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English Databases

PubMed (4613)

(((((morbidity[Title/Abstract]) OR (incidence[Title/Abstract])) OR (prevalence[Title/Abstract])) OR (epidemiology[Title/Abstract])) AND (((((((Brain TIA[Title/Abstract]) OR (Transient Ischemic Attack[Title/Abstract])) OR (Transient Cerebral Ischemia[Title/Abstract])) OR (Brain Stem Transient Ischemic Attack[Title/Abstract])) OR (Transient Brainstem Ischemia[Title/Abstract])) OR (Crescendo Transient Ischemic Attacks[Title/Abstract])) OR (Carotid Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack[Title/Abstract])) OR (Posterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack[Title/Abstract])) OR (Vertebrobasilar Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack[Title/Abstract])) OR ("Ischemic Attack, Transient"[Mesh]))

Web of science (4578)

((AB=(morbidity) OR AB=(incidence) OR AB=(prevalence) OR AB=(epidemiology)) AND (TS=(Ischemic Attack, Transient) OR TS=(Brain TIA) OR TS=(Transient Ischemic Attack) OR TS=(Transient Cerebral Ischemia) OR TS=(Brain Stem Transient Ischemic Attack) OR TS=(Transient Brainstem Ischemia) OR TS=(Crescendo Transient Ischemic Attacks) OR TS=(Carotid Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack) OR TS=(Posterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack) OR TS=(TIA)))

The Cochrane Library (1461)

((MeSH descriptor: [Ischemic Attack, Transient] explode all trees) OR (Brain TIA):ti,ab,kw OR (TIA, Brain):ti,ab,kw OR (TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack)):ti,ab,kw OR (Transient Ischemic Attack):ti,ab,kw OR (Cerebral Ischemia, Transient):ti,ab,kw OR (Ischemia, Transient Cerebral):ti,ab,kw OR (Transient Cerebral Ischemia):ti,ab,kw OR (Brain Stem Ischemia, Transient):ti,ab,kw OR (Transient Ischemic Attack, Brainstem):ti,ab,kw OR (Brain Stem Transient Ischemic Attack):ti,ab,kw OR (Ischemias, Transient Brainstem):ti,ab,kw OR (Transient Brainstem Ischemia):ti,ab,kw OR (Brainstem Transient Ischemic Attack):ti,ab,kw OR (Crescendo Transient Ischemic Attacks):ti,ab,kw OR (Transient Ischemic Attacks, Crescendo):ti,ab,kw OR (Carotid Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack):ti,ab,kw OR (Transient Ischemic Attack, Carotid Circulation):ti,ab,kw OR (Posterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack):ti,ab,kw OR (Anterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack):ti,ab,kw OR (Transient Ischemic Attack, Vertebrobasilar Circulation):ti,ab,kw OR (Vertebrobasilar Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack):ti,ab,kw) AND ((morbidity) OR (incidence) OR (prevalence) OR (epidemiology))

Embase (1094)

('transient ischemic attack'/exp OR 'brain tia':ti OR 'tia, brain':ti OR 'tia':ti OR 'transient ischemic attack':ti OR 'cerebral ischemia, transient':ti OR 'ischemia, transient cerebral':ti OR 'transient cerebral ischemia':ti OR 'brain stem ischemia, transient':ti OR 'transient ischemic attack, brainstem':ti OR 'brain stem transient ischemic attack':ti OR 'ischemias, transient brainstem':ti OR 'transient brainstem ischemia':ti OR 'brainstem

transient ischemic attack':ti OR 'crescendo transient ischemic attacks':ti OR 'transient ischemic attacks, crescendo':ti OR 'carotid circulation transient ischemic attack':ti OR 'transient ischemic attack, carotid circulation':ti OR 'posterior circulation transient ischemic attack':ti OR 'anterior circulation transient ischemic attack':ti OR 'transient ischemic attack, vertebrobasilar circulation':ti OR 'vertebrobasilar circulation transient ischemic attack':ti) AND ('morbidity':ti OR 'incidence':ti OR 'prevalence':ti OR 'epidemiology':ti)

Chinese Databases

VIP (1661 results, the searched terms were Chinese, for publication purposes we translated them into English)

((((((((((((((Title/Keywords=Transient Ischemic Attack OR Title/Keywords=TIAs) OR Title/Keywords=Temporary Ischemic Attack) OR Title/Keywords=Brain TIA) OR Title/Keywords=Carotid Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack) OR Title/Keywords=Transient Ischemic Attack, Vertebrobasilar Circulation) OR Title/Keywords=Vertebrobasilar Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack) OR Title/Keywords=Crescendo Transient Ischemic Attack) OR Title/Keywords=Posterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack) OR Title/Keywords=Transient Ischemic Attack, Anterior Circulation) OR Title/Keywords=Anterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack) OR Title/Keywords=Brain Stem Ischemia, Transient) OR Title/Keywords=Transient Brainstem Ischemia) OR Title/Keywords=Brain Stem Transient Ischemic Attack) OR Title/Keywords=Transient Brain Ischemia) OR Title/Keywords=Cerebral Ischemia, Transient) OR Title/Keywords=TIA) AND (Abstract=Incidence OR Abstract=Prevalence OR Abstract=Epidemiology OR

Abstract=Occurrence Rate))

Wan Fang (1625 results, the searched terms were Chinese, for publication purposes we translated them into English)

Title/Keywords:(Transient Ischemic Attack or TIAs or Temporary Ischemic Attack or Brain TIA or Carotid Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack or Transient Ischemic Attack, Vertebrobasilar Circulation or Vertebrobasilar Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack or Crescendo Transient Ischemic Attack or Posterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack or Transient Ischemic Attack, Anterior Circulation or Anterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack or Brain Stem Ischemia, Transient or Transient Brainstem Ischemia or Brain Stem Transient Ischemic Attack or Transient Brain Ischemia or Cerebral Ischemia, Transient or TIA) and Abstract:(Prevalence or Incidence or Epidemiology or Occurrence Rate)

CNKI (2477 results, the searched terms were Chinese, for publication purposes we translated them into English)

(Subject:(Transient Ischemic Attack + TIAs + Temporary Ischemic Attack + Brain TIA + Carotid Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack + Transient Ischemic Attack, Vertebrobasilar Circulation + Vertebrobasilar Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack + Crescendo Transient Ischemic Attack + Posterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack) OR Subject:(Transient Ischemic Attack, Anterior Circulation + Anterior Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack + Brain Stem Ischemia, Transient + Transient Brainstem Ischemia + Brain Stem Transient Ischemic Attack + Transient Brain Ischemia + Cerebral Ischemia, Transient + TIA)) AND Abstract:(Occurrence Rate +

