clinicaltrials.gov NCT00214383;
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: No other apparent sources of bias

Harish 2001

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Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)		High risk	Probably not blinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)		High risk	Probably not blinded
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)		Low risk	No loss to FU
Selective reporting (reporting bias)		Low risk	All outcomes mentioned in the methods section are reported on
Other bias		Low risk	No other apparent sources of bias

Joseph 2007

Methods	Study design: Randomized controlled trial
Participants	<p>Baseline Characteristics</p> <p>Intervention: education children alone</p> <p>Intervention: education children+caregiver</p> <p>Control: no education</p> <p>Intervention: education caregivers alone</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention Characteristics</p> <p>Intervention: education children alone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> ● <i>Duration (weeks):</i> 180 days ● <i>Follow up (weeks):</i> 52

	<p>Control: no education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> ● <i>Duration (weeks):</i> 180 days ● <i>Follow up (weeks):</i> 52
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total AQLQ ● QoL (PAQLQ) ● QoL (AQLQ) ● Symptom score ● Asthma control score ● Daily adherence ● Hospitalizations ● Inhalation-technique score ● ED visits ● Symptoms night last 2 weeks ● School days missed last 30 days <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ED visits ● Hospital admissions ● Controller medication adherence, positive behavior ● Hospital admissions/12 mo ● ED visits/12 mo ● Controller medication, positive behaviour ● Rescue inhaler availability, positive behaviour ● Symptom days/2 wk ● Symptom nights/2 wk ● School days missed/30 d ● Days restricted activity/2 wk ● Days had to change plans ● QOL, cumulative score

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<p>Notes</p>	<p>Identification: <i>Anna Ogstrup</i> Det ser ikke ud til der en funder, men tilgængæld er der modtaget penge fra mange forskellige parter.</p> <p>Continuous outcomes: <i>Anna Ogstrup</i> Table 3: Outcomes are not given in SDs or means. Relevant outcomes would be: Controller medication adherence - Positive behaviour, Rescue inhaler availability - Positive behaviour, Symptom days, Symptom nights, School days missed, Days restricted activity, Days had to change plans, Hospitalizations, ED visits, QOL cumulative score.</p> <p>Dichotomous outcomes: <i>Anna Ogstrup</i> n er ikke angivet i tabel 3</p>

Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote: "Randomization was stratified by school, grade, sex, and report of a physician diagnosis of asthma. A random number generator was used within each unique stratum to assign each new individual to either the treatment or control group."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote: "Students randomized to the control group were directed to existing generic asthma websites using a combination of Windows (Microsoft Corp., Redmond, WA) system policies and the DPS proxy server." Comment: Allocation was done via a computer
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	High risk	Comment: No information
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	High risk	Comment: No information
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	Comment: 87% followed up. Drop out evenly distributed
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: The study protocol is not available but it is clear that the published reports include all expected outcomes
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: No other apparent biases

Kamps 2008

Methods	<p>Study design: Randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group Open Label: YES</p>
Participants	<p>Baseline Characteristics Intervention: education children+caregiver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● mean age in years (SD): ● Mean duration of asthma (SD): ● Gender, N=male (%): <p>Control: no education</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>mean age in years (SD):</i> ● <i>Mean duration of asthma (SD):</i> ● <i>Gender, N=male (%)</i>
<p>Interventions</p>	<p>Intervention Characteristics Intervention: education children+caregiver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> Metered Dose Inhalator records for "shake" inhalator, correct Education 6x60 minutes, weekly intervals. Sessions covering inhalation techniqueCS:temperature, activated.Both underdosed and overdosed=non adherence (% of described) ● <i>Duration (weeks):</i> 6 weeks ● <i>Follow up (weeks):</i> 2 weeks <p>Control: no education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> 6x60 minutes education, but only general about lungs and asthma ● <i>Duration (weeks):</i> 6 weeks ● <i>Follow up (weeks):</i> 2 weeks
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total PAQLQ ● QoL (PAQLQ) ● Symptom score ● Inhalation-technique score ● Daily adherence score (higher=better) ● Hospitalizations ● Asthma control score ● ED visits ● QoL (AQLQ) ● no of night symptoms/awakenings ● no. of school days missed <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ED visits ● Hospital admissions ● ED visits

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital admissions
Identification	<p>Sponsorship source: This work was funded, in part, by National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Grant # HD34784 to Michael A. Rapoff. Authors name: Kamps JL</p>
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Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Other bias	Low risk	

Karnick 2007

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Kelly 2000

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	High risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	High risk
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk
Other bias	Unclear risk

Khan 2004

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	High risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Madge 1997

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

McGhan 2010

Methods	Study design: Cluster randomized controlled trial Cluster RCT: YES
Participants	Baseline Characteristics Intervention: education children+caregiver Control: no education

<p>Interventions</p>	<p>Intervention Characteristics Intervention: education children+caregiver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> ● <i>Duration (weeks):</i> 6 months ● <i>Follow up (weeks):</i> 12 months <p>Control: no education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> ● <i>Duration (weeks):</i> 24 ● <i>Follow up (weeks):</i> 52
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total PAQLQ ● QoL (PAQLQ) ● Symptom score ● Inhalation-technique score ● Daily adherence ● Hospitalizations ● Asthma control score ● ED visits, mean per patient ● Missed school days in past year ● Limitation in amount of play ● used short acting bronchodilator <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ED visits ● Hospital admissions ● ED visits ● Hospitalizations ● Limitation in nature of play ● Limitation in amount of play ● Used short acting bronchodilators

Identification	<p>Sponsorship source: Funded by the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research – Health Research Fund. Authors name: McGhan 2010</p>
Notes	<p>Intervention characteristics: <i>Anna Ostrup</i> i tvivl om forældre indgår? <i>Tina Povlsen</i> Duration is unclear. So I have stated the duration time to 6 month due to the flow chart</p> <p>Continuous outcomes: <i>Tina Povlsen</i> Table 3 and 4 have not reported SD. Quality of life Emergency department visits in past years. Missed school days in past years. Limitation in nature of play <i>Anna Ostrup</i> Table 3 and 4 do not give SDs. Relevant outcomes would be: Emergency department visits in past year, Missed school days in past year, Limitation in nature of play, Limitation in amount of play and Used short-acting bronchodilators.</p>

Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Quote: "From a listing of all public schools in participating health regions (Capital Health, Westview and Northwest), 34 schools were randomly selected and agreed to participate in the study (a response rate of 79%)." Comment: Randomly selected from a list.
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Quote: "Schools were randomly assigned to either the RAP educational intervention or usual care (control group) using a random number table." Comment: Allocation not described.
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	High risk	Comment: Blinding not described. But likely not blinded
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	High risk	Comment: Blinding not described. But likely not blinded

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	High risk	Comment: They do not state all the reasons why people were lost to follow-up's. No intention-to threat analysis. Number of dropouts from the intervention group was 20 at end of trial. At follow up at 12 months the drop outs were 13.Number of dropouts from the control group was 26 at end of trial. At follow up at 12 months the drop outs were 10.
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: There is no study protocol available. However all of the study's described outcomes have been reported.
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: No other apparent bias.

