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# Stopping smoking

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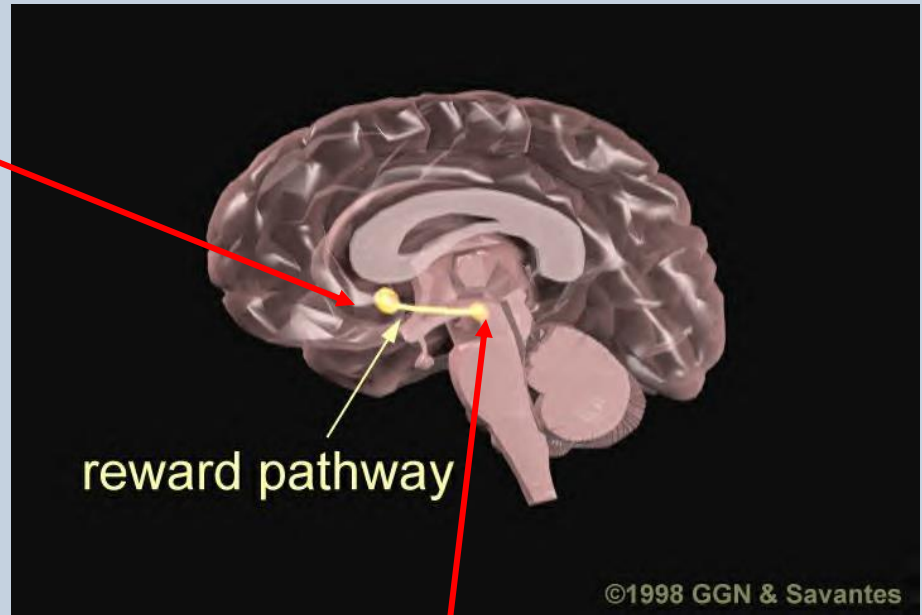
# Conflicts of interest

- I have done research and consultancy for the manufacturers of smoking cessation medication

# Tobacco addiction

Nucleus  
accumbens

- Mechanisms
- Associative learning
- Pleasure
- Nicotine hunger
- Withdrawal
- Higher functions



Ventral tegmental area

# Systematic review

- 2 active ingredients
  - Advice to quit
  - Assistance in quitting
- **Offering help is 30% more effective than offering advice in motivating quit attempts**

For a short video training course

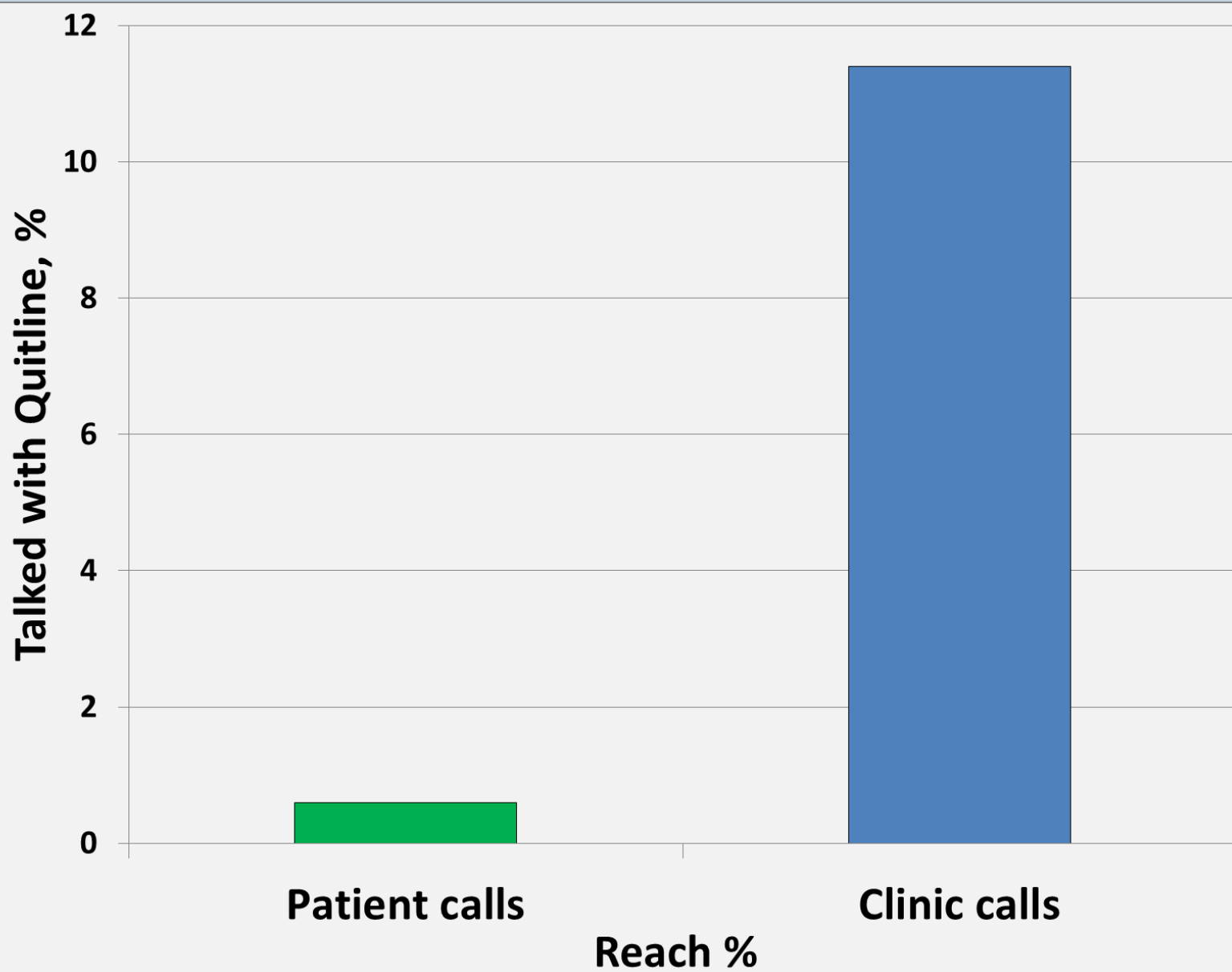
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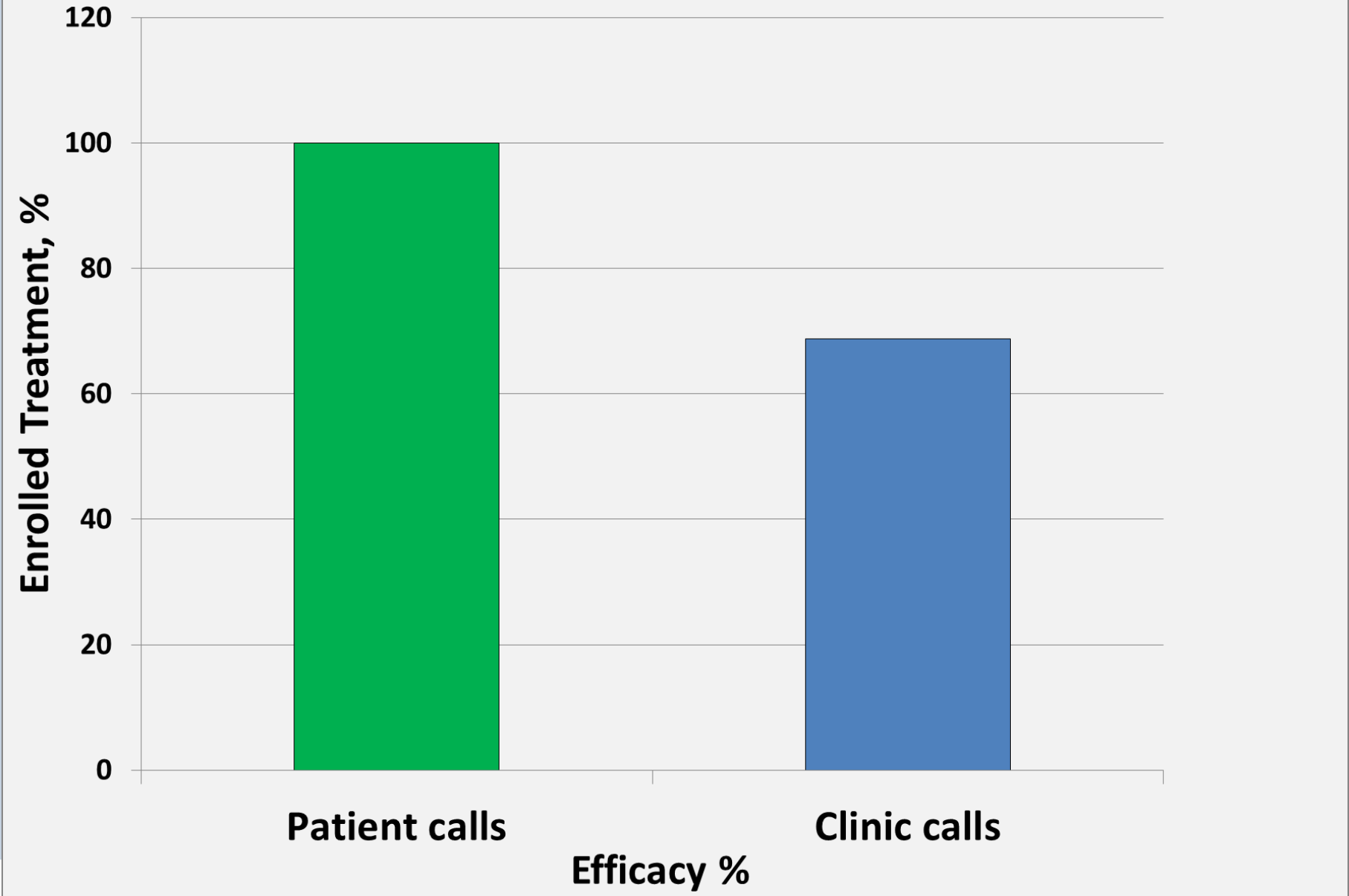


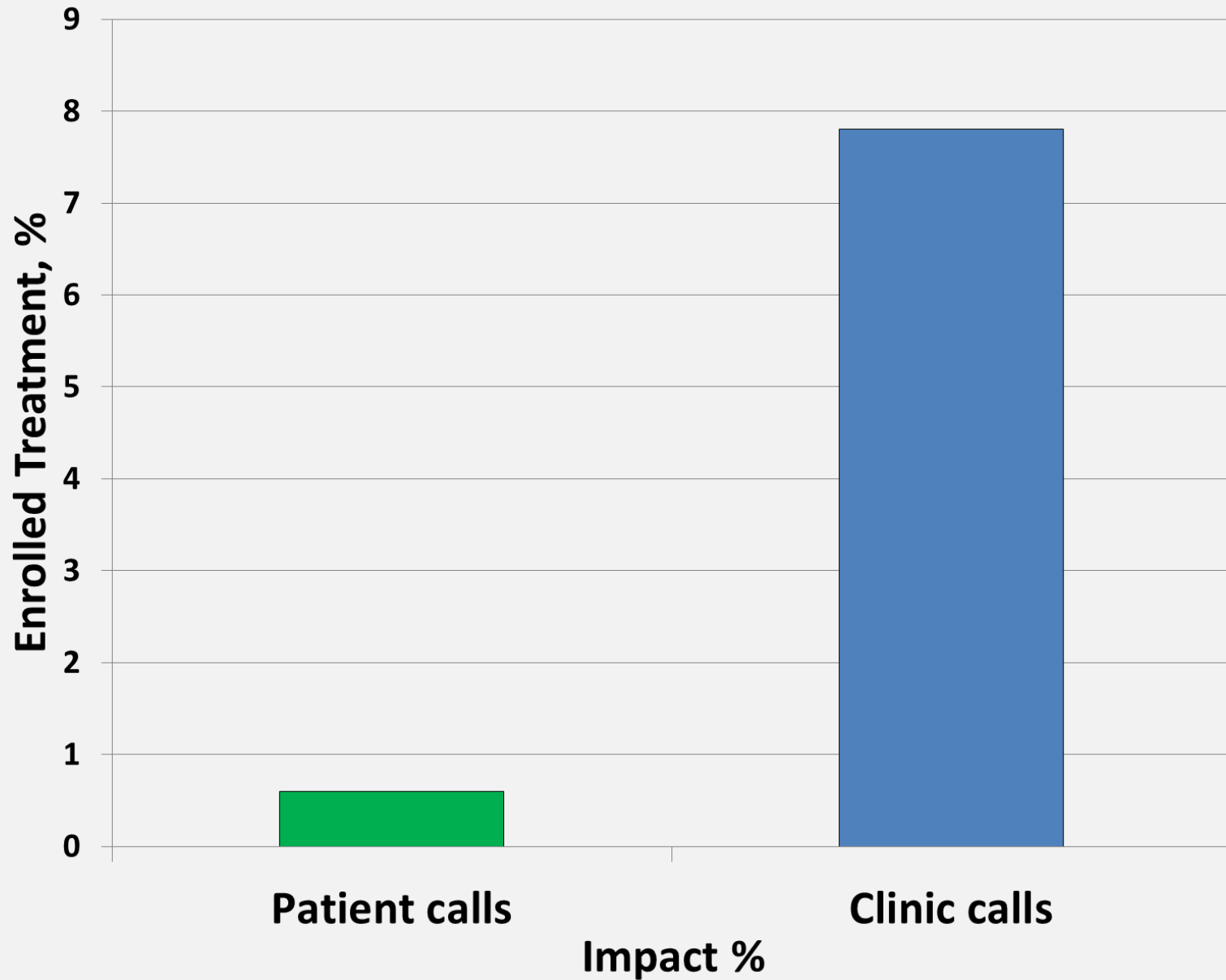














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“I’ll give up smoking when you get me better”: patients’

