

**Dietary intake of linoleic acid, its concentrations and the risk of type 2  
diabetes: a systematic review and dose-response meta-analysis of prospective  
cohort studies**

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Supplementary data including 9 supplemental Tables, and 7 supplemental Figures

**Supplemental Table 1.** Search strategy to find the relevant articles for inclusion in this meta-analysis of dietary intake and biomarkers of Linoleic acid and the risk of type 2 diabetes

**PubMed**

"Fatty Acids"[Mesh] OR "Fatty Acids, Unsaturated"[Mesh] OR "Fatty Acids, Essential"[Mesh] OR "Linoleic Acid"[Mesh] OR "Linoleic Acids"[Mesh] OR "Fatty Acids, Omega-6"[Mesh] OR "n-6 fatty acid\*"[Title/Abstract] OR "omega-6 fatty acid\*"[Title/Abstract] OR "Omega 6 Fatty Acids"[Title/Abstract] OR "N-6 Fatty Acids"[Title/Abstract] OR "Linoleic Acids"[Title/Abstract] OR "Linoleic Acid"[Title/Abstract] OR " $\alpha$ -linoleic acid\*"[Title/Abstract] OR "Linoleic Acids"[Title/Abstract] OR "Linoleic Acid"[Title/Abstract] OR "Linoelaidic Acid"[Title/Abstract] OR "Linolelaidic Acid"[Title/Abstract] OR "essential fatty acid\*"[Title/Abstract] OR "polyunsaturated fatty acid\*"[Title/Abstract] OR "fatty acid"[Title/Abstract] OR "sunflower oil"[Title/Abstract] OR "corn oil"[Title/Abstract]  
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"Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2"[Mesh] OR "Diabetes Mellitus"[Mesh] OR Diabetes[Title/Abstract] OR Diabetic[Title/Abstract] OR "Diabetes type 2"[Title/Abstract] OR "Type II diabetes"[Title/Abstract] OR "Type 2 diabetes"[Title/Abstract] OR "Type 2 diabetes mellitus"[Title/Abstract] OR "Diabetes mellitus non-insulin dependent"[Title/Abstract] OR "Noninsulin dependent diabetes mellitus"[Title/Abstract]  
AND

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**Scopus**

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**Web of Science**

TS= ("n-6 fatty acid" OR "omega-6 fatty acid" OR "Omega 6 Fatty Acids" OR "N-6 Fatty Acids" OR "Linoleic Acids" OR "Linoleic Acid" OR "Linoleic Acids" OR "Linoelaidic Acid" OR "Linolelaidic Acid" OR "essential fatty acid" OR "polyunsaturated fatty acid" OR "fatty acid" OR "sunflower oil" OR "corn oil")

AND

TS= ("Diabetes" OR "Diabetic" OR "Diabetes type 2" OR "Type II diabetes" OR "Type 2 diabetes" OR "Type 2 diabetes mellitus" OR "Diabetes Mellitus" OR "Noninsulin dependent diabetes mellitus" OR "Diabetes mellitus non-insulin-dependent")

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TS= ("Cohorts" OR "Cohort" OR "Cohort Studies" OR "Concurrent Study" OR "Incidence Studies" OR "incident" OR "incidence" OR "Observation" OR "Prospective Studies" OR "Prospectively" OR "Prospective" OR "Longitudinal" OR "Observational" OR "Follow-Up " OR "Nested" OR "Relative risk" OR "Hazard ratio" OR "Case-Control Studies")

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Supplemental Table 3. General characteristics of prospective cohort studies that investigated the association between LA intake and risk of type 2 diabetes.											
First Author ,year	Study name, location	Age at entry ( range, mean )	Total sample size	Mean follow-up (years)	Gender	Total cases	Dietary assessment	Outcome assessment	LA intake	RR (95% CI) (High vs. low intake category)	Adjustments*
Hodge et al, 2007	MCCS, Australia	36-72	3,737	4	M/F	346	Baseline FFQ	Self-reported confirmed by a doctor	Q5 vs. Q1	1.41 (0.92 - 2.17)	age, sex, country of birth, family history of diabetes, physical activity, alcohol intake, BMI, and waist-hip ratio
Patel et al, 2010	EPIC-Norfolk, England	40-79	383	10	M/F	199	Baseline FFQ	self-report of a physician’s diagnosis/ diabetes medication	T3 vs. T1	0.72 (0.40 - 1.29)	age, sex, family history of diabetes, BMI, smoking status, physical activity, and alcohol intake
Kroger et al. 2011	EPIC-Potsdam, Germany	35-65	2,724	7	M/F	673	Baseline FFQ	Self-reported/ diabetes medication/dietary treatment	3.55 (% energy) 4.78 5.84 6.87 8.61	1.00 0.9 (0.63, 1.28) 1.14 (0.80, 1.63) 1.08 (0.76, 1.54) 1.11 (0.79 - 1.56)	age, sex, BMI, waist circumference, cycling, sports activity, education, smoking status, alcohol intake, occupational activity, coffee intake, fiber intake, total fat intake, and total energy intake
Dow et al. 2016	E3N, France	50-75	71,334	18	F	2,610	Baseline FFQ	Self-reported/ diabetes medication/dietary treatment/ hospitalization due to diabetes	<10·3 (g/d) 10·3–13·5 ≥13·5	1.00 0.98 (0.89, 1.08) 0.97 (0.87 - 1.07)	energy intake, alcohol consumption, education, family history of diabetes, physical activity, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, smoking status, fatty acid groups, BMI
Guasch-Ferre et al. 2017	PREDIMED, Spain	55-80	3,339	4.3	M/F	226	Repeated FFQ	ADA criteria	3.5 (% energy) 4.6 5.6 7.3	1.00 0.92 (0.61, 1.39) 1.45 (0.95, 2.24) 1.01 (0.60 - 1.69)	age, sex, BMI, smoking status, educational status, leisure-time physical activity, yearly updated total energy intake, alcohol intake, yearly updated quartiles of fiber, protein intake, dietary cholesterol, baseline hypertension or the use of antihypertensive medication, baseline hypercholesterolemia or the use of lipid-lowering drugs, and fasting plasma glucose at baseline, specific subtypes of fat
Mirmiran et al. 2018	TLGS, Iran	20-70	2,139	5.8	M/F	143	Baseline FFQ	Participants who had FPG ≥126 mg/dl, or 2h plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dl during OGTT / using anti-diabetic medications	T3 vs. T1	0.72 (0.36 - 1.42)	age, energy intake, total fiber, magnesium, family history of diabetes, baseline SBP
Zong et al. 2019	NHS, USA	30-55	83,648	32	F	9375	Repeated FFQ	Self-reported/extra questionnaire	2.54 (% energy) 3.39	1.00 0.96 (0.89, 1.02)	Age, ethnicity, smoking status, alcohol intake, family history of diabetes, menopausal status,