McNabb 1985

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Mitchell 1986

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Mosnaim 2011

Methods	<p>Study design: Cluster randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group Open Label: YES Cluster RCT: YES</p>
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<p>Participants</p>	<p>Baseline Characteristics Intervention: education youth alone (8-12 years old) Control: no education youth</p>
<p>Interventions</p>	<p>Intervention Characteristics Intervention: education youth alone (8-12 years old)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> ● <i>Duration (weeks):</i> 4 days ● <i>Follow up (weeks):</i> no FU <p>Control: no education youth</p>
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total PAQLQ ● QoL (PAQLQ) ● QoL (AQLQ) ● Symptom score ● Asthma control score ● Daily adherence ● Hospitalizations ● Inhalation-technique score ● ED visits <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ED visits ● Hospital admissions ● Hospital admissions ● ED visits
<p>Identification</p>	<p>Sponsorship source: This study was supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Abbott Laboratories. Authors name: Mosnaim 2011</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>Continuous outcomes: <i>Tina Povlsen</i> Table 5 - the adjusted model don't give the exact p-value. The unadjusted table, table 4 gives outcome in median and not mean. <i>Anna Ogstrup</i> Table 5 doesn't have exact values. Table 4 doesn't have means. Therefore we can't extract any data.</p>

Anna Ogstrup Outcomes for correct use of devices (Spacer comp...) Table 5: The adjusted model does not give the exact p-value. Table 4 does not give any outcomes in mean. Therefore we can't extract any data.

Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Comment: Not described. Probably done on computer as the allocation scheme took school (cluster) into account
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Comment: Not described
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	High risk	Comment: No blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	High risk	Comment: No blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	Comment: App 15% missing data. Main reason was no show on the post-test evaluation day. More missing in the intervention group, but the researchers judged the data to be missing at random
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Comment: The study protocol is not available but it is clear that the published reports include all expected outcomes
Other bias	Low risk	Comment: No other apparent biases

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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Ng 2006

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Otsuki 2009

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Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Low risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Other bias	High risk	

Rickers Mutsaerts 2012

Methods	<p>Study design: Randomized controlled trial</p> <p>Study grouping: Parallel group</p> <p>Open Label: YES</p>
Participants	<p>Baseline Characteristics</p> <p>Structured patient education Control</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention Characteristics</p> <p>Structured patient education Control</p>
Outcomes	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● inhalation technique ● Asthma control (Asthma control questionnaire, lower=better) ● Symptom score (Awakenings pr night, lower=better) ● QoL ● symptom free days <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Correct use od devices ● Adherence to treatment regime
Identification	<p>Country: The Netherlands</p>
Notes	<p>Baseline characteristics: <i>Henning Keinke Andersen</i> Age reported as year (range): Con (usual care) 13.8 (12-17) N=44, and exp (IBSM) 13.4 (12-17) N=46I have inserted the very rough estimated SD - as one fourth of the range interval.Information on duration of Asthma years at baseline not provided</p>

Continuous outcomes:

Henning Keinke Andersen ISBM group: ACQ Longests FU (12 months) change: mean value -0.46 - FU (3months) change: -0.33Control group: ACQ Longests FU (12 months) change: mean value -0.41 - FU (3months) change: -0.01 Symptom free days calculated from percentages to days, assumption 365 days for 12 months

Risk of bias table

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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	
Other bias	Low risk	

Seid 2010

Methods	<p>Study design: Randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group Open Label: YES</p>
Participants	<p>Baseline Characteristics Intervention: education children+caregiver (CC) Control: no education Intervention: education caregivers + child (PST)</p>
Interventions	<p>Intervention Characteristics Intervention: education children+caregiver (CC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> ● <i>Duration (weeks):</i> 6

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Follow up (weeks)</i>: 9 month <p>Control: no education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description</i>: ● <i>Duration (weeks)</i>: 6 ● <i>Follow up (weeks)</i>: 9 month <p>Intervention: education caregivers + child (PST)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description</i>: ● <i>Duration (weeks)</i>: 6 ● <i>Follow up (weeks)</i>: 9 month
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total PAQLQ ● QoL (PAQLQ) ● Symptom score ● Inhalation-technique score ● Daily adherence score ● Hospitalizations ● Asthma control score ● ED visits ● QoL (AQLQ) ● no of night symptoms/awakenings ● no. of school days missed <p><i>Dichotomous</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ED visits ● Hospital admissions ● ED visits ● Hospital admissions
<p>Identification</p>	<p>Sponsorship source: This research was supported by a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration (R40 MC01214/08044). The funder had no role in the design nor conduct of the study, in the collection, analysis, or interpretation of the data, nor in the preparation, review, or approval of the manuscript. The principal investigator had full access to all the data in the study and takes responsibility for the integrity of</p>

	<p>the data and the accuracy of the data analysis. Conflict of Interest: Dr Varni holds the copyright and the trademark for the PedsQL and receives financial compensation from the Mapi Research Trust, which is a non-profit research institute that charges distribution fees to for-profit companies that use the Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory™.</p> <p>Authors name: Seid, 2010</p>
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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Low risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	High risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Other bias	High risk	

Shames 2004

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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Smith 2004

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk
Other bias	Unclear risk

Smith 2006

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	High risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Sockrider 2006

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Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	High risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Stevens 2002

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Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Talabere 1993

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Teach 2006

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk
Other bias	Unclear risk

Walders 2006

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Wesseldine 1999

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Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Wilson 2001

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Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Unclear risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	
Other bias	Unclear risk	

