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Risk of colorectal cancer in Asian patients with ulcerative colitis: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Summary

Background—The increased risk of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis is well known. The risk of sporadic colorectal cancer in Asian populations is considered low and risk estimates of colorectal cancer related to ulcerative colitis from Asia vary. This meta-analysis is an Asian perspective on the risk of colorectal cancer related to ulcerative colitis.

Methods—We searched PubMed and Embase for terms related to colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis from inception to July 1, 2016. The search for published articles was done by country for all countries in Asia. We included studies with information on the prevalence and cumulative risk of colorectal cancer at various timepoints. A random-effects meta-analysis was done to calculate the pooled prevalence as well as a cumulative risk at 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years of disease.

Findings—Our search identified 2575 articles; of which 44 were eligible for inclusion. Our analysis included a total of 31 287 patients with ulcerative colitis with a total of 293 reported colorectal cancers. Using pooled prevalence estimates from various studies, the overall prevalence was 0.85% (95% CI 0.65–1.04). The risks for colorectal cancer were 0.02% (95% CI 0.00–0.04) at 10 years, 4.81% (3.26–6.36) at 20 years, and 13.91% (7.09–20.72) at 30 years. Subgroup analysis by stratifying the studies according to region or period of the study did not reveal any significant differences.

Interpretation—We found the risk of colorectal cancer in Asian patients with ulcerative colitis was similar to recent estimates in Europe and North America. Adherence to screening is therefore necessary. Larger population-based, prospective studies are required for better estimates of the risk.

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Introduction

The incidence of ulcerative colitis is increasing in Asia.^{1,2} With this rising burden and the advent of effective treatments, clinicians are increasingly likely to encounter complications of long-standing ulcerative colitis. Colorectal cancer is an important complication in long-standing ulcerative colitis and contributes substantially to the morbidity and mortality associated with this disease. The prevalence of colorectal cancer among those with ulcerative colitis was initially estimated to be 3.7% by Eaden and colleagues³ with a cumulative risk of 18% at 30 years. Recent studies have reported a secular decline in the incidence of colorectal cancer, but compared with the general population the risk remains elevated in those with long-standing extensive colitis. Most estimates of cancer risk in ulcerative colitis have been from populations in Europe and North America, with few studies in Asia. However, there are several reasons to postulate that the risk might be different in Asia. First, the genetic basis of ulcerative colitis is different in those of Asian ethnicity^{4,5} compared with the white population, and this might affect the risk of disease progression, including that of colorectal cancer. Second, sporadic colorectal cancer is infrequent in Asian countries such as India and China compared with Europe and North America.⁶ Third, effective treatments that achieve mucosal healing, and consequently might reduce the rate of colorectal cancer through superior control of inflammation, are less widely available in Asia.^{7,8} Finally, surveillance colonoscopy and adequate histological sampling are less frequently practiced in Asia. Existing studies from Asian populations have been based on small cohorts, have imprecise estimates of risk, and have yielded inconsistent results. However, an accurate estimate of risk is essential to formulate region specific guidelines for screening for dysplasia and colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis. Consequently, we did this systematic review and meta-analysis to assess the risk of colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis in referral and population based cohorts in Asia and to determine whether regional variation exists in such risk.

Methods

Search strategy and selection criteria A search for relevant articles was done on PubMed and Embase (from inception to July 1, 2016) for all full-text articles pertaining to the incidence or prevalence of colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis. No language restrictions were used. Information from articles not in the English language was translated using Google's translation tools to acquire relevant information where available. Studies were identified using the terms "colorectal cancer" OR "colon cancer" OR "rectal cancer" AND "ulcerative colitis". These search terms were combined with "Asia" and each individual country serially (eg, "India", "China", "Japan", "Korea") to identify studies that provided this risk from an Asian cohort. Asian countries included Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, and Yemen. An example search strategy can be found in the appendix. Additionally, the list of citations from each article, review articles on the topic, and other systematic reviews were

manually searched to identify other potentially relevant studies. The abstracts presented at Digestive Disease Week and Asia Pacific Digestive Week for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015 were reviewed for relevant information. We included all full-text studies and abstracts with information on ulcerative colitis and the occurrence of colorectal cancer. These studies included hospital, population-based, and registry-based cohorts. Surgical series that included patients with ulcerative colitis-related colorectal cancer were excluded. Case series describing the occurrence of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis without being able to provide an estimate of risk or prevalence were not included nor were those that combined ulcerative colitis-related colorectal cancer and sporadic cancer. The decision for inclusion of each study was made independently by two authors (SB and ANA). Disagreements about inclusion of studies or extraction of data were resolved by consensus between the authors (SB and ANA)