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								e/National Diabetes Data Group criteria	4.07 4.86 6.23	0.99 (0.93, 1.07) 0.96 (0.89, 1.03) 0.98 (0.91 – 1.06)	postmenopausal hormone use, physical activity,  multivitamin use, baseline hypertension, baseline hypercholesterolemia, BMI, total energy intake, intake of fruits and vegetables, fats, trans fats, MUFAs, and other PUFAs
Zong et al. 2019	NHSII, USA	25-44	88,610	22	F	5460	Repeated FFQ	Self-reported/extra questionnaire  e/National Diabetes Data Group criteria	3.33 (% energy) 4.08 4.68 5.35 6.51	1.00 0.95 (0.87, 1.04) 0.91 (0.82, 1.00) 0.94 (0.85, 1.04) 0.93 (0.82, 1.05)	Age, ethnicity, smoking status, alcohol intake, family history of diabetes, menopausal status, postmenopausal hormone use, physical activity,  multivitamin use, baseline hypertension, baseline hypercholesterolemia, BMI, total energy intake, intake of fruits and vegetables, fats, trans fats, MUFAs, and other PUFAs.
Zong et al. 2019	HPFS, USA	40-75	41,771	26	M	3607	Repeated FFQ	Self-reported/extra questionnaire  e/National Diabetes Data Group criteria	3.45 (% energy) 4.35 5.05 5.83 7.16	1.00 0.87 (0.78, 0.97) 0.88 (0.79, 0.99) 0.83 (0.74, 0.94) 0.77 (0.67, 0.88)	Age, ethnicity, smoking status, alcohol intake, family history of diabetes, menopausal status, postmenopausal hormone use, physical activity,  multivitamin use, baseline hypertension, baseline hypercholesterolemia, BMI, total energy intake, intake of fruits and vegetables, fats, trans fats, MUFAs, and other PUFAs

**Abbreviations:** CHD; coronary heart disease, HTN; hypertension, IHD; ischemic heart disease, MI; myocardial infarction, FFQ; food frequency questionnaire, HR; Risk ratio, CI; confidence interval, M; male, F; female, Q; quintile or quartile, T; tertile, BMI; body mass index, PUFA; polyunsaturated fatty acid, SFA; saturated fatty acid, US; United States America

Supplemental Table 4. General characteristics of prospective cohort studies (including nested case-control and case-cohort studies) that investigated the associations between LA biomarkers and risk of type 2 diabetes.													
First Author ,year	Study name, location	Study design	Age at entry ( range, mean )	Total sample size	Mean follow-up (years)	Gender	Total cases	Tissue type	Measuring method	Outcome assessment	Mean/median of LA, %FA	RR (95% CI) (High vs. low intake category)	Adjustments*
Wang et al, 2003	ARIC , USA	Cohort	53.6	2909	9	M/F	252	Cholesteryl esters (CE)  plasma phospholipids (PL)	gas-liquid chromatography (GLC)	self-reported/ diabetes medications/ 8-h  fasting serum glucose concentration ~ 126 mg/dL/ non-fasting serum glucose concentration ~ 200 mg/dL	22.03	CE: 0.47 (0.29 – 0.73)  PL: 0.73 (0.50 – 0.99)	age , sex, BMI, waist-to-hip ratio, cigarette-years of smoking , alcohol intake , sports index , education, and parental history of diabetes
Hodge et al. 2007	MCCS, Australia	Case-cohort	54.8	3737	4	M/F	346	plasma phospholipids	gas-liquid chromatography with flame ionization detection (GLC-FID)	Self-reported	20.13	0.33 (0.20 – 0.56)	age, sex, country of birth, family history of diabetes, physical activity, alcohol intake, BMI, and waist-hip ratio
Krachler et al. 2008	VIP, Sweden	nested case-referent	51.6	450	5.4	M/F	159	Erythrocyte membrane	Gas-liquid chromatography (GLC)	WHO criteria	14.91	0.51 (0.39 – 0.68)	Alcohol intake, dietary fat-intake, BMI, HbA1c
Patel et al, 2010	EPIC-Norfolk, England	Cohort	64	383	10	M/F	199	Plasma phospholipids  Erythrocyte membrane	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GLC-FID)	Self-reported/ diabetes medication	23.76	PL: 0.50 (0.28 – 0.91)  ER: 0.77 (0.43 – 1.37)	age, sex, family history of diabetes, BMI, smoking status, physical activity, and alcohol intake
Kroger et al. 2011	EPIC-Potsdam, Germany	nested case-cohort	51.2	2,724	7	M/F	673	Erythrocyte membrane	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GLC-FID)	Self-reported/ diabetes medication/dietary treatment	10.7	0.76 (0.54 – 1.08)	age, sex, BMI, waist circumference, cycling, sports activity, education, smoking status, alcohol intake, occupational activity, coffee intake, fiber intake, total fat intake, and total energy intake
Mahendran et al. 2013	METSIM, Finland	Cohort	57	4335	4.5	M	276	Total serum	Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMRS)	Oral-glucose tolerance test	27.9	0.92 (0.89 – 0.95)	age, BMI, smoking, and physical activity

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Mahendran et al. 2014	METSIM, Finland	Cohort	54.9	735	5	M	30	Erythrocyte membrane	gas chromatography (GC)	Oral-glucose tolerance test	8.3	0.54 (0.35 – 0.82)	age, BMI, smoking, and physical activity
Lankinen et al. 2015	METSIM, Finland	Cohort	55	1301	5.9	M	71	plasma Phospholipids  cholesteryl esters	gas chromatography (GC)	Oral-glucose tolerance test	18.6	PL: 0.78 (0.61 – 1.00)  CE: 0.79 (0.46 – 1.00)	age, BMI, smoking, physical activity and fasting glucose at baseline
Forouhi et al. 2016	EPIC-InterAct, eight European countries	Case-cohort	53.5	28051	9.8	M/F	12,132	Plasma phospholipids	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Self-reported/ medication use/ hospital admissions	22.61	0.80 (0.77 - 0.83)	age, sex, physical activity, smoking status, education level, BMI, total energy intake, alcohol, intake of meat, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, soft drinks, fish and shellfish, nuts and seeds, vegetable oil, olive oil, and margarine
Harris et al. 2016	WHIMS, USA	Cohort	70.1	6379	11	F	703	Erythrocyte membrane	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Treatment for diabetes with pills or insulin shots	11.94	0.98 (0.90 – 1.06)	age, race, waist circumference, highest education, current smoking status, physical activity, weekly alcohol intake, glycemic load, and family history of diabetes
Lu et al. 2016	SCHS, Singapore	Cohort	55.1	394	6	M/F	197	Total serum	Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS)	ADA criteria	-	1.44 (1.01 – 2.08)	BMI, smoking status and history of hypertension
Takkunen et al. 2016	DPS, Finland	Cohort	58.6	383	11	M/F	155	Total serum	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Oral-glucose tolerance test	25.2	1.26 (1.03 – 1.55)	age, sex, study group, smoking, alcohol intake, waist circumference and physical activity at leisure time, fiber intake, carbohydrate intake, energy intake and serum triglyceride, plasma fasting and 2-h glucose
Yary et al. 2016	KIHD, Finland	Cohort	53.5	2189	19.3	M	417	Total serum	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Self-reported/ physician-diagnosed/ fasting plasma glucose $\geq 7.0$ mmol/L/ 2-h oral-glucose-tolerance test plasma glucose $\geq 11.1$ mmol/L	26.64	0.52 (0.32 – 0.70)	Age, family history of T2D, smoking, education years, leisure-time physical activity, BMI, serum long-chain n–3 PUFAs, and intakes of alcohol and energy



