

MAIN ANALYSIS

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Observational – cohort only

Interventional

Case-control

Duplicates

Assessment criteria

	Strong	Highly suggestive	Suggestive	Weak
Summary random effect – P-value	<10 ⁻⁶	<10 ⁻⁶	<10 ⁻³	<0.05
P-value of largest study	<0.05	<0.05	x	x
Number of cases	>1000	>1000	>1000	x
Heterogeneity – I ²	<50%	x	x	x
95% prediction int. excl. null value	Yes	x	x	x
Small study effects	Nil	x	x	x
Excess significance	Nil	x	x	x

Main results

Strong	Highly suggestive	Suggestive	Weak
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