

Efficacy and safety of pharmacological and physical therapies for Bell's palsy: a Bayesian network meta-analysis

(Supplementary Files)

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Table S1

No.	Author, Year	Region	Sample	Sex, Male (%)	Age (Year, M±SD)	Time from onset of disease (Days)	HBS from onset of disease (Levels)	Treatment, No. of patients				Follow- up (Months)	Main outcome HBS-CR	Secondary outcomes
								T1	T2	T3	T4			
1	Austin, 1993	America	76	39, (51)	37.1 ± 12.6	≤5	NR	Ster, 35	Placebo, 41	NA	NA	6	≤III	AD, S&C
2	Barbara, 2010	Italy	20	10, (50)	38.9	≤3	≥III	Ster+Anti+Kaba, 9	Ster+Anti, 11	NA	NA	2	≤III	NR
3	De Diego 1998	America	101	56, (55)	43.0	≤4	NR	Ster, 47	Anti, 54	NA	NA	12	≤II	S&C
4	Li, 2020	China	94	42, (45)	47.0 ± 12.0	≤7	≥III	Ster+Acup, 48	Ster, 46	NA	NA	1	≤II	NR
5	Engstrom, 2008	Sweden	829	488, (59)	40.7 ± 16.4	≤3	≥III	Ster+Anti, 206	Ster, 210	Anti, 207	Placebo, 206	12	≤I	AD, S&C
6	Hato, 2007	Japa	221	116, (52)	50.3	≤7	NR	Ster+Anti, 114	Ster, 107	NA	NA	6	≤I	NR
7	Khedr, 2016	Egypt	50	35, (70)	27.2 ± 4.5	≤3	≥IV	Ster+Anti, 25	Ster, 25	NA	NA	3	≤II	NR
8	Kim, 2016	Korea	60	NR	48.0 ± 18.0	≤7	≤IV	Ster+Anti+Elec, 30	Ster+Anti, 30	NA	NA	6	≤II	AD, S&C
9	Lee, 2013	Korea	206	101, (49)	47.7 ± 16.0	≤7	≥V	Ster+Anti, 99	Ster, 107	NA	NA	6	≤II	NR
10	Legalla, 2002	Italy	58	34, (55)	44.0 ± 19.6	≤3	≥III	Ster, 30	Placebo, 28	NA	NA	12	≤II	AD, S&C
11	Liang,	China	72	52,	55.0	≤14	≥III	Acup,	Placebo,	NA	NA	NR	≤II	NR

	2018			(48)	± 7.0			36	36					
12	Liu, 2010	China	131	64, (49)	37.5 ± 13.0	≤3	NR	Acup+Elec, 45	Ster+Anti+Acup, 42	Acup, 44	NA	3	≤III	NR
13	Monini, 2017	Italy	104	NR	54.5	≤7	≥IV	Ster+Kaba, 38	Ster, 66	NA	NA	NR	≤III	NR
14	Nicastri, 2013	Italy	87	44, (51)	49.0 ± 16.0	≤3	≥IV	Ster+Anti, 48	Ster+Anti+Faci, 39	NA	NA	6	≤II	S&C
15	Kawaguchi, 2007	Japan	150	46, (31)	54.5 ± 17.3	≤7	NR	Ster, 66	Ster+Anti, 84	NA	NA	6	≤I	NR
16	Adour, 1996	America	99	49, (49)	41.9 ± 14.1	≤3	NR	Ster+Anti, 53	Ster, 46	NA	NA	4	≤II	NR
17	Sullivan, 2007	Scotland	496	253, (51)	44.0 ± 16.4	≤3	NR	Ster+Anti, 124	Ster, 127	Anti, 123	Placebo, 122	9	≤I	AD
18	Tone, 2009	China	115	66, (55)	NR	≤12	≥III	Ster, 51	Acup, 27	Placebo, 37	NA	3	≤II	AD
19	Unuvar, 1999	Turkey	42	21, (50)	46.9 ± 4.7	≤3	≥IV	Ster, 21	Placebo, 21	NA	NA	12	≤II	NR
20	Xie, 2010	China	120	66, (55)	37.0 ± 21.0	≤7	NR	Acup, 60	Placebo, 60	NA	NA	4	≤III	NR
21	Yeo, 2008	Korea	91	21, (48)	42.7 ± 15.7	≤7	≥II	Ster+Anti, 44	Ster, 47	NA	NA	6	≤II	NR
22	Khajeh, 2015	Iran	43	23, (53)	8.5 ± 5.0	≤7	NR	Ster+Anti, 20	Ster, 23	NA	NA	6	≤I	NR
23	Minnerop, 2008	German y	117	60, (51)	40.6 ± 20.5	≤5	≥III	Ster+Anti, 50	Ster, 67	NA	NA	12	≤I	AD
24	Qu, 2017	China	90	45, (51)	42.5 ± 16.0	≤7	NR	Acup+Faci, 50	Acup, 67	Faci, 67	NA	2	≤III	NR

	2005			(50)				30	30	30				
25	Xu, 2020	China	64	38, (59)	39.0 ± 19.0	≤7	NR	Ster, 32	Acup, 32	NA	NA	1	≤III	NR
26	Ferreira, 2016	Portugal	73	35, (48)	42.4	≤3	NR	Ster+Faci, 42	Faci, 31	NA	NA	6	≤I	NR

Table S2A

	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5	Rank 6	Rank 7	Rank 8	Rank 9	Rank 10	Rank 11	Rank 12	Rank 13	Rank 14	SUCRA
A	0	0	0	1.67E-05	0.000242	0.001433	0.005808	0.018808	0.054808	0.141633	0.273917	0.265725	0.227233	0.009733	0.256
A+B	0	0.000608	0.004225	0.019383	0.052767	0.106583	0.157467	0.192583	0.193475	0.1541	0.0857	0.032925	0.000175	0	0.481
A+B+C	0.010017	0.042567	0.082283	0.11065	0.125317	0.120325	0.104217	0.093767	0.088092	0.077242	0.06085	0.0405	0.02545	0.010942	0.576
A+B+D	0.304908	0.177542	0.123542	0.091942	0.068358	0.052542	0.039383	0.032758	0.029333	0.025442	0.020358	0.014958	0.010142	0.004717	0.802
A+B+E	0.234525	0.169858	0.133792	0.105592	0.081525	0.059975	0.049617	0.0406	0.035283	0.030617	0.022567	0.016783	0.010625	0.004275	0.773
A+B+F	0.059542	0.105475	0.13045	0.134025	0.124092	0.100658	0.079983	0.066742	0.060575	0.051475	0.0384	0.02645	0.01375	0.004992	0.670
A+C	0.034758	0.065625	0.090133	0.106658	0.110283	0.10315	0.089617	0.082	0.081283	0.079475	0.062392	0.04715	0.026483	0.011733	0.590
A+D	0.050825	0.076617	0.092125	0.101367	0.100442	0.091692	0.084183	0.076642	0.076492	0.077842	0.064075	0.050883	0.030542	0.014275	0.593
A+F	0.00345	0.006883	0.010758	0.015517	0.01975	0.025275	0.029275	0.034817	0.04225	0.05535	0.078267	0.107267	0.13565	0.093	0.205
B	0	0	0	0.000025	0.000008	0.000175	0.00035	0.00105	0.003075	0.008675	0.0303	0.102825	0.186783	0.3246	0.086
C	0.000102	0.001358	0.009325	0.034283	0.081075	0.139842	0.188592	0.200908	0.173083	0.1113	0.044375	0.013208	0.002283	0.000233	0.522
C+E	0.219492	0.236525	0.188825	0.131775	0.086067	0.0525	0.032158	0.020275	0.01295	0.008817	0.005567	0.002792	0.001425	0.000492	0.839
C+F	0.08035	0.109183	0.1177	0.119958	0.109458	0.09325	0.077525	0.067583	0.064192	0.060783	0.045733	0.024467	0.017942	0.0079	0.664
F	0.002033	0.007758	0.016842	0.028808	0.040608	0.0526	0.061792	0.071208	0.084042	0.112208	0.1416	0.150533	0.085642	0.119292	0.350
H	0	0	0	0	0.000008	0	0.000033	0.000258	0.001067	0.005042	0.0259	0.103533	0.225875	0.393817	0.092

Table S2B

	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5	Rank 6	SUCRA
A	0.001017	0.020117	0.181025	0.493383	0.233192	0.071267	0.370
A+B	0.0019	0.104908	0.679575	0.15215	0.047425	0.014042	0.564
A+B+E	0.705733	0.269408	0.010683	0.005858	0.003733	0.004583	0.931
B	0.000558	0.007017	0.043942	0.149642	0.297633	0.501208	0.152
C	0.290625	0.595467	0.045425	0.02205	0.016225	0.030208	0.806
H	0.000167	0.003083	0.03935	0.176917	0.401792	0.378692	0.177

Table S2C

	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5	Rank 6	SUCRA
A	0.023075	0.094592	0.362867	0.4353	0.071108	0.013058	0.505
A+B	0.001283	0.007875	0.021083	0.116167	0.742892	0.1107	0.215
A+B+E	0.014867	0.0132	0.015358	0.033008	0.073275	0.850292	0.063
A+B+F	0.263858	0.13055	0.195067	0.303433	0.087142	0.01995	0.624
B	0.32325	0.379533	0.217342	0.061633	0.014492	0.00375	0.785
H	0.373667	0.37425	0.188283	0.050458	0.011092	0.00225	0.808

Table S3A

Direct Comparison	study limitations	inconsistency	indirectness	imprecision	publication bias	GRADE
Anti vs Ster	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	not serious	moderate
Anti vs Ster+Anti	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	not serious	moderate
Acup vs Ster	not serious	serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Acup vs Ster+Anti+Acup	serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Faci vs Acup	serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Faci vs Ster+Faci	not serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	moderate
Placebo vs Anti	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	not serious	moderate
Placebo vs Acup	not serious	not serious	serious	serious	not serious	low
Placebo vs Ster	serious	not serious	serious	not serious	not serious	low
Placebo vs Ster+Anti	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	not serious	moderate
Ster+Anti vs Ster	not serious	serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	moderate
Ster+Acup vs Ster	serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Ster+Faci vs Ster	serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Acup+Elec vs Acup	serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Acup+Elec vs Ster+Anti+Acup	serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Acup+Faci vs Acup	serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Ster+Anti+Kaba vs Ster+Anti	serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	low
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Anti	not serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	moderate
Ster+Anti+Faci vs Ster+Anti	not serious	not serious	not serious	serious	not serious	moderate

Table S3B

Comparison	No. of comparisons	Direct evidence			Indirect evidence			Network meta-analysis			P Value for test of inconsistency
		OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	
Ster vs Faci	0	NA	NA	—	0.79 (0.12, 5.34)	NA	Low	0.79 (0.12, 5.34)	NA	Low	NA
Ster vs Ster+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	0.68 (0.06, 7.49)	NA	Low	0.68 (0.062, 7.49)	NA	Low	NA
Ster vs Acup+Elec	0	NA	NA	—	0.13 (0.02, 0.76)	NA	Low	0.13 (0.02, 0.76)	NA	Low	NA
Ster vs Acup+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	0.27 (0.03, 2.04)	NA	Low	0.27 (0.03, 2.04)	NA	Low	NA
Ster vs Ster+Anti+Acup	0	NA	NA	—	0.5 (0.02, 3.34)	NA	Low	0.25 (0.018, 3.34)	NA	Low	NA
Ster vs Ster Anti Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	0.13 (0.01, 1.22)	NA	Low	0.13 (0.01, 1.22)	NA	Low	NA
Ster vs Ster+Anti+Elec	0	NA	NA	—	0.16 (0.01, 1.22)	NA	Moderate	0.6 (0.01, 1.22)	NA	Moderate	NA
Anti vs Ster	3	0.45 (0.19, 0.86)	72.3	Moderate	NA	NA	—	0.51 (0.24, 0.98)	70.3	Moderate	NA
Anti vs Acup	0	NA	NA	—	0.23 (0.07, 0.64)	NA	Low	0.23 (0.07, 0.64)	NA	Low	NA
Anti vs Faci	0	NA	NA	—	0.41 (0.05, 2.84)	NA	Low	0.41 (0.05, 2.84)	NA	Low	NA
Anti vs Ster+Anti	2	0.49	55.3	Moderate	0.01	NA	Moderate	0.26	96	Moderate	NA

Anti vs Ster+Faci	0	(0.21, 1.1) NA	NA	—	(0.01,0.01) 0.74 (0.06, 8.52)	NA	Low	(0.11, 0.51) 0.74 (0.06, 8.52)	NA	Low	NA
Acup vs Ster	2	2.7 (0.8,10.0)	7.7	Low	1.8 (0.45, 7.2)	NA	Low	2.3 (0.90, 5.8)	0	Low	0.769
Acup vs Ster+Anti	0	NA	NA	—	1.12 (0.39, 3.04)	NA	Low	1.12 (0.39, 3.04)	NA	Low	NA
Acup vs Ster+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	3.31 (0.37, 30.13)	NA	Low	3.31 (0.37, 30.12)	NA	Low	NA
Acup vs Ster+Anti+Acup	1	0.79 (0.23, 2.9)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	0.82 (0.20, 3.4)	NA	Low	NA
Faci vs Acup	1	0.55 (0.11, 2.7)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	0.57 (0.11, 2.9)	NA	Low	NA
Faci vs Placebo	0	NA	NA	—	2.37 (0.37, 15.66)	NA	Low	2.37 (0.37, 15.66)	NA	Low	NA
Faci vs Ster+Faci	1	1.8 (0.53, 6.5)	NA	Moderate	NA	NA	—	1.9 (0.43, 8.1)	NA	Moderate	NA
Faci vs Acup+Faci	1	0.34 (0.06, 2.2)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	0.34 (0.056, 1.8)	NA	Low	NA
Placebo vs Anti	2	1.0 (0.49, 2.1)	67.3	Moderate	NA	NA	—	1.0 (0.49, 2.3)	68.6	Moderate	0.474
Placebo vs Acup	3	0.27 (0.11, 0.64)	0	Low	0.06 (0.002, 0.72)	NA	Low	0.24 (0.09, 0.54)	NA	Low	0.264
Placebo vs Ster	6	0.44 (0.23, 0.79)	22.1	Low	3.7 (0.51, 27.0)	NA	Moderate	0.54 (0.28, 0.93)	34.2	Moderate	0.275
Placebo	2	0.46	0	Moderate	0.077	NA	Moderate	0.27	75.4	Moderate	0.074

vs Ster+Anti		(0.20,1.1)			(0.022, 0.27)			(0.12, 0.49)			
Ster+Anti vs Ster	10	2.3 (1.5, 3.6)	5.5	Moderate	NA	NA	—	2.0 (1.3, 3.3)	6.7	Moderate	0.033
Ster+Anti vs Faci	0	NA	NA	—	1.6 (0.24, 11.4)	NA	Low	1.6 (0.24, 11.4)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti vs Ster+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	2.94 (0.27, 34.64)	NA	Low	2.94 (0.27, 34.64)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Acup vs Ster	1	2.8 (0.71, 12.0)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	2.9 (0.59, 15.0)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Acup vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	5.57 (1.03, 34.8)	NA	Low	5.57 (1.03, 34.8)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Acup vs Acup	0	NA	NA	—	1.27 (0.2, 8.38)	NA	Low	1.27 (0.2, 8.38)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Acup vs Faci	0	NA	NA	—	2.29 (0.19, 27.37)	NA	Low	2.29 (0.19, 27.37)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Acup vs Placebo	0	NA	NA	—	5.34 (1.02, 31.87)	NA	Low	5.34 (1.02, 31.87)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Acup vs Ster+Anti	0	NA	NA	—	1.42 (0.26, 7.69)	NA	Low	1.42 (0.26, 7.69)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Acup vs Ster+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	4.23 (0.23, 76.9)	NA	Low	4.23 (0.23, 76.9)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Acup vs Ster+Anti+Acup	0	NA	NA	—	1.03 (0.10, 10.93)	NA	Low	1.03 (0.1, 10.93)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Faci vs Ster	1	2.8 (0.63, 17.0)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	2.8, (0.53,19.0)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Faci vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	5.64	NA	Low	5.6	NA	Low	NA

