

# NKR 29. PICO 6: Psykoterapi ved kronisk og svært behandlelig depression

## Review information

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## Characteristics of studies

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#### Agosti 1997

<b>Methods</b>	<p><b>Study design:</b> Randomized controlled trial</p> <p><b>Study grouping:</b> Parallel group</p> <p><b>Open Label:</b></p> <p><b>Cluster RCT:</b></p>
<b>Participants</b>	<p><b>Baseline Characteristics</b></p> <p>Psychotherapy</p> <p>Treatment as Usual</p> <p><b>Included criteria:</b></p> <p><b>Excluded criteria:</b></p> <p><b>Pretreatment:</b></p>
<b>Interventions</b>	<p><b>Intervention Characteristics</b></p> <p>Psychotherapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Beskrivelse:</i> Interpersonel psykoterapi</li> </ul> <p>Treatment as Usual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Beskrivelse:</i> Placebo Case Management</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<p><i>Frafald/All cause discontinuation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> DichotomousOutcome</li> <li>● <b>Reporting:</b> Fully reported</li> <li>● <b>Direction:</b> Lower is better</li> <li>● <b>Data value:</b> Endpoint</li> </ul> <p><i>Hospitalsindlæggelser</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> DichotomousOutcome</li> <li>● <b>Reporting:</b> Fully reported</li> <li>● <b>Direction:</b> Lower is better</li> <li>● <b>Data value:</b> Endpoint</li> </ul> <p><i>Hospitalsindlæggelser</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> ContinuousOutcome</li> <li>● <b>Reporting:</b> Fully reported</li> </ul>

- **Direction:** Lower is better

- **Data value:** Endpoint

*Selvmondsadfærd*

- **Outcome type:** DichotomousOutcome

- **Direction:** Lower is better

- **Data value:** Endpoint

*Arbejdsfastholdelse*

- **Outcome type:** DichotomousOutcome

- **Reporting:** Fully reported

- **Direction:** Higher is better

- **Data value:** Endpoint

*Skadevirkninger (farmakologisk)*

- **Outcome type:** AdverseEvent

- **Reporting:** Fully reported

- **Direction:** Lower is better

- **Data value:** Endpoint

*Funktionsevne (aktivitet og deltagelse)*

- **Outcome type:** ContinuousOutcome

- **Reporting:** Fully reported

- **Direction:** Higher is better

- **Data value:** Endpoint

*Remissionsrate (kritisk outcome)*

- **Outcome type:** DichotomousOutcome

- **Reporting:** Fully reported

- **Direction:** Higher is better

- **Data value:** Endpoint

*Livskvalitet (kritisk outcome)*

- **Outcome type:** ContinuousOutcome

- **Reporting:** Fully reported

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*Ham-d (respons rate), IPT*

- **Outcome type:** DichotomousOutcome

- **Reporting:** Fully reported

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*BDI (respons rate), IPT*

- **Outcome type:** DichotomousOutcome

- **Reporting:** Fully reported

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- **Data value:** Endpoint

*Ham-d (respons rate), CBT*

- **Outcome type:** DichotomousOutcome

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	<p><i>BDI (respons rate), CBT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> DichotomousOutcome</li> <li>● <b>Direction:</b> Higher is better</li> <li>● <b>Data value:</b> Endpoint</li> </ul>
<b>Identification</b>	<p><b>Sponsorship source:</b> No information</p> <p><b>Country:</b> USA</p> <p><b>Setting:</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b> No information on funding.</p> <p><b>Authors name:</b> Agostia &amp; Ocepek-Weliksona, 1997</p> <p><b>Institution:</b></p> <p><b>Email:</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> The Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University, New York, USA</p>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><i>Birgitte Holm Petersen on 29/09/2015 07:33</i></p> <p><b>Select</b></p> <p>Sammenlign ml. mono psykoterapi og farmakologisk beh alene kan udtrages at arbejdet. Men, "Forty percent (26/65) met criteria for Intermittent Depression" = eksklusionsgrund.</p> <p><i>Stine MøLler on 13/10/2015 20:34</i></p> <p><b>Population</b></p> <p>earlyearly-onset chronic depression as an episode of Major Depression beginning before age twenty-one Depression found that duration of depression ac- and lasting longer than two years.</p> <p><i>Stine MøLler on 13/10/2015 20:36</i></p> <p><b>Interventions</b></p> <p>Imipraminepatients with and without early-onset chronic depres-Clinical Management (ICM), Cognitive Behaviorsion (N5204). Predictor variables were entered in Therapy (CBT) and Interpersonal Psychotherapythe following steps: (1) Baseline depression score;(IPT), with Placebo Case Management (PCM)</p> <p><i>Stine MøLler on 13/10/2015 20:45</i></p> <p><b>Interventions</b></p> <p>IPT results were slightly poorer than CBT</p>

### Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Sequence Generation	Unclear risk	Not described
Allocation concealment	Unclear risk	Not described
Blinding of participants and personnel	High risk	Not possible
Blinding of outcome assessors	High risk	Not possible
Incomplete outcome data	Low risk	Not detected

Selective outcome reporting	High risk	Not detMany rating scales are described in the 1985 protocol that turn out not to be reported.
Other sources of bias	High risk	1-2 week washout phase for psychotropic drugs prior to baseline.

### Keller 2000

<b>Methods</b>	<p><b>Study design:</b> Randomized controlled trial</p> <p><b>Study grouping:</b> Parallel group</p> <p><b>Open Label:</b></p> <p><b>Cluster RCT:</b></p>
<b>Participants</b>	<p><b>Baseline Characteristics</b></p> <p>Psychotherapy Treatment as Usual</p> <p><b>Included criteria:</b> between the ages of 18 and 75 years; score of at least 20 on the 24-item Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HRSD) at screening and, after a two-week drug-free period, at base line. Continuous illness of at least two years</p> <p><b>Excluded criteria:</b> history of seizures, abnormal findings on electroencephalography, severe head trauma, or stroke; evidence suggesting they were at high risk for suicide; a history of psychotic symptoms or schizophrenia; bipolar disorder, an eating disorder (if it had not been in remission for at least one year), obsessive-compulsive disorder, or dementia; antisocial, schizotypal, or severe borderline personality disorder; a principal diagnosis of panic, generalized anxiety, social phobia, or post-traumatic stress disorders or any substance-related abuse or dependence disorder (except those involving nicotine) within six months before the study began; absence of a response to a previous adequate trial of nefazodone or a cognitive behavioral-analysis system of psychotherapy; absence of a response to three previous adequate trials of at least two different classes of antidepressants or electroconvulsive therapy or to two previous adequate trials of empirical psychotherapy in the three years preceding the study; a serious, unstable medical condition; or a positive urine screen for drugs of abuse. Women of childbearing potential had to agree to use adequate contraception during the study. Patients were not allowed to take anxiolytic agents, sedatives, hypnotic agents, or any other types of sleep aids (pharmacologic or behavioral) during the study.</p> <p><b>Pretreatment:</b></p>
<b>Interventions</b>	<p><b>Intervention Characteristics</b></p> <p>Psychotherapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Beskrivelse:</i> The cognitive behavioral-analysis system of psychotherapy also followed a manual specifying twice-weekly sessions during weeks 1 through 4 and weekly sessions during weeks 5 through 12. Twice-weekly sessions could be extended until week 8 if a patient was not adequately performing a learned social problem-solving procedure according to the criteria.</li> </ul> <p>Treatment as Usual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Beskrivelse:</i> nefazodone monoterapi: Among the patients who received nefazodone, the initial dose was 200 mg per day (100 mg twice a day) and was increased to 300 mg per day during the second week. Thereafter, the dose was increased weekly in increments of 100 mg per day to a maximum of 600 mg per day, to maximize the efficacy of the drug</li> </ul>