Prevalence + Incidence + Epidemiology[Exact])

CBM (2605 results, the searched terms were Chinese, for publication purposes we translated them into English)

((("Incidence"[Abstract:Intelligence] OR "Occurrence Rate"[Abstract:Intelligence] OR "Epidemiology"[Abstract:Intelligence] OR "Prevalence"[Unweighted:Explode]) AND ("Cerebral Ischemic Attack, Transient"[Unweighted:Explode] OR "Transient Ischemic Attack"[Common Field:Intelligence] OR "Temporary Ischemic Attack"[Common Field:Intelligence] OR "Brain TIA"[Common Field:Intelligence] OR "Carotid Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack"[Common Field:Intelligence] OR "Transient Brain Ischemia"[Common Field:Intelligence] OR "Vertebrobasilar Circulation Transient Ischemic Attack"[Common Field:Intelligence] OR "TIA"[Common Field:Intelligence]))

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Section and Topic	Item #	Checklist item	Location where item is reported
TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review.	Page 1
ABSTRACT			
Abstract	2	See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist.	Page 1
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge.	Page 2-3
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses.	Page 3(The last paragraph of the introduction)
METHODS			
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.	Page 5(Study eligibility criteria)
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.	Page 4 (Search strategy)
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.	Page 4 (Search strategy) and supplementary materials
Selection process	8	Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Page 5-6 (Study selection and data extraction)
Data collection process	9	Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Page 5-6 (Study selection and data extraction)
Data items	10a	List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect.	Table 1 and table 3
	10b	List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information.	\
Study risk of bias assessment	11	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Page 6 (Quality assessment)
Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	Page 7 (random-effects model; incidence; prevalence)

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	13b	Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions.	Page 7
	13c	Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses.	Page 7
	13d	Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used.	Page 7
	13e	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regression).	Page 7
	13f	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results.	Page 7
Reporting bias assessment	14	Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases).	Page 7
Certainty assessment	15	Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	Page 7
RESULTS			
Study selection	16a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram.	Page 8 (General characteristics) Figure 1
	16b	Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded.	Figure 1
Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	Table 1 and table 3
Risk of bias in studies	18	Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study.	Table 1 and table 3
Results of individual studies	19	For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots.	Page 8-12 Table 2 and table 4
Results of syntheses	20a	For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies.	Page 8-12 Table 2 and table 4
	20b	Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	Page 8-12 Table 2 and table 4
	20c	Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	Page 8-12
	20d	Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results.	Page 8-12
Reporting biases	21	Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed.	Page 12 (Sensitivity analysis and publication bias)

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DISCUSSION			
Discussion	23a	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	Page 13-16
	23b	Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review.	Page 16-17
	23c	Discuss any limitations of the review processes used.	Page 16-17
	23d	Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research.	Page 16-17
OTHER INFORMATION			
Registration and protocol	24a	Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered.	Page 4
	24b	Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	Page 4
	24c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol.	Page 4
Support	25	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review.	Page 18
Competing interests	26	Declare any competing interests of review authors.	Page 18 (Disclosures)
Availability of data, code and other materials	27	Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review.	Page 18

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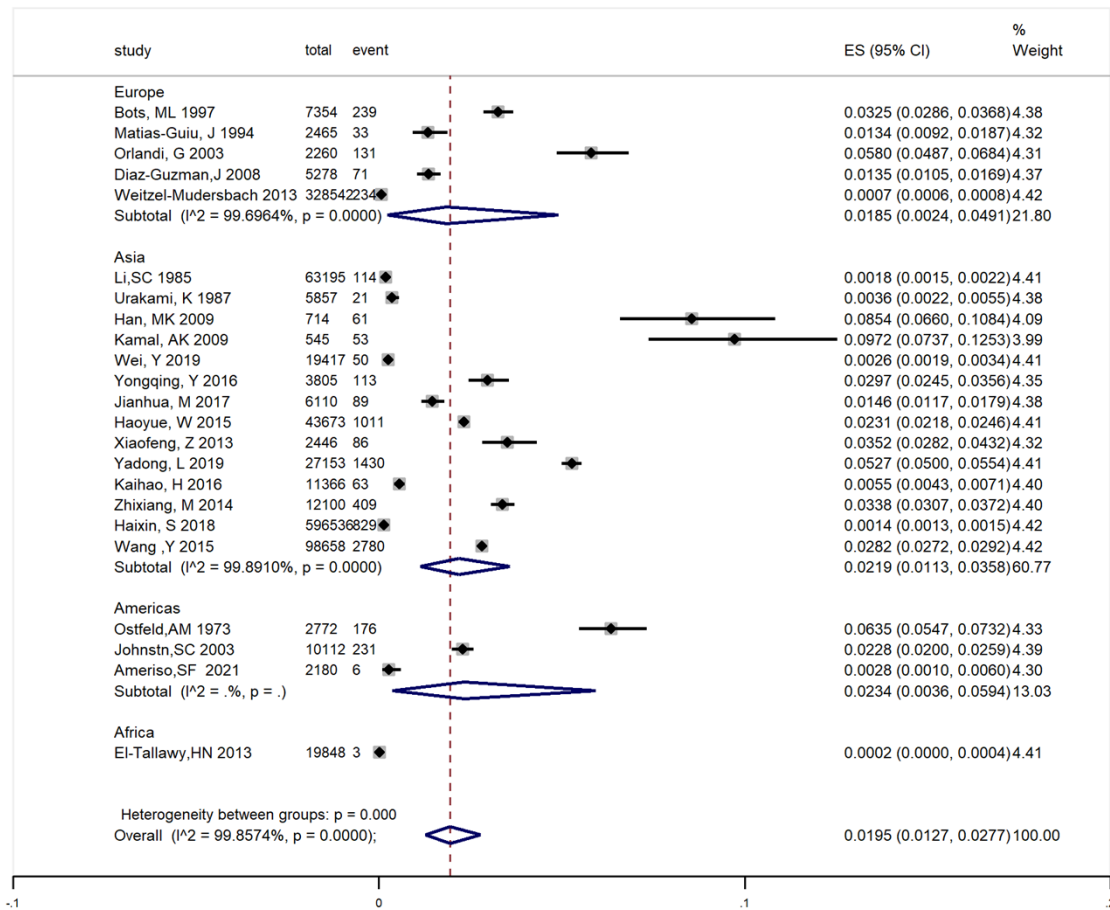


Figure S1 Forest plot of subgroup analysis for TIA prevalence by continent.

