## **Evidensprofil**

Group therapy compared to individual therapy (or both) for substance use problems among adults

Patient or population: patients with substance use problems among adults

Settings:

Intervention: group therapy

Comparison: individual therapy (or both)

Outcomes	Illustrative comparative risks* (95% CI)		Relative	No of	Quality Comm
	Assumed risk  Individual therapy (or both)	Corresponding risk  Group therapy	effect (95% CI)	Participant s (studies)	of the ents evidenc e (GRAD E)
percentage days		The mean percentage days abstinent from		188	$\oplus \oplus \oplus$
abstinent from alcohol		alcohol (sobell 2009) in the intervention		(1 study <sup>2</sup> )	$\Theta$
(Sobell 2009)		groups was			modera
Follow-up: 12 months		<b>0.16 standard deviations lower</b> (0.44 lower to 0.13 higher) <sup>1</sup>			te <sup>3</sup>
percentage days		The mean percentage days abstinent from		39	$\oplus \oplus \oplus$
abstinent from drugs		drugs (sobell 2009) in the intervention		(1 study <sup>2</sup> )	$\Theta$
(Sobell 2009)		groups was			modera
Follow-up: 12 months		0.22 standard deviations higher			te <sup>3</sup>
		(0.42 lower to 0.85 higher) <sup>1</sup>			
seeking further help for alcohol problems (John 2003) Follow-up: 12 months	Study population		RR 1.75	322	$\oplus \oplus \oplus$
	236 per 1000	<b>413 per 1000</b> (290 to 588)	(1.23 to 2.49) <sup>4,5</sup>	(1 study <sup>6</sup> )	⊝ modera te <sup>7</sup>
	Moderate				te
alcohol abstinence rates (John 2003) 6 months Follow-up: 6 months	Study population		RR 1.28	322	$\oplus \oplus \oplus$
	224 per 1000	286 per 1000	(0.88 to 1.86) <sup>4,8</sup>	(1 study <sup>6</sup> )	⊖ 
		(197 to 416)			modera te <sup>7</sup>
	Moderate				
alcohol abstinence rates (John 2003) 12 months Follow-up: 12 months	Study population		OR 1.36	322	$\oplus \oplus \oplus$
	174 per 1000	223 per 1000	(0.88 to	(1 study <sup>6</sup> )	$\Theta$ .
		(156 to 307)	2.1) <sup>4,8</sup>		modera te <sup>7</sup>
	Moderate				te

\*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; RR: Risk ratio; OR: Odds ratio;

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.

- Vi har regnet ut effektstørrelsen basert på gjennomsnitt og standardavvik.
- <sup>2</sup> Cognitive-behavioural motivational intervention (Guided self change treatment model) delivered in group or individually.
- <sup>3</sup> Usikkert resultat, konfidensintervall som krysser 0-punktet.
- <sup>4</sup> Vi har regnet ut relative risk basert på antall som har oppnådd utfallsmålet i henholdsvis intervensjonsgruppa og kontrollgruppa (gruppe vs individuell behandling).
- <sup>5</sup> Signifikant forskjell.
- <sup>6</sup> Group sesssions vs. individual counselling, both with motivational interviewing as central approach
- <sup>7</sup> Intervensjonsgruppen (gruppebehandling) fikk også 14 dagers døgnbehandling i forkant av gruppene.
- Ikke signifikant forskjell.

## Group couple treatment compared to individual couple treatment for substance use problems among adults with spouse/cohabitant

Patient or population: patients with substance use problems among adults with spouse/cohabitant<sup>1</sup>

Settings:

**Intervention:** group couple treatment<sup>2</sup> **Comparison:** individual couple treatment<sup>3</sup>

Outcomes	Illustrative comparative risks* (95% CI)		Relative	No of	Quality of	Comme
	Assumed risk	Corresponding risk	effect (95% CI)		the evidence (GRADE)	nts
	Individual couple treatment	Group couple treatment				
drug using days (Li 2007) Follow-up: 6 months		The mean drug using days (li 2007) in the intervention groups was <b>0.51 standard deviations higher</b> (0.26 lower to 1.28 higher)		27 (1 study <sup>4</sup> )	⊕⊕⊝⊝ low <sup>5,6</sup>	
adverse consequences of drug use (Li 2007) Follow-up: 6 months		The mean adverse consequences of drug use (li 2007) in the intervention groups was  0.16 standard deviations lower  (0.92 lower to 0.6 higher)		27 (1 study <sup>4</sup> )	⊕⊕⊝⊝ low <sup>5,6</sup>	

<sup>\*</sup>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The program - both group and individul - has been delveloped for clients who present with substance use problems and concurrent disorders (mental health problems).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Behandling av ett par, med en terapeut (Brief Couples Therapy)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Behandling avmaks fire par, med to terapeuter (Brief Couples Therapy)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Åtte møter, enten 90 min for par i gruppe eller 60 min for par alene.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Usikkert resultat, konfidensintervall som krysser 0-punktet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Lav N, 12 par i individuell behandling og 15 par i gruppebehandling. Kun 20 par fullførte totalt.