APPENDIX

Appendix aTable 1. Main PRISMA 2020 statement and checklist

| Торіс | No. | Item | Location where item is reported |
|----------------------------------|-----|--|---------------------------------------|
| TITLE | | | |
| Title | 1 | Identify the report as a systematic review. | Page 227 |
| ABSTRACT | | | |
| Abstract | 2 | See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist | Pages 227-228 |
| INTRODUCTION | | | |
| Rationale | 3 | Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge. | Pages 228-229 |
| Objectives | 4 | Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses. | Page 229 |
| METHODS | | | |
| Eligibility criteria | 5 | Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses. | Pages 229-230 |
| Information sources | 6 | Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted. | Page 229 |
| Search strategy | 7 | Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used. | Page 229 |
| Selection process | 8 | Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclu- sion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked inde- pendently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process. | Page 229 |
| Data collection process | 9 | Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automa- tion tools used in the process. | Page 230 |
| Data items | 10a | List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome do- main in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect. | Page 230 |
| | 10b | List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information. | Page 230 |
| Study risk of bias assessment | 11 | Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process. | Page 231 |
| Effect measures | 12 | Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results. | Page 230 |
| Synthesis methods | 13a | Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention character- istics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item 5)). | Page 230 |
| | 13b | Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions. | Page 230 |
| | 13d | Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used. | Pages 230-231 |

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| | 13e | Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of hetero- geneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regres- sion). | N/A |
| | 13f | Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results. | Page 231 |
| Reporting bias assessment | 14 | Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases). | N/A |
| Certainty assessment | 15 | Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome. | Page 238 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Study selection | 16a | Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram. | Pages 231-233 |
| | 16b | Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded. | Appendix aTable 2 |
| Study characteristics | 17 | Cite each included study and present its characteristics. | Page 233 Table |
| Risk of bias in studies | 18 | Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study. | Page 234, Appendix aTable 3 |
| Results of individual studies | 19 | For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots. | Pages 234-239 |
| Results of syntheses | 20a | For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies. | N/A |
| | 20b | Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analy- sis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its preci- sion (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect. | Pages 236-239 |
| | 20c | Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heteroge- neity among study results. | N/A |
| | 20d | Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results. | Appendix aTable 6-7 |
| Reporting biases | 21 | Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed. | N/A |
| Certainty of evidence | 22 | Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed. | Appendix aTable 4-5 |
| DISCUSSION | | | |
| Discussion | 23a | Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence. | Pages 239-240 |
| | 23b | Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review. | Page 240 |
| | 23c | Discuss any limitations of the review processes used. | Page 241 |
| | 23d | Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research. | Page 240 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | | | |
| Registration and protocol | 24a | Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered. | N/A |
| | 24b | Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared. | N/A |
| | 24c | Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol. | N/A |
| Support | 25 | Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review. | N/A |
| Competing interests | 26 | Declare any competing interests of review authors. | N/A |

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| Availability of data, code and other materials | 27 | Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review. | N/A |

Legend. N/A, does not apply or not reported.

