

# Systematic Review on Acute Treatments for Episodic Migraine: Surveillance Report 1

Literature Update Period: July 2020 through September 2021

## Background and Purpose

This report is the first update for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) 2020 report Acute Treatments for Episodic Migraine (available at <https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/products/migraine-treatments/research>)<sup>1</sup> and covers the time period from July 2020 through September 2021. The original 2020 report examined the evidence on the comparative effectiveness and harms of opioids as well as nonopioid pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatments to provide the full range of evidence to inform clinical decision making about the acute treatment of migraine.

The objective of this update is to identify the latest evidence published since the 2020 report and to determine how the new evidence impacts the findings of the 2020 report. Subsequent updates are planned for March 2022 (based on evidence published from October to December 2021) and June 2022 (based on evidence published from January to March 2022).

## Scope

The Key Questions (KQs; available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/n/cer239/ch3/#ch3.s2>), PICOTS (population, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, timing, and setting; available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK566240/table/ch3.tab1/?report=objectonly>), and inclusion and exclusion criteria adopted in the original report<sup>1</sup> were used in this update and are listed in Appendixes A and B. Briefly, the report evaluated acute treatments in adult patients with episodic migraine and addressed the following:

- The comparative effectiveness and harms of opioid therapy versus nonopioid pharmacologic therapy and nonpharmacologic therapy for outcomes related to pain, function, pain relief satisfaction, and quality of life up to 4 weeks after treatments (KQ 1).
- The comparative effectiveness and harms of nonopioid pharmacologic therapy versus other nonopioid pharmacologic treatments and nonpharmacologic therapy for outcomes related to pain, function, pain relief satisfaction, and quality of life up to 4 weeks after treatments (KQ 2).
- The comparative effectiveness and harms of nonpharmacologic therapy versus sham treatment, waitlist, usual care, attention control, and no treatment up to 4 weeks after treatments (KQ 3).

The original study protocol was developed with input from a six-member Technical Expert Panel and is available on the AHRQ website



(<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/products/migraine-treatments/protocol>). The protocol of the report was registered in the International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO: CRD42020163262).

## Methods

For the current update, we searched bibliographic databases, including Embase<sup>®</sup>, Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, MEDLINE<sup>®</sup> Daily, MEDLINE, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, Ovid<sup>®</sup> Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, PsycINFO<sup>®</sup>, and Scopus from July 2020 to September 2021. We also searched Food and Drug Administration, ClinicalTrials.gov, Health Canada, Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), AHRQ's Horizon Scanning System, conference proceedings, patient advocate group websites, and medical society websites. We performed reference mining of existing systematic reviews/meta-analyses, completed trials identified from clinical trial registries, and relevant primary studies (i.e., randomized clinical trials [RCTs] and observational studies). The same search strategy used in the 2020 report was used for this update (Appendix C); we included RCTs and comparative observational studies published in English on adult patients (18 years and older).

Independent reviewers, working in pairs, screened the titles and abstracts of all citations using prespecified inclusion and exclusion criteria. Studies included by either reviewer were retrieved for full-text screening. Independent reviewers, again working in pairs, screened the full-text version of eligible references. Discrepancies between the reviewers were resolved through discussions and consensus. When consensus could not be reached, a third reviewer resolved the difference.

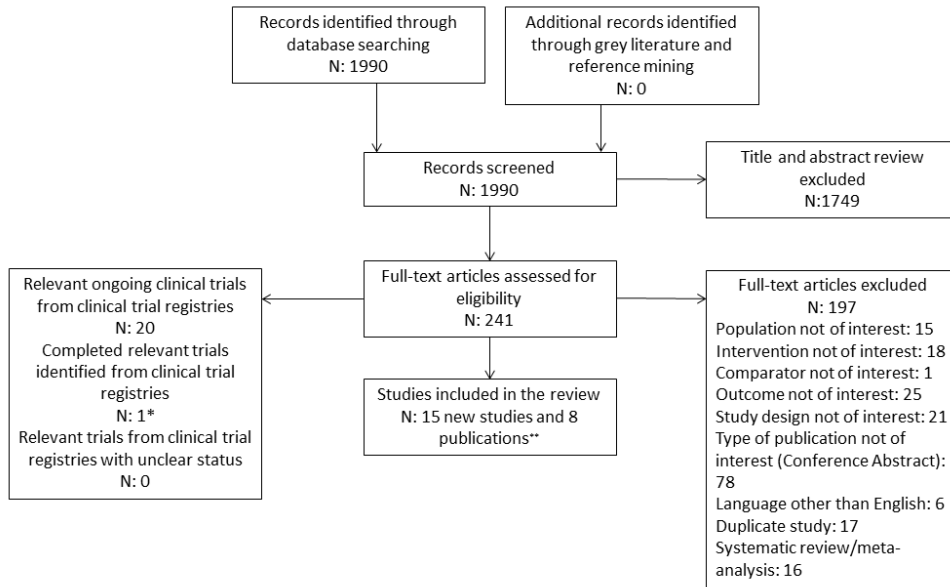
The same standardized data extraction form used in the 2020 report was adopted to extract study characteristics. A second reviewer confirmed data extraction and resolved conflicts. We contacted authors when important information (e.g., methods and outcomes) was missing. The Cochrane Collaboration's Risk of Bias 2 tool<sup>2</sup> and the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale<sup>3</sup> were used to evaluate risk of bias of the included studies. If newly identified studies were similar in terms of their PICOTS, a meta-analysis will be conducted in the final update, which is scheduled for June 2022.

## Results

The literature search for this update identified 1,990 new citations. No references were identified through reference mining or grey literature search. Fifteen new studies, with a total of 4,859 patients, met the inclusion criteria.<sup>4-18</sup> In addition, we identified eight publications derived from trials previously included in the 2020 report (Figure 1).<sup>19-26</sup> All 15 new studies were RCTs.<sup>4-18</sup> Seven of these studies were conducted in the emergency department (ED),<sup>4, 6, 7, 15-18</sup> and eight were conducted in an outpatient setting.<sup>5, 8-14</sup> Five of these studies were conducted in the United States,<sup>8, 9, 11, 15, 17</sup> two were conducted in Asia,<sup>10, 18</sup> three were conducted in Europe,<sup>4, 7, 13</sup> one was conducted in Brazil,<sup>5</sup> two were conducted in Australia,<sup>6, 16</sup> and two were conducted in multiple countries.<sup>12, 14</sup> The mean followup for these 15 new studies was 10.35 days. Twelve RCTs on pharmacologic therapies were included for KQ 2,<sup>4, 6-10, 12, 14-18</sup> and three on nonpharmacologic interventions were included for KQ 3.<sup>5, 11, 13</sup> No studies of opioids were identified for KQ 1. Details of the interventions used in each study can be found in Appendix D, Table D-1. Findings of the included studies and risk of bias are summarized in Appendix E, Tables E-1 through E-6, and Appendix F, Table F-1, respectively. The list of excluded studies

can be found in Appendix G. Appendix H, Table H-1 lists subgroup analyses. Appendix I includes references listed in the appendixes.

**Figure 1. Flow chart**



\*\*15 new studies and 8 publications derived from randomized clinical trials already included in the original report.

## Evidence Summary

Table 1 summarizes the conclusions from the 2020 report, new evidence from the current update, and the changes to the original conclusions, if any. A few new comparisons of interventions were identified in this update. Compared with placebo, eptinezumab significantly increased the likelihood of freedom from pain at 2 hours and at 1 day, and sustained freedom from pain at 1 day and at 2 days (high strength of evidence [SOE]), and propofol significantly increased pain relief at 2 hours (low SOE). Compared with humidified air, the interventions of dry oxygen, dry air, or humidified oxygen significantly improved pain at 2 hours (low SOE). Compared with supraorbital nerve block alone, the interventions of greater occipital nerve block alone and the combination of greater occipital nerve block and supraorbital nerve block significantly improved pain at 2 hours (low SOE). The evidence is insufficient for the comparison of magnesium sulfate versus metoclopramide, magnesium sulfate versus prochlorperazine, chlorpromazine versus prochlorperazine, mesotherapy (thiocolchicoside plus lidocaine plus tenoxicam) versus dexketoprofen, and greater occipital nerve block versus metoclopramide. There were no changes in the overall assessment of the evidence that was already included in the original report.

**Table 1. Summary of conclusions and assessments informed by new evidence**

Key Question	Conclusions From 2020 Report	Findings From the Update	Assessment of SOE and Conclusion
KQ 2. NSAIDs: Celecoxib vs. Placebo	No study in the original report evaluated this specific NSAID. From the previous report, NSAIDs as a drug class, compared with placebo, resolved pain at 2 hours and 1 day, and increased the risk of mild and transient adverse events (moderate SOE).	One RCT <sup>9</sup> (n=631) found no significant difference in being pain free at 2 hours. In a subsequent RCT <sup>8</sup> (n=535) of the same group of patients, celecoxib was found to be superior to placebo for the outcomes of pain free, pain relief, function scale at 2 hours and sustained pain free and sustained pain relief at 24 hours.	No change in SOE supporting the effect of NSAID as a drug class vs. placebo on improving pain relief outcomes: SOE remains moderate.
KQ 2. Antiemetic: Magnesium sulfate vs. Metoclopramide	No study in the original report compared these interventions, but in general, compared to placebo, antiemetics including metoclopramide alone and magnesium sulfate alone may resolve pain at 2 hours (low SOE).	One RCT <sup>17</sup> (n=105) found no significant difference on pain scale at 2 hours.	No change in conclusion.
KQ 2. Antiemetic: Magnesium sulfate vs. Prochlorperazine	No study in the original report evaluated this comparison, but compared with placebo, antiemetics including prochlorperazine alone and magnesium sulfate alone may resolve pain at 2 hours (low SOE).	One RCT <sup>17</sup> (n=113) found no significant difference on pain scale at 2 hours.	No change in conclusion.
KQ 2. Antiemetic: Prochlorperazine vs. Metoclopramide	Prochlorperazine was significantly more likely to lead to being pain free and having pain relief at 2 hours compared with metoclopramide (low SOE, based on 2 RCTs). Insufficient evidence for pain scale at 2 hours (based on 2 RCTs).	One small RCT <sup>17</sup> (n=96) found no significant difference on pain scale at 2 hours.	No change in conclusion.
KQ 2. Antiemetic: Metoclopramide plus magnesium sulfate vs. Metoclopramide	Metoclopramide alone was superior to metoclopramide plus magnesium sulfate for pain relief and restored function at 2 hours (low SOE, based on 1 RCT). Insufficient evidence for pain scale at 2 hours (based on 1 RCT).	One small RCT <sup>18</sup> (n=80) found no statistically significant difference on reduction of pain scale at 2 hours.	No change in conclusion.
KQ 2. Antiemetic: Chlorpromazine vs. Prochlorperazine	Chlorpromazine alone was superior to placebo for pain free and pain relief at 2 hours and 1 day (low SOE, based on 2 RCTs). Prochlorperazine alone was superior to placebo for pain free, pain relief, and reduction on pain scale at 2 hours (low SOE based on 1 RCT).	One small RCT <sup>6</sup> (n=88) found no statistically significant difference between chlorpromazine and prochlorperazine on reduction on pain scale at 2 hours.	No change in conclusion.