					(0.94, 45.94)			(0.94, 45.94)			
Ster+Faci vs Acup	0	NA	NA	—	1.28 (0.18, 10.94)	NA	Low	1.28 (0.18, 10.94)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Faci vs Faci	0	NA	NA	—	2.32 (0.18, 34.37)	NA	Low	2.32 (0.18, 34.37)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Faci vs Placebo	0	NA	NA	—	5.39 (0.92, 42.08)	NA	Low	5.39 (0.92, 42.08)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Faci vs Ster+Anti	0	NA	NA	—	1.43 (0.24, 10.21)	NA	Low	1.43 (0.24, 10.21)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Faci vs Ster+Acup	0	NA	NA	—	1.01 (0.09, 12.2)	NA	Low	1.01 (0.09, 12.2)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Faci vs Ster+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	4.25 (0.22, 91.6)	NA	Low	4.25 (0.22, 91.6)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Faci vs Ster+Anti+Acup	0	NA	NA	—	1.05 (0.09, 13.68)	NA	Low	1.05 (0.09, 13.68)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	14.58 (2.48, 94.18)	NA	Low	14.58 (2.48, 94.18)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Acup	1	3.3 (0.82, 13.0)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	3.3 (0.79, 14.0)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Faci	0	NA	NA	—	5.921 (0.677, 53.66)	NA	Low	5.921 (0.677, 53.66)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Placebo	0	NA	NA	—	13.97 (2.669, 79.171)	NA	Low	13.97 (2.669, 79.171)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Ster+Anti	0	NA	NA	—	3.723 (0.612, 21.074)	NA	Low	3.723 (0.612, 21.074)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec	0	NA	NA	—	2.612 (0.241,	NA	Low	2.612 (0.241,	NA	Low	NA

vs Ster+Acup					27.577)			27.577)			
Acup+Elec vs Ster+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	2.55 (0.19, 29.21)	NA	Low	2.55 (0.19, 29.21)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Ster+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	10.95 (0.81, 152.6)	NA	Low	10.95 (0.81, 152.6)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Acup+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	2.01 (0.19, 20.2)	NA	Low	2.01 (0.19, 20.2)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Ster+Anti+Acup	1	2.7 (0.65, 11.0)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	2.7 (0.65, 12)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Ster+Anti+Elec	0	NA	NA	—	1.16 (0.06, 16.87)	NA	Low	1.16 (0.06, 16.87)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Elec vs Ster+Anti+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	1.96 (0.18, 19.88)	NA	Low	1.96 (0.178, 19.88)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Faci vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	7.29 (0.92, 64.49)	NA	Low	7.29 (0.92, 64.49)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Faci vs Acup	1	1.7 (0.21, 13.0)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	1.7 (0.29, 10.0)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Faci vs Placebo	0	NA	NA	—	6.97 (0.97, 55.67)	NA	Low	6.97 (0.97, 55.67)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Faci vs Ster+Anti	0	NA	NA	—	1.84 (0.23, 15)	NA	Low	1.84 (0.23, 15)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Faci vs Ster+Acup	0	NA	NA	—	1.3 (0.09, 17.89)	NA	Low	1.3 (0.09, 17.89)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Faci vs Ster+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	1.26 (0.08, 18.99)	NA	Low	1.26 (0.08, 18.99)	NA	Low	NA
Acup+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	5.43	NA	Low	5.43	NA	Low	NA

vs Ster+Faci					(0.57, 55.42)			(0.57, 55.42)			
Acup+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	1.35	NA	Low	1.35	NA	Low	NA
vs Ster+Anti+Acup					(0.14, 13.73)			(0.14, 13.73)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	15.44	NA	Low	15.44	NA	Low	NA
vs Anti					(1.56, 189.62)			(1.56, 189.62)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	3.47	NA	Low	3.47	NA	Low	NA
vs Acup					(0.31, 45.95)			(0.31, 45.95)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	6.26	NA	Low	6.26	NA	Low	NA
vs Faci					(0.34, 136.32)			(0.34, 136.32)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	14.78	NA	Low	14.78	NA	Low	NA
vs Placebo					(1.49, 178.79)			(1.49, 178.79)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	1	3.7	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	3.8	NA	Low	NA
vs Ster+Anti		(0.47, 35.0)						(0.43, 40.0)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	2.75	NA	Low	2.75	NA	Low	NA
vs Ster+Acup					(0.17, 51.21)			(0.17, 51.21)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	2.69	NA	Low	2.69	NA	Low	NA
vs Ster+Kaba					(0.14, 51.72)			(0.14, 51.72)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	11.64	NA	Low	11.64	NA	Low	NA
vs Ster+Faci					(0.44, 348.61)			(0.44, 348.61)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	2.1	NA	Low	2.1	NA	Low	NA
vs Acup+Faci					(0.1, 49.53)			(0.1, 49.53)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	2.861	NA	Low	2.861	NA	Low	NA
vs Ster+Anti+Acup					(0.17, 53.44)			(0.17, 53.44)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	1.195	NA	Low	1.195	NA	Low	NA
vs Ster+Anti+Elec					(0.05, 27.78)			(0.5, 27.78)			
Ster+Anti+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	2.056	NA	Low	2.056 (0.133,	NA	Low	NA

vs Ster+Anti+Faci					(0.13, 33.8)			33.805)			
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	12.514 (1.52, 156.76)	NA	Moderate	12.51 (1.52, 156.76)	NA	Moderate	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Acup	0	NA	NA	—	2.829 (0.3, 37.16)	NA	Low	2.829 (0.3, 37.16)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Faci	0	NA	NA	—	5.154 (0.32, 107.24)	NA	Low	5.154 (0.32, 107.24)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Placebo	0	NA	NA	—	11.979 (1.49,145.08)	NA	Moderate	11.979 (1.49,145.1)	NA	Moderate	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Anti	1	3.3 (0.50, 22.0)	NA	Moderate	NA	NA	—	3.2 (0.41, 36.)	NA	Moderate	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Acup	0	NA	NA	—	2.256 (0.16, 40.36)	NA	Low	2.256 (0.16, 40.36)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Kaba	0	NA	NA	—	2.219 (0.128, 42.61)	NA	Low	2.219 (0.13, 42.61)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	9.6 (0.413, 271)	NA	Low	9.6 (0.413, 271.1)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Acup+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	1.696 (0.127, 27.812)	NA	Low	1.696 (0.127, 27.81)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Anti+Acup	0	NA	NA	—	2.345 (0.167, 43.93)	NA	Low	2.345 (0.167, 43.93)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Anti+Faci	0	NA	NA	—	1.748 (0.095, 39.15)	NA	Moderate	1.748 (0.095, 39.16)	NA	Moderate	NA
Ster+Anti+Faci vs Ster+Anti	1	1.9 (0.50, 7.6)	NA	Moderate	NA	NA	—	1.9 (0.41, 9.0)	NA	Moderate	NA

Table S3C

Comparison	No. of comparisons	Direct evidence			Indirect evidence			Network meta-analysis			P Value for test of inconsistency
		OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	
Anti vs Ster	2	0.86 (0.33, 2.2)	0	Moderate	NA	NA	—	0.74 (0.3, 1.6)	0	Moderate	NA
Anti vs Ster+Anti	2	0.57 (0.24, 1.3)	0	Moderate	NA	NA	—	0.56 (0.23, 1.3)	0	Moderate	NA
Acup vs Ster	1	9.2 (0.42, 2.0e+02)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	5.5 (0.66, 55.0)	NA	Low	NA
Acup vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	7.44 (0.712, 92.729)	NA	Low	7.44 (0.712, 92.729)	NA	Low	NA
Acup vs Ster+Anti	0	NA	NA	—	4.102 (0.366, 50.265)	NA	Low	4.102 (0.366, 50.265)	NA	Low	NA
Placebo vs Ster	5	0.67 (0.29, 1.3)	15.3	Low	NA	NA	—	0.78 (0.34, 1.5)	11.5	Low	NA
Placebo vs Anti	2	1.2 (0.48, 3.3)	0	Moderate	NA	NA	—	1.1 (0.42, 2.3)	0	Moderate	NA
Placebo vs Acup	1	0.13 (0.005, 3.6)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	0.14 (0.013, 1.2)	NA	Low	NA
Placebo vs Ster+Anti	2	0.7 (0.31, 1.6)	0	Moderate	6.9e-09 (1.5e-12, 3.2e-05)	NA	Moderate	0.59 (0.24, 1.2)	89.2	Moderate	0.164
Ster+Anti vs Ster	3	1.5 (0.73, 3.4)	0	Moderate	NA	NA	—	1.3 (0.6, 2.8)	0	Moderate	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs	0	NA	NA	—	13.883 (1.279, 13.883)	NA	Low	13.883 (1.279, 13.883)	NA	Low	NA

Ster					417.666)			417.666)			
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	18.659 (1.723, 578.284)	NA	Moderate	18.659 (1.723, 578.284)	NA	Moderate	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Acup	0	NA	NA	—	2.594 (0.084, 142.24)	NA	Low	2.594 (0.084, 142.24)	NA	Low	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Placebo	0	NA	NA	—	17.93 (1.695, 569.781)	NA	Moderate	17.93 (1.695, 569.781)	NA	Moderate	NA
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Anti	1	9.2 (1.1, 2.3e+02)	NA	Moderate	NA	NA	—	11.0 (1.0, 3.4e+02)	NA	Moderate	NA

Table S3D

Comparison	No. of comparisons	Direct evidence			Indirect evidence			Network meta-analysis			P Value for test of inconsistency
		OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	OR (95% CI)	I2 (%)	Certainty of evidence	
Anti vs Ster	2	0.86 (0.33, 2.2)	0	Moderate	NA	NA	—	0.74 (0.3, 1.6)	0	Moderate	NA
Anti vs Ster+Anti	2	0.57 (0.24, 1.3)	0	Moderate	NA	NA	—	0.56 (0.23, 1.3)	0	Moderate	NA
Acup vs Ster	1	9.2 (0.42, 2.0e+02)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	5.5 (0.66, 55.0)	NA	Low	NA
Acup vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	7.44 (0.712, 92.729)	NA	Low	7.44 (0.712, 92.729)	NA	Low	NA
Acup vs Ster+Anti	0	NA	NA	—	4.102 (0.366, 50.265)	NA	Low	4.102 (0.366, 50.265)	NA	Low	NA
Placebo vs Ster	5	0.67 (0.29, 15.3)	15.3	Low	NA	NA	—	0.78 (0.34, 1.5)	11.5	Low	NA

		1.3)										
Placebo vs Anti	2	1.2 (0.48, 3.3)	0	Moderate	NA	NA	—	1.1 (0.42, 2.3)	0	Moderate	NA	
Placebo vs Acup	1	0.13 (0.005, 3.6)	NA	Low	NA	NA	—	0.14 (0.013, 1.2)	NA	Low	NA	
Placebo vs Ster+Anti	2	0.7 (0.31, 1.6)	0	Moderate	6.9e-09 (1.5e-12, 3.2e-05)	NA	Moderate	0.59 (0.24, 1.2)	89.2	Moderate	0.164	
Ster+Anti vs Ster	3	1.5 (0.73, 3.4)	0	Moderate	NA	NA	—	1.3 (0.6, 2.8)	0	Moderate	NA	
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster	0	NA	NA	—	13.883 (1.279, 417.666)	NA	Low	13.883 (1.279, 417.666)	NA	Low	NA	
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Anti	0	NA	NA	—	18.659 (1.723, 578.284)	NA	Moderate	18.659 (1.723, 578.284)	NA	Moderate	NA	
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Acup	0	NA	NA	—	2.594 (0.084, 142.24)	NA	Low	2.594 (0.084, 142.24)	NA	Low	NA	
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Placebo	0	NA	NA	—	17.93 (1.695, 569.781)	NA	Moderate	17.93 (1.695, 569.781)	NA	Moderate	NA	
Ster+Anti+Elec vs Ster+Anti	1	9.2 (1.1, 2.3e+02)	NA	Moderate	NA	NA	—	11.0 (1.0, 3.4e+02)	NA	Moderate	NA	

Table S4A

	Estimate	95% confidence interval	Se	z-val	p-val
Follow-up	0.006	(-0.053 – 0.065)	0.030	0.200	0.841
Age	-0.016	(-0.038 – 0.006)	0.011	-1.384	0.167
Sex	-0.009	(-0.033 – 0.015)	0.012	-0.751	0.452
Publication year	0.013	(-0.013 – 0.039)	0.013	0.991	0.322
Country	0.011	(-0.354 – 0.375)	0.186	0.057	0.955

k = 26; I^2 (residual heterogeneity / unaccounted variability): 0.00%; H^2 (unaccounted variability / sampling variability): 0.57