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Akter et al. 2017	HHS, Japan	nested case-control	51.3	1014	5	M/F	336	Total serum	gas chromatography (GC)	ADA criteria	16.5	0.80 (0.57 – 1.11)	Age, sex, and month of examination, leisure-time physical activity, occupational physical activity, smoking, alcohol consumption, shift work, sleep duration, family history of diabetes, hypertension, BMI
Savolainen et al. 2017	Gothenburg, Sweden	Cohort	64	399	5.5	F	69	Total serum	Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS)	Fasting capillary whole blood glucose measurements	-	0.79 (0.58 – 1.08)	No
Wu et al. 2017	AGES-Reykjavik, Iceland	prospective cohort (PC)	75.5	753	5.2	M/F	28	Plasma phospholipids	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Self-reported diabetes/ diabetes medication use/ fasting plasma glucose $\geq 7.0$ mmol/L	17.9	0.27 (0.08 – 0.91)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	FHS, USA	prospective cohort (PC)	64.4	1913	5.8	M/F	98	Erythrocyte phospholipids	Gas chromatography (GC)	Glucose concentration $\geq 7.0$ mmol/L, HBA1C $\geq 6.5$ / new use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic medication	11.2	0.48 (0.26 – 0.90)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	3C, France	prospective cohort (PC)	76.6	574	8	M/F	36	Erythrocyte phospholipids	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Self-reported / use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic medication	9.6	0.51 (0.19 – 1.37)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	3C, France	prospective cohort (PC)	74.4	1220	8	M/F	83	Total plasma	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Self-reported / use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic medication	25.0	0.57 (0.34 – 0.94)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations

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Wu et al. 2017	CHS, USA	prospecti ve cohort (PC)	72.4	3179	10.6	M/F	284	Plasma phospholipids	Gas chromatography (GC)	Fasting glucose concentration ≥7.0mmol/L, non- fasting or 2-h postchallenge glucose concentration ≥11.1mmol/L/ new use of an insulin or oral hypoglycemic medication	19.8	0.66 (0.46 – 0.95)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	PIVUS, Sweden	prospecti ve cohort (PC)	70.2	861	10	M/F	69	Plasma phospholipids	Gas chromatography (GC)	Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 7.0mmol/L/ self- reported/ medical records/ use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic agents	19.6	0.70 (0.26 – 1.86)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	PIVUS, Sweden	prospecti ve cohort (PC)	70.2	822	10	M/F	67	Cholesterol esters	Gas chromatography (GC)	Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 7.0mmol/L/ self- reported/ medical records/ use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic agents	48.2	0.80 (0.34 – 1.87)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	HPFS, USA	prospecti ve cohort (PC)	64.7	1545	14.8	M	113	Erythrocyte phospholipids	Gas-liquid chromatography (GLC)	Self-reports and confirmed by National Diabetes Data Group criteria	12.9	0.81 (0.58 – 1.15)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	HPFS, USA	prospecti ve cohort (PC)	64.6	1497	14.8	M	109	Total plasma	Gas-liquid chromatography (GLC)	Self-reports and confirmed by National Diabetes Data Group criteria	30.3	0.42 (0.26 – 0.69)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	NHS, USA	prospecti ve cohort (PC)	60.4	1500	20.2	F	154	Erythrocyte phospholipids	Gas-liquid chromatography (GLC)	Self-reports and confirmed by National Diabetes Data Group criteria	12.1	1.15 (0.77 – 1.70)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and

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													biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	NHS, USA	prospecti ve cohort (PC	60.4	1595	20.2	F	159	Total plasma	Gas-liquid chromatography (GLC)	Self-reports and confirmed by National Diabetes Data Group criteria	29.0	0.44 (0.30 – 0.64)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	IRAS, USA	prospecti ve cohort (PC	55.1	719	5	M/F	146	Total plasma	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Fasting glucose concentration ≥ 7.0mmol/L/ 2-hour post-oral glucose concentration ≥ 11.1mmol/L/ new use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic medication./ Fasting or non-fasting HbA1C concentration ≥ 6.5%	30.2	0.56 (0.33 – 0.95)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	CCCC, Taiwan	prospecti ve cohort (PC	59.2	616	6	M/F	128	Total plasma	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Fasting glucose levels ≥ 7.0mmol/L / use of hypoglycemic medication	16.1	1.03 (0.62 – 1.69)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	ULSAM-50, Sweden	prospecti ve cohort (PC	49.7	1891	21.4	M	332	Cholesterol esters	gas-liquid chromatography with flame ionization detection (GLC-FID)	Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 7.0mmol/L/ use of glucose-lowering medication	54.0	0.57 (0.41 – 0.79)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Wu et al. 2017	ULSAM-70, Sweden	prospecti ve cohort (PC	71	738	14.1	M	99	Adipose tissue	gas-liquid chromatography (GLC)	Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 7.0mmol/L/ use of glucose-lowering medication	12.6	0.82 (0.49 – 1.35)	age, sex, race, site of patient recruitment, BMI, education, smoking, physical activity, alcohol intake, prevalent coronary heart disease, treatment for hypertension, treatment for hypercholesterolemia, and

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													biomarker omega-3 PUFA concentrations
Ahola-Olli et al. 2019	Pooled analysis of four finish cohorts	Cohort	33.5	11896	8-15	M/F	392	Total serum	gas chromatography (GC)	Nationwide register data	3.18 mmol/l	0.75 (0.68 – 0.83)	sex, baseline age, BMI and fasting glucose
Miao et al. 2020	GNHS, China	Cohort	58.1	2731	6.2	M/F	276	Erythrocyte membrane	gas chromatography (GC)	ADA criteria	9.81	0.98 (0.72 – 1.33)	age, sex, BMI, WHR, education, household income, smoking and alcohol drinking status, physical activity, total energy intake, and family history of diabetes, baseline erythrocyte total n-3 PUFAs and fasting glucose
Weir et al. 2020	MESA, USA	Cohort	45-84	5508	8.6	M/F	635	Plasma Phospholipids	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID)	Physician diagnosis/ use of anti-diabetes medications/ fasting glucose>126 mg/dL	20.7	0.67 (0.43 – 0.86)	age, race/ethnicity, gender, waist circumference, education level, hypertension medication use, cigarette smoking, alcohol intake, and HOMA-IR

**Abbreviations:** CHD; coronary heart disease, HTN; hypertension, IHD; ischemic heart disease, MI; myocardial infarction, FFQ; food frequency questionnaire, RR; Risk ratio, CI; confidence interval, M; male, F; female, Q; quintile or quartile, T; tertile, BMI; body mass index, PUFA; polyunsaturated fatty acid, USA; United States of America

ARIC: Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study, MCCS: Melbourne Collaborative Cohort Study, VIP: Vasterbotten Intervention Program, EPIC-Norfolk: European Prospective Investigation into Cancer (Norfolk), EPIC-Potsdam: European Prospective Investigation into Cancer (Potsdam), METSIM: Metabolic Syndrome in Men Study, HCS: Hunter Community Study, EPIC-InterAct: European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (InterAct), WHIMS: Women’s health initiative memory study, SCHS: Singapore Chinese Health Study, DPS: Diabetes Prevention Study, KIID: Kuopio Ischemic Heart Disease Risk Factor Study, HHS: Hitachi Health Study, AGES-Reykjavik: Age, Gene/Environment Susceptibility Study (Reykjavik), FHS: Framingham Heart Study, 3C Study: Three-City Study, CHS: Cardiovascular Health Study, PIVUS: Prospective Investigation of the Vasculature in Uppsala Seniors, HPFS: Health Professionals Follow-up Study, NHS: Nurses’ Health Study, IRAS: Insulin Resistance Atherosclerosis Study, CCCC: ChinShan Community Cardiovascular study, ULSAM 50 & 70: Uppsala Longitudinal Study of Adult Men, GNHS: Guangzhou Nutrition and Health Study, MESA: Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis

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<b>Supplemental Table 5.</b> Quality assessment for studies included the meta-analysis of LA and the risk of type 2 diabetes (Newcastle-Ottawa Scale).												
Cohort	Study	Selection				Comparability		Outcome			Score	Quality
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(3)		
<b>Studies reported dietary LA intake and type 2 diabetes</b>												
E3N	Dow 2016	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	8	High
PREDIMED	Guasch-Ferre 2017		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	High
TLGS	Mirmiran 2018	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	8	High
NHS	Zong 2019		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	High
NHSII	Zong 2019		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	High
HPFS	Zong 2019		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	High
<b>Studies reported dietary intake and biomarkers of LA and type 2 diabetes</b>												
MCCS	Hodge 2007	*	*	*	*	*		*		*	7	High
EPIC-Norfolk	Patel 2010	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	8	High
EPIC-Potsdam	Kroger 2011	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	High
<b>Studies reported biomarkers of LA and type 2 diabetes</b>												
ARIC	Wang 2003	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		8	High
VIP	Krachler 2008	*	*	*	*	*		*	*		7	High
METSIM	Mahendran 2013	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	8	High
METSIM	Mahendran 2014	*	*	*	*	*		*	*		7	High
METSIM	Lankinen 2015	*	*	*	*	*		*	*		7	High

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<b>Supplementary Table 6.</b> Relative risks from non-linear dose-response analysis of LA intake and type 2 diabetes (% of energy)	
LA intake (% of energy)	RR (95% CI)
2.5	1.00 (1.00-1.00)
3	0.99 (0.98-1.00)
3.5	0.98 (0.95-1.00)
4	0.97 (0.93-1.00)
4.5	0.95 (0.91-1.00)
5	0.95 (0.90-1.00)
5.5	0.94 (0.89-0.99)
6	0.93 (0.88-0.98)
6.5	0.92 (0.87-0.98)
7	0.92 (0.85-0.99)
7.5	0.91 (0.84-0.99)
8	0.90 (0.82-1.00)
8.5	0.90 (0.80-1.00)



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**Supplementary Table 7.** Scoring for the different components of the NutriGrade.

<b>Exposure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Comparison</b>	<b>Risk of bias</b>	<b>Precision</b>	<b>Heterogeneity</b>	<b>Directness</b>	<b>Publication bias</b>	<b>Funding bias</b>	<b>Effect size</b>	<b>Dose-response</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>NutriGrade</b>
<b>Dietary linoleic acid</b>	Type 2 diabetes	Per 10% energy	2	1	0.3	1	0.5	1	0	1	6.8	Moderate
<b>Biomarkers of linoleic acid</b>	Type 2 diabetes	Per SD increment	2	1	0.4	1	1	1	0	0	6.4	Moderate

**Supplementary Table 8.** Subgroup analyses of dietary linoleic acid intake in relation to risk of type 2 diabetes.

		<i>n</i>	RR (95%CI)	<i>I</i> <sup>2</sup> (%),	P <sub>h</sub> <sup>1</sup>	P <sub>h</sub> <sup>2</sup>
All studies		9	0.94 (0.90, 0.99)	48.5	0.05	
<b>Gender</b>						
Men		1	0.77 (0.67, 0.88)	-		0.02
Women		3	0.96 (0.91, 1.02)	0.0	0.77	
Both		5	1.05 (0.85, 1.29)	14.8	0.32	
<b>Geographic region</b>						
US		3	0.92 (0.87, 0.98)	78.2	0.01	0.23
Europe		4	0.97 (0.88, 1.07)	0.0	0.65	
Asia & Australia		2	1.16 (0.81, 1.68)	62.3	0.10	
<b>Follow-up duration</b>						
<10 years		4	1.11 (0.88, 1.39)	0.0	0.41	0.19
≥10 years		5	0.93 (0.89, 0.98)	61.9	0.03	
<b>Number of cases</b>						
<1000			1.05 (0.85, 1.29)	14.8	0.32	0.36
>1000			0.93 (0.89, 0.98)	69.2	0.02	
<b>Dietary assessment</b>						
Baseline FFQ		5	0.98 (0.89, 1.08)	22.3	0.27	0.35
Repeated FFQ		4	0.92 (0.87, 0.98)	67.6	0.02	
<b>Adjustment for confounders</b>						
Energy intake	Yes	7	0.94 (0.89,0.99)	47.0	0.08	0.42
	No	2	1.11 (0.79, 1.57)	69.6	0.07	
Physical activity	Yes	7	0.94 (0.89, 0.99)	57.3	0.03	0.70
	No	2	1.01 (0.75, 1.38)	18.5	0.27	
Smoking status	Yes	7	0.94 (0.89, 0.99)	48.0	0.07	0.33
	No	2	1.16 (0.81, 1.70)	62.3	0.10	
Fiber intake	Yes	3	1.01 (0.78, 1.32)	0.0	0.54	0.64
	No	6	0.94 (0.89, 0.99)	64.2	0.01	
Trans fat intake	Yes	5	0.94 (0.89, 0.99)	59.3	0.04	0.38
	No	4	1.06 (0.84, 1.33)	35.7	0.20	
Family history of diabetes	Yes	7	0.94 (0.89, 0.99)	58.8	0.02	0.41
	No	2	1.08 (0.81, 1.43)	0.0	0.76	

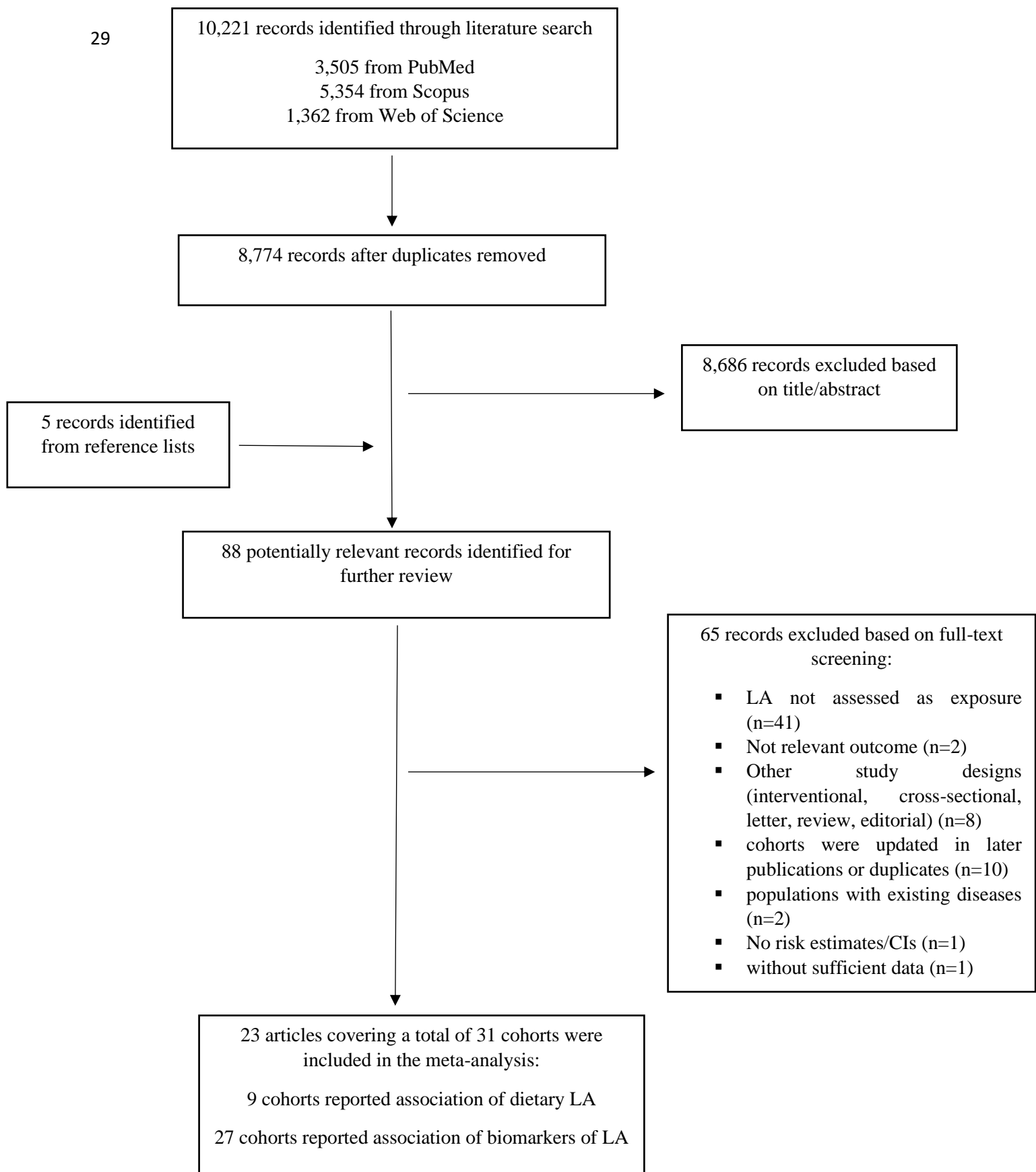
<sup>1</sup>P for heterogeneity within each subgroup<sup>2</sup>P for heterogeneity between subgroups with meta-regression analysis