Data extraction

Relevant data extracted included the year of publication, study period, source country, study design, the total number of patients with ulcerative colitis and those with colorectal cancer, and duration of follow-up of the cohort. We extracted data for the prevalence of colorectal cancer among patients with ulcerative colitis and, when available, cumulative risk of colorectal cancer at 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years after diagnosis of ulcerative colitis. Predictive factors for the development of colorectal cancer were also extracted when available, including the age of onset, duration and extent of disease, smoking status, the presence of concomitant primary sclerosing cholangitis, and family history of colorectal cancer. The MOOSE guidelines⁹ were followed for data collection and presentation. We assessed the methodological quality of each study including the use of the Newcastle–Ottawa quality assessment scale (NOS) for cohort studies.¹⁰ The NOS assigns 4 points for selection, 2 points for comparability, and 3 points for exposure–outcome (appendix); a score of 9 points reflects the highest quality.

Statistical analysis

The primary outcome of the study was the prevalence of colorectal cancer. Prevalence was estimated from the total population at risk and number of colorectal cancer cases assuming a Poisson distribution for calculation of 95% CIs. Pooled prevalence was assessed using the DerSimonian and Laird random effects model when significant study heterogeneity was present ($I^2 > 50\%$ or $p < 0.005$) or a fixed effects model in the absence of significant heterogeneity. Similarly, 95% CIs for the cumulative risks at 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years were calculated using the risk estimates provided, applying a Poisson distribution. Prevalence estimates and 95% CIs from studies with zero events were treated by adding 0.5 cases to both the numerator (number of colorectal cancer events) and denominator (total number of ulcerative colitis events) consistent with recommended practice.¹¹ We estimated the influence of a study by sequentially excluding each one. Publication bias was assessed through graphical visualisation of the funnel plot, Begg's test, and Egger's test. Meta-regression was done to identify influential variables with a p value less than 0.05 indicating a significant effect. Sensitivity analyses were done as post-hoc analyses according to the type of study and study period. A priori subgroup analyses were done by stratifying by region

(south Asia, east Asia, and the Middle East). Between subgroup p values were calculated from meta-regression. All statistical analyses were done using Stata 14.2.

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The funder of the study had no role in study design, data collection, data analysis, data interpretation, or writing of the report. SB and the corresponding author had full access to all the data in the study; the corresponding author had final responsibility for the decision to submit for publication.

Results

Our search identified 2575 studies. After reviewing the titles and abstracts, 64 studies were included for review of the full text (figure 1). After excluding 20 studies that did not provide enough data to estimate risk of colorectal cancer, examined colorectal cancer risk in those with a J pouch, did not separate out ulcerative colitis from Crohn's disease, and those that included only those with proctitis, surgical series that only included patients with ulcerative colitis-related colorectal cancer or analysed only colorectal cancer-related mortality, 44 studies were included in the final meta-analysis. Studies were of good quality as assessed by the NOS quality assessment scale for cohort studies.¹⁰ All studies had a score of greater than 4. Most of the included studies were retrospective (36 articles). Among the included studies, six were from India,^{12–17} four from Korea,^{18–21} seven from Japan,^{22–28} eight from China,^{29–36} three each from Taiwan,^{37–39} Singapore,^{40–42} Malaysia,^{43–45} and Israel,^{46–48} two from Turkey,^{49,50} and one each from Kuwait,⁵¹ Sri Lanka,⁵² Jordan,⁵³ Iran,⁵⁴ and Oman.⁵⁵ Six studies reported colorectal cancer risk in patients undergoing routine surveillance.^{13,17,24,27,28,49} The prevalence of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis was available from all studies. Of 11 studies that reported the cumulative risk of colorectal cancer at 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years, one study⁴¹ was excluded from the analysis because it combined colorectal cancer and dysplasia (table). The period of study ranged from 1974 to 2015. The mean duration of ulcerative colitis was 8.0 years (SD 3.04). Five studies^{21,43,44,51,55} reported no colorectal cancer (table).