	<p>without producing intolerable side effects. To remain in the study, patients had to be receiving a dose of at least 300 mg per day by week 3. Visits for medication were limited to 15 to 20 minutes.</p>
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>	<p><i>Frafald/All cause discontinuation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Dichotomous Outcome</li> </ul> <p><i>Hospitalsindlæggelser</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Dichotomous Outcome</li> </ul> <p><i>Hospitalsindlæggelser</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Continuous Outcome</li> </ul> <p><i>Selvmondsadfærd</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Dichotomous Outcome</li> </ul> <p><i>Arbejdsfastholdelse</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Dichotomous Outcome</li> </ul> <p><i>Skadevirkninger (farmakologisk)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Adverse Event</li> </ul> <p><i>Funktionsevne (kritisk outcome)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Continuous Outcome</li> </ul> <p><i>Remissionsrate (kritisk outcome)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Dichotomous Outcome</li> </ul> <p><i>Livskvalitet (kritisk outcome)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Continuous Outcome</li> </ul> <p><i>Ham-d (response rate)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Dichotomous Outcome</li> <li>● <b>Direction:</b> Higher is better</li> <li>● <b>Data value:</b> Endpoint</li> <li>● <b>Notes:</b> A satisfactory therapeutic response was defined as a reduction in the HRSD score by at least 50 percent from baseline to week 10 and week 12, with a total score of 15 or less at these times but of more than 8 at week 10, week 12, or both for those who completed the study and at the time of departure for those who did not complete the study.</li> </ul> <p><i>BDI (response rate)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Outcome type:</b> Dichotomous Outcome</li> </ul>
<p><b>Identification</b></p>	<p><b>Sponsorship source:</b> Readers should know, however, that all but 1 (B.A.) of the 12 principal authors have had financial associations with Bristol-Myers Squibb — which also sponsored the study — and, in most cases, with many other companies producing psychoactive pharmaceutical agents.</p> <p><b>Country:</b> US</p> <p><b>Setting:</b> outpatient</p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p><b>Authors name:</b> Keller et al, 2000</p> <p><b>Institution:</b></p> <p><b>Email:</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b></p>

<b>Notes</b>	<p><i>Jens Aaboe</i> on 08/10/2015 07:05</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <p>Response rate for Ham-d: A satisfactory therapeutic response was defined as a reduction in the HRSD score by at least 50 percent from base line to week 10 and week 12, with a total score of 15 or less at these times but of more than 8 at week 10, week 12, or both for those who completed the study and at the time of departure for those who did not complete the study.</p> <p><i>Stine MøLler</i> on 13/10/2015 23:08</p> <p><b>Population</b></p> <p>chronic major depressive disorder (at least two years' duration), a current major depressive disorder superimposed on a preexisting dysthymic disorder, or a recurrent major depressive disorder with incomplete remission between episodes in a patient with a current major depressive disorder and a total duration of continuous illness of at least two years</p>
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### Risk of bias table

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Sequence Generation	Low risk	Judgement Comment: "Central computerized randomization schedule, in a 1:1:1 ratio.." "Central computerized randomization schedule, in a 1:1:1 ratio.."
Allocation concealment	Unclear risk	Judgement Comment: Not described
Blinding of participants and personnel	High risk	Judgement Comment: Blinding not possible
Blinding of outcome assessors	Low risk	Quote: "At all sites the rater was located at a separate physical location so that he or she could not see patients arriving for or departing from treatment sessions."
Incomplete outcome data	High risk	Judgement Comment: About 25% dropped out in each group.
Selective outcome reporting	Low risk	Judgement Comment: Not detected
Other sources of bias	High risk	Judgement Comment: Requirement for two-week drug free period prior to randomisation bias results against psychotherapy due to risk of confusion between treatment effect and alleviation of withdrawal symptoms. Also, previous non-responders were excluded, but we are not informed whether this predominantly led to exclusions for drug- or psychotherapy treated patients.

### Footnotes

## References to studies

### Included studies

#### *Agosti 1997*

Agosti,V.; Ocepek-Welikson,K.. The efficacy of imipramine and psychotherapy in early-onset chronic depression: a reanalysis of the National Institute of Mental health Treatment of Depression Collaborative Research Program. *Journal of affective disorders* 1997;43(3):181-186. [DOI: S0165-0327(97)01428-6 [pii]]

#### *Keller 2000*

Keller,M. B.; McCullough,J. P.; Klein,D. N.; Arnow,B.; Dunner,D. L.; Gelenberg,A. J.; Markowitz,J. C.; Nemeroff,C. B.; Russell,J. M.; Thase,M. E.; Trivedi,M. H.; Zajecka,J.. A comparison of nefazodone, the cognitive behavioral-analysis system of psychotherapy, and their combination for the treatment of chronic depression. *The New England journal of medicine* 2000;342(20):1462-1470. [DOI: 10.1056/NEJM200005183422001 [doi]]