Key Question	Conclusions From 2020 Report	Findings From the Update	Assessment of SOE and Conclusion
KQ 2. 5-HT1F: Lasmiditan vs. Placebo	Lasmiditan was superior to placebo for the outcomes of pain free, pain relief, pain scale, restored function, and function scale at 2 hours; pain free, sustained pain free, and pain relief at 1 day; and sustained pain free at 1 week (moderate to high SOE based on 5 RCTs).	Two RCTs <sup>10, 14</sup> (n=2,459) found lasmiditan was superior to placebo on pain free, pain relief, and restored function at 2 hours, and sustained pain free at 1 day and at 2 days, compared with placebo.	No change in conclusion.
KQ 2. 5-HT1F: Lasmiditan vs. Placebo, subgroup analysis by age	No study in the original report evaluated this subgroup.	Two articles <sup>22, 24</sup> based on two previous RCTs (SAMURAI and SPARTAN) found no significant difference between patients under 65 years and 65 years and over on being pain free at 2 hours or adverse events.	Not applicable.
KQ 2. Other interventions: Propofol vs. Placebo	No study in the original report evaluated this comparison.	One small RCT <sup>16</sup> (n=40) found propofol significantly increased pain relief at 2 hours.	SOE low.
KQ 2. Other interventions: Mesotherapy (thiocolchicoside plus lidocaine plus tenoxicam) vs. Dexketoprofen	No study in the original report evaluated this comparison.	One RCT <sup>4</sup> (n=154) found mesotherapy significantly improved pain scale and pain relief at 2 hours and at 24 hours.	SOE insufficient.
KQ 2. CGRP: Eptinezumab vs. Placebo	No study in the original report evaluated this comparison.	One RCT <sup>12</sup> (n=485) found eptinezumab significantly increased pain free at 2 hours and at 1 day, and sustained pain free at 1 day and at 2 days.	SOE moderate.
KQ 2. Other interventions: Greater occipital nerve block vs. Metoclopramide	No study in the original report evaluated this comparison.	One small RCT <sup>15</sup> (n=99) reported no significant difference between the two groups on pain scale at 2 hours, sustained pain relief and sustained pain free at 2 days, or adverse events.	SOE insufficient.
KQ 2. Other interventions: Greater occipital nerve block vs. Placebo	Insufficient evidence for pain free, pain relief, and pain scale at 2 hours (based on 1 RCT).	One small RCT <sup>7</sup> (n=57) reported significantly more reduction on pain scale at 2 hours with greater occipital nerve block compared with placebo.	No change in conclusion.

Key Question	Conclusions From 2020 Report	Findings From the Update	Assessment of SOE and Conclusion
KQ 2. Other interventions: Greater occipital nerve block vs. Supraorbital nerve block vs. Combination of greater occipital nerve block and supraorbital nerve block vs. Placebo	No study in the original report evaluated this comparison.	One RCT <sup>7</sup> (n=142) reported greater occipital nerve block, supraorbital nerve block, and the combination of these two significantly improved pain scale at 2 hours compared with placebo, while greater occipital nerve block and the combination of greater occipital nerve block and supraorbital nerve block significantly improved pain scale at 2 hours compared with supraorbital nerve block.	SOE low.
KQ 3. Nonpharmacologic therapy: Transcranial alternating current stimulation vs. Sham stimulation	No study in the original report evaluated this comparison.	One small RCT <sup>13</sup> (n=25) found transcranial stimulation significantly improved pain scale at 2 hours and increased the likelihood of being sustained pain free at 1 day and at 2 days compared with those in the sham group.	SOE low.
KQ 3. Nonpharmacologic therapy: External trigeminal nerve stimulation vs. Sham stimulation	External trigeminal nerve stimulation was superior to sham for pain free, pain relief, and pain scale at 2 hours and at 1 day, and for sustained pain free and sustained pain relief at 1 day (low to moderate SOE based on 2 RCTs).	One small RCT <sup>5</sup> (n=77) found external trigeminal nerve stimulation significantly improved pain scale at 2 hours.	No change in conclusion.
KQ 3. Nonpharmacologic therapy: Dry oxygen vs. Dry air vs. Humidified oxygen vs. Humidified air	No study in the original report evaluated this comparison.	One small RCT <sup>11</sup> (n=51) found that patients with dry oxygen, dry air, or humidified oxygen reported a more significant reduction in pain scale at 2 hours than those in the humidified air group, while patients with dry air reported significantly more pain relief at 2 hours than those with humidified air. No significant difference between dry oxygen, dry air, and humidified oxygen was reported on pain scale at 2 hours. No significant adverse events were reported.	SOE low.

Abbreviations: CGRP = calcitonin gene-related peptide; KQ = Key Question; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug; RCT = randomized clinical trial; SAMURAI = A Study of Two Doses of LasMiditan (100 mg and 200 mg) Compared to Placebo in the Acute Treatment of Migraine; SOE=strength of evidence; SPARTAN = A Study of Three Doses of Lasmiditan (50 mg, 100 mg and 200 mg) Compared to Placebo in the Acute Treatment of Migraine.

## Evidence Details

### Key Question 1. Opioid Pharmacologic Therapy

No new studies addressed the comparative effectiveness or harms of opioid therapy.

### Key Question 2. Nonopioid Pharmacologic Therapy

#### NSAIDS

Since the 2020 report, two separate RCTs<sup>8,9</sup> evaluated the efficacy of celecoxib versus placebo and reported mixed results. One RCT<sup>9</sup> (n=631) found no significant difference between celecoxib and placebo regarding being pain free at 2 hours or number of adverse events. In a subsequent RCT,<sup>8</sup> the same group of patients who completed the first RCT were re-randomized (n=535). The authors reported that celecoxib was superior to placebo for the outcomes of pain free, pain relief, and function scale at 2 hours, and sustained pain free and sustained pain relief at 24 hours, with again no significant difference in adverse events (Appendix Table E-1). The overall risk of bias was high.

#### Antiemetic and Neuroleptic Medications

Three RCTs<sup>6,17,18</sup> have evaluated the efficacy of antiemetic and neuroleptic medications (n=303) for the acute treatment of migraine since the 2020 report. These RCTs studied prochlorperazine, chlorpromazine, and metoclopramide in comparison to each other or magnesium sulfate. Endpoints included the difference in pain scale at 2 hours (Appendix Table E-2). The overall risk of bias was low to moderate.

All the studies (magnesium sulfate vs. prochlorperazine vs. metoclopramide; metoclopramide plus magnesium sulfate vs. metoclopramide; chlorpromazine vs. prochlorperazine) failed to show a significant difference regarding the endpoint (pain scale at 2 hours). Significantly more adverse events were reported in the chlorpromazine group than the prochlorperazine group; otherwise, there were no significant differences in adverse events.

Compared with the results of the 2020 report, there were no changes to conclusions pertaining to the comparisons of prochlorperazine versus metoclopramide or metoclopramide plus magnesium sulfate versus metoclopramide. The strength of evidence was insufficient for the new evidence pertaining to magnesium sulfate versus metoclopramide, magnesium sulfate versus prochlorperazine, and chlorpromazine versus prochlorperazine.

#### 5-HT<sub>1F</sub> Receptor Agonists

Two RCTs<sup>10,14</sup> (n=2,459) evaluating the efficacy of the 5-HT<sub>1F</sub> agonist lasmiditan for the acute treatment of migraine have been published since the 2020 report. The overall risk of bias was low.

These RCTs showed significant improvements of lasmiditan over placebo for the outcomes of being pain free, pain relief, and restored function at 2 hours, and sustained pain free at 1 day and at 2 days (Appendix Table E-3). Significantly more patients treated with 200 mg or 100 mg of lasmiditan reported pain free, pain relief, and improved function at 2 hours, and sustained pain free at 1 day and at 2 days compared with placebo, while significantly more patients reported pain relief at 2 hours with 50 mg of lasmiditan compared with placebo. Lasmiditan was associated with significantly increased risk of adverse events. No serious adverse events, death, or withdrawal due to adverse events were reported.

A subgroup analysis based on two previous RCTs (SAMURAI [A Study of Two Doses of LAsMiditan (100 mg and 200 mg) Compared to Placebo in the AcUte Treatment of MigRAIne] and SPARTAN [A Study of Three Doses of Lasmiditan (50 mg, 100 mg and 200 mg) Compared to Placebo in the Acute TReaTment of MigrAiNe]) found no significant difference between patients under 65 years and 65 years and over with regard to adverse events (Appendix Table H-1).<sup>22, 24</sup>

Based on these additional studies, there is no change to the conclusions of the 2020 report pertaining to lasmiditan.

### **Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Monoclonal Antibodies**

Since the 2020 report, there has been one RCT<sup>12</sup> comparing eptinezumab to placebo in the outpatient setting for the acute treatment of migraine. This study, with 241 patients randomized to eptinezumab and 244 patients randomized to placebo, had low risk of bias and reported the drug to be significantly better than placebo with the outcomes of being pain free at 2 hours and 4 hours, and sustained pain free at 1 day and at 2 days (Appendix Table E-4). Eptinezumab was not included in the 2020 report, and these new data provide moderate SOE for this treatment option.

### **Other Interventions**

The use of propofol compared with placebo for the acute treatment of migraine in the ED was evaluated by one RCT<sup>16</sup> that had 40 subjects. The high risk-of-bias study compared the intravenous administration of propofol at a maximum dose of 140 mg over 40 minutes (initial dose of 40 mg followed by up to 5 doses of 20 mg, 5 minutes apart) to placebo infusions at a maximum dose of 14 mL (20% intralipid) over 40 minutes (initial dose of 4 mL followed by up to 5 doses of 2 mL, 5 minutes apart). While more patients in the propofol group experienced pain relief at 2 hours, the study failed to meet its primary outcome of pain free at 1 hour. There was also no difference in terms of sustained pain free at 2 days. More patients in the propofol group experienced adverse events (Appendix Table E-5). While the original report did not include any studies with this comparison, these data provide low SOE for propofol improving pain relief at 2 hours.