Zarei 2013

Methods	<p>Study design: Randomized controlled trial Study grouping: Parallel group Open Label: YES</p>
Participants	<p>Baseline Characteristics Structured patient education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mean age (SD): 13.8 (2.3) ● Male(female), N: 18 (12), 30 ● Mean duration of asthma in years (SD): 4.43 (3.2) <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mean age (SD): 14.4 (2.4) ● Male(female), N: 14 (16), 30 ● Mean duration of asthma in years (SD): 4.0 (3.0) <p>Included criteria: The inclusion criteria of the study were adolescents of 12 to 18 years of age, diagnosed with asthma a year or more earlier, resident of Tabriz, moderate and severe asthma diagnosed by a physician and literacy.</p>

	<p>Excluded criteria: The exclusion criteria included other acute illnesses, gastroesophageal reflux, rhinitis, sinusitis and mental problems.</p>
<p>Interventions</p>	<p>Intervention Characteristics Structured patient education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> The intervention consisted of four sessions on the asthma triggers and their types, methods of determining triggers, and methods of control and avoidance of triggers through lectures, discussion, and questions and answers using slides and educational booklets. During the additional session, the asthma triggers of each adolescent in the experimental group were individually identified and the necessary measures to control it were planned with the adolescents' partnership. During each session, there was a 20-30 minute lecture and 10-15 minutes of discussion and answering of questions. ● <i>Duration in weeks:</i> Apparently, it is a one-day event. ● <i>Length of follow up:</i> 5 weeks <p>Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Description:</i> Control participants of this study had routine treatment and interventions, and were given the educational booklet. identification form ● <i>Duration in weeks:</i> 0 ● <i>Length of follow up:</i> 5 weeks
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Continuous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asthma control score (lower=better) <p><i>Dichotomous:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Correct use of devices ● Adherence to treatment regime
<p>Identification</p>	<p>Country: Iran Authors name: Leila Valizadeh</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>Baseline characteristics: <i>Henning Keinke Andersen</i> Girls: exp (40.0%) - con (53.3%) Boys: exp (60.0%) - con (46.7%)</p> <p>Continuous outcomes:</p>

Henning Keinke Andersen change value for exp gr pre-post IV is -0.67 (0.57)

Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	High risk	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	High risk	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Unclear risk	Unclear
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Low risk	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	
Other bias	Low risk	

Footnotes

Characteristics of excluded studies

Alsheyab 2012

Reason for exclusion Wrong intervention

Bowen 2013

Reason for exclusion Wrong setting

Bozorgzad 2013

Reason for exclusion	Wrong intervention
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Carpenter 2014

Reason for exclusion	Wrong intervention
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Clarke 2014

Reason for exclusion	Wrong study design
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Damon 2014

Reason for exclusion	Wrong intervention
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Huang 2013

Reason for exclusion	abstract for poster
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Joseph 2013

Reason for exclusion	Wrong setting
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Nelson 2012

Reason for exclusion	Wrong outcomes
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Rhee 2012

Reason for exclusion	Wrong outcomes
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Srof 2012

Reason for exclusion	Wrong setting
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Terpstra 2012

Reason for exclusion	Wrong outcomes
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Valizadeh 2013

Reason for exclusion	wrong language
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Zuniga 2012

Reason for exclusion	Wrong study design
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Footnotes

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Characteristics of ongoing studies

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Data and analyses

1 Structured patient education vs Control

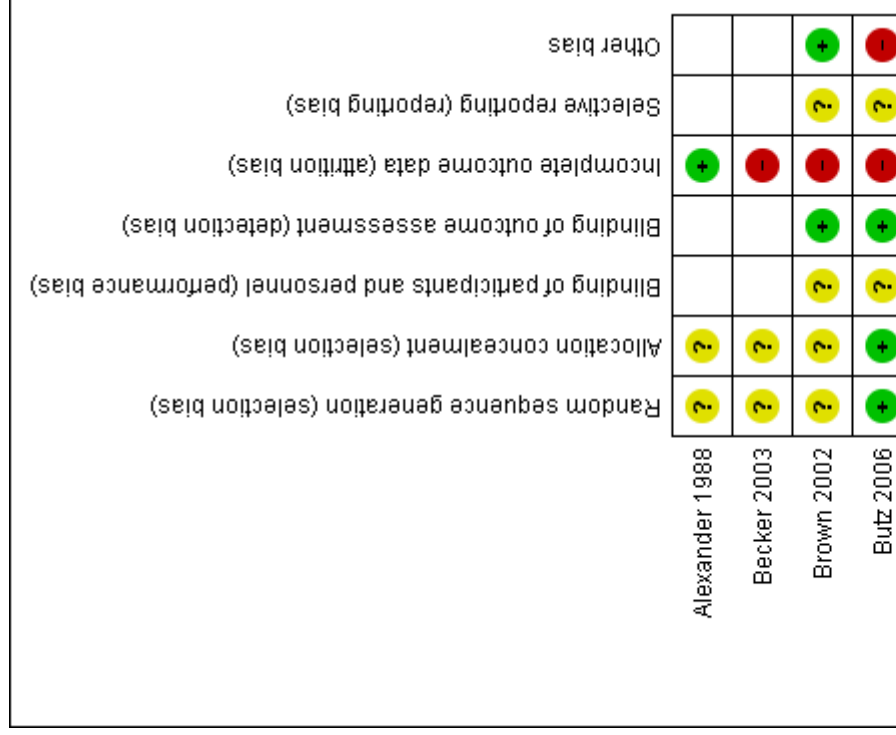
Outcome or Subgroup	Studies	Participants	Statistical Method	Effect Estimate
1.1 Asthma control questionnaire (lower=better)	3		Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.1.1 End of treatment	2	136	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.89 [-2.00, 0.23]
1.1.2 Longest FU	2	318	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.19 [-0.45, 0.06]
1.2 Asthma Control Questionnaire, mellemsgregning	1		Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.2.2 Longest FU	1	60	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-1.46 [-1.77, -1.15]
1.4 Hospital admissions	24		Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.4.1 End of treatment	4	872	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.09 [0.71, 1.67]
1.4.2 Longest FU	23	4929	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.75 [0.59, 0.95]