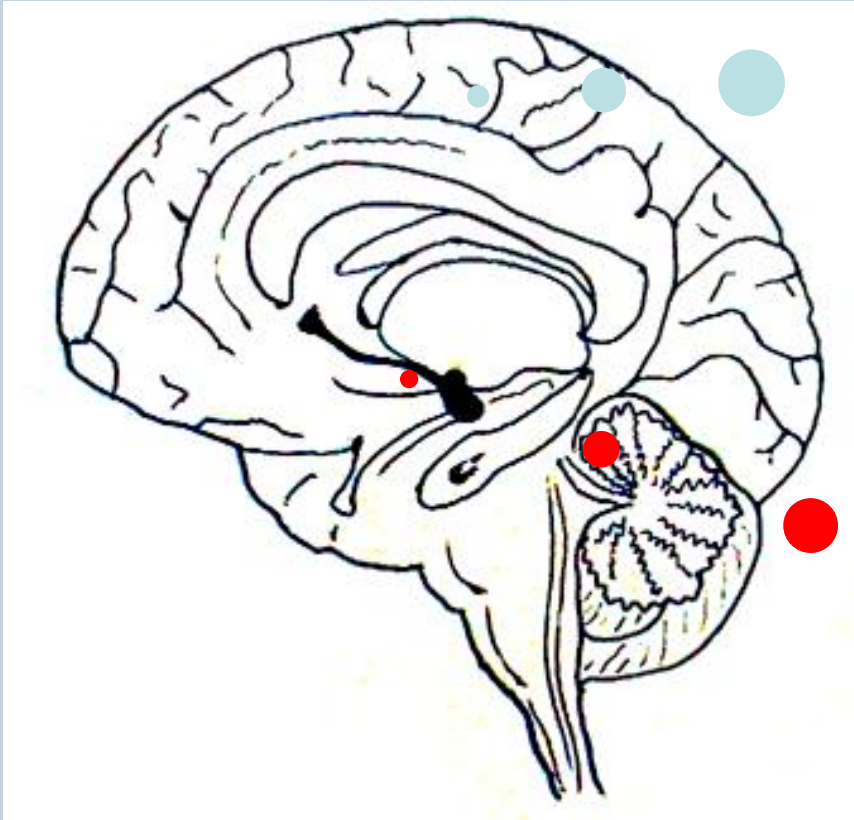
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Abstract

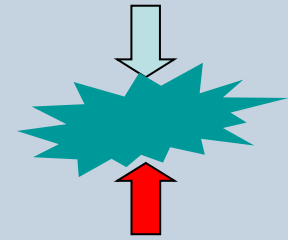
This study examines the relationship between GPs and patients who smoke. Consultations have been examined informed by the consultation analysis literature, with a focus on patients’ resistance to doctors’ problematisation of smoking. It is argued that advice is most effective when it is personalised, and despite GPs’ expressed views that a preferred way of topicalising smoking is to make links to a patient’s current medical problems, this is not generally the case in these consultations. Linking smoking to current problems commonly results in explicit resistance from patients of a kind that is rarely seen in other medical consultations. It is postulated that this results from the moral implications of linking a person’s health status with their own behaviour, thereby undermining their claim to legitimate illness and to medical help.

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# The war in a smoker's brain



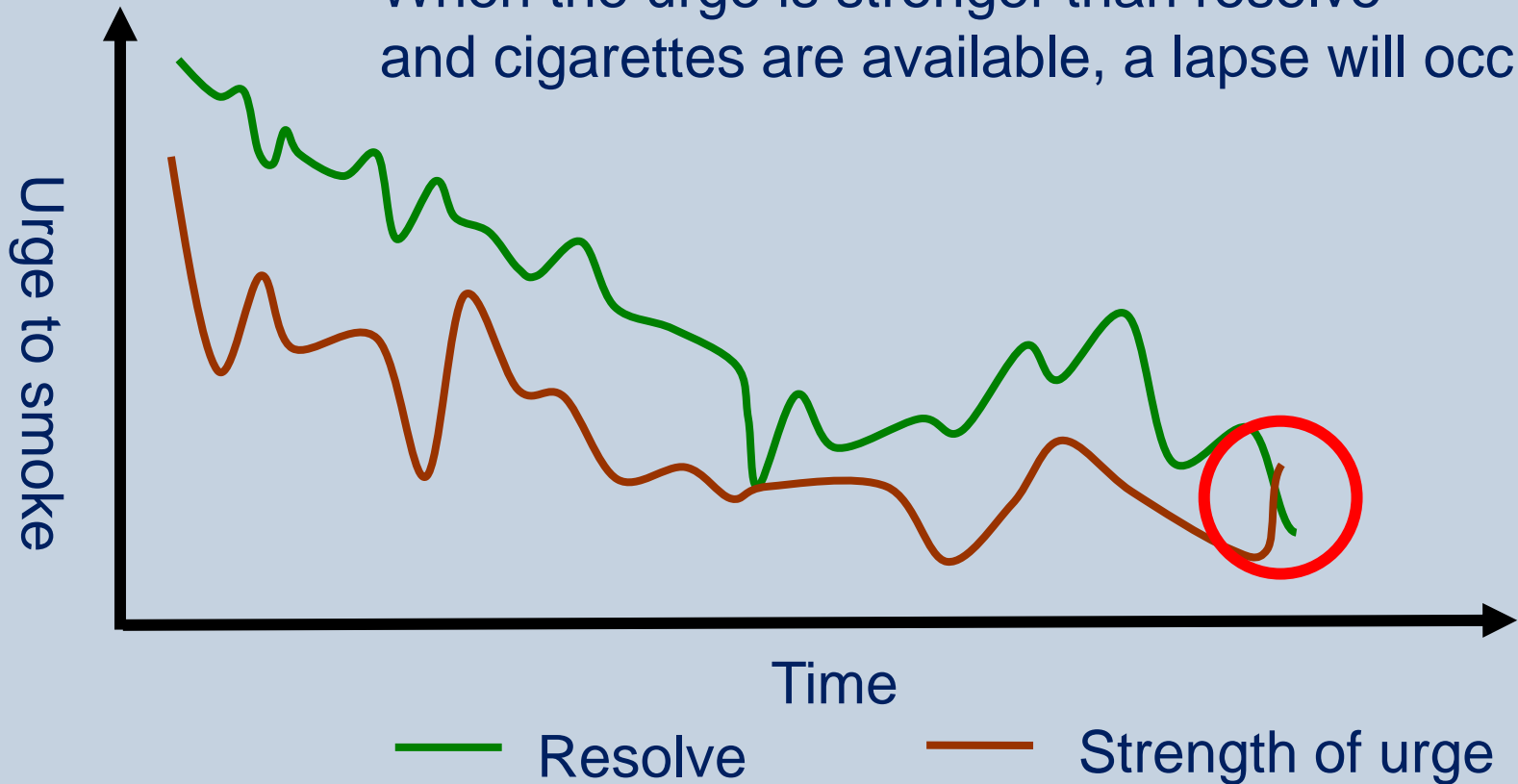
I really want to  
stop smoking: it's  
costing me money  
and it will probably  
kill me



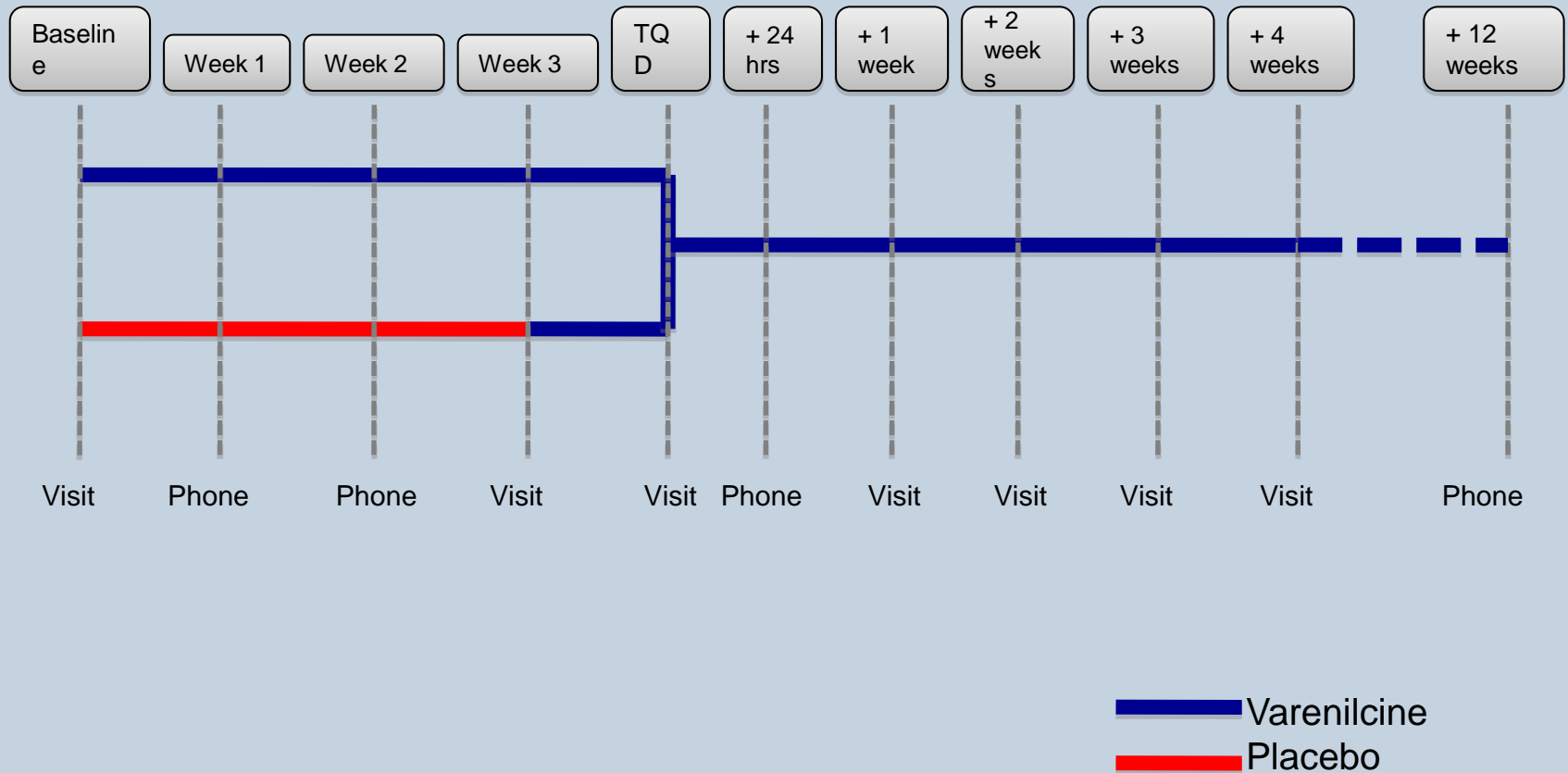
**I need a  
cigarette**

# The battle over time between resolve and urge to smoke

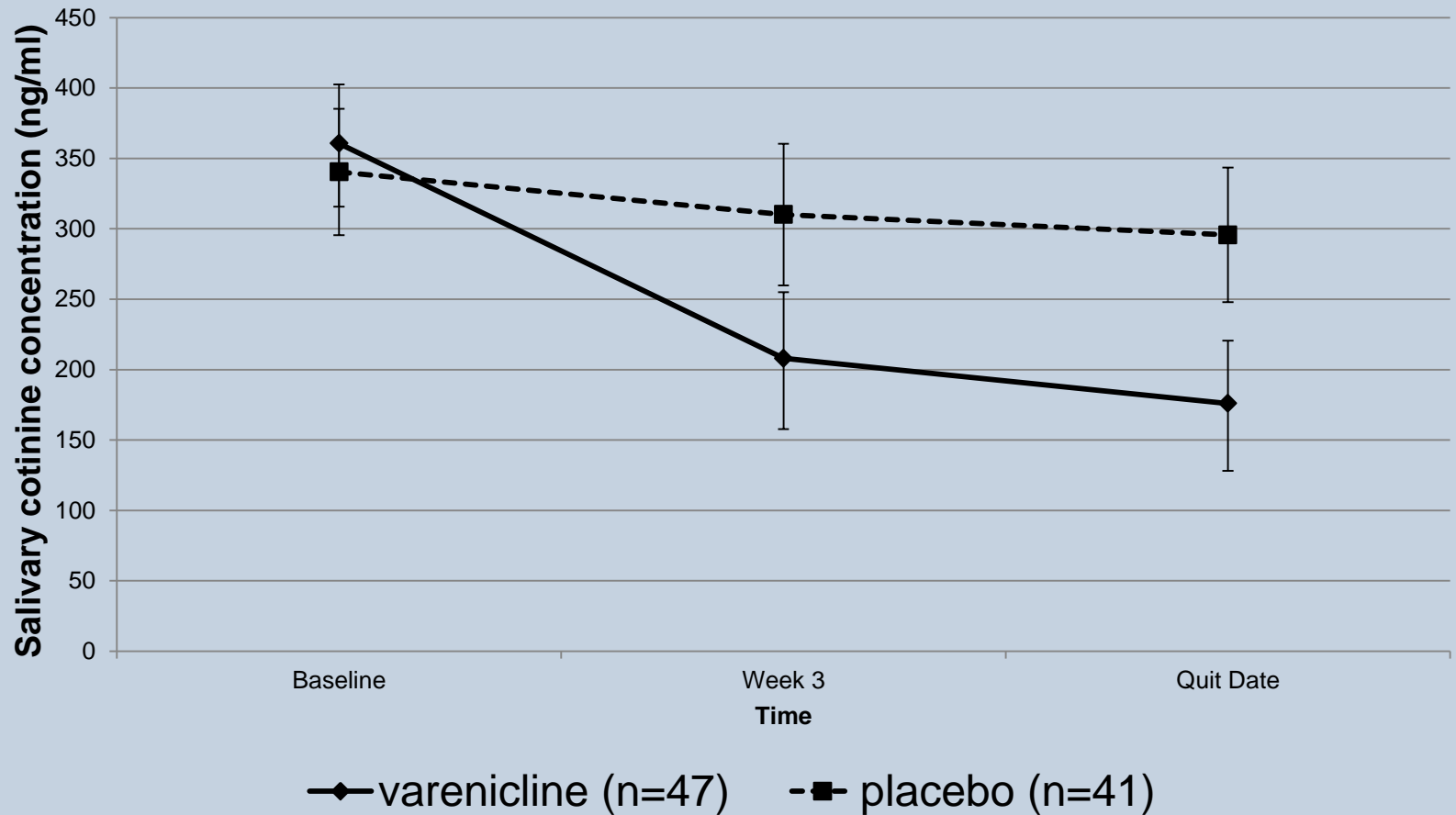
When the urge is stronger than resolve and cigarettes are available, a lapse will occur



