

MRC score for ARDS patients						
Patient or population: patients with ARDS patients						
Settings:						
Intervention: MRC score						
Outcomes	Illustrative comparative risks* (95% CI)		Relative effect (95% CI)	No of Participants (studies)	Quality of the evidence (GRADE)	Comments
	Assumed risk	Corresponding risk				
	Control	MRC score				
MRC score		The mean mrc score in the intervention groups was 2.24 lower (6.24 lower to 1.76 higher)		1345 (2 studies)	⊕ ⊕ ⊕ ⊖ moderate ¹	
APECHE II		The mean apeche ii in the intervention groups was 2.07 lower (3.17 to 0.97 lower)		137 (2 studies)	⊕ ⊕ ⊕ ⊖ moderate ²	

*The basis for the **assumed risk** (e.g. the median control group risk across studies) is provided in footnotes. The **corresponding risk** (and its 95% confidence interval) is based on the assumed risk in the comparison group and the **relative effect** of the intervention (and its 95% CI).

CI: Confidence interval;
GRADE Working Group grades of evidence

High quality: Further research is very unlikely to change our confidence in the estimate of effect.

Moderate quality: Further research is likely to have an important impact on our confidence in the estimate of effect and may change the estimate.

Low quality: Further research is very likely to have an important impact on our confidence in the estimate of effect and is likely to change the estimate.

Very low quality: We are very uncertain about the estimate.

*Differences between results

² No more than 100 patients were enrolled in either study

Supplemental Table.6 GRADE system: MRC score and APACHE II score