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Effectiveness of Manual Therapy, what do we know?

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Content



1. What is Manual Therapy?
2. How can we determine the effectiveness of a treatment?
3. What is the over-all conclusion in recent SR's?
4. Is effectiveness the same as external evidence?
5. How does MT work (the rationale) & the relation with shoulder problems?
6. Conclusions.

An enquete to start with

- How many MT's are in the audience ??
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- What is your reason / rationale to do so ??

What is MT?

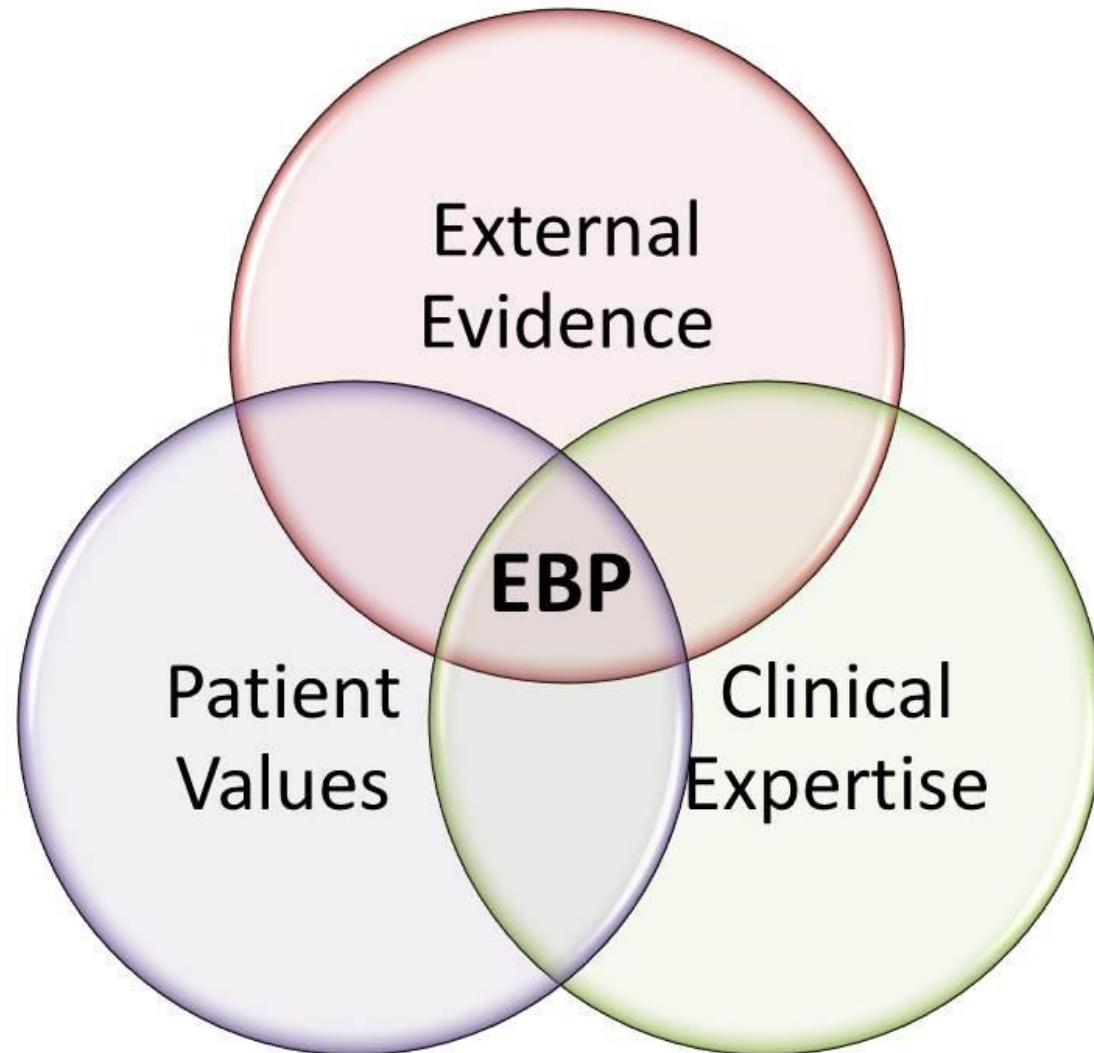


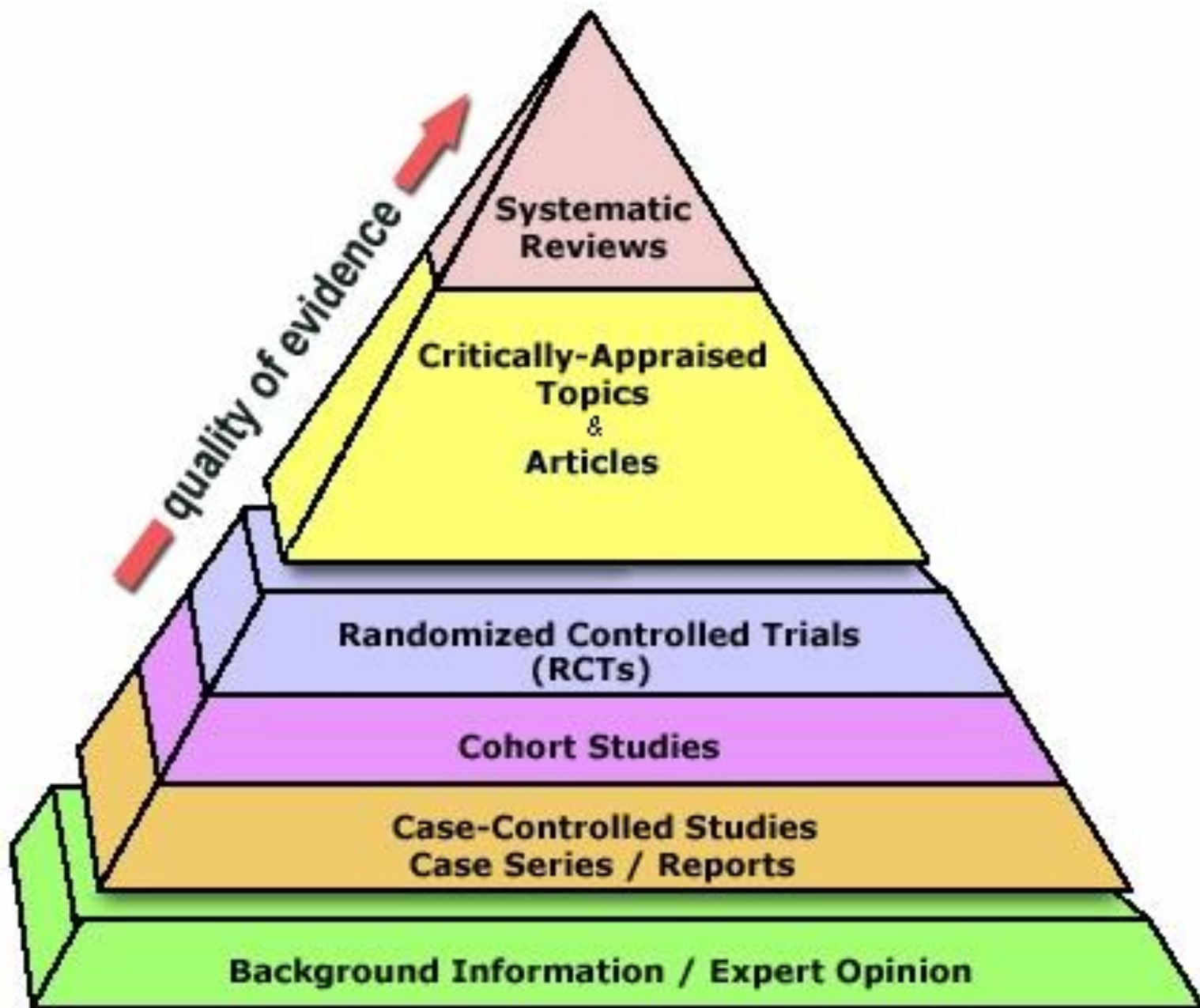
- Wat is manuele therapie ?
Wat is de relatie met 'gewone' FT ?
Wat is de relatie met oefentherapie ?
 - Ook FT passen mobilisaties toe
 - Ook FT werken 'hands – on'
 - Is massage ook MT
 - HVT's en SM's zijn MT in engere zin
 - MT kennen ook MT in brede zin

Is it about education to
master level ??

Is it about a specific
diploma ??

How do we determine the effectiveness of MT?





Formulate question

Select outcomes

Rate importance

Outcomes across studies

Create evidence profile with GRADEpro

Rate quality of evidence for each outcome

P
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Outcome Critical