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| First autor, publication year | Title | Reason for exclusion |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Chen, 2020 | Effects of a mind map-based life review program on psychospiritual well-being in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy: A randomized controlled trial | Intervention: MBLRP |
| Holtmaat, 2020 | Long-term efficacy of meaning-centered group psychotherapy for cancer survivors: 2-Year follow-up results of a randomized controlled trial | Sample: cancer survivors |
| Masterson-Duva, 2020 | Adapting meaning-centered psychotherapy for World Trade Center responders | Design: protocol adaptation |
| Soto-Rubio, 2020 | Responding to the Spiritual Needs of Palliative Care Patients: A Randomized Controlled Trial to Test the Effectiveness of the Kibo Therapeutic Interview | Intervention: Kibo interview |
| Steinhauser, 2020 | Current measures of distress may not account for what's most important in existential care interventions: Results of the outlook trial | Intervention: Outlook intervention |
| Winger, 2020 | Enhancing meaning in the face of advanced cancer and pain: Qualitative evalu- ation of a meaning-centered psychosocial pain management intervention | Design: qualitative analysis |
| Emafti, 2019 | The Effect of Group Logotherapy on Spirituality and Death Anxiety of Patients with Cancer: An Open-Label Randomized Clinical Trial | Intervention: group logotherapy |
| Kang, 2019 | Meaning-Centered Interventions for Patients With Advanced or Terminal Cancer A Meta-analysis | Design: secondary study (SR y MA) |
| Kissane, 2019 | Meaning and Purpose (MaP) therapy II: Feasibility and acceptability from a pilot study in advanced cancer | Intervention: Meaning and Purpose (MaP) |
| Kwan, 2019 | The effectiveness of a nurse-led short term life review intervention in enhancing the spiritual and psychological well-being of people receiving palliative care: A mixed method study | Intervention: short version life review |
| Lichtenthal, 2019 | An Open Trial of Meaning-Centered Grief Therapy: Rationale and Prelimi- nary Evaluation | Sample: parents who lost a child |
| Park, 2019 | Effects of psychosocial interventions on meaning and purpose in adults with cancer: A systematic review and meta-analysis | Design: secondary study (SR y MA) |
| Feng, 2018 | Efficacy of Meaning-centered Group Psychotherapy for Lung Cancer Pa- tients: A Randomized Controlled Trial | Other: full text not available |
| Fraguell, 2018 | Psychological aspects of meaning-centered group psychotherapy: Spanish experience | Design: qualitative analysis |
| Ryu, 2018 | Preliminary findings on the effectiveness of meaning-centered psychotherapy in patients with pancreatobiliary cancer. | Intervention: MCP and stress management |
| Sajadi, 2018 | Effect of spiritual counseling on spiritual well-being in Iranian women with cancer: A randomized clinical trial | Intervention: spiritual counselling |
| Yang, 2018 | Meaning-centered group psychotherapy for patients with lung cancer in China: a randomized controlled trial | Other: full text not available |
| Applebaum, 2017 | Exploring the cancer caregiver's journey through web Dased Meaning Centered Psychotherapy | Sample: caregivers |
| de Bernardin Gon- calves, 2017 | Complementary religious and spiritual interventions in physical health and quality of life: A systematic review of randomized controlled clinical trials | Design: secondary study (SR) |
| Holtmaat, 2017 | Moderators of the effects of meaning-centered group psychotherapy in cancer survivors on personal meaning, psychological well-being, and distress | Sample: cancer survivors |
| Lichtenthal, 2017 | Meaning-centered grief therapy for parents bereaved by cancer: Open trial findings | Sample: parents who lost a child |
| van der Spek, 2017 | Efficacy of meaning-centered group psychotherapy for cancer survivors: a randomized controlled trial | Sample: cancer survivors |
| Kruizinga, 2016 | The effect of spiritual interventions addressing existential themes using a narrative approach on quality of life of cancer patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis | Design: secondary study (SR y MA) |
| Gagnon, 2015 | A cognitive-existential intervention to improve existential and global quality of life in cancer patients: A pilot study | Intervention: cogni- tive-existential inter- vention |
| Lichtenthal, 2015 | The central role of meaning in adjustment to the loss of a child to cancer: implications for the development of meaning-centered grief therapy | Sample: parents who lost a child |
| Maheu, 2015 | Breast and ovarian cancer survivors' experience of participating in a cogni- tive-existential group intervention addressing fear of cancer recurrence | Intervention: cogni- tive-existential inter- vention |