TableS4B

Author, year	Mean HBS level (baseline)	Follow up (months)	Country	Mean age (years)	Sex (male rate, %)	Treatment1	n1	event1	Treatment2	n2	event2	Treatment3	n3	event3	Treatment4	n4	event4
Austin, 1993	4.2	6	America	37.1	51	A	35	35	H	41	34						
Barbara, 2010	4	2	Italy	38.9	50	A+B+D	9	5	A+B	11							
De Diego 1998	NR	12	America	43	55	A	47	44	B	54	42						
Li, 2020	4	1	China	47	45	A+C	48	43	A	46	35						
Engstrom, 2008	4	12	Sweden	40.7	59	A+B	206	152	A+H	210	148	B+H	207	135	H	206	118
Hato, 2007	NR	6	Japa	50.3	52	A+B	114	110	A+H	107	96						
Khedr, 2016	4.9	3	Egypt	27.2	70	A+B	25	23	A	25	17						
Kim, 2016	3.45	6	Korea	48	NR	A+B+E	30	28	A+B	30	25						
Lee, 2013	5	6	Korea	47.7	49	A+B	99	82	A	107	71						
Legalla, 2002	3.73	12	Italy	44	55	A+H	30	25	H	28	21						
Liang, 2018	4.79	NR	China	55	48	A+H	36	31	H	36	22	C	36	28			
Liu, 2010	NR	3	China	37.5	49	C+E	45	35	A+B+C	42	24	C	44	23			
Monini, 2017	4.14	NR	Italy	54.5	NR	A+D	38	35	A	66	54						

Nicastri, 2013	5.36	6	Italy	49	51	A+B	48	36	A+B+F	39	33						
Kawaguchi, 2007	NR	6	Japan	54.5	31	A	66	55	A+B	84	78						
Adour, 1996	NR	4	America	41.9	49	A+B	53	49	A	46	35						
Sullivan, 2007	NR	9	Scotland	44	51	A+B	124	115	A	127	122	B	123	96	H	122	104
Tone, 2009	3.87	3	China	NR	55	A	51	34	C	27	21	H	37	22			
Unuvar, 1999	4.5	12	Turkey	46.9	50	A	21	21	H	21	20						
Xie, 2010	NR	4	China	37	55	C	60	57	H	60	49						
Yeo, 2008	3.71	6	Korea	42.7	48	A+B	44	41	A	47	40						
Khajeh, 2015	NR	6	Iran	8.5	53	A+B	20	18	A	23	15						
Minnerop, 2008	3.99	12	Germany	40.6	51	A+B	50	41	A	67	47						
Qu, 2005	NR	2	China	42.5	50	C+F	30	26	C	30	24	F	30	21			
Xu, 2020	3.75	1	China	39	59	A+H	32	27	C	32	31						
Ferreira, 2016	4.33	6	Portugal	42.4	48	A+F	42	27	F	31	20						

Table S5

No.	Author, Year	Region	Acupoints
4	Li, 2020	China	Ipsilateral: Quanliao (SI18), Dicang (ST4), Jiache (ST6), Yangbai (GB14), Sibai (ST2), Yifeng (TE17), Cuanzhu (BL2), Chengjiang (CV24), Yingxiang (LI20). Opposite: Hegu (LI4).
12	Liu, 2010	China	Ipsilateral: Quanliao (SI18), Dicang (ST4), Jiache (ST6), Yangbai (GB14), Yifeng (TE17), Taiyang (EX-HN7), Cuanzhu (BL2), Chengjiang (CV24), Yingxiang (LI20), Xiaguan (ST7), Zusanli (ST36). Opposite: Hegu (LI4).
18	Tone, 2009	China	Ipsilateral: Quanliao (SI18), Dicang (ST4), Jiache (ST6), Yangbai (GB14), Sibai (ST2), Yifeng (TE17), Taiyang (EX-HN7), Hegu (LI4).
20	Xie, 2010	China	Ipsilateral: Dicang (ST4), Jiache (ST6), Yangbai (GB14), Yifeng (TE17), Taiyang (EX-HN7), Cuanzhu (BL2), Wangu (GB12). Opposite: Hegu (LI4).
24	Qu, 2005	China	Ipsilateral: Dicang (ST4), Jiache (ST6), Yangbai (GB14), Sibai (ST2), Yingxiang (LI20), Yuyao (EX-HN4), Hegu (LI4). Opposite: Hegu (LI4).
25	Xu, 2020	China	Ipsilateral: Dicang (ST4), Jiache (ST6), Yangbai (GB14), Yifeng (TE17), Cuanzhu (BL2), Yingxiang (LI20), Yuyao (EX-HN4). Opposite: Hegu (LI4).

Figure S1.

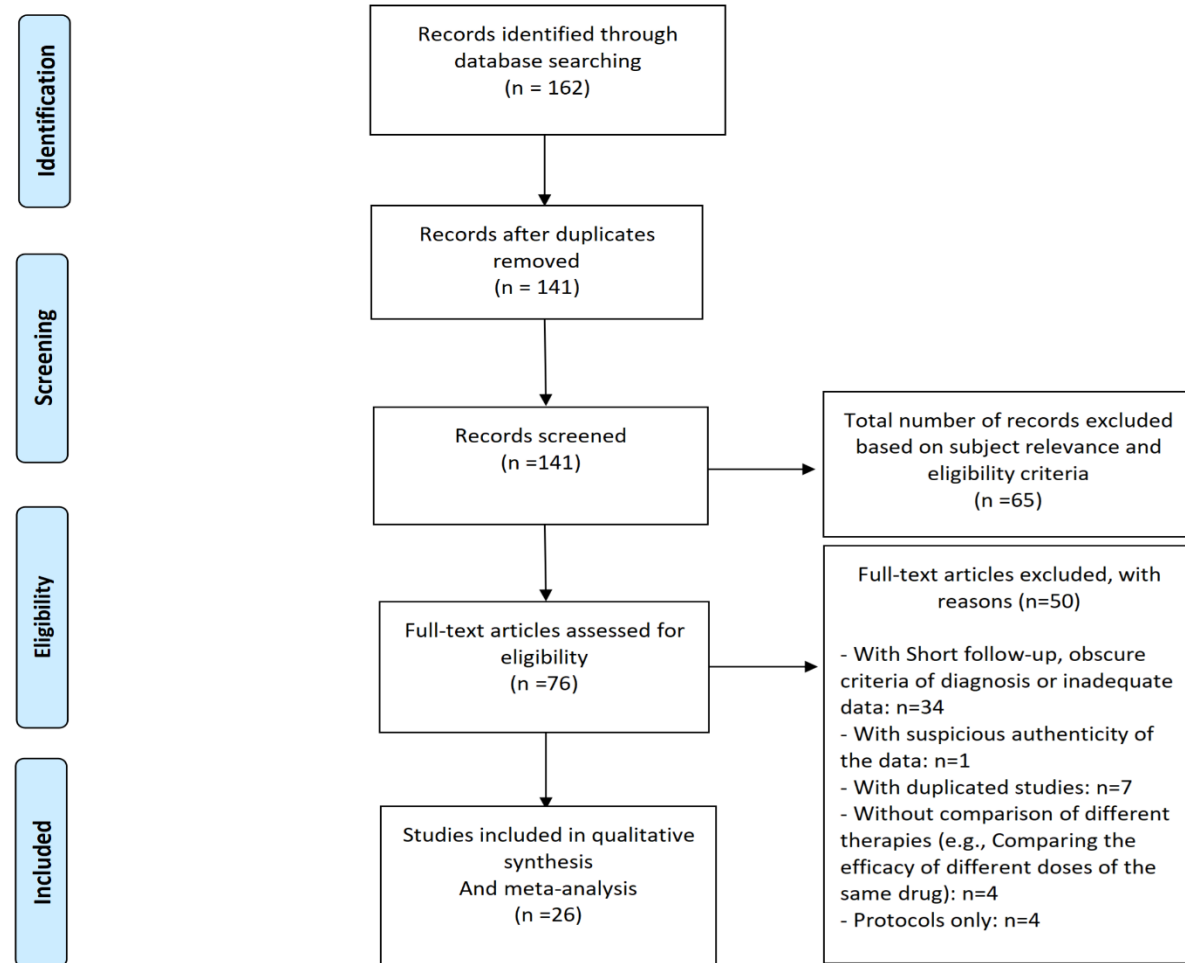


Figure S2.

Figure S2A

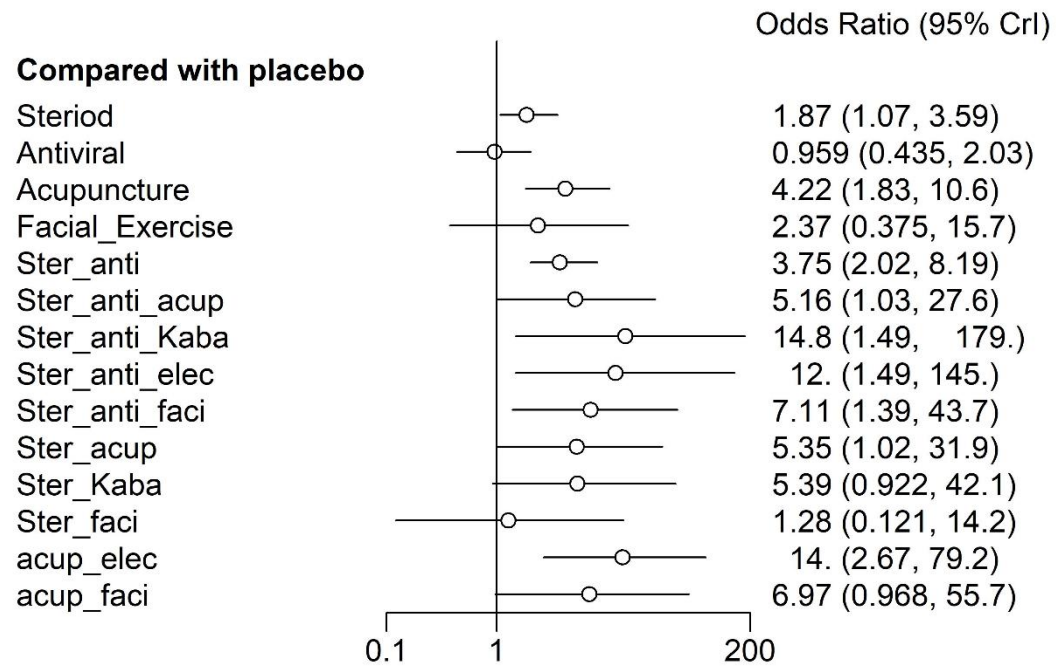


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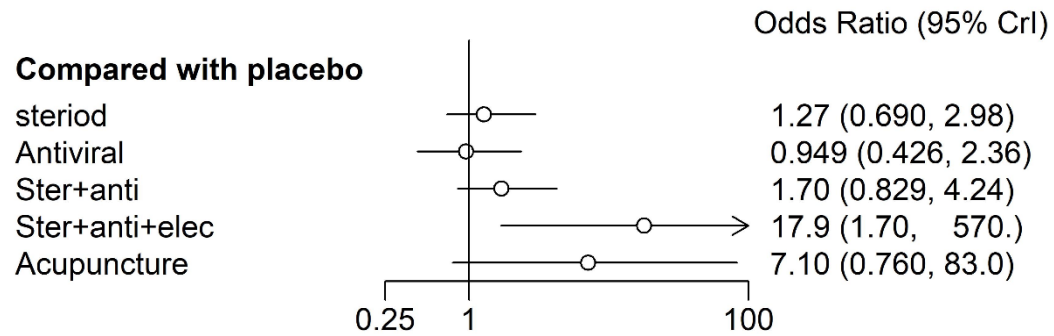
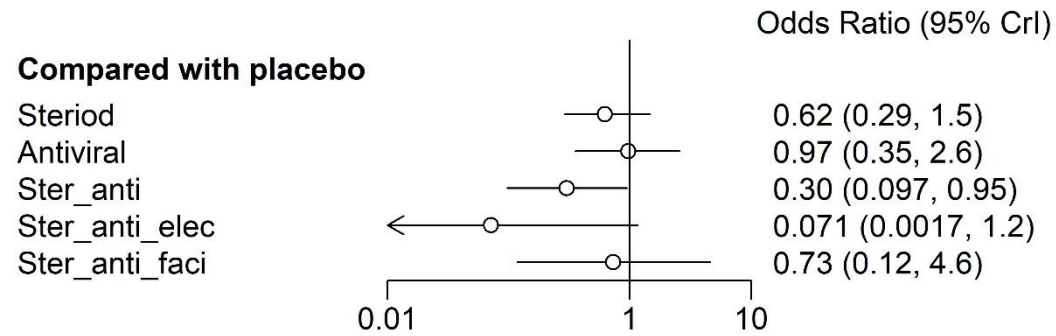