Outcome Critical

Outcome Important

Outcome Not important



Daily assessment		Summary of findings	
Change	Confidence	Relative risk	Number of events
100% (Very High)	Very High	0.85 (95% CI 0.70 to 1.03)	100 (100 events)
75% (Moderate)	Moderate	0.95 (95% CI 0.80 to 1.13)	100 (100 events)
50% (Low)	Low	1.05 (95% CI 0.90 to 1.23)	100 (100 events)
25% (Very Low)	Very Low	1.15 (95% CI 1.00 to 1.33)	100 (100 events)

Summary of findings & estimate of effect for each outcome

High

Moderate

Low

Very low

Grade down

Grade up

- RCT start high, obs. data start low
1. Risk of bias
 2. Inconsistency
 3. Indirectness
 4. Imprecision
 5. Publication bias
1. Large effect
 2. Dose response
 3. Confounders

Systematic review

Guideline development

Formulate recommendations:

- For or against (direction)
- Strong or weak (strength)

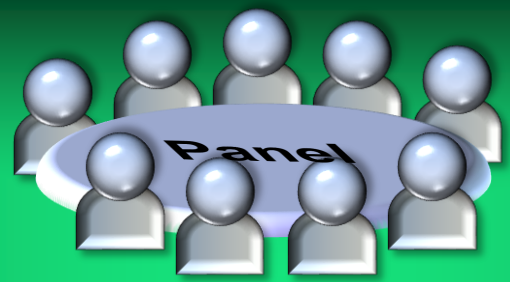
By considering:

- Quality of evidence
- Balance benefits/harms
- Values and preferences



Revise if necessary by considering:

- Resource use (cost)



Rate overall quality of evidence across outcomes based on lowest quality of **critical** outcomes



- "We recommend using..."
- "We suggest using..."
- "We recommend against using..."
- "We suggest against using..."

Hoe komen we tot de beste externe onderbouwing?