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<b>Supplementary Table 9.</b> Subgroup analyses of linoleic acid biomarkers in relation to risk of type 2 diabetes.						
		<i>n</i>	<b>RR (95%CI)</b>	<i>I</i> <sup>2</sup> (%)	<b>P<sub>h</sub><sup>1</sup></b>	<b>P<sub>h</sub><sup>2</sup></b>
All studies		27	0.83 (0.81, 0.85)	70.6	0.001	
<b>Tissue types</b>						
Adipose tissue		1	0.89 (0.66, 1.20)	-		0.29
Erythrocytes		10	0.91 (0.86, 0.96)	72.3	0.001	
Phospholipids		9	0.80 (0.77, 0.83)	48.7	0.05	
Total serum or plasma		12	0.80 (0.75, 0.84)	77.1	0.001	
Cholesteryl esters		4	0.74 (0.65, 0.82)	0.0	0.78	
<b>Gender</b>						
Men		5	0.77 (0.70, 0.85)	36.6	0.17	0.68
Women		3	0.98 (0.91, 1.05)	19.3	0.29	
Both		19	0.81 (0.79, 0.84)	69.1	0.001	
<b>Geographic region</b>						
US		8	0.91 (0.86, 0.96)	49.9	0.05	0.89
Europe		14	0.80 (0.77, 0.83)	70.0	0.001	
Asia & Australia		5	0.88 (0.80, 0.96)	69.8	0.03	
<b>Follow-up duration</b>						
<10 years		16	0.81 (0.79, 0.84)	64.1	0.001	0.24
≥10 years		11	0.83 (0.81, 0.85)	75	0.001	
<b>Number of cases</b>						
<250		16	0.88 (0.81, 0.95)	68.9	0.01	0.89
250-500		7	0.80 (0.75, 0.84)	58.1	0.02	
>500		4	0.83 (0.81, 0.86)	85.9	0.01	
<b>Adjustment for confounders</b>						
Energy intake	Yes	5	0.82 (0.79, 0.84)	82.3	0.001	0.25
	No	22	0.85 (0.81, 0.88)	67.2	0.001	
Physical activity	Yes	21	0.84 (0.81, 0.86)	70.7	0.001	0.50
	No	6	0.80 (0.75, 0.85)	73.3	0.002	
Smoking status	Yes	23	0.85 (0.82, 0.87)	66.5	0.001	0.01
	No	4	0.71 (0.66, 0.77)	59.6	0.06	
BMI	Yes	23	0.81 (0.78, 0.83)	58.3	0.001	0.08
	No	4	0.96 (0.90, 1.03)	74.5	0.008	
Alcohol drinking	Yes	23	0.84 (0.81, 0.86)	71.5	0.001	0.50
	No	4	0.76 (0.69, 0.83)	58.7	0.06	
Family history of diabetes	Yes	6	0.90 (0.85, 0.95)	72.7	0.003	0.69

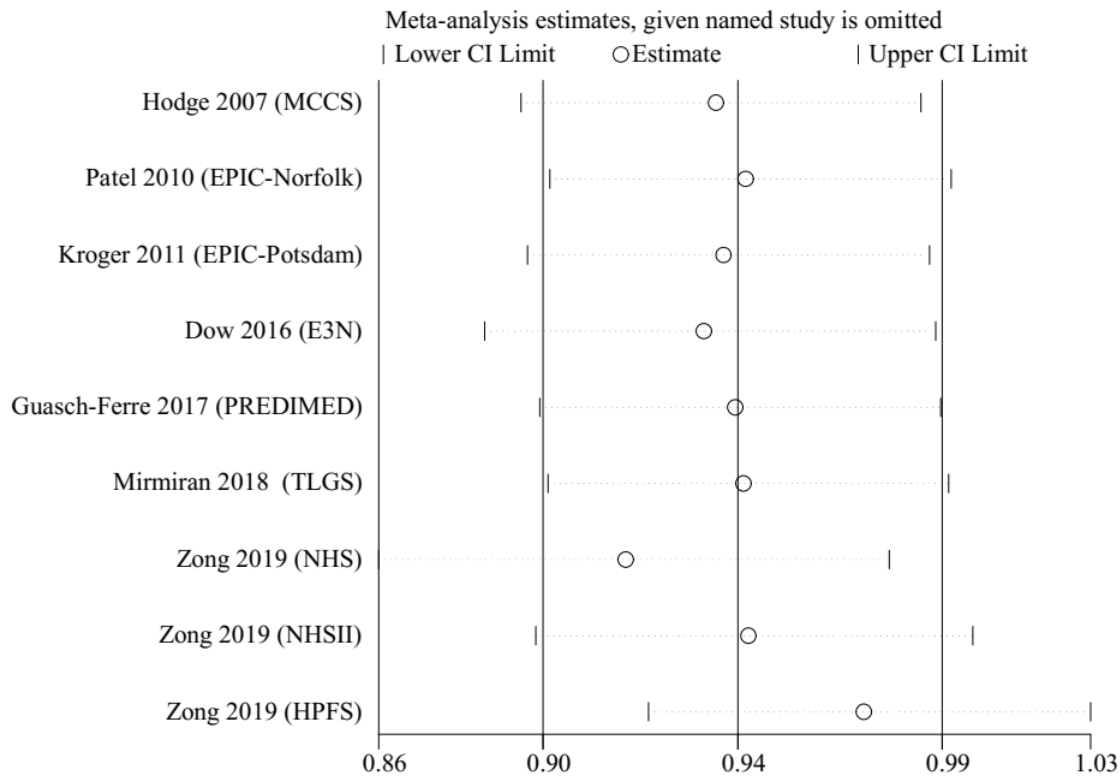
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	No	21	0.81 (0.79, 0.84)	67.5	0.001	
<sup>1</sup> P for heterogeneity within each subgroup						
<sup>2</sup> P for heterogeneity between subgroups with meta-regression analysis						