Another ED study<sup>4</sup> appraised the use of mesotherapy (thiocolchicoside plus lidocaine plus tenoxicam) versus dexketoprofen, an NSAID, for the acute treatment of migraine, with 77 patients randomized to each arm. This study had an overall high risk of bias. Patients in the mesotherapy group reported significantly more pain relief and reduction of pain scores at 2 hours and at 24 hours. There was no significant difference in adverse events between the two groups (Appendix Table E-5). No studies in the original dataset evaluated mesotherapy; however, this report provides insufficient evidence to permit drawing a conclusion about this potential treatment option.

Two new studies<sup>7, 15</sup> evaluated nerve blocks in the ED setting for the acute treatment of migraine. One RCT<sup>7</sup> with 142 subjects assessed greater occipital nerve blocks against supraorbital nerve blocks or the combination of greater occipital and supraorbital nerve blocks against placebo. This study had an overall low risk of bias. Compared to placebo, patients with either greater occipital nerve block or supraorbital nerve block, alone or in combination, reported a significantly greater reduction on pain scales at 2 hours. Patients who had greater occipital nerve block alone or the combination of nerve blocks reported a significantly greater reduction on pain scales at 2 hours compared with those in the group with supraorbital nerve block alone.



No serious adverse events were reported (Appendix Table E-5). Overall, the SOE is low for nerve blocks.

In the second ED study,<sup>15</sup> 99 subjects were given either greater occipital nerve block or intravenous metoclopramide for the acute treatment of migraine. This RCT had moderate risk of bias and found no significant difference between the two groups' pain scale values at 2 hours, sustained pain relief and sustained pain free at 2 days, or adverse events. These data did not change the conclusion from the 2020 report.

### **Key Question 3. Nonpharmacologic Therapy**

#### **Noninvasive Neuromodulation Devices**

There have been two reports on noninvasive neuromodulation devices since the initial 2020 report. One study<sup>13</sup> appraised transcranial alternating current stimulation versus sham stimulation for the acute treatment of migraine. This RCT with 25 patients had moderate overall risk of bias. Patients randomized to transcranial stimulation reported significantly greater pain reduction at 2 hours and sustained pain free at 1 day and at 2 days compared with those in the sham group. No studies in the original report evaluated this comparison, and the SOE for transcranial stimulation is low based on this new evidence.

A second study<sup>5</sup> evaluated external trigeminal nerve stimulation versus sham stimulation, and included 44 subjects in the stimulation group and 33 in the sham group. This study had an overall low risk of bias. The authors found that patients treated by transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation reported significantly greater reduction on pain scale at 20 minutes compared with sham stimulation. No patients reported adverse events (Appendix Table E-6). The SOE for this treatment option ranged from low to moderate for various outcomes in the 2020 report, and this new study did not change that conclusion.

#### **Other Interventions**

One novel study<sup>11</sup> evaluating dry oxygen versus dry air versus humidified oxygen versus humidified air for the acute treatment of migraine was added. This RCT had 51 patients and was found to have moderate risk of bias. The authors found that patients in the dry oxygen, dry air, or humidified oxygen groups reported a significantly greater reduction of their pain scale values at 2 hours than those in the humidified air group. Patients in the dry air group reported significantly greater pain relief at 2 hours than those in the humidified air group. There was no significant difference between dry oxygen, dry air, and humidified oxygen in terms of pain scale at 2 hours. Additionally, no significant adverse events were reported (Appendix Table E-6). No studies in the original report evaluated these options, and there is low SOE for this new evidence.

### **Conclusions**

The findings from this update are consistent with those in the original 2020 report on the comparative effectiveness and harms of opioids, as well as nonopioid pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatments, for acute treatments of episodic migraine. The report concluded that, in addition to already-established effective treatments, such as triptans, NSAIDs, antiemetics, and ergot alkaloids, newer treatments such as gepants and ditans are associated with improved outcomes in pain and function. Opioids have low or insufficient strength of evidence for acute treatment of migraine. This update identified weak evidence in support of propofol,

occipital and supraorbital nerve blocks, transcranial stimulations, and inhaled oxygen in acute treatment of episodic migraine. The next surveillance report is scheduled for March 2022.

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# Appendix A. Key Questions

For Acute Treatment of Patients With Episodic Migraine, the following Key Questions (KQs) were determined based on input from multiple Key Informants.

KQ1. Opioid therapy

KQ2. Nonopioid pharmacologic therapy

KQ3. Nonpharmacologic therapy

## Opioid Therapy

- a. What is the comparative effectiveness of opioid therapy versus: (1) nonopioid pharmacologic therapy (e.g., acetaminophen, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs [NSAIDs], triptans, ergot alkaloids, combination analgesics, muscle relaxants, anti-nausea medications, and cannabis) or (2) nonpharmacologic therapy (e.g., exercise, cognitive behavioral therapy, acupuncture, biofeedback, noninvasive neuromodulation devices) for outcomes related to pain, function, pain relief satisfaction, and quality of life and after followup at the following intervals: <1 day; 1 day to <1 week; 1 week to <2 weeks; 2 weeks to 4 weeks?
- b. How does effectiveness of opioid therapy vary depending on: (1) patient demographics (e.g., age, race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status [SES]); (2) patient medical comorbidities (previous opioid use, body mass index [BMI]); (3) dose of opioids; (4) duration of opioid therapy, including number of opioid prescription refills and quantity of pills used?
- c. What are the harms of opioid therapy versus nonopioid pharmacologic therapy or nonpharmacologic therapy with respect to: (1) misuse, opioid use disorder, and related outcomes; (2) overdose; (3) medication overuse headache (MOH); (4) other harms, including gastrointestinal-related harms, falls, fractures, motor vehicle accidents, endocrinologic harms, infections, cardiovascular events, cognitive harms, and psychological harms (e.g., depression)?
- d. How do harms vary depending on: (1) patient demographics (e.g., age, gender); (2) patient medical comorbidities; (3) the dose of opioid used; (4) the duration of opioid therapy?
- e. What are the effects of prescribing opioid therapy versus not prescribing opioid therapy for acute treatment of episodic migraine pain on (1) short-term (<3 months) continued need for prescription pain relief, such as need for opioid refills, and (2) long-term opioid use (3 months or greater)?
- f. For patients with episodic migraine being considered for opioid therapy for acute treatment, what is the accuracy of instruments for predicting risk of opioid misuse, opioid use disorder, or overdose?
- g. For patients with episodic migraine being considered for opioid therapy for acute treatment, what is the effectiveness of instruments for predicting risk of opioid misuse, opioid use disorder, or overdose?

h. For patients with episodic migraine being considered for opioid therapy for acute treatment, what is the effect of the following risk mitigation strategies on the decision to prescribe opioids: (1) existing opioid management plans; (2) patient education; (3) clinician and patient values and preferences related to opioids; (4) urine drug screening; (5) use of prescription drug monitoring program data; (6) availability of close followup?

## **Nonopioid Pharmacologic Therapy**

a. What is the comparative effectiveness of nonopioid pharmacologic therapy (e.g., acetaminophen, NSAIDs, triptans, ergot alkaloids, combination analgesics, muscle relaxants, anti-nausea medications, and cannabis) versus: (1) other nonopioid pharmacologic treatments, such as those in a different medication class; or (2) nonpharmacologic therapy for outcomes related to pain, function, pain relief satisfaction, and quality of life after followup at the following intervals: <1 day; 1 day to <1 week; 1 week to <2 weeks; 2 weeks to 4 weeks?

b. How does effectiveness of nonopioid pharmacologic therapy vary depending on: (1) patient demographics (e.g., age, race, ethnicity, gender); (2) patient medical comorbidities; (3) the type of nonopioid medication; (4) dose of medication; (5) duration of treatment?

c. What are the harms of nonopioid pharmacologic therapy versus other nonopioid pharmacologic therapy or nonpharmacologic therapy with respect to: (1) misuse; (2) overdose; (3) MOH; (4) other harms, including gastrointestinal-related harms, cardiovascular-related harms, kidney-related harms, falls, fractures, motor vehicle accidents, endocrinological harms, infections, cognitive harms, and psychological harms (e.g., depression)?

d. How do harms vary depending on: (1) patient demographics (e.g., age, gender); (2) patient medical comorbidities; (3) the type of nonopioid medication; (4) dose of medication; (5) the duration of therapy?

## **Nonpharmacologic Therapy**

a. What is the comparative effectiveness of nonpharmacologic therapy versus sham treatment, waitlist, usual care, attention control, and no treatment after followup at the following intervals: <1 day; 1 day to <1 week; 1 week to <2 weeks; 2 weeks to 4 weeks?

b. What is the comparative effectiveness of nonpharmacologic treatments (e.g., exercise, cognitive behavioral therapy, acupuncture, biofeedback, noninvasive neuromodulation devices) for outcomes related to pain, function, pain relief satisfaction, and quality of life?

c. How does effectiveness of nonpharmacologic therapy vary depending on: (1) patient demographics (e.g., age, gender); (2) patient medical comorbidities?

d. How do harms vary depending on: (1) patient demographics (e.g., age, gender); (2) patient medical comorbidities; (3) the type of treatment used; (4) the frequency of therapy; (5) the duration of therapy?



## Appendix B. Population, Interventions, Comparisons, Outcomes, Timing, and Setting

The related population, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, timing, and setting (PICOTS) are listed in Table B-1.