1. Het formuleren van een goede onderzoek vraag (PICO)
2. Het verzamelen / selecteren van de klinische studies (observationeel & liefst: experimenteel)
3. Het graderen / klasseren van die onderbouwing in 4 categorieën: de kwaliteit = 'high – moderate – low – very low'
4. Upgraden of downgraden van de studies
5. Uiteindelijk bepaalt de laagste kwaliteit de 'overall quality'
6. Bespreek in een panel een aantal praktische factoren: balans voor- / nadelen; waarde & voorkeur; kosten.
7. Formuleer de aanbeveling:
'Er is sterk / zwak bewijs voor / tegen de toepassing van deze interventie

4 recente SR's naar de effectiviteit van MT bij SP

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2. Page MJ, Green S, McBain B, Surace SJ, Deitch J, Lyttle N, e.a. Manual therapy and exercise for rotator cuff disease. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev.* 10 juni 2016;(6):CD012224.
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3. What is the conclusion of the 'SR' results?



**Cochrane
Library**

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Manual therapy and exercise for rotator cuff disease (Review)

Page MJ, Green S, McBain B, Surace SJ, Deitch J, Lyttle N, Mrocki MA, Buchbinder R

Is manual therapy and exercise (with or without electrotherapy) more effective than placebo, no intervention or another active intervention (e.g. glucocorticoid injection, oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), arthroscopic subacromial decompression)?

In 10 trials, manual therapy and exercise was compared with either placebo (Bennell 2010), no intervention (Dickens 2005; Kachingwe 2008) or another active intervention (Cloke 2008; Ginn 2005; Haahr 2005; Hay 2003; Rhon 2014; Szczurko 2009; Winters 1997).

Report with GRADE methodology

Uitkomsten	Absolute effecten (95% CI)		Aantal deelnemers (aantal studies)	Kwaliteit van het bewijs (GRADE)	Opmerkingen
	Risico controle	Risico interventie			
Pijn (evt. follow up)				⊕ ⊕ ○ ○ laag	
Functie (evt. follow up)				⊕ ⊕ ⊕ ⊕ hoog	

Uitkomsten	Absolute effecten (95% CI)		Aantal n (studies)	Kwaliteit van het bewijs (GRADE)	Opmerkingen
	Risico controle	Risico interventie			
Pijn – SPADipijn (na 22 weken)	Verbetering controle groep: 17,3 punten	Verbetering interventie groep: 24,1 punten	120 (1 RCT)	⊕ ⊕ ⊕ ⊕ hoog	Ris.Vershil = 7% (-1 - +14 %)
Functie - SPADI totaal (22 wk)	Verbetering controle groep: 15,6 punten	Verbetering interventie groep: 22,8 punten	120 (1 RCT)	⊕ ⊕ ⊕ ⊕ hoog	Ris.Vershil = 7% NNTB = 6 (3–30)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOR THE MAIN COMPARISON *[Explanation]*

Manual therapy and exercise compared to placebo for rotator cuff disease

Patient or population: rotator cuff disease

Settings: Public hospital physiotherapy units and private physiotherapy practices, Australia

Intervention: soft tissue massage, glenohumeral joint mobilisation, thoracic spine mobilisation, cervical spine mobilisation, scapular retraining, postural taping and supervised exercises in 10 sessions over 10 weeks along with home exercises for 22 weeks

Comparison: inactive ultrasound therapy and application of an inert gel in 10 sessions over 10 weeks

Outcomes	Illustrative comparative risks* (95% CI)		Relative effect (95% CI)	No of Participants (studies)	Quality of the evidence (GRADE)	Comments
	Assumed risk	Corresponding risk				
	Placebo	manual therapy and exercise				
Overall pain Assessed with SPADI pain score Scale from 0-100 (higher score denotes less pain) Follow-up: 22 weeks	The mean improvement in overall pain score in the control group was 17.3¹	The mean improvement in overall pain score in the intervention group was 6.8 points higher (-0.7 lower to 14.3 higher)	-	120 (1 RCT)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH	Absolute risk difference 7% (1% fewer to 14% more); relative percentage change 14% (1% fewer to 30% more) NNTB not applicable
Function Assessed with SPADI total score Scale from 0-100 (higher score denotes greater function) Follow-up: 22 weeks	The mean improvement in function score in the control group was 15.6¹	The mean improvement in function score in the intervention group was 7.1 points higher (0.3 higher to 13.9 higher)	-	120 (1 RCT)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH	Absolute risk difference 7% (1% to 14% more); relative percentage change 16% (1% to 32% more) NNTB 6 (3 to 103)

In [Dickens 2005](#), at six months the mean change in function with no treatment was 0.65 on a 100-point scale, and 20 points with manual therapy and exercise (MD 19.35, 73 participants) but the 95% CI was not estimable. No other outcomes were reported in this trial. Usable outcome data were not available in [Kachingwe 2008](#), although the authors claimed that there were no statistically significant differences between groups in overall pain, function and active shoulder flexion at six weeks ([Table 4](#)). We downgraded by two points for high risk of performance and detection bias, and one point for imprecision, and so consider this evidence to be very low quality.

Conclusions Melina Haik / Paula Camargo (BJSM, 2016)

- Mobilisations associated with exercises versus exercises only: Five studies compared mobilisations in the shoulder girdle, cervical and thoracic spine associated with exercises to exercises only in a follow-up of 3 – 8 weeks. High evidence was identified for mobilisation associated with exercises when compared with exercises only to decrease pain after 6-10 sessions. Moderate evidence was found towards no additional benefit of adding mobilisations to exercises only to improve function in the short term.

