

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Table S1: Statistical criteria for grading of the evidence

Evidence grading criteria
For strong evidence:
$P < 10^{-6}$
>1,000 cases
$P < 0.05$ of the largest study in a meta-analysis
$I^2 < 50\%$
no small study effect*
prediction interval excludes the null value
no excess significance bias**
For highly suggestive evidence:
$P < 10^{-6}$
>1,000 cases
$P < 0.05$ of the largest study in a meta-analysis
For suggestive evidence:
$P < 10^{-3}$
>1,000 cases
For weak evidence:
$P < 0.05$

P= p-value of random effects model

* Egger's P < 0.10 signifies no small study effect

** when comparing observed and expected number of studies