1.8 symptom nights (14 days period)	2				Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.8.1 Longest FU (12 month))	2	370			Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.62 [-1.14, -0.10]
1.9 inhaler technique (0 to 5, higher=better))	1				Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.9.1 End of treatment (final value)	1	1303			Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	1.50 [1.38, 1.62]
1.9.2 Longest FU (final value)	1	1303			Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.90 [0.77, 1.03]
1.11 Quality of life	12				Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.11.1 End of treatment	6	1015			Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.11 [-0.03, 0.26]
1.11.2 Longest FU	11	3165			Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.17 [0.03, 0.31]
1.13 Children with any school absenteeism	4				Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.13.1 End of treatment	2	471			Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.61 [0.44, 0.83]
1.13.2 Longest FU (6 to 12 month)	3	1937			Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.91 [0.72, 1.16]
1.15 Asthma control, interrupted daily activity due to asthma	1	1303			Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.81 [0.74, 0.89]
1.16 Emergency department visits	22				Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.16.1 End of treatment	1	204			Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.91 [0.39, 2.08]
1.16.2 Longest FU	22	5152			Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.74 [0.61, 0.90]
1.17 Composite adherence score in %, change, 12 month FU	1	218			Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	-1.48 [-11.11, 8.15]
1.18 Mean exacerbations requiring a course of oral corticosteroids	1	250			Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	-0.72 [-1.51, 0.07]
1.18.2 Mean exacerbations between 12 and 18 months from baseline	1	250			Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	-0.72 [-1.51, 0.07]

1.19 Asthma symptoms	3		Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Subtotals only
1.19.1 End of treatment	3	588	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	-0.03 [-0.20, 0.13]
1.19.2 Longest FU (9 to 18 month)	3	592	Std. Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.01 [-0.16, 0.17]
1.20 Rescue medication use (puffs/d)	1	62	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	-1.00 [-2.20, 0.20]

Figures

Figure 1



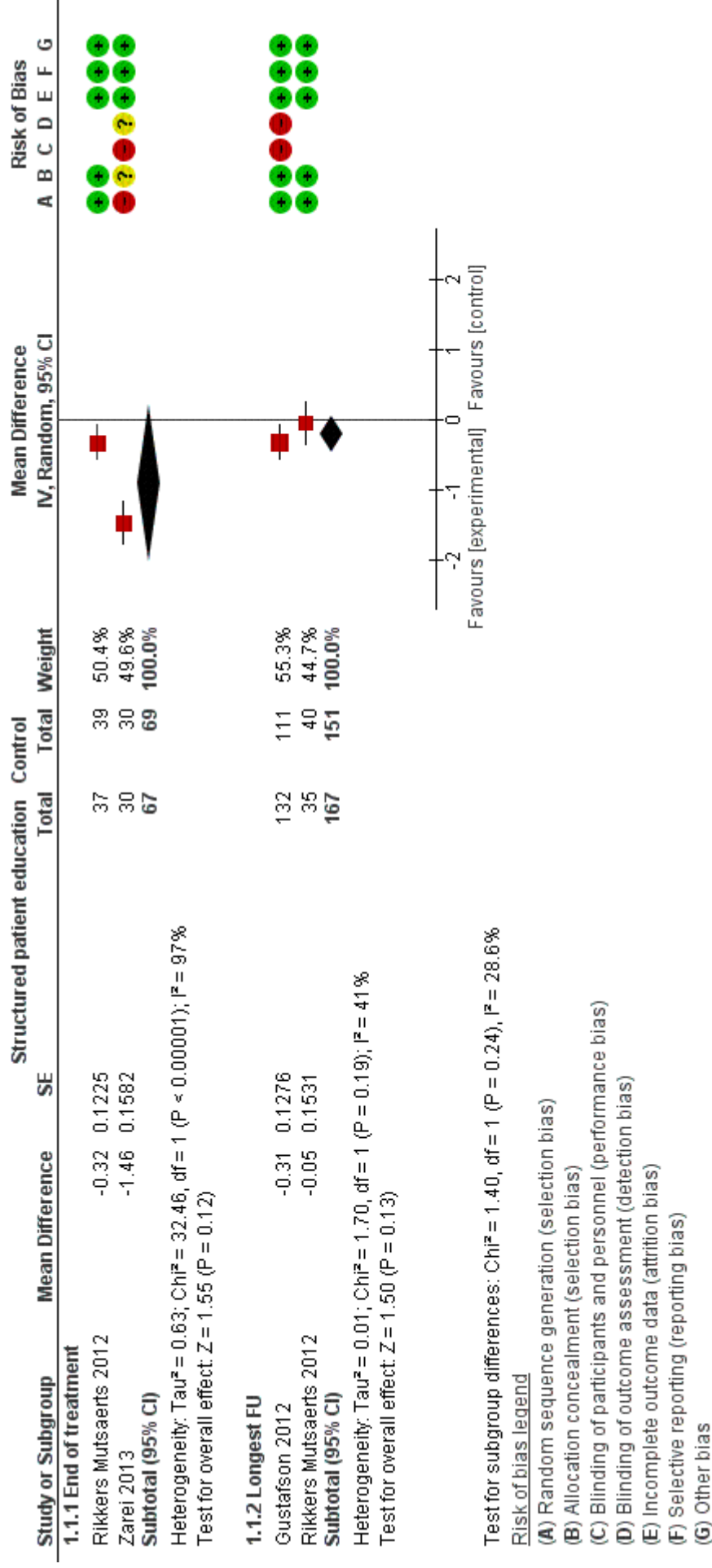
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Gustafson 2012	+	+					+	+
Harish 2001	-	-				?		
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Mitchell 1986	+	+						+	
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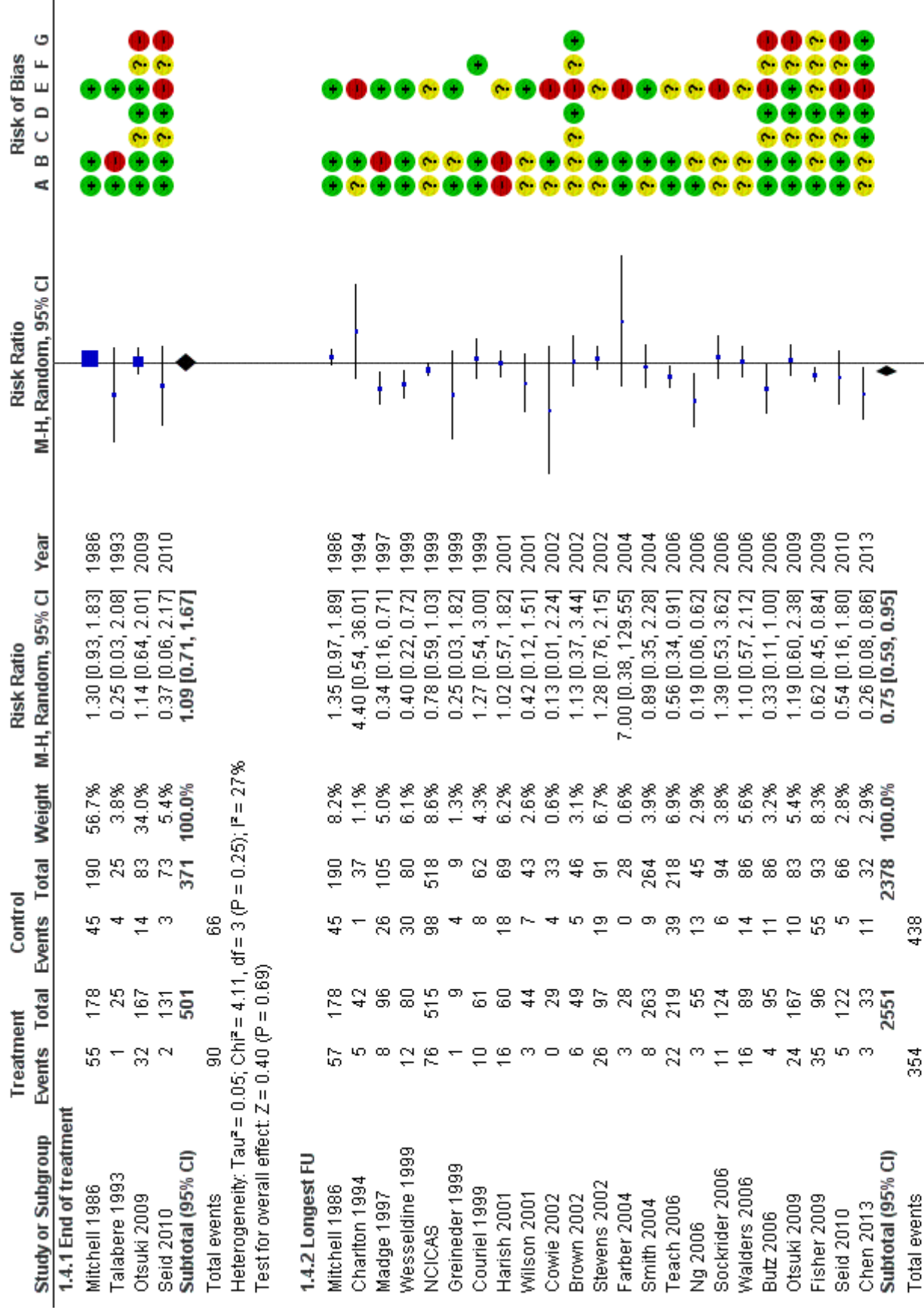
Risk of bias summary: review authors' judgements about each risk of bias item for each included study.