[RESEARCH REPORT]

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The Efficacy of Manual Therapy for Rotator Cuff Tendinopathy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

The Efficacy of Manual Therapy for Rotator Cuff Tendinopathy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis (Ariel Desjardins-Charbonneau et al, JOSPT, 2015)

TABLE 4

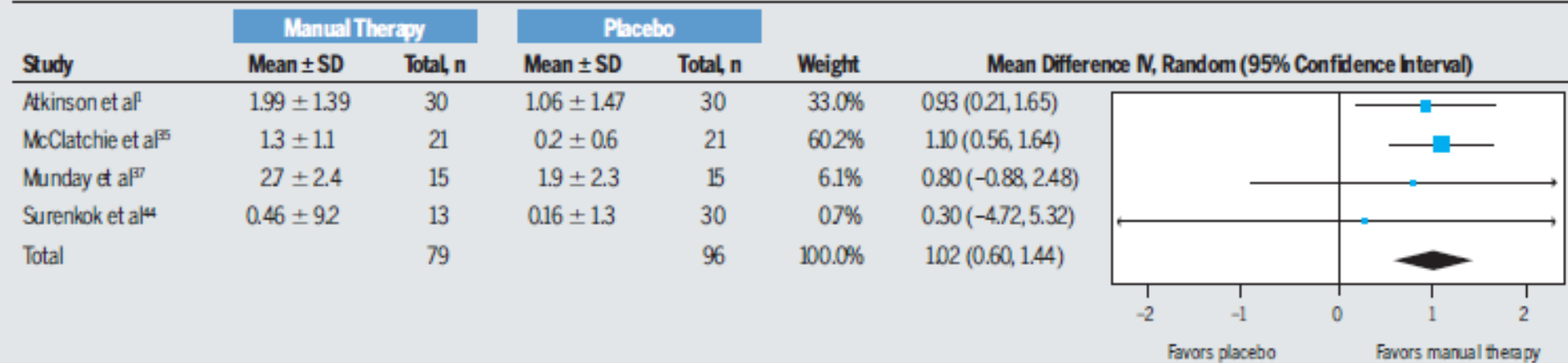
SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE FOR THE EFFICACY OF MANUAL THERAPY

Treatment	Studies, n	Total Participants, n	Outcome Measures and Pooled Effect	Conclusions	Quality of Evidence
Overall effect of MT either alone or in conjunction with another intervention compared with placebo or another intervention	10	406	Pain (10-cm VAS) Pooled effect: 1.2 (95% CI: 0.8, 1.6), favoring MT	Significant effect that could be clinically important	Low to moderate
MT alone compared with a placebo	4	175	Pain (10-cm VAS) Pooled effect: 1.0 (95% CI: 0.6, 1.4), favoring MT	Significant effect that could be clinically important	Low
	1	39	Function	Unclear if MT has an effect on function	
	2	99	Strength and ROM	Contradictory results	
Adding an MT intervention to exercises or to a multimodal rehabilitation program with exercises	5	226	Pain (10-cm VAS) Pooled effect: 1.0 (95% CI: 0.7, 1.4), favoring MT added to exercises	Significant effect that could be clinically important	Low
	2	91	Pain (10-cm VAS)		
	6	287	Function	Unclear if MT has an effect on function	
	2	88	ROM pooled effect: -6.1° (95% CI: -20.6°, 8.4°)	MT does not improve ROM	
MT combined with other types of interventions compared with multimodal interventions	6	414	Pain, function, ROM	Contradictory results	Low

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; MT, manual therapy; ROM, range of motion; VAS, visual analog scale.

- A forest plot with effectiveness MT versus placebo MT
- The mean-difference is 1,02 points op een 0 – 10 schaal
- Is dat statistisch significant? (wat is het 95% BI?)
- Is dat klinische relevant? (wat is de MCID van de NPRS?)

Manual Therapy Versus Placebo: Pain*



Abbreviation: IV, independent variable.

*Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$, $\chi^2 = 0.29$, $df = 3$ ($P = .96$), $I^2 = 0\%$. Test for overall effect: $Z = 4.81$ ($P < .00001$).

Mean Difference IV, Random (95% Confidence Interval)

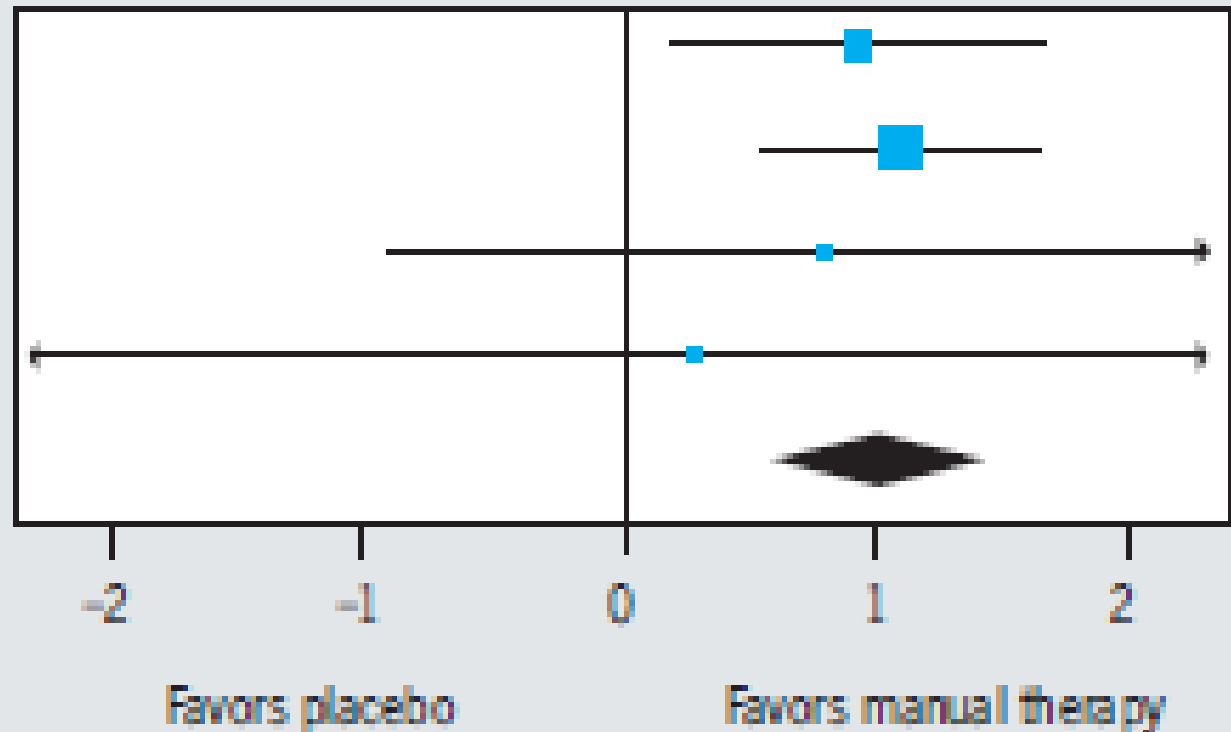
0.93 (0.21, 1.65)

