

Fig. Intra-operative arterial hypotension. Data are from 5 dose-finding (○) and 11 single dose studies (□). The horizontal line represents equality. Vertical lines are 95% confidence intervals (Cl). Symbols above the line of equality indicate that there are more episodes of intraoperative arterial hypotension with clonidine compared with placebo; when the 95%Cl does not cross the line of equality, the difference is statistically significant. RR = relative risk. Test for heterogeneity of RR: Chi²=26.6 df(21), *P*=0.19. The diamond represents the combined estimate of the RR (fixed effect): 1.81 (95%Cl, 1.44 to 2.28). Overlapping symbols are separated for graphical purposes.