**Table B-1. PICOTS (population, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, timing, and setting)**

PICOTS Elements	Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
Population	Patients with episodic migraine seeking abortive treatment Adults 18 years and older  *Special populations: General adult Older populations >65 years Patients with history of substance use disorder Patients currently under treatment for opioid use disorder with opioid agonist therapy or naltrexone Patients with a history of mental illness Patients with history of overdose Pregnant/breastfeeding women Patients with comorbidities (e.g. kidney disease, sleep disordered breathing)	Animals Children (age <18 years)

PICOTS Elements	Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
Interventions	<p>KQ1 a-e: Any systemic opioid abortive therapy, including:  Codeine  Fentanyl (Actiq, Duragesic, Fentora, Abstral, Onsolis)  Hydrocodone (Hysingla, Zohydro ER)  Hydrocodone/acetaminophen (Lorcet, Lortab, Norco, Vicodin)  Hydromorphone (Dilaudid, Exalgo)  Meperidine (Demerol)  Methadone (Dolophine, Methadose)  Morphine (Kadian, MS Contin, Morphabond)  Oxycodone (OxyContin, Oxaydo)  Oxycodone and acetaminophen (Percocet, Roxicet)  Oxycodone and naloxone  And other agonists, partial agonists and mixed mechanism opioids</p> <p>KQ1 f-g: Instruments and genetic/metabolic tests for predicting risk of misuse, opioid use disorder, and overdose</p> <p>KQ1 h: Risk mitigation strategies, including:  Existing opioid management plans  Patient education  Clinician and patient values and preferences related to opioids  Urine drug screening  Use of prescription drug monitoring program data  Availability of close followup  And others</p> <p>KQ2: Any oral, injection, infusion, topical nonopioid abortive drug, including:  Acetaminophen  NSAIDs (if compared against active treatment)  Triptans (if compared against active treatment)  Ergot alkaloids  Combination analgesics  Muscle relaxants  Anti-nausea medications  Cannabis  And others</p> <p>KQ3: Any non-invasive nonpharmacologic abortive therapy, including:  Exercise  Cognitive behavioral therapy  Acupuncture  And others</p>	<p>For all KQs, exclude invasive treatments (surgical interventions, etc.), and preventive (prophylactic) treatment</p> <p>For KQ2, exclude NSAIDs vs placebo and triptans vs placebo</p>
Comparators	<p>KQ1 a-e: Usual care, another opioid therapy, nonopioid pharmacologic therapy, nonpharmacologic therapy  KQ1 f: Reference standard for misuse, opioid use disorder, or overdose; or other benchmarks  KQ1 g-h: Usual care  KQ2: Another nonopioid pharmacologic therapy, nonpharmacologic therapy  KQ3: Sham treatment, waitlist, usual care, attention control, and no treatment, another non-invasive nonpharmacologic therapy</p>	None

<b>PICOTS Elements</b>	<b>Inclusion Criteria</b>	<b>Exclusion Criteria</b>
Outcomes	KQ1. Opioid Therapy: KQ1 a-e. Pain, function, pain relief satisfaction and quality of life, harms/adverse events (including withdrawal, risk of misuse, opioid use disorder, overdose, medication overuse headache). KQ1 f. Measures of diagnostic accuracy KQ1 g-h. Misuse, opioid use disorder, overdose and other harms KQ2. Non-Opioid Therapy: Pain, function, pain relief satisfaction, quality of life, harms/adverse events KQ3: Noninvasive nonpharmacological therapy: Pain, function, pain relief satisfaction, quality of life, harms/adverse events	None
Timing	At the following intervals: <1 day; 1 day to <1 week; 1 week to <2 weeks; 2 weeks to 4 weeks	None
Settings	ED, physician's office, hospital	None
Study design	Original studies (evaluating interventions other than triptans and NSAIDs) RCTs Comparative observational studies Systematic reviews or meta-analyses (evaluating triptans and NSAIDs) Any sample size Relevant systematic reviews, or meta-analyses (used for identifying additional studies)	In vitro studies, nonoriginal data (e.g. narrative reviews, editorials, letters, or erratum), single-arm observational studies, case series, qualitative studies, cost-benefit analysis, cross-sectional (i.e., nonlongitudinal) studies, before-after studies, survey
Publications	Studies published in English only	Foreign language studies

Abbreviations: ED = emergency department; KQ = Key Question; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; PICOTS = population, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, timing, and setting; RCT = randomized clinical trial

# Appendix C. Search Strategy

## Ovid

Database(s): APA PsycInfo 1806 to July Week 3 2020, EBM Reviews - Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials June 2020, EBM Reviews - Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2005 to July 24, 2020, Embase 1974 to 2020 July 24, Ovid MEDLINE(R) and Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Daily 1946 to July 24, 2020  
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- (((drug\* or agent\* or medication\*) adj3 (nausea or vomit\*)) or alizapride or "anti emetic\*" or antiemetic\* or antimetic\* or "anti-metic\*" or antinausea\* or "anti-nausea\*" or antivomit\* or "anti-vomit\*" or Aprepitant or azasetron or batanopride or belidral or bendectin or benzquinamide or bromopride or buclizine or casopitant or chlorcyclizine or chlorphenethazine or Chlorpromazine or cinnarizine or cisapride or clebopride or Cyclizine or dazopride or debendox or Dexamethasone or Diazepam or difenidol or Dimenhydrinate or Diphenhydramine or dixyrazine or "dolasetron mesilate" or Domperidone or Doxylamine or dronabinol or Droperidol or exepanol or ezlopitant or fabesetron or fosaprepitant or fosnetupitant or Granisetron or Haloperidol or hydrodolasetron or icospiramide or indisetron or lerisetron or lintopride or Lorazepam or lurosetron or maropitant or Meclizine or meclozine or Methylprednisolone or Metoclopramide or metopimazine or nabilone or netupitant or norchlorpromazine or Olanzapine or Ondansetron or Palonosetron or pancopride or Prochlorperazine or Promazine or promethazine or ramosetron or renzapride or ricasetron or rolapitant or Scopolamine or sulpiride or telmapitant or tetrahydrocannabinol or Thiethylperazine or transmer or Trifluoperazine or Triflupromazine or trimethobenzamide or Tropisetron or vestipitant or vofopitant or zacopride).ti,ab,hw,kw.
- 25
- 26 exp Cannabis/

- # **Searches**
- 27 exp cannabinoid/  
 28 exp "cannabis use"/  
 29 exp Marijuana Smoking/  
 30 exp Cannabinoids/  
 31 exp Cannabidiol/  
 ("1 butyl 3 1 naphthoyl indole" or "11 hydroxydronabinol" or "2 arachidonoylglycerol" or "2 methyl 3 1 naphthoyl 1 propylindole" or "3 1 naphthoyl 1 pentylindole" or "3 2 iodo 5 nitrobenzoyl 1 1 methyl 2 piperidinylmethyl indole" or "3 hydroxy delta9 tetrahydrocannabinol" or "ajulemic acid" or anandamide or bhang or bhanges or cannabi or cannabichromene or cannabidiol or cannabielsoin or cannabigerol or cannabinoid or  
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 33 exp Biofeedback, Psychology/  
 ("alpha feedback\*" or biofeedback\* or "bogus physiological feedback\*" or "brainwave feedback\*" or "eeg feedback\*" or "electroencephalography feedback\*" or  
 34 "electromyography feedback\*" or "false physiological feedback\*" or myofeedback\* or neurofeedback\* or "psychophysiologic feedback\*").ti,ab,hw,kw.  
 35 Electric Stimulation Therapy/  
 36 exp neuromodulation/  
 (((Electric\* or electro or galvano or Transcutaneous\*) adj3 (stimulat\* or stimulus)) or  
 37 electrostimulation\* or electrostimulus or electrotherap\* or "E-stim" or ESTIM or FES or galvanostimulation\* or galvanostimulus or Neuromodulation or neuromodulatory).ti,ab,hw,kw.  
 38 exp Cognitive Therapy/  
 39 exp Cognitive Behavior Therapy/  
 40 (CBT or "Cognitive behavioral therap\*" or "Cognitive therap\*").ti,ab,hw,kw.  
 41 exp Acupuncture/  
 42 exp Acupuncture Therapy/  
 43 (acupressure or acupuncture or "auricular needl\*" or auriculotherapy or "ear needl\*" or electroacupuncture or moxibustion or Shiatsu or "Tui Na").ti,ab,hw,kw.  
 44 exp exercise/  
 45 exp exercise therapy/  
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 46 training" or isometrics or "physical exertion" or "physical activit\*" or "resistance training" or running or "strength training" or swimming or walking or weightlifting).ti,ab,hw,kw.  
 47 (drug\* or pharmacotherap\* or medication\* or agent\* or chemotherap\* or intervention\* or manag\* or therap\* or treat\*).ti,ab,hw,kw.

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49	2 and 48
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51	exp evidence based medicine/
52	exp meta analysis/
53	exp Meta-Analysis as Topic/
54	exp "systematic review"/
55	exp Guideline/ or exp Practice Guideline/
56	exp controlled study/
57	exp Randomized Controlled Trial/
58	exp triple blind procedure/
59	exp Double-Blind Method/
60	exp Single-Blind Method/
61	exp latin square design/
62	exp Placebos/
63	exp Placebo Effect/
64	exp comparative study/
65	exp intervention studies/
66	exp Cross-Sectional Studies/
67	exp Cross-Over Studies/
68	exp Cohort Studies/
69	exp longitudinal study/
70	exp retrospective study/
71	exp prospective study/
72	exp clinical trial/
73	clinical study/
74	exp case-control studies/
75	exp confidence interval/
76	exp multivariate analysis/

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- ((evidence adj based) or (meta adj analys\*) or (systematic\* adj3 review\*) or guideline\* or (control\* adj3 study) or (control\* adj3 trial) or (randomized adj3 study) or (randomized adj3 trial) or (randomised adj3 study) or (randomised adj3 trial) or "pragmatic clinical trial" or (doubl\* adj blind\*) or (doubl\* adj mask\*) or (singl\* adj blind\*) or (singl\* adj mask\*) or (tripl\* adj blind\*) or (tripl\* adj mask\*) or (trebl\* adj blind\*) or (trebl\* adj mask\*) or "latin square" or placebo\* or nocebo\* or multivariate or "comparative study" or "comparative survey" or "comparative analysis" or (intervention\* adj2 study) or (intervention\* adj2 trial) or "cross-sectional study" or "cross-sectional analysis" or "cross-sectional survey" or "cross-sectional design" or "prevalence study" or "prevalence analysis" or "prevalence survey" or "disease frequency study" or "disease frequency analysis" or "disease frequency survey" or crossover or "cross-over" or cohort\* or "longitudinal study" or "longitudinal survey" or "longitudinal analysis" or "longitudinal evaluation" or longitudinal\* or ((retrospective or "ex post facto") adj3 (study or survey or analysis or design)) or retrospectiv\* or "prospective study" or "prospective survey" or "prospective analysis" or prospectiv\* or "concurrent study" or "concurrent survey" or "concurrent analysis" or "clinical study" or "clinical trial" or "case control study" or "case base study" or "case referent study" or "case referent study" or "case referent study" or "case compeer study" or "case comparison study" or "matched case control" or "multicenter study" or "multi-center study" or "odds ratio" or "confidence interval" or "change analysis" or ((study or trial or random\* or control\*) and compar\*)).mp,pt.
- 77
- 78 or/51-77
- 79 50 and 78
- 80 limit 79 to ("all adult (19 plus years)" or "young adult (19 to 24 years)" or "adult (19 to 44 years)" or "young adult and adult (19-24 and 19-44)" or "middle age (45 to 64 years)" or "middle aged (45 plus years)" or "all aged (65 and over)" or "aged (80 and over)") [Limit not valid in APA PsycInfo,CCTR,CDSR,Embase; records were retained]
- 81 limit 80 to (adult <18 to 64 years> or aged <65+ years>) [Limit not valid in APA PsycInfo,CCTR,CDSR,Ovid MEDLINE(R),Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily Update,Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process,Ovid MEDLINE(R) Publisher; records were retained]
- 82 limit 79 to ("all infant (birth to 23 months)" or "all child (0 to 18 years)" or "newborn infant (birth to 1 month)" or "infant (1 to 23 months)" or "preschool child (2 to 5 years)" or "child (6 to 12 years)" or "adolescent (13 to 18 years)") [Limit not valid in APA PsycInfo,CCTR,CDSR,Embase; records were retained]
- 83 limit 82 to (embryo or infant or child or preschool child <1 to 6 years> or school child <7 to 12 years> or adolescent <13 to 17 years>) [Limit not valid in APA PsycInfo,CCTR,CDSR,Ovid MEDLINE(R),Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily Update,Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process,Ovid MEDLINE(R) Publisher; records were retained]
- 84 83 not 81
- 85 79 not 84
- 86 migraine\*.ti.
- 87 85 and 86

