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Association of type 2 diabetes with cancer: A meta-analysis with bias analysis for unmeasured confounding in 151 cohorts comprising 32 million people

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Table S1. Reasons for exclusion after full-text review

PMID/DOI	Exclusion reason
24220915	Not original studies (commentary/review)
25104789	Not original studies (commentary/review)
25555822	Not original studies (commentary/review)
26338721	Not original studies (commentary/review)
28290049	Not original studies (commentary/review)
9182981	Not original studies (commentary/review)
11509114	Irrelevant study design
11714111	Irrelevant study design
12588087	Irrelevant study design
15233314	Irrelevant study design
20603278	Irrelevant study design
20956995	Irrelevant study design
21505205	Irrelevant study design
21709690	Irrelevant study design
22126502	Irrelevant study design
23112111	Irrelevant study design
25104332	Irrelevant study design
25301194	Irrelevant study design
26455587	Irrelevant study design
3998058	Irrelevant study design
16284945	Irrelevant study design
17109384	Irrelevant study design
17168202	Irrelevant study design
17220709	Irrelevant study design
17689296	Irrelevant study design
19676082	Irrelevant study design
21982487	Irrelevant study design
22161620	Irrelevant study design
28036262	Irrelevant study design
29049401	Irrelevant study design
7947103	Irrelevant study design
11991597	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
12784339	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
12960507	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
15350367	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
16844421	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
17230509	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
17509946	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
17539994	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
18387499	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
18506898	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
18679071	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
18854000	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
19085911	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
19422477	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
19549812	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
19879061	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
20354525	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
20399781	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
20669224	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
20920698	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
21221244	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
21800292	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
21935276	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
22120574	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
22266734	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
22281433	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
22297866	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)

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22526616	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
22991257	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
23633003	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
27527741	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
29054569	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
9010910	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
27294746	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
29790667	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
12640672	Specific population (e.g. cancer patients, or HBV/HCV infected patients etc.)
9308706	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
7068798	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
29370205	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
27271648	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
26541196	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
26201803	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
26082067	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
25488912	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
25451896	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
25300498	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
23722623	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
22839452	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
21752291	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
21193459	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
19918015	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
1951827	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
1932543	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
19191082	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
1827398	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
16790032	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
15886700	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
12663571	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
11515436	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
10497622	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
10096781	Compared to the general population (not people without diabetes)
14652242	Irrelevant exposures
15466982	Irrelevant exposures
19226331	Irrelevant exposures
20636960	Irrelevant exposures
20647401	Irrelevant exposures
23929218	Irrelevant exposures
26212724	Irrelevant exposures
8718428	Irrelevant exposures
9367058	Irrelevant exposures
22619079	Irrelevant exposures
26960926	Irrelevant exposures
30603260	Irrelevant exposures
12730869	Irrelevant outcomes
16790036	Irrelevant outcomes
19908334	Irrelevant outcomes
21325950	Irrelevant outcomes
21894459	Irrelevant outcomes
23560242	Irrelevant outcomes
23755906	Irrelevant outcomes
24091887	Irrelevant outcomes
24944487	Irrelevant outcomes
27208325	Irrelevant outcomes
6370768	Irrelevant outcomes
9794177	Irrelevant outcomes
22527209	Irrelevant outcomes

PMID/DOI	Exclusion reason
26011105	Irrelevant outcomes
10929764	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
17086880	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
24756959	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
4378317	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
6826689	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
8056126	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
9653609	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
10.1016/j.urology.2009.07.1106*	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
20880183	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
28237628	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
29784146	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
29804063	No estimates (CIs, SEs or exact p-values)
11600471	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
12181105	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
12397646	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
12420955	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
15191933	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
16541321	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
16721800	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
16968859	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
19664792	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
19723915	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
20479278	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
21398527	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
21544514	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
21820134	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
22124092	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
22158673	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
22525339	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
23110810	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
23658071	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
24069323	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
24884617	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
25014539	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
25978841	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
26559055	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
27189066	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
3372055	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
7666483	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
8841022	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
9139868	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
9150194	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
9486458	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
10088625	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
14762783	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
17401636	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
17450441	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
18618278	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
20578004	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
21273499	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
21415356	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
21602426	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
22719752	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
22895832	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
23053824	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
23648711	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
23826297	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
23943977	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)

PMID/DOI	Exclusion reason
24991802	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
25058016	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
25275365	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
25552419	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
26185535	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
27368048	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
28348740	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
29518753	Duplicate cohorts (larger person-years was included)
17164367	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
17696730	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
20027213	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
20490448	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
20705912	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
21366474	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
21984693	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
22294499	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
23889822	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
27493134	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
27742674	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
28265721	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
28352981	Combination of several cohorts: no CI in each cohort
Eligible but not included in the meta-analysis	
29483953	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
27892965	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
27646740	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
24425422	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
23550697	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
21389009	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
2037851	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
16839220	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
15298731	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome
1462971	Less than 10 cohorts reported for the outcome

PMID: PubMed ID, a unique record assigned by the NIH National Library of Medicine to papers progressively indexed in PubMed. ***DOI:** digital object identifier, a unique alphanumeric string assigned to an online document such as a journal article or ebook. **CI:** confidence interval; **SE:** standard error; **HBV/HCV:** Hepatitis B and hepatitis C virus

Table S2. Characteristics of 151 included cohorts

PMID/DOI	First Author, year (continent) ^{Ref}	Cohort name	N	I	M	Adjustment					
						Age	Sex	B	A	S	O
2296978	Levine W, 1990 (NA) ¹	Chicago Heart Association Detection Project in Industry	20,755	X	✓	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
2916544	Thompson MM, 1989 (NA) ²	Lipid Research Clinics Prevalence Study	1,701	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
3365678	Mills PK, 1988 (NA) ³	The Adventist Health Study (AHS)	34,198	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
8014014	Shibata A, 1994 (NA) ⁴	Leisure World, Laguna Hills, LA	13,976	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X
8117767	Sellers TA, 1994 (NA) ⁵	Iowa Women Health Study	36,603	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X
8449644	Friedman GD, 1993 (NA) ⁶	Kasier permanente medical care programme	3,137	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
8629606	Coughlin SS, 1996 (NA) ⁷	Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial (MRFIT)	348,874	X	✓	✓	-	X	X	✓	✓
8634649	Steenland K, 1995 (NA) ⁸	National Health and Nutrition Survey I	14,407	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
9048836	Cerhan JR, 1997 (NA) ⁹	Iowa Women Health Study	37,934	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X
9571339	Adlerberth AM, 1997 (EU) ¹⁰	Multifactorial Primary Prevention Trial	7,100	X	✓	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
9583711	Will JC, 1998 (NA) ¹¹	Cancer Prevention Study I (CPS I)	863,699	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
9585742	Koskinen SV, 1998 (EU) ¹²	1980 census of Finland	58,000	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X
10230844	Will JC, 1999 (NA) ¹³	Cancer Prevention Study I (CPS I)	15,065	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X
10360818	Terry P, 1999 (EU) ¹⁴	Swedish Twin Registry	10,154	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
10393723	Schoen RE, 1999 (NA) ¹⁵	Cardiovascular Health Study	5,162	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
10815119	Gapstur SM, 2000 (NA) ¹⁶	Chicago Heart Association Detection Project in Industry	35,658	X	✓	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
11161410	Nilsen TI, 2001 (EU) ¹⁷	Nord-Trondelag Health Survey	75,219	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X
11401910	Anderson KE, 2001 (NA) ¹⁸	Iowa Women Health Study	24,664	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
11747142	Fujino Y, 2001 (Asia) ¹⁹	Fukuoka general population	7,018	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
12115510	Lin Y, 2002 (Asia) ²⁰	Japan Collaborative Cohort Study for Evaluation of Cancer Risk	99,527	X	✓	✓	-	X	X	✓	X
12146846	Stolzenberg-Solomon RZ, 2002 (EU) ²¹	Alpha-Tocopherol, Beta-Carotene Cancer Prevention Study	29,133	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	✓
12436437	Tripathi A, 2002 (NA) ²²	Iowa Women Health Study	37,459	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
12714546	Inoue M, 2003 (Asia) ²³	Hospital-based Epidemiologic Research at Aichi Cancer Center	2,200	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
12766105	Michels KB, 2003 (NA) ²⁴	Nurses' Health Study	116,488	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	X	✓
12796045	SaydahSH, 2002 (NA) ²⁵	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey II (NHANES II)	3,054	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14618625	Nicodemus KK, 2005 (NA) ²⁶	Iowa Women Health Study	34,637	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
15184246	Khaw KT, 2005 (EU) ²⁷	EPIC-Northfolk, UK	9,605	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X
15577289	Batty GD, 2004 (EU) ²⁸	Whitehall Study	17,031	X	✓	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
15632264	Rodriguez C, 2005 (NA) ²⁹	Cancer Prevention Study II Nutrition Cohort (CPS II Nutrition)	72,670	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
15644546	Jee SH, 2005 (Asia) ³⁰	Korean Cancer Prevention Study (KCPS)	1,298,385	✓	✓	✓	-	X	✓	✓	X
15668486	Limburg PJ, 2005 (NA) ³¹	Iowa Women Health Study	34,972	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
15735193	Hall GC, 2005 (EU) ³²	GP data in the UK(GPRD)	334,120	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X
15983343	Larsson SC, 2005 (EU) ³³	Cohort of Swedish Men (COSM)	45,550	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
16288300	Larsson SC, 2005 (EU) ³⁴	SMC & COSM	83,053	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16418516	Seow A, 2006 (Asia) ³⁵	Singapore Chinese Health Study	61,321	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16557372	Rapp K, 2006 (EU) ³⁶	Vorarlberg Health Monitoring and Promotion Programme (VHM&PP)	140,813	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
16729295	Lai MS, 2006 (Asia) ³⁷	Keelung Community-Based Integrated Screening (KCIS)	54,474	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
16839219	Khan M, 2006 (Asia) ³⁸	Japan Collaborative Cohort Study for Evaluation of Cancer Risk	56,881	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	X
16877536	Bowers K, 2006 (EU) ³⁹	Alpha-Tocopherol, Beta-Carotene Cancer Prevention Study	29,133	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	X
16945591	Gupta S, 2006 (NA) ⁴⁰	Veterans Affairs (VA)	1,421,794	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓

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						Age	Sex	B	A	S	O
17000944	Inoue M, 2006 (Asia) ⁴¹	Japan Public Health Center-Based Prospective Study (JPHC)	97,771	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
17033617	Velicer CM, 2007 (NA) ⁴²	Vitamines and Lifestyle study (VITAL)	35,239	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	✓
17164361	Sturmer T, 2006 (NA) ⁴³	Physicians Health Study	22,071	✓	X	✓	-	X	✓	✓	✓
17301260	Friberg E, 2006 (EU) ⁴⁴	Women living in Uppsala County of central Sweden	36,773	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
17327321	Stattn P, 2007 (EU) ⁴⁵	Northern Sweden Health and Disease Cohort	68,786	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	X
17656615	Setiawan VW, 2007 (NA) ⁴⁶	The Multiethnic Cohort	161,126	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
17693655	Travier N, 2007 (AU) ⁴⁷	New Zealand free HB screening	46,575	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
18268068	Folsom AR, 2008 (NA) ⁴⁸	Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC)	13,117	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18349280	Darbinian JA, 2008 (NA) ⁴⁹	Kasier permanente medical care programme	47,209	✓	X	X	-	✓	X	X	✓
18362938	Lindemann K, 2008 (EU) ⁵⁰	HUNT, Norway	36,761	✓	X	✓	-	X	✓	X	✓
18443270	Khan AE, 2008 (EU) ⁵¹	European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition	393,477	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	✓	X
18505690	Chen CL, 2008 (Asia) ⁵²	A cancer screening program in Taiwan	23,218	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
18707871	Larsson SC, 2008 (EU) ⁵³	Cohort of Swedish Men (COSM)	45,906	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	✓
18753735	Oba S, 2008 (Asia) ⁵⁴	Takayama Study Cohort	29,079	X	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
19058180	Kasper JS, 2009 (NA) ⁵⁵	Health Professional Follow-up Study	47,781	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
19165860	Stevens RJ, 2009 (EU) ⁵⁶	Million women study	1,287,963	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
19236964	Ikeda F, 2009 (Asia) ⁵⁷	Hisayama, Kyushu Island, Fukuoka, Japan	2,603	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19240222	Waters KM, 2009 (NA) ⁵⁸	The Multiethnic Cohort	86,013	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
19277881	Martin RM, 2009 (EU) ⁵⁹	HUNT 2, Norway	29,364	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	✓
19436298	Wallstrom P, 2009 (EU) ⁶⁰	Malmo Diet and Cancer Cohort	10,564	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
19444913	Erber E, 2009 (NA) ⁶¹	The Multiethnic Cohort	193,050	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	X	✓
19690547	Ogunleye AA, 2009 (EU) ⁶²	Datasets of the Health Informatics Centre, University of Dundee	28,731	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
10.1016/j.dsx.2008.10.003*	Yood MU, 2009 (NA) ⁶³	Claims paid by health plan and elements	442,712	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
19808918	Ehrlich SF, 2010 (NA) ⁶⁴	Kasier permanente medical care programme	121,887	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19951937	Meinhold CL, 2009 (NA) ⁶⁵	US Radiologic Technologists Study	69,506	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	✓
20148361	Chodick G, 2010 (ME) ⁶⁶	Maccabi Healthcare Services registry	100,595	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
20228997	Li Q, 2010 (Asia) ⁶⁷	The Ohsaki National Health Insurance (NHI) cohort	22,485	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
20383575	Flood A, 2010 (NA) ⁶⁸	Breast Cancer Detection Demonstration project	45,516	✓	X	✓	-	X	✓	✓	✓
20473855	Atchison EA, 2010 (NA) ⁶⁹	Veterans Affairs (VA)	4,501,578	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
20531412	He J, 2010 (NA) ⁷⁰	The Multiethnic Cohort	215,251	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
20633560	Campbell PT, 2010 (NA) ⁷¹	Cancer Prevention Study II Nutrition Cohort (CPS II Nutrition)	154,975	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	X	✓
21116605-1	Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU) ⁷²	Oxford Linkage Study 1	291,462	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	✓
21116605-2	Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU) ⁷²	Oxford Linkage Study 2	192,894	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	✓
21470936	Woolcott CG, 2011 (NA) ⁷³	The Multiethnic Cohort	185,816	✓	X	X	-	X	✓	X	✓
21688131	Lambe M, 2011 (EU) ⁷⁴	Apolipoprotein Mortality Related Risk (AMORIS)	201,737	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
21748485	Johnson JA, 2010 (NA) ⁷⁵	British Columbia Linked Health Databases (BCLHD)	370,200	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
21767143	Aschebrook- Kilfoy B, 2011 (NA) ⁷⁶	NIH-AARP diet and health study	496,548	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
21953276	Grote VA, 2011 (EU) ⁷⁷	European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition	932	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X
22100961	Yeh HC, 2012 (NA) ⁷⁸	Give Us a Clue to Cancer and Heart Disease (CLUE II)	18,240	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
22467266	Attner B, 2012 (EU) ⁷⁹	Population of Scania (Southern Sweden)	167,080	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓

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22510866	Lo SF, 2012 (Asia) ⁸⁰	Taiwan NHI program	1,790,868	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
22619084	Luo J, 2012 (NA) ⁸¹	Women's Health Initiative	145,765	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
22622863	Luo J, 2013 (NA) ⁸²	Women's Health Initiative	145,765	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
22699290	Campell PT, 2012 (NA) ⁸³	Cancer Prevention Study II (CPS II)	1,053,831	X	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
22941335	Gapstur SM, 2012 (NA) ⁸⁴	Cancer Prevention Study II Nutrition Cohort (CPS II Nutrition)	63,440	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
23024033	Newton CC, 2013 (NA) ⁸⁵	Cancer Prevention Study II Nutrition Cohort (CPS II Nutrition)	172,791	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23296458	Prizment AE, 2013 (NA) ⁸⁶	Iowa Women Health Study	37,327	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
23370206	Koh WP, 2013 (Asia) ⁸⁷	Singapore Chinese Health Study	61,321	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23406734-1	Yang WS, 2013 (Asia) ⁸⁸	Shanghai Women's Health study	73,105	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
23406734-2	Yang WS, 2013 (Asia) ⁸⁸	Shanghai Men's Health study	60,183	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
23408570	Lai GY, 2013 (NA) ⁸⁹	NIH-AARP diet and health study	494,867	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23571511	Onitilo AA, 2014 (NA) ⁹⁰	Marshfield Clinic	31,769	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
23618197	Sikdar KC, 2013 (NA) ⁹¹	Cancer and Chronic Disease Research Database (CCDRD) in NL	122,228	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	✓
23661106	Walker JJ, 2013 (EU) ⁹²	Scottish Care Information –Diabetes Collaboration	80,838	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	✓
23669472	Henry SA, 2014 (NA) ⁹³	Iowa Women Health Study	36,084	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	✓	X
23720454	Schlesinger S, 2013 (EU) ⁹⁴	European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition	363,426	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23859808	Nakamura K, 2013 (Asia) ⁹⁵	Takayama Study Cohort	30,720	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
23990517	Colmers IN, 2013 (NA) ⁹⁶	British Columbia Linked Health Databases (BCLHD)	370,200	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
24045960	Ma Y, 2013 (NA) ⁹⁷	Women's Health Initiative	158,833	X	✓	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
24149173	Eijgenraam P, 2013 (EU) ⁹⁸	NLCS, the Netherlands Cohort Study	4,438	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24704132	Shen C, 2014 (Asia) ⁹⁹	Elderly health centres in Hong Kong	66,813	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24862312	Tsilidis KK, 2015 (EU) ¹⁰⁰	European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition	139,131	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	✓	✓
24934410	Sekikawa A, 2014 (Asia) ¹⁰¹	Osaka Red Cross Hospital	1,449	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
24993754-1	Yang WS, 2014 (Asia) ¹⁰²	Shanghai Men's Health Study	59,910	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
24993754-2	Yang WS, 2014 (Asia) ¹⁰²	Shanghai Women's Health study	73,114	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
25047425	De Bruijn KMJ, 2014 (EU) ¹⁰³	Rotterdam Study	10,181	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25051408	Luo J, 2014 (NA) ¹⁰⁴	Women's Health Initiative	88,107	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
25104237	Gordon_Dseagu VLZ, 2014 (EU) ¹⁰⁵	HSE and SHeS	204,533	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
25326644	Setiawan VW, 2014 (NA) ¹⁰⁶	The Multiethnic Cohort	168,679	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25557005-1	Xu HL, 2015 (Asia) ¹⁰⁷	Shanghai Men's Health Study	61,283	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25557005-2	Xu HL, 2015 (Asia) ¹⁰⁷	Shanghai Women's Health Study	73,042	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25604005	Liu X, 2015 (EU) ¹⁰⁸	Swedish Register database	380,196	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
26033947	Goossens ME, 2015 (EU) ¹⁰⁹	GP data in the UK(CPRD)	408,588	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X
26250516	Best LG, 2015 (NA) ¹¹⁰	Strong Heart Study	4,419	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26275864	Valent F, 2015 (EU) ¹¹¹	Friuli Venezia Giulia region	1,196,243	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X
26575601	Lu Y, 2015 (EU) ¹¹²	GP data in the UK(THIN)	5,529	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26760177	Luo J, 2016 (NA) ¹¹³	Women's Health Initiative	147,934	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
26851751	Gini A, 2016 (EU) ¹¹⁴	Friuli Venezia Giulia region	1,050,765	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X
27097356	De Kort S, 2016 (EU) ¹¹⁵	NLCS, the Netherlands Cohort Study	3,919	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
27148890	Petrick JL, 2016 (NA) ¹¹⁶	Kasier permanente medical care programme	4,935	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
27257115	Dankner R, 2016 (ME) ¹¹⁷	Clalit Health Service health records	1,152,122	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	✓

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27400035	Lega IC, 2016 (NA) ¹¹⁸	Ontario healthcare database	1,032,438	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓
27770555	Haagstrom C, 2005 (EU) ¹¹⁹	Prostate Cancer data Base Sweden (PCBaSe)	612,846	✓	X	X	-	X	X	X	✓
27877221	Choi JB, 2016 (Asia) ¹²⁰	Korean National Insurance database	139,519	✓	X	✓	-	X	✓	✓	✓
28063165	Pang Y, 2017 (Asia) ¹²¹	China Kadoorie Biobank	510,314	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
28087607	Maskarinec G, 2017 (NA) ¹²²	The Multiethnic Cohort	103,721	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	X	✓
28109969	Kasmari AJ, 2017 (NA) ¹²³	MarketScan Commercial Claims and Encounters Database	29,583	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓
28114552	Bragg F, 2017 (Asia) ¹²⁴	China Kadoorie Biobank	512,797	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28190111	Yang WS, 2017 (Asia) ¹²⁵	Taiwan Chin-Shan township	3,561	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28436468	De Kort S, 2017 (EU) ¹²⁶	PHARMO Database Network	325,054	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
28463757	De Jong RGPJ, 2017 (EU) ¹²⁷	PHARMO Database Network	68,076	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
28593629	Drake I, 2017 (EU) ¹²⁸	Malmo Diet and Cancer Cohort	26,953	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
28640432	Tsujimoto T, 2017 (NA) ¹²⁹	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)	13,000	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
29070034	Ballotari P, 2017 (EU) ¹³⁰	Diabetes registry Reggio Emilia province (Northern Italy)	407,157	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
29078006	Chen CB, 2018 (NA) ¹³¹	British Columbia Linked Health Databases (BCLHD)	160,566	✓	X	X	-	X	X	X	✓
29141994	Palmer JR, 2017 (NA) ¹³²	Black Women's Health Study (BWHS)	54,337	✓	X	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓
29152763-1	Simon TG, 2018 (NA) ¹³³	Nurses' Health study	120,826	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
29152763-2	Simon TG, 2018 (NA) ¹³³	Health Professional Follow-up Study	50,284	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
29278016	He X, 2018 (Asia) ¹³⁴	Tianjin Urban Employee Basic Medical Insurance database	793,795	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
29304221	Pan XF, 2018 (Asia) ¹³⁵	China Kadoorie Biobank	508,892	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29566433	Bao C, 2018 (EU) ¹³⁶	Swedish Twin Registry	25,154	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
29582412	Li M, 2018 (AU) ¹³⁷	Well Person's Health Check in North Queensland	2,273	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
29678810-1	Graff RE, 2018 (NA) ¹³⁸	Health Professional Follow-up Study	46,380	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
29678810-2	Graff RE, 2018 (NA) ¹³⁸	Nurses' Health Study	111,244	✓	X	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
29705628	De Jong RGPJ, 2018 (EU) ¹³⁹	GP data in the UK (CPRD)	666,879	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	✓
29734463	Pang Y, 2018 (Asia) ¹⁴⁰	China Kadoorie Biobank	503,993	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29946194	Lee DY, 2018 (Asia) ¹⁴¹	Korean National Insurance database	5,027,045	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
29970599	Pang Y, 2018 (Asia) ¹⁴²	China Kadoorie Biobank	510,136	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30094676	Miller EA, 2018 (NA) ¹⁴³	PLCO Screening Trial	73,349	✓	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X
30401889-1	Ma Y, 2018 (NA) ¹⁴⁴	Health Professional Follow-up Study	47,240	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30401889-2	Ma Y, 2018 (NA) ¹⁴⁴	Nurses' Health study	87,523	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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I: Incidence; **M**: Mortality; **A**: Alcohol; **B**: Body Mass Index; **S**: Smoking; **O**: Others

Continent: **NA**: North America; **EU**: Europe; **ME**: Middle East.

✓: Yes; X: No; -: Not Applicable

Table S3. Meta-analyses of all-site and site-specific cancer incidence and mortality: main analysis vs. restricted analysis

Outcome	Cancer	Analysis	No. of cohorts	Total events	Total participants	Pooled RR	I ²	I ² p-value
Incidence	All	Main	30	816,630	15,498,790	1.15 (1.10, 1.21)	98.8%	<0.001
Incidence	All	Restricted	21	385,887	8,237,333	1.14 (1.08, 1.20)	96.9%	<0.001
Incidence	Bladder	Main	30	43,092	15,869,950	1.19 (1.09, 1.29)	87.0%	<0.001
Incidence	Bladder	Restricted	20	19,370	7,798,242	1.15 (1.05, 1.25)	70.3%	<0.001
Incidence	Breast	Main	32	55,858	8,361,221	1.10 (1.05, 1.15)	66.5%	<0.001
Incidence	Breast	Restricted	23	48,184	5,752,299	1.10 (1.03, 1.17)	68.4%	<0.001
Incidence	Colon	Main	24	48,923	9,128,887	1.30 (1.22, 1.39)	83.7%	<0.001
Incidence	Colon	Restricted	20	22,006	3,851,612	1.29 (1.19, 1.40)	74.4%	<0.001
Incidence	Colorectal	Main	47	104,351	18,416,872	1.29 (1.23, 1.36)	88.6%	<0.001
Incidence	Colorectal	Restricted	36	64,580	1,1025,422	1.27 (1.21, 1.34)	83.4%	<0.001
Incidence	Endometrium	Main	15	6,260	3,147,440	1.63 (1.41, 1.88)	76.2%	<0.001
Incidence	Endometrium	Restricted	8	4,985	1,647,205	1.50 (1.17, 1.94)	76.4%	0.001
Incidence	Esophagus	Main	19	18,497	12,140,419	1.01 (0.89, 1.15)	82.8%	<0.001
Incidence	Esophagus	Restricted	13	7,502	6,315,453	0.96 (0.84, 1.10)	63.8%	0.004
Incidence	Gallbladder	Main	17	4,404	12,738,195	1.61 (1.34, 1.93)	73.4%	<0.001
Incidence	Gallbladder	Restricted	12	2,489	6,632,411	1.57 (1.23, 2.01)	77.9%	<0.001
Incidence	Kidney	Main	23	18,722	13,169,811	1.32 (1.21, 1.44)	74.7%	<0.001
Incidence	Kidney	Restricted	16	8,503	5,954,999	1.30 (1.17, 1.43)	55.5%	0.003
Incidence	Leukemia	Main	12	15,774	11,441,697	1.19 (1.07, 1.31)	69.4%	0.001
Incidence	Leukemia	Restricted	9	5,066	5,509,158	1.21 (1.03, 1.42)	66.3%	<0.001
Incidence	Liver	Main	36	41,464	16,760,921	2.23 (1.99, 2.49)	94.8%	<0.001
Incidence	Liver	Restricted	25	25,539	9,664,922	2.27 (1.97, 2.62)	92.8%	<0.001
Incidence	Lung	Main	32	154,787	16,149,760	1.05 (0.99, 1.12)	92.0%	<0.001
Incidence	Lung	Restricted	23	45,792	8,520,764	1.04 (0.97, 1.11)	81.2%	<0.001
Incidence	Melanoma	Main	11	7,994	8,816,261	1.06 (0.95, 1.19)	43.0%	0.083
Incidence	Melanoma	Restricted	5	2,856	2,316,188	0.95 (0.84, 1.09)	0%	0.769
Incidence	NHL	Main	19	19,637	12,554,832	1.12 (1.02, 1.24)	74.8%	<0.001
Incidence	NHL	Restricted	12	8,571	5,340,020	1.19 (1.01, 1.41)	72.7%	<0.001
Incidence	Ovary	Main	20	4,768	7,037,739	1.14 (1.03, 1.26)	51.3%	0.011
Incidence	Ovary	Restricted	14	3,902	4,629,317	1.14 (0.98, 1.33)	63.3%	0.003
Incidence	Pancreas	Main	38	32,713	23,595,620	2.09 (1.88, 2.33)	93.8%	<0.001
Incidence	Pancreas	Restricted	25	10,048	10,545,118	1.93 (1.70, 2.19)	87.2%	<0.001
Incidence	Prostate	Main	39	187,279	13,982,425	0.83 (0.79, 0.88)	91.3%	<0.001
Incidence	Prostate	Restricted	28	113,930	6,912,226	0.81 (0.75, 0.87)	91.4%	<0.001
Incidence	Rectum	Main	24	25,448	9,106,528	1.23 (1.13, 1.35)	70.8%	<0.001
Incidence	Rectum	Restricted	20	10,837	3,829,253	1.29 (1.17, 1.42)	48.8%	0.004
Incidence	Stomach	Main	28	22,172	14,443,780	1.19 (1.05, 1.35)	92.9%	<0.001
Incidence	Stomach	Restricted	20	12,410	8,167,673	1.24 (1.05, 1.45)	92.5%	<0.001
Incidence	Thyroid	Main	14	5,316	12,942,538	1.20 (1.12, 1.29)	28.3%	0.336
Incidence	Thyroid	Restricted	8	2,618	5,467,095	1.16 (1.07, 1.26)	27.0%	0.498
Mortality	All	Main	17	147,480	3,500,363	1.25 (1.18, 1.33)	80.4%	<0.001
Mortality	All	Restricted	14	145,643	3,426,686	1.26 (1.17, 1.35)	82.6%	<0.001
Mortality	Pancreas	Main	11	5,082	3,487,609	1.67 (1.30, 2.14)	65.3%	0.002
Mortality	Pancreas	Restricted	10	4,256	3,138,735	1.72 (1.39, 2.12)	55.0%	0.008

NHL: Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Restricted: Meta-analyses restricted to the 120 cohorts with adequate outcome assessment and follow-up

Table S4. Meta-analyses of all-site and site-specific cancer incidence and mortality in females and males: main analysis vs. restricted analysis