The pooled analysis for the prevalence of ulcerative colitis-associated colorectal cancer included 31 287 patients with ulcerative colitis with 293 reported colorectal cancers. The pooled prevalence of colorectal cancer in our cohort was 0.85% (95% CI 0.65–1.04) with significant heterogeneity between the studies ($I^2=54.2\%$, $p<0.0001$; figure 2). We repeated the analysis stratifying by type of study and region within Asia. Registry-based studies yielded similar pooled prevalence estimates (0.77%, 95% CI 0.28–1.25) to hospital-based studies (0.66%, 0.49–0.82, $p=0.87$; data not shown). We found no regional variation within Asia with statistically similar prevalence estimates from east Asia (21 studies; 0.71%, 95% CI 0.50–0.92), south Asia (14 studies; 1.33%, 0.84–1.82), and the Middle East (nine studies; 0.85%, 0.31–1.39), though numerically the prevalence was higher in south Asia ($p=0.067$; appendix p 4). We repeated the analysis by decade of study and did not identify any secular trends in the prevalence of colorectal cancer from those studies including patients diagnosed before 1980 (0.98%, 95% CI 0.54–1.43), 1980–89 (0.76%, 0.04–1.49), 1990–99 (1.05%, 0.55–1.54), and after 2000 (0.74%, 0.45–1.03; $p=0.62$; data not shown).

A random effects pooled model yielded cumulative risks of colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis of 0.02% (95% CI 0.00–0.04) at 10 years, 4.81% (3.26–6.36) at 20 years, and 13.91% (7.09–20.72) at 30 years after diagnosis (figure 3).

Results of the meta-regression examining the effect of various parameters on study outcomes are shown in the appendix. Among the other parameters included in the meta-regression, neither size of the cohort, study region, nor decade of study affected the risk. There was no significant change in the pooled prevalence estimates after sequential exclusion of any study. Graphical visualisation of the funnel plot (appendix p 5), Begg's test ($p=0.04$), and Egger's test ($p<0.0001$) revealed possible publication bias (data not shown).

Discussion

In this systematic review and meta-analysis, we show a prevalence of colorectal cancer of 0.85% in Asia, with no further geographical variation within this region. Colorectal cancer is one of the most important complications of long-standing ulcerative colitis. Several studies, primarily from Europe and North America, initially estimated the risk to be as high as 18% after 30 years of ulcerative colitis. Although recent studies have estimated this risk to be lower at present, the risk is, nevertheless, higher than in the general population. As there exist ethnic differences in susceptibility to ulcerative colitis as well as colorectal cancer,⁵⁶ it is important for accurate estimates of colorectal cancer risk in populations where inflammatory bowel disease is emerging to accurately inform patient care and surveillance practices. The overall prevalence of 0.85% is much lower than the prevalence of 3.7% reported by Eaden and colleagues³ in their meta-analysis of 116 studies. The cumulative risk at 30 years in our analysis was 13.91%, compared with 18% in the Eaden study. However, more recent studies that have examined secular decline in rates of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis have arrived at a prevalence in western populations similar to our results. For example, Jess and colleagues⁵⁷ reported an estimate of 1.6% over a period of 14 years in their meta-analyses of population based studies, slightly higher than our estimate. In an analysis of cumulative incidence, Lutgens and colleagues⁵⁸ estimated a risk of 1% after 10 years, 2% after 20 years, and 5% after more than 20 years of disease duration, similar to our estimates.

