

Clinical practice guidelines for acute otitis media in children: A systematic review and appraisal of European national guidelines:

Supplementary File 3: National guidelines' Level of evidence (LoE) converted to Oxford Centre for Evidence Based Medicine (OCEBM)

Oxford Centre for EBM Levels of Evidence		Belgium	Denmark	France	Finland	Italy	Norway	Poland and Spain	Portugal	UK SIGN	AAP	WHO
1a	SR of RCTs	A/B/C	1a	1	A	I	1a	I	A	1++	A	High
1b	Individual RCT	A/B/C	1b	1	B	I/ II	1b	-	B	1++/ 1+/1-	-	-
1c	All or none	-	1c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-
2a	SR with homogeneity of cohort studies	-	2a	2	A	III	2a	II	A	2++	B/ C	High-moderate
2b	Individual cohort study	-	2b	-	B/ C	III	2a	-	B	2++/ 2+/2-	-	-
2c	Outcomes research; ecological studies	-	2c	-	C	-	-	-	-	2++/ 2+/2-	-	-
3a	SR with homogeneity of case-control studies	-	3a	3	A	IV	1b, 2a	II	A	2++/2+/2-	B/C	High-moderate
3b	Individual case-control study	-	3b	-	B/C	IV	1b, 2a	-	B	2++/2+/2-	-	-

4	Case series (and poor quality cohort and case- control studies)	-	4	4	C	V	3	III	C	3	C/D	Low- very low
5	Expert opinion	-	5	-	D	VI	4	III	C	4	D	-
X	LOE that does not match Oxford	-	DS	-	-	-	2b	-	-	-	-	-