## Data and analyses

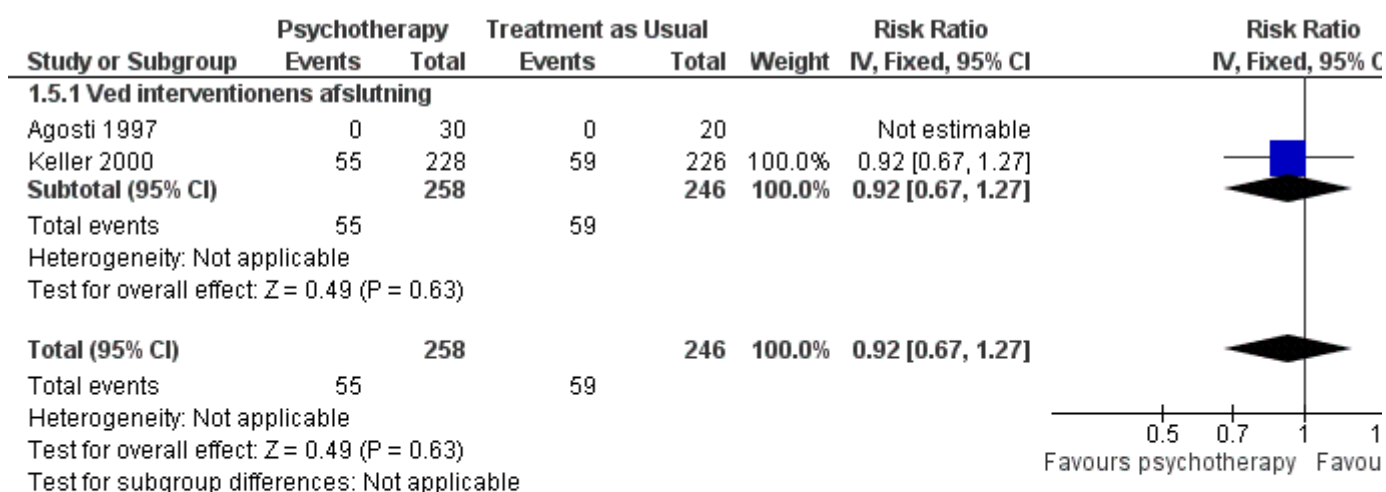
### 1 Psychotherapy vs Treatment as Usual

Outcome or Subgroup	Studies	Participants	Statistical Method	Effect Estimate
1.1 Hospitalsindlæggelser	0	0	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	Not estimable
1.2 Funktionsevne (aktivitet og deltagelse)	0	0	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	Not estimable
1.3 Livskvalitet (kritisk outcome)	0	0	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	Not estimable
1.4 Funktionsevne (kritisk outcome)	0	0	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	Not estimable
1.5 Frafald/All cause discontinuation	2	504	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.92 [0.67, 1.27]
1.5.1 Ved interventionens afslutning	2	504	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.92 [0.67, 1.27]
1.6 Hospitalsindlæggelser	0		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.7 Selvmordsadfærd	0		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.8 Arbejdsfastholdelse	0		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.9 Remissionsrate (kritisk outcome)	1	454	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	1.12 [0.84, 1.48]
1.9.1 Efter endt behandling	1	454	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	1.12 [0.84, 1.48]

1.10 Ham-d (respons rate), IPT	1		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.10.1 Efter endt behandling, IPT som interventionsgruppe	1		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.11 BDI (respons rate), IPT	1		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.11.1 Efter endt behandling, IPT som interventionsgruppe	1		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.12 Ham-d (respons rate), CBT	1		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.12.1 Efter endt behandling, CBT som interventionsgruppe	1		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.13 BDI (respons rate), CBT	1		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.13.1 Efter endt behandling, CBT som interventionsgruppe	1		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.14 Ham-d (respons rate)	2	504	Risk Ratio (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.96 [0.79, 1.16]
1.14.1 Efter endt behandling	2	504	Risk Ratio (IV, Random, 95% CI)	0.96 [0.79, 1.16]
1.15 BDI (respons rate)	0		Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	No totals
1.16 Adverse events	1	454	Odds Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.08 [0.03, 0.28]

## Figures

Figure 1 (Analysis 1.5)



