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Title: Meta-Analysis of the Efficacy and Safety of Combination of Tamsulosin plus Dutasteride compared with Tamsulosin Monotherapy in treating Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

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Zhou et al. conducted a meta-analysis to evaluate the efficacy and safety of the combination of tamsulosin plus dutasteride compared with tamsulosin monotherapy in treating benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) during a treatment period of at least 1 year.

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