Appendix aTable 2. Excluded studies after full-text assessment

| First autor, publication year | Title | Reason for exclusion |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Ownsworth, 2015 | Existential well-being and meaning making in the context of primary brain tumor: conceptualization and implications for intervention | Intervention: Making Sense of Brain Tumor (MSoBT) program |
| van der Spek, 2015 | Effectiveness of Meaning-centered Group Psychotherapy Targeting Cancer Survivors: Outcomes of a Randomized Controlled Trial | Sample: cancer survivors |
| Borovska, 2014 | Growing Up Without Growing Old: Meaning Sources Identified by Older vs. Younger Women With Metastatic Breast Cancer | Design: qualitative analysis |
| Farhadi, 2014 | Efficacy of group meaning centered hope therapy of cancer patients and their families on patients' quality of life. | Intervention: meaning centered hope therapy |
| Scheffold, 2014 | Sources of meaning in cancer patients - influences on global meaning, anxi- ety and depression in a longitudinal study | Design: observational |
| van der Spek, 2014 | Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of meaning-centered group psychothera- py in cancer survivors: protocol of a randomized controlled trial | Sample: cancer survivors |
| van der Spek, 2014 | Meaning centered group psychotherapy in cancer survivors: A feasibility study | Sample: cancer survivors |
| Jafari, 2013 | The effect of spiritual therapy for improving the quality of life of women with breast cancer: A randomized controlled trial | Intervention: spiritual therapy |
| Lloyd-Williams, 2013 | A pilot randomised controlled trial to reduce suffering and emotional distress in patients with advanced cancer | Intervention: narrative interview |
| van der Spek, 2013 | Efficacy and Cost Evaluation of Meaning-Centered Group Psychotherapy in Cancer Survivors: Protocol of a Randomized Controlled Trial | Sample: cancer survivors |
| van der Spek, 2013 | Meaning Making in Cancer Survivors: A Focus Group Study | Sample: cancer survivors |
| Applebaum, 2012 | Factors associated with attrition from a randomized controlled trial of mean- ing-centered group psychotherapy for patients with advanced cancer | Other: irelevant data report |
| Mok, 2012 | The Meaning of Life Intervention for Patients With Advanced-Stage Cancer: Development and Pilot Study | Intervention: Meaning of Life |
| Applebaum, 2011 | Factors associated with attrition from a randomized controlled trial of mean- ing-centered group psychotherapy for patients with advanced cancer | Other: irelevant data report |
| Fillion, 2006 | Enhancing meaning in palliative care practice: a meaning-centered interven- tion to promote job satisfaction. | Sample: designed to support nurses provid- ing palliative care. |
| Fillion, 2006 | A meaning-centered intervention to enhance job satisfaction and quality of life in palliative care nursing: A randomized-controlled trial | Sample: designed to support nurses provid- ing palliative care. |
| Miller, 2005 | Supportive-affective group experience for persons with life-threatening illness: reducing spiritual, psychological, and death-related distress in dying patients. | Intervention: Life-Threatening Ill- ness Supportive-Affec- tive Group Experience (LTI-SAGE) model |
| Kaplar, 2004 | The effect of religious and spiritual interventions on the biological, psycho- logical, and spiritual outcomes of oncology patients: A meta-analytic review | Design: secondary study (MA) |