Outcome	Cancer	Sex	Analysis	No. of Cohorts	Total events	Total participants	Pooled RR	<i>I</i> ²	<i>I</i> ² p-value
Incidence	All	F	Main	17	47,449	3,478,491	1.20 (1.11, 1.29)	89.8%	<0.001
Incidence	All	F	Restricted	14	39,432	2,184,935	1.17 (1.07, 1.29)	90.7%	<0.001
Incidence	All	M	Main	18	454,124	8,187,414	1.11 (1.04, 1.19)	97.1%	<0.001
Incidence	All	M	Restricted	14	72,655	2,389,867	1.11 (1.03, 1.21)	93.9%	<0.001
Incidence	Bladder	F	Main	13	1,698	3,145,115	1.28 (1.11, 1.48)	32.9%	0.146
Incidence	Bladder	F	Restricted	10	1,532	1,851,559	1.26 (1.05, 1.50)	35.7%	0.159
Incidence	Bladder	M	Main	16	25,797	8,453,856	1.18 (1.10, 1.26)	64.9%	<0.001
Incidence	Bladder	M	Restricted	12	5,791	2,656,309	1.18 (1.12, 1.25)	20.8%	0.584
Incidence	Colon	F	Main	14	7,218	1,484,209	1.30 (1.16, 1.46)	51.0%	0.023
Incidence	Colon	F	Restricted	13	6,513	1,288,032	1.28 (1.13, 1.44)	47.5%	0.044
Incidence	Colon	M	Main	13	30,143	5,724,648	1.21 (1.16, 1.25)	0%	0.272
Incidence	Colon	M	Restricted	11	7,010	1,052,477	1.22 (1.13, 1.32)	20.2%	0.324
Incidence	Colorectal	F	Main	28	20,214	4,848,935	1.30 (1.23, 1.36)	39.5%	0.035
Incidence	Colorectal	F	Restricted	23	18,277	3,357,081	1.29 (1.22, 1.38)	44.5%	0.017
Incidence	Colorectal	M	Main	29	51,025	8,913,761	1.26 (1.20, 1.32)	53.9%	<0.001
Incidence	Colorectal	M	Restricted	23	14,040	2,944,005	1.25 (1.18, 1.33)	45.2%	0.001
Incidence	Gallbladder	F	Main	11	499	2,746,132	1.68 (1.18, 2.39)	35.0%	0.090
Incidence	Gallbladder	F	Restricted	8	438	1,455,778	1.53 (0.91, 2.57)	53.3%	0.051
Incidence	Gallbladder	M	Main	12	1,979	7,906,859	1.49 (1.24, 1.80)	43.3%	0.121
Incidence	Gallbladder	M	Restricted	8	371	2,118,872	1.47 (1.09, 1.99)	50.0%	0.037
Incidence	Kidney	F	Main	12	1,431	2,777,233	1.56 (1.40, 1.75)	25.7%	0.523
Incidence	Kidney	F	Restricted	9	1,275	1,483,677	1.50 (1.29, 1.75)	35.6%	0.311
Incidence	Kidney	M	Main	14	10,860	7,984,350	1.23 (1.11, 1.36)	53.8%	0.002
Incidence	Kidney	M	Restricted	10	2,290	2,186,803	1.25 (1.07, 1.46)	40.3%	0.079
Incidence	Liver	F	Main	16	781	3,705,321	2.17 (1.71, 2.75)	76.0%	<0.001
Incidence	Liver	F	Restricted	13	675	2,411,765	2.08 (1.55, 2.80)	79.1%	<0.001
Incidence	Liver	M	Main	17	6,732	8,261,415	2.26 (1.94, 2.62)	84.0%	<0.001
Incidence	Liver	M	Restricted	13	1,260	2,463,868	2.13 (1.79, 2.53)	72.0%	<0.001
Incidence	Lung	F	Main	13	7,803	2,259,380	1.09 (0.97, 1.21)	41.8%	0.017
Incidence	Lung	F	Restricted	11	7,095	2,016,589	1.10 (0.95, 1.27)	44.5%	0.010
Incidence	Lung	M	Main	14	111,859	6,939,273	1.03 (0.90, 1.17)	90.6%	<0.001
Incidence	Lung	M	Restricted	11	8,573	2,192,491	1.10 (0.96, 1.26)	71.4%	<0.001
Incidence	Pancreas	F	Main	17	6,743	6,856,264	2.06 (1.68, 2.53)	87.7%	<0.001
Incidence	Pancreas	F	Restricted	12	2,938	3,331,493	1.70 (1.41, 2.06)	69.8%	<0.001
Incidence	Pancreas	M	Main	17	17,355	12,233,146	2.04 (1.70, 2.43)	91.2%	<0.001
Incidence	Pancreas	M	Restricted	10	1,594	2,231,058	1.87 (1.45, 2.41)	77.9%	<0.001
Incidence	Rectum	F	Main	15	2,427	1,486,238	1.27 (1.10, 1.47)	25.0%	0.230
Incidence	Rectum	F	Restricted	14	2,187	1,290,061	1.31 (1.15, 1.49)	15.5%	0.438
Incidence	Rectum	M	Main	14	16,331	5,726,538	1.15 (1.08, 1.23)	4.9%	0.301
Incidence	Rectum	M	Restricted	12	3,432	1,054,367	1.20 (1.08, 1.34)	0%	0.281
Incidence	Stomach	F	Main	13	1,600	2,273,616	1.29 (1.03, 1.61)	71.5%	<0.001
Incidence	Stomach	F	Restricted	10	1,418	1,997,435	1.28 (0.94, 1.75)	81.1%	<0.001
Incidence	Stomach	M	Main	14	10,659	6,965,600	1.07 (0.92, 1.24)	85.1%	<0.001
Incidence	Stomach	M	Restricted	10	2,776	2,184,132	1.12 (0.91, 1.38)	83.5%	<0.001
Mortality	All	F	Main	11	63,260	2,063,006	1.28 (1.18, 1.40)	77.0%	<0.001
Mortality	All	F	Restricted	10	62,527	2,029,006	1.26 (1.15, 1.39)	73.6%	<0.001
Mortality	All	M	Main	12	74,943	2,129,614	1.21 (1.13, 1.30)	74.6%	<0.001
Mortality	All	M	Restricted	11	74,255	2,105,614	1.21 (1.12, 1.31)	76.7%	<0.001

F: female; M: male

Restricted: Meta-analyses restricted to the 120 cohorts with adequate outcome assessment and follow-up

Table S5. Proportions of studies with an unconfounded association of type 2 diabetes with cancer: main analysis vs. restricted analysis

Outcome	Cancer	Analysis	Proportion (95% CI) [%]	
			Pre-specified relative risk 10%	Pre-specified relative risk 30%
Incidence	Bladder	Main	39.2 (19.8, 58.5)	9.9 (0, 22.1)
Incidence	Bladder	Restricted	25.1 (0, 51.1)	1.6 (0, 7.6)
Incidence	Breast	Main	7.5 (0, 20.3)	0 (0, 0.3)
Incidence	Breast	Restricted	11.6 (0, 29.2)	0.2 (0, 1.5)
Incidence	Colon	Main	64.3 (45.0, 83.5)	18.4 (1.4, 35.4)
Incidence	Colon	Restricted	60.5 (39.5, 81.5)	19.2 (0.3, 38.1)
Incidence	Colorectal	Main	62.4 (47.9, 76.8)	16.8 (4.8, 28.8)
Incidence	Colorectal	Restricted	58.0 (42.2, 73.8)	12.6 (0.4, 24.8)
Incidence	Endometrium	Main	93.6 (78.2, 100)	72.0 (44.2, 99.8)
Incidence	Endometrium	Restricted	80.4 (48.3, 100)	54.6 (17.6, 91.6)
Incidence	Esophagus	Main	16.1 (0, 35.1)	3.5 (0, 12.3)
Incidence	Esophagus	Restricted	11.5 (0, 35.4)	0.2 (0, 2.0)
Incidence	Gallbladder	Main	85.6 (63.5, 100)	64.7 (37.2, 92.2)
Incidence	Gallbladder	Restricted	80.4 (53.1, 100)	60.0 (29.0, 91.0)
Incidence	Kidney	Main	67.3 (43.3, 91.4)	22.2 (0, 44.7)
Incidence	Kidney	Restricted	64.5 (34.2, 94.8)	15.8 (0, 43.1)
Incidence	Leukemia	Main	33.1 (0, 66.2)	2.0 (0, 10.4)
Incidence	Leukemia	Restricted	43.3 (4.6, 82.0)	8.7 (0, 33.1)
Incidence	Liver	Main	97.8 (93.9, 100)	92.6 (84.1, 100)
Incidence	Liver	Restricted	98.0 (93.5, 100)	93.2 (83.4, 100)
Incidence	Lung	Main	12.2 (0, 24.3)	1.0 (0, 3.4)
Incidence	Lung	Restricted	5.5 (0, 16.3)	0.1 (0, 0.7)
Incidence	Melanoma	Main	3.4 (0, 21.5)	0 (0, 0.1)
Incidence	NHL	Main	23.5 (0, 48.8)	2.5 (0, 10.7)
Incidence	NHL	Restricted	40.8 (5.2, 76.4)	11.0 (0, 36.1)
Incidence	Ovary	Main	24.4 (0, 52.7)	2.1 (0, 10.7)
Incidence	Ovary	Restricted	31.4 (0, 63.0)	7.4 (0, 26.6)
Incidence	Pancreas	Main	96.9 (92.2, 100)	89.9 (80.3, 99.4)
Incidence	Pancreas	Restricted	95.2 (87.2, 100)	85.0 (70.6, 99.4)
Incidence	Prostate*	Main	36.9 (20.3, 53.5)	1.0 (0, 3.5)
Incidence	Prostate*	Restricted	47.4 (28.4, 66.3)	4.3 (0, 11.7)
Incidence	Rectum	Main	48.7 (22.6, 74.7)	9.5 (0, 26.4)
Incidence	Rectum	Restricted	61.9 (34.0, 89.7)	16.0 (0, 40.5)
Incidence	Stomach	Main	43.6 (24.9, 62.2)	20.9 (5.0, 36.9)
Incidence	Stomach	Restricted	49.5 (27.7, 71.3)	26.9 (6.8, 46.9)
Incidence	Thyroid	Main	32.1 (0, 71.6)	0.2 (0, 2.6)
Incidence	Thyroid	Restricted	14.8 (0, 64.9)	0 (0, 0.3)
Mortality	Pancreas	Main	92.1 (68.1, 100)	73.0 (33.9, 100)
Mortality	Pancreas	Restricted	97.7 (84.6, 100)	83.3 (45.7, 100)

NHL: Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Restricted: Bias analyses restricted to the 120 cohorts with adequate outcome assessment and follow-up.

Pre-specified relative risk 10% (30%) indicates 10% (30%) increased risk among individuals with type 2 diabetes, i.e. a pre-specified relative risk of 1.1 (1.3) for all outcomes except prostate cancer incidence.

*For prostate cancer incidence, 10% (30%) risk indicates 10% (30%) decreased risk among individuals with type 2 diabetes, i.e. a pre-specified relative risk of 0.9 (0.7).

In restricted analysis, the heterogeneity for melanoma incidence derived from meta-analysis was 0%. Therefore, bias analysis for unmeasured confounding was not possible.

Table S6. Proportions of studies with an unconfounded association of type 2 diabetes with cancer in females and males: main analysis vs. restricted analysis

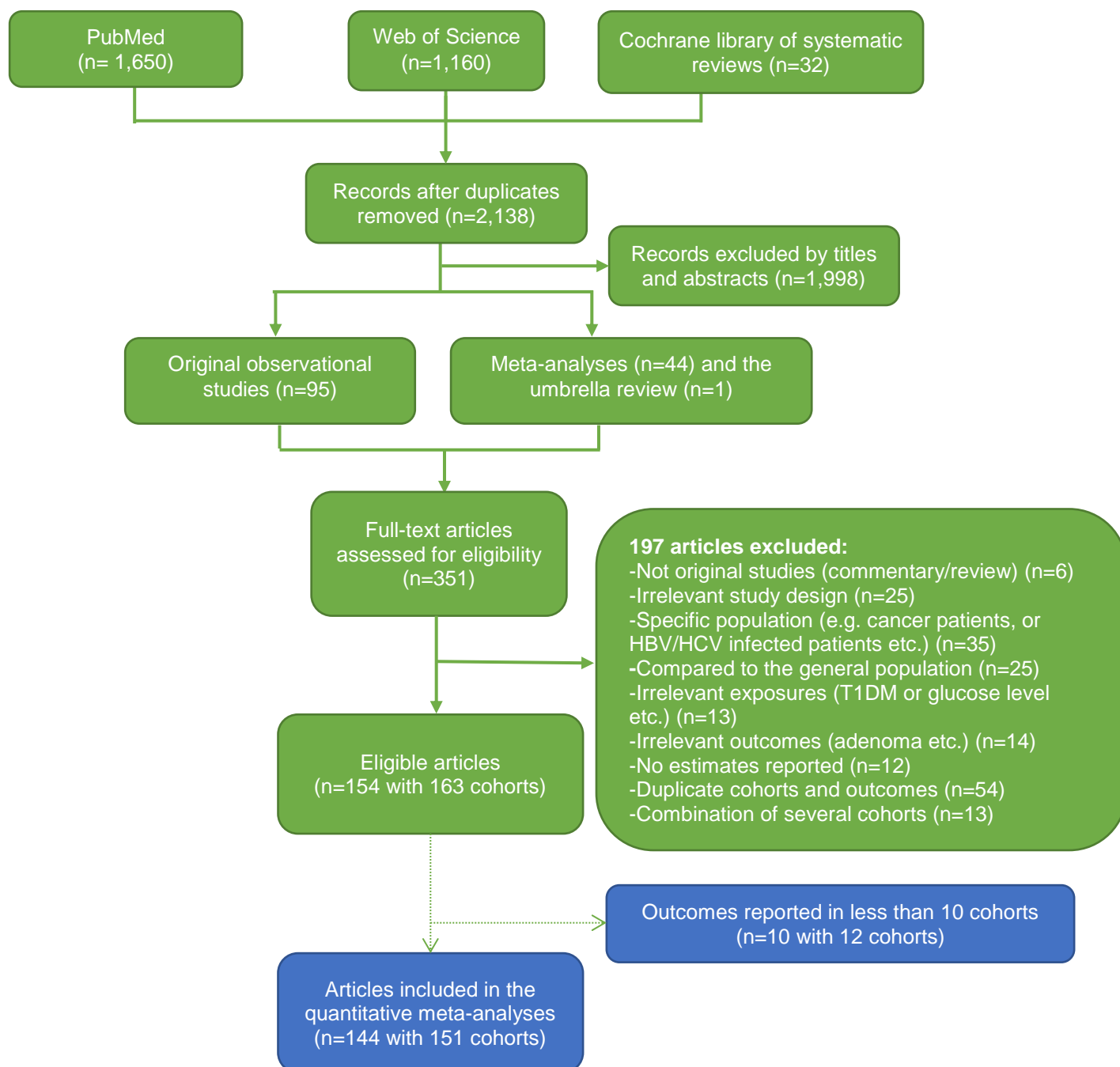
Outcome	Cancer	Sex	Analysis	Proportion (95% CI) [%]	
				Pre-specified relative risk 10%	Pre-specified relative risk 30%
Incidence	Bladder	F	Main	59.7 (18.8, 100)	15.0 (0, 52.7)
Incidence	Bladder	F	Restricted	54.2 (9.5, 99.0)	13.2 (0, 52.4)
Incidence	Bladder	M	Main	30.2 (5.5, 54.8)	1.6 (0, 8.2)
Incidence	Bladder	M	Restricted	16.0 (0, 65.1)	0 (0, 0)
Incidence	Colon	F	Main	64.9 (32.6, 97.3)	18.1 (0, 47.0)
Incidence	Colon	F	Restricted	59.2 (24.1, 94.3)	12.9 (0, 41.1)
Incidence	Colon	M	Restricted	38.9 (0, 92.8)	0 (0, 0.9)
Incidence	Colorectal	F	Main	70.9 (46.5, 95.2)	6.7 (0, 22.9)
Incidence	Colorectal	F	Restricted	67.9 (42.6, 93.3)	8.9 (0, 28.0)
Incidence	Colorectal	M	Main	57.7 (33.1, 82.4)	2.1 (0, 9.3)
Incidence	Colorectal	M	Restricted	54.3 (25.7, 82.8)	2.7 (0, 12.7)
Incidence	Gallbladder	F	Main	86.9 (46.9, 100)	69.2 (22.2, 100)
Incidence	Gallbladder	F	Restricted	69.6 (27.6, 100)	54.1 (12.1, 96.2)
Incidence	Gallbladder	M	Main	84.5 (49.7, 100)	53.9 (17.0, 90.8)
Incidence	Gallbladder	M	Restricted	76.0 (34.9, 100)	50.8 (10.2, 91.4)
Incidence	Kidney	F	Main	97.6 (80.0, 100)	70.8 (29.6, 100)
Incidence	Kidney	F	Restricted	89.3 (53.1, 100)	56.7 (22.6, 90.8)
Incidence	Kidney	M	Main	46.2 (13.2, 79.3)	5.9 (0, 24.8)
Incidence	Kidney	M	Restricted	52.5 (9.3, 95.8)	10.0 (0, 44.4)
Incidence	Liver	F	Main	93.6 (80.8, 100)	85.7 (66.9, 100)
Incidence	Liver	F	Restricted	90.0 (72.4, 100)	80.8 (58.0, 100)
Incidence	Liver	M	Main	99.4 (97.1, 100)	96.6 (88.1, 100)
Incidence	Liver	M	Restricted	99.4 (96.1, 100)	95.8 (83.3, 100)
Incidence	Lung	F	Main	9.0 (0, 36.9)	0.1 (0, 1.4)
Incidence	Lung	F	Restricted	14.7 (0, 51.8)	0.6 (0, 5.7)
Incidence	Lung	M	Main	14.4 (0, 35.0)	2.2 (0, 9.5)
Incidence	Lung	M	Restricted	18.2 (0, 49.8)	1.5 (0, 9.3)
Incidence	Pancreas	F	Main	93.2 (81.2, 100)	84.2 (66.4, 100)
Incidence	Pancreas	F	Restricted	87.2 (65.9, 100)	70.4 (45.4, 95.4)
Incidence	Pancreas	M	Main	96.6 (88.2, 100)	88.6 (72.1, 100)
Incidence	Pancreas	M	Restricted	92.8 (74.0, 100)	80.7 (52.7, 100)
Incidence	Rectum	F	Main	57.3 (16.0, 98.6)	13.2 (0, 53.4)
Incidence	Rectum	F	Restricted	71.8 (12.3, 100)	12.1 (0, 69.1)
Incidence	Rectum	M	Main	0.3 (0, 11.7)	0 (0, 0)
Incidence	Rectum	M	Restricted	0 (0, 0)	0 (0, 0)
Incidence	Stomach	F	Main	55.7 (25.7, 85.6)	31.6 (2.4, 60.8)
Incidence	Stomach	F	Restricted	53.7 (21.6, 85.8)	34.3 (3.0, 65.7)
Incidence	Stomach	M	Main	23.9 (0.2, 47.6)	6.8 (0, 21.0)
Incidence	Stomach	M	Restricted	33.4 (4.0, 62.8)	13.0 (0, 35.7)