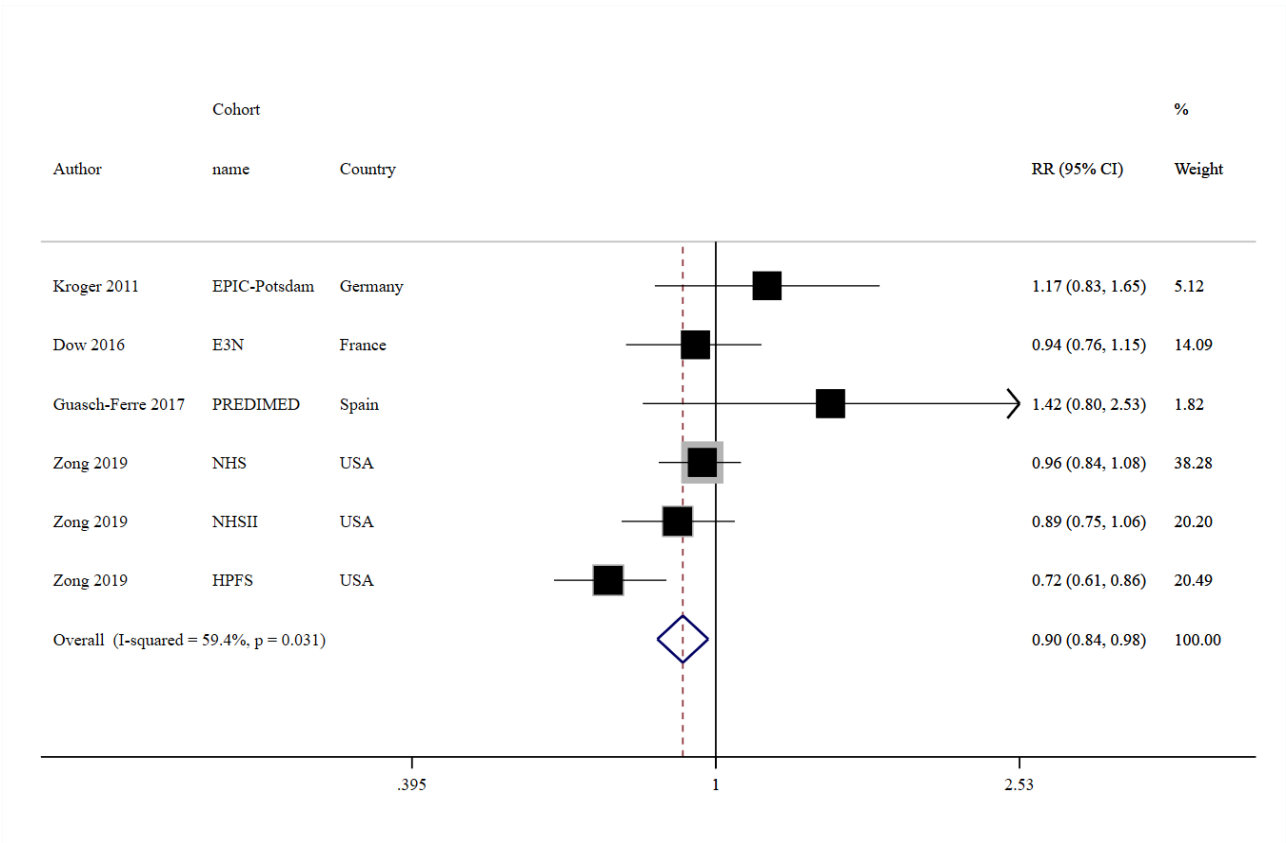
**Supplemental Figure 1.** Flow diagram of study selection process. LA; linoleic acid

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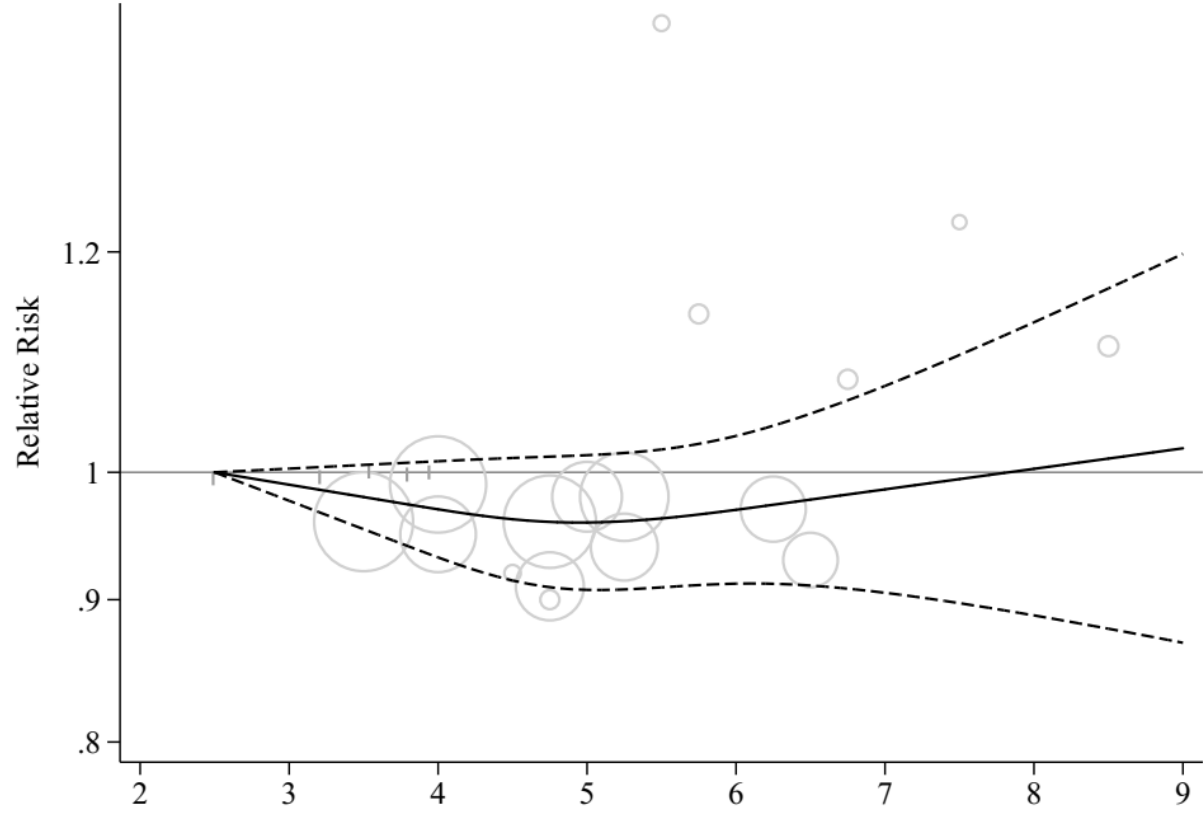
**Supplemental Figure 2.** Leave-one-out sensitivity analysis of the association between LA intake and risk of type 2 diabetes.

