# Characteristics Table for The Clinical Question: Brief Interventions vs Standard Interventions

# **Comparisons Included in this Clinical Question**

MI vs CBT

BAKER1993

BUDNEY2000

COPELAND2001

STEPHENS2000 STEPHENS2002

Methods	Participants	Outcomes	Interventions	Notes
BAKER1993				
Study Type: RCT (randomised controlled trial)	n= 95	Reduced risk behaviours	Group 1 N= 31	Study quality: 1+
Type of Analysis: Per protocol	Age: Mean 31		CBT: RP (relapse prevention) with Outpatient - 6 sessions each 60-90 mins conducted individually. First session motivational interview. 2nd-6th sessions focused on specific techniques to reduce injecting and sexual risk behaviour Opiate agonist: MMT (methadone	
Blindness: Single blind	Sex: 44 males 51 females  Diagnosis: 100% Opiate dependence by Eligible for/receiving MMT			
Duration (days): Mean 42				
Followup: 6 months				
Setting: Australia, MMT programme	ionicosining initial			
Notes: RANDOMISATION: Stratified on sex and HIV status. Within each couple, both partners allocated to same group to avoid confounding treatment effects	100% IDU (injection drug use) by Self-report  Exclusions: - not injected drugs in last 6 months - not agreed to HIV testing - diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, psychosis, organic brain damage  Baseline: HIV status: 6 were HIV-positive		maintenance) with Outpatient	
			Group 2 N= 31	
			AMI: MI (motivational interviewing) with Outpatient - Single sessin lasting 60-90 mins. Aimed to raise motivation to change needle use and unsafe sexual behaviour. Major aim to have participant express concerns about high risk behaviours and express desire to change	
			Opiate agonist: MMT (methadone maintenance) with Outpatient	
			Group 3 N= 33	
			Control: TAU (treatment as usual) with Outpatient - Advice about HIV risk behaviours normally available from staff at methadone programmes and an education leaflet.	
			Opiate agonist: MMT (methadone maintenance) with Outpatient	
BUDNEY2000				
Study Type: RCT (randomised controlled trial)	n= 60	Data Used	Group 1 N= 20	Study quality: 1+
Blindness: No mention	Age: Mean 33	ASI: drug use	CBT: coping skills training - 13 sessions:	
Duration (days): Mean 98	Sex: 50 males 10 females	Abstinence: weeks drug-free Notes: DROPOUTS: MET = 55%, MET + CBT = 35% MET+CBT+CM = 45%	sessions 2-8 skills directly related to achieving and maintaining abstinence	
Info on Screening Process: 10 people excluded after intake process: 5 for alcohol dependence, 3 did not meet DSM criteria for cannabis dependence, 1 cocaine dependence, 5 did not retuen after intake assessment	Diagnosis: 100% Cannabis dependence by DSM-III-R		(dealing with urges, drug refusal), 9-14	
			coping skills indirectly related to drug use (managing mood, enahncing social	
	Exclusions: - <18 years of age		networks)	
	- not used cannabis in the last 30 days - current dependence on alcohol or any other drug except		CM: vouchers - Each negative urine sample from weeks 3-14 received	
	nicotine - active psychosis or severe psychiatric or medical disorder		vouchers: first negative = \$1.50, each consecutive negative increase by \$1.50, \$10 bonus for 2 consecutive negative	
	- legal problems or incarceration imminent		urines, positive sample reset vouchers to	
	Baseline: GROUP: MET / MET + CBT / MET + CBT + CM Years of regular cannabis use: 15.5		\$1.50.	