1.10 (0.56, 1.64)

0.80 (-0.88, 2.48)

0.30 (-4.72, 5.32)

102 (0.60, 1.44)



- A small + effect on pain >> relevant ??
- No + effects on function (ROM, strength etc.)

Thoracic manual therapy in the management of non-specific shoulder pain: a systematic review

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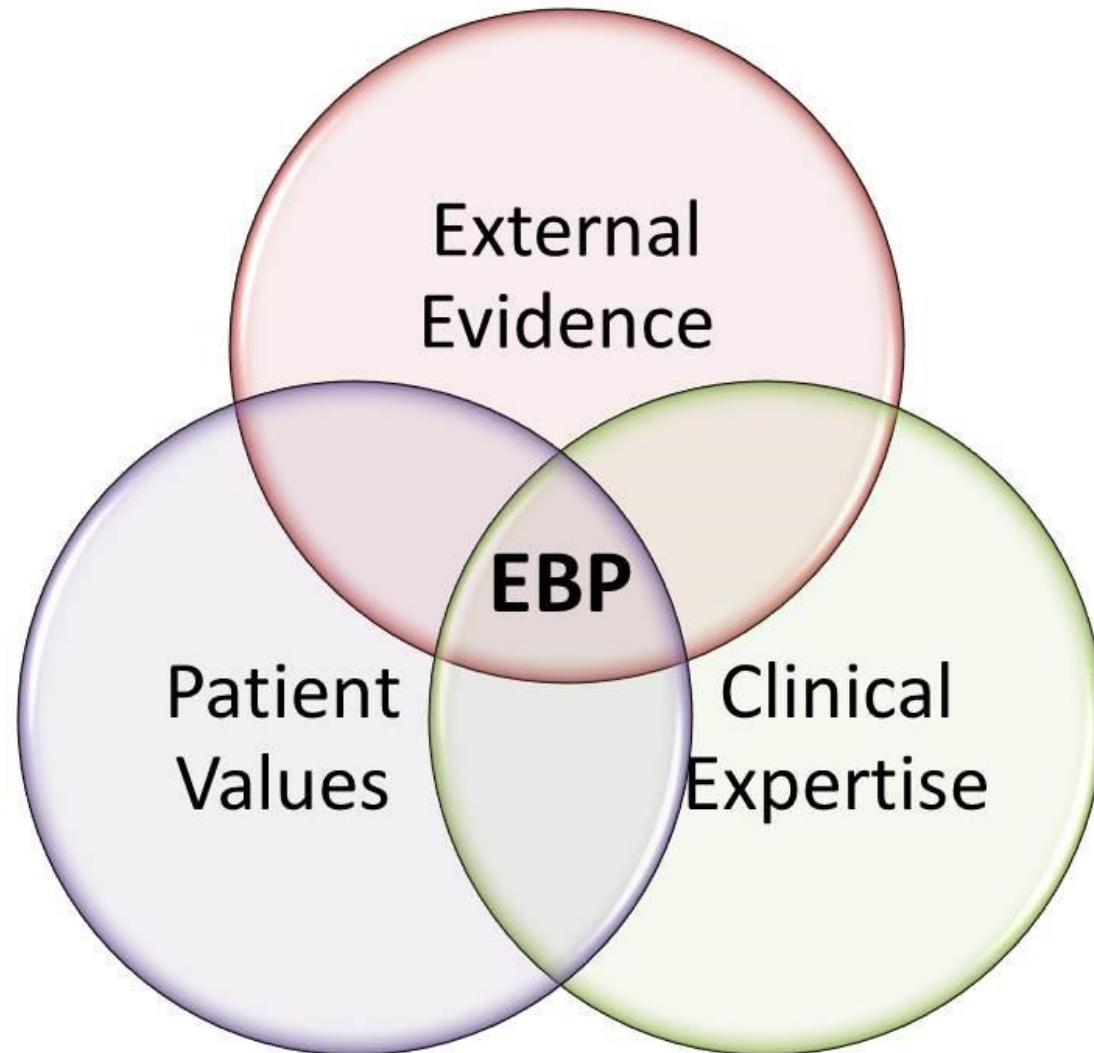
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Clinical implications

The clinical implications of the review are that it is likely that clinicians can use thoracic manipulation to accelerate recovery, in terms of pain reduction and reduced disability, in an NSSP population. The use of the clinical prediction rule may help identify patients likely to respond to treatment (Appendix 1). Previous reviews

