Study or Subgroup	NEC Mean	NEC SD	NEC Total	Control Mean	Control SD	Control Total	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI
Hashem et al. [21]	2.017	1.421	25	1.75	0.43	26	33.8%	0.25 [−0.30, 0.80]
Kempley et al. [13]	2.17	0.9	19	2.72	1	19	32.7%	−0.57 [−1.22, 0.08]
Urboniene et al. [24]	1.66	0.41	29	2.69	0.79	33	33.5%	−1.59 [−2.16, −1.01]
Total (95% CI)			73			78	100.0%	−0.63 [−1.72, 0.46]

Heterogeneity: Tau^2=0.84; Chi^2=20.44, df=2 (P<0.001), I^2=90%

Test for overall effect: Z=1.13 (P=0.26)