Legend: MA, meta-analysis; SR, systematic review

| Domain CTAM | Item | Maximum score | Maximum Fraguell-Hernando, 2020 ⁽⁵⁰⁾ Breitbart, 2018 ⁽²³⁾ Gil, 2018 ⁽²⁹⁾ Rosenfeld, 2017 ⁽¹³⁾ Breitbart, 2015 ⁽¹³⁾ Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ Breitbart, 2010 ⁽¹¹⁾ score | Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ | Gil, 2018 ⁽²⁹⁾ | Rosenfeld, 2017 | Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | Breitbart, 2010 ⁽¹¹⁾ |
|---|--|------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Sample | a. Recruitment method | v | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | b. Sample size over 27 participants per treatment group | s | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | Ş | 5 |
| 2. Allocation | c. Randomisation | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| | d . Randomisation de- scribed | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | e. Independent rando- misation | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Assessment | 3. Assessment f. Independent assess- ments | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | g. Standardised measures | 9 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| | h. Blinding | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | i. Blinding described | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | j. Blinding verified | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Control groups | k. TAU or controls for non-specific effects | 16 | 10 | 16 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 5. Analysis | 1. Analysis appropriate to design | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| | m. Analysis includes all participants as ran- domised and appropriate handling of dropouts | 10 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 4 |
| 6. Active treatment | n. Treatment described and manual/ protocol treatment used | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| | o. Adherence to protocol assessed | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Total score | | 100 | 43 | 65 | 45 | 20 | 59 | 56 | 53 |
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| Outcome | Time | Condition | k | n Pre | SMD (95% CI)* | р | 12 |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|---|----------|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| Anxiety | Pre vs | МСР | 4 | 243 | -0.473 (-0.608 a -0.338) | < 0.001 | 15.315 |
| | Post | Control | 4 | 218 | -0.173 (-0.339 a -0.007) | 0.041 | 39.227 |
| | Pre vs 2 | МСР | 3 | 227 | -0.359 (-0.481 a -0.237) | < 0.001 | 0 |
| | months | Control | 3 | 202 | -0.212 (-0.520 a 0.096) | 0.176 | 81.652 |
| Depression | Pre vs | МСР | 4 | 243 | -0.499 (-0.736 a -0.263) | < 0.001 | 68.318 |
| | Post | Control | 4 | 218 | -0.138 (-0.476 a 0.200) | 0.423 | 84.596 |
| | Pre vs 2 | МСР | 3 | 227 | -0.460 (-0.617 a -0.302) | < 0.001 | 34.868 |
| | months | Control | 3 | 202 | -0.425 (-0.677 a -0.173) | 0.001 | 71.194 |
| Quality of life | Post | МСР | 3 | 227 | 0.600 (0.376 a 0.825) | < 0.001 | 64.537 |
| Po | Post | Control | 3 | 202 | 0.165 (0.039 a 0.290) | 0.010 | 0 |
| | Pre vs 2 | МСР | 3 | 227 | 0.476 (0.337 a 0.616) | < 0.001 | 17.642 |
| | months | Control | 3 | 202 | 0.173 (0.023 a 0.324) | 0.023 | 26.674 |
| Spiritual | Pre vs | МСР | 3 | 227 | 0.524 (0.373 a 0.674) | < 0.001 | 27.150 |
| well-being | Post | Control | 3 | 202 | 0.270 (0.010 a 0.530) | 0.042 | 74.155 |
| | Pre vs 2 | МСР | 3 | 227 | 0.431 (0.308 a 0.555) | < 0.001 | 0 |
| | months | Control | 3 | 202 | 0.277 (0.071 a 0.483) | 0.008 | 59.197 |
| Desire for | Pre vs | МСР | 2 | 187 | -0.275 (-0.407 a -0.143) | < 0.001 | 0 |
| hastened death | Post | Control | 2 | 165 | -0.048 (-0.186 a 0.091) | 0.499 | 0 |
| ucatli | Pre vs 2 | МСР | 2 | 187 | -0.208 (-0.386 a -0.030) | 0.022 | 45.464 |
| | months | Control | 2 | 165 | -0.126 (-0.344 a 0.091) | 0.256 | 59.150 |

Appendix aTable 4. Meta-analysis of the intragroup differences in RCTs

Legend: 2 months, two months of follow-up after treatment completion; SMD, standardised mean difference; k, number of studies included in the meta-analytic synthesis; MCP, Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy; Pre, pre-treatment; Post, posttreatment. *For anxiety, depression and desire for hastened death, values <0 indicate a therapeutic improvement; for quality of life and spiritual wellbeing, values >0 indicate a therapeutic improvement.

| Outcome | Time | k | n MCP | n control | SMD (95% CI) | р | I2 |
|------------------------|----------|---|-------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--------|
| Anxiety | Pre | 4 | 243 | 218 | 0.087 (-0.299 a 0.472) | 0.659 | 73.199 |
| | Post | 4 | 201 | 181 | -0.172 (-0.630 a 0.286) | 0.462 | 78.060 |
| | 2 months | 3 | 160 | 133 | 0.039 (-0.329 a 0.408) | 0.834 | 59.333 |
| Depression | Pre | 4 | 243 | 218 | 0.129 (-0.252 a 0.509) | 0.507 | 72.438 |
| | Post | 4 | 201 | 181 | -0.292 (-0.794 a 0.210) | 0.255 | 81.186 |
| | 2 meses | 3 | 160 | 133 | 0.142 (-0.089 a 0.373) | 0.227 | 0 |
| Quality of life | Pre | 3 | 227 | 202 | -0.240 (-0.587 a 0.106) | 0.174 | 67.506 |
| | Post | 3 | 185 | 165 | 0.205 (-0.168 a 0.578) | 0.281 | 66.665 |
| | 2 months | 3 | 160 | 133 | 0.071 (-0.168 a 0.309) | 0.563 | 6.150 |
| Spiritual | Pre | 3 | 227 | 202 | -0.201 (-0.473 a 0.071) | 0.147 | 47.916 |
| well-being | Post | 3 | 185 | 165 | 0.087 (-0.160 a 0.334) | 0.492 | 25.922 |
| | 2 months | 3 | 160 | 133 | -0.001 (-0.232 a 0.230) | 0.993 | 0 |
| Desire for | Pre | 2 | 187 | 165 | 0.112 (-0.150 a 0.375) | 0.402 | 36.080 |
| hastened | Post | 2 | 145 | 128 | -0.128 (-0.384 a 0.128) | 0.328 | 13.516 |
| death | 2 months | 2 | 127 | 99 | 0.017 (-0.246 a 0.280) | 0.900 | 0 |
| Outcome | Time | k | n MCP | n control | OR (95% IC) | р | I2 |
| Risk of abandonment | Post | 4 | 314 | 290 | 0.860 (0.508 a 1.454) | 0.573 | 0 |