We did not find any secular decline in the incidence of colorectal cancer among the studies included in our meta-analysis. This finding is in contrast with some other recent meta-analyses, which have suggested a decrease over the past few decades. Meta-analyses by Castaño-Milla and colleagues⁵⁹ and several other studies^{60–62} reported a decline in ulcerative colitis associated with colorectal cancer over the past six decades. There could be several reasons for this difference in results. First, the number of patients in the studies included in our meta-analyses was small, limiting our power to detect a decrease in the incidence of a relatively rare outcome. Second, the mean duration of follow-up was short, and declines in risk might be more apparent in those with longer-standing ulcerative colitis with a greater absolute risk. Third, one hypothesis for the decline in colorectal cancer risk in Europe and North America has been widespread use of effective therapies such as biological agents early on in the disease course, leading to resolution of mucosal inflammation, and thus risk. Because such treatments are still infrequently used in Asia,^{7,8} a similar decline

might not yet be apparent. Fourth, systematic surveillance programmes in Europe and North America might have also contributed to a reduction in colorectal cancer risk because such surveillance procedures have been shown to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer.⁴⁵ The less frequent adoption of such surveillance programmes might be the reason for absence of a declining incidence of colorectal cancer over time. There are several implications from our study. First, although the risk of sporadic colorectal cancer is much lower in Asian countries than in Europe and North America,⁶ we found the prevalence estimates of colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis to be comparable or only slightly reduced compared with recent estimates from other meta-analyses. Consequently, regional recommendations need to emphasise the importance of surveillance programmes in patients with long-standing ulcerative colitis in Asia. As use, acceptance, and cost of colonoscopies might prove to be important barriers, there is a need for further examination of non-invasive screening tools for colorectal cancer in patients from resource-poor settings. Also, there might be a need to treat to mucosal healing to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer in those with long-standing ulcerative colitis. We readily acknowledge several limitations of our study. First, although 44 eligible studies provided prevalence of colorectal cancer cross-sectionally, few studies were longitudinal and allowed for estimation of risk at 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years. Most studies (36 studies) were retrospective. Second, a large number of included studies were hospital-based, which tend to yield higher prevalences than do population-based studies. Fourth, the mean duration of ulcerative colitis was low and the number of patients in each study was small, precluding robust calculations of risk at 20 years and 30 years after diagnosis.

Finally, too few studies provided data on low-grade or high-grade dysplasia within our cohort, or on other risk factors for colorectal cancer. Although we did not include “dysplasia” in our search terms, we ran a test search in PubMed combining “ulcerative colitis” AND “dysplasia” in each Asian country and did not find any additional studies reporting colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis. We found that there is substantial heterogeneity between the different studies. We attempted to explore the possible causes of this heterogeneity by doing meta-regression and several analyses stratified by study design, location, and other variables. However, similar heterogeneity has been noted in many previous meta-analyses of cancer risk in ulcerative colitis. In the landmark publication by Eaden and colleagues³ which serves as a benchmark regarding our estimate of the risk of colon cancer in long-standing ulcerative colitis, a similarly high degree of heterogeneity was noted ($p < 0.001$). As more studies on cancer risk in ulcerative colitis in Asia become available using population-based designs in large cohorts (with more robust estimates and standard errors), this heterogeneity might decrease, yielding more homogeneous risk estimates.

In conclusion, our systematic review and meta-analysis revealed an overall prevalence of colorectal cancer of 0.85% among patients with ulcerative colitis in Asia, and cumulative risks of 0.02%, 4.81%, and 13.91% at 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years. There is a need for larger population-based longitudinal cohorts to more accurately inform this risk. The comparability of risk estimates with those from North America and Europe suggests that there is a need for similar surveillance strategies regionally.

Supplementary Material

Refer to Web version on PubMed Central for supplementary material.