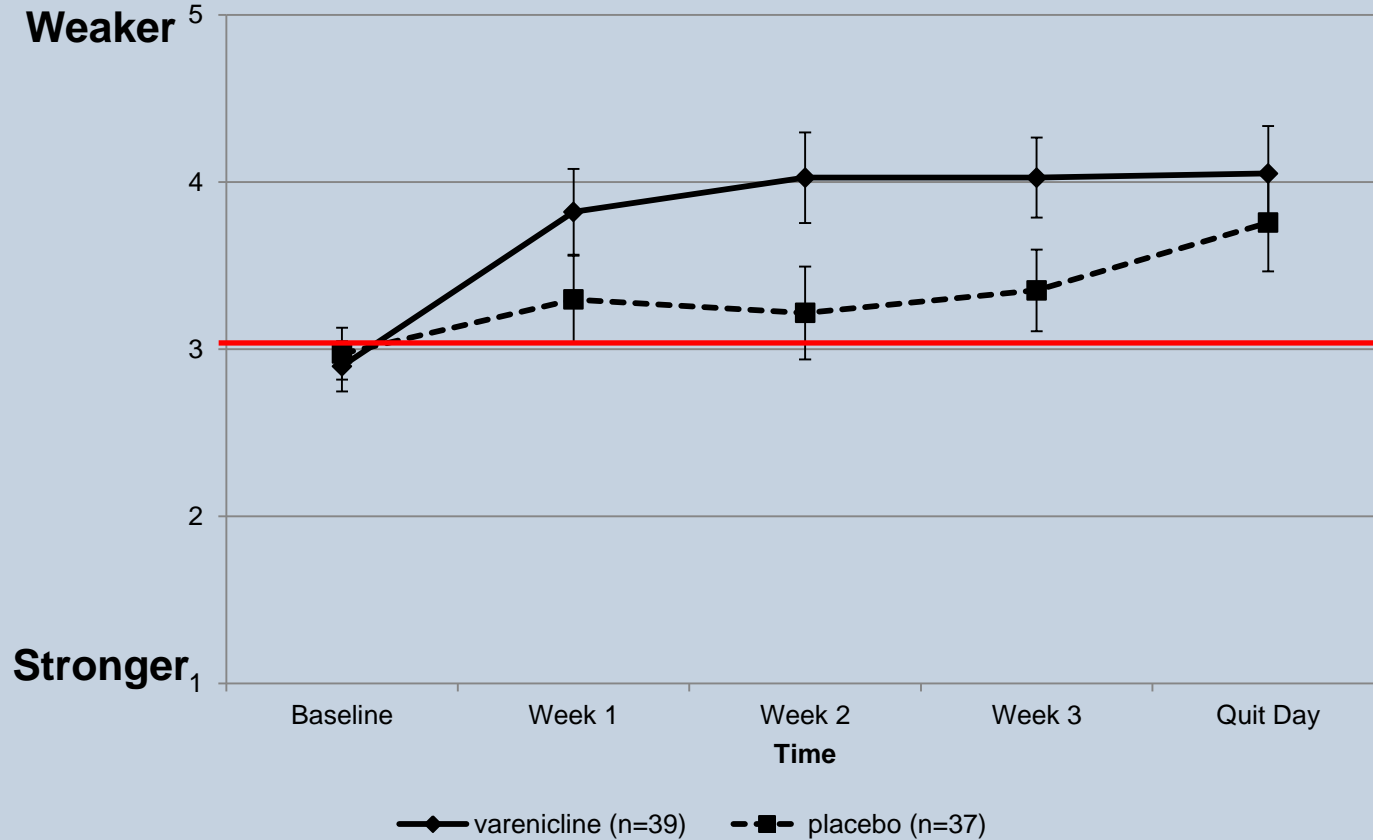
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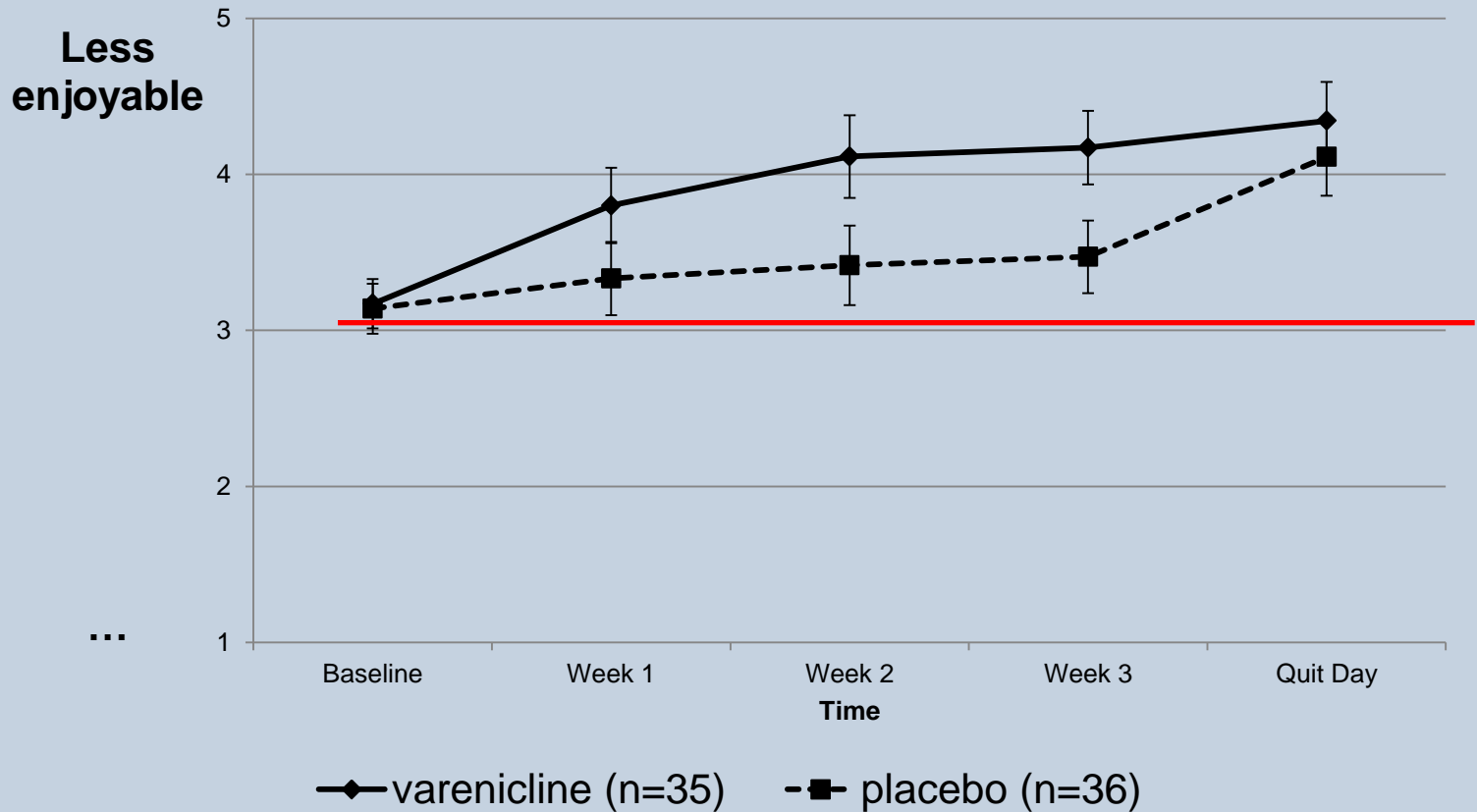
# Effect on cotinine prior to TQD