Figure S2C



FigureS3

Figure S3A

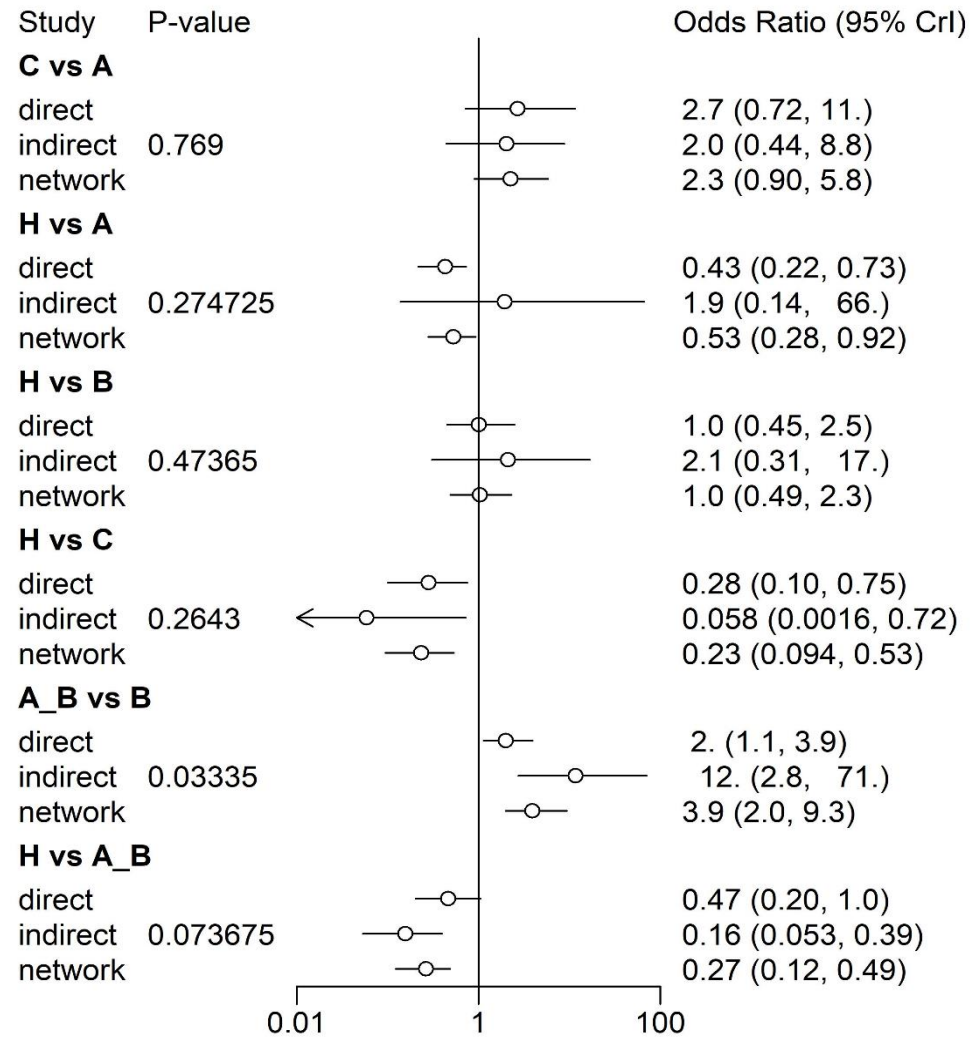


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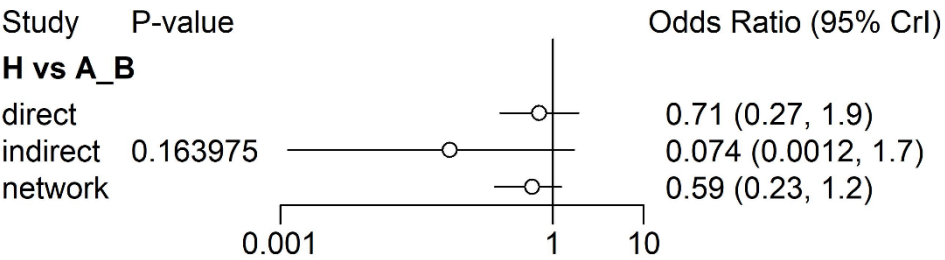


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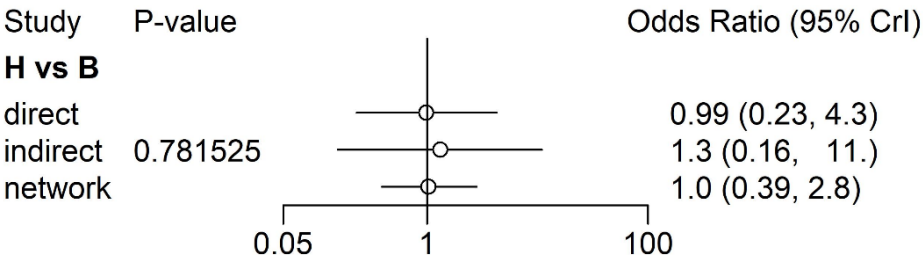


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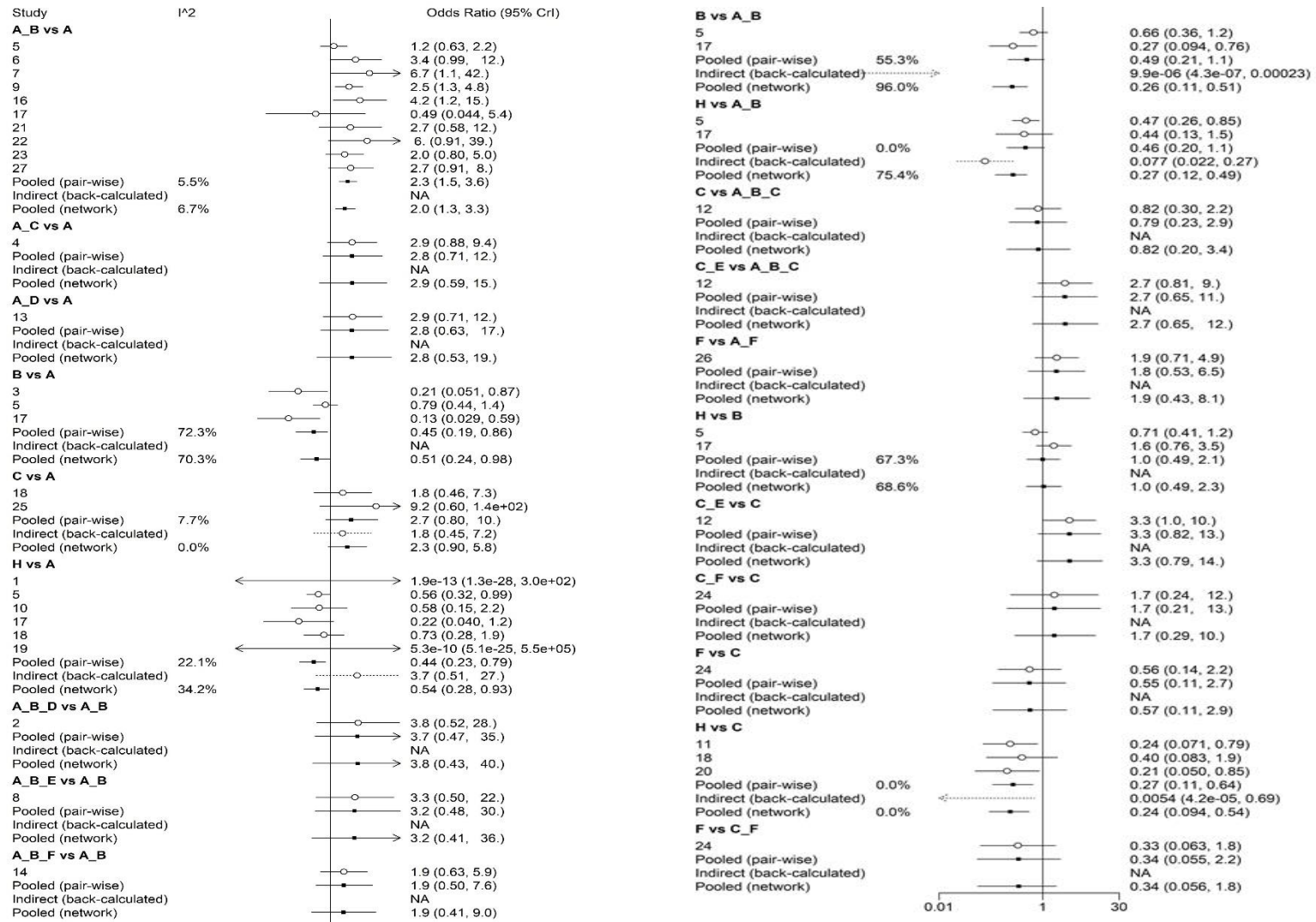


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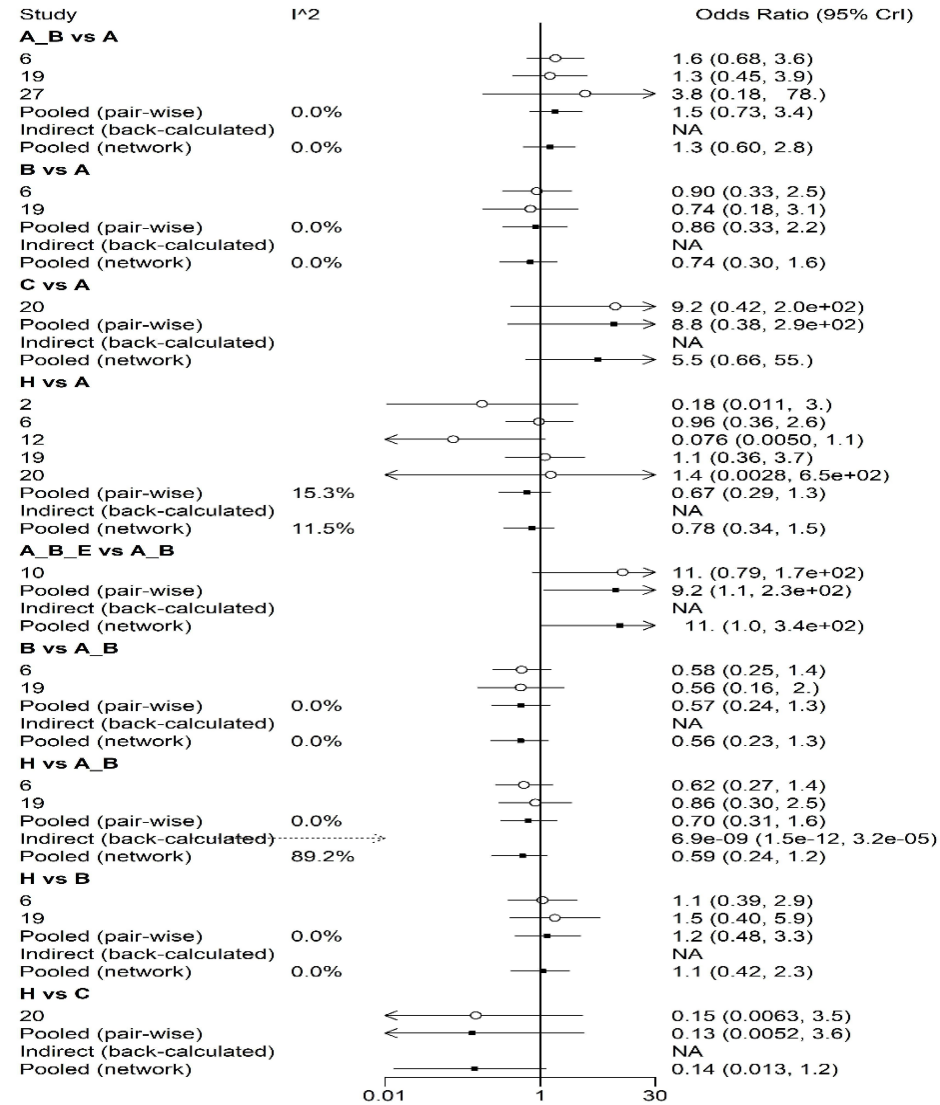


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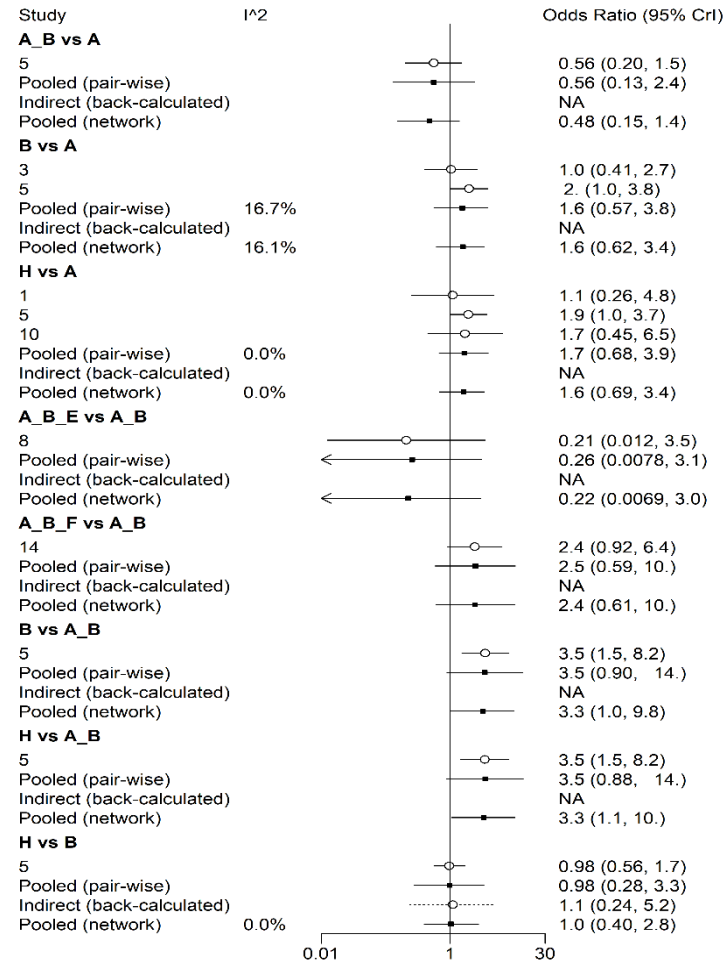


Figure S5

Figure S5A (linear regression test, $P=0.1175$)

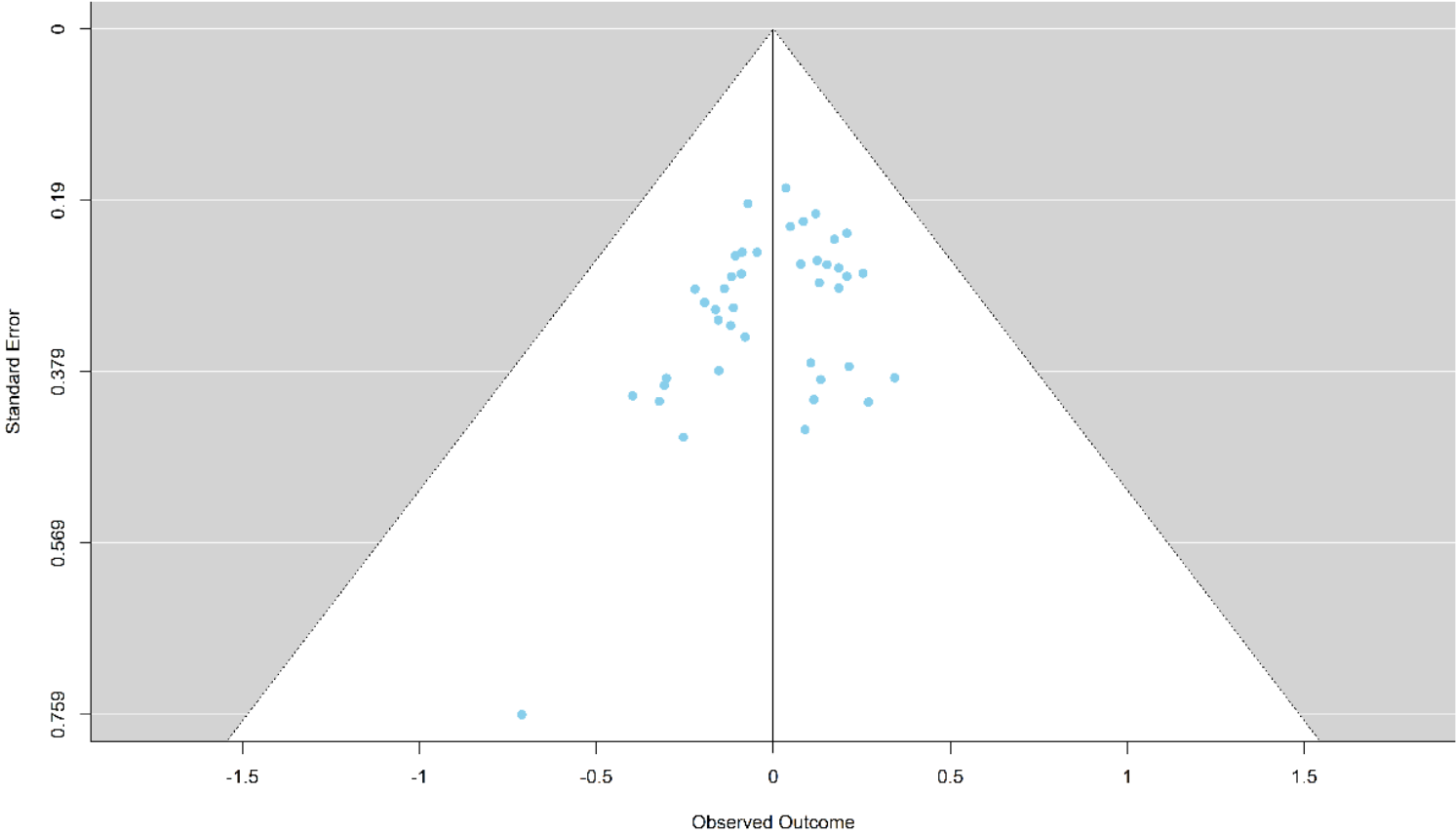


Figure S5B (linear regression test, $P=0.2560$)