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Research in context

Evidence before this study

The risk of colorectal cancer in long-standing ulcerative colitis is well known, but the estimates of risk have varied widely. Several efforts have been made in the past to assess the global burden of colorectal cancer associated with ulcerative colitis. A landmark meta-analysis by Eaden and colleagues on the risk of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis published in 2001 serves as a best estimate. The overall prevalence of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis, based on 116 studies, was estimated to be 3.7% (95% CI 3.2–4.2). The cumulative probabilities were 2% by 10 years, 8% by 20 years, and 18% by 30 years. More recent estimates have shown a decreasing trend in the risk of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis. A recent meta-analysis by Castaño-Milla and colleagues revealed a lower incidence of colorectal cancer at 1.58 per 1000 patient-years. Another meta-analysis by Jess and colleagues also suggested that the risk of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis has been declining, with an overall occurrence of 1.6% over 14 years. However, there has been a paucity of data looking at the regional variations and the risk of colorectal cancer exclusively in Asian patients with ulcerative colitis. We searched PubMed from inception to July 1, 2016, without language restrictions, using the terms “ulcerative colitis” and “colorectal cancer” and the article type was filtered as meta-analysis. We retrieved 31 studies. We found no meta-analysis that examined the risk of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis in Asian populations exclusively, to see whether the risk was any different from those in European and North American populations. Added value of this study. Our study aimed to estimate the risk of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis from studies published from Asian countries. A meta-analysis of the several studies reporting the risk of colorectal cancer in ulcerative colitis from this region is lacking. As there exist ethnic differences in susceptibility to ulcerative colitis as well as colorectal cancer, it is important for accurate estimates of colorectal cancer risk in populations where inflammatory bowel disease is emerging, to accurately inform patient care and surveillance practices. Implications of all the available evidence In this systematic review and meta-analysis, we found a prevalence of colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis of 0.85% in Asia, with no further geographical variation within this region. This overall prevalence is much lower than the prevalence of 3.7% reported by Eaden and colleagues in their meta-analysis of 116 studies. The cumulative risk at 30 years in our analysis was 13.91%, compared with 18% in Eaden and colleagues’ study. However, more recent studies that have examined secular decline in colorectal cancer rates in ulcerative colitis have arrived at a similar prevalence in western populations to our results. For example, Jess and colleagues estimated an overall prevalence of colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis of 1.6% in their meta-analyses of population-based studies, slightly higher than our estimate. In an analysis of cumulative incidence, Lutgens and colleagues estimated a risk of 1%, 2%, and 5% after 10 years, 20 years, and more than 20 years of disease duration, similar to our estimates. In light of this previous evidence, there are a few implications from our study. First, though the risk of sporadic colorectal cancer is much lower in Asian countries than in North America and Europe, we found the prevalence estimates of colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis to be similar or only slightly lower than recent estimates

from other meta-analyses. Consequently, regional recommendations need to emphasise the importance of such surveillance programmes in patients with long-standing ulcerative colitis. As use, acceptance, and cost of colonoscopies might prove to be important barriers, there is a need for further examination of non-invasive screening tools for colorectal cancer in patients from resource-poor settings. Also, there might be a need to treat to mucosal healing to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer in those with long-standing ulcerative colitis.

