Table H-5. Strength of evidence for withdrawals due to adverse events for innovator versus generic antiepileptic drugs   
in Key Question 1

| Outcome | Brand AED | Generic AEDs | Number of Studies | Design | Risk of Bias | QualityAssessment | | | Summary of Findings | |
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| Inconsistency | Indirectness | Imprecision | Quality | Importance |
| Total withdrawals | Carbamazepine | (9, 1) Generics | 8 (7, 1) | RCTs, Observational | Serious risk of bias | No serious inconsistency | No serious indirectness | Very serious imprecision | Low | Important |
| Phenytoin | 5 Generics | 3 (2, 1) | RCTs, non-randomized trial | Serious risk of bias | No serious inconsistency | No serious indirectness | Very serious imprecision | Low | Important |
| Carbamazepine  Phenytoin | (14, 1) Generics | 11 (9, 1, 1) | RCTs, non-randomized and OBS trial | Serious risk of bias | No serious inconsistency | No serious indirectness | Very serious imprecision | Low | Important |
| Withdrawals due to lack of efficacy | Carbamazepine | 9 Generics | 7 | RCTs | Serious risk of bias | No serious inconsistency | No serious indirectness | Very serious imprecision | Low | Important |
| Phenytoin | 5 Generics | 3 (2, 1) | RCTs, non-randomized trial | Serious risk of bias | No serious inconsistency | No serious indirectness | Very serious imprecision | Low | Important |
| Carbamazepine  Phenytoin | 14 Generics | 10 (9, 1) | RCTs, non-randomized trial | Serious risk of bias | No serious inconsistency | No serious indirectness | Very serious imprecision | Low | Important |
| Withdrawals due to adverse events | Carbamazepine | 9 Generics | 7 | RCTs | Serious risk of bias | No serious inconsistency | No serious indirectness | Very serious imprecision | Low | Important |
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AED = antiepileptic drug; RCT = randomized controlled trial