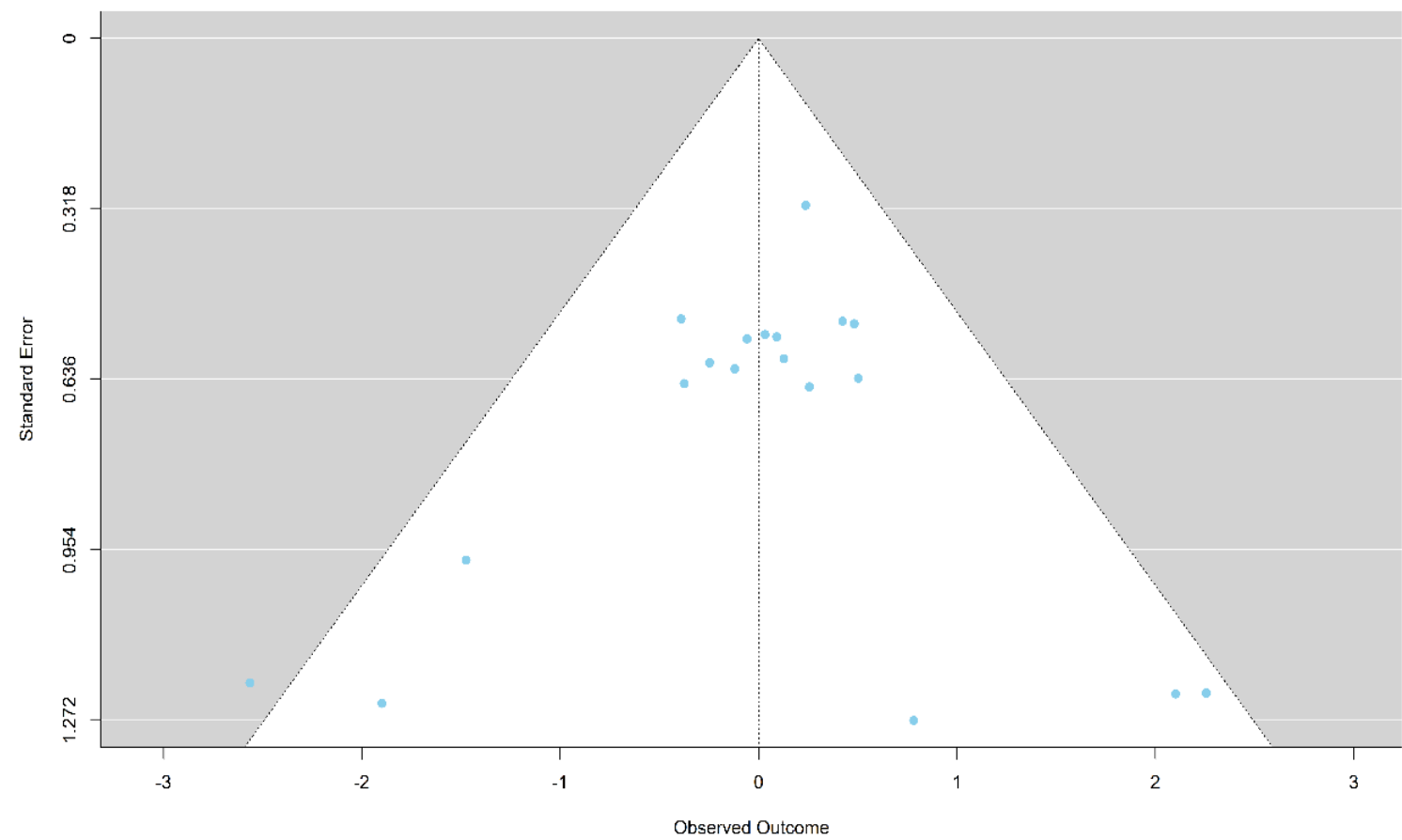


Figure S5C (linear regression test, $P=0.7391$)