Figure 2 (Analysis 1.1)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.1 Asthma control questionnaire (lower=better).

Figure 4 (Analysis 1.4)

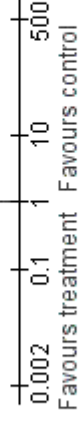


Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.15$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 54.12$, $\text{df} = 22$ ($P = 0.0002$); $I^2 = 59\%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.41$ ($P = 0.02$)

Test for subgroup differences: $\text{Chi}^2 = 2.35$, $\text{df} = 1$ ($P = 0.13$), $I^2 = 57.4\%$

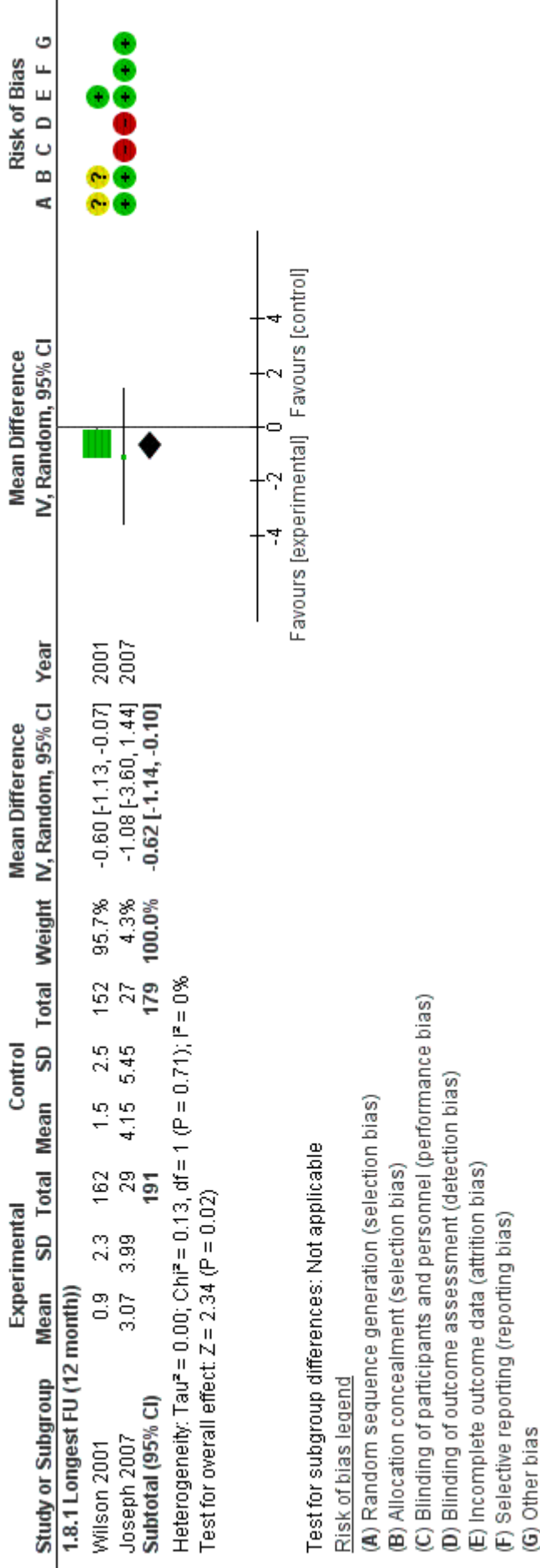
Risk of bias legend

- (A) Random sequence generation (selection bias)
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- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.4 Hospital admissions.