4. Is effectiveness the same as external evidence?



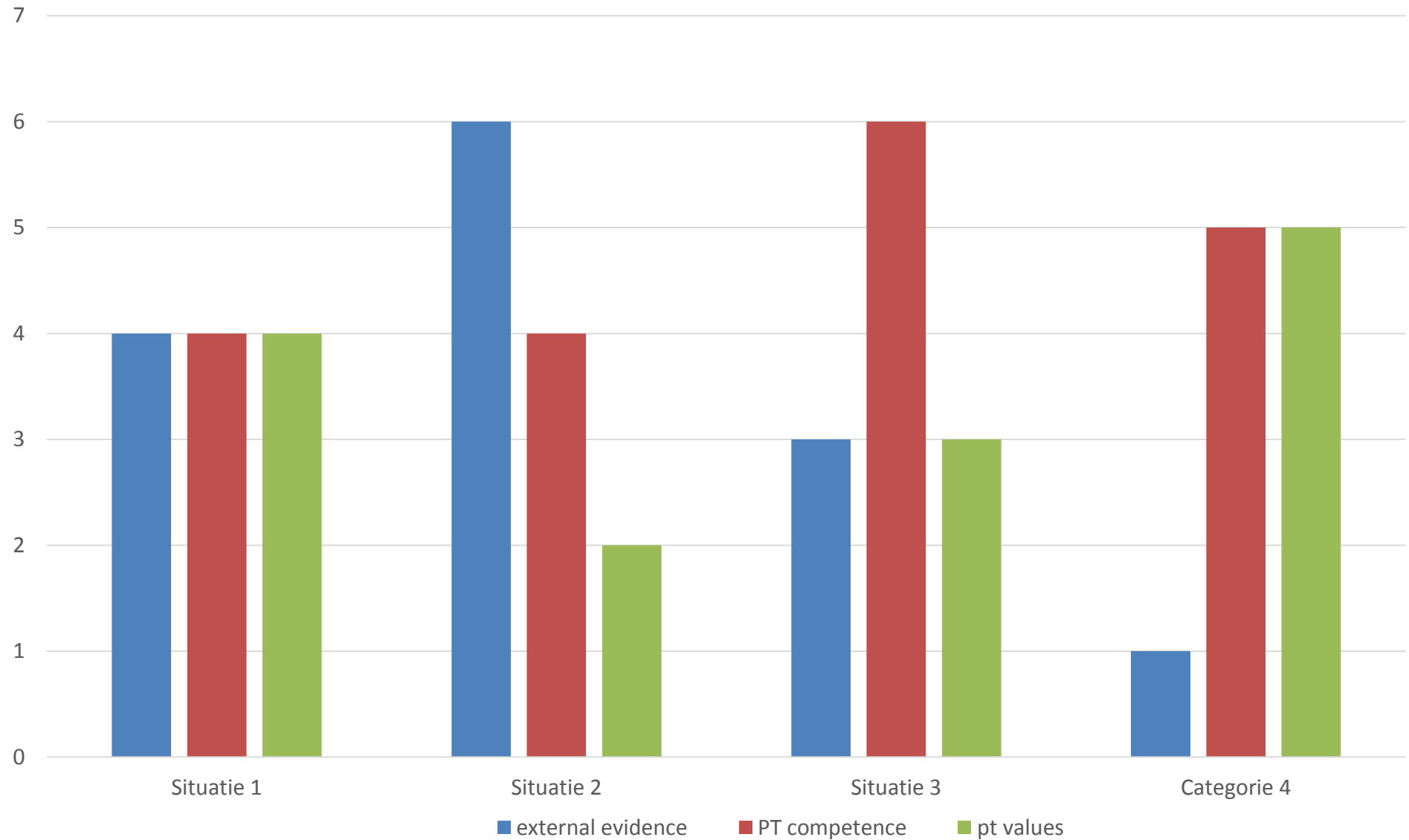
**Individual
Clinical
Expertise**

**Patient's
Values &
Expectations**



Best Available Clinical Evidence

Is er een optimale verdeling voor EB MT?



Is there a preference ??

- Do you prefer a high external evidence score?
- Are you pragmatic, as long as the patient is satisfied; it doesn't matter how?
- Is your own competence the major component?

5. What is the rationale for MT?



- The biomechanical / segmental disfunction theory.
'specific'
- The reflectoric / neuromodulation / pain inhibiting theory.
'a-specific'

**Can you 'live' with
both theories ??**

What about the association between the SNN –
KR model and the effects of MT?

HVT's / SM's and Mobilisations for container 1.

ers	1. SAPS schouder / RC letsel	
voor container	zeurende pijn bovenarm	
typische hypothese	40-70 jaar, bovenhands werk+ pijnlijke weerstandstests normale GH / ST mobiliteit	
diagnose	RC tendinopathie RC letsels (degeneratief) Cuffartropathie PSI: PosteroSup. Impingement	
	1.1. Primaire SAPS/RC letsel	1.2. Secundaire SAPS/RC letsel
	bron & oorzaak SA weefsel	bron SA /oorzaak elders
	klassieke Imp.tests+ (Neer, HK, Yocum)	bevindingen onder
	weerstand tests / Jobe +	
	primaire hyperalgesie	
agnostische stuc	Cluster van Litaker: RC tear Cluster van Park: RC Full Th. Tear	

HVT's / SM's and Mobilisations for container 2.