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## Searches

- limit 87 to (dissertation abstract or editorial or erratum or note or addresses or autobiography or bibliography or biography or blogs or comment or dictionary or directory or interactive tutorial or interview or lectures or legal cases or legislation or news or newspaper article or overall or patient education handout or periodical index or portraits or published erratum or video-audio media or webcasts) [Limit not valid in APA PsycInfo,CCTR,CDSR,Embase,Ovid MEDLINE(R),Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily Update,Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process,Ovid MEDLINE(R) Publisher; records were retained]
- 88
- 89 from 88 keep 195-218
- 90 (87 not 88) or 89
- 91 limit 90 to yr="2018 -Current"
- 92 remove duplicates from 91
- 93 limit 90 to yr="2015-2017"
- 94 remove duplicates from 93
- 95 limit 90 to yr="2010-2014"
- 96 remove duplicates from 95
- 97 limit 90 to yr="2002-2009"
- 98 remove duplicates from 97
- 99 90 not (91 or 93 or 95 or 97)
- 100 remove duplicates from 99
- 101 92 or 94 or 96 or 98 or 100

## Scopus

- 1 TITLE(migraine\*)
- 2 TITLE-ABS-KEY(acetorphine or acetylcodeine or acetylmethadol or Alfentanil or Alphaprodine or anileridine or apadoline or azidomorphine or benzhydrocodone or bezitramide or bremazocine or "Brompton mixture" or Buprenorphine or Butorphanol or ciramadol or cocodamol or Codeine or codydramol or conorfone or cyclazocine or Dextromoramide or Dextropropoxyphene or dextrorphan or dezocine or diamorphine or diconal or dihydrocodeine or dihydroetorphine or Dihydromorphine or dimethylthiambutene or Diphenoxylate or dipipanone or enadoline or eptazocine or ethylketazocine or Ethylketocyclazocine or Ethylmorphine or etonitazene or Etorphine or etoxeridine or faxeladol or Fentanyl or furethidine or gelonida or Heroin or Hydrocodone or isalmadol or isomethadone or ketazocine or ketobemidone or ketogan or kyotorphin or lefetamine or levacetylmethadol or levomethadone or Levorphanol or Meperidine or Meptazinol or metazocine or Methadone or "Methadyl Acetate" or methylsamidorphan or Morphine or "morphinomimetic agent\*" or "morphinomimetic drug\*" or morphinone or Nalbuphine or narcotic\* or nicocodine or nicomorphine or noracymethadol or norbuprenorphine or nordextropropoxyphene or normorphine or norpethidine or norpropoxyphene or "o nortramadol" or oliceridine or opiate or Opiate\* or opioid\* or Opium or oripavine or Oxycodone or Oxymorphone or pentamorphone or Pentazocine or pethidine or phenadoxone or phenaridine or Phenazocine or phencyclidine or

- Phenoperidine or piconadol or piminodine or Pirinitramide or piritramide or profadol or Promedol or propiram or sameridine or samidorphan or semorphone or Sufentanil or tapentadol or thebaine or tifludom or Tilidine or tonazocine or Tramadol or trimeperidine)
- 3 TITLE-ABS-KEY(Aceclofenac or Acemetacin or "Acetylsalicylic acid" or Alclofenac or Aminopyrine or Amodiaquine or Amoxiprin or Ampyrone or Antipyrine or Apazone or Aspirin or Azapropazone or Benorilate or Benorylate or Bromelains or Bromfenac or "BW-755C" or Celecoxib or "Choline magnesium salicylate" or "Choline magnesium trisalicylate" or clinoril or Clofazimine or Clofezone or Clonixin or "COX-1 inhibitor\*" or "COX-2 inhibitor\*" or "COX-2 selective inhibitor\*" or Coxib\* or Curcumin or "Cyclooxygenase 1 inhibitor\*" or "Cyclooxygenase 2 inhibitor\*" or "Cyclooxygenase inhibitor\*" or "Cyclo-oxygenase inhibitor\*" or Dapsone or Dexibuprofen or Dexketoprofen or Diclofenac or Diflunisal or Dipyrrone or Droxicam or Epirizole or Ethenzamide or Etodolac or Etoricoxib or Faislamine or Fenbufen or Fenoprofen or "Flufenamic acid" or Flunoxaprofen or Flurbiprofen or "Glycyrrhizic Acid" or Ibuprofen or Ibuproxam or Indomethacin or Indoprofen or Kebuzone or Ketoprofen or Ketorolac or Licofelone or Lornoxicam or Loxoprofen or Lumiracoxib or "Magnesium salicylate" or "Meclofenamic Acid" or "Mefenamic Acid" or Meloxicam or Mesalamine or Metamizole or "Methyl salicylate" or Mofebutazone or Nabumetone or Naproxen or "Niflumic Acid" or "Nonsteroidal antiinflammator\*" or "Nonsteroidal anti-inflammator\*" or "Non-steroidal antiinflammator\*" or "Non-steroidal anti-inflammator\*" or "Nordihydroguaiaretic Acid" or NSAID\* or osenal or Oxametacin or Oxaprozin or Oxyphenbutazone or Parecoxib or "Pentosan Sulfuric Polyester" or Phenazone or Phenylbutazone or Piroxicam or Pirprofen or Prenazone or Proglumetacin or Rofecoxib or Salicylamide or Salicylate or Sulfasalazine or Sulfinpyrazone or Sulindac or Suprofen or Tenoxicam or "Tiaprofenic acid" or "Tolfenamic acid" or Tolmetin or Valdecoxib)
- 4 TITLE-ABS-KEY("5-ht" or "5-hydroxytryptamine\*" or "5-methoxytryptamine\*" or dimethyltryptamine\* or enteramine\* or hippophaine\* or hydroxytryptamine\* or indolyethylamine\* or meksamine\* or methoxydimethyltryptamine\* or methoxytryptamine\* or methylbufotenin or mexamine\* or Serotonin or triptan\* or tryptamine\*)
- 5 TITLE-ABS-KEY(Bromocriptine\* or Cabergoline\* or "clavine alkaloid\*" or "clavines alkaloid\*" or Dihydroergocornine\* or Dihydroergocristine\* or Dihydroergocryptine\* or Dihydroergotamine\* or Dihydroergotoxine\* or Ergoline\* or "Ergoloid Mesylate\*" or Ergonovine\* or "ergot agent\*" or "ergot alkaloid\*" or "ergot drug\*" or "ergot medication\*" or Ergotamine\* or Ergotamines or "ergotoxine alkaloid\*" or "ergots alkaloid\*" or Lisuride\* or "Lysergic Acid" or "Lysergic Acid Diethylamide\*" or Metergoline\* or Methylergonovine\* or Methysergide\* or Nicergoline\* or Pergolide\*)
- 6 TITLE-ABS-KEY(Acetaminophen or Adenosine or Amantadine or Amitriptyline or analgesic\* or analgetic\* or anbesol or anodyne\* or anpirtoline or antalgic\* or antinociceptive\* or antrafenine or auralgan or axomadol or befiradol or bicifadine or brivaracetam or brivolidide or bromadoline or "Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Receptor Antagonist\*" or cannabidivarin or capsaicin or Carbachol or Carbamazepine or cebranopadol or cibinetide or cizolirtine or Clonidine or crobenetine or Cyclazocine or dapansutrile or dasolampanel or davasaicin or deacetylappaconitine or "Dentin Desensitizing" or "desensitizing agent\*" or "desensitizing drug\*" or "desensitizing

medication\*" or Dexmedetomidine or difelikefalin or Dihydroergotamine or dimiracetam or dizatrifone or doxpicomine or drinidene or Dronabino or Duloxetine or ecopladib or edronocaine or efipladib or elismetrep or "embelate potassium" or enkephalin or epibatidine or equagesic or Ergotamine or ethoheptazine or fadolmidine or fasinumab or "floctafenic acid" or floctafenine or flunixin or "flunixin meglumine" or flupirtine or Flurbiprofen or frakefamide or fulranumab or funapide or Gabapentin or gefapixant or giripladib or "glafenic acid" or Glafenine or "gw 493838" or "gw 842166" or hasamal or ibudilast or Ibuprofen or indantadol or Interleukin or Ketamine or lacosamide or lappaconitine or lenabasum or letimide or lexanopadol or "Magnesium Sulfate" or mavatrep or Medetomidine or Methotrimeprazine or Milnacipran or Mitoxantrone or Nefopam or neurotropin or "Nitrous Oxide" or nuvanil or olodanrigan or olorinab or olvanil or "omega conotoxin" or panidex or "pf 3557156" or "pf 4136309" or "pf 4480682" or "pf 592379" or "pf 738502" or Phenacetin or Pizotyline or pravadoline or Pregabalin or Quinine or ralfinamide or retigabine or ruzadolane or sampirtine or senrebotase or shogaol or strascogesic or tanezumab or tazadolene or tebanicline or tetrodotoxin or tivanisiran or traxoprodil or vedaclidine or vixotrigine or Xylazine)