Figure 8 (Analysis 1.8)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.8 symptom nights (14 days period).

Figure 9 (Analysis 1.9)

Study or Subgroup	Structured patient education		Control		Total	Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Risk of Bias A B C D E F
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD				
1.9.1 End of treatment (final value)								
Cicutto 2013	4	1	686	2.5	1.2	100.0%	1.50 [1.38, 1.62]	+
Subtotal (95% CI)			686			100.0%	1.50 [1.38, 1.62]	
Heterogeneity: Not applicable Test for overall effect: Z = 24.36 (P < 0.00001)								
1.9.2 Longest FU (final value)								
Cicutto 2013	3.4	1.2	686	2.5	1.2	100.0%	0.90 [0.77, 1.03]	+
Subtotal (95% CI)			686			100.0%	0.90 [0.77, 1.03]	
Heterogeneity: Not applicable Test for overall effect: Z = 13.52 (P < 0.00001)								

Test for subgroup differences: Chi² = 43.77, df = 1 (P < 0.00001), I² = 97.7%

Risk of bias legend

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- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.9 inhaler technique (0 to 5, higher=better).

Figure 10 (Analysis 1.11)

Study or Subgroup	Treatment		Control		Total	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Risk of Bias A B C D E F G
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD				
1.11.1 End of treatment								
Stevens 2002	5.41	1.34	81	5.38	1.39	17.9%	0.02 [-0.29, 0.33]	?
Cicutto 2005	5.5	1.4	123	5	1.4	24.0%	0.36 [0.10, 0.61]	+
Sockrider 2006	78.8	23.7	121	80.4	20.4	21.7%	-0.07 [-0.34, 0.20]	?
Cano Garcinuno 2007	6.2335	0.997	167	6.09	1.09	18.4%	0.14 [-0.16, 0.44]	+
Kamps 2008	86.67	12.64	5	93.33	14.91	5	-0.44 [-1.70, 0.83]	?
Seid 2010	78.2149	14.5133	101	76.3	15.7	16.6%	0.13 [-0.20, 0.45]	?
Subtotal (95% CI)			598			100.0%	0.11 [-0.03, 0.26]	

Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.01$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 6.46$, $\text{df} = 5$ ($P = 0.26$); $I^2 = 23\%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.50$ ($P = 0.13$)

1.11.2 Longest FU

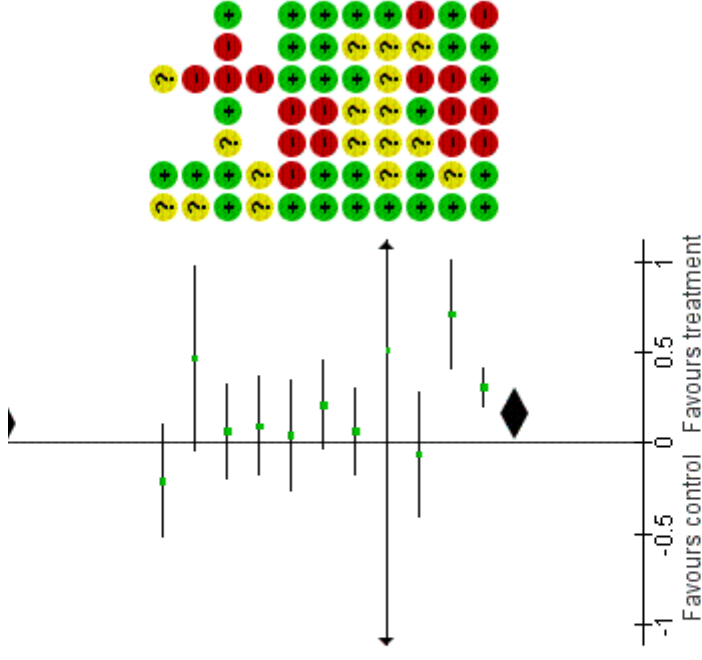
Stevens 2002	5.45	1.45	81	5.73	1.28	81	9.2%	-0.20 [-0.51, 0.11]	2002
Cowie 2002	5.8	1.1	29	5.2	1.4	33	5.3%	0.47 [-0.04, 0.97]	2002
Gorelick 2006	77.7	23.4	81	76.1284	23.363	194	10.5%	0.07 [-0.19, 0.33]	2006
Sockrider 2006	77.1	21.8	124	74.9	23.4	94	10.3%	0.10 [-0.17, 0.37]	2006
Cano Garcinuno 2007	6.3363	0.9548	167	6.29	0.89	56	9.3%	0.05 [-0.25, 0.35]	2007
Joseph 2007	5.3	1.3	139	5	1.5	134	11.1%	0.21 [-0.02, 0.45]	2007
Galbreath 2008	5.6969	1.4	194	5.6	1.4	107	11.2%	0.07 [-0.17, 0.31]	2008
Kamps 2008	100	0.1	2	97.22	4.81	3	0.5%	0.51 [-1.40, 2.43]	2008
Seid 2010	81.0358	17.1423	95	82	14.6	51	8.4%	-0.06 [-0.40, 0.28]	2010
McGhan 2010	5.9	1.4	71	4.9	1.4	126	9.4%	0.71 [0.41, 1.01]	2010
Cicutto 2013	5.8	1.2	686	5.4	1.4	617	14.8%	0.31 [0.20, 0.42]	2013
Subtotal (95% CI)			1669			1496	100.0%	0.17 [0.03, 0.31]	

Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.03$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 28.53$, $\text{df} = 10$ ($P = 0.001$); $I^2 = 65\%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.34$ ($P = 0.02$)

