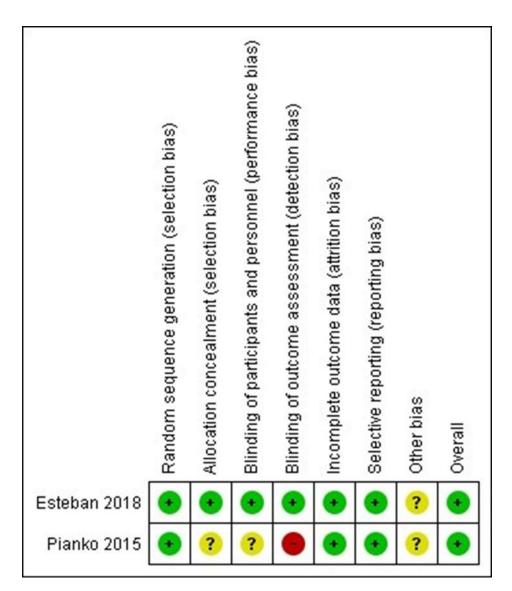
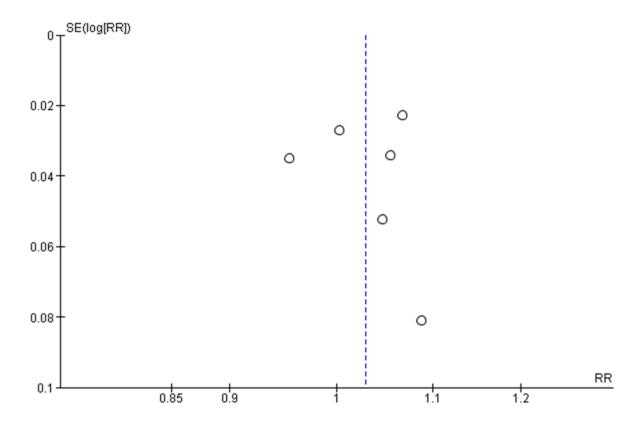


Supplementary Figure 1 PRISMA flowchart.



Supplementary Figure 2 Risk of bias assessment for randomized controlled trials.



Supplementary Figure 3 Funnel plot.

## Supplementary Table 1 Search strategy

Search No.	Search strategy
#1	sofosbuvir OR "Sofosbuvir"[MeSH]
#2	velpatasvir OR "velpatasvir" [Supplementary Concept]
#3	#1 AND #2
#4	Epclusa OR "sofosbuvir-velpatasvir drug combination" [Supplementary Concept]
#5	#3 OR #4
#6	ribavirin OR "Ribavirin"[MeSH]
#7	Hepatitis C OR HCV OR "Hepatitis C"[MeSH]
#8	#5 AND #6 AND #7

The same search strategy was used for all databases.

## Supplementary Table 2 Risk of bias assessment for non-randomized controlled trials

		Selection		Comparability		Outcome						
No	Autho r, yr	Representati veness of the exposed cohort	Selectio n of the non-ex posed cohort	Ascertain ment of exposure	Demonstr ation that outcome of interest was not present at start of study	Study control for severit y of liver disease	Study control for other confoun ders	Assess ment of outco me	Was follow- up long enoug h for outco mes to occur	Adequa cy of follow up of cohorts	Tot al Sco re	Risk of Bias (≥ 7: Low; 3-6: Moder ate; < 3: High)
1	Feldo n, 2018	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	8	Low
2	Wong, 2020	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	7	Low
3	Pasulo	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	6	Moder ate
4	Drysd ale,	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	6	Moder ate

	2019											
5	Hlain g 2019	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	6	Moder ate