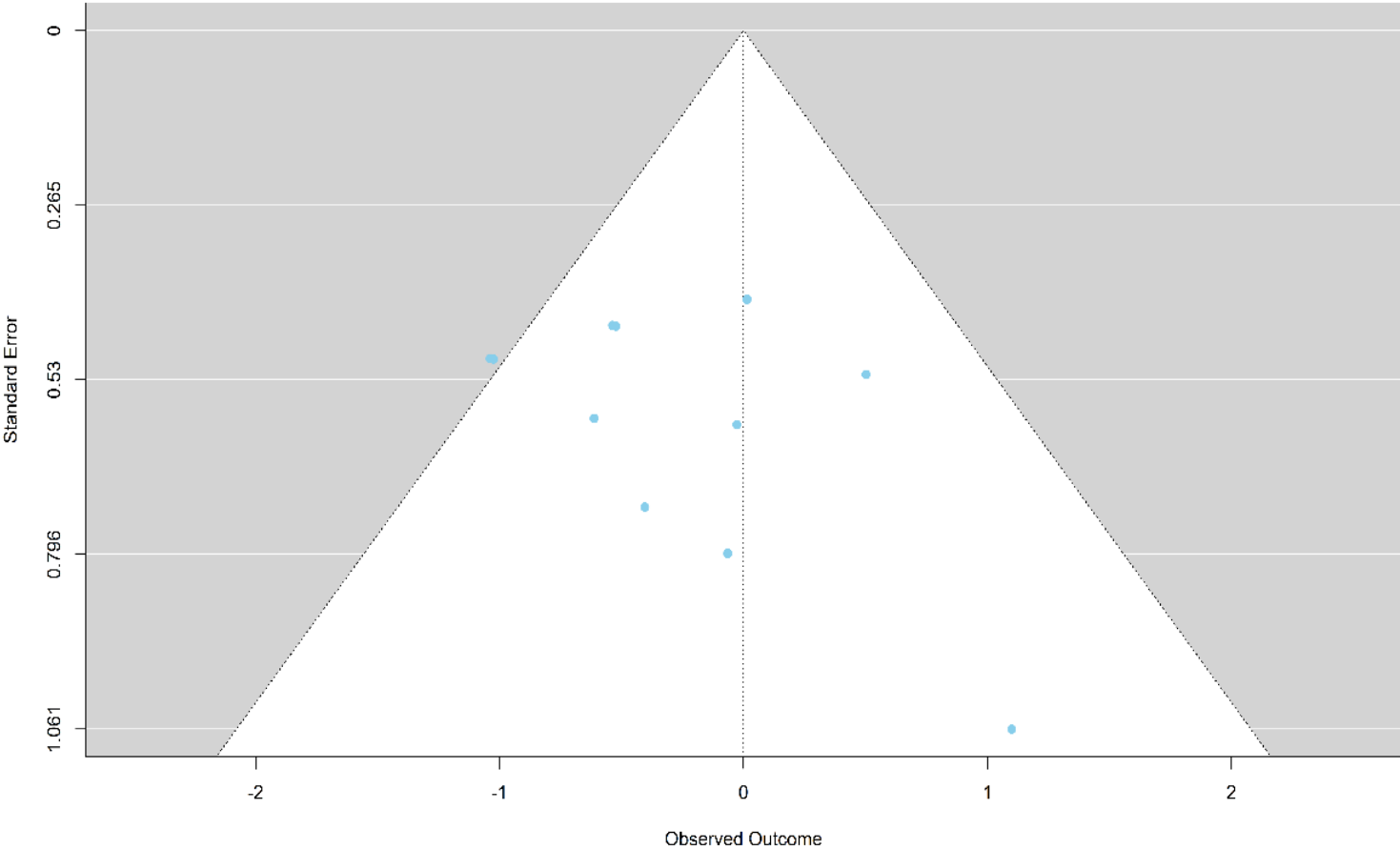


Figure S6
Figure S6A

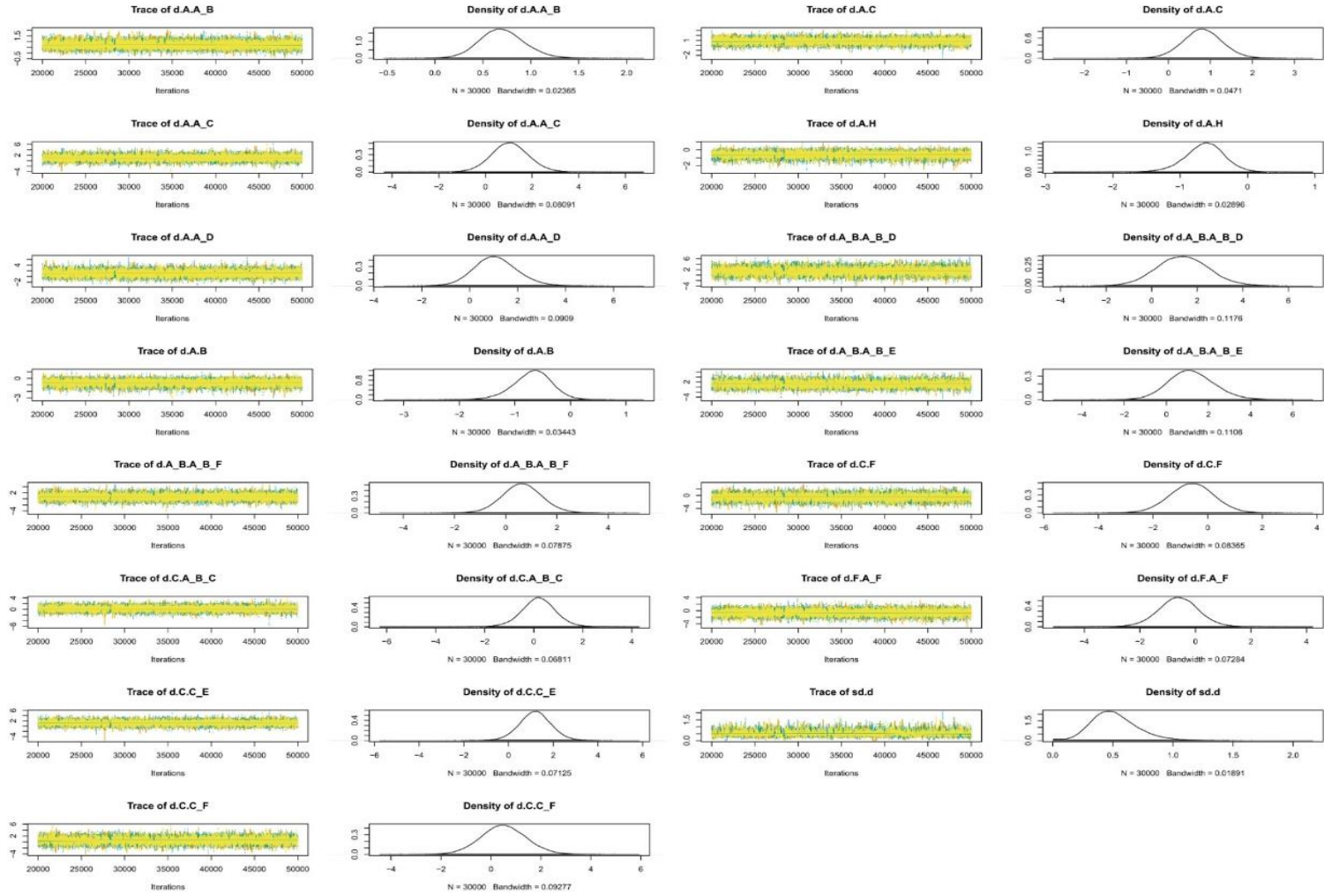


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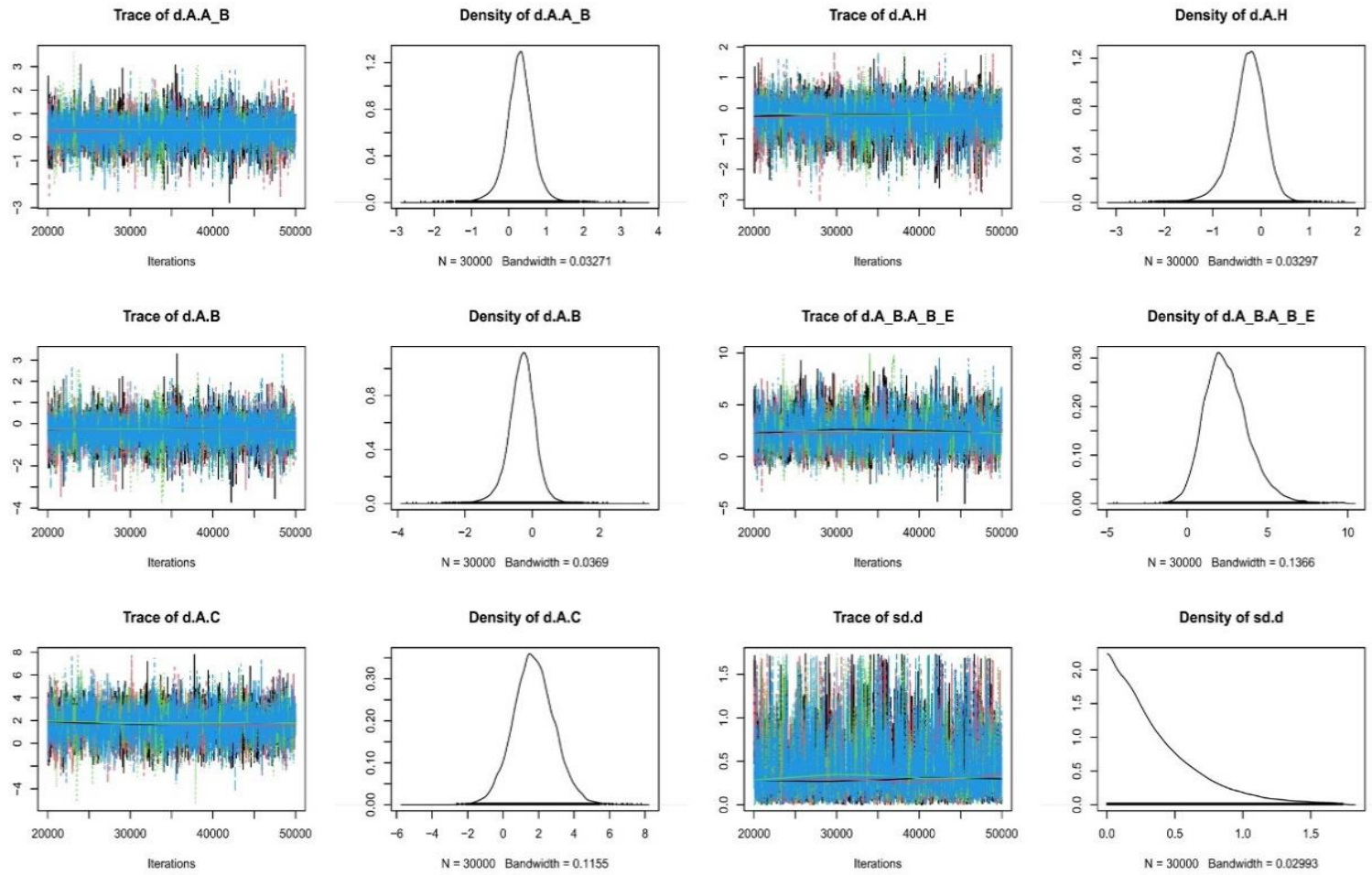


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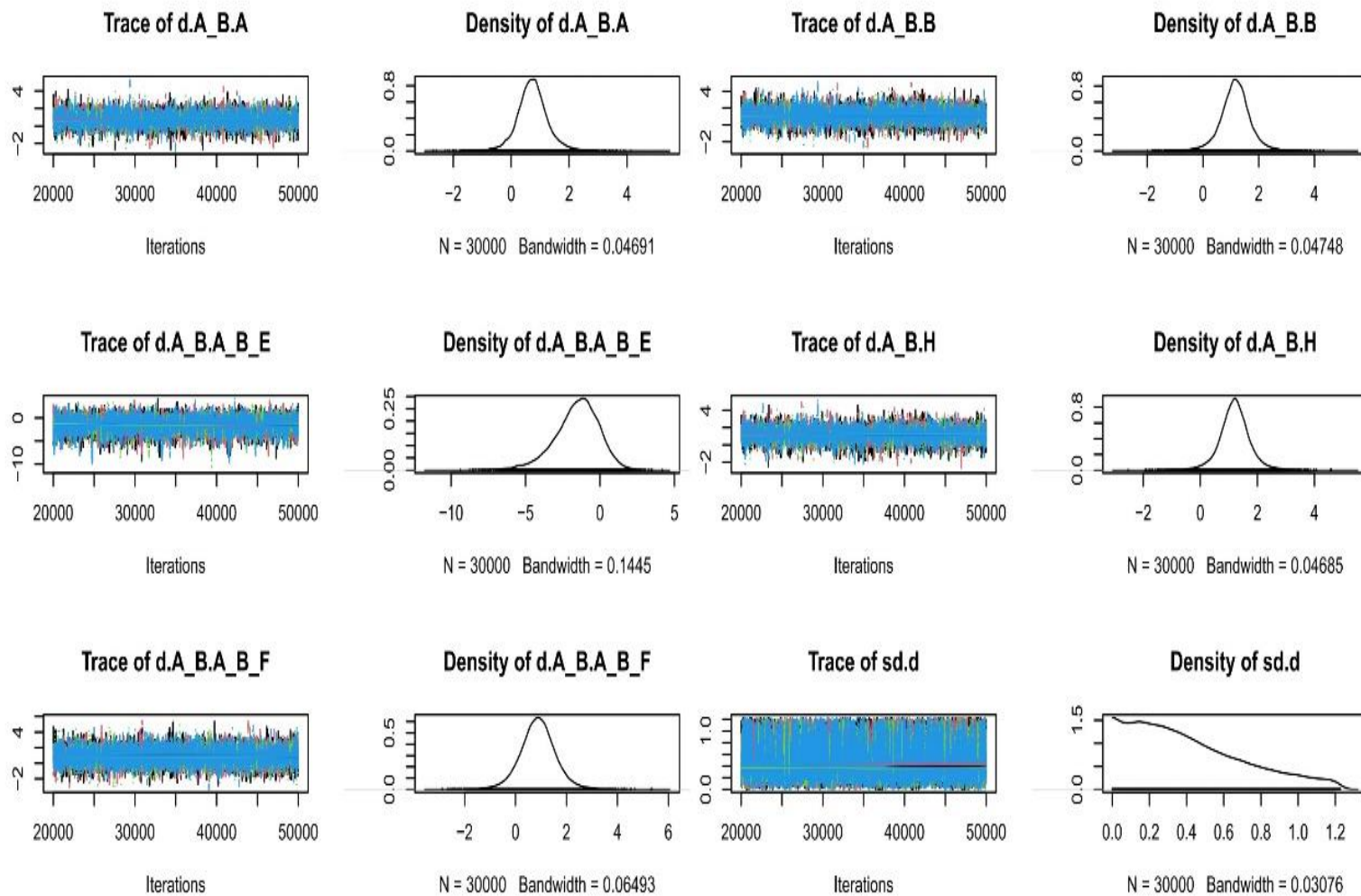


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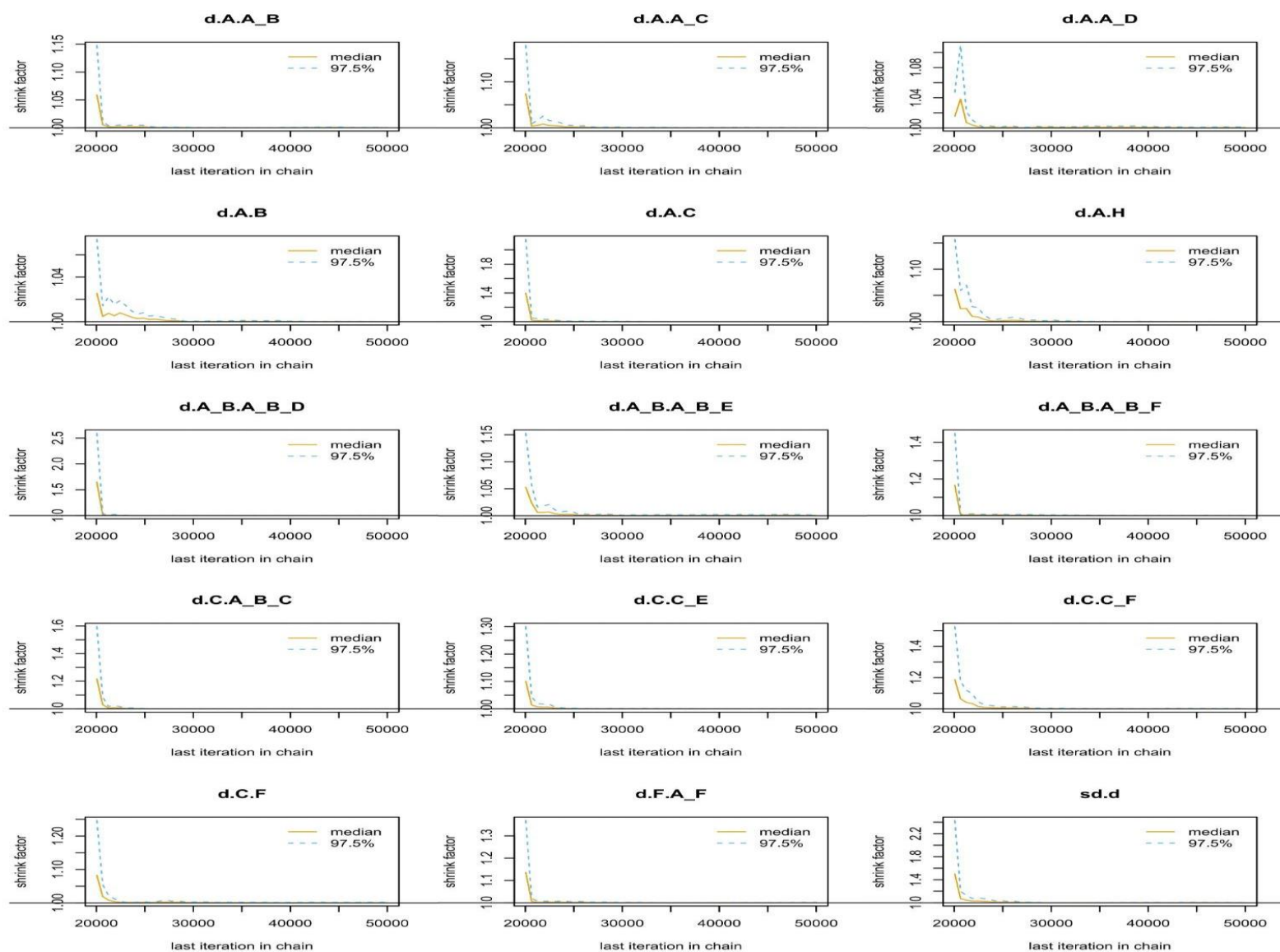


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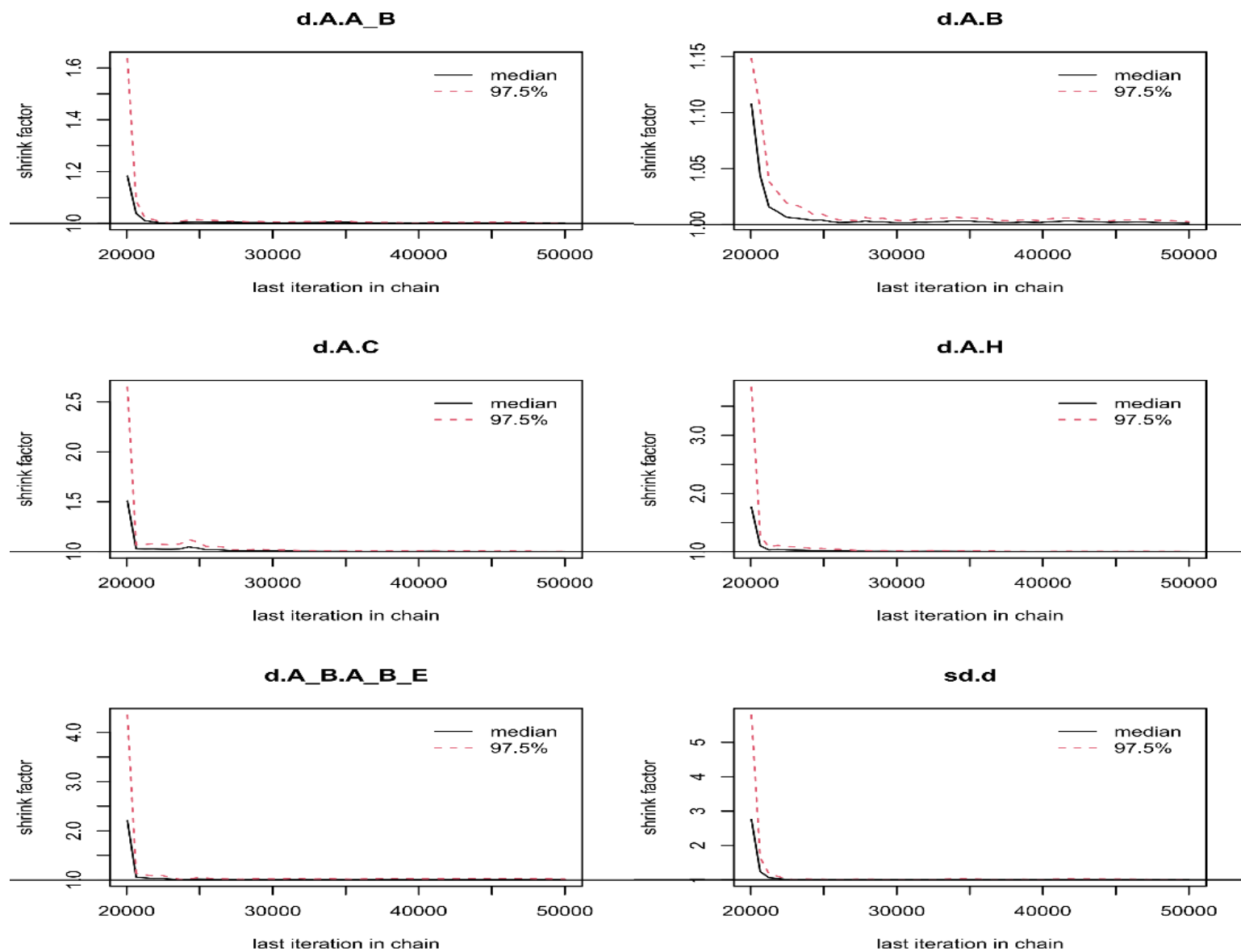