Study omitted	Estimate	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Hodge 2007 (MCCS)	0.93771207	0.89208478	0.98567307
Patel 2010 (EPIC-Norfolk)	0.94466263	0.89883679	0.99282491
Kroger 2011 (EPIC-Potsdam)	0.93949765	0.89360452	0.98774779
Dow 2016 (E3N)	0.93488795	0.88358289	0.98917198
Guasch-Ferre 2017 (PREDIMED)	0.94222748.	0.89647484	0.99031514
Mirmiran 2018 (TLGS)	0.94416046	0.89840269	0.99224877
Zong 2019 (NHS)	0.91660023	0.8587774	0.97831643
Zong 2019 (NHSII)	0.94530207	0.89553595	0.99783373
<b>Zong 2019 (HPFS)</b>	<b> 0.97233933</b>	<b>0.92197621</b>	<b>1.0254536</b>
Combined	0.94282697	0.89725019	0.99071888

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**Supplemental Figure 3.** Relative risk of T2DM for a 5% increase in energy intake form linoleic acid



**Supplemental Figure 4.** Nonlinear dose-response association between linoleic acid intake and the risk of type 2 diabetes (with the exclusion of HPFS study). P for nonlinearity was 0.22, and P for linearity was 0.37. Solid line represents non-linear dose response and dotted lines represent 95% confidence interval. Circles represent relative risk point estimates for LA intake categories from each study with circle size proportional to inverse of standard error. Small vertical grey lines are baseline LA intake categories in each study

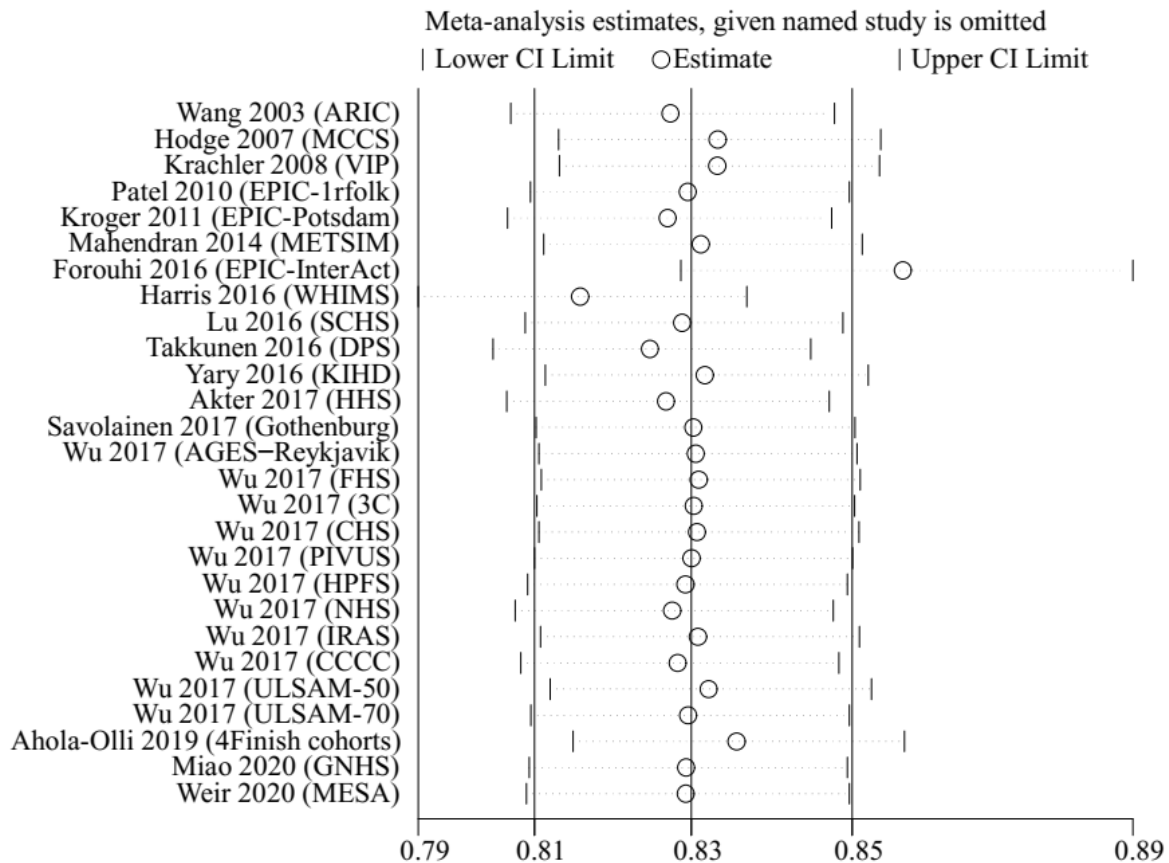
Relative risks from non-linear dose-response analysis of LA intake and type 2 diabetes (with the exclusion of HPFS study)	
LA intake (% of energy)	RR (95% CI)
2.5	1.00 (1.00 to 1.00)
3	0.99 (0.98 to 1.00)
3.5	0.98 (0.95 to 1.01)



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4	0.97 (0.93 to 1.01)
4.5	0.96 (0.91 to 1.01)
5	0.96 (0.91 to 1.01)
5.5	0.96 (0.91 to 1.02)
6	0.97 ( 0.91 to 1.03)
6.5	0.98 (0.91 to 1.05)
7	0.99 (0.91 to 1.07)
7.5	0.99 (0.90 to 1.10)
8	1.00 (0.89 to 1.13)
8.5	1.01 (0.88 to 1.16)

**Supplemental Figure 5.** Leave-one-out sensitivity analysis of the association between LA biomarkers and risk of type 2 diabetes.



Study omitted	Estimate	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Wang 2003 (ARIC)	0.82800281	0.80642682	0.85015607
Hodge 2007 (MCCS)	0.83436763	0.81292611	0.85637462
Krachler 2008 (VIP)	0.83432788	0.8130042	0.85621083
Patel 2010 (EPIC-Irforl)	0.83033895	0.8091063	0.85212874
Kroger 2011 (EPIC-Potsdam)	0.82760185	0.8060444	0.84973586
Mahendran 2014 (METSIM)	0.83209211	0.8108828	0.85385609
Forouhi 2016 (EPIC-InterAct)	0.85935616	0.8294003	0.89039397
Harris 2016 (WHIMS)	0.81581628	0.79395521	0.83827931
Lu 2016 (SCHS)	0.82957214	0.8084069	0.85129148