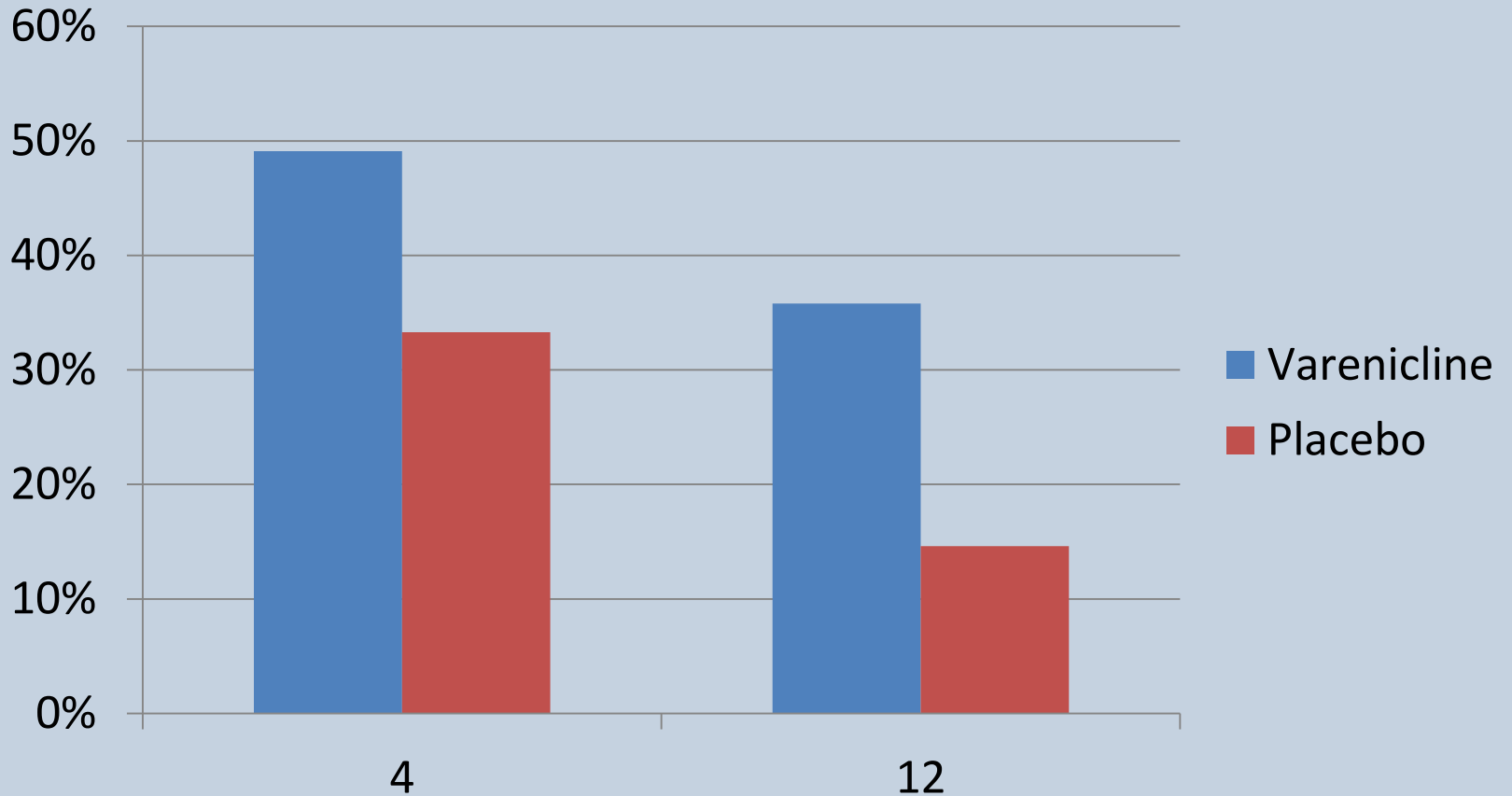
# Pre-quit strength of urges to smoke



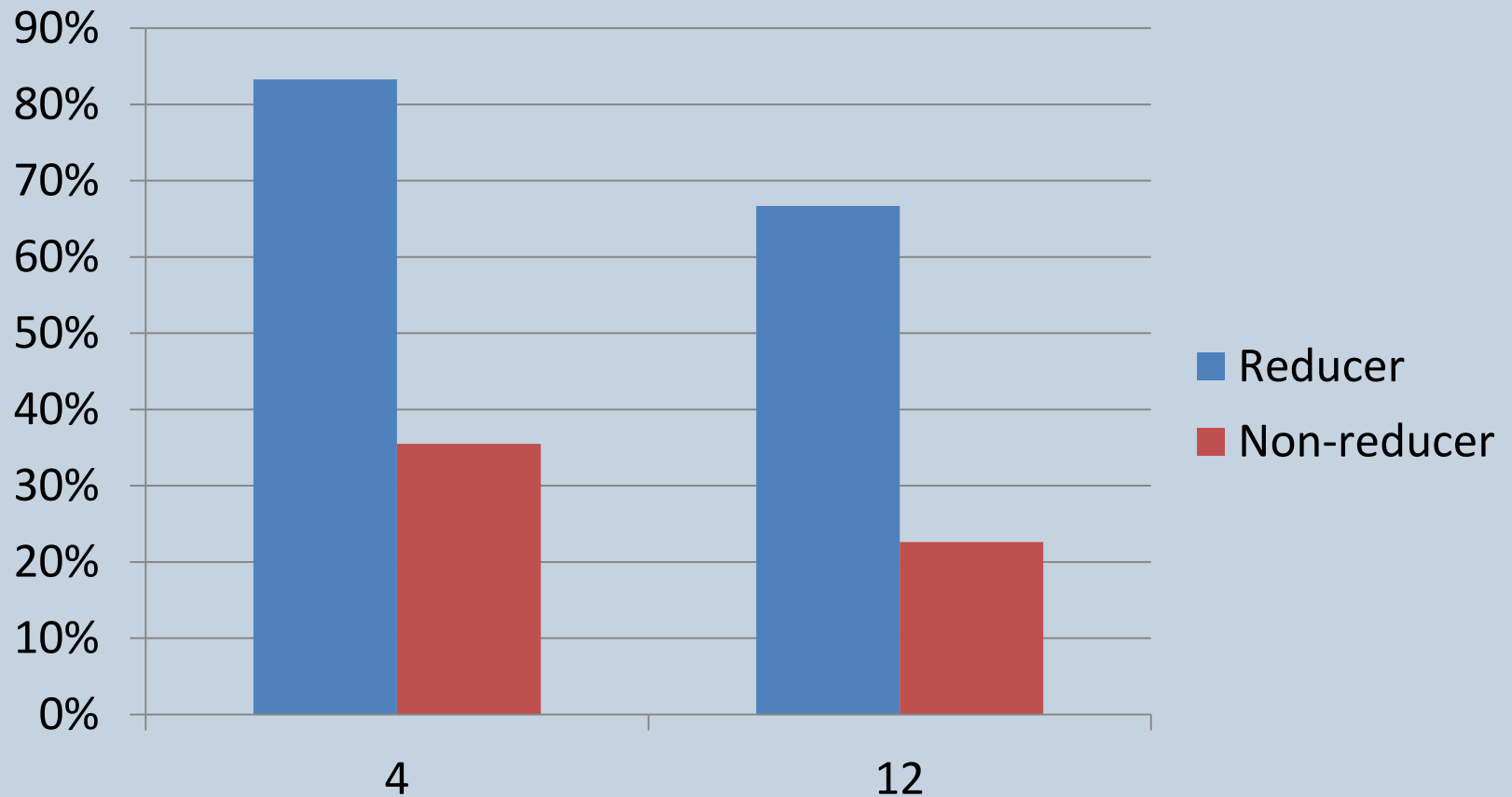
# Change in enjoyment of cigarettes



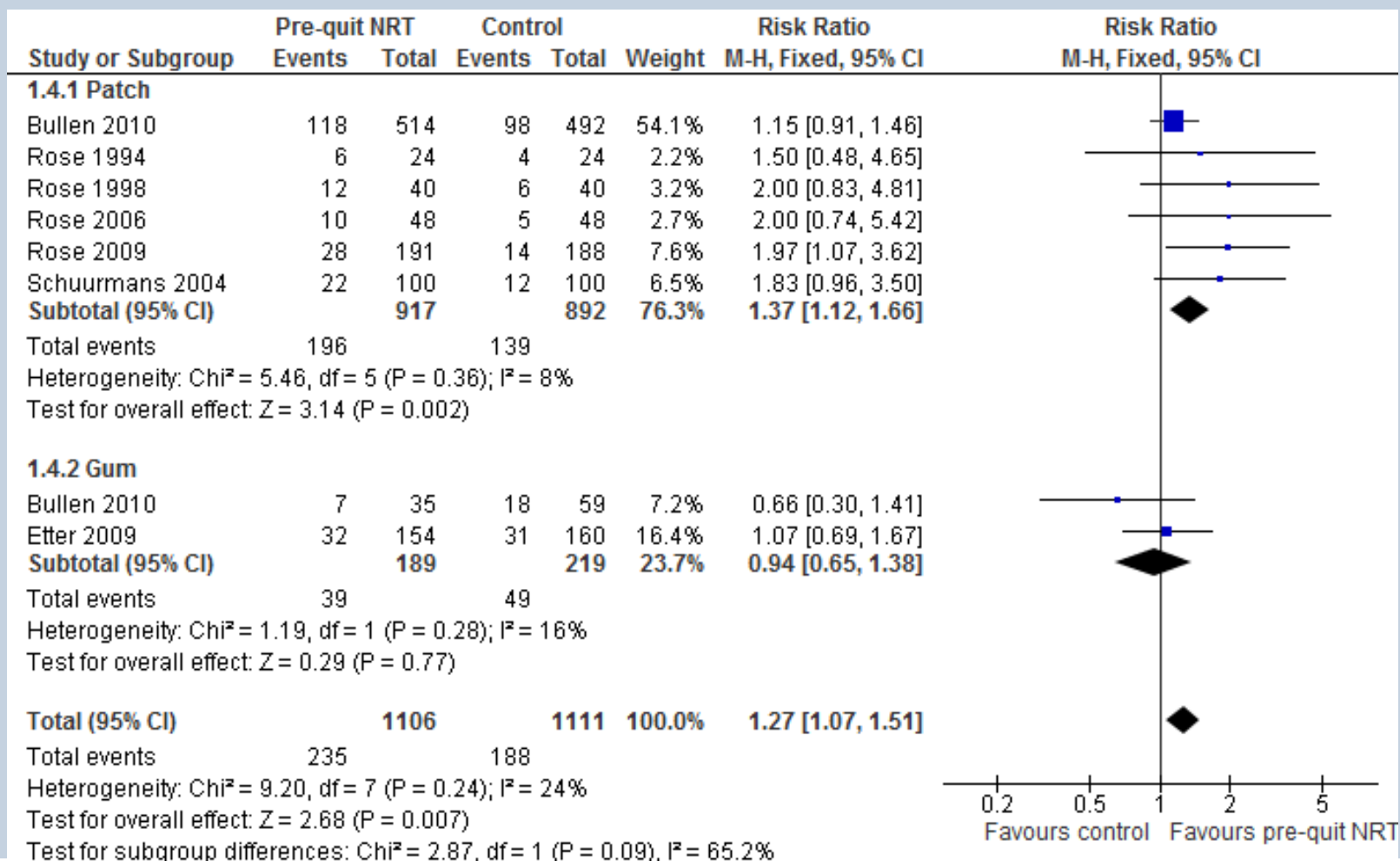
# Effect on quit rates



# You can tell if your strategy is likely to work by the degree of reduction



# NRT patches (might) work too



# Effectiveness and safety of nicotine replacement therapy assisted reduction to stop smoking: systematic review and meta-analysis

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Deborah Wang, systematic reviewer Anne Fry-Smith, information specialist Patsy Barton, senior reviewer

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**ABSTRACT**  
Objective To determine the effectiveness and safety of  
nicotine replacement therapy assisted reduction to stop  
smoking.

**Design** Systematic review of randomised controlled trials.

**Data sources** Cochrane Library, Medline, EMBASE,  
CINAHL, PsycINFO, Science Citation Index, registers of  
ongoing trials, reference lists, the drug company that  
sponsored most of the trials, and clinical experts.

**Review methods** English studies were published as  
controlled or randomised controlled trials that enrolled  
smokers who declared a intention to quit smoking in the  
short-term, and compared nicotine replacement therapy  
(with or without motivational support) with placebo, no  
treatment, other pharmacological therapies, or  
motivational support, and reported quit rates. Two  
reviewers independently applied eligibility criteria. One  
reviewer assessed study quality and extracted data and  
these processes were checked by a second reviewer. The  
primary outcome, six months sustained abstinence from  
smoking (long-term abstinence was assessed by  
individual patient data analysis). Other outcomes were  
sustained abstinence at other time points, and adverse  
events.

**Data synthesis** Seven placebo controlled randomised  
controlled trials were included. There was no nicotine  
replacement therapy, low nicotine replacement  
therapy (sublingual, and oral), and nicotine replacement  
therapy (sublingual, and oral).

**Results** The trials included a total of  
2767 smokers, given nicotine replacement therapy for  
6-12 months, and lasted 12-24 months. 62.5% of  
smokers receiving nicotine replacement therapy attained  
sustained abstinence at six months, 56.5% at 12 months.  
These results were statistically significant (P=0.001).  
95% confidence interval (CI) 1.24 to 1.35 (P=0.001).  
1.95, 1.10 to 3.32, P=0.001. The randomised trials that  
used 2-4 mg other nicotine replacement systems were  
significantly more likely to smoke any given nicotine  
replacement therapy than those given placebo. There  
were no statistically significant differences in adverse  
events (nausea, headache, 1.06, 95% confidence interval  
0.25 to 4.62), cardiac adverse events, 1.54, 0.79 to 3.03,

and discontinuation because of adverse events, 1.25,  
0.44 to 3.52 except nausea, which was more common  
with nicotine replacement therapy (0.7% v 0.3%, odds  
ratio 1.68, 95% confidence interval 1.21 to 2.16).

**Conclusions** Available trials indicate that nicotine  
replacement therapy is an effective method for  
achieving sustained smoking cessation in smokers who  
have no intention to quit smoking at the start of the trial.  
Most of the evidence, however, comes from trials with  
regular behavioural support and monitoring and the  
evidence whether using nicotine replacement therapy  
without regular contact would be as effective.

**INTRODUCTION**

Smoking is one of the greatest causes of illness and pre-  
mature death in developed and developing countries,  
but giving up smoking has a great potential to improve  
health. Although nearly half of all smokers in the United Kingdom  
claim to be trying every year, only 2-8% succeed. One  
reason for the low success is that many quit attempts  
are unplanned and that smokers often relapse to smoking  
soon after the attempt. The most widely used cessation aids  
are nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), "shock" injections  
to using such therapy and guidelines from the National  
Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence require  
smokers to set a day when they will attempt to stop  
smoking, and use nicotine replacement therapy or  
other pharmacotherapy as a substitute for smoking.  
Despite 75% of smokers wanting and intending to  
stop smoking, only 2.1% have successfully quit smoking  
in the past month and less than half the population  
are suitable for abrupt quit attempts.

In the UK the knowledge for some nicotine replacement  
aids (patch, gum, inhaler, and, most recently, lozenge)  
has been extended to allow longer term use in those  
who are not willing or able to quit abruptly, thereby  
allowing them to cut down smoking and to facilitate quit  
days. This is termed nicotine assisted reduction therapy  
also called cut down then stop, cut down to stop, and  
cut down to quit. We conducted a systematic review of  
randomised controlled trials to determine the effec-  
tiveness of nicotine assisted reduction to stop and  
whether there are associated harms. Unlike previous

## Quitting by reduction

- Smokers who have no immediate plans to quit but are prepared to try to reduce their smoking
- Double the rate of abstinence with NRT
- The costs of treating smokers to reduce or treating them to quit abruptly are roughly equal

Health Technology Assessment 2008, Vol. 12, No. 2

### 'Cut down to quit' with nicotine replacement therapies in smoking cessation: a systematic review of effectiveness and economic analysis