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8 TITLE-ABS-KEY(((drug\* or agent\* or medication\*) W/3 (nausea or vomit\*)) or alizapride or "anti emetic\*" or antiemetic\* or antimetic\* or "anti-metic\*" or antinausea\* or "anti-nausea\*" or antivomit\* or "anti-vomit\*" or Aprepitant or azasetron or batanopride or belidral or bendedtin or benzquinamide or bromopride or buclizine or casopitant or chlorcyclizine or chlorphenethazine or Chlorpromazine or cinnarizine or cisapride or clebopride or Cyclizine or dazopride or debendox or Dexamethasone or



- Diazepam or difenidol or Dimenhydrinate or Diphenhydramine or dixyrazine or "dolasetron mesilate" or Domperidone or Doxylamine or dronabinol or Droperidol or exepanol or ezlopitant or fabesetron or fosaprepitant or fosnetupitant or Granisetron or Haloperidol or hydrodolasetron or icospiramide or indisetron or lerisetron or lintopride or Lorazepam or lurosetron or maropitant or Meclizine or meclozine or Methylprednisolone or Metoclopramide or metopimazine or nabilone or netupitant or norchlorpromazine or Olanzapine or Ondansetron or Palonosetron or pancopride or Prochlorperazine or Promazine or promethazine or ramosetron or renzapride or ricasetron or rolapitant or Scopolamine or sulpiride or telmapitant or tetrahydrocannabinol or Thiethylperazine or transmer or Trifluoperazine or Triflupromazine or trimethobenzamide or Tropisetron or vestipitant or vofopitant or zacopride)
- 9 TITLE-ABS-KEY("1 butyl 3 1 naphthoyl indole" or "11 hydroxydronabinol" or "2 arachidonoylglycerol" or "2 methyl 3 1 naphthoyl 1 propylindole" or "3 1 naphthoyl 1 pentylindole" or "3 2 iodo 5 nitrobenzoyl 1 1 methyl 2 piperidinylmethyl indole" or "3 hydroxy delta9 tetrahydrocannabinol" or "ajulemic acid" or anandamide or bhang or bhangs or cannabi or cannabichromene or cannabidiol or cannabielsoin or cannabigerol or cannabinoid or cannabinol or cannabis or cannador or charas or Cindica or deacetyllevonantradol or dexanabinol or dextronantradol or dronabinol or endocannabinoid or ganja or ganjas or hashish or hashishs or hemp or hemsps or levonantradol or marihuana\* or marijuana\* or methanandamide or "n oleoylethanolamine" or nabilone or nabiximols or nantradol or "noladin ether" or palmidrol or tetrahydrocannabinol or "tetrahydrocannabinolic acid" or virodhamine)
- 10 TITLE-ABS-KEY("alpha feedback\*" or biofeedback\* or "bogus physiological feedback\*" or "brainwave feedback\*" or "eeg feedback\*" or "electroencephalography feedback\*" or "electromyography feedback\*" or "false physiological feedback\*" or myofeedback\* or neurofeedback\* or "psychophysiological feedback\*")
- 11 TITLE-ABS-KEY(((Electric\* or electro or galvano or Transcutaneous\*) W/3 (stimulat\* or stimulus)) or electrostimulation\* or electrostimulus or electrotherap\* or "E-stim" or ESTIM or FES or galvanostimulation\* or galvanostimulus or Neuromodulation or neuromodulatory)
- 12 TITLE-ABS-KEY(CBT or "Cognitive behavioral therap\*" or "Cognitive therap\*")
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- (intervention\* W/2 study) or (intervention\* W/2 trial) or "cross-sectional study" or "cross-sectional analysis" or "cross-sectional survey" or "cross-sectional design" or "prevalence study" or "prevalence analysis" or "prevalence survey" or "disease frequency study" or "disease frequency analysis" or "disease frequency survey" or crossover or "cross-over" or cohort\* or "longitudinal study" or "longitudinal survey" or "longitudinal analysis" or "longitudinal evaluation" or longitudinal\* or ((retrospective or "ex post facto") W/3 (study or survey or analysis or design)) or retrospectiv\* or "prospective study" or "prospective survey" or "prospective analysis" or prospectiv\* or "concurrent study" or "concurrent survey" or "concurrent analysis" or "clinical study" or "clinical trial" or "case control study" or "case base study" or "case referent study" or "case referent study" or "case compeer study" or "case comparison study" or "matched case control" or "multicenter study" or "multi-center study" or "odds ratio" or "confidence interval" or "change analysis" or ((study or trial or random\* or control\*) and compar\*)
- 17 1 and (2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15) and 16
- 18 TITLE-ABS-KEY(newborn\* or neonat\* or infant\* or toddler\* or child\* or adolescent\* or paediatric\* or pediatric\* or girl or girls or boy or boys or teen or teens or teenager\* or preschooler\* or "pre-schooler\*" or preteen or preteens or "pre-teen" or "pre-teens" or youth or youths) AND NOT TITLE-ABS-KEY(adult or adults or "middle age" or "middle aged" OR elderly OR geriatric\* OR "old people" OR "old person\*" OR "older people" OR "older person\*" OR "very old")
- 19 17 and not 18
- 20 DOCTYPE(ed) OR DOCTYPE(bk) OR DOCTYPE(er) OR DOCTYPE(no) OR DOCTYPE(sh)
- 21 19 and not 20
- 22 INDEX(embase) OR INDEX(medline) OR PMID(0\* OR 1\* OR 2\* OR 3\* OR 4\* OR 5\* OR 6\* OR 7\* OR 8\* OR 9\*)
- 23 21 and not 22

## **Clinicaltrials.gov**

Condition or disease: "migraine"  
 Limited to Adult, Older Adult

## Appendix D. Characteristics of Included Studies

**Table D-1. Characteristics of included studies**

Author, Year	Country, Study Design, Study Period	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparison	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup (Days)	Patient Characteristics
Akbas, 2021 <sup>1</sup>	RCT in Turkey, 12/01/2019 to 02/29/2020	ED	Mesotherapy (thiocolchicoside plus lidocaine plus tenoxicam)	Intradermal, first mixture 2 mg thiocolchicoside plus 16.2 mg lidocaine plus 5 mg tenoxicam for the glabella, the area between the eyes and ears and the painful area, second mixture 16.2 mg lidocaine plus 5 mg tenoxicam for the pericarotid region	7 days	77 patients aged 36±17.8 years, 42.1% female, BMI 24.5±1.33
	RCT in Turkey, 12/01/2019 to 02/29/2020	ED	Dexketoprofen	IV, 50 mg, once over 5 minutes	7 days	77 patients aged 36±17 years, 43.1% female, BMI 24.5±1.4
Antal, 2020 <sup>2</sup>	RCT in Germany	Outpatient	Transcranial alternating current stimulation	Transcranial stimulation over the visual cortex, 0.4 mA, 140 Hz, for 15 minutes	2 days	16 patients aged 31.1±8.9 years
	RCT in Germany	Outpatient	Sham stimulation	Sham stimulation over the visual cortex, for 15 minutes	2 days	9 patients aged 28.1±10.5 years
Ashina, 2021 <sup>3</sup>	RCT in Europe, North America, and Asia	Outpatient	Lasmiditan 200 mg	Oral, 200 mg, once for four attacks	2 days	486 patients, aged 42±12 years, 86% female, 77% White
	RCT in Europe, North America, and Asia	Outpatient	Lasmiditan 100 mg	Oral, 100 mg, once for four attacks	2 days	485 patients, aged 42±12 years, 83% female, 77% White
	RCT in Europe, North America, and Asia	Outpatient	Placebo	Oral, once for three attacks and lasmiditan 50 mg for either the third or fourth attack	2 days	500 patients, aged 41±12 years, 83% female, 77% White
Domingues, 2021 <sup>4</sup>	RCT in Brazil, 11/2017 to 03/2018	Outpatient	External trigeminal nerve stimulation	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, pulse width 80 µs, frequency 55 Hz, continuous and intermittent (automatic) modes, ramp 2 seconds, pulse train 1 second (continuous), and 3 seconds (intermittent) with mild, moderate, and intense levels that ranged from 16 to 26 volts, over 20 seconds	90 days	44 patients aged 41±10.8 years, 97.7% female, 23% White

Author, Year	Country, Study Design, Study Period	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparison	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup (Days)	Patient Characteristics
Domingues, 2021 <sup>4</sup> (continued)	RCT in Brazil, 11/2017 to 03/2018	Outpatient	Sham stimulation	Electrical current for 30 seconds and no current for the next 15 seconds	90 days	33 patients aged 38±9.7 years, 97% female, 28% White
Friedman, 2020 <sup>5</sup>	RCT in United States of America, 11/2017 to 03/2020	ED	Greater occipital nerve block	Adjacent to the greater occipital nerve, total of 6 mL of bupivacaine 0.5% (3 mL each side) once, in addition to an IV drip of normal saline placebo administered over 15 minutes	2 days	51 patients aged 39±11 years, 86% female
	RCT in United States of America, 11/2017 to 03/2020	ED	Metoclopramide	Sham greater occipital nerve block, total of 6 mL of normal saline injected adjacent to the greater occipital nerve bilaterally (3 mL each side), in addition to an IV drip of 10 mg metoclopramide administered over 15 minutes	2 days	48 patients aged 38±11 years, 71% female
Hodgson, 2021 <sup>6</sup>	RCT in Australia, 04/01/2018 to 03/01/2020	ED	Chlorpromazine	IV, 12.5 mg once over 30 minutes	2 hours	33 patients aged 36.7±10.7 years, 75% female
	RCT in Australia, 04/01/2018 to 03/01/2020	ED	Prochlorperazine	IV, 12.5 mg once over 30 minutes	2 hours	33 patients aged 42.5±11.8 years, 88% female
Hokenek, 2021 <sup>7</sup>	RCT in Turkey, 07/2020 to 03/2021	ED	Greater occipital nerve block	Subcutaneous Injection, 1% lidocaine and 0.9% NaCl, once	2 hours	37 patients aged 36.5±10.37 years, 40% female
	RCT in Turkey, 07/2020 to 03/2021	ED	Supraorbital nerve block	Subcutaneous Injection, 1% lidocaine and 0.9% NaCl, once	2 hours	31 patients aged 36±11.11 years, 67.9% female
	RCT in Turkey, 07/2020 to 03/2021	ED	Combination of greater occipital nerve block plus supraorbital nerve block	Subcutaneous Injection, 1% lidocaine for greater occipital nerve and 1% lidocaine for supraorbital nerve, once	2 hours	43 patients aged 37±9.62 years, 62.8% female
	RCT in Turkey, 07/2020 to 03/2021	ED	Placebo	Subcutaneous Injection, 0.9% NaCl for greater occipital nerve and 0.9% NaCl for supraorbital nerve, once	2 hours	31 patients aged 36±15.55 years, 63% female