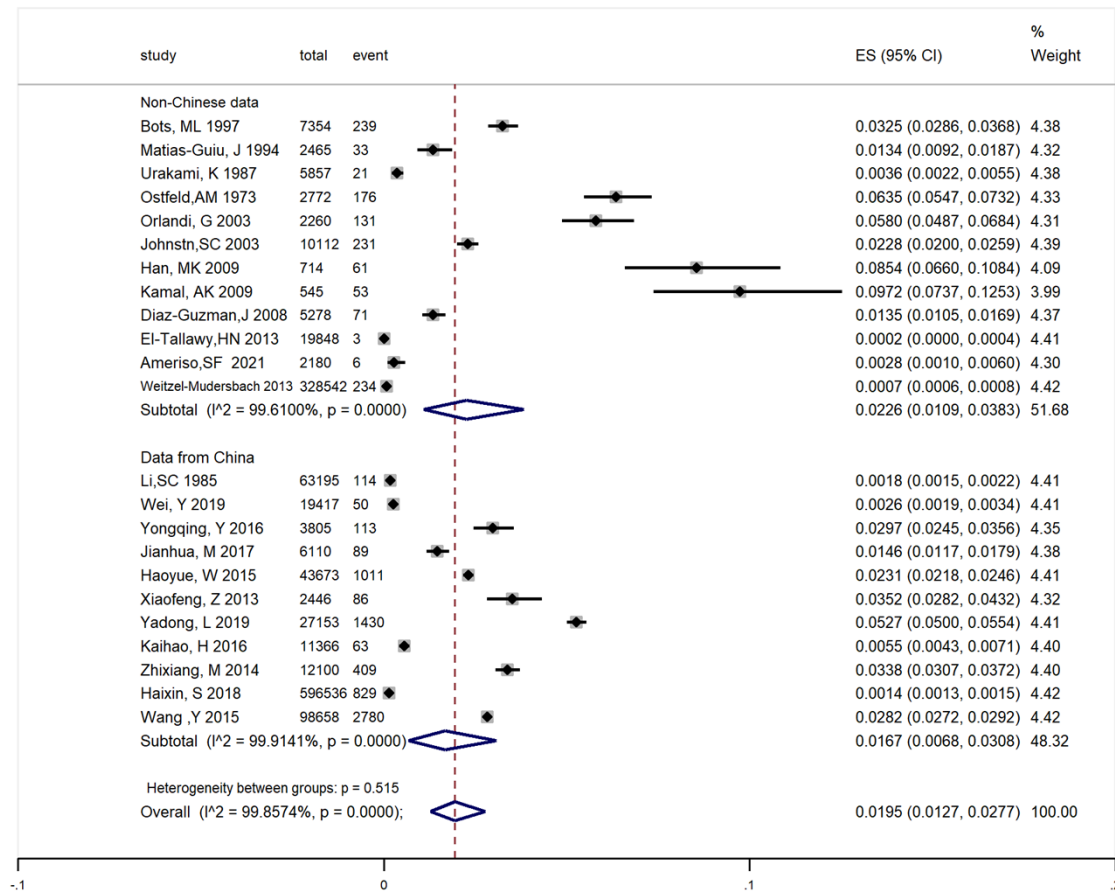


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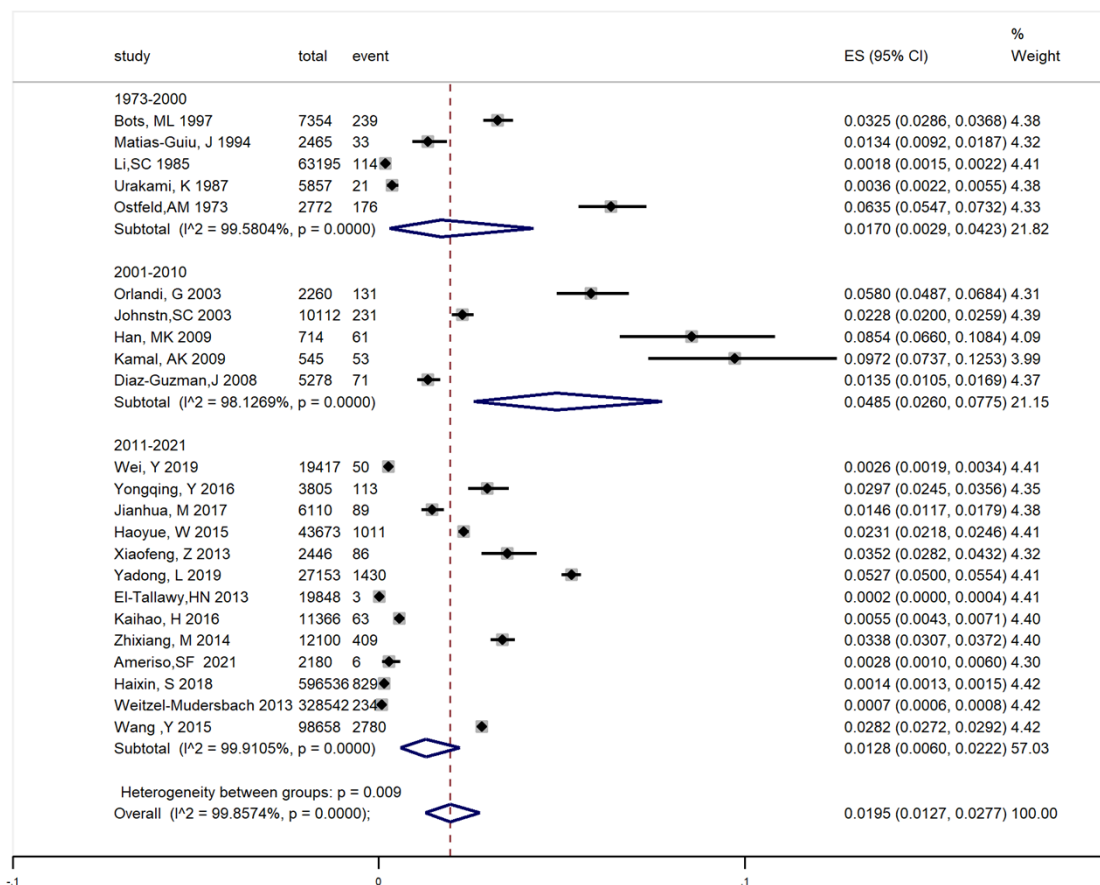


