

Intervention Outcome	Trials (patients) included	Outcome Measure (95%CI)
Systemic CS	10 (n=959)	
Rx Failure (10-30 days)	6 (n=742)	RR 0.54 (0.41-0.71)
Hospital LOS (days)	4 (n=502)	WMD -1.42 (-2.18 to -0.65)
Hyperglycemia	-----	RR 5.88 (2.40-14.41)
Antibiotics (min 7 days; mean 8.9 days of Rx)	11 (n=1020)	-----
Outpatient Rx Failure	2 (n=376)	RR 0.88 (0.56-1.39)
Inpatient Rx Failure	3 (n=173)	RR 0.34 (0.20-0.56)
In-hospital mortality	3 (n=181)	RR 0.22 (0.08-0.62)
NIPPV (mean duration 8.5h/day)	14 (n=979)	-----
Reduced intubation	12 (n=959)	RR 0.35 (0.26-0.47)
In-hospital mortality	11 (n=940)	RR 0.45 (0.30-0.66)
Hospital LOS (days)	11 (n=940)	WMD -1.94 (-0.01 to -3.87)

RR = Relative Risk; WMD = Weighted Mean Difference