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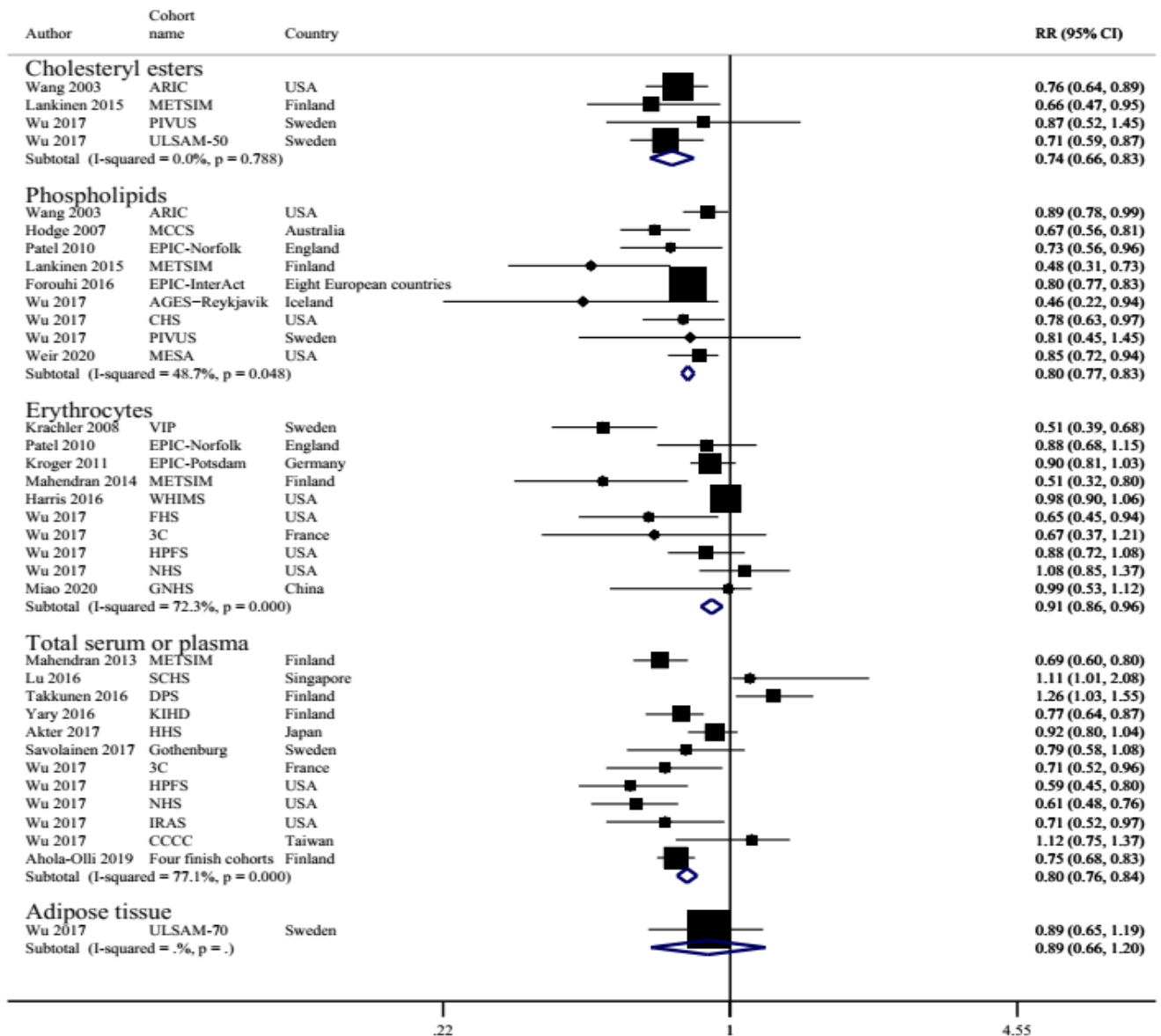
Takkunen 2016 (DPS)	0.8252269	0.80405861	0.84695244
Yary 2016 (KIHD)	0.83263773	0.8111465	0.85469836
Akter 2017 (HHS)	0.82740724	0.80593711	0.84944928
Savolainen 2017 (Gothenburg)	0.83109325	0.80987048	0.85287225
Wu 2017 (AGES–Reykjavik)	0.83142352	0.8102513	0.85314894
Wu 2017 (FHS)	0.83180779	0.8105876	0.85358351
Wu 2017 (3C)	0.83114254	0.8099708	0.85286766
Wu 2017 (CHS)	0.83156282	0.81024951	0.85343671
Wu 2017 (PIVUS)	0.83084446	0.80967987	0.85256231
Wu 2017 (HPFS)	0.83001834	0.80872446	0.85187298
Wu 2017 (NHS)	0.82823485	0.8070344	0.8499921
Wu 2017 (IRAS)	0.83170283	0.81046486	0.85349733
Wu 2017 (CCCC)	0.8289749	0.80780149	0.8507033
Wu 2017 (ULSAM-50)	0.83314866	0.81175882	0.85510212
Wu 2017 (ULSAM-70)	0.83038491	0.80917603	0.85214967
Ahola-Olli 2019 (4Finish)	0.83692056	0.81488127	0.85955596
Miao 2020 (GNHS)	0.83010888	0.80893362	0.85183847
Weir 2020 (MESA)	0.83006662	0.80854106	0.85216528

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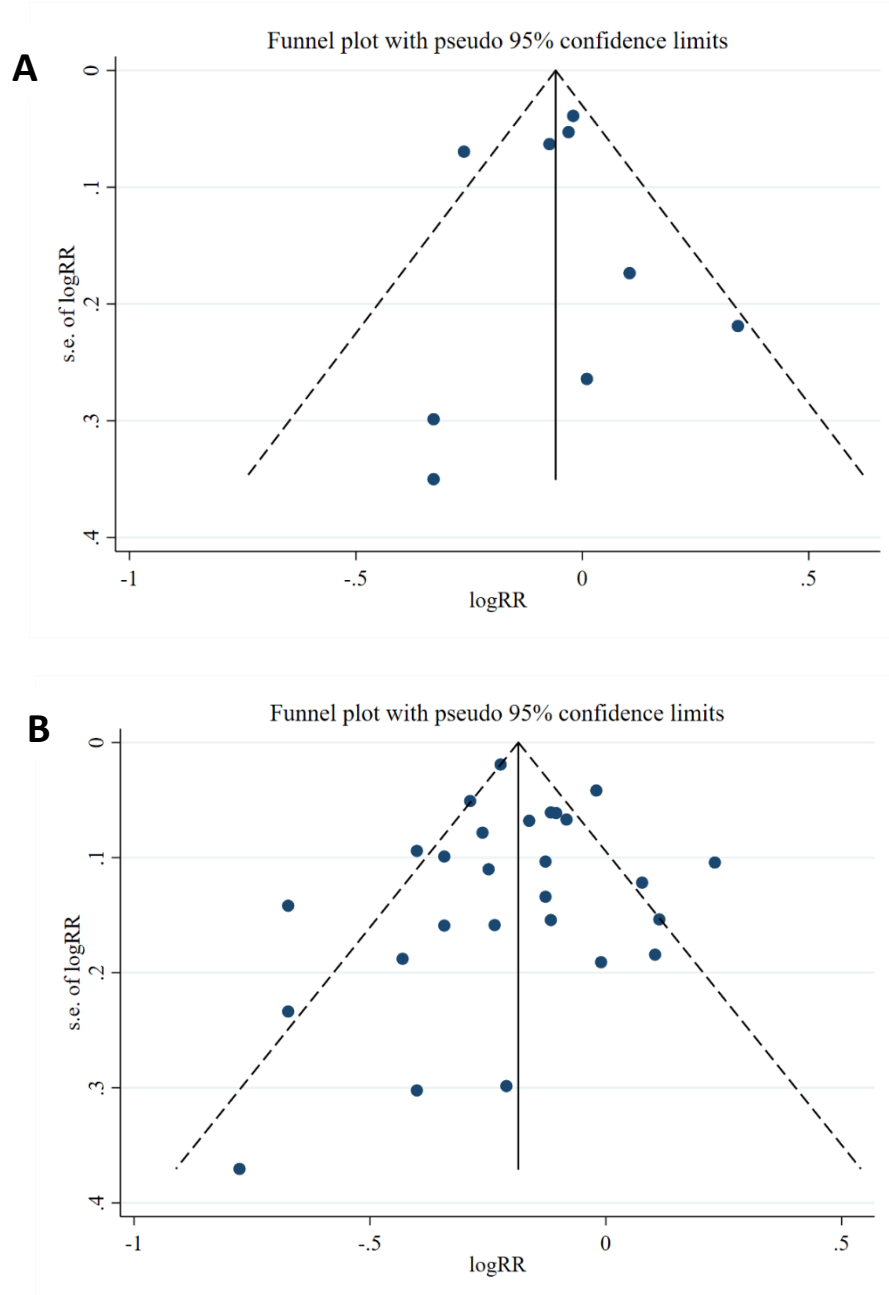
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**Supplemental Figure 6.** Pooled relative risks of type 2 diabetes for each standard deviation increment in linoleic acid biomarker, per lipid compartment.

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**Supplemental Figure 7.** Funnel plot demonstrating publication bias in the studies reporting the association of A) dietary intake, and B) biomarkers of LA and type 2 diabetes

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Protocol and registration	5	Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and, if available, provide registration information including registration number.	Methods, paragraph 1
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale.	Methods, Eligibility criteria, paragraphs 3
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<b>RESULTS</b>			
Study selection	17	Give numbers of studies screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally with a flow diagram.	Results, paragraph 1 & Fig. 1
Study characteristics	18	For each study, present characteristics for which data were extracted (e.g., study size, PICOS, follow-up period) and provide the citations.	Supplementary Table 3 and 4
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