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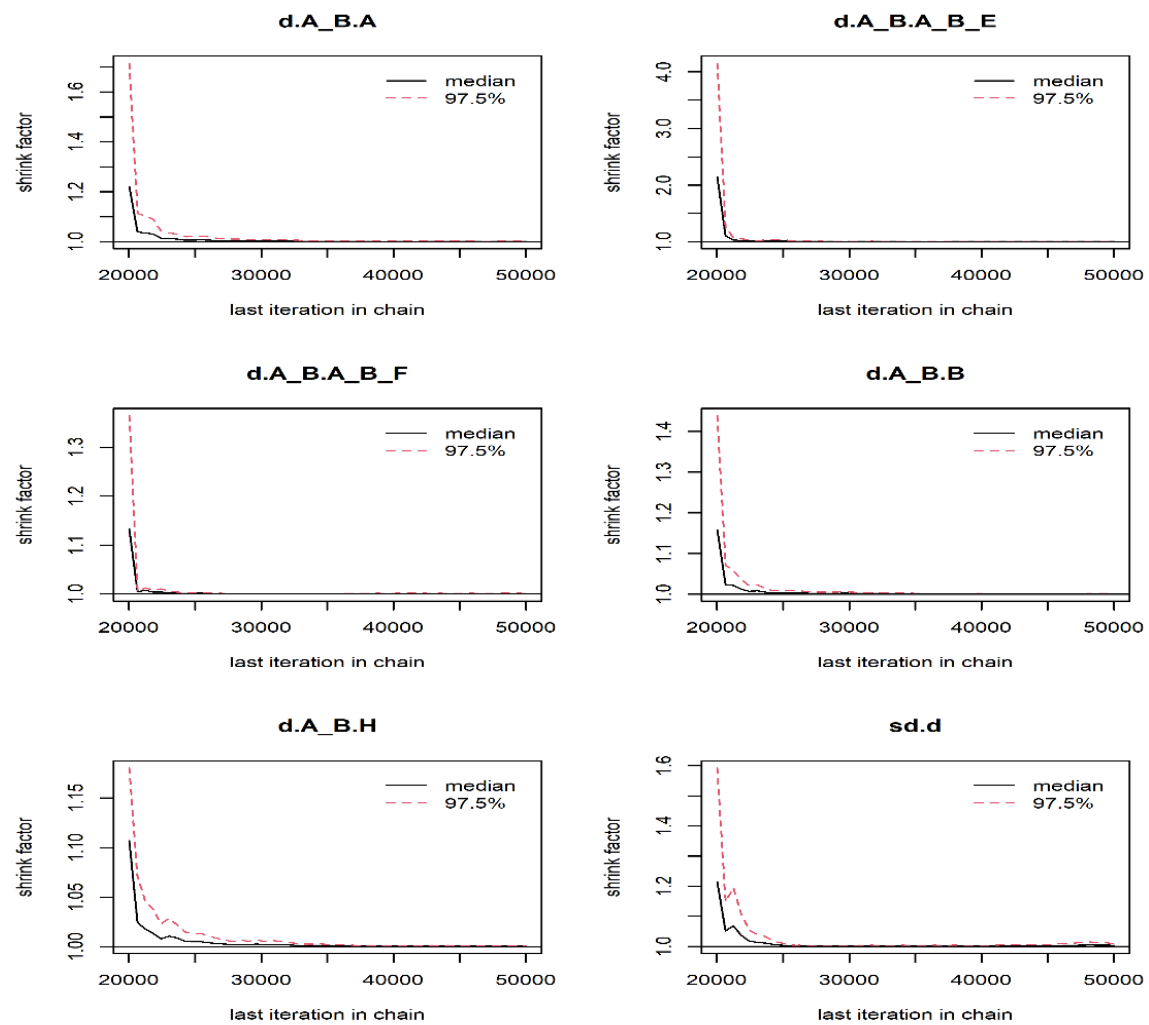


Figure S7

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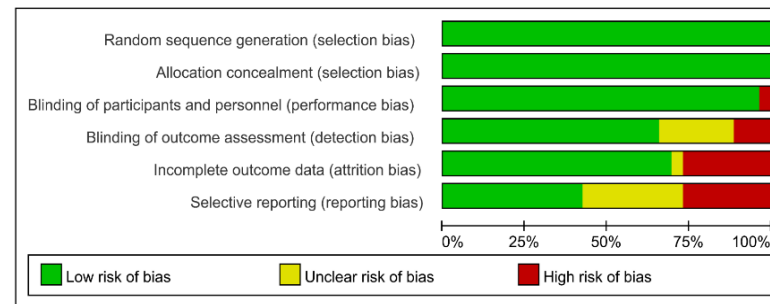
A3+B	0.40 (0.10, 1.64)	0 (0, 6.21)	0 (0, 6.39)	0 (0, 6.13)	0 (0, 4.69)	0 (0, 4.08)	0 (0, 3.74)	0 (0, 2.96)	0 (0, 3.48)	0 (0, 2.25)	0 (0, 1.62)	0 (0, 1.12)	0 (0, 1.10)	0 (0, 1.08)	0 (0, 0.60)	0 (0, 0.64)	0 (0, 0.36)	0 (0, 0.34)
2.49 (0.61, 10.20)	A3	0 (0, 13.99)	0 (0, 14.78)	0 (0, 14.40)	0 (0, 10.57)	0 (0, 9.31)	0 (0, 8.72)	0 (0, 6.93)	0 (0, 8.16)	0 (0, 5.22)	0 (0, 3.84)	0 (0, 2.65)	0 (0, 2.56)	0 (0, 2.41)	0 (0, 1.38)	0 (0, 1.42)	0 (0, 0.83)	0 (0, 0.81)
> 100 (0.16, > 100)	> 100 (0.07, > 100)	C+E	1.01 (0.06, 15.91)	0.79 (0.04, 17.29)	0.66 (0.04, 14.77)	0.59 (0.04, 9.15)	0.56 (0.04, 7.58)	0.52 (0.06, 4.71)	0.52 (0.05, 5.91)	0.37 (0.08, 1.72)	0.30 (0.06, 1.41)	0.21 (0.03, 1.44)	0.20 (0.03, 1.40)	0.17 (0.02, 1.72)	0.11 (0.02, 0.70)	0.09 (0.01, 1.49)	0.07 (0.01, 0.39)	0.06 (0.01, 0.40)
> 100 (0.16, > 102)	> 100 (0.07, > 100)	0.99 (0.06, 15.73)	A1+B+F	0.78 (0.03, 21.70)	0.66 (0.030, 19.20)	0.59 (0.04, 8.91)	0.56 (0.04, 7.17)	0.53 (0.10, 2.69)	0.52 (0.03, 10.03)	0.37 (0.02, 5.57)	0.30 (0.03, 2.95)	0.21 (0.02, 2.07)	0.20 (0.03, 1.32)	0.17 (0.01, 3.01)	0.11 (0.01, 1.03)	0.09 (0.003, 2.42)	0.07 (0.01, 0.58)	0.06 (0.01, 0.55)
> 100 (0.16, > 100)	> 100 (0.07, > 100)	1.26 (0.06, 24.30)	1.28 (0.05, 31.46)	A2+B+D	0.85 (0.03, 22.88)	0.75 (0.03, 17.82)	0.72 (0.03, 15.85)	0.66 (0.04, 10.40)	0.65 (0.03, 15.39)	0.47 (0.02, 8.64)	0.39 (0.03, 4.81)	0.26 (0.02, 2.60)	0.26 (0.02, 3.34)	0.22 (0.01, 4.7)	0.14 (0.01, 1.47)	0.12 (0.003, 3.61)	0.09 (0.01, 0.94)	0.08 (0.01, 0.86)
> 100 (0.21, > 100)	> 100 (0.10, > 100)	1.51 (0.07, 25.66)	1.51 (0.05, 34.05)	1.17 (0.04, 29.90)	A2+B+E	0.89 (0.03, 19.74)	0.85 (0.03, 16.90)	0.79 (0.04, 10.92)	0.77 (0.03, 16.26)	0.56 (0.03, 9.21)	0.46 (0.03, 4.98)	0.32 (0.03, 2.53)	0.30 (0.02, 3.40)	0.26 (0.01, 4.89)	0.17 (0.01, 1.45)	0.14 (0.004, 3.79)	0.10 (0.01, 0.94)	0.09 (0.01, 0.87)
> 100 (0.25, > 100)	> 100 (0.11, > 100)	1.70 (0.11, 24.72)	1.71 (0.11, 24.12)	1.34 (0.06, 35.24)	1.13 (0.05, 29.88)	A1+D	0.96 (0.07, 11.32)	0.90 (0.10, 6.93)	0.88 (0.05, 16.40)	0.63 (0.04, 8.82)	0.52 (0.05, 4.56)	0.36 (0.04, 3.21)	0.35 (0.05, 2.02)	0.30 (0.02, 4.77)	0.19 (0.02, 1.61)	0.16 (0.01, 3.87)	0.12 (0.01, 0.90)	0.11 (0.01, 0.86)
> 100 (0.27, > 100)	> 100 (0.12, > 100)	1.78 (0.13, 24.08)	1.77 (0.14, 23.44)	1.40 (0.06, 34.68)	1.18 (0.06, 29.52)	1.04 (0.09, 13.73)	A1+C	0.93 (0.13, 6.62)	0.92 (0.06, 15.85)	0.66 (0.05, 8.64)	0.54 (0.07, 4.41)	0.37 (0.04, 3.04)	0.36 (0.06, 1.89)	0.31 (0.02, 4.64)	0.20 (0.02, 1.52)	0.17 (0.01, 3.88)	0.12 (0.02, 0.85)	0.11 (0.01, 0.81)
> 100 (0.34, > 100)	> 100 (0.14, > 100)	1.92 (0.21, 17.40)	1.90 (0.37, 10.20)	1.50 (0.10, 26.55)	1.27 (0.09, 23.19)	1.11 (0.14, 9.85)	1.08 (0.15, 7.76)	A1+B	0.99 (0.09, 12.00)	0.71 (0.08, 6.23)	0.58 (0.12, 2.80)	0.40 (0.08, 1.96)	0.38 (0.14, 0.99)	0.33 (0.03, 3.45)	0.21 (0.04, 0.97)	0.18 (0.01, 2.92)	0.13 (0.03, 0.53)	0.12 (0.02, 0.52)
> 100 (0.29, > 100)	> 100 (0.12, > 100)	1.93 (0.17, 21.67)	1.93 (0.10, 38.51)	1.53 (0.07, 38.90)	1.30 (0.06, 32.27)	1.13 (0.06, 21.01)	1.09 (0.06, 18.09)	1.01 (0.08, 11.65)	C+F	0.715 (0.06, 7.75)	0.59 (0.09, 3.71)	0.40 (0.04, 3.56)	0.39 (0.04, 3.56)	0.34 (0.05, 2.01)	0.22 (0.02, 1.77)	0.18 (0.02, 1.92)	0.13 (0.02, 0.99)	0.12 (0.01, 1.03)
> 100 (0.44, > 100)	> 100 (0.19, > 100)	2.69 (0.58, 12.86)	2.70 (0.18, 42.82)	2.11 (0.12, 45.46)	1.79 (0.11, 39.80)	1.58 (0.11, 24.29)	1.52 (0.12, 20.32)	1.41 (0.16, 12.43)	1.40 (0.13, 15.69)	A1+B+C	0.82 (0.18, 3.66)	0.56 (0.09, 3.74)	0.54 (0.08, 3.67)	0.47 (0.05, 4.57)	0.30 (0.05, 1.84)	0.25 (0.02, 3.90)	0.18 (0.03, 1.020)	0.17 (0.02, 1.06)
> 100 (0.62, > 100)	> 100 (0.26, > 100)	3.285 (0.71, 15.39)	3.29 (0.34, 33.63)	2.58 (0.21, 38.11)	2.17 (0.20, 31.86)	1.92 (0.22, 19.33)	1.85 (0.23, 15.11)	1.72 (0.36, 8.50)	1.70 (0.27, 11.64)	1.22 (0.27, 5.43)	C	0.68 (0.22, 2.19)	0.66 (0.19, 2.24)	0.57 (0.10, 3.16)	0.37 (0.12, 1.04)	0.31 (0.03, 3.10)	0.22 (0.09, 0.54)	0.21 (0.06, 0.62)
> 100 (0.90, > 100)	> 100 (0.38, > 100)	4.82 (0.69, 32.25)	4.83 (0.48, 48.00)	3.78 (0.39, 42.50)	3.16 (0.40, 35.96)	2.82 (0.31, 28.53)	2.71 (0.33, 22.47)	2.51 (0.51, 12.30)	2.49 (0.28, 23.20)	1.79 (0.27, 11.62)	1.47 (0.46, 4.53)	A2+B	0.96 (0.27, 3.32)	0.84 (0.10, 6.48)	0.54 (0.26, 0.98)	0.45 (0.03, 5.88)	0.33 (0.13, 0.70)	0.30 (0.11, 0.67)
> 100 (0.91, > 100)	> 100 (0.39, > 100)	5.00 (0.71, 36.73)	4.99 (0.76, 35.50)	3.92 (0.30, 59.67)	3.30 (0.30, 51.97)	2.90 (0.50, 21.01)	2.81 (0.53, 15.91)	2.61 (1.10, 7.10)	2.60 (0.31, 28.87)	1.86 (0.27, 13.11)	1.52 (0.45, 5.35)	1.04 (0.30, 3.73)	A1	0.87 (0.10, 7.29)	0.56 (0.16, 1.84)	0.47 (0.03, 6.51)	0.34 (0.11, 0.96)	0.31 (0.09, 0.95)
> 100 (0.93, > 100)	> 100 (0.42, > 100)	5.77 (0.58, 59.60)	5.75 (0.33, 105.45)	4.55 (0.21, 110.28)	3.86 (0.21, 91.33)	3.38 (0.21, 60.72)	3.25 (0.22, 49.24)	3.02 (0.29, 31.73)	2.96 (0.50, 19.75)	2.14 (0.22, 21.21)	1.75 (0.32, 9.83)	1.19 (0.15, 9.77)	1.15 (0.14, 9.61)	F	0.64 (0.08, 4.80)	0.54 (0.11, 2.53)	0.39 (0.06, 2.72)	0.36 (0.04, 2.82)
> 100 (1.68, > 100)	> 100 (0.72, > 100)	8.97 (1.43, 60.38)	8.97 (0.97, 92.48)	7.10 (0.68, 88.72)	5.93 (0.69, 76.70)	5.25 (0.62, 54.03)	5.04 (0.66, 43.07)	4.68 (1.03, 23.54)	4.64 (0.56, 43.41)	3.32 (0.54, 21.59)	2.73 (0.96, 8.26)	1.86 (1.02, 3.84)	1.79 (0.55, 6.23)	1.56 (0.21, 12.20)	A2	0.84 (0.07, 11.13)	0.61 (0.29, 1.29)	0.56 (0.23, 1.27)
> 100 (1.56, > 100)	> 100 (0.70, > 100)	10.63 (0.67, 178.18)	10.69 (0.41, 292.75)	8.49 (0.28, 295.90)	7.14 (0.26, 247.01)	6.30 (0.26, 166.71)	8.26 (1.18, 64.65)	5.59 (0.34, 97.01)	5.51 (0.52, 63.81)	3.97 (0.26, 63.69)	3.25 (0.32, 33.59)	2.22 (0.17, 30.69)	2.13 (0.15, 29.81)	1.85 (0.40, 8.84)	1.19 (0.09, 15.25)	A2+F	0.72 (0.06, 8.77)	0.67 (0.05, 8.70)
> 100 (2.82, > 100)	> 100 (1.21, > 100)	14.72 (2.60, 91.03)	14.69 (1.72, 142.59)	11.58 (1.07, 151.72)	9.74 (1.06, 130.83)	8.60 (1.11, 82.87)	8.26 (1.18, 64.65)	7.66 (1.88, 34.65)	7.59 (1.01, 65.78)	5.45 (0.98, 32.49)	4.46 (1.87, 11.54)	3.03 (1.43, 7.48)	2.93 (1.04, 8.89)	2.55 (0.37, 18.31)	1.64 (0.78, 3.48)	1.38 (0.11, 17.12)	H	0.92 (0.38, 2.08)
> 100 (2.98, > 100)	> 100 (1.24, > 100)	15.99 (2.50, 115.73)	15.98 (1.81, 166.26)	12.66 (1.17, 170.00)	10.59 (1.15, 148.38)	9.32 (1.17, 96.59)	9.00 (1.24, 75.80)	8.36 (1.94, 41.55)	8.31 (0.97, 82.83)	5.91 (0.94, 41.91)	4.86 (1.62, 16.67)	3.29 (1.50, 8.83)	3.19 (1.05, 10.88)	2.78 (0.36, 23.37)	1.78 (0.79, 4.30)	1.50 (0.12, 20.91)	1.08 (0.48, 2.60)	B