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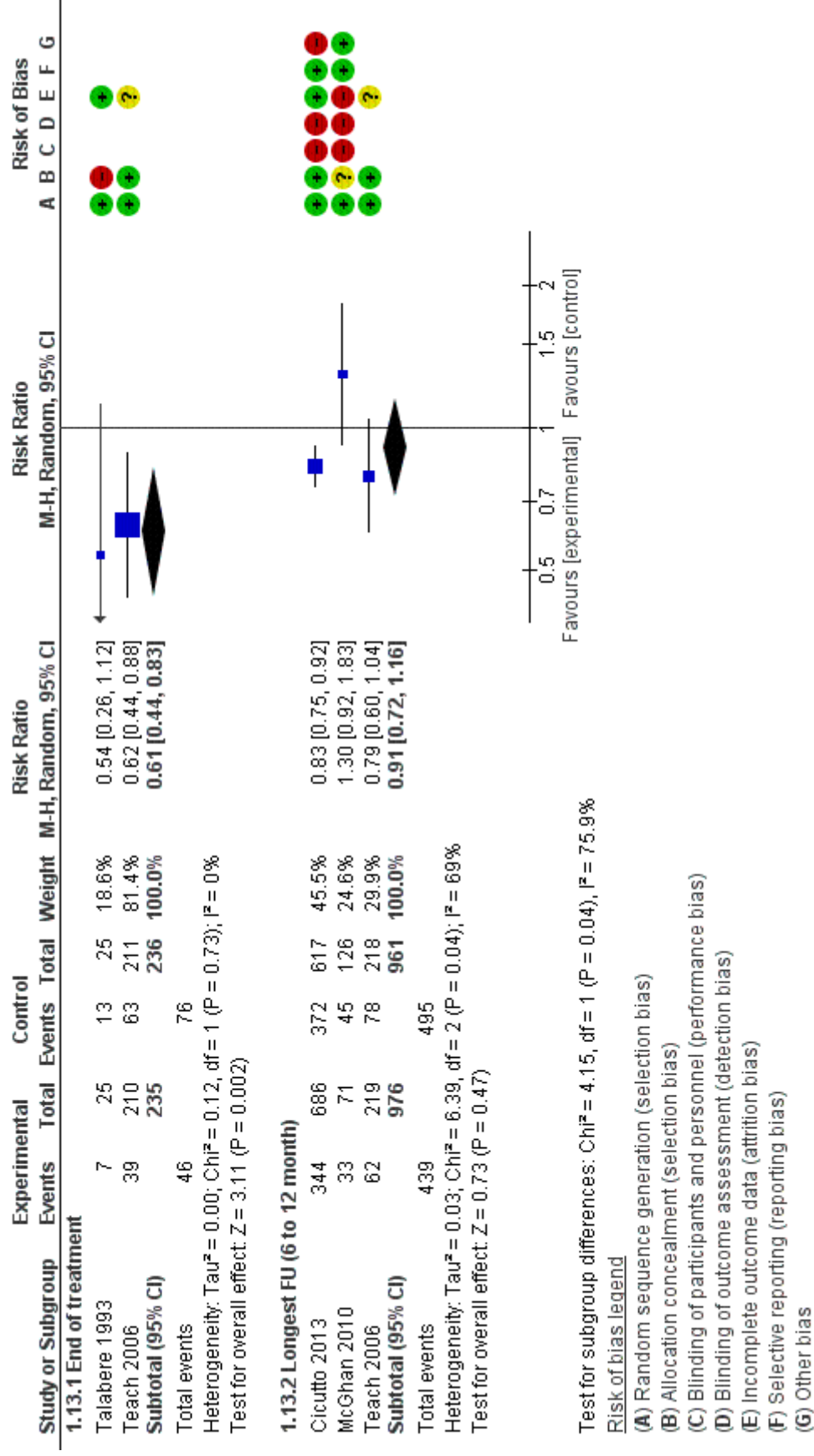
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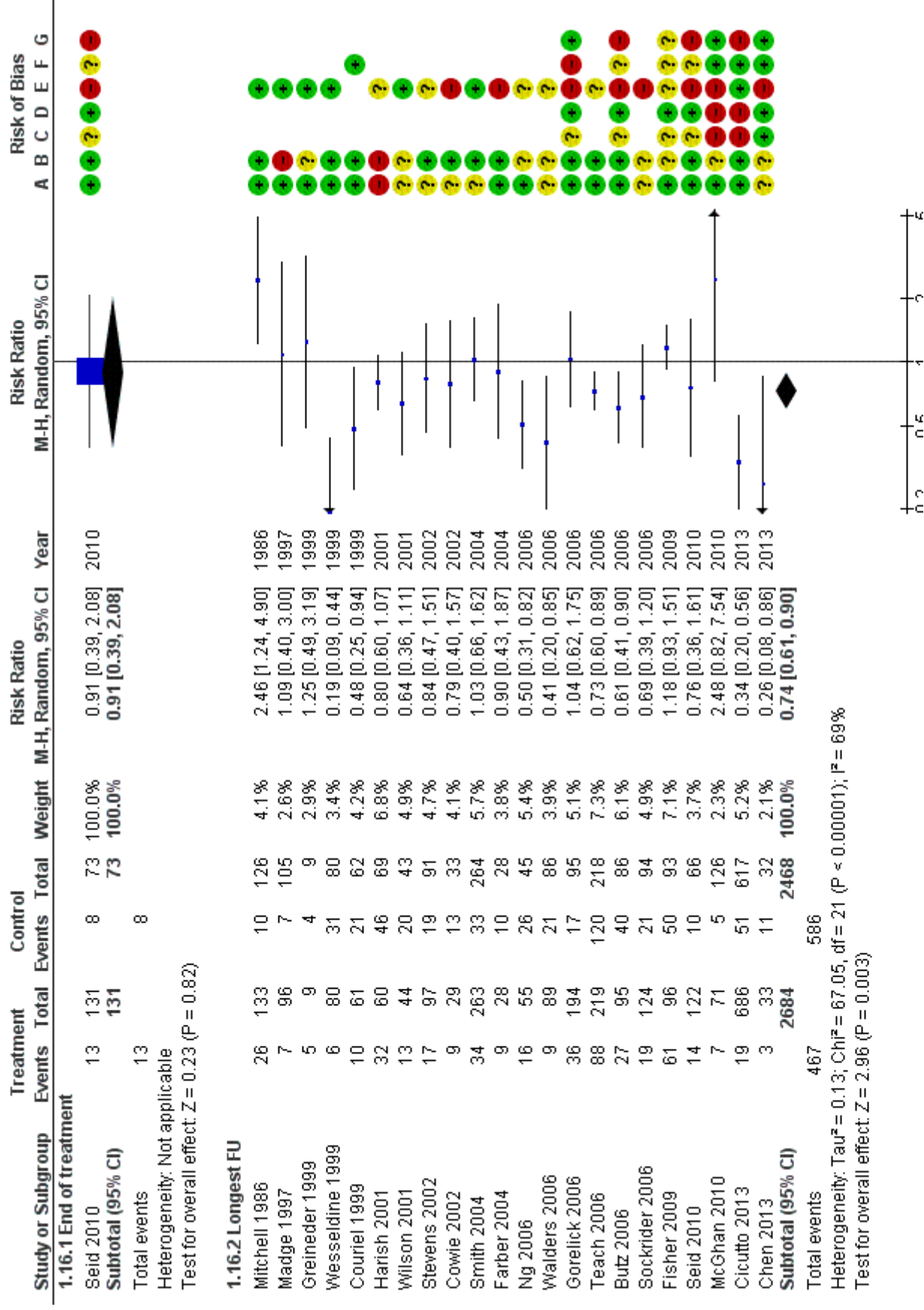
Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.11 Quality of life.

