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with an alcohol problem (Liu 2005)

treatment programs compared to other interventions (Terplan 2007)

alcohol treatment during pregnancy. (Liu 2008)

dependent pregnant women (Minozzi 2008)

known

263

958

737

44

26

75

9

0

3

546

0

96

evidence to routine use visits

Insufficient evidence for psycho-social interventions overall

Contingency Management is effective in improving treatment retention and transiently reducing illicit drug use in pregnant women. Insufficient evidence to support the use of Motivational Interviewing.

No evidence

Insufficient evidence to recommend one treatment over another.

s to follow

➤ Generalisability:

>90% of all study participants were poor, African American, unemployed, with extremely

No studies, not applicable

➤ Small sample sizes possibility of Type II error

➤ Assessment of