Figure S7B

A+B1+D	0.85 (0.04, 17.58)	0.84 (0.05, 11.41)	0.51 (0.04, 6.14)	0.44 (0.02, 8.65)	0.33 (0.02, 5.42)	0.32 (0.02, 4.45)	0.31 (0.02, 4.15)	0.27 (0.03, 2.09)	0.26 (0.02, 2.63)	0.26 (0.02, 2.63)	0.18 (0.02, 1.79)	0.14 (0.01, 2.29)	0.12 (0.01, 1.00)	0.10 (0.01, 0.98)	0.08 (0.003, 1.58)	0.06 (0.01, 0.56)	0.03 (0.003, 0.32)
1.18 (0.057, 23.82)	A+B1+E	0.97 (0.06, 11.73)	0.59 (0.04, 6.75)	0.51 (0.03, 8.41)	0.39 (0.02, 5.71)	0.38 (0.02, 4.69)	0.36 (0.02, 4.39)	0.31 (0.03, 2.16)	0.30 (0.03, 2.68)	0.29 (0.03, 2.64)	0.21 (0.02, 1.83)	0.17 (0.01, 2.35)	0.13 (0.01, 1.03)	0.11 (0.01, 1.02)	0.09 (0.004, 1.68)	0.07 (0.01, 0.57)	0.04 (0.003, 0.33)
1.20 (0.09, 20.77)	1.04 (0.09, 15.99)	C+E	0.62 (0.07, 5.15)	0.54 (0.06, 4.30)	0.40 (0.05, 4.05)	0.40 (0.05, 3.08)	0.38 (0.10, 1.27)	0.32 (0.06, 1.61)	0.31 (0.06, 1.67)	0.31 (0.09, 1.04)	0.22 (0.05, 1.11)	0.18 (0.02, 1.17)	0.14 (0.03, 0.60)	0.12 (0.02, 0.61)	0.10 (0.01, 0.92)	0.08 (0.02, 0.31)	0.04 (0.007, 0.20)
1.96 (0.16, 28.38)	1.70 (0.15, 22.82)	1.62 (0.19, 13.77)	A+B1+F	0.88 (0.07, 9.80)	0.66 (0.06, 6.65)	0.65 (0.08, 5.20)	0.61 (0.07, 4.93)	0.53 (0.13, 2.02)	0.51 (0.09, 2.75)	0.50 (0.09, 2.82)	0.36 (0.07, 1.92)	0.29 (0.03, 2.67)	0.23 (0.05, 1.01)	0.20 (0.03, 1.06)	0.15 (0.01, 2.06)	0.12 (0.02, 0.57)	0.07 (0.01, 0.34)
2.26 (0.12, 49.16)	1.96 (0.12, 39.24)	1.84 (0.23, 16.16)	1.14 (0.10, 14.08)	C+F	0.77 (0.06, 10.30)	0.75 (0.07, 8.29)	0.70 (0.09, 5.62)	0.60 (0.08, 4.55)	0.58 (0.07, 4.64)	0.58 (0.10, 3.19)	0.41 (0.06, 3.13)	0.33 (0.06, 1.64)	0.26 (0.04, 1.73)	0.22 (0.03, 1.69)	0.17 (0.02, 1.35)	0.14 (0.02, 0.90)	0.08 (0.01, 0.58)
3.02 (0.19, 54.95)	2.60 (0.18, 42.44)	2.52 (0.25, 21.45)	1.52 (0.15, 15.57)	1.30 (0.10, 16.17)	A+D	0.99 (0.10, 8.36)	0.94 (0.10, 7.69)	0.81 (0.12, 4.40)	0.79 (0.11, 4.33)	0.78 (0.11, 4.36)	0.56 (0.09, 3.05)	0.44 (0.04, 4.30)	0.35 (0.06, 1.59)	0.30 (0.04, 1.68)	0.24 (0.01, 3.20)	0.19 (0.03, 0.92)	0.10 (0.02, 0.57)
3.09 (0.23, 49.48)	2.62 (0.21, 41.69)	2.53 (0.32, 19.93)	1.55 (0.19, 13.10)	1.34 (0.12, 15.21)	1.01 (0.12, 9.70)	A+C	0.95 (0.12, 7.17)	0.81 (0.16, 3.94)	0.80 (0.14, 3.99)	0.78 (0.15, 4.29)	0.55 (0.12, 2.77)	0.45 (0.05, 4.01)	0.35 (0.08, 1.45)	0.30 (0.06, 1.55)	0.24 (0.02, 3.01)	0.19 (0.04, 0.84)	0.10 (0.02, 0.51)
3.19 (0.24, 51.81)	2.79 (0.23, 42.42)	2.63 (0.79, 9.71)	1.64 (0.20, 13.63)	1.42 (0.18, 11.38)	1.07 (0.13, 10.56)	1.05 (0.14, 8.20)	A+B1+C	0.85 (0.18, 4.21)	0.81 (0.16, 4.35)	0.82 (0.25, 2.75)	0.58 (0.13, 2.95)	0.46 (0.07, 3.11)	0.37 (0.09, 1.57)	0.31 (0.06, 1.59)	0.25 (0.03, 2.45)	0.20 (0.05, 0.81)	0.11 (0.02, 0.53)
3.70 (0.48, 39.93)	3.21 (0.46, 29.87)	3.11 (0.62, 16.01)	1.89 (0.50, 7.95)	1.66 (0.22, 12.63)	1.24 (0.23, 8.37)	1.23 (0.25, 6.17)	1.18 (0.24, 5.55)	A+B1	0.97 (0.33, 2.72)	0.97 (0.33, 2.73)	0.68 (0.28, 1.78)	0.55 (0.09, 3.21)	0.43 (0.21, 0.84)	0.37 (0.13, 1.03)	0.29 (0.03, 2.60)	0.23 (0.10, 0.50)	0.13 (0.05, 0.31)
3.85 (0.38, 51.06)	3.30 (0.37, 38.67)	3.22 (0.60, 18.11)	1.95 (0.36, 11.79)	1.73 (0.22, 13.60)	1.27 (0.23, 9.09)	1.26 (0.25, 6.93)	1.23 (0.23, 6.33)	1.03 (0.37, 3.06)	A+B3	0.99 (0.32, 3.23)	0.70 (0.27, 2.15)	0.57 (0.08, 3.55)	0.44 (0.20, 1.00)	0.38 (0.12, 1.22)	0.30 (0.03, 2.85)	0.24 (0.09, 0.60)	0.13 (0.04, 0.40)
3.89 (0.38, 50.75)	3.41 (0.38, 38.44)	3.20 (0.97, 11.74)	2.00 (0.36, 11.72)	1.71 (0.31, 9.95)	1.28 (0.23, 9.21)	1.28 (0.23, 6.80)	1.22 (0.36, 4.00)	1.04 (0.37, 3.02)	1.01 (0.31, 3.18)	C	0.71 (0.27, 2.02)	0.57 (0.13, 2.45)	0.45 (0.19, 1.01)	0.38 (0.13, 1.15)	0.31 (0.04, 2.11)	0.24 (0.10, 0.51)	0.13 (0.04, 0.38)
5.47 (0.56, 65.72)	4.72 (0.55, 50.93)	4.55 (0.90, 22.26)	2.78 (0.52, 15.25)	2.45 (0.32, 17.61)	1.80 (0.33, 11.54)	1.80 (0.36, 8.58)	1.73 (0.34, 7.72)	1.47 (0.56, 3.58)	1.43 (0.46, 3.74)	1.41 (0.50, 3.72)	A+B2	0.81 (0.13, 4.44)	0.63 (0.30, 1.12)	0.55 (0.20, 1.21)	0.43 (0.04, 3.55)	0.35 (0.14, 0.64)	0.19 (0.06, 0.46)
6.92 (0.44, 130.71)	5.90 (0.43, 103.46)	5.63 (0.86, 41.50)	3.48 (0.38, 35.86)	3.03 (0.61, 16.24)	2.26 (0.23, 27.08)	2.23 (0.25, 21.07)	2.17 (0.32, 14.38)	1.81 (0.31, 11.55)	1.77 (0.28, 11.88)	1.76 (0.41, 7.97)	1.23 (0.23, 7.92)	F	0.78 (0.15, 4.36)	0.67 (0.11, 4.25)	0.54 (0.15, 1.90)	0.42 (0.08, 2.24)	0.23 (0.04, 1.45)
8.73 (0.99, 102.50)	7.49 (0.97, 76.77)	7.22 (1.68, 33.76)	4.42 (0.99, 22.11)	3.89 (0.58, 26.52)	2.86 (0.63, 17.17)	2.87 (0.69, 12.49)	2.74 (0.64, 11.61)	2.33 (1.19, 4.74)	2.26 (1.01, 5.05)	2.23 (0.99, 5.25)	1.58 (0.90, 3.29)	1.29 (0.23, 6.74)	A	0.85 (0.37, 1.99)	0.68 (0.08, 5.43)	0.55 (0.31, 0.87)	0.29 (0.13, 0.64)
10.18 (1.02, 122.95)	8.84 (0.98, 102.46)	8.50 (1.63, 46.14)	5.13 (0.94, 31.55)	4.57 (0.59, 35.41)	3.36 (0.60, 24.07)	3.37 (0.65, 17.90)	3.23 (0.63, 16.10)	2.72 (0.97, 7.99)	2.64 (0.82, 8.43)	2.62 (0.87, 8.02)	1.84 (0.83, 4.93)	1.49 (0.24, 9.27)	1.17 (0.50, 2.70)	B2	0.80 (0.08, 7.36)	0.64 (0.25, 1.42)	0.35 (0.11, 1.02)
12.63 (0.63, 326.42)	11.26 (0.59, 248.08)	10.51 (1.09, 110.19)	6.53 (0.49, 92.87)	5.74 (0.74, 46.76)	4.24 (0.31, 69.95)	4.21 (0.33, 55.38)	4.05 (0.41, 39.93)	3.43 (0.38, 32.90)	3.28 (0.35, 33.26)	3.25 (0.48, 23.93)	2.33 (0.28, 22.62)	1.87 (0.53, 6.80)	1.47 (0.18, 12.61)	1.25 (0.14, 11.97)	A+F	0.80 (0.10, 6.43)	0.43 (0.05, 3.97)
16.15 (1.80, 193.81)	13.94 (1.77, 150.85)	13.30 (3.27, 62.63)	8.13 (1.76, 44.40)	7.15 (1.11, 49.45)	5.29 (1.09, 34.34)	5.31 (1.19, 25.59)	5.08 (1.24, 21.53)	4.29 (2.02, 10.10)	4.14 (1.66, 11.34)	4.11 (1.96, 9.62)	2.88 (1.58, 6.95)	2.36 (0.45, 12.53)	1.83 (1.15, 3.21)	1.55 (0.71, 3.95)	1.25 (0.16, 10.20)	H	0.54 (0.24, 1.28)
29.95 (3.14, 386.68)	25.61 (3.06, 289.80)	24.69 (4.94, 136.39)	15.21 (2.99, 85.45)	13.32 (1.73, 105.48)	9.85 (1.77, 68.84)	9.78 (1.95, 53.25)	9.45 (1.90, 47.73)	8.00 (3.22, 21.45)	7.74 (2.50, 24.41)	7.66 (2.65, 23.56)	5.38 (2.16, 16.38)	4.40 (0.69, 26.80)	3.41 (1.56, 7.78)	2.89 (0.98, 9.24)	2.32 (0.25, 21.35)	1.86 (0.78, 4.23)	B1

Figure S8

	Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Selective reporting (reporting bias)
Adour 1996	+	+	+	+	+	+
Austin, JR 1993	+	+	+	+	+	+
Barbara, M 2010	+	+	+	+	+	+
De Diego 1998	+	+	+	+	+	?
Dehua Li 2020	+	+	+	+	+	+
Engstrom M 2008	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ferreira, 2016	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hato, N 2007	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kawaguchi, K 2007	+	+	+	+	+	+
Khajeh Ali 2015	+	+	+	+	+	?
Khedr 2016	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kim Jin 2016	+	+	+	+	+	?
Lee, Ho yun 2013	+	+	+	+	+	+
Legalla, G 2002	+	+	+	+	+	?
Liang, Hui 2018	+	+	+	+	+	?
Liu, Lian 2010	+	+	+	+	+	+
Minnerop 2008	+	+	+	+	+	+
Monini S 2017	+	+	+	+	+	?
Nicastro, M 2013	+	+	+	+	+	?
Qu Yong 2005	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sullivan, FM-2 2007	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tone, F M 2009	+	+	+	+	+	?
Unuvar, E 1999	+	+	+	+	+	+
Xie, H L 2010	+	+	+	+	+	?
Xu 2020	+	+	+	+	+	+
Yeo, S G 2008	+	+	+	+	+	+



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