F: female; **M:** male.

Restricted: Bias analyses restricted to the 120 cohorts with adequate outcome assessment and follow-up.

Pre-specified relative risk 10% (30%) indicates 10% (30%) increased risk among individuals with type 2 diabetes, i.e. a pre-specified relative risk of 1.1 (1.3) for all outcomes. In the main analysis, the heterogeneity for colon cancer incidence in males derived from meta-analysis was 0%. Therefore, bias analysis for unmeasured confounding was not possible.

Figure S1. Study selection diagram

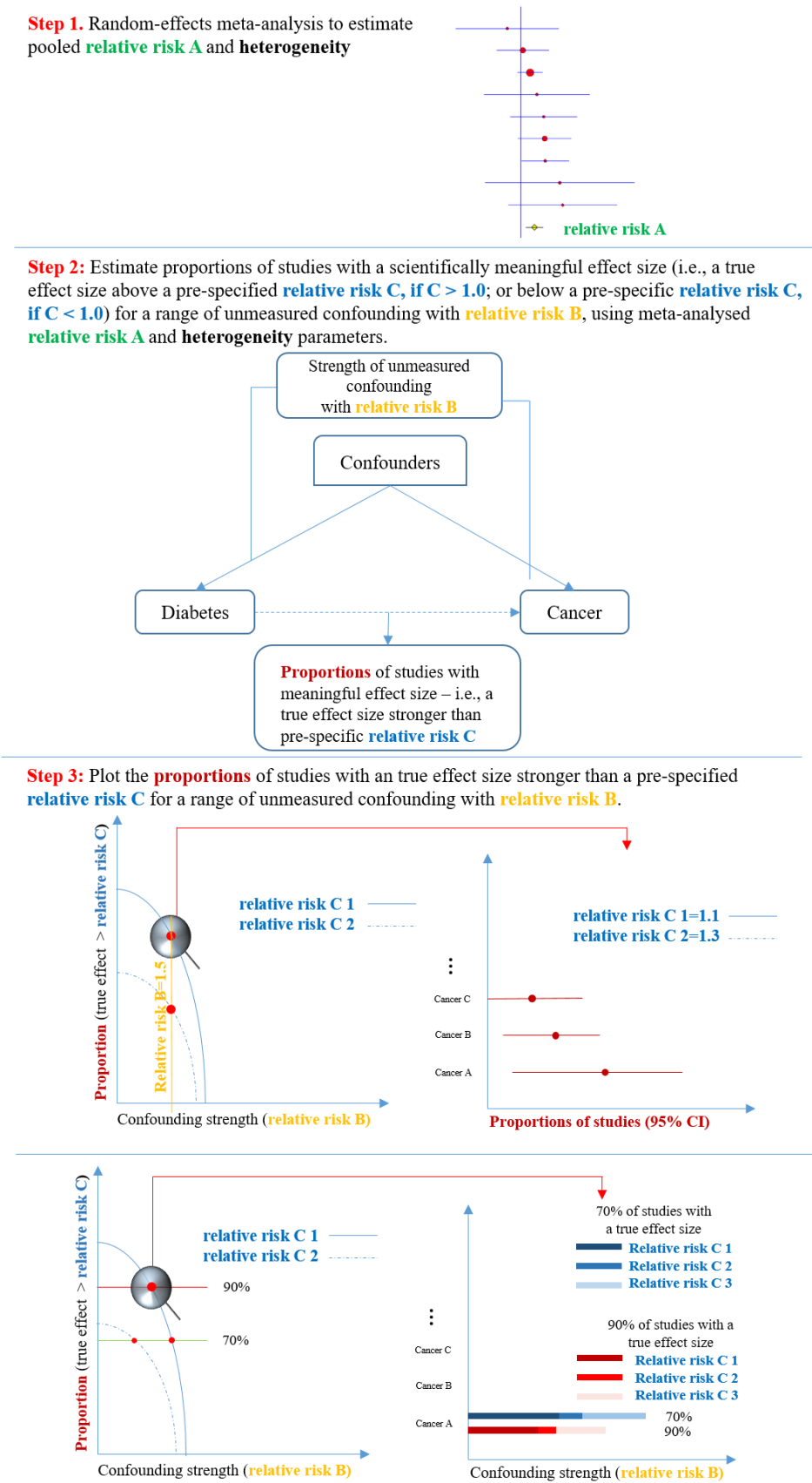


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2. **Web of Science search [Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED), Conference Proceedings Citation Index- Science (CPCI-S), Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)]:** *diabetes[title] AND (cancer[title] OR carcinoma[title] OR neoplasia[title] OR tumor[title] OR neoplasm[title] OR maligna*[title])* between 2013 and 2019

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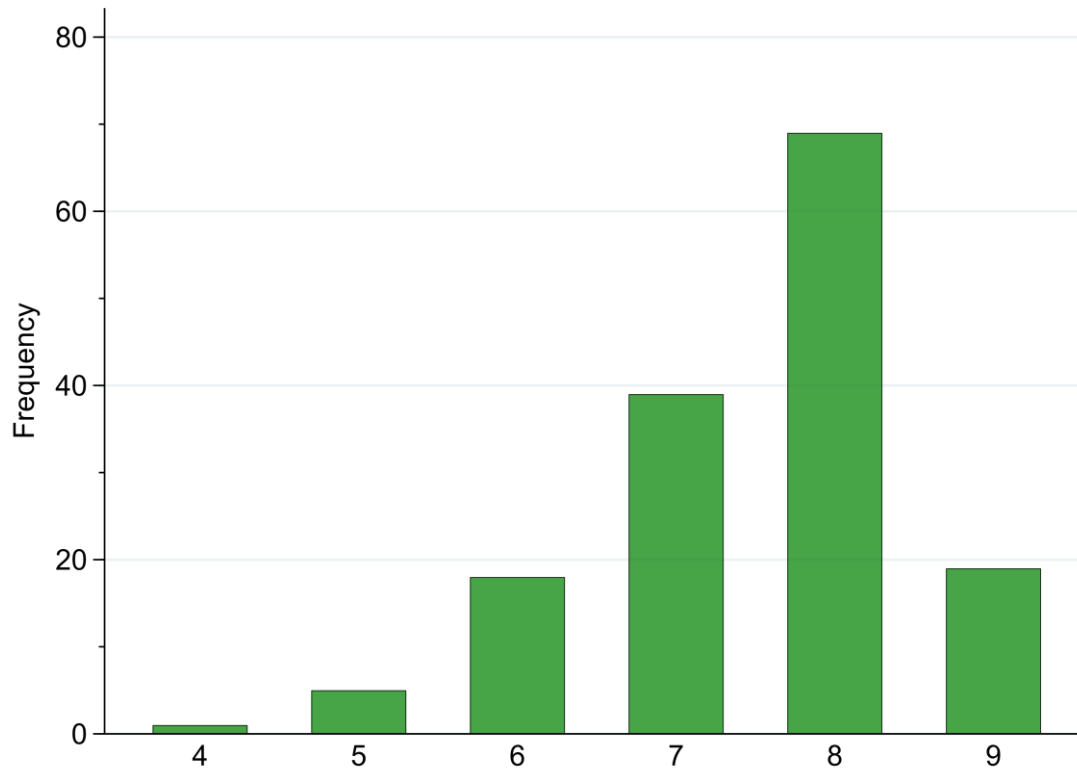
Figure S2. Statistical analysis methodology diagram



Relative risk A: pooled from random-effects meta-analysis (fixed); **Relative risk B:** ranged from 1.0 to 4.0; **Relative risk C:** ranged from 0.5 to 2.0

In bias analysis, we used the method proposed by Mathur and VanderWeele to analytically bound the effect of unmeasured confounding on the results of a meta-analysis. Specifically, we used the pooled relative risk and heterogeneity (variance between studies) and their standard errors derived from random-effects meta-analysis (step 1), to make inference to the population distribution of true causal effects, then in turn to estimate the proportions of studies with scientifically meaningful effect size (a pre-specified relative risk) and its 95% confidence intervals, under different levels of unmeasured confounding (step 2). The proportion of studies with scientifically meaningful effect sizes in the meta-analysis is a useful tool to characterize the evidence strength when the effects are heterogeneous.

Figure S3. Distribution of Newcastle-Ottawa Scale score of included 151 cohorts



Newcastle-Ottawa Scale score: quality assessment of included studies.

The score is obtained as the sum of the questionnaire in 3 domains: maximum 4 scores in selection (representative of the exposed cohort, representative of the non-exposed cohort, ascertainment of exposure, and the outcome of interest was not present at start of study), maximum 2 score in comparability (the study controls for age and sex, the study controls for body mass index); and maximum 3 scores in outcome (assessment of outcome, follow-up long enough, and adequacy of follow-up cohorts).