Appendix aTable 5. Meta-analysis of the intergroup differences in RCTs

Legend: 2 months, two months of follow-up after treatment completion; SMD, standardised mean difference; k, number of studies included in the meta-analytic synthesis; OR, odds ratio; MCP, Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy; Pre, pretreatment; Post, posttreatment. * For anxiety, depression and desire for hastened death, values <0 favor MCP; for quality of life and spiritual well-being, values >0 favor MCP.

| Outcome | Time | Condition | Removed study | SMD | 95% Cli | 95% CIs | р* |
|-----------------|--------|--|--|--|---|------------|--------|
| | | | Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ | 0.612 | 0.445 | 0.779 | <0.001 |
| | | MCD | Breitbart, 2018(32) | 0.466 | 0.274 | 0.659 | <0.001 |
| | | МСР | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | 0.504 | ID CIi CIs 12 0.445 0.779 66 0.274 0.659 04 0.291 0.716 24 0.373 0.674 12 -0.110 0.733 48 -0.018 0.314 46 0.018 0.674 70 0.010 0.530 82 0.320 0.644 95 0.235 0.555 22 0.287 0.558 31 0.308 0.555 00 -0.051 0.650 80 0.014 0.346 40 0.098 0.582 77 0.071 0.483 95 0.524 0.866 96 0.189 1.002 25 0.293 0.757 00 0.376 0.825 99 0.038 0.361 21 -0.045 0.286 70 0.031 0.309 | 0.716 | <0.001 |
| | Deat | | TOTAL | emoved studySMDCIiCIsIreitbart, $2015^{(31)}$ 0.6120.4450.779<0. | 0.674 | <0.001 | |
| | Post | | Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ | | 0.733 | 0.147 | |
| | | Control | Breitbart, 2018(32) | | 0.080 | | |
| | | Control | Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ 0.312 -0.110 0.733 0.14 Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ 0.148 -0.018 0.314 0.08 Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ 0.346 0.018 0.674 0.03 TOTAL 0.270 0.010 0.530 0.04 Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ 0.482 0.320 0.644 <0.0 | 0.039 | | | |
| Spiritual | | | TOTAL | 0.270 | 0.010 | 0.530 | 0.042 |
| well-being | | | Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ | 0.482 | 0.320 | 0.644 | <0.001 |
| | | $\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$ | 0.555 | <0.001 | | | |
| | | MCP | Breitbart, 2012(12) | 0.422 | 0.287 | 0.558 | <0.001 |
| | 2 | | TOTAL | 0.431 | 0.308 | 0.555 | <0.001 |
| | months | | Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ | 0.300 | -0.051 | 0.650 | 0.094 |
| | | Control | Breitbart, 2018(32) | 0.180 | 0.014 | 0.346 | 0.034 |
| | | | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | 0.340 | 0.098 | 0.582 | 0.006 |
| | | | TOTAL | 0.277 | 0.071 | 0.483 | 0.008 |
| | | | Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ | 0.695 | 0.524 | 0.866 | <0.001 |
| | | MCD | Breitbart, 2018(32) | 0.596 | 0.189 | 1.002 | <0.001 |
| | | МСР | Breitbart, 2012(12) | (31) 0.612 0.445 0.779 (32) 0.466 0.274 0.659 (12) 0.504 0.291 0.716 0.524 0.373 0.674 31 0.312 -0.110 0.733 (32) 0.148 -0.018 0.314 (12) 0.346 0.018 0.674 (12) 0.346 0.018 0.674 (12) 0.346 0.018 0.674 (12) 0.346 0.010 0.530 (12) 0.482 0.320 0.644 (32) 0.395 0.235 0.555 (12) 0.431 0.308 0.555 (12) 0.340 0.098 0.582 (12) 0.596 0.189 1.002 (12) 0.596 0.189 1.002 (12) 0.596 0.189 0.286 (12) 0.170 < | <0.001 | | |
| | Deat | | TOTAL | 0.600 | 0.376 | 0.825 | <0.001 |
| | Post | | Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ | 0.199 | 0.038 | 0.361 | 0.016 |
| | | Control | Breitbart, 2018(32) | 0.121 | -0.045 | 0.286 | 0.153 |
| | | Control | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | 0.170 | 0.031 | 0.309 | 0.017 |
| Quality of life | | | TOTAL | 0.165 | 0.039 | 0.290 | 0.010 |
| | | | Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ | 0.549 | 0.384 | 0.714 | <0.001 |
| | | МСР | Breitbart, 2018(32) | 0.475 | 0.217 | 0.733 | <0.001 |
| | | MCP | Breitbart, 2012(12) | 0.439 | 0.297 | 0.581 | <0.001 |
| | 2 | | TOTAL | 0.476 | 0.337 | 0.616 | <0.001 |
| | months | | Breitbart, 2015 ³¹⁾ | 0.255 | 0.092 | 0.417 | 0.002 |
| Quality of life | | Control | Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ | 0.093 | -0.073 | 0.258 | 0.272 |
| | | Control | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | 0.171 | -0.060 | 0.401 | 0.147 |
| | | | TOTAL | 0.173 | 0.023 | 0.324 | 0.023 |