Figure S3 Subgroup analyses of prevalence by year of publication

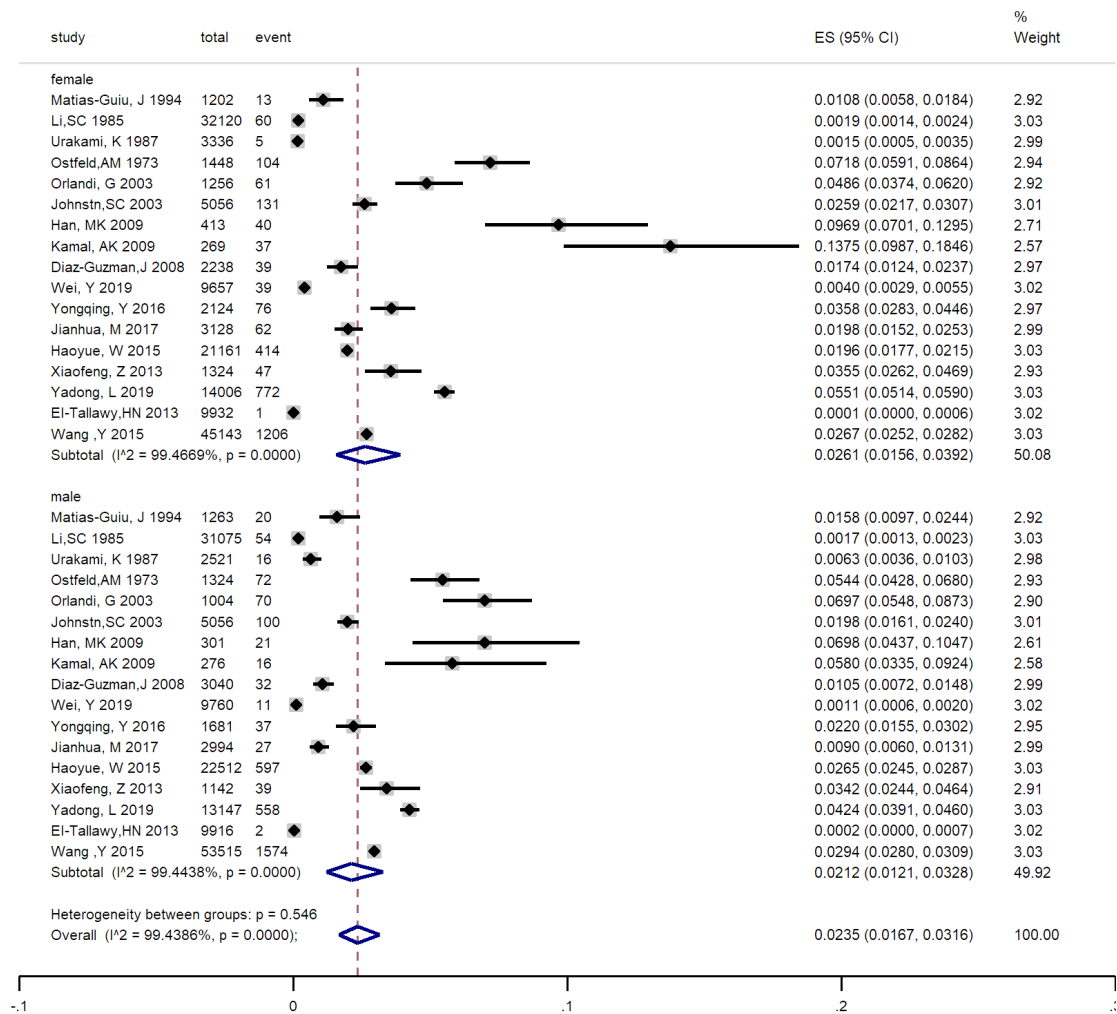


Figure S4 Subgroup analysis of gender in prevalence