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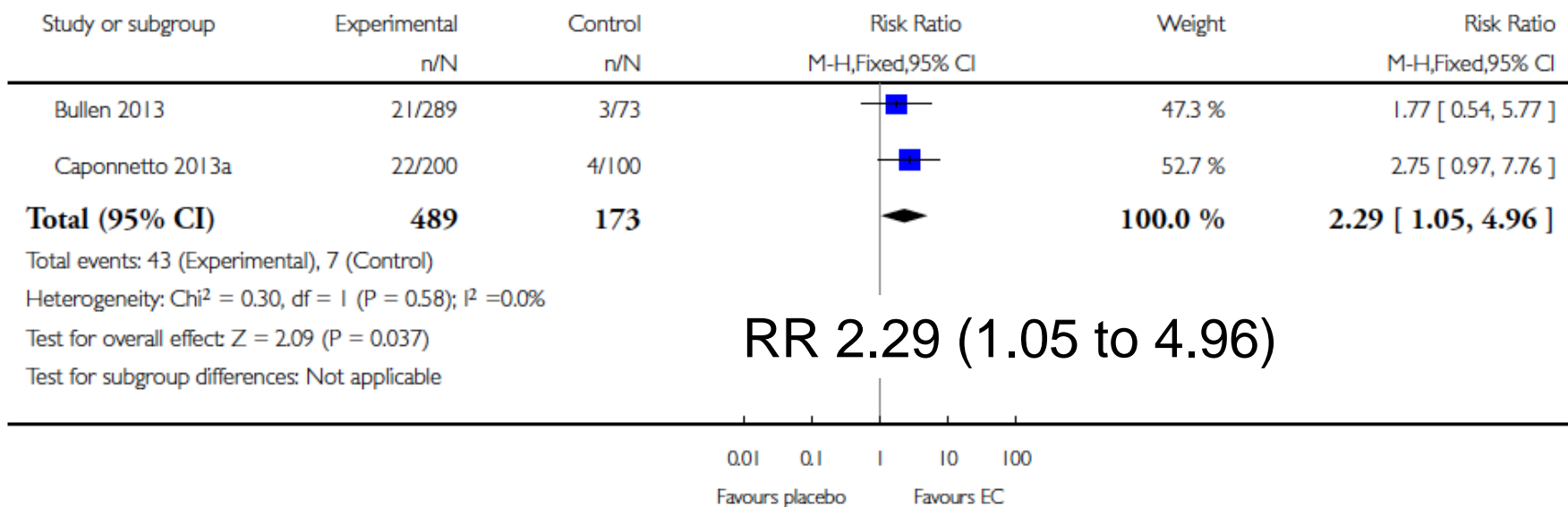
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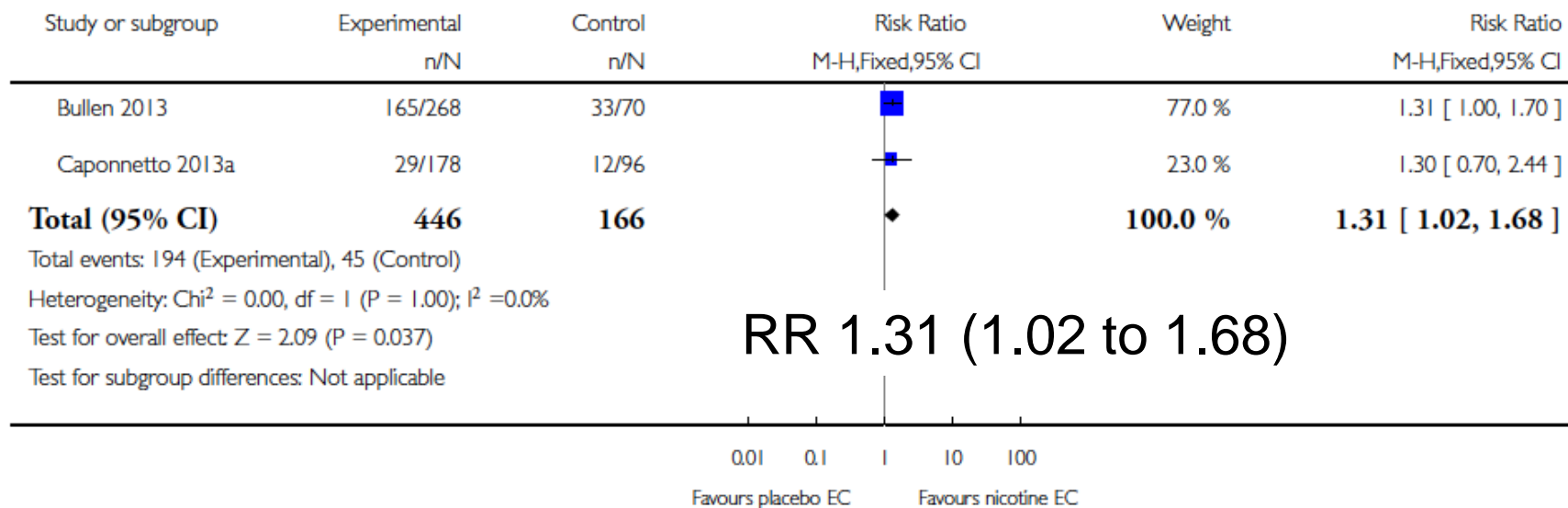


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# E-cigarettes: effect on cessation

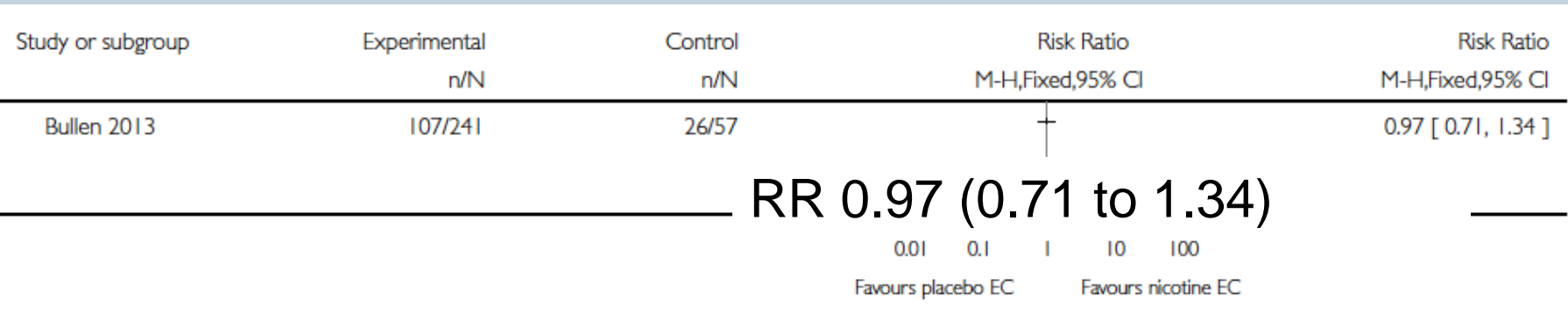


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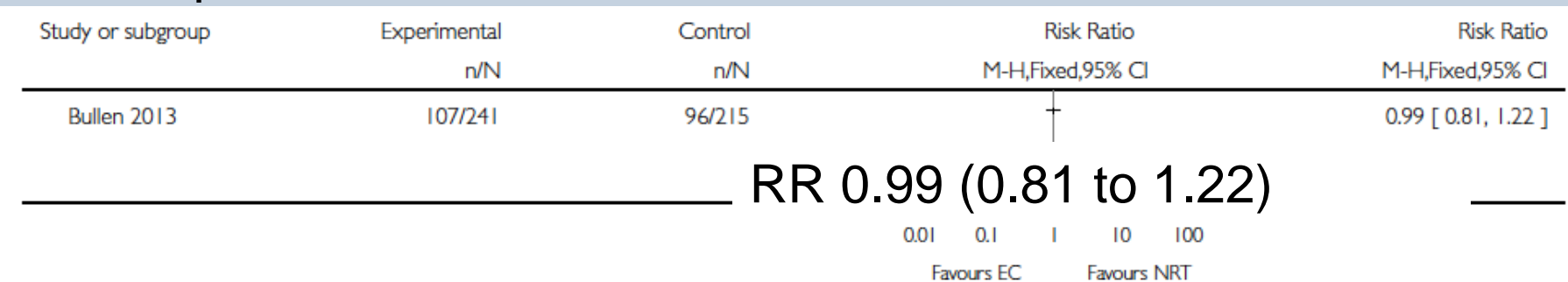


# E-cigarettes: adverse events

## Versus placebo e-cigarettes



## Versus placebo NRT



# Conclusions

- The easy way to motivate people is offer help to stop
  - Back this up by taking the arrangements out of the patient's hands
  - Do not routinely link a person's health condition to their smoking
- Using cessation medication prior to quitting smoking can reduce the need to smoke and assist quitting
- In people who do not want to quit you can encourage them to cut down with NRT or e-cigarettes

# Treating obesity in primary care

Professor Susan Jebb. 18 May 2015



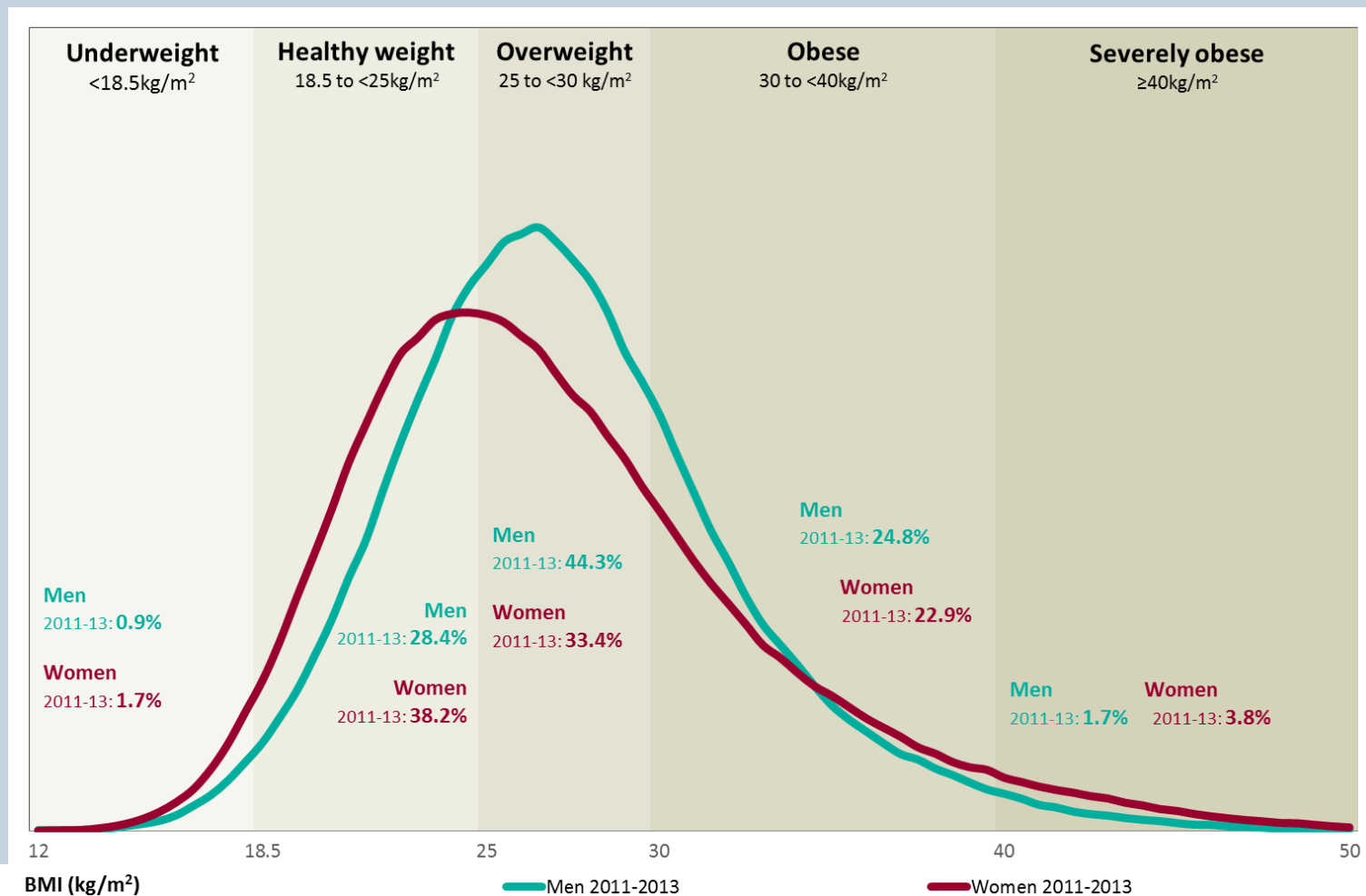
“as the nation’s waistline keeps piling on the pounds, we’re piling on billions of pounds in future taxes just to pay for preventable illnesses”