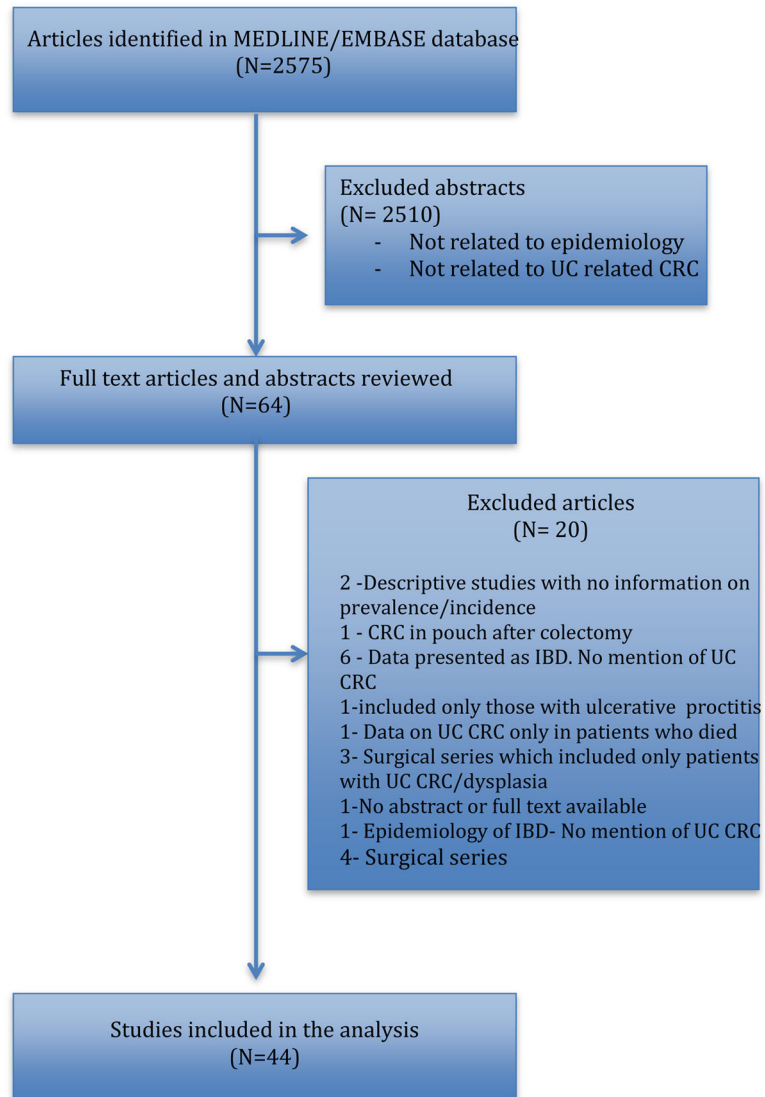
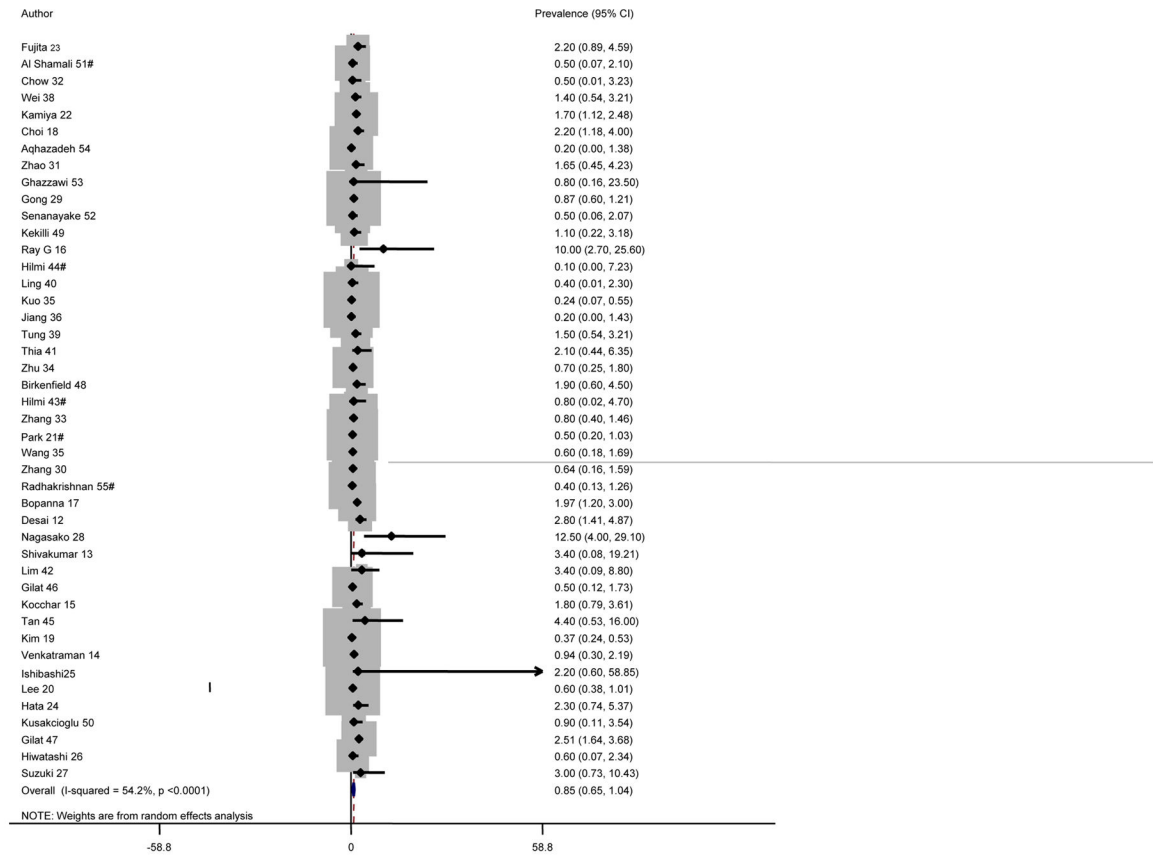


Figure 1.
Flow chart depicting literature search

