**SUPPLEMENTAL DIGITAL CONTENT 5**
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**Table 15. Performance improvement programs compared to routine care for sepsis**

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**Question:** Performance improvement programs compared to routine care for sepsis  
**Setting:** inpatients


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<tr>
<th>Quality assessment</th>
<th>No of patients</th>
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<th>Quality</th>
<th>Importance</th>
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<td>No of studies</td>
<td>Study design</td>
<td>Risk of bias</td>
<td>Inconsistency</td>
<td>Indirectness</td>
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<td>Overall mortality</td>
<td>43 observational studies</td>
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CI: Confidence interval; OR: Odds ratio; N/A: Not applicable

1. We downgraded the quality of evidence by one level for significant inconsistency, $I^2 = 89\%$