**NHS**

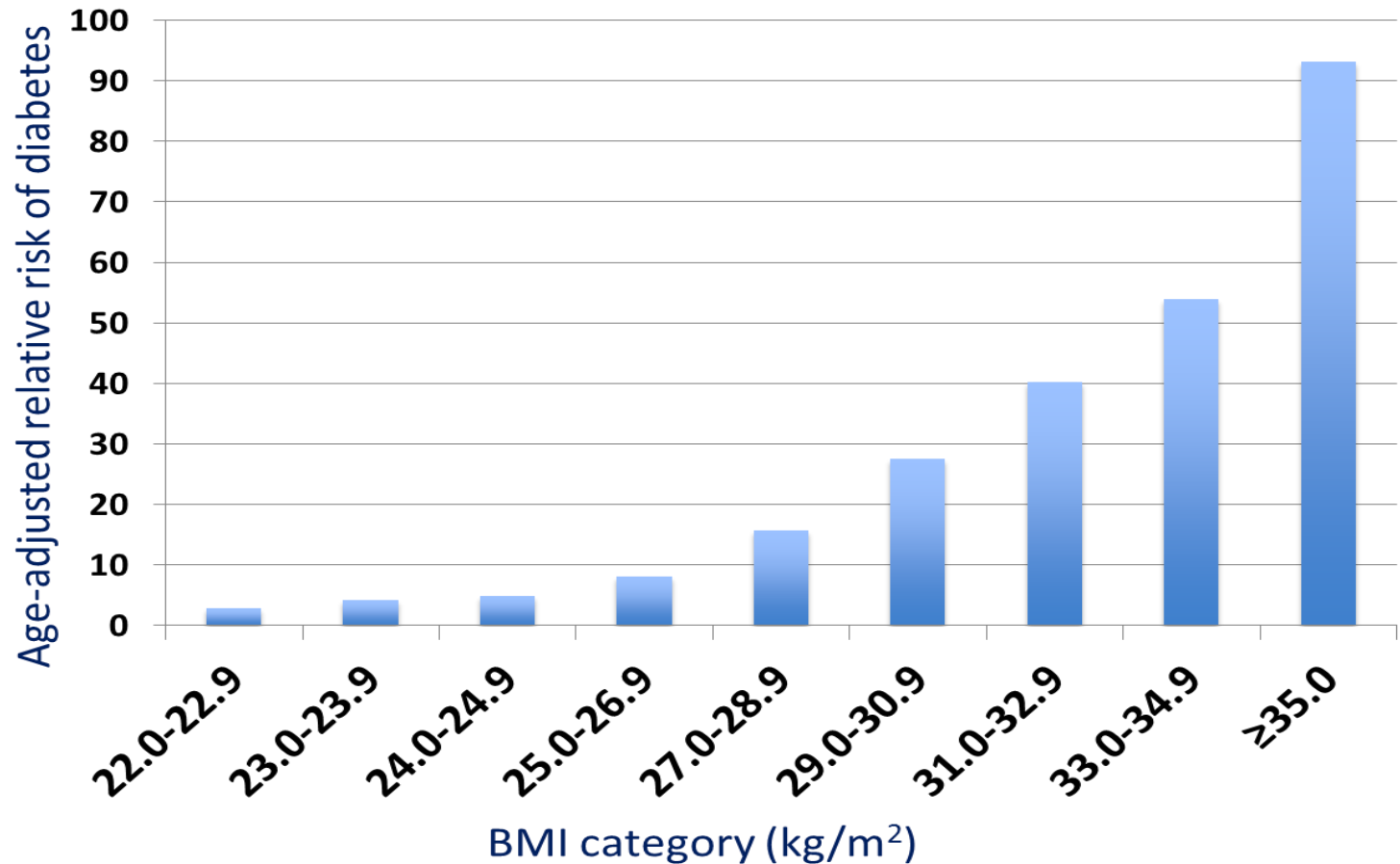
**FIVE YEAR  
FORWARD VIEW**

# Adult BMI distribution

Health Survey for England 2011-2013



# BMI and risk of diabetes



# Diabetes Prevention Program

Intensive 'lifestyle' (behavioural) intervention

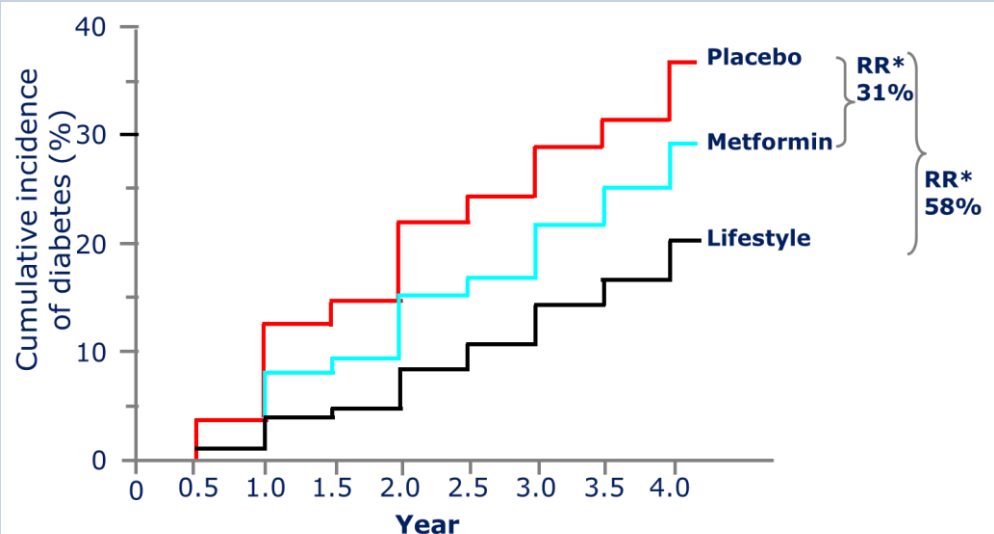
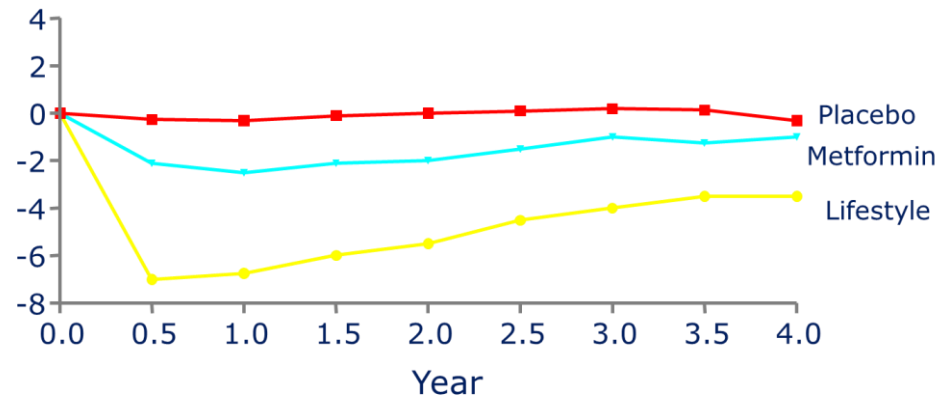


Modest weight loss



58% reduction in incidence of diabetes over 4 years

Weight loss (kg)



# Most patients who are overweight do not receive support to lose weight

## The challenge:

- Sensitivities in raising the issue of obesity
- So many patients, so little time
- Perceived lack of training or specialist skills
- Paucity of treatment options
- Pessimism about long term success



# Plenty of NICE guidance ...

CG 189: Obesity: identification, assessment and management of overweight and obesity in children, young people and adults

NG7: Maintaining a healthy weight and preventing excess weight gain among adults and children

PH47: Managing overweight and obesity among children and young people: lifestyle weight management services

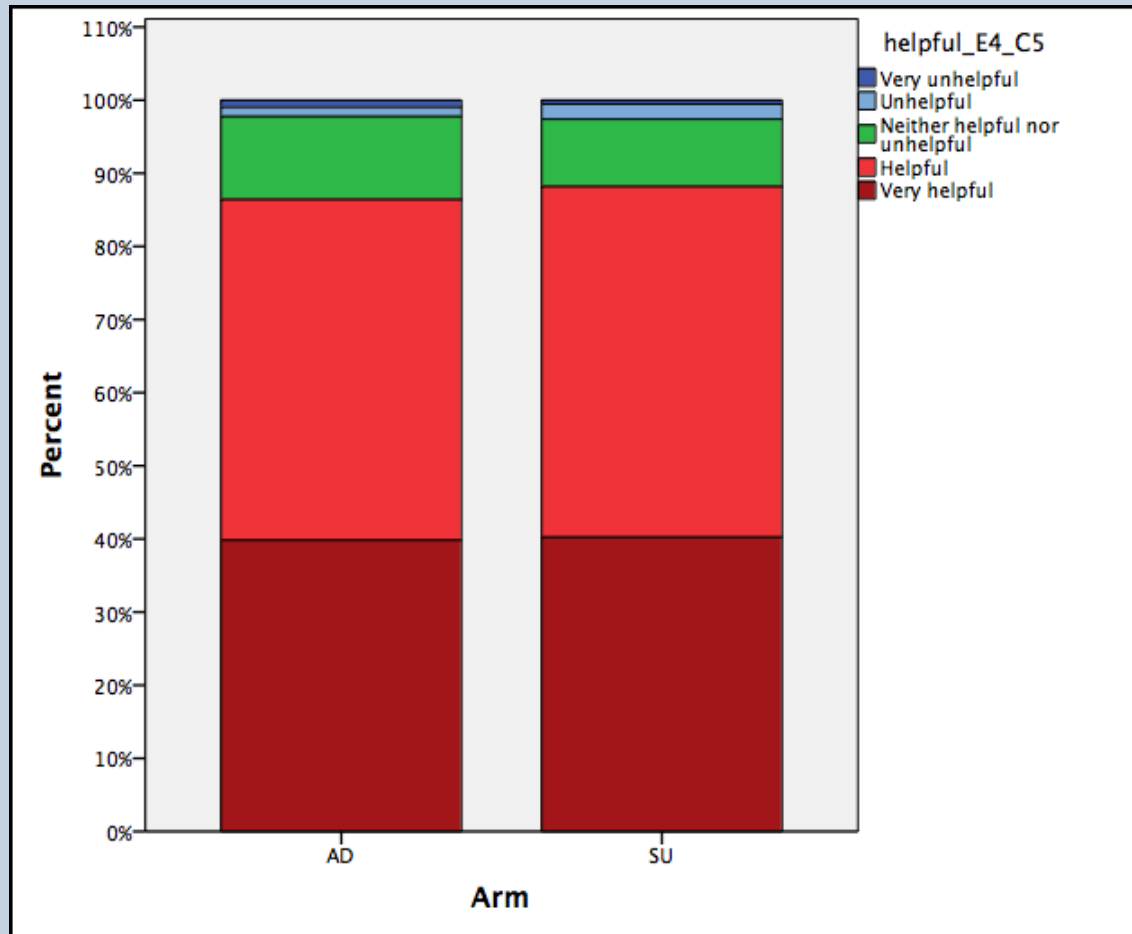
PH53: Managing overweight and obesity in adults: lifestyle weight management services

PH27: Weight management before, during and after pregnancy

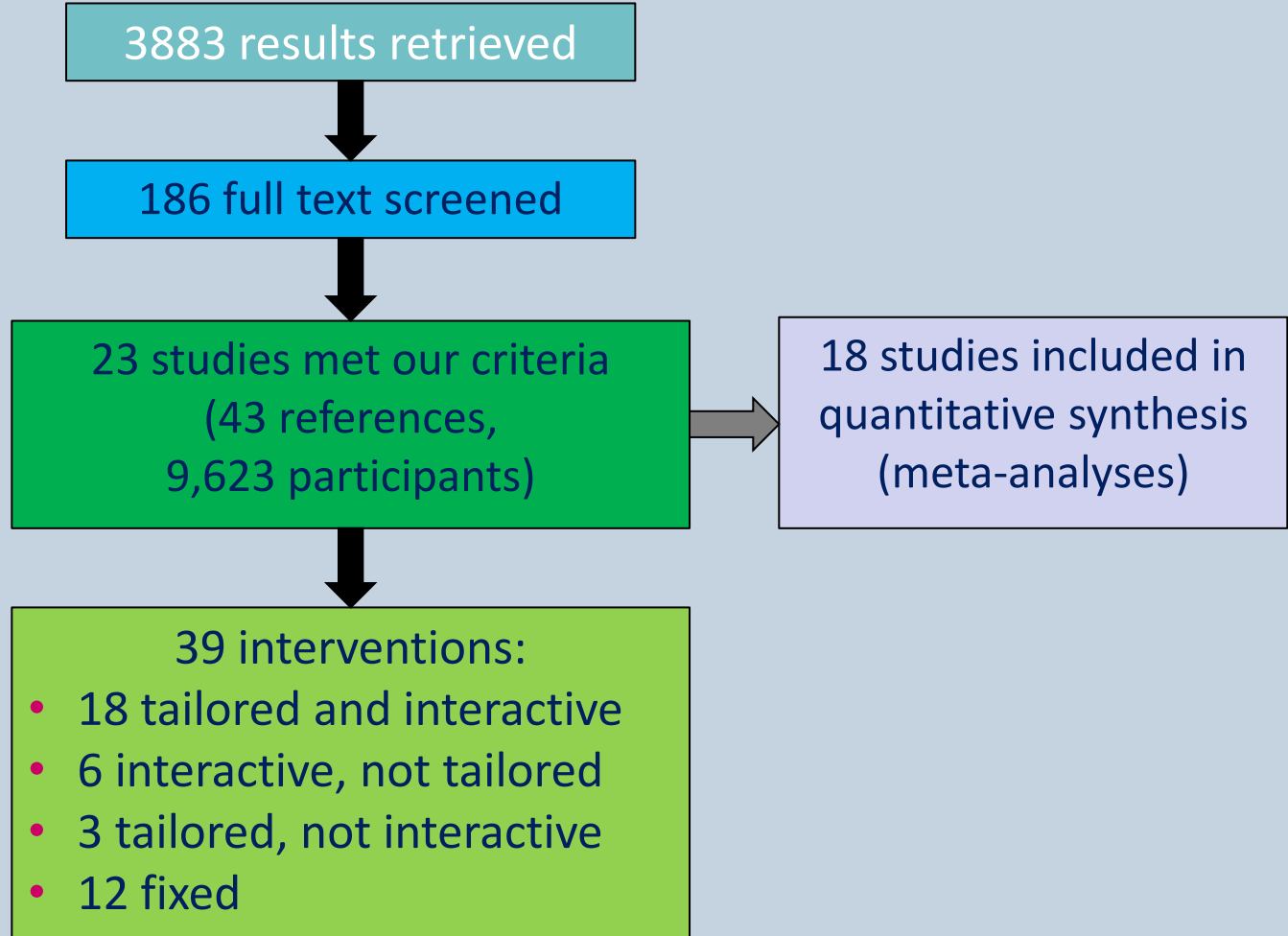
# Diagnosis

BMI	Waist circumference		
	Low	High	Very high
	Men: <94cm Women: <80cm	Men: 94-102cm Women: 80-88cm	Men: >102cm Women: >88cm
<b>Underweight</b> ( $<18.5\text{kg/m}^2$ )	Underweight (Not Applicable)	Underweight (Not Applicable)	Underweight (Not Applicable)
<b>Healthy weight</b> ( $18.5\text{-}24.9\text{kg/m}^2$ )	No increased risk	No increased risk	Increased risk
<b>Overweight</b> ( $25\text{-}29.9\text{kg/m}^2$ )	No increased risk	Increased risk	High risk
<b>Obese</b> ( $30\text{-}34.9\text{kg/m}^2$ )	Increased risk	High risk	Very high risk
<b>Very obese</b> ( $\geq 40\text{kg/m}^2$ )	Very high risk	Very high risk	Very high risk