2. Beperkte schouder

bepaalde ROM anamnese

bepaalde AROM & PROM

1 van 3 of 4 fasen FS?

andere oorzaak?

Frozen Shoulder

GH / om-artrosi

SCH met bewegingsbeperking

2.1. Concentrisch beperkt

PROM meerdere richtingen
(waaronder de exorotatie)

PROM/AROM: zelfde beperking

minstens 50% in 3 richtingen

Stadia FS (3 of 4; zie onder)

Exclusie: Rō negatief

2.2. Unidirectioneel beperkt

Zie onder:

PROM 1 richting beperkt

vooral in 1 / deels 2 richtingen

PROM/AROM: zelfde beperking

HVT's / SM's and Mobilisations for container 3.

3. Instabiele schouder

pijnscheuten, twinges

jongere pt (15-35 jaar)

gestoorde AROM

geen duidelijk trauma in anamnese

AMBRI / AIOS

MSI: Minor Shoulder Instability

3.1. Glenohumeraal

AROM matige kwaliteit

Sulcus /L&S positief

DRST / DRT positief

3.2. Scapulathoracaal

Scapula dispositie

Scapuladiskinesie

SAT / SRT positief

HVT's / SM's and Mobilisations for container 5.

5. Gesensitiseerde schouder

niet duidelijk in 1 van de andere 4 containers
myofasciaal beeld, spierketen of met neurologie
sensitisatie (segmentaal / algemeen), dis-stress
slechte algemene conditie / belastbaarheid

Niet-somatische SP / SOLK
Atypische Schouder Pijn
SP met co-morbiditeit

5.1 Myofasciaal/keten

Actieve MTP's

Local twitch respons (evt. Jump sign)

Passend patroon referred pain

5.2. Andere reden SP

Ontbrekend biomech. SCH patroon

Met + neurologie (radiculopathie, N.Amyotrofie)

Organlijden & + tractus anamnese

Placebo Mechanisms of Manual Therapy: A Sheep in Wolf 's Clothing?

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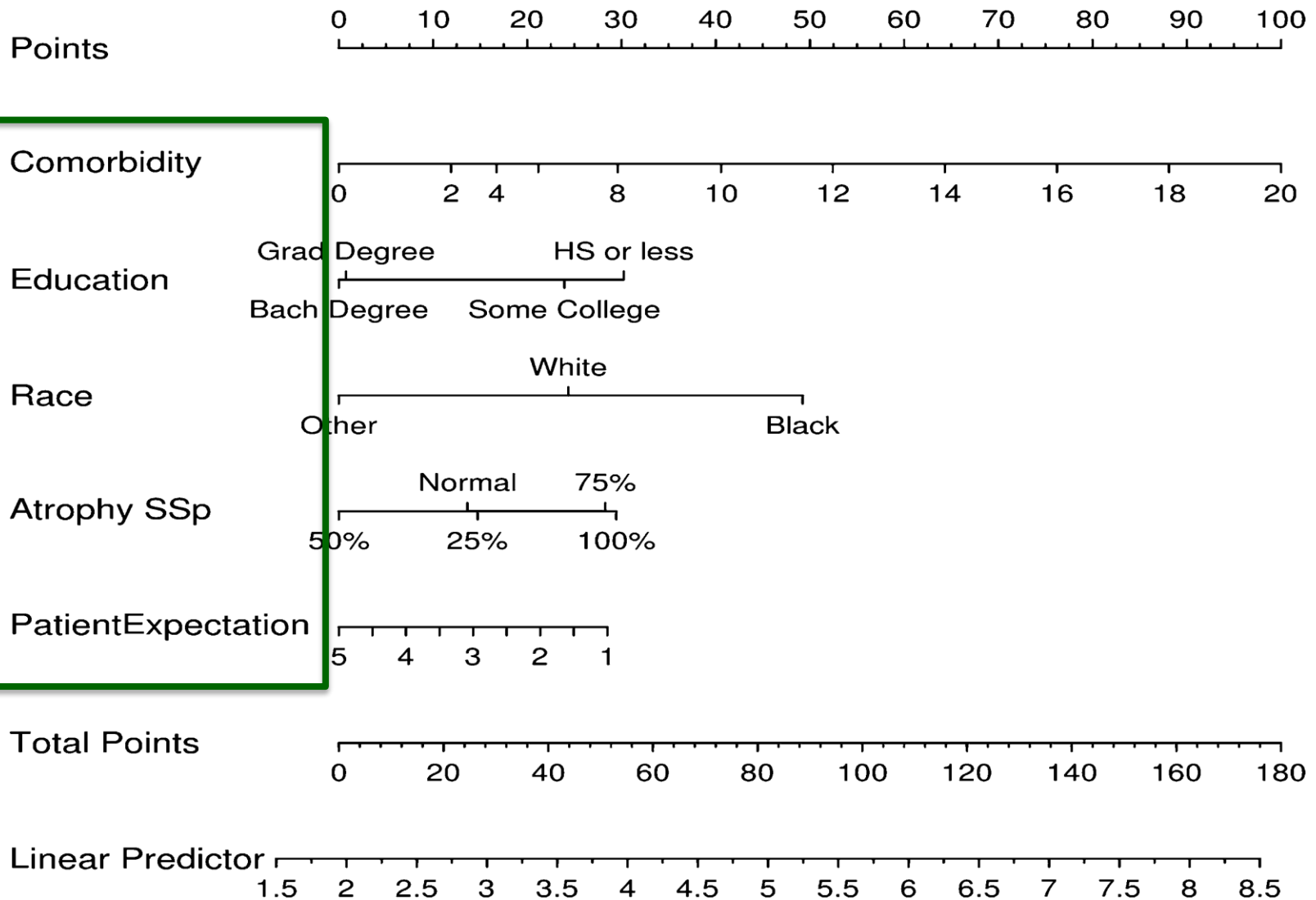
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- Should we embrace the ‘active’ placebo mechanism?
- Is the placebo effect ‘really’ helpful? Or is placebo an a-specific effect of an otherwise ineffective treatment?
- Can we make optimal use of the placebo mechanism?