	15.9 14.3 APD (%): 20 30 30		AMI: MET (motivational enhancement therapy) with Outpatient - 1 session same as session 1 of MET  Group 2 N= 20  CBT: coping skills training - 13 sessions: sessions 2-8 skills directly related to achieving and maintaining abstinence (dealing with urges, drug refusal), 9-14 coping skills indirectly related to drug use (managing mood, enahncing social networks)  AMI: MET (motivational enhancement therapy) with Outpatient - 1 session identical to first session of MET group  Group 3 N= 20  AMI: MET (motivational enhancement therapy) with Outpatient - x4 60-90 min sessions on week1, 2, 6 and 12 based on Project Match. Session 1: nonjudgemental feedback. Session 2: review of first and confirm commitment to change. Session 3 and 4 booster sessions.	
COPELAND2001  Study Type: RCT (randomised controlled trial)  Blindness: Single blind  Duration (days):  Followup: 24 weeks  Setting: Australia  Info on Screening Process: 1075 screened, 565 excluded; 510 eligible, 225 did not make appointments to attend, 47 didn't turn up for assessment, prior to randomization 9 exceeded criteria for alcohol misuse	n= 229 Age: Mean 32 Sex: 159 males 70 females Diagnosis: 96% Cannabis dependence by DSM-IV  Exclusions: - no desire to cease cannabis use - > weekly use of drugs other than cannabis, nicotine, or alcohol in past 6 months (AUDIT scores >15) - received formal treatment for cannabis dependence in that past 3 months  Baseline: Mean years of weekly cannabis use = 13.9 years	Data Used Abstinence at 6 months Abstinence: days drug-free Drug use: days per month Notes: DROPOUTS at 6month follow up: 6CBT = 20%, 1MI = 25%,	Group 1 N= 82  AMI: MI (motivational interviewing) with Outpatient - 1 session for 90 mins. Combined principles of MI and CBT  Group 2 N= 78  CBT (cognitive behavioural therapy) with Outpatient - 6 sessions for 1h each. First session based on MI principles, 2nd session discussed urge management strategies, 3rd session on withdrawal management, 4th session on cognitive strategies and skill enhancement, 5th strategy review, 6th based on RP.	Study quality: 1+
STEPHENS2000 Study Type: RCT (randomised controlled trial) Blindness: No mention Duration (days): Followup: 1, 4, 7,13 months Setting: US Info on Screening Process: 601 screened, 183 excluded: <50 times cannabis used in 90 days (n=24), alcohol or other drug abuse in last 90 days (n=149), severe psychological distress (n=8), other formal treatment (n=2). Of eligible sample, 127 didn't complete pretreatment session	n= 291 Age: Mean 34 Sex: 224 males 67 females Diagnosis:  Exclusions: - <50 times cannabis used in last 90 days - alcohol or other drug abuse in last 90 days - severe psychological distress - receiving other formal treatment  Baseline: Years of use = 17.35 (5.21), Days of use past 90 days = 74.64 (18.54)	Data Used Cannabis use: days in past 3 months Notes: DROPOUTS: CBT = 19% MI = 8% Waitlist = 8%	Group 1 N= 117  CBT: group RP (relapse prevention) with Outpatient - 2-hour CBT:RP group sessions x14 over an 18 week period. Sessions 1-10 weekly, 11-14 every other week. Weeks 1-4 involved building motivation for change and high risk situations identified, 5-10 building coping skills, 11-14 coping with rationalisations  Group 2 N= 88  AMI: MI (motivational interviewing) with Outpatient - x2 90 mins individual sessions. Involved motivational interviewing (e.g. reflective listening, affirmation, reframing) and CBT techniques (identifying high risk situations). Second session (1 month after) reviewed previous session and feedback received.  Group 3 N= 86  Control: waitlist with Outpatient - Waitlist of 4 months until treatment	Study quality: 1+

#### STEPHENS2002 Study Type: RCT (randomised controlled trial) n= 450 Data Used Group 1 N= 148 Study quality: 1+ Cannabis use: days in past 3 months Age: Mean 36 Control: waitlist with Outpatient Blindness: Abstinence: no use for 3 months Group 2 N= 146 Sex: 306 males 144 females Notes: DROPOUTS: MI = 18/146 (12.3%), CBT Duration (days): AMI: MI (motivational interviewing) with Diagnosis: 23/156 (15%), Wait list =11/148 (7.5%) Outpatient - x2 1h sessions 1 week and 5 Followup: 4, 9 months 100% Cannabis dependence by DSM-IV weeks after randomization. Discussed a Setting: 3 US Urban areas personal feedback report to motivate Exclusions: - <18 years participant to make changes - attitudes Notes: RANDOMISATION: conducted centrally - dependence on other drugs or alcohol favouring and opposing change. at the the Centre for Substance Abuse - inability to provide a person who could assist in contact at treatment goals etc: 2nd session efforts to Treatment using urn randomization program follow up reduce cannabis use reviewed Info on Screening Process: 1211 screened. - legal status that would disrupt treatment Group 3 N= 156 398 excluded: dependence on other drugs currently receiving therapy CBT: coping skills training with (31%), unwilling to accept random assignment Notes: Ethnicity: White = 69.3%, Hispanic = 17.3%, African Outpatient - 9 sessions over a 12 week

period. First 8 sessions weekly, 9th

session 4 weeks after 8th session to

review changes. Combined motivational

aspects with CBT and case management

# **Characteristics of Excluded Studies**

Reference ID Reason for Exclusion BAKER2002 psychiatric population

American = 12.2%, Other = 1.1%

0.40, Number of joints per day = 2.89

Baseline: Proportion of days used in last 90 days = 0.88.

Hours high per day = 6.62 Ounces of cannabis per week =

## References of Included Studies

(21%), currently receiving therapy (20%), did

not provide contact person(20%), legal status

(16%); 363 eligible but did not complete

assessment

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