Appendix 7: edits made to meta-analyses and data from Broeders et al 2016

1) Switched the forest plot labels around so topical corticosteroids are the intervention and topical calcineurin inhibitors are the comparator.
2) Amended a data error given in the skin infection forest plot where the number of events and participants were given the wrong way round for topical corticosteroids and topical calcineurin inhibitors in Luger et al 2004.
3) Added skin atrophy data from Sigurgeirsson et al 2015 into the forest plot – this is not provided in the publication but is given in online correspondence on the journal website.
4) Changed to random effects instead of fixed effects as the decision was based on whether the I² value which is not appropriate.
5) Bieber et al 2007 was listed as “least potent” in table I of the publication – but according to the Australian potency classification it should be classified as potent.
6) In table I, the topical calcineurin inhibitors given for Mandelin et al 2010 is tacrolimus 1% - this should be 0.1%.
7) In table I, the therapy given for Hofman et al 2006 was hydrocortisone acetate 0.1%. However, patients used hydrocortisone ointment 1% (mild potency) twice daily for head/neck and hydrocortisone butyrate ointment 0.1% (potent) for trunk and limbs for 2 weeks then hydrocortisone 1% twice daily for flares.

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