Figure S4a. Individual and overall estimates, by cancer

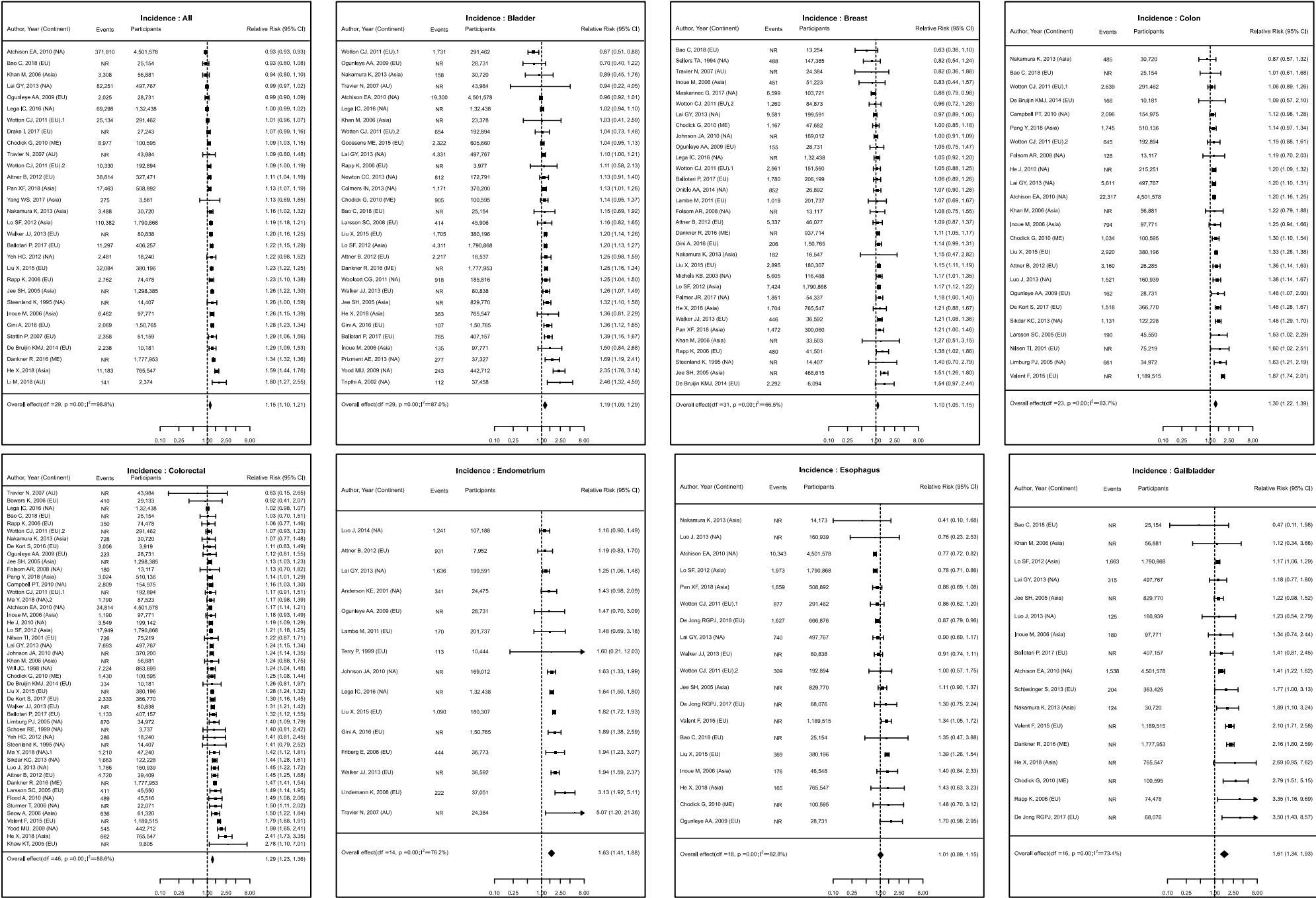
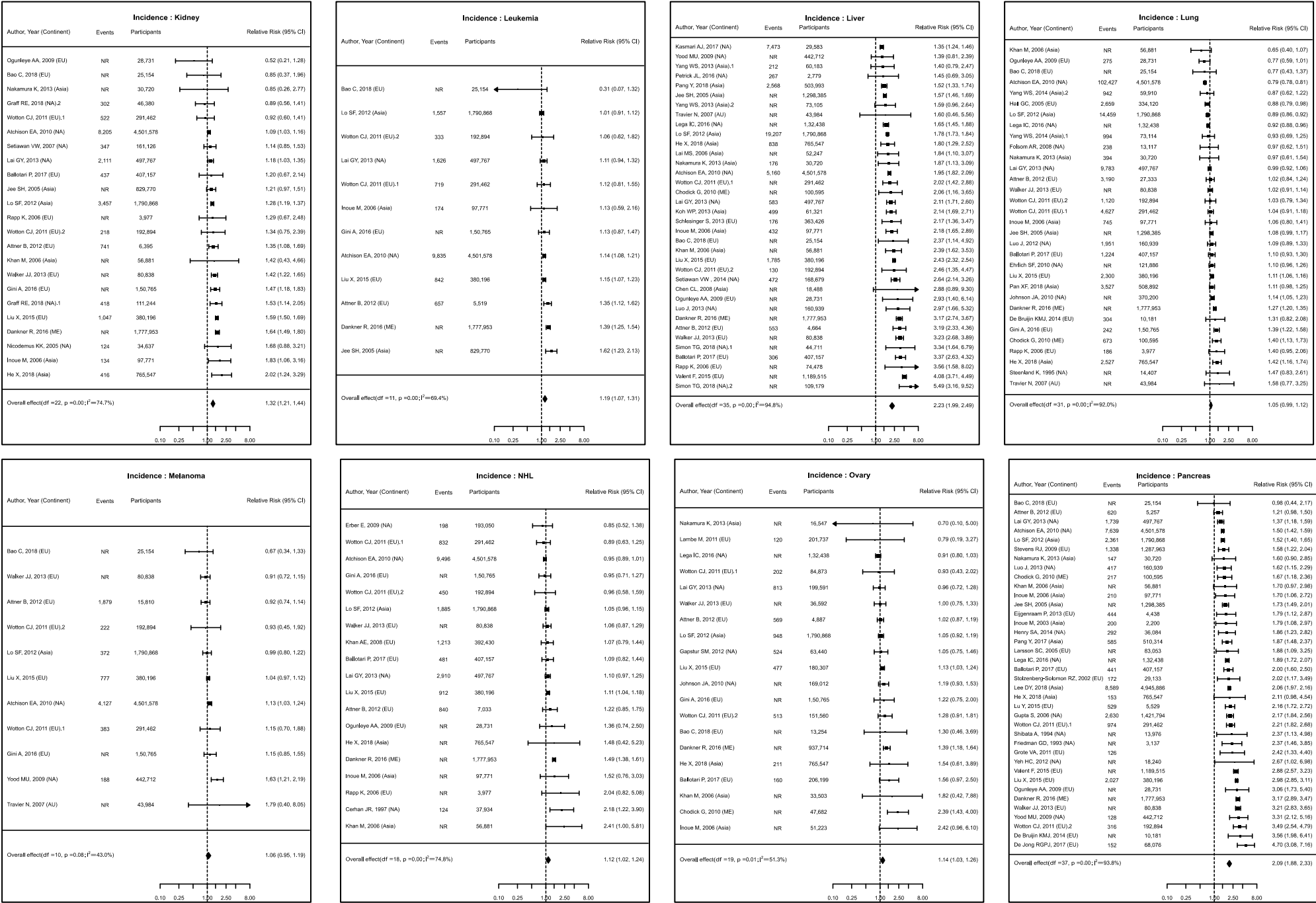


Figure S4b. Individual and overall estimates, by cancer



Incidence : Lung

Author, Year (Continent)	Events	Participants	Relative Risk (95% CI)
Khan M, 2006 (Asia)	NR	56,881	0.65 (0.40, 1.07)
Ogunleye AA, 2009 (EU)	275	28,731	0.77 (0.59, 1.01)
Bao C, 2018 (EU)	NR	25,154	0.77 (0.43, 1.37)
Atchison EA, 2010 (NA)	102,427	4,501,578	0.79 (0.78, 0.81)
Yang WS, 2014 (Asia),2	942	59,910	0.87 (0.62, 1.22)
Hui GC, 2005 (EU)	2,659	334,120	0.88 (0.79, 0.98)
Lo SF, 2012 (Asia)	14,459	1,790,868	0.89 (0.86, 0.92)
Legia IC, 2016 (NA)	NR	1,324,438	0.92 (0.88, 0.96)
Yang WS, 2014 (Asia),1	994	73,114	0.93 (0.69, 1.25)
Folsom AR, 2008 (NA)	238	13,117	0.97 (0.62, 1.51)
Nakamura K, 2013 (Asia)	394	30,720	0.97 (0.61, 1.54)
Lai GY, 2013 (NA)	9,783	497,767	0.99 (0.92, 1.06)
Altner B, 2012 (EU)	3,190	27,333	1.02 (0.84, 1.24)
Walker JJ, 2013 (EU)	NR	80,838	1.02 (0.91, 1.14)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),2	1,120	192,894	1.03 (0.79, 1.34)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),1	4,627	291,462	1.04 (0.91, 1.18)
Inoue M, 2006 (Asia)	745	97,771	1.06 (0.80, 1.41)
He SH, 2005 (Asia)	NR	1,298,385	1.06 (0.98, 1.17)
Luo J, 2012 (NA)	1,951	160,939	1.09 (0.89, 1.33)
Ballotari P, 2017 (EU)	1,224	407,157	1.10 (0.93, 1.30)
Ehrlich SF, 2010 (NA)	NR	121,886	1.10 (0.96, 1.26)
Liu X, 2015 (EU)	2,300	380,196	1.11 (1.06, 1.16)
Pan XF, 2018 (Asia)	3,527	806,892	1.11 (0.98, 1.25)
Johnson JA, 2010 (NA)	NR	370,200	1.14 (1.05, 1.23)
Dankner R, 2016 (ME)	NR	1,777,953	1.27 (1.20, 1.35)
De Bruijn KMJ, 2014 (EU)	304	10,181	1.31 (0.82, 2.08)
Gini A, 2016 (EU)	242	1,50,765	1.39 (1.22, 1.58)
Chodick G, 2010 (ME)	673	100,595	1.40 (1.13, 1.73)
Rapp K, 2006 (EU)	186	3,977	1.40 (0.95, 2.06)
He X, 2018 (Asia)	2,527	765,547	1.42 (1.16, 1.74)
Steenland K, 1995 (NA)	NR	14,407	1.47 (0.83, 2.61)
Travler N, 2007 (AU)	NR	43,984	1.58 (0.77, 3.25)
Overall effect(df =31, p =0.00;I ² =92.0%)			1.05 (0.99, 1.12)

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Incidence : Melanoma

Author, Year (Continent)	Events	Participants	Relative Risk (95% CI)
Bao C, 2018 (EU)	NR	25,154	0.67 (0.34, 1.33)
Walker JJ, 2013 (EU)	NR	80,838	0.91 (0.72, 1.15)
Altner B, 2012 (EU)	1,879	15,810	0.92 (0.74, 1.14)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),2	222	192,894	0.93 (0.45, 1.92)
Lo SF, 2012 (Asia)	372	1,790,868	0.99 (0.80, 1.22)
Liu X, 2015 (EU)	777	380,196	1.04 (0.97, 1.12)
Atchison EA, 2010 (NA)	4,127	4,501,578	1.13 (1.03, 1.24)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),1	383	291,462	1.15 (0.74, 1.88)
Gini A, 2016 (EU)	NR	1,50,765	1.15 (0.85, 1.55)
Yood MU, 2009 (NA)	188	442,712	1.63 (1.21, 2.19)
Travler N, 2007 (AU)	NR	43,984	1.79 (0.40, 8.05)
Overall effect(df =10, p =0.08;I ² =43.0%)			1.06 (0.95, 1.19)

0.10 0.25 1.00 2.50 8.00

Incidence : NHL

Author, Year (Continent)	Events	Participants	Relative Risk (95% CI)
Etter E, 2009 (NA)	198	193,050	0.85 (0.52, 1.38)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),1	832	291,462	0.89 (0.63, 1.25)
Atchison EA, 2010 (NA)	9,496	4,501,578	0.95 (0.89, 1.01)
Gini A, 2016 (EU)	NR	1,50,765	0.95 (0.71, 1.27)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),2	450	192,894	0.96 (0.58, 1.59)
Lo SF, 2012 (Asia)	1,885	1,790,868	1.05 (0.96, 1.15)
Walker JJ, 2013 (EU)	NR	80,838	1.06 (0.87, 1.29)
Khan AE, 2008 (EU)	1,213	392,430	1.07 (0.79, 1.44)
Ballotari P, 2017 (EU)	481	407,157	1.09 (0.82, 1.44)
Lai GY, 2013 (NA)	2,910	497,767	1.10 (0.97, 1.25)
Liu X, 2015 (EU)	912	380,196	1.11 (1.04, 1.18)
Altner B, 2012 (EU)	840	7,033	1.22 (0.85, 1.75)
Ogunleye AA, 2009 (EU)	NR	28,731	1.36 (0.74, 2.50)
He X, 2018 (Asia)	NR	765,547	1.48 (0.42, 5.23)
Dankner R, 2016 (ME)	NR	1,777,953	1.49 (1.38, 1.61)
Inoue M, 2006 (Asia)	NR	97,771	1.52 (0.76, 3.03)
Rapp K, 2006 (EU)	NR	3,977	2.04 (0.82, 5.08)
Cerhan JR, 1997 (NA)	124	37,934	2.18 (1.22, 3.90)
Khan M, 2006 (Asia)	NR	56,881	2.41 (1.00, 5.81)
Overall effect(df =18, p =0.00;I ² =74.8%)			1.12 (1.02, 1.24)

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Incidence : Ovary

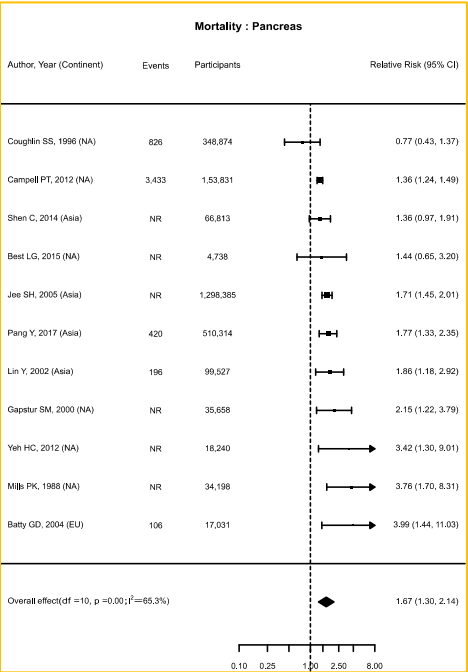
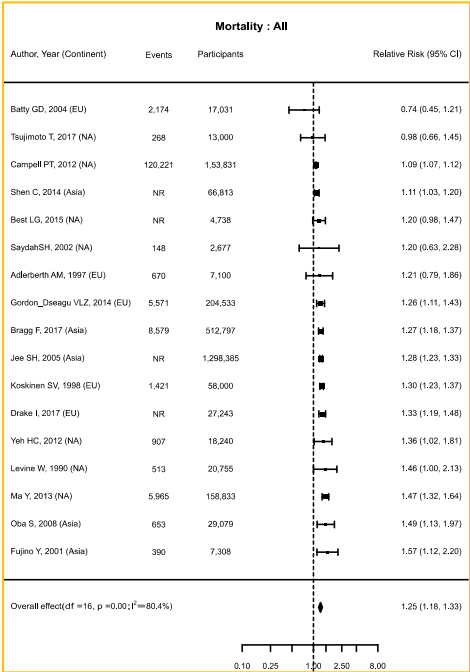
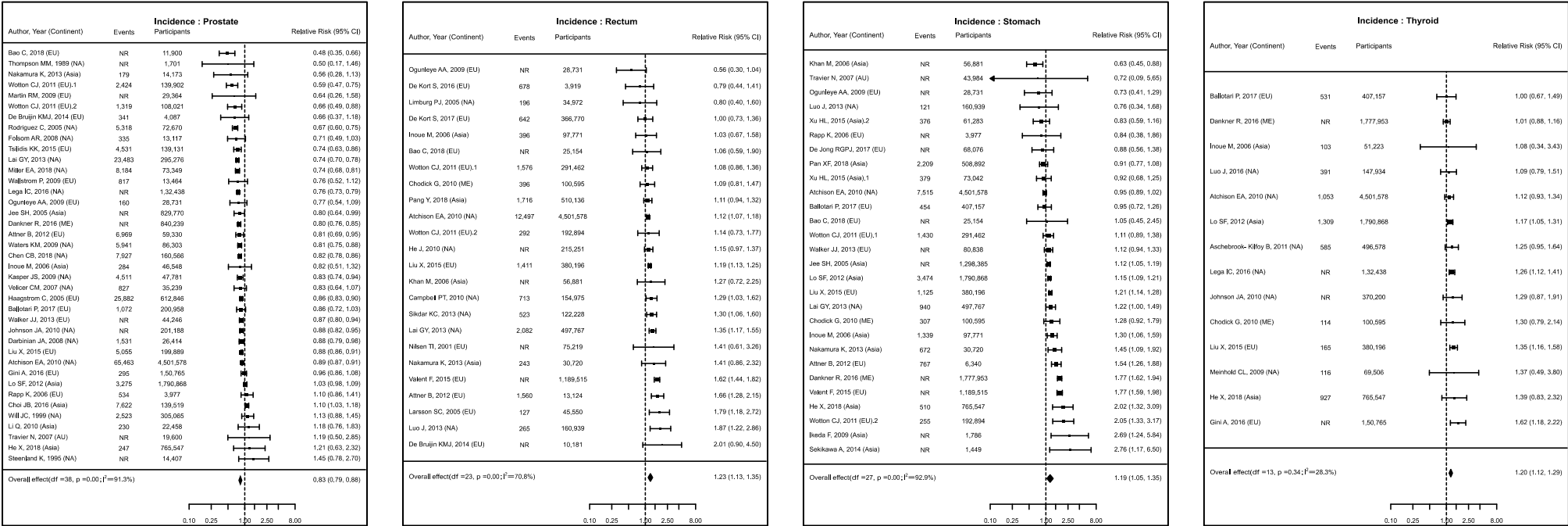
Author, Year (Continent)	Events	Participants	Relative Risk (95% CI)
Nakamura K, 2013 (Asia)	NR	16,547	0.70 (0.10, 5.00)
Lambie M, 2011 (EU)	120	201,737	0.79 (0.19, 3.27)
Legia IC, 2016 (NA)	NR	1,324,438	0.91 (0.80, 1.03)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),1	202	84,873	0.93 (0.43, 2.02)
Lai GY, 2013 (NA)	813	199,591	0.96 (0.72, 1.28)
Walker JJ, 2013 (EU)	NR	36,592	1.00 (0.75, 1.33)
Altner B, 2012 (EU)	569	4,887	1.02 (0.87, 1.19)
Lo SF, 2012 (Asia)	948	1,790,868	1.05 (0.82, 1.19)
Gapstur SM, 2012 (NA)	524	63,440	1.05 (0.75, 1.46)
Liu X, 2015 (EU)	477	180,307	1.13 (1.03, 1.24)
Johnson JA, 2010 (NA)	NR	169,012	1.19 (0.93, 1.53)
Gini A, 2016 (EU)	NR	1,50,765	1.22 (0.75, 2.00)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),2	513	151,560	1.28 (0.91, 1.81)
Bao C, 2018 (EU)	NR	13,254	1.30 (0.46, 3.69)
Dankner R, 2016 (ME)	NR	937,714	1.39 (1.18, 1.64)
He X, 2018 (Asia)	211	765,547	1.54 (0.61, 3.89)
Ballotari P, 2017 (EU)	160	206,199	1.56 (0.97, 2.50)
Khan M, 2006 (Asia)	NR	33,503	1.82 (0.42, 7.86)
Chodick G, 2010 (ME)	NR	47,882	2.39 (1.43, 4.00)
Inoue M, 2006 (Asia)	NR	51,223	2.42 (0.98, 6.10)
Overall effect(df =19, p =0.01;I ² =51.3%)			1.14 (1.03, 1.26)