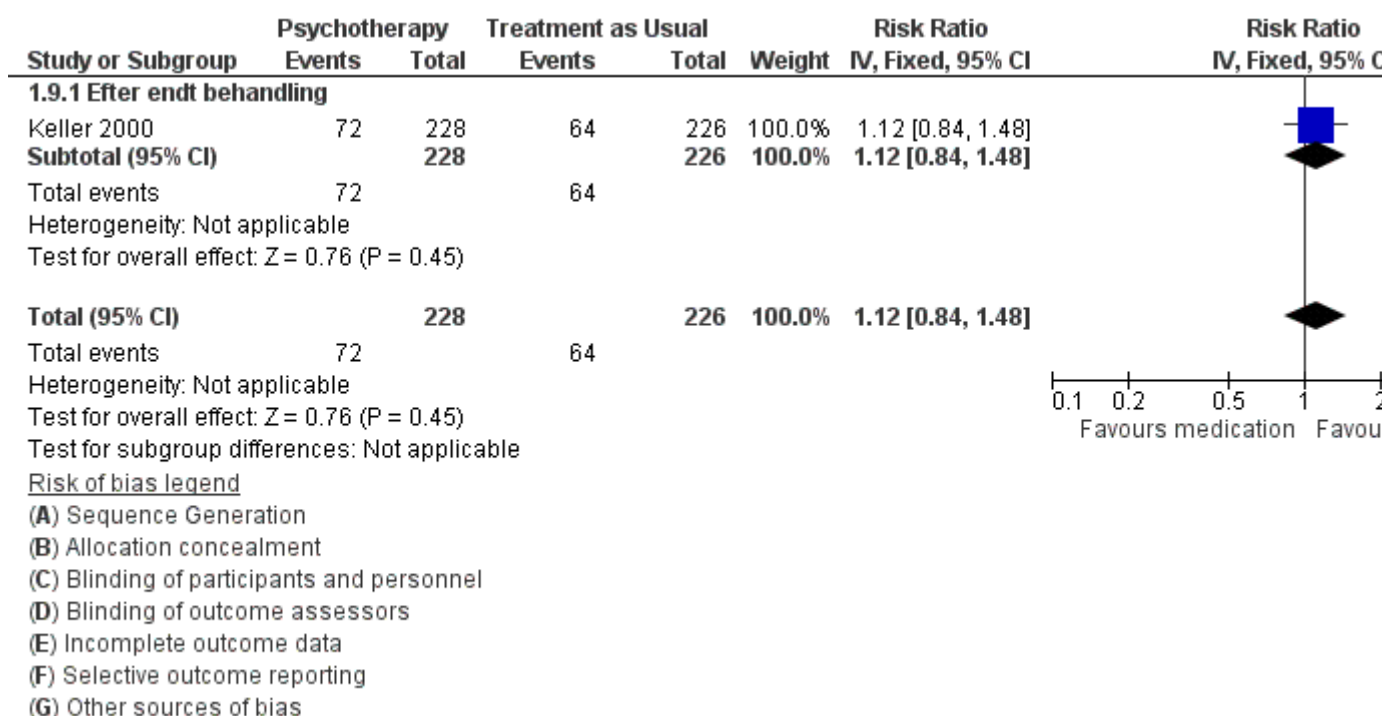
Risk of bias legend

- (A) Sequence Generation
- (B) Allocation concealment
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessors
- (E) Incomplete outcome data
- (F) Selective outcome reporting
- (G) Other sources of bias