Vij factoren die samenhangen met het ontstaan van SchouderPijn bij RC letsels.

Dunn WR, Kuhn JE, Sanders R, An Q, Baumgarten KM, Bishop JY, e.a. Symptoms of pain do not correlate with rotator cuff tear severity: a cross-sectional study of 393 patients with a symptomatic atraumatic full-thickness rotator cuff tear. *J Bone Joint Surg Am.* 21 mei 2014;96(10):793–800.

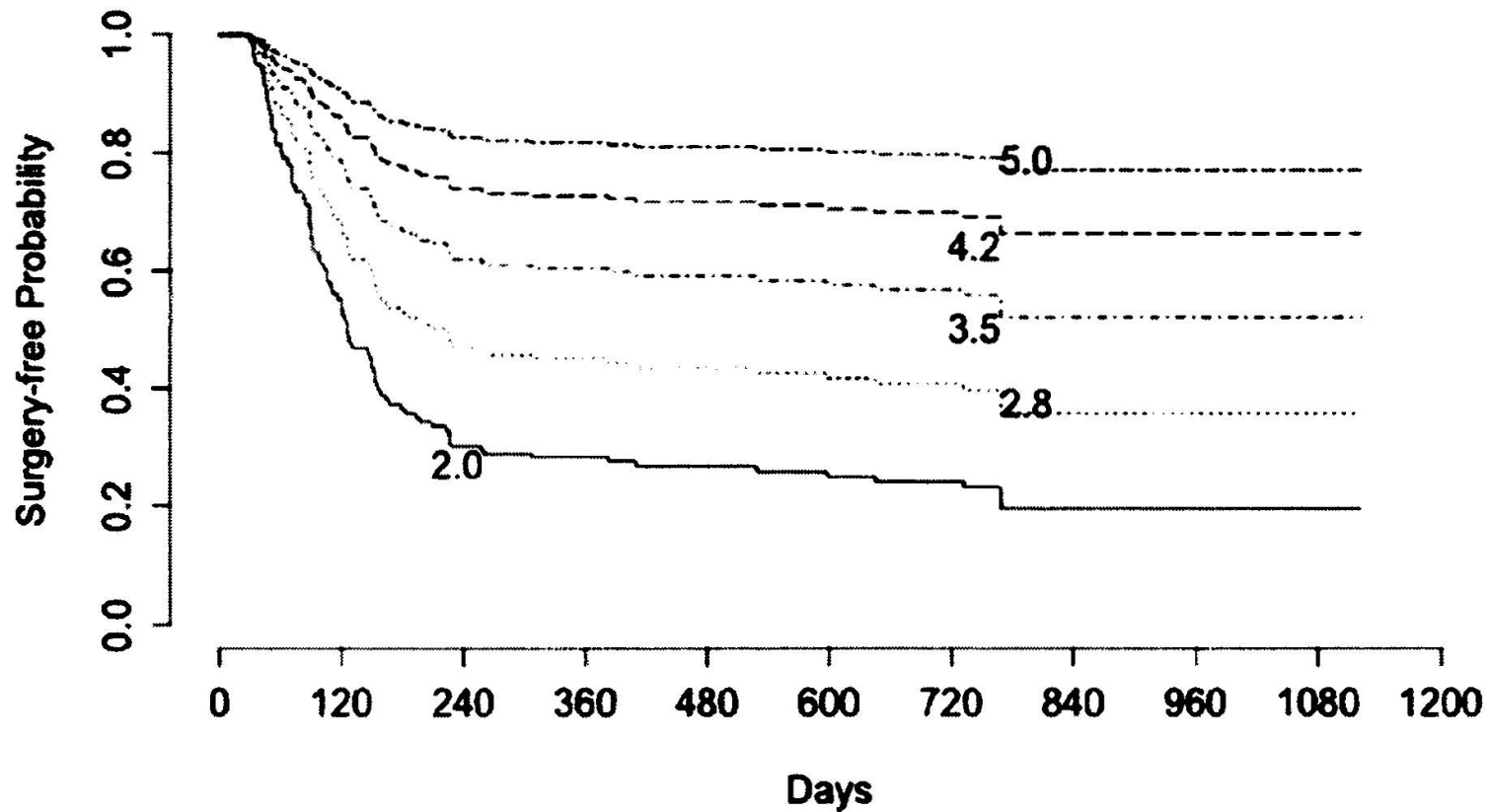


Figure 1 Survival plot of surgery-free probability stratified by patient expectations regarding physical therapy with a 5 indicating high expectations that rehab will lead to improvement, and lower scores indicating lower expectations.

Verwachting patiënt over effectiviteit FT bepaalt de kans op chirurgie!

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6. Conclusions



1. There's an overlap between MT and PT.
2. The external evidence for the effectiveness of MT in SP patients is minimal;
is short time painrelief relevant ??
3. The two other EBM components: PT competence & pt values / expectations might be more important.
4. MT's should have a academic and reflective attitude towards their profession.

- Do MT's have to train long to realize good technical skills ??
- Is modesty a good characteristic for a MT ??