Author, Year	Country, Study Design, Study Period	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparison	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup (Days)	Patient Characteristics
Kandil, 2020 <sup>8</sup>	RCT in United States of America, 08/2019 to 03/2020	ED	Magnesium sulfate	IV, 2 g/50 mL dextrose 5% in water, once over 20 minutes	2 hours	61 patients aged 34±15.6 years, 72% female, 49% White, 41% Black, 10% Hispanic, BMI 31.2±7.7
	RCT in United States of America, 08/2019 to 03/2020	ED	Prochlorperazine	IV, 10 mg/50 mL dextrose 5% in water, once over 20 minutes	2 hours	52 patients aged 37.5±15.2 years, 88% female, 27% White, 54% Black, 17% Hispanic, BMI 33.4±7.2
	RCT in United States of America, 08/2019 to 03/2020	ED	Metoclopramide	IV, 10 mg/50 mL dextrose 5% in water, once over 20 minutes	2 hours	44 patients aged 37.5±13.7 years, 75% female, 52% White, 36% Black, 11% Hispanic, BMI 30.1±6.1
Lipton, 2021 <sup>9</sup>	RCT in United States of America, 12/13/2016 and 10/06/2017	Outpatient	Celecoxib	Oral, 120 mg, once	1 day	268 patients aged 41±11.96 years, 84% female, 75.8% White, 20.5% Black, 13.1% Hispanic, 1.6% Asian, 2% other, BMI 30.83±8.22
	RCT in United States of America, 12/13/2016 and 10/06/2017	Outpatient	Placebo	Oral, 4.8 mL, once	1 day	267 patients aged 39.6±12.09 years, 90% female, 73.1% White, 21.7% Black, 14.5% Hispanic, 2.4% Asian, 0.4% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Island, 0.4% American Indian or Alaska Native, 2% other, BMI 30.13±7.78
Lipton, 2021 <sup>10</sup>	RCT in United States of America, 12/2016 to 10/2017	Outpatient	Celecoxib	Oral, 120 mg, once	2-7 days	316 patients aged 41.4±14 years, 82% female, 74% White, 22.1% Black, 13.8% Hispanic, 0.3% Asian, 3.5% other, BMI 30±7.3
	RCT in United States of America, 12/2016 to 10/2017	Outpatient	Placebo	Oral, 4.8 mL, once	2-7 days	315 patients aged 40.4±13 years, 86.6% female, 73.9% White, 22.3% Black, 14.5% Hispanic, 1.1% Asian, 2.8% other, BMI 30.4±7.4
Meek, 2020 <sup>11</sup>	RCT in Australia, 03/01/2016 to 10/31/2018	ED	Propofol	IV, maximum dose 140 mg over 40 minutes (initial dose of 40 mg followed by up to five doses of 20 mg, over 5 minutes apart)	2 days	21 patients, aged 35±9.6 years, 81% female
	RCT in Australia, 03/01/2016 to 10/31/2018	ED	Placebo	IV, maximum dose 14 mL (20% intralipid), over 40 minutes (initial dose of 4 mL followed by up to five doses of 2 mL, over 5 minutes apart)	2 days	19 patients, aged 35±11.9 years, 84% female

Author, Year	Country, Study Design, Study Period	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparison	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup (Days)	Patient Characteristics
Motamed, 2020 <sup>12</sup>	RCT in Iran, 10/2017 to 11/2018	ED	Metoclopramide plus magnesium sulphate	IV, 2 g magnesium sulfate plus 10 mg metoclopramide once	45 minutes	40 patients aged 20-30 years (12.5%), 31-40 years (52.5%), >40 (35%) years, 50% female
	RCT in Iran, 10/2017 to 11/2018	ED	Metoclopramide	IV, 10 mg metoclopramide plus placebo once	45 minutes	40 patients aged 20-30 years (22.5%), 31-40 years (42.5%), >40 (35%) years, 50% female
Sakai, 2021 <sup>13</sup>	RCT in Japan, 05/30/2019 and 06/08/2020	Outpatient	Lasmiditan 50 mg	Oral, 50 mg, once	3-28 days	109 patients aged 44.9±10.2 years, 86.2% female, BMI 22.4±3.7
	RCT in Japan, 05/30/2019 and 06/08/2020	Outpatient	Lasmiditan 100 mg	Oral, 100 mg, once	3-28 days	261 patients aged 45.7±9.7 years, 84.6% female, BMI 22.6±3.7
	RCT in Japan, 05/30/2019 and 06/08/2020	Outpatient	Lasmiditan 200 mg	Oral, 200 mg, once	3-28 days	218 patients aged 44.7±10.4 years, 79.7% female, BMI 22.7±3.4
	RCT in Japan, 05/30/2019 and 06/08/2020	Outpatient	Placebo	Oral, once	3-28 days	258 patients aged 45.2±9 years, 83.2% female, BMI 22.6±4.1
Shah, 2021 <sup>14</sup>	RCT in United States of America, 09/2018 and 09/2019	Outpatient	Dry oxygen	Transnasal, 15 L/minute, once over 15 minutes with nasal saline drops	1 day	12 patients aged 49±15.4 years, 91% female, 92% White
	RCT in United States of America, 09/2018 and 09/2019	Outpatient	Dry air	Transnasal, 15 L/minute, once over 15 minutes with nasal saline drops	1 day	11 patients aged 47±16 years, 82% female, 91% White
	RCT in United States of America, 09/2018 and 09/2019	Outpatient	Humidified oxygen	Transnasal, 15 L/minute, once over 15 minutes with nasal saline drops	1 day	20 patients aged 54±15 years, 80% female, 80% White
	RCT in United States of America, 09/2018 and 09/2019	Outpatient	Humidified air	Transnasal, 15 L/minute, once over 15 minutes with nasal saline drops	1 day	8 patients aged 46±11.3 years, 88% female, 75% White

Author, Year	Country, Study Design, Study Period	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparison	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup (Days)	Patient Characteristics
Winner, 2021 <sup>15</sup>	RCT in United States of America, and Georgia, 11/04/2019 and 07/08/2020	Outpatient	Eptinezumab	IV, 100 mg (total volume of 100 mL with 0.9% saline), once over 30-45 minutes	28 days	241 patients aged 44.9±12 years, 84.9% female, 84% White, 12.6% Black, 12.2% Hispanic, 0.8% Asian, 0.8% American Indian or Alaska native, 0.4% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Island, 1.3% multiple, BMI 27±4.5
	RCT in United States of America, and Georgia, 11/04/2019 and 07/08/2020	Outpatient	Placebo	IV, total volume of 100 mL with 0.9% saline, once over 30-45 minutes	28 days	244 patients aged 44.1±12.1 years, 83.1% female, 88% White, 7.9% Black, 12.8% Hispanic, 1.2% Asian, 0.4% American Indian or Alaska native, 0.4% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Island, 1.7% multiple, 0.4% other, BMI 26.6±4.4

Abbreviations: BMI = body mass index; ED = emergency department; g = gram; Hz = hertz; IV = intravenous; L = liter; μs = microsecond; mA = milliampere; mg = milligram; mL = milliliter; NaCl = sodium chloride; RCT = randomized clinical trial

## Appendix E. Results From Included Studies

**Table E-1. Results from included studies: KQ 2. nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs**

Author, Year, Study Design	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparator	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup	Conclusion
Lipton, 2021, <sup>9</sup> RCT	Outpatient	Celecoxib vs. Placebo	Oral, 120 mg, once vs. Oral, 4.8 mL, once	1 day	Celecoxib was superior to placebo for the outcomes of pain free, pain relief, function scale at 2 hours and sustained pain free and sustained pain relief at 24 hours. No significant difference was found on adverse events. No serious adverse events or withdrawal due to adverse events were reported.
Lipton, 2021, <sup>10</sup> RCT	Outpatient	Celecoxib vs. Placebo	Oral, 120 mg, once vs. Oral, 4.8 mL, once	2-7 days	No significant difference was observed on pain free at 2 hours, and number of adverse events.

Abbreviations: ED = emergency department; KQ = Key Question; mg = milligram; mL = milliliter; RCT = randomized clinical trial



**Table E-2. Results from included studies: KQ 2. antiemetic**

Author, Year, Study Design	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparator	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup	Conclusion
Hodgson, 2021, <sup>6</sup> RCT	ED	Chlorpromazine vs. Prochlorperazine	IV, 12.5 mg once over 30 minutes vs. IV, 12.5 mg once over 30 minutes	2 hours	There was no statistically significant difference on reduction of pain scale at 2 hours. Significantly more adverse events were reported in the chlorpromazine group than the prochlorperazine group.
Kandil, 2020, <sup>8</sup> RCT	ED	Magnesium sulfate vs. Prochlorperazine vs. Metoclopramide	IV, 2 g/50 mL dextrose 5% in water, once over 20 minutes vs. IV, 10 mg/50 mL dextrose 5% in water, once over 20 minutes vs. IV, 10 mg/50 mL dextrose 5% in water, once over 20 minutes	2 hours	There was no statistically significant difference on reduction of pain scale at 2 hours and adverse events.
Motamed, 2020, <sup>12</sup> RCT	ED	Metoclopramide plus magnesium sulphate vs. Metoclopramide	IV, 2 g magnesium sulfate plus 10 mg metoclopramide once vs. IV, 10 mg metoclopramide plus placebo once	45 minutes	There was no statistically significant difference on reduction of pain scale at 2 hours. No adverse events were reported in either groups.