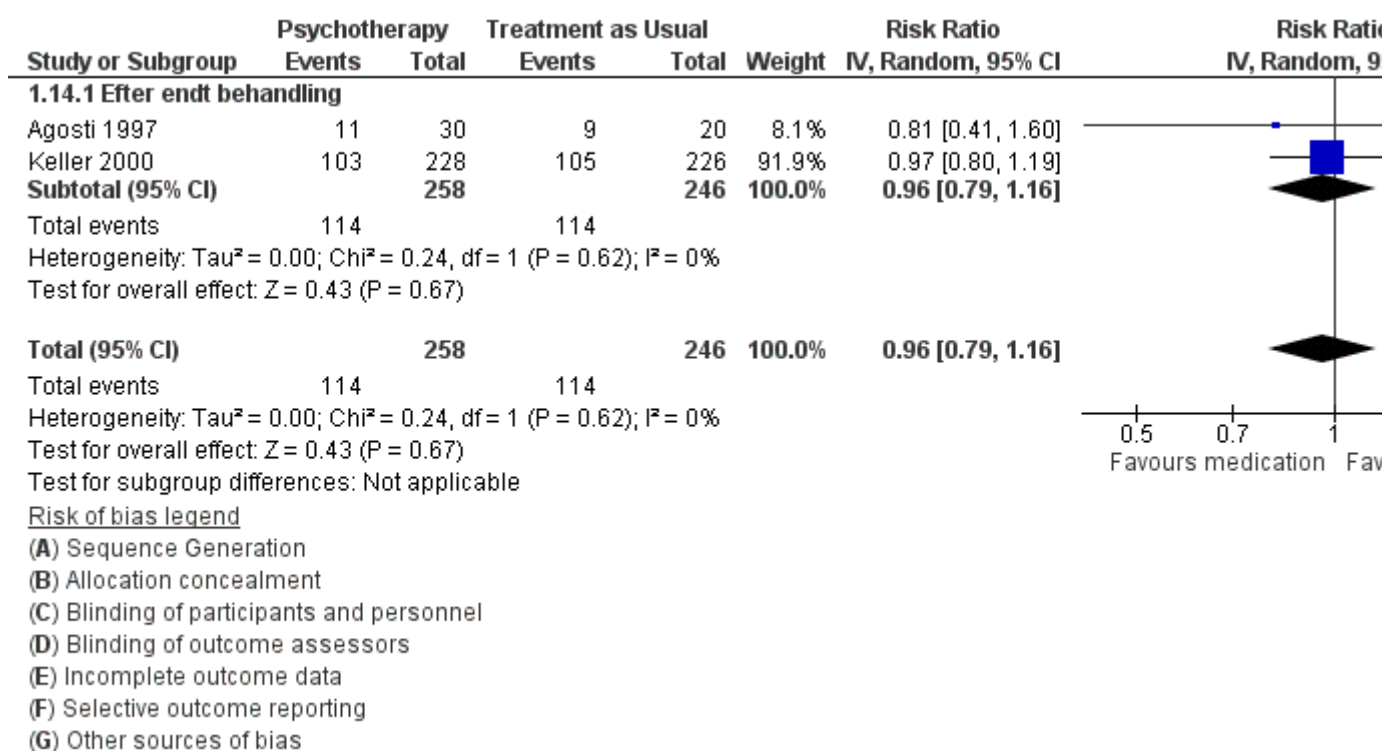
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**Figure 2 (Analysis 1.9)**



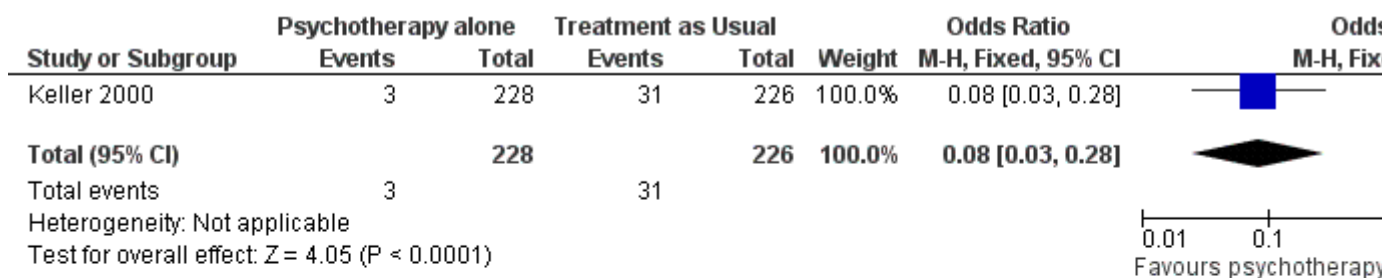
Forest plot of comparison: 1 Psychotherapy vs Treatment as Usual, outcome: 1.9 Remissionsrate (kritisk outcome).

**Figure 3 (Analysis 1.14)**



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Psychotherapy vs Treatment as Usual, outcome: 1.14 Ham-d (respons rate).

**Figure 4 (Analysis 1.16)**



Risk of bias legend

- (A) Sequence Generation
- (B) Allocation concealment
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessors
- (E) Incomplete outcome data
- (F) Selective outcome reporting
- (G) Other sources of bias

Forest plot of comparison: 1 Psychotherapy vs Treatment as Usual, outcome: 1.16 Adverse events.