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Incidence : Pancreas

Author, Year (Continent)	Events	Participants	Relative Risk (95% CI)
Bao C, 2018 (EU)	NR	25,154	0.98 (0.44, 2.17)
Altner B, 2012 (EU)	620	5,257	1.21 (0.98, 1.50)
Lai GY, 2013 (NA)	1,739	497,767	1.37 (1.18, 1.59)
Atchison EA, 2010 (NA)	7,639	4,501,578	1.50 (1.42, 1.59)
Lo SF, 2012 (Asia)	2,361	1,790,868	1.52 (1.40, 1.65)
Stevens RJ, 2009 (EU)	1,338	1,287,963	1.58 (1.22, 2.04)
Nakamura K, 2013 (Asia)	147	30,720	1.60 (0.90, 2.85)
Luo J, 2013 (NA)	417	160,939	1.62 (1.15, 2.29)
Chodick G, 2010 (ME)	217	100,595	1.67 (1.18, 2.36)
Khan M, 2006 (Asia)	NR	56,881	1.70 (0.97, 2.98)
Inoue M, 2006 (Asia)	210	97,771	1.70 (1.06, 2.72)
Joe SH, 2005 (Asia)	NR	1,298,385	1.73 (1.49, 2.01)
Eigenraam P, 2013 (EU)	444	4,438	1.79 (1.12, 2.87)
Inoue M, 2003 (Asia)	200	2,200	1.79 (1.08, 2.97)
Henry SA, 2014 (NA)	292	36,084	1.86 (1.23, 2.82)
Larsson SC, 2005 (EU)	585	510,314	1.87 (1.48, 2.37)
Legia IC, 2016 (NA)	NR	63,063	1.88 (1.09, 3.25)
Legia IC, 2016 (NA)	NR	1,324,438	1.89 (1.72, 2.07)
Ballotari P, 2017 (EU)	441	407,157	2.00 (1.60, 2.50)
Stolzenberg-Solomon RZ, 2002 (EU)	172	29,133	2.02 (1.17, 3.49)
Lee DY, 2018 (Asia)	8,589	4,945,886	2.06 (1.97, 2.16)
Li Y, 2015 (EU)	153	765,547	2.11 (0.98, 4.54)
Gupta S, 2008 (NA)	529	5,529	2.16 (1.72, 2.72)
Yood MU, 2009 (NA)	NR	1,421,794	2.17 (1.84, 2.56)
Wotton CJ, 2011 (EU),1	974	291,462	2.21 (1.82, 2.68)
Shibata A, 1994 (NA)	NR	1,976	2.37 (1.13, 4.98)
Friedman GD, 1993 (NA)	NR	3,137	2.37 (1.46, 3.85)
Grote VA, 2011 (EU)	126		2.42 (1.33, 4.40)
Yeh HC, 2012 (NA)	NR	18,240	2.67 (1.02, 6.98)
Vakari F, 2015 (EU)	NR	1,189,515	2.88 (2.57, 3.23)
Liu X, 2015 (EU)	2,027	380,196	2.98 (2.85, 3.11)
Ogunleye AA, 2009 (EU)	NR	28,731	3.06 (1.73, 5.40)
Dankner R, 2016 (ME)	NR	1,777,953	3.17 (2.89, 3.47)
Walker JJ, 2013 (EU)	NR		

Figure S4c. Individual and overall estimates, by cancer



NR: Not Reported in the original study; NHL: Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Black border: Incidence; Yellow border: Mortality

Figure S5a. Publication bias, by cancer

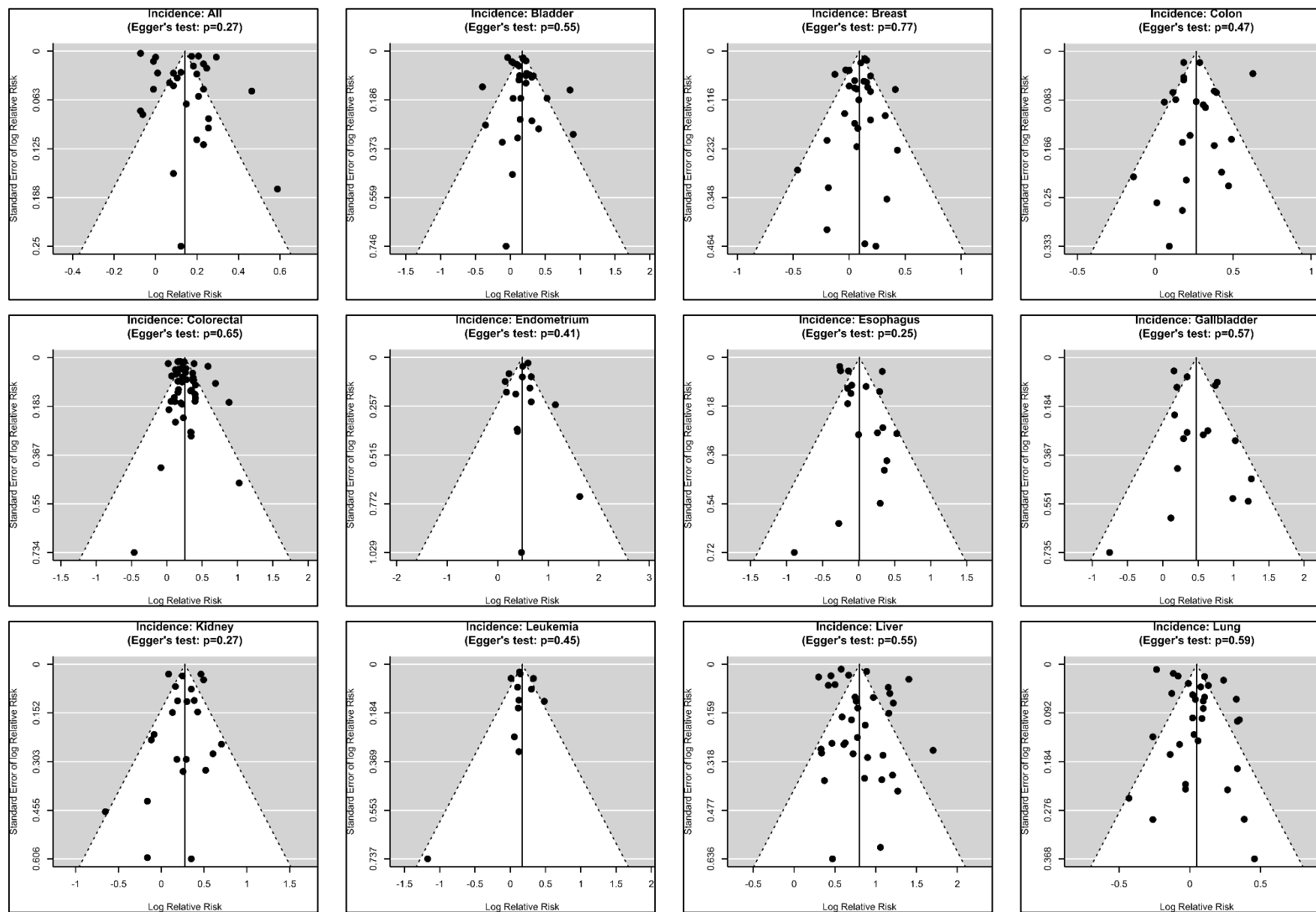
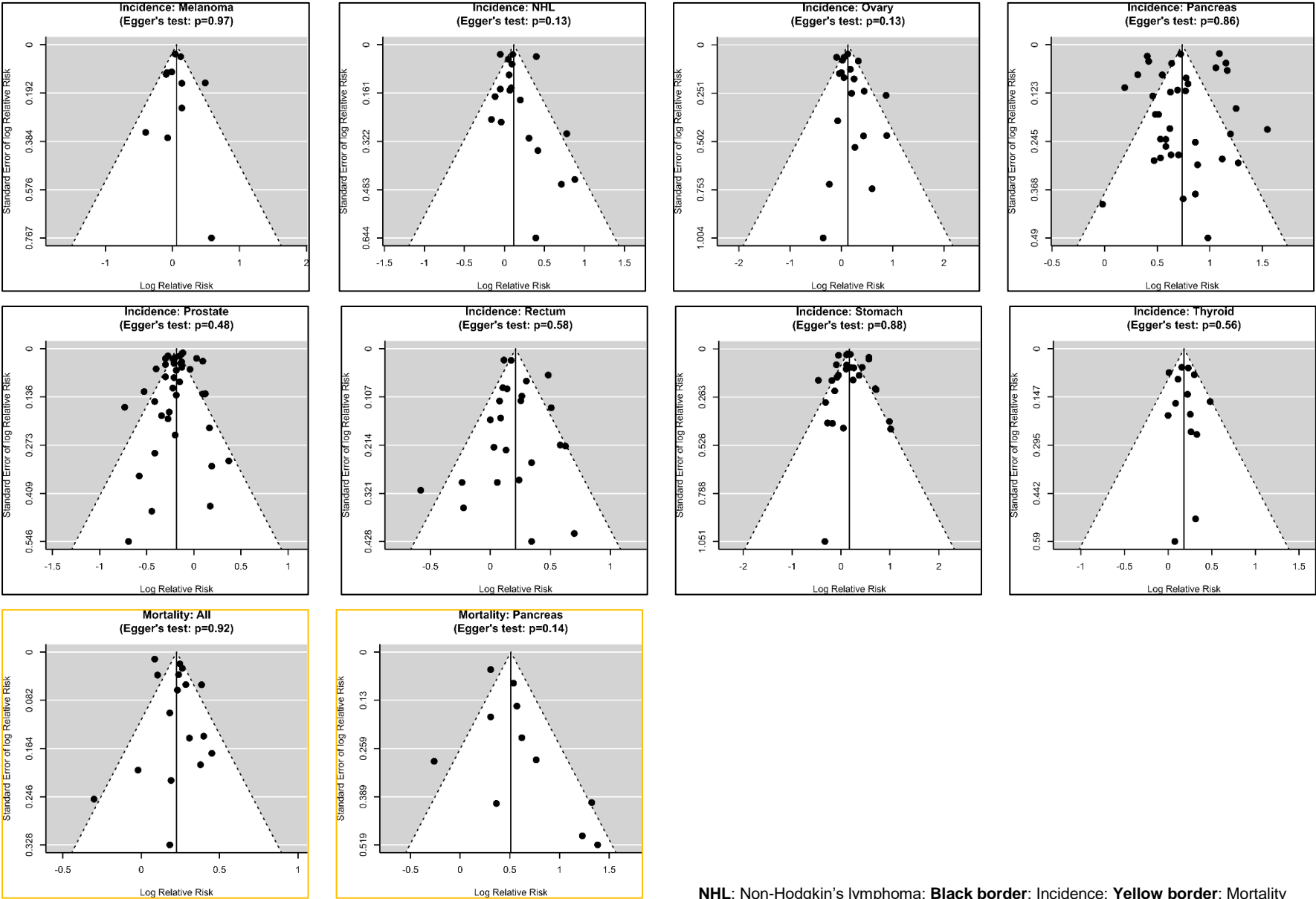


Figure S5b. Publication bias, by cancer



NHL: Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; **Black border:** Incidence; **Yellow border:** Mortality

Figure S6a. Individual and overall estimates, by cancer and sex (Red – Females; Blue – Males)