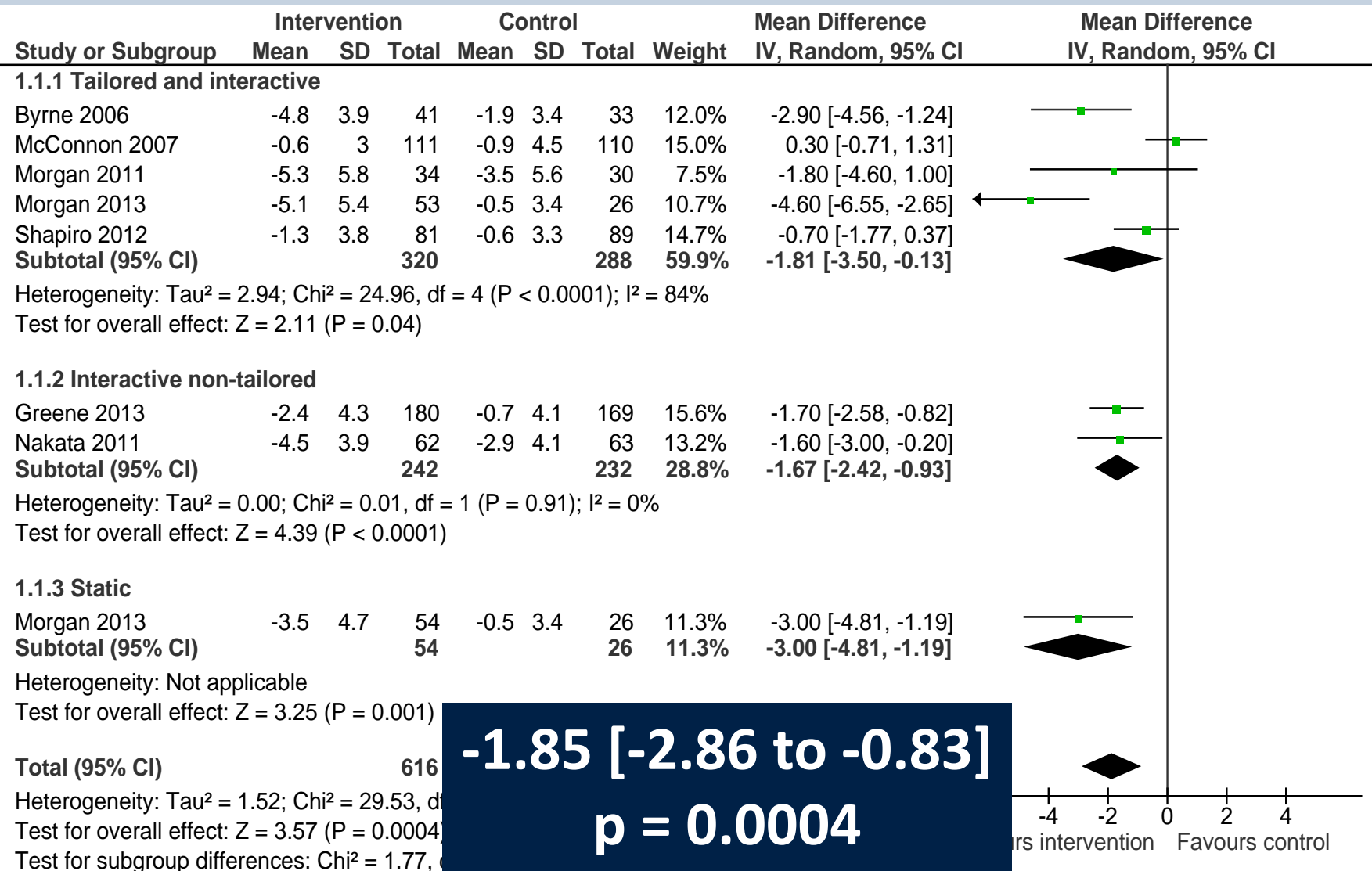
# The BWeL trial: “How helpful was it for your doctor to discuss your weight?”



# Systematic review of self-help interventions



# Self-help interventions versus minimal controls (BOCF; 6 months)



# Counterweight: Nurse-led support

- 1 hour training for GPs, 8 hour training for practice nurses
- On-going monitoring: 1 – 2 sessions with per month for 6 months
- 65 practices recruited, 56 participated
- 1906 eligible participants (mean age = 49y ; BMI = 37, 77% female)
- 1419 attended baseline assessment, 642 (45%) completed 12 months
- Mean weight loss among completers: -2.96 kg at 12 months, equivalent to approximately -1.33 kg BOCF

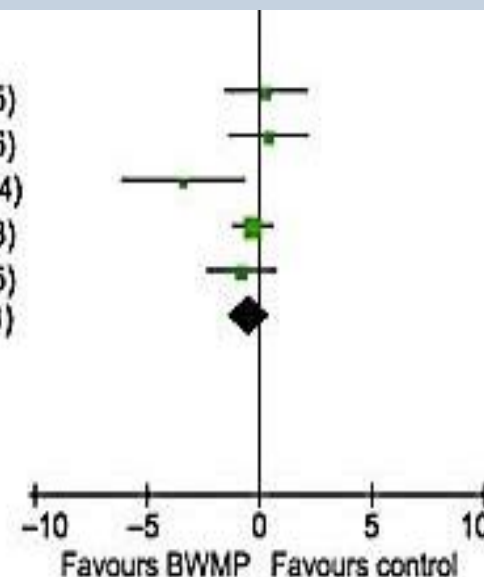
# Effectiveness of primary care treatment

## 6.1.4 Primary care

Jolly 2011 (GP)	-0.8	5.1	70	-1.1	5.1	50	16.4%	0.30 (-1.55, 2.15)
Jolly 2011 (pharmacist)	-0.7	4.5	70	-1.1	5.1	50	17.5%	0.40 (-1.36, 2.16)
Munsch 2003 (GP)	-3.6	7.9	53	-0.2	2.7	9	8.7%	-3.40 (-6.16, -0.64)
Nanchahal 2011	-1.3	4.3	191	-1	4.5	190	38.7%	-0.30 (-1.18, 0.58)
Wadden 2011	-2.8	6.4	131	-2	6.4	130	20.8%	-0.80 (-2.35, 0.75)
Subtotal (95% CI)			515			429	100.0%	-0.45 (-1.34, 0.43)

Heterogeneity:  $\tau^2 = 0.35$ ;  $\chi^2 = 6.17$ ,  $df = 4$  ( $P = 0.19$ );  $I^2 = 35\%$

Test for overall effect:  $Z = 1.00$  ( $P = 0.32$ )

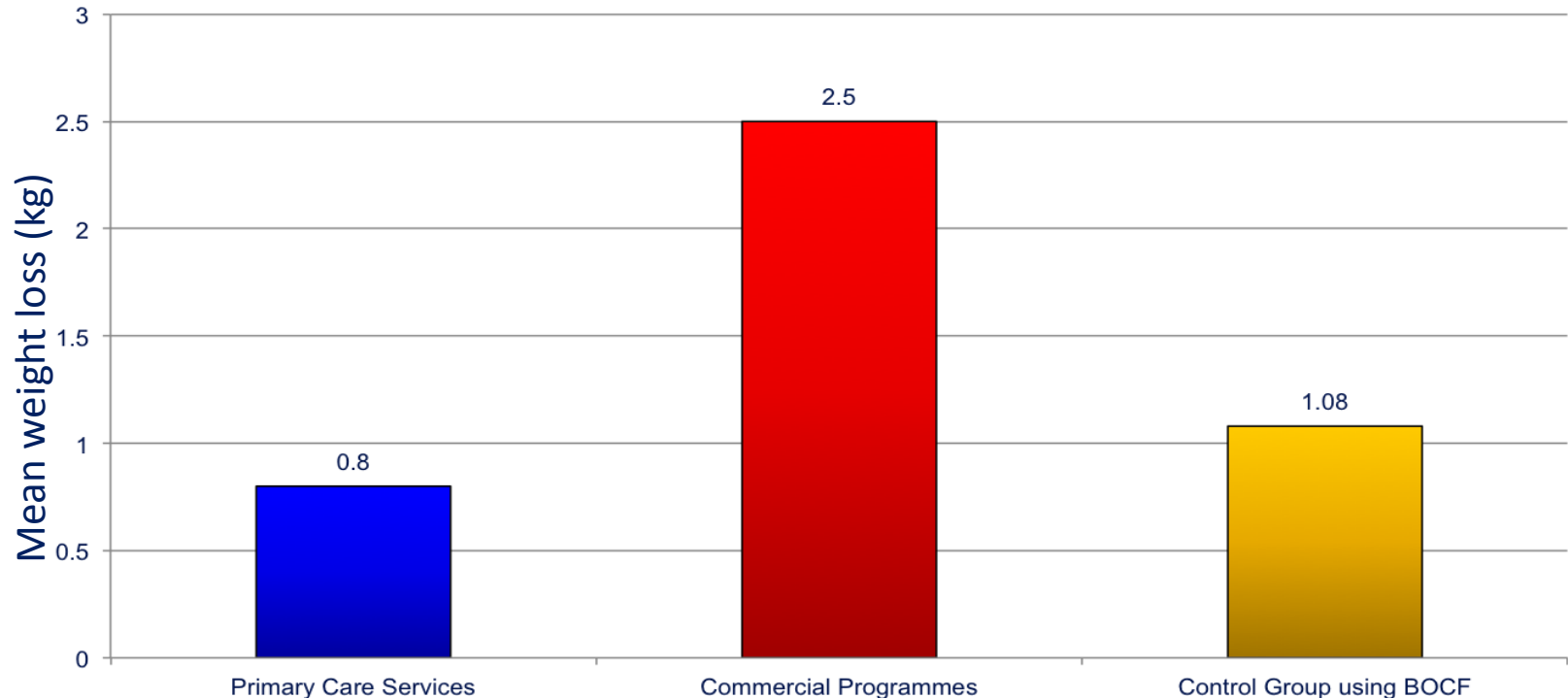


Test for subgroup differences:  $\chi^2 = 59.27$ ,  $df = 3$  ( $P < 0.00001$ ),  $I^2 = 94.9\%$

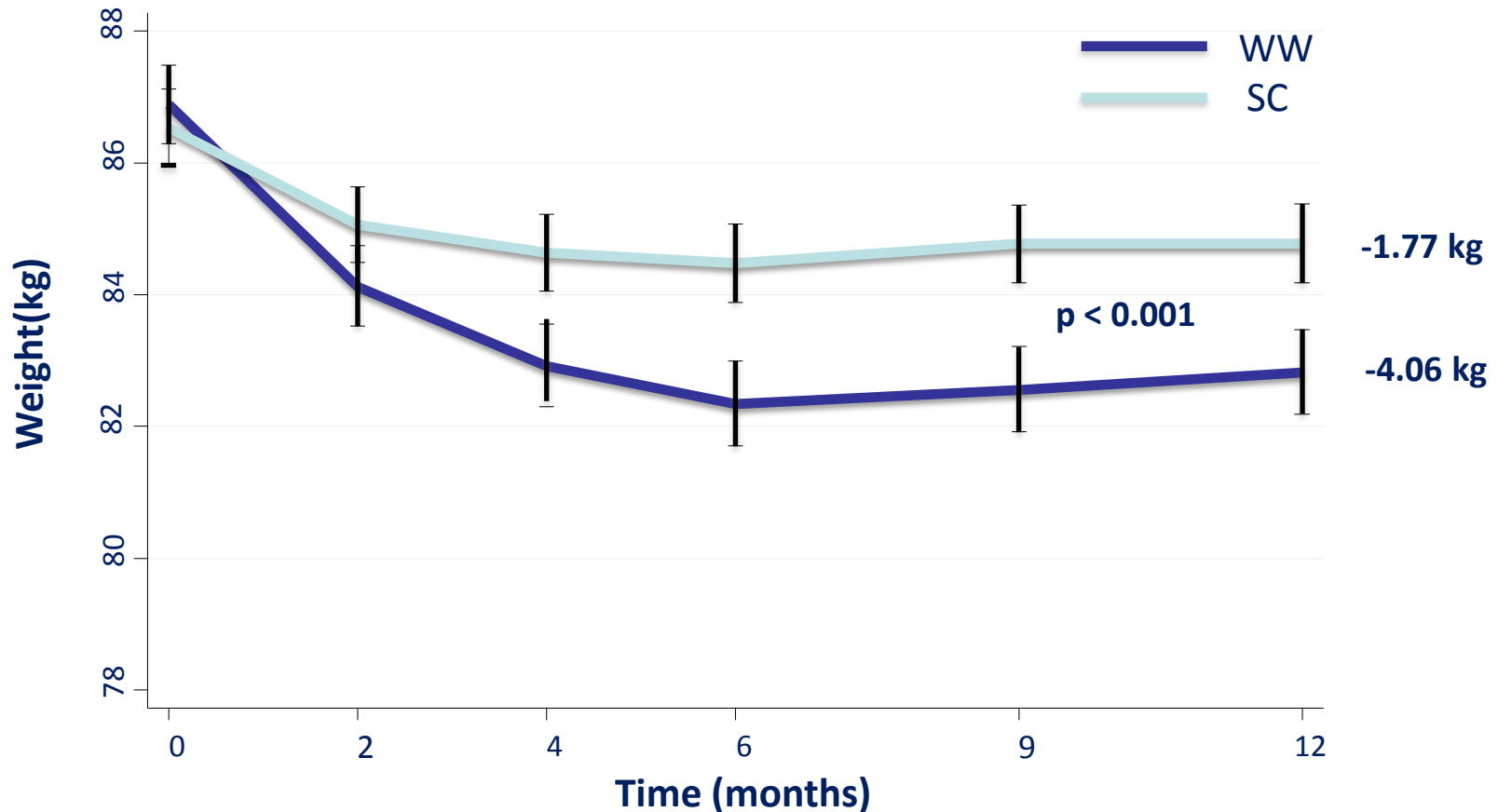
Primary care vs control: -0.45 kg  
(95% CI: -1.34, 0.43);  $p = 0.32$

