

## Statistical analysis

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Technical appendix, statistical code, and dataset available from the corresponding author at [yandgics@126.com](mailto:yandgics@126.com). The article was reviewed by the statistician of Georgia Regents University Xiaoxiao Wang. In his opinion, the RR rate was suitable, the heterogeneity of the included articles was effectively detected and the appropriate pooling methods (the random effects model or fixed effect model) was chosen for the systematic review. He also supported using the funnel plot to detect the publication bias.

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