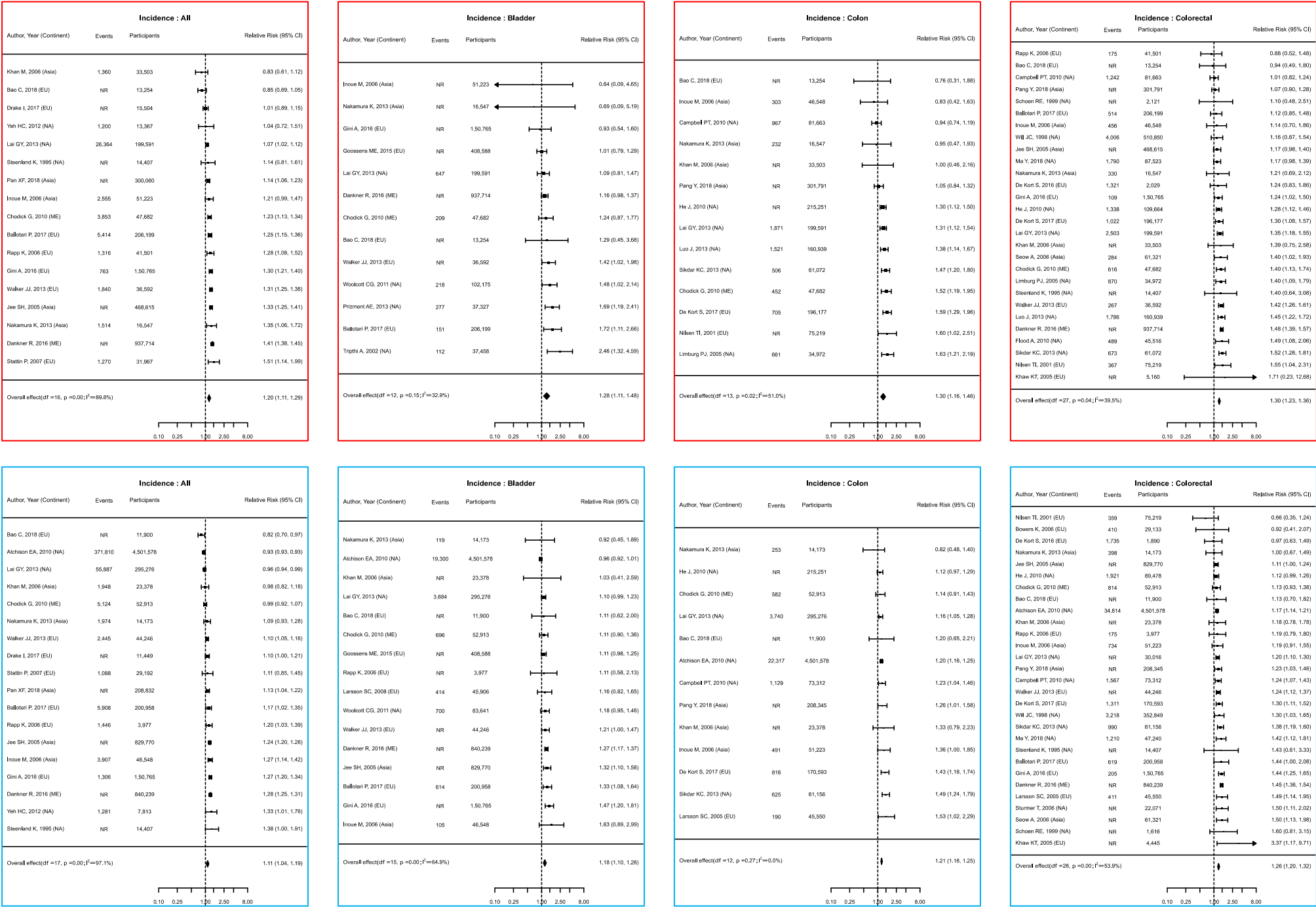


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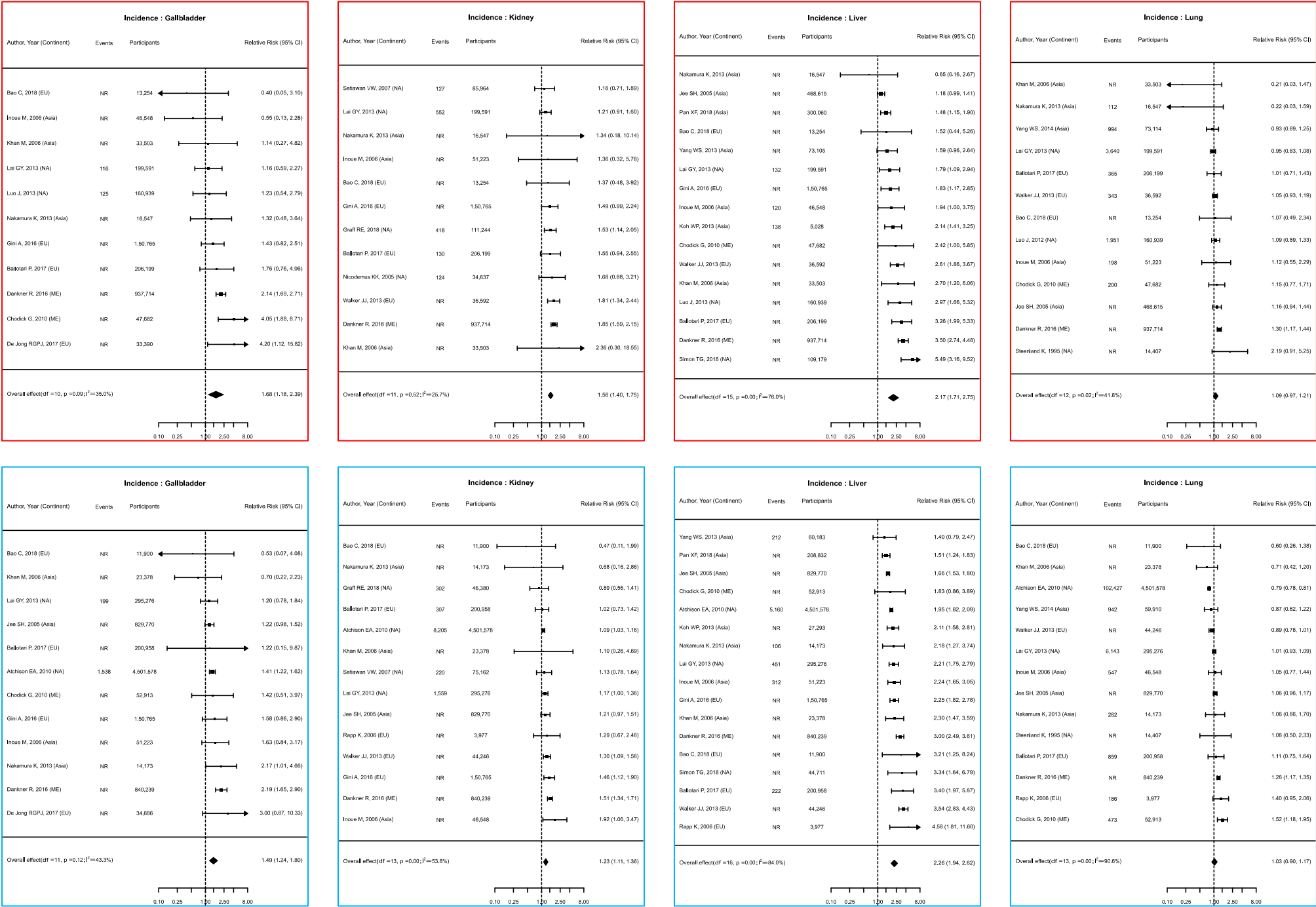


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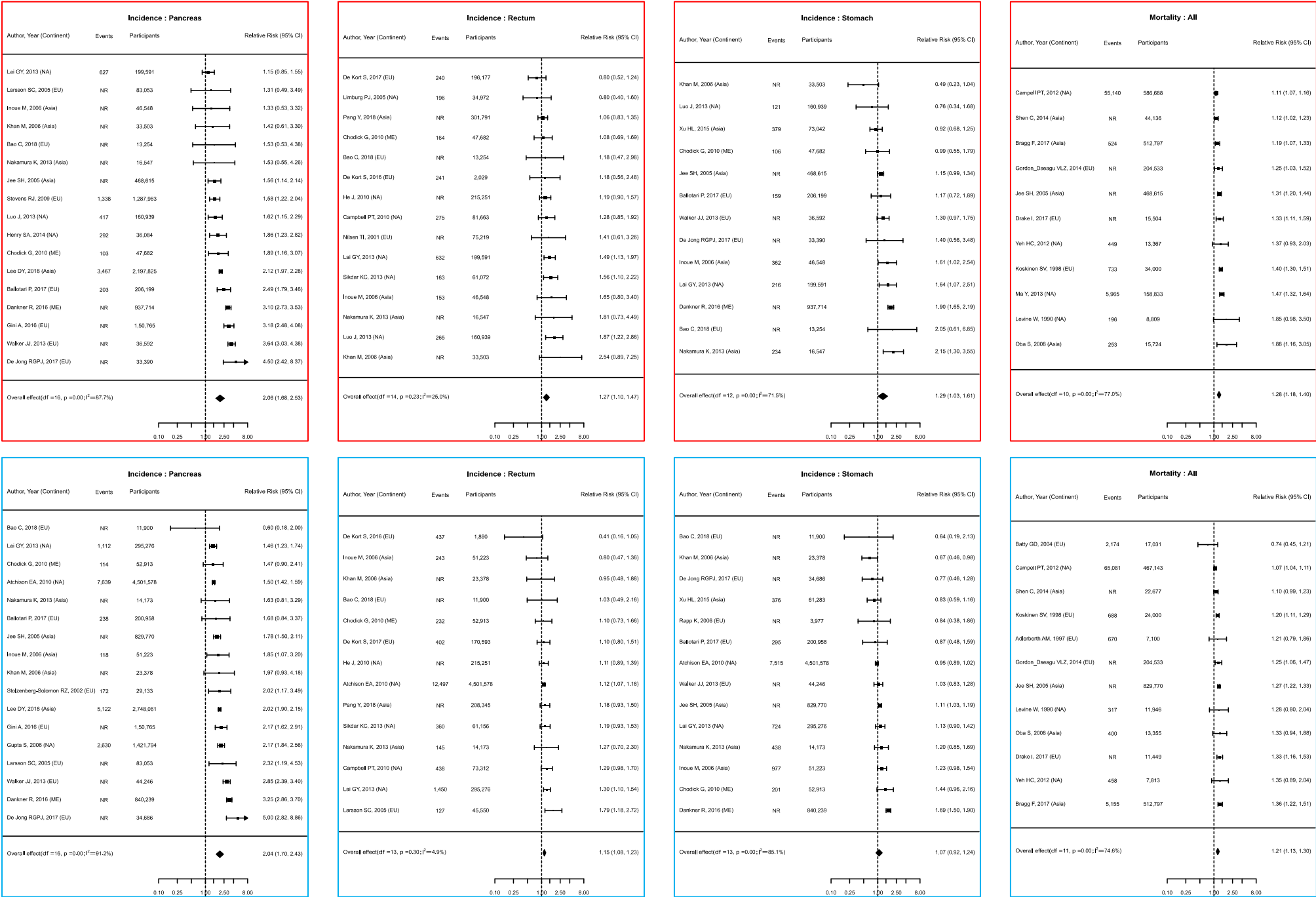
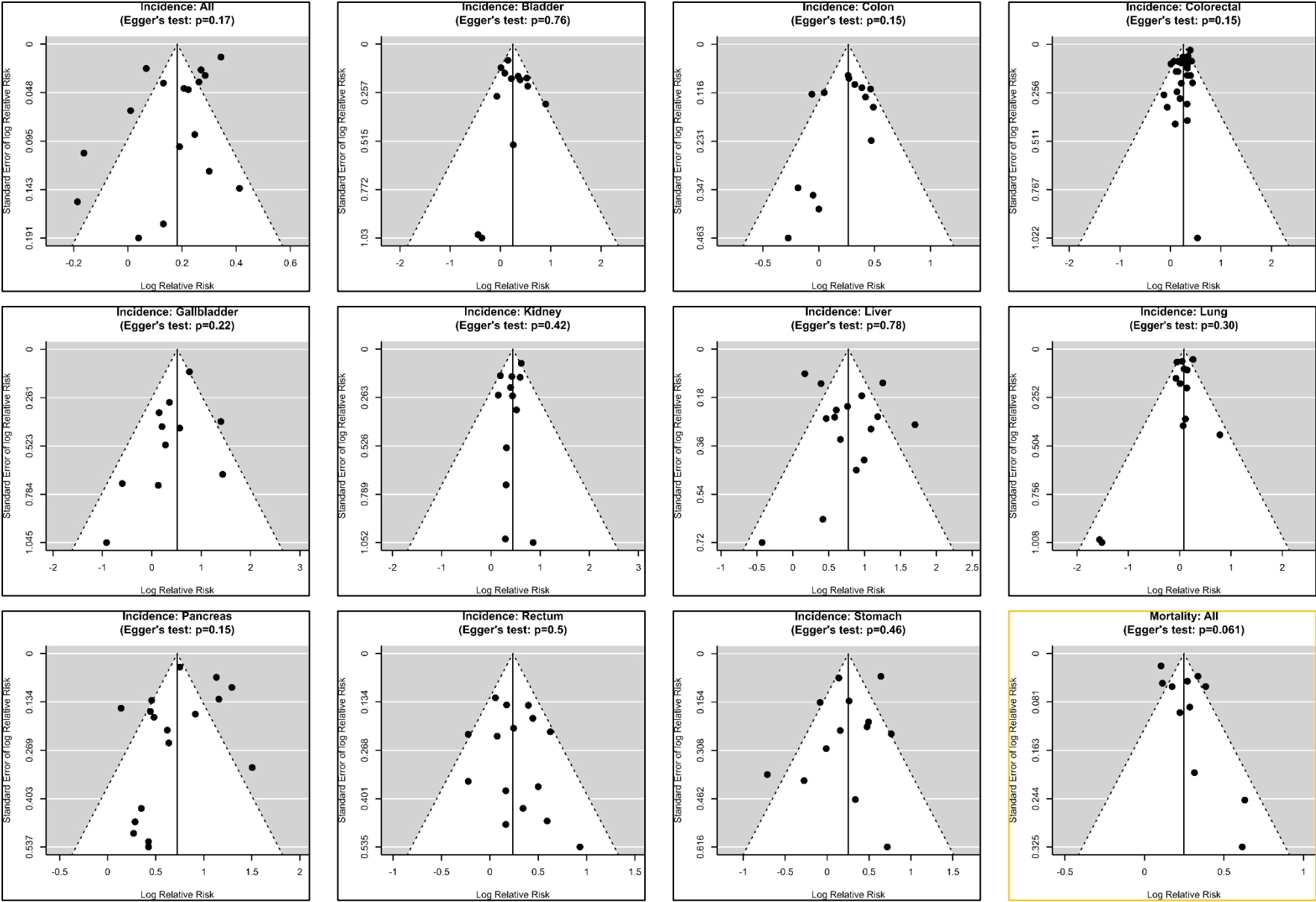
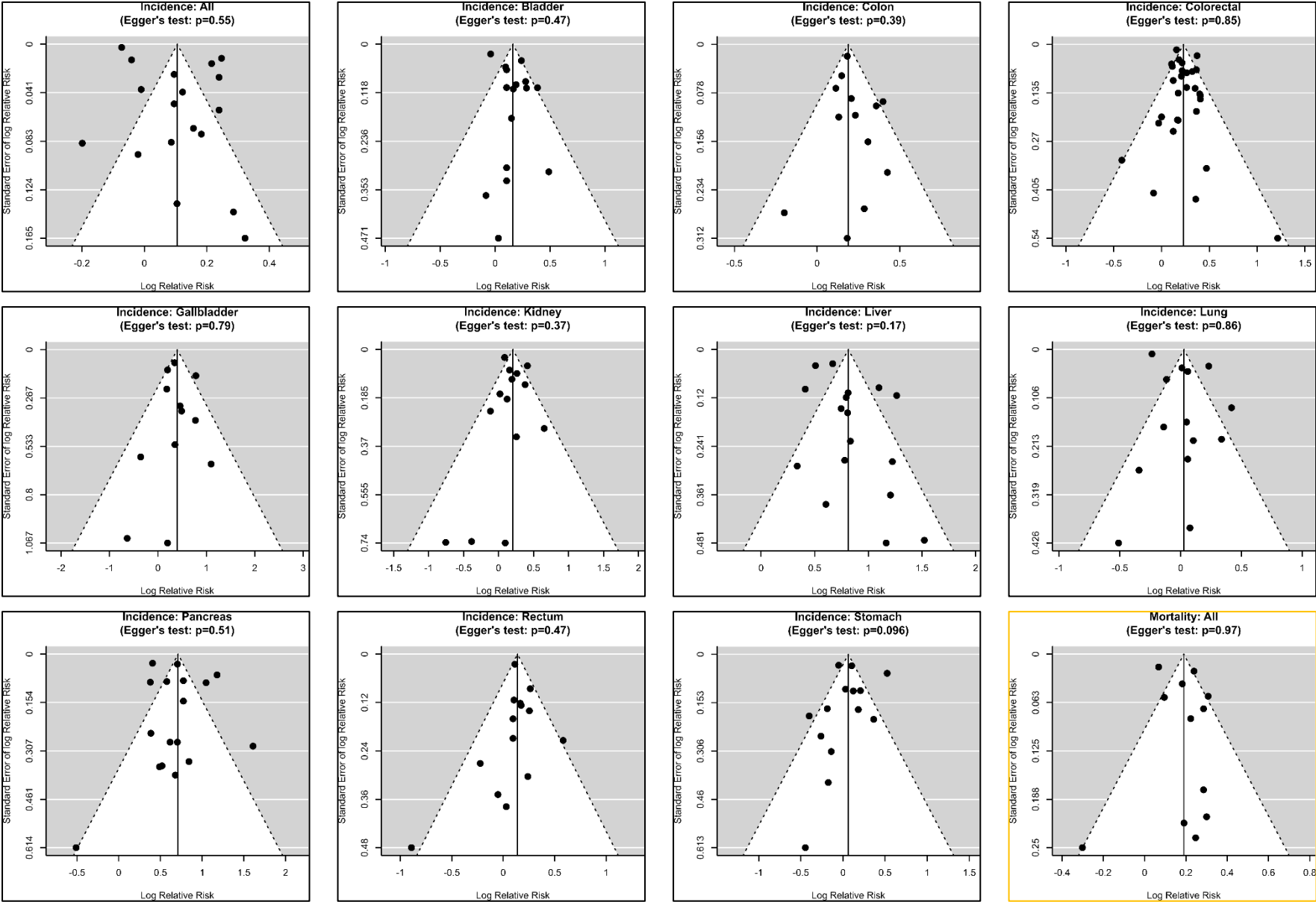