# Standard care vs. commercial programmes in routine obesity service in Birmingham (BOCF, 12 months)

## Lighten Up Trial



# Referral to a commercial provider significantly increases weight loss (BOCF, 12 months)



# Effectiveness of group-based commercial weight management providers

## 6.1.2 Group-based commercial

Heshka 2003	-4.1	6.5	211	-1.1	5.4	212	25.8%	-3.00 (-4.14, -1.86)
Jebb 2011	-4.06	6.02	377	-1.77	3.78	395	46.2%	-2.29 (-3.00, -1.58)
Jolly 2011 (RC)	-2.1	6.4	100	-1.1	5.1	33	9.0%	-1.00 (-3.15, 1.15)
Jolly 2011 (SW)	-1.9	5.1	100	-1.1	5.1	33	10.2%	-0.80 (-2.81, 1.21)
Jolly 2011 (WW)	-3.5	6.9	100	-1.1	5.1	34	8.8%	-2.40 (-4.58, -0.22)
Subtotal (95% CI)			888			707	100.0%	-2.21 (-2.89, -1.54)

Heterogeneity:  $\tau^2 = 0.13$ ;  $\text{Chi}^2 = 5.00$ ,  $\text{df} = 4$  ( $P = 0.29$ );  $I^2 = 20\%$

Test for overall effect:  $Z = 6.40$  ( $P < 0.00001$ )



Commercial providers vs control:  
-2.21 kg (95% CI: -2.89, -1.54);  $p < 0.00001$

# Participants perceive the commercial provider is better tailored to their needs

Participants felt they needed **support** and **motivation** rather than education, and valued the **ease of access** and **frequent contact** the commercial provider offered

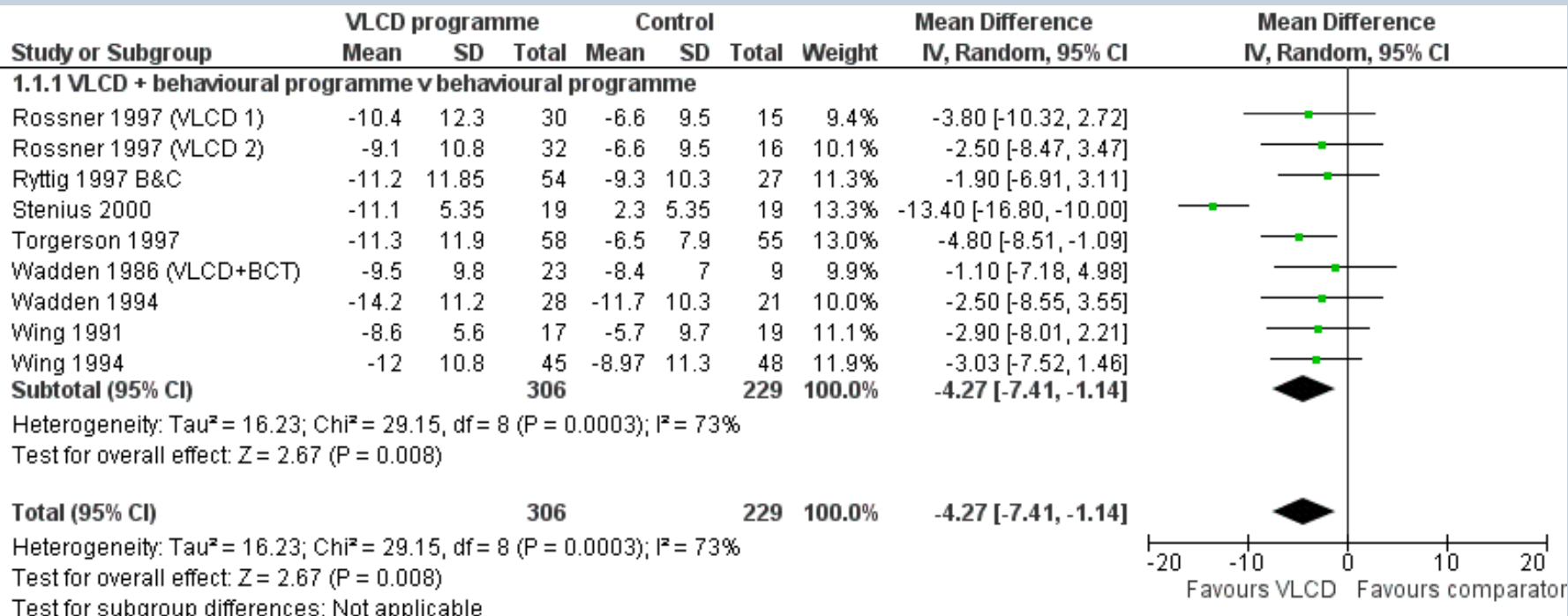
*It isn't that I need educating, it's more that I need motivating [P1]*

*For me...what works is the fact that I know...I've got to go and see somebody...and I've got to explain why I haven't lost any weight [P6]*

*Weight Watchers was a structured plan and the GP was more trial and error yourself [P5]*

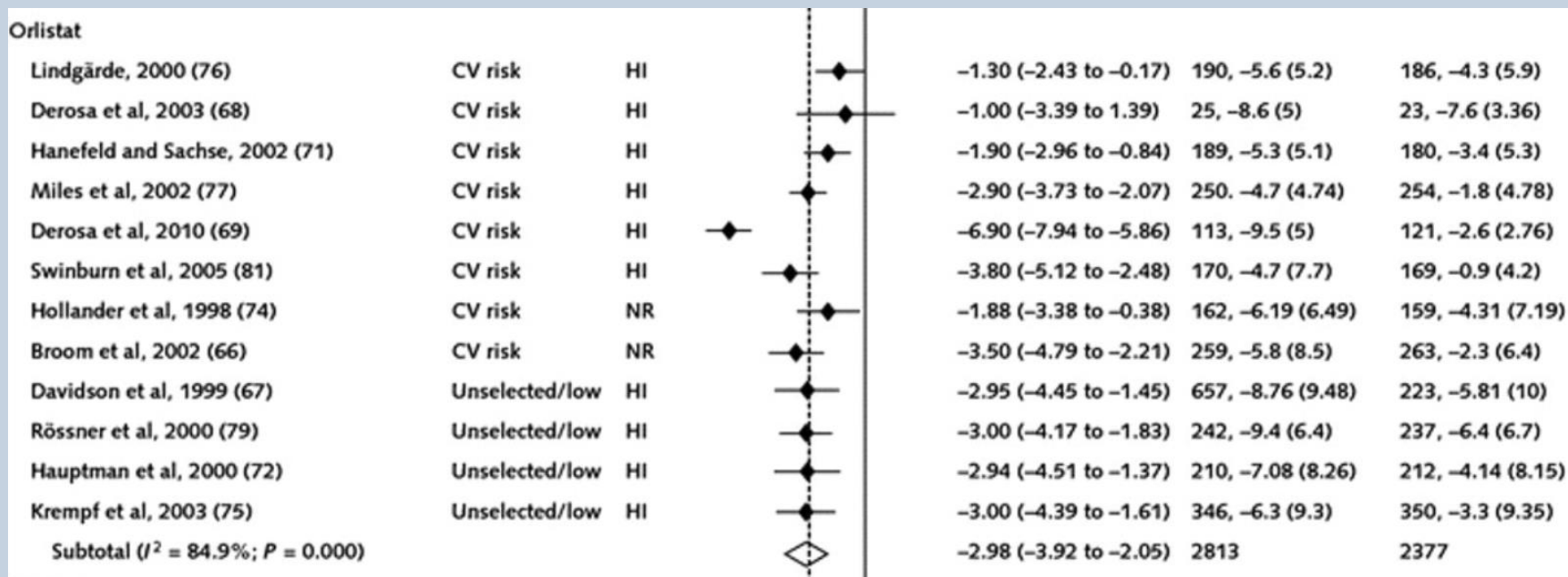
*there's so many [meetings] around...you don't have to make an appointment with your GP...flexibility and ease [P9]*

# Very low energy diets enhance weight loss at 1 year



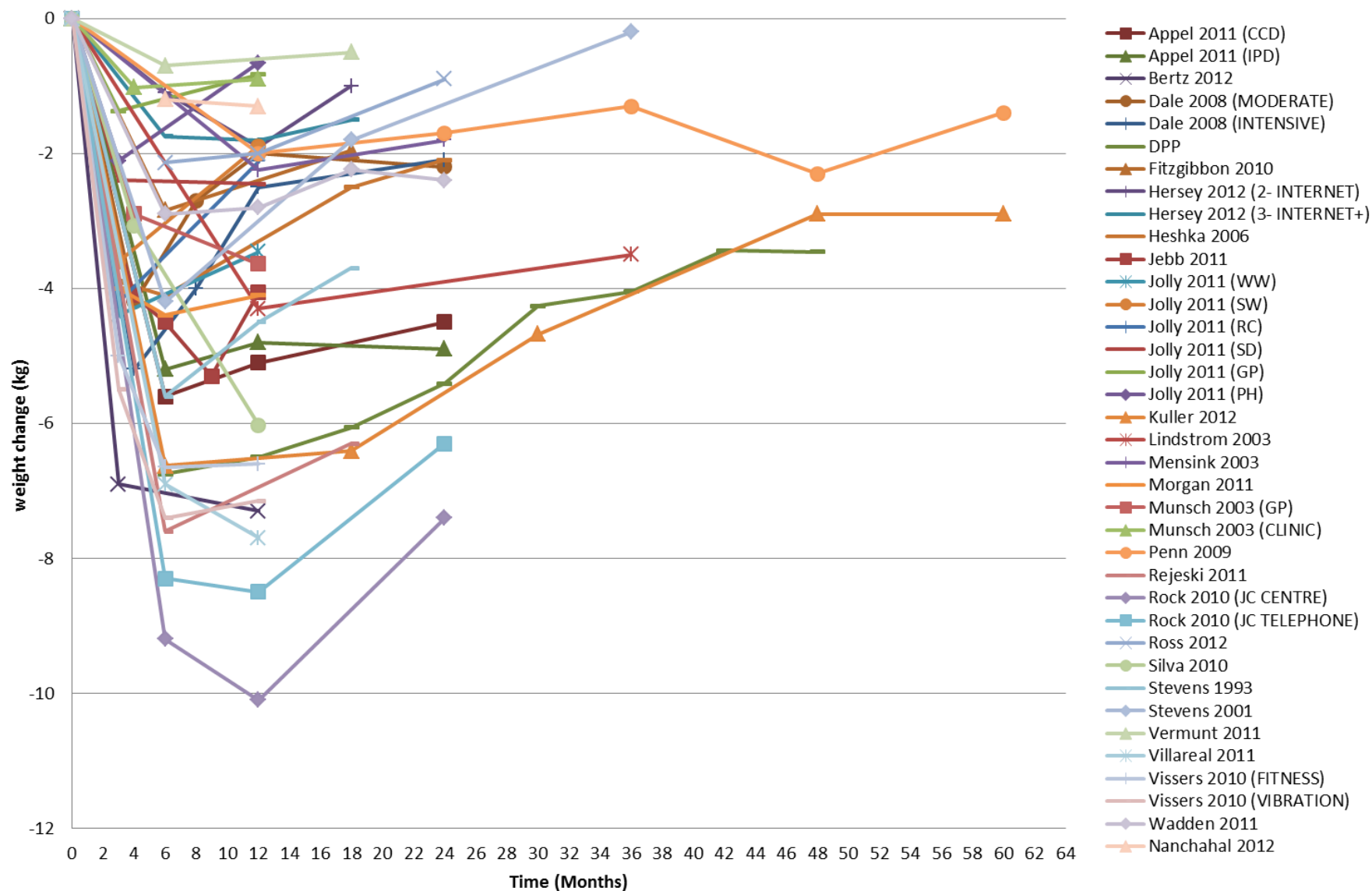
**VLCD vs BWMP: -4.27 kg**  
**(95% CI: -7.41, -1.14);  $p < 0.00003$**

# Centrally acting drugs for obesity have been withdrawn, but Orlistat remains ...



Orlistat vs placebo: -2.98 kg [-3.92, -2.06],  $p < 0.0001$

# The challenge of weight regain



# Oxford weight management pathway

Discussions ongoing about referrals for patients at risk of diabetes

Bariatric surgery BMI 40 after completing programme or BMI 50 for direct access

GP and PN referrals

**Tier 4**

**Tier 2**  
**Specialist**  
**Weight Management**

MORELife programme

**Tier 1**  
**Population-Based**  
**Intervention & Prevention**

SW/  
WW

# More Life Tier 2 service

Psychologically-led programme: Includes elements of CBT but draws heavily on Acceptance Commitment Theory (ACT) and Mindfulness

## Sessions 1-14

**Modality:** face-to-face, group sessions

**Frequency:** weekly **Duration:** 90 minutes

**Content:** Values, expectations, motivations, mindfulness, problem solving, planning, self-monitoring, diet and physical activity

**Staffing:** Weight Management Practitioner and Dietitian (x2 sessions)



## ‘Maintenance’ sessions

6x monthly 90 minute group sessions with WMP consolidating implementation of tools and skills learnt



## Extra support

If indicated 1:1 sessions can be arranged with the Clinical Psychologist or Dietitian or GP

# TIER 2: YEAR 1 OUTCOMES

- KPI n= 500 patients per year
- Year 1 end n=783 referrals
- Approximately 20% removed from service e.g. moved from area, unable to contact
- Of those remaining in service 96% commenced in Tier 2
- 62% retention rate for intensive phase
- 47% of new referral 'completers' (10/14) achieved 5% wt loss at 6 mths
- 97% losing weight

# Summary

- People value support from their doctor to lose weight
- Most people who seek to lose weight do so, at least initially
- Little or no evidence to date that interventions led by primary care staff are effective
- Referral to weight-loss groups run by commercial providers leads to modest weight loss, it is acceptable to patients and cost-effective
- Treatment with Orlistat leads to similar weight loss
- Very low calorie diets lead to greater weight loss but, as yet, rarely used in primary care settings
- Weight regain is common but does not invalidate the benefits of initial losses



**Treating obesity can prevent or  
mitigate substantial ill-health**

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# Lifestyle Q&A