Abbreviations: ED = emergency department; g = gram; IV = intravenous; mg = milligram; mL = milliliter; RCT = randomized clinical trial

**Table E-3. Results from included studies: KQ 2. 5-HT1F**

Author, Year, Study Design	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparator	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup	Conclusion
Ashina, 2021, <sup>3</sup> RCT	Outpatient	Lasmiditan 200 mg vs. Lasmiditan 100 mg vs. Placebo	Oral, 200 mg, once for four attacks vs. Oral, 100 mg, once for four attacks vs. Oral, placebo once for 3 attacks and lasmiditan 50 mg for either the third or fourth attack	2 days	Significantly more patients treated by lasmiditan 200 mg, or 100 mg reported pain free, pain relief and restored function at 2 hours, and sustained pain free at 1 day and 2 days, compared with placebo. Significantly more adverse events were reported in the lasmiditan groups. No death was reported.
Sakai, 2021, <sup>13</sup> RCT	Outpatient	Lasmiditan 50 mg vs. Lasmiditan 100 mg vs. Lasmiditan 200 mg vs. Placebo	Oral, 50 mg, once vs. Oral, 100 mg, once vs. Oral, 200 mg, once vs. Oral, once	3-28 days	Significantly more patients treated by lasmiditan 200 mg, or 100 mg reported pain free, pain relief, and improved function at 2 hours, and sustained pain free at 1 day and 2 days, compared with placebo. Lasmiditan 50 mg reported significantly more patients with pain relief at 2 hours, compared to placebo. Significantly more adverse events were reported in the lasmiditan groups. No serious adverse events, death, and withdrawal due to adverse events were reported.

Abbreviations: ED = emergency department; KQ = Key Question; mg = milligram; RCT = randomized clinical trial

**Table E-4. Results from included studies: KQ 2. calcitonin gene-related peptide monoclonal antibodies**

<b>Author, Year, Study Design</b>	<b>Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)</b>	<b>Intervention(s) and Comparator</b>	<b>Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration</b>	<b>Length of Followup</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
Winner, 2021, <sup>15</sup> RCT	Outpatient	Eptinezumab vs. Placebo	IV, 100 mg (total volume of 100 mL with 0.9% saline), once over 30-45 minutes vs. IV, total volume of 100 mL with 0.9% saline, once over 30-45 minutes	28 days	Eptinezumab significantly increased pain free at 2 hours and 1 day, and sustained pain free at 1 day and 2 days.

Abbreviations: ED = emergency department; IV = intravenous; KQ = Key Question; mg = milligram; mL = milliliter; RCT = randomized clinical trial

**Table E-5. Results from included studies: KQ 2. other interventions**

Author, Year, Study Design	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparator	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup	Conclusion
Akbas, 2021, <sup>1</sup> RCT	ED	Mesotherapy (thiocolchicoside plus lidocaine plus tenoxicam) vs. Dexketoprofen	Intradermal, first mixture 2 mg thiocolchicoside plus 16.2 mg lidocaine plus 5 mg tenoxicam for the glabella, the area between the eyes and ears and the painful area, second mixture 16.2 mg lidocaine plus 5 mg tenoxicam for the pericarotid region vs. IV, 50 mg, once over 5 minutes	7 days	Patients in the mesotherapy group reported significantly more pain relief and reduction of pain scores at 2 hours and 24 hours. No significant difference was found in adverse events.
Friedman, 2020, <sup>5</sup> RCT	ED	Greater occipital nerve block vs. Metoclopramide	Adjacent to the greater occipital nerve, total of 6 mL of bupivacaine 0.5% (3 mL each side) once, in addition to an IV drip of normal saline placebo administered over 15 minutes vs. Sham greater occipital nerve block, total of 6 mL of normal saline injected adjacent to the greater occipital nerve bilaterally (3 mL each side), in addition to an IV drip of 10 mg metoclopramide administered over 15 minutes	2 days	There was no significant difference between the two groups on pain scale at 2 hours, sustained pain relief and sustained pain free at 2 days, and adverse events.

Author, Year, Study Design	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparator	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup	Conclusion
Hokenek, 2021, <sup>7</sup> RCT	ED	Greater occipital nerve block vs. Supraorbital nerve block vs. Combination of greater occipital nerve block and supraorbital nerve block vs. Placebo	Subcutaneous Injection, 1% lidocaine and 0.9% NaCl, once vs. Subcutaneous Injection, 1% lidocaine and 0.9% NaCl, once vs. Subcutaneous Injection, 1% lidocaine for greater occipital nerve and 1% lidocaine for supraorbital nerve, once vs. Subcutaneous Injection, 0.9% NaCl for greater occipital nerve and 0.9% NaCl for supraorbital nerve, once	2 hours	Patients with greater occipital nerve block, supraorbital nerve block, or the combination of greater occipital nerve block and supraorbital nerve block reported significantly more reduction of pain scales at 2 hours, compared to placebo, while patients with greater occipital nerve block and the combination reported significantly more reduction of pain scales at 2 hours than those in the supraorbital nerve block group. No serious adverse events were reported.
Meek, 2020, <sup>11</sup> RCT	ED	Propofol vs. Placebo	IV, maximum dose 140 mg over 40 minutes (initial dose of 40 mg followed by up to five doses of 20 mg, over 5 minutes apart) vs. IV, maximum dose 14 mL (20% intralipid), over 40 minutes (initial dose of 4 mL followed by up to five doses of 2 mL, over 5 minutes apart)	2 days	Significantly more patients in the propofol group reported pain relief at 40 minutes and adverse events, compared to the placebo group. There was no significant difference in pain free and reduction of pain scale at 40 minutes and sustained pain free at 2 days.

Abbreviations: ED = emergency department; IV = intravenous; KQ = Key Question; mg = milligram; mL = milliliter; NaCl = sodium chloride; RCT = randomized clinical trial

**Table E-6. Results from included studies. KQ 3. nonpharmacologic therapy**

Author, Year, Study Design	Study Setting (Outpatient, Inpatient, ED)	Intervention(s) and Comparator	Route of Administration, Dose, and Duration	Length of Followup	Conclusion
Antal, 2020, <sup>2</sup> RCT	Outpatient	Transcranial alternating current stimulation vs. Sham stimulation	Transcranial stimulation over the visual cortex, 0.4 mA, 140 Hz, for 15 minutes vs. Sham stimulation over the visual cortex, for 15 minutes	2 days	Patients in the transcranial stimulation reported significantly more pain reduction at 2 hours and sustained pain free at 1 day and 2 days, compared to those in the sham group.
Domingues, 2021, <sup>4</sup> RCT	Outpatient	External trigeminal nerve stimulation vs. Sham stimulation	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, pulse width 80 $\mu$ s, frequency 55 Hz, continuous and intermittent (automatic) modes, ramp 2 seconds, pulse train 1 second (continuous), and 3 seconds (intermittent) with mild, moderate, and intense levels that ranged from 16 to 26 volts, over 20 seconds vs. Electrical current for 30 seconds and no current for the next 15 seconds	90 days	Patients treated by transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation reported significantly more reduction of pain scale at 2 hours, compared to sham stimulation. No patients reported adverse events.
Shah, 2021, <sup>14</sup> RCT	Outpatient	Dry oxygen vs. Dry air vs. Humidified oxygen vs. Humidified air	Transnasal, 15 L/minute, once over 15 minutes with nasal saline drops vs. Transnasal, 15 L/minute, once over 15 minutes with nasal saline drops vs. Transnasal, 15 L/minute, once over 15 minutes with nasal saline drops vs. Transnasal, 15 L/minute, once over 15 minutes with nasal saline drops	1 day	Patients with dry oxygen, dry air, or humidified oxygen reported significantly more reduction of pain scale at 2 hours than those in the humidified air group; while patients with dry air reported significantly more pain relief at 2 hours than those with humidified air. No significant difference between dry oxygen, dry air, or humidified oxygen was reported on pain scale at 2 hours. No significant adverse events were reported.

Abbreviations: ED = emergency department; Hz = hertz; KQ = Key Question; L = liter;  $\mu$ s = microsecond; mA = milliamperes; mL = milliliter; RCT = randomized clinical trial

## Appendix F. Risk of Bias

**Table F-1. Risk of bias (Cochrane ROB tool) for included randomized clinical trial studies**

Author, Year	Overall ROB	ROB From Randomization Process	ROB due to Deviations From Intended Interventions	ROB due to Missing Outcome Data	ROB in Measurement of Outcomes	ROB in Selection of the Reported Results
Akbas, 2021 <sup>1</sup>	High risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Moderate risk	Low risk
Antal, 2020 <sup>2</sup>	Moderate risk	Low risk	Low risk	Moderate risk	Low risk	Low risk
Ashina, 2021 <sup>3</sup>	High risk	Moderate risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk
Domingues, 2021 <sup>4</sup>	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Friedman, 2020 <sup>5</sup>	Moderate risk	Moderate risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Hodgson, 2021 <sup>6</sup>	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Hokenek, 2021 <sup>7</sup>	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Moderate risk
Kandil, 2020 <sup>8</sup>	Moderate risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Moderate risk	Low risk
Lipton, 2021 <sup>9</sup>	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Lipton, 2021 <sup>10</sup>	High risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Meek, 2020 <sup>11</sup>	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	High risk	Moderate risk	Moderate risk
Motamed, 2020 <sup>12</sup>	Moderate risk	Moderate risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Sakai, 2021 <sup>13</sup>	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Shah, 2021 <sup>14</sup>	Moderate risk	Low risk	Moderate risk	Low risk	Moderate risk	Low risk
Winner, 2021 <sup>15</sup>	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Moderate risk	Low risk

Abbreviations: ROB = risk of bias

## Appendix G. Excluded Studies

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## Appendix H. Subgroup Analysis

**Table H-1. Subgroup analysis by age for 5-HT<sub>1F</sub> receptor agonist**

<b>Comparisons</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>	<b>Findings</b>
Lasmiditan (50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg) vs. Placebo <sup>16</sup>	SAE	<65 years	RR: 0.66; 95% CI: 0.16 to 2.76; I <sup>2</sup> =N/A
	SAE	≥65 years	RR: 2.90; 95% CI: 0.15 to 55.11; I <sup>2</sup> =N/A
Lasmiditan (50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg) ≥65 years vs. Lasmiditan (50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg) <65 years <sup>16</sup>	SAE	≥65 years vs. <65 years	RR: 13.84; 95% CI: 3.34 to 57.30; I <sup>2</sup> =N/A
Lasmiditan (50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg) vs. Placebo <sup>16</sup>	Any AE	<65 years	RR: 2.57; 95% CI: 2.22 to 2.98; I <sup>2</sup> =N/A
	Any AE	≥65 years	RR: 3.72; 95% CI: 1.68 to 8.25; I <sup>2</sup> =N/A
Lasmiditan (50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg) ≥65 years vs. Lasmiditan (50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg) <65 years <sup>16</sup>	Any AE	≥65 years vs. <65 years	RR: 0.98; 95% CI: 0.77 to 1.24; I <sup>2</sup> =N/A

Abbreviations: AE = adverse event; CI = confidence interval; mg = milligram; N/A = not applicable; RR = relative risk; SAE = serious adverse event

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