

Table S1. Quality scores of the case-control studies included in the meta-analysis, assessed by the Newcastle-Ottawa scale.

Newcastle-Ottawa scale for assessment of quality of included studies - Case-control studies (each asterisk represents if individual criterion within the subsection was fulfilled).

		Selection				Comparability		Exposure			
Author	Year	Case definition	Representativeness of the cases	Selection of Controls	Definition of Controls	Control for the most important factor	Control for any additional factors	Ascertainment of exposure	Same method for cases and controls	Non-Response Rate	Overall quality
Ceresoli [29]	2018	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	7
He [25]	2021	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	8
Lei [34]	2020	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	0	7
Lim [27]	2022	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	8
Marrelli [31]	2021	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	7
Mendivil [18]	2017	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	8
Van Driel [12]	2018	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	8
Wu [30]	2022	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	8
Ghirardi [22]	2022	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	0	7
Cascales Campos [20]	2014	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	7
Cascales Campos [21]	2015	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	7
Zivanovic [19]	2021	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
Safra [23]	2014	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	0	7
Fagotti [26]	2012	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	8
Baiocchi [33]	2015	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	8
Munoz-Casares [32]	2009	*	*	*	0	*	*	0	*	*	6
Biacchi [24]	2019	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	8

Table S2: Quality Assessment for RCTs* (Method: Cochrane Collaboration's Tool for Assessing Risk of Bias)

	Selection bias		Performance bias	Detection bias	Attrition bias	Reporting bias	Other bias	Total
Author	Random sequence generation	Allocation concealment	Blinding of participant and personnel	Blinding of outcome assessment	Incomplete outcome data	Selective reporting	Anything else, ideally prespecified	Low on risk of bias
Spiliotis [14]	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Unclear	Low	7-Jun

RCTs*=randomized controlled trials