Figure S7a. Publication bias by cancer, Females



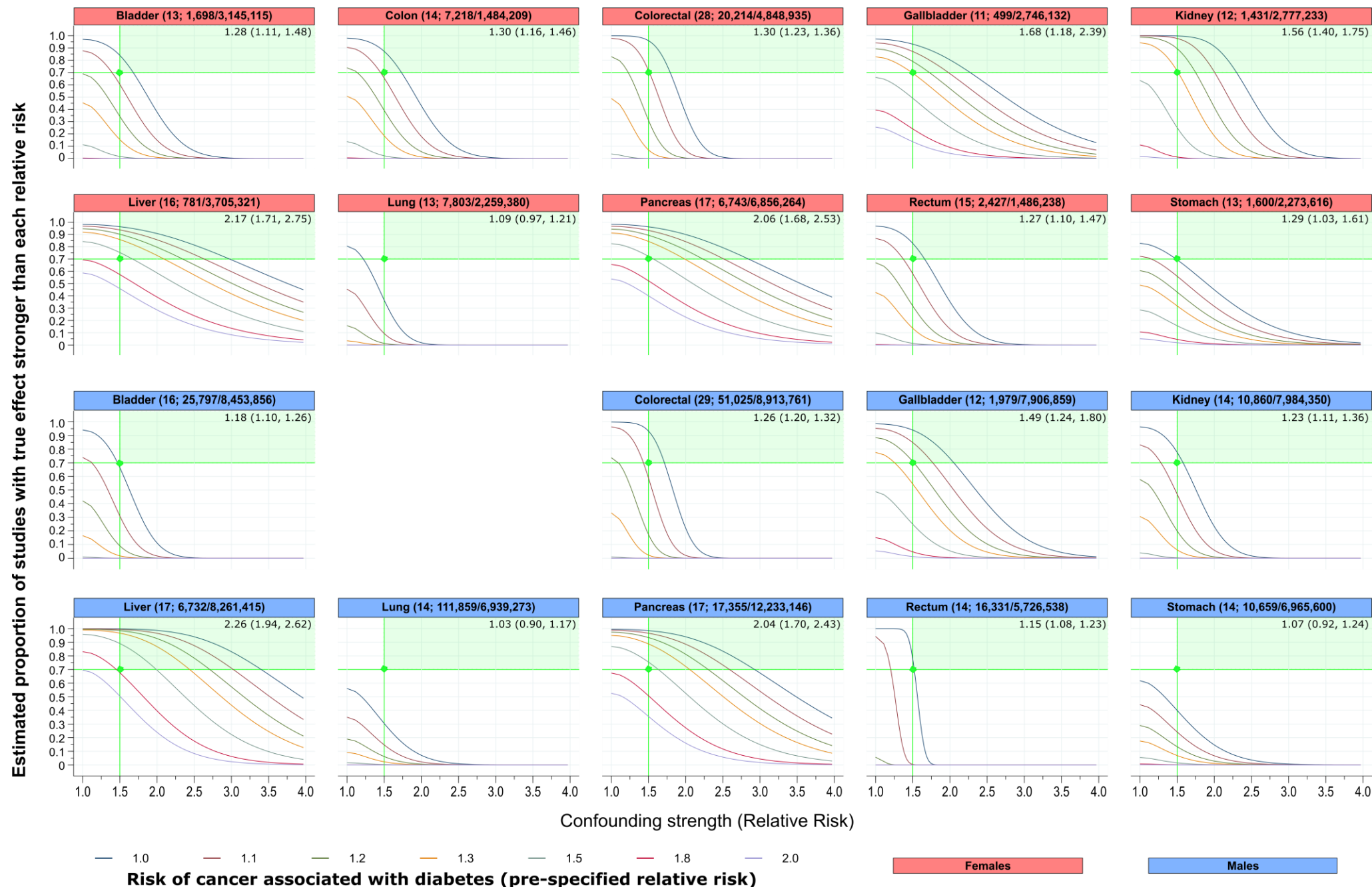
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Figure S7b. Publication bias by cancer, Males



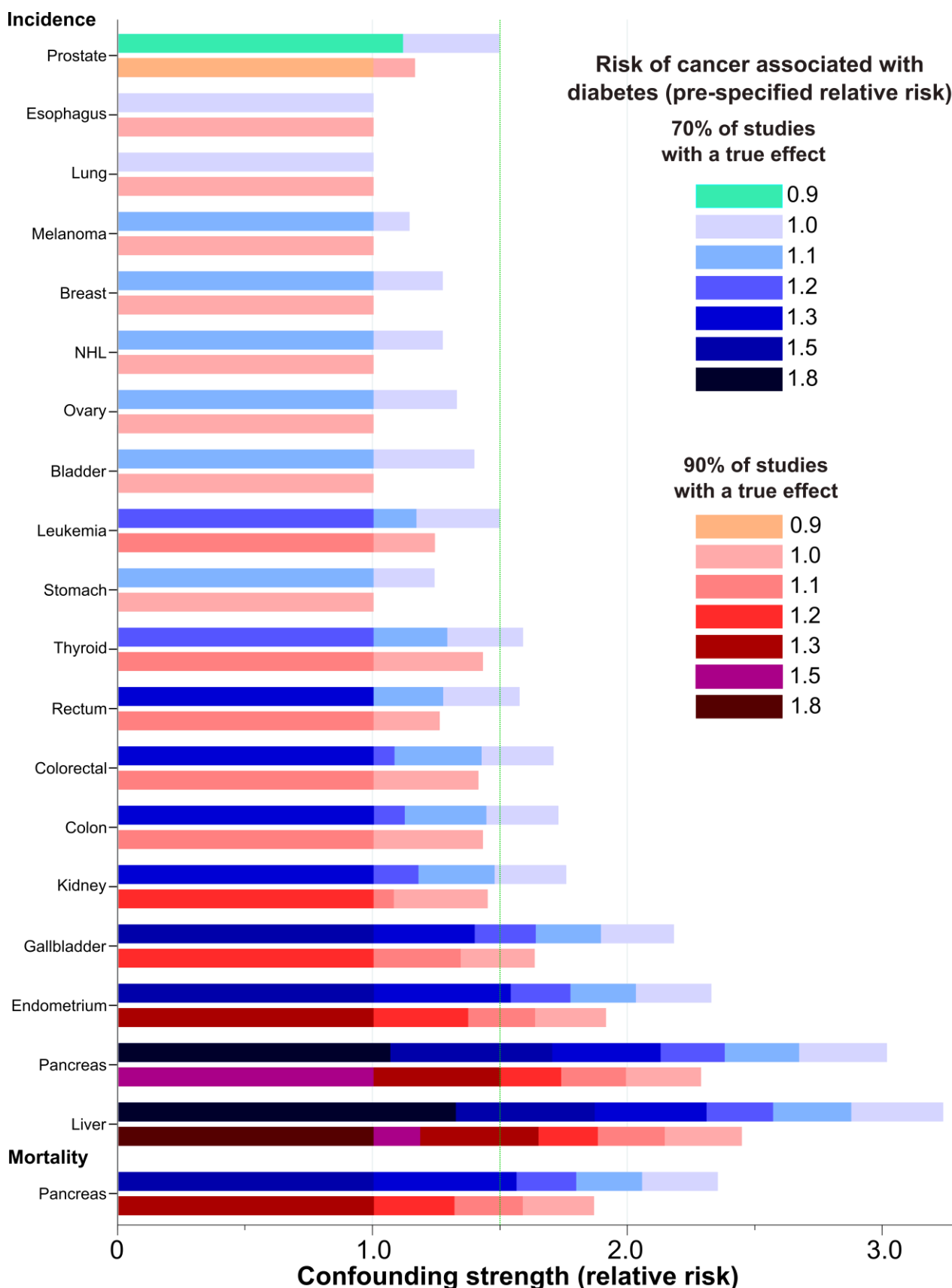
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Figure S8. Proportions of studies with the true effect stronger than pre-specified relative risks in Females and Males



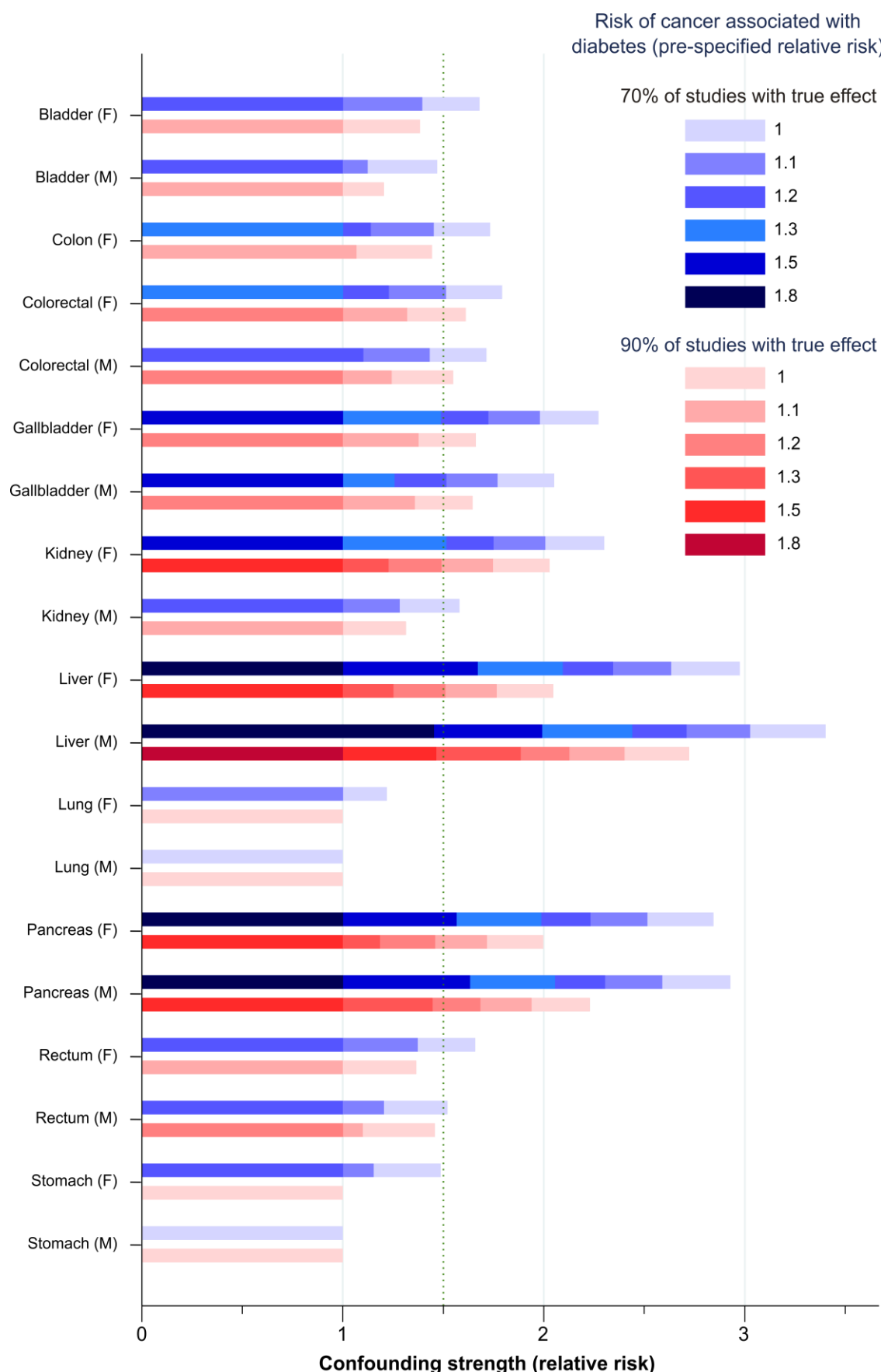
Within each panel is shown the pooled relative risk with 95% confidence interval derived from the random-effects meta-analysis. Bias analysis was not possible for colon cancer incidence in males as the heterogeneity in random-effects meta-analysis was zero; **X-axes:** Unmeasured confounding strength, associated with both diabetes and cancer, with a relative risk ranging from 1.0 to 4.0; **Y-axes:** proportions of studies with the true causal effect size stronger than each pre-specified relative risk for the association between diabetes and cancer: 1.0 to 2.0 for all outcomes (each **Line**); **Green area:** Association between T2D and cancer likely to be causal if proportion of studies with the true effect size is more than 70% and the unmeasured confounding needed to attenuate the effect is stronger than 1.5; the more are the lines in the right upper quadrant (green area), the more likely the association is causal.

Figure S9a. Unmeasured confounding and proportion of studies with true effect



NHL: Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; **X-axes:** Unmeasured confounding strength, associated with both diabetes and cancer (green grid line: 1.5); **Bars:** pre-specified relative risk for the associations between diabetes and cancer (blue: 70% of studies with a true effect; red: 90% of studies with a true effect). The longer the bar, the more likely the association is causal; the darker the colour, the stronger the true effect. For example, to reduce the proportion of studies with the true causal effect stronger than the relative risk of 1.8 (i.e., 80% increased risk in people with T2D comparing to those without) to a value lower than 70%, for liver cancer incidence (darkest blue), an unmeasured confounding of 1.32 is needed. Corresponding strengths of the unmeasured confounding to reduce the proportion lower than 70% for a true effect size stronger than the relative risk of 1.5, 1.3, 1.2, 1.1 and 1.0 were 1.9, 2.3, 2.6, 2.9 and 3.3, respectively.

Figure S9b. Unmeasured confounding and proportion of studies with true effect in females and males



Bias analysis was not possible for colon cancer incidence in males as the heterogeneity in random-effects meta-analysis was zero; **X-axes:** Unmeasured confounding strength, associated with both diabetes and cancer; **Bars:** pre-specified threshold of relative risk for associations between diabetes and cancer; **blue:** assuming 70% of studies with a true effect; **red:** assuming 90% of studies with a true effect; **(F):** Females; **(M):** Males. The longer the bar, the more likely the association is causal; the darker the colour, the stronger the true effect. To reduce the proportion of studies lower than 70% for the true causal effect stronger than the relative risk of 1.8 for liver cancer incidence in Males [Liver (M) darkest blue], an unmeasured confounding of 1.45 is needed. Corresponding strengths of the unmeasured confounding for the pre-specified relative risk of 1.5, 1.3, 1.2, 1.1, and 1.0 were 2.0, 2.4, 2.7, 3.0 and 3.4, respectively.

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