Appendix aTable 6. Sensibility analysis: one study removed for intragroup analysis

Legend: SMD, standardised mean difference; CIi, coefficient interval - inferior; CIs, coefficient interval - superior; MCP, Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy. *Values in bold indicate statistically significant values (p < 0.05).

| Outcome | Time | Removed study | SMD | 95% CIi | 95% CIs | p* |
|----------------------|-----------|---|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ | -0.091 | -0.405 | 0.223 | 0.571 |
| | Dre | Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ | -0.352 | -0.603 | -0.101 | 0.006 |
| | Pre | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | -0.170 | -0.566 | 0.226 | 0.401 |
| | | Total | -0.201 | -0.473 | 0.071 | 0.147 |
| | | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | 0.027 | -0.304 | 0.358 | 0.873 |
| Spiritual well-being | Post | Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ | 0.214 | -0.048 | 0.476 | 0.110 |
| Spiritual wen-being | rost | Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ | 0.032 | -0.369 | 0.433 | 0.876 |
| | | Total | 0.087 | -0.160 | 0.334 | 0.492 |
| | 2 months | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | -0.028 | -0.327 | 0.272 | 0.855 |
| | | Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ | 0.101 | -0.185 | 0.386 | 0.489 |
| | 2 monuns | Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³² | -0.085 | -0.388 | 0.219 | 0.584 |
| | | Total | -0.001 | -0.232 | 0.230 | 0.993 |
| | | Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ | -0.131 | -0.576 | 0.313 | 0.563 |
| | Pre | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ Total Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ Total | -0.423 | -0.675 | -0.171 | 0.001 |
| | Pie | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | -0.184 | -0.675 | 0.307 | 0.462 |
| | | Total | -0.240 | -0.587 | 0.106 | 0.174 |
| | | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | 0.177 | -0.408 | 0.762 | 0.553 |
| Quality of life | D (| Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ | 0.401 | 0.136 | 0.665 | 0.003 |
| | Post | Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ | 0.045 | -0.335 | 0.426 | 0.816 |
| | | Total | 0.205 | -0.168 | 0.578 | 0.281 |
| | | Breitbart, 2012 ⁽¹²⁾ | 0.081 | -0.298 | 0.460 | 0.676 |
| | 2 months | Breitbart, 2015 ⁽³¹⁾ | 0.175 | -0.111 | 0.461 | 0.230 |
| | 2 montins | Breitbart, 2018 ⁽³²⁾ | -0.068 | -0.371 | 0.235 | 0.661 |
| | | Total | 0.071 | -0.168 | 0.309 | 0.563 |

Appendix aTable 7. Sensibility analysis: one study removed for intergroup analysis

SMD, standardised mean difference; CIi, coefficient interval - inferior; CIs, coefficient interval - superior: *Values in bold indicate statistically significant values (p < 0.05).