Figure 11 (Analysis 1.13)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.13 Children with any school absenteeism.

Figure 13 (Analysis 1.16)



Test for subgroup differences: $\text{Chi}^2 = 0.21$, $\text{df} = 1$ ($P = 0.64$), $I^2 = 0\%$

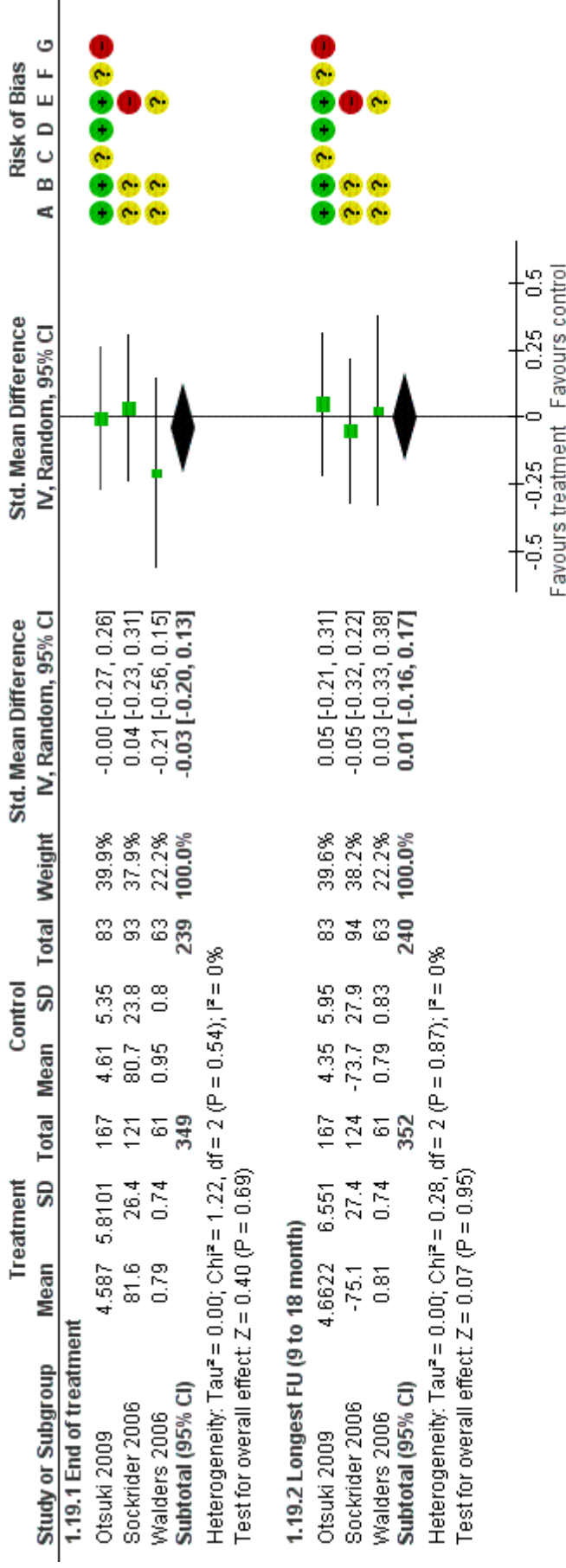
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Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.16 Emergency department visits.

Figure 14 (Analysis 1.19)

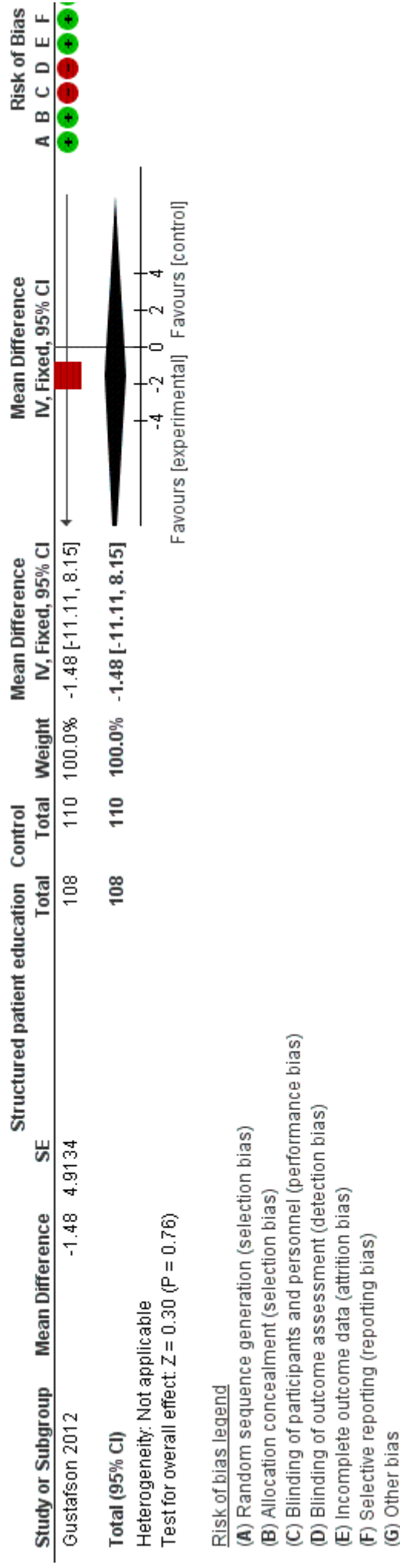


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Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.19 Asthma symptoms.

Figure 15 (Analysis 1.17)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Structured patient education vs Control, outcome: 1.17 Composite adherence score in %, change, 12 month FU.