relaxants minimise convulsions. Now they try to use bi-lateral on the non-dominant hemisphere to reduce memory loss. Anaesthetics used to reduce anxiety. Used much less frequently in the treatment of schizophrenia. Researcher-meta analysis on ECT, produces long-term benefits to patients schizophrenia. ECT combined with antipsychotics-option for rapid improvement. Researcher reviewed 42 articles, ECT used in combination with drugs, findings were encouraging, it is safe and good treatment strategy especially for those resistant to conventional treatments. Chanpattana patients who were resistant recieved ECT on its own or in combination with drugs. Produced a large reduction in positive symptoms especially when in combination. Had no greater effect on symptoms.

AO2:

Effective especially with rapid improvement. People resistant to drugs find benefit in ECT. Reasonable evidence that drugs and ECT combined is more effective. Recent evidence suggests its more effective on positive sympotms. Makes sense as it has direct effect on the brain. Most + sympotms are due to cognitive impairments. Circumstances in which ECT is less effective when its used on its own. Inaffective with negative symptoms. It is less effective in the long term than in the short-term. Only reduces sympotms doesn't produce a cure. It is palliative rather than curative.

ECT can be regarded as appropriate, evidence that Sz is biological-ECT biological treatment. Sz impairment of cognition ECT affects the funcitoning of the brain so it can be seen as appropriate. Was seen as difficult to treat thus radical forms of therapy such as ECT is appropriate. Various side effects, most effective when on both hemispheres-side effects greatest. Side effects relatively short lasting.Don't have a clear understtanding of why it is effective. Makes it difficult to devise more effective ways of using ECT. Raises ethical issues may have to be put in pressure to undergo the therapy. Goal is reduce/eliminate all symptoms and for recovery to be long lasting ECT fails to do so only positive and hasnt shown to be long lasting.