

Table S2. The GRADE certainty of evidence for OS, CSS, and DFS.

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Certainty assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Certainty
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	[intervento]	[confronto]	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
5	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	all plausible residual confounding would reduce the demonstrated effect			-	SMD 1.8 SD higher (4.2 lower to 0.7 higher)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High
3	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	all plausible residual confounding would reduce the demonstrated effect			-	SMD 1.2 SD higher (3.9 lower to 5.7 higher)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High
3	randomised trials	serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	publication bias strongly suspected all plausible residual confounding would reduce the demonstrated effect			-	SMD 0.8 SD higher (1.7 lower to 3.4 higher)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate

CI: confidence interval; SMD: standardised mean difference