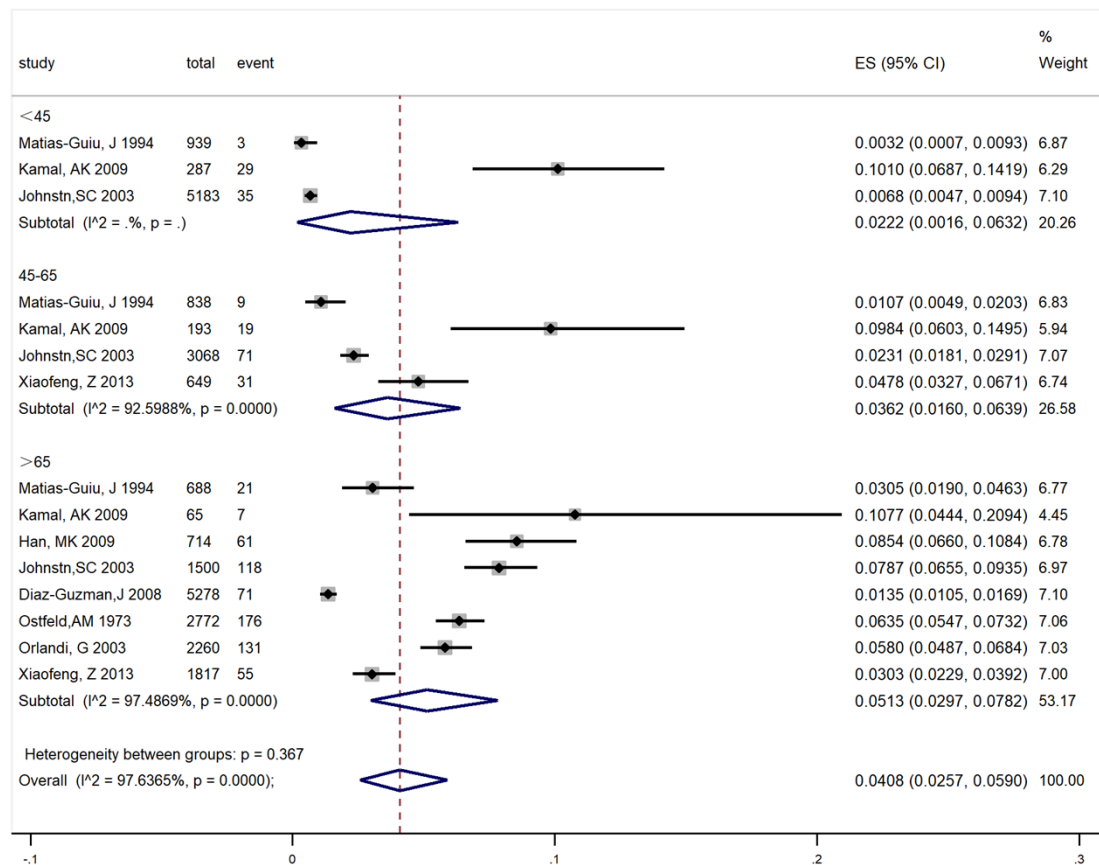


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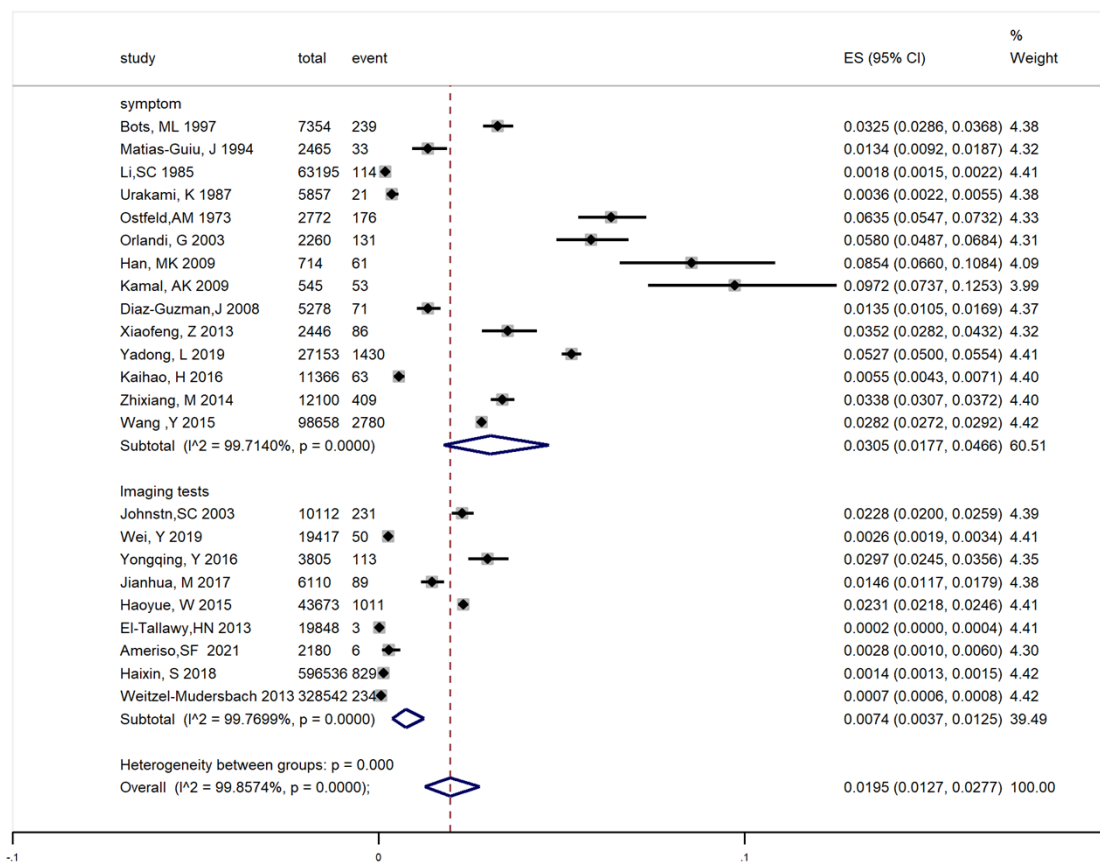


Figure S6 Subgroup analysis of diagnostic criteria groups in prevalence

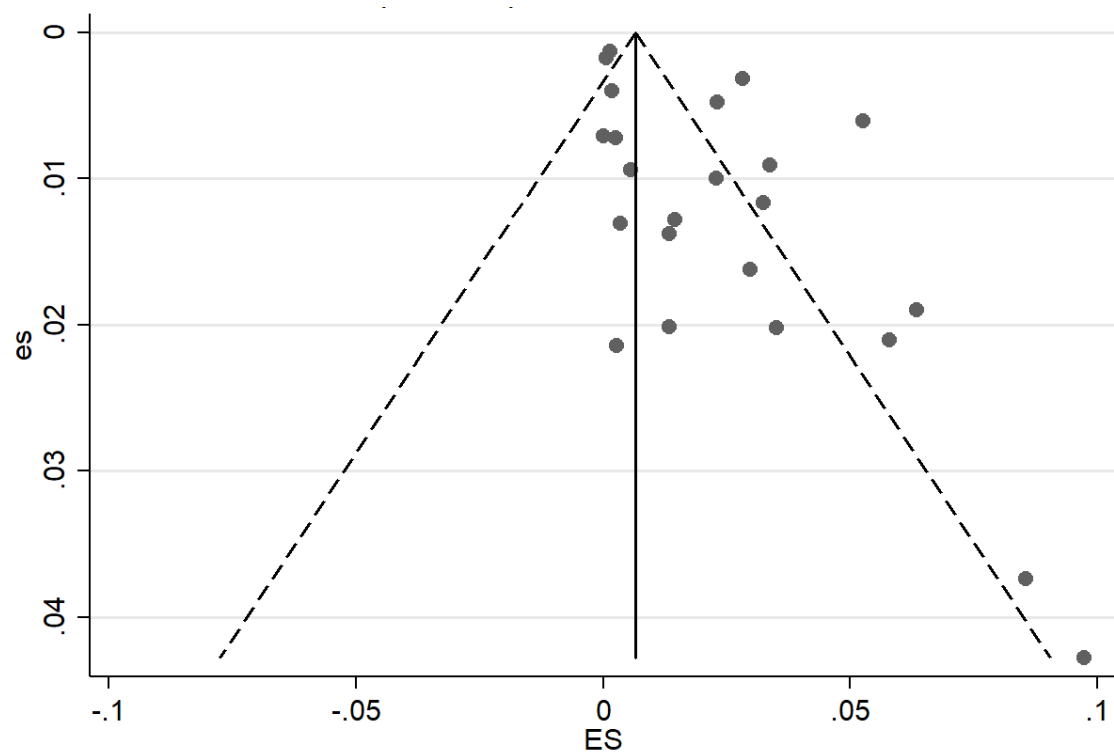


Figure S7 The funnel plot for prevalence datasets

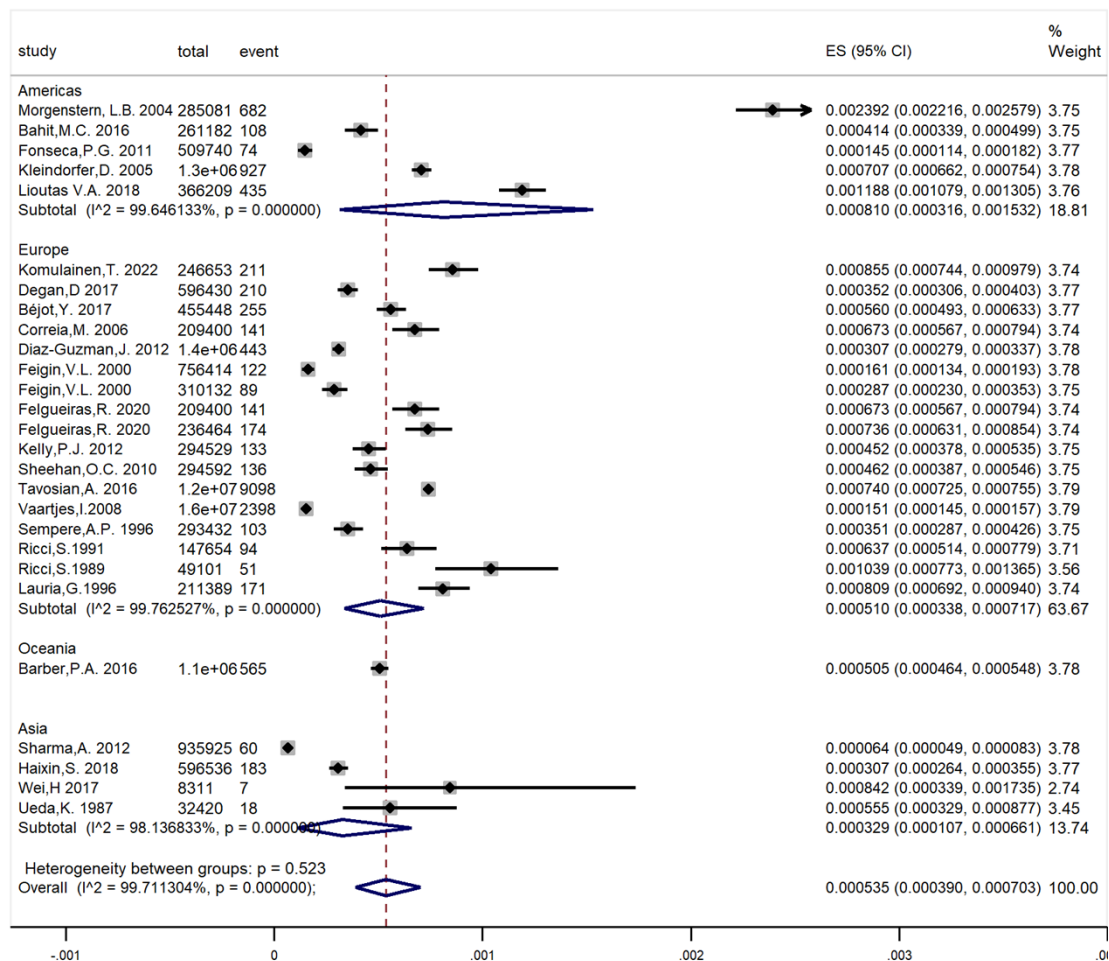


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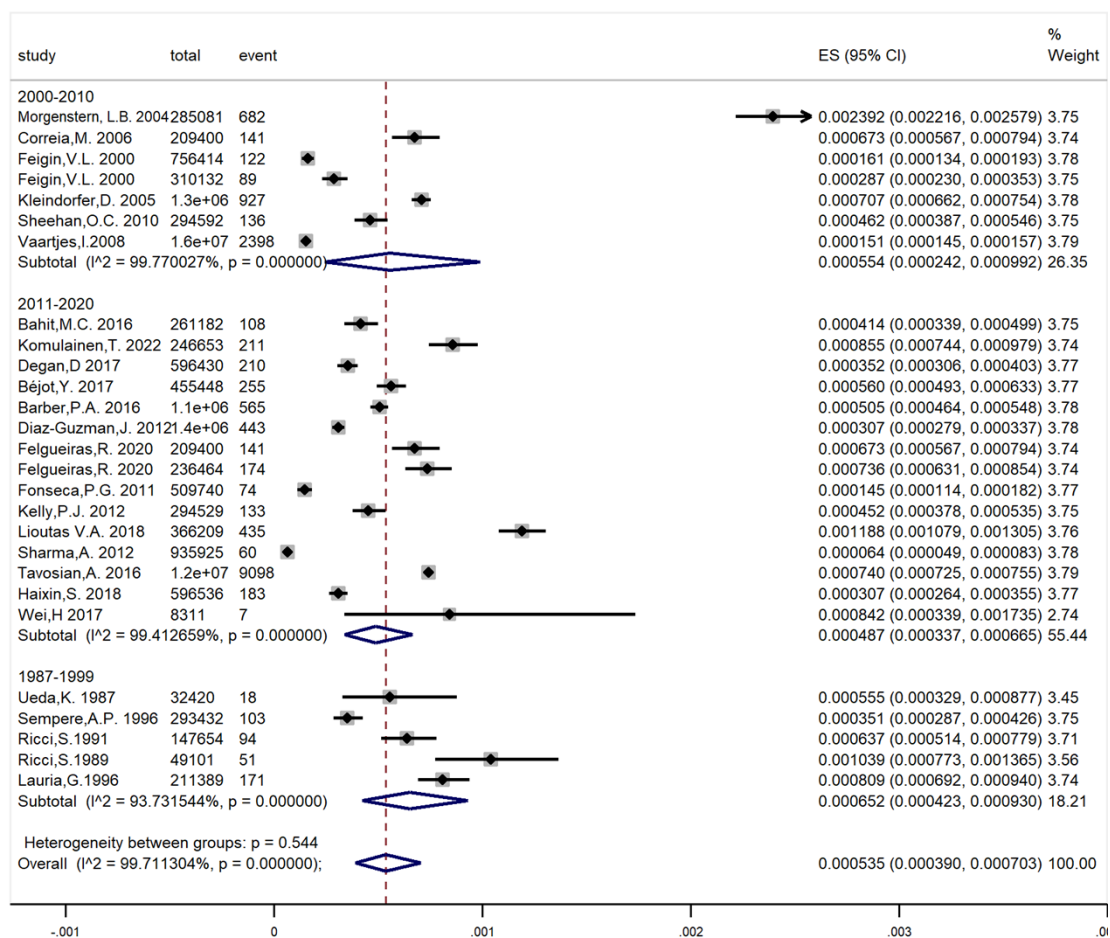


Figure S9 Subgroup analyses of incidence by year of publication

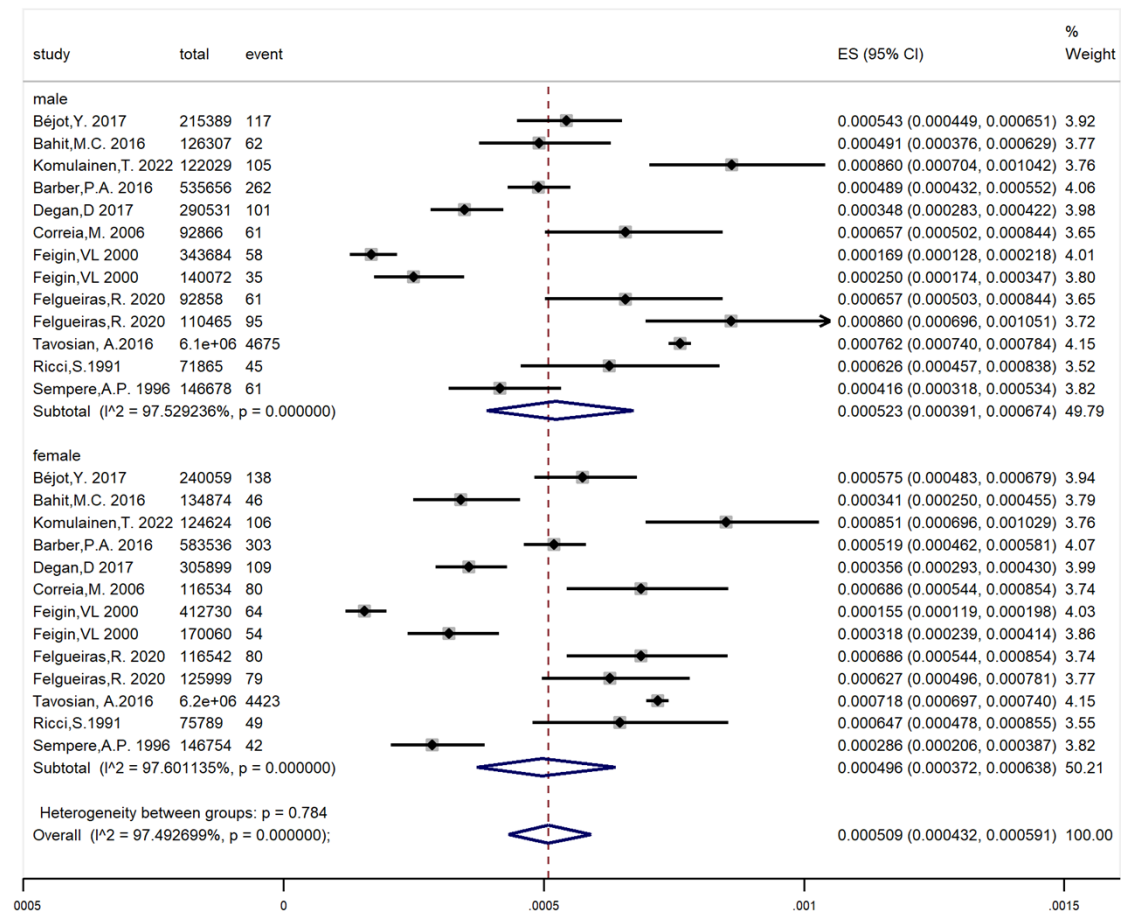


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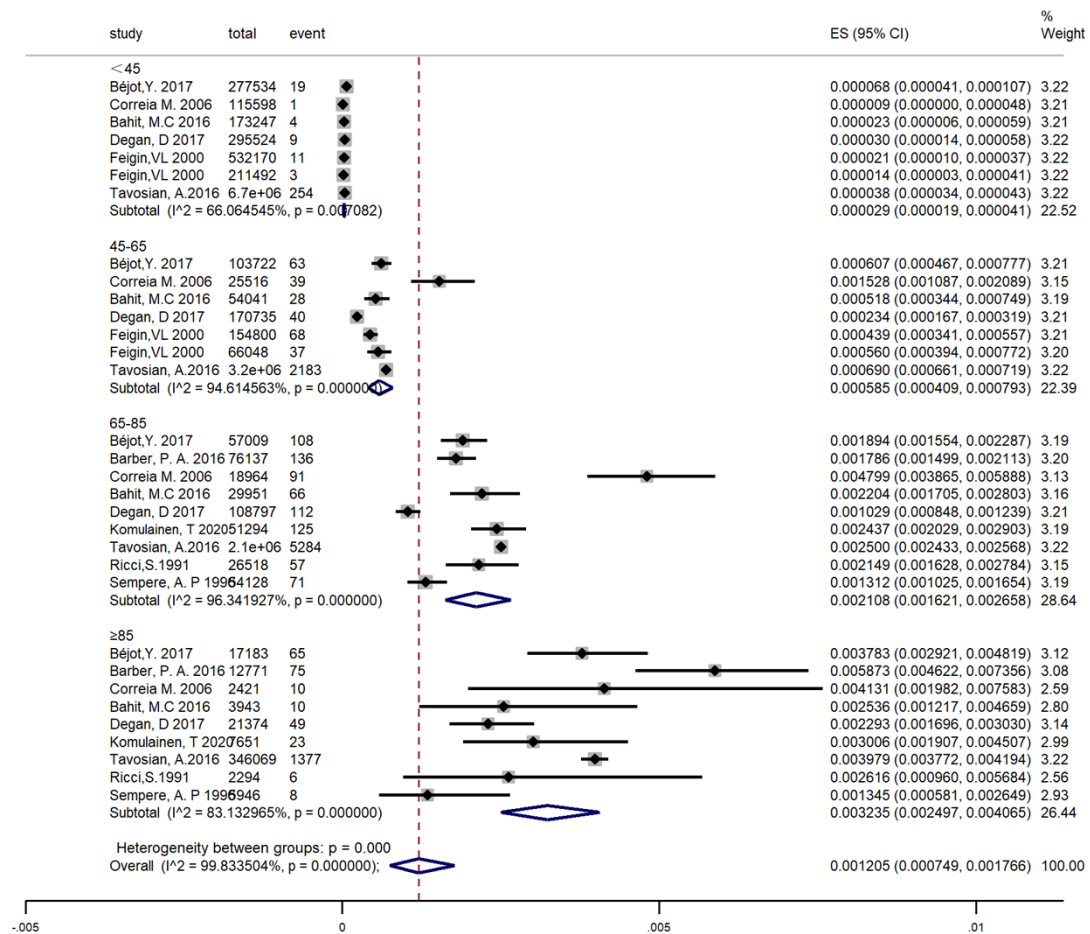


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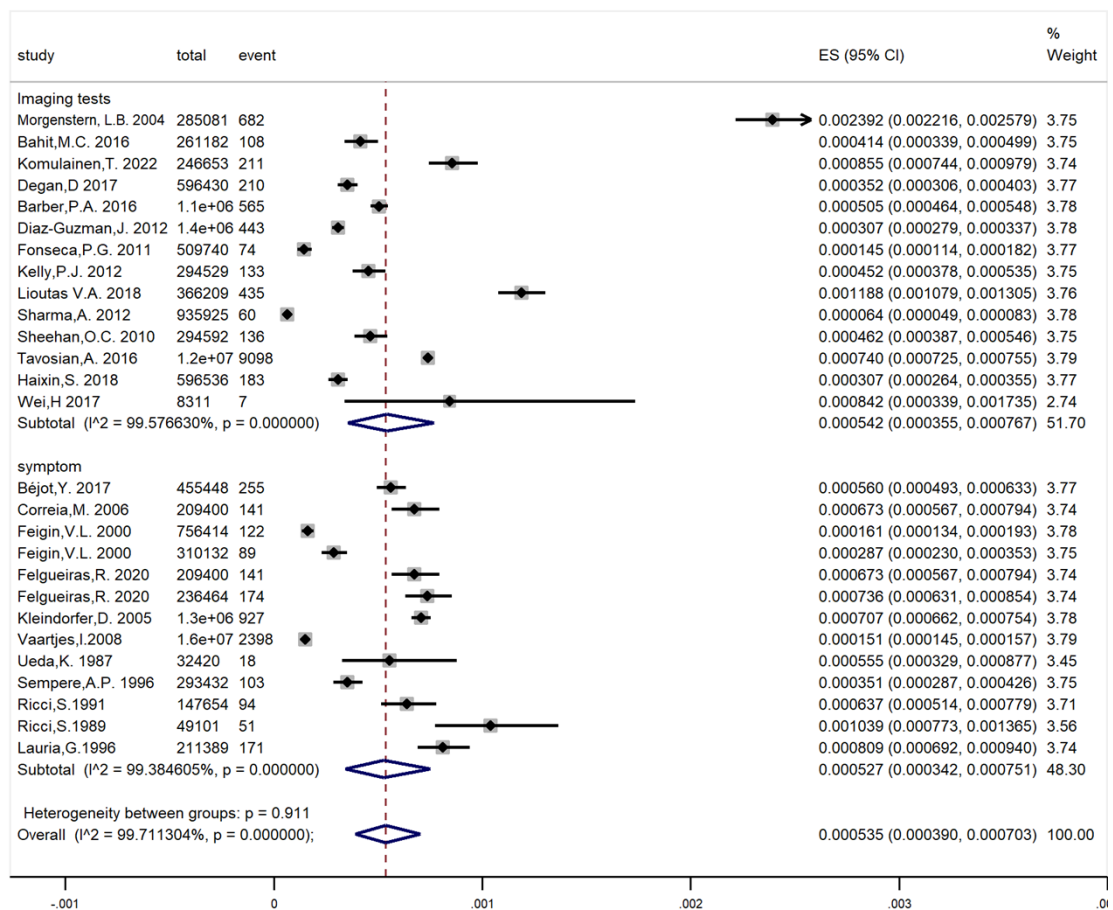


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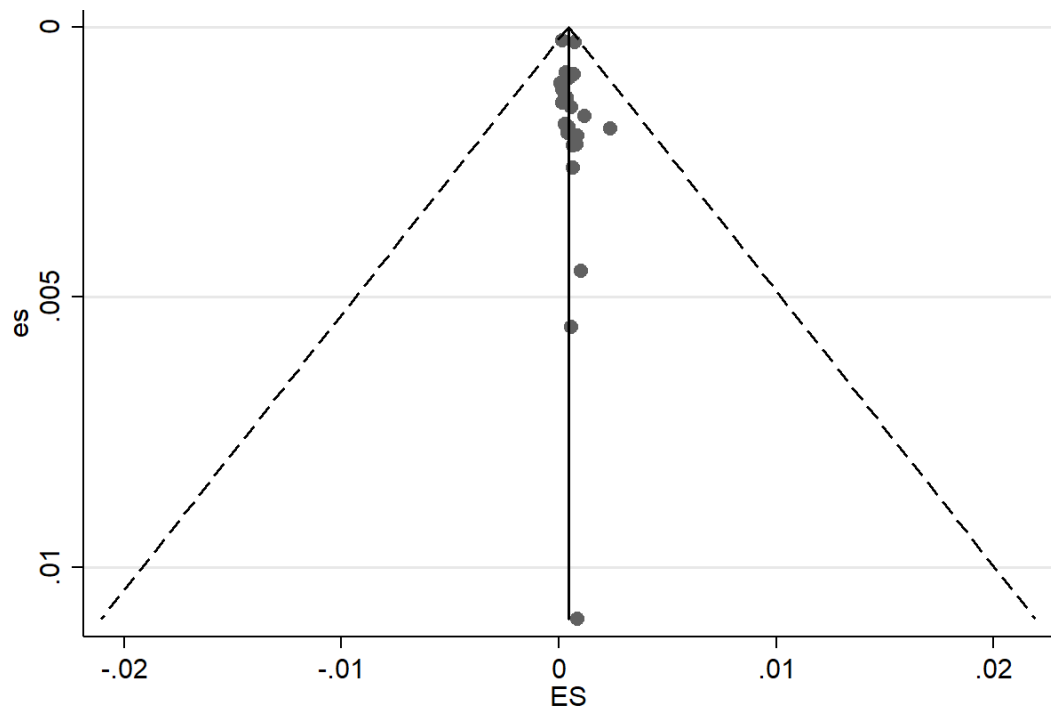


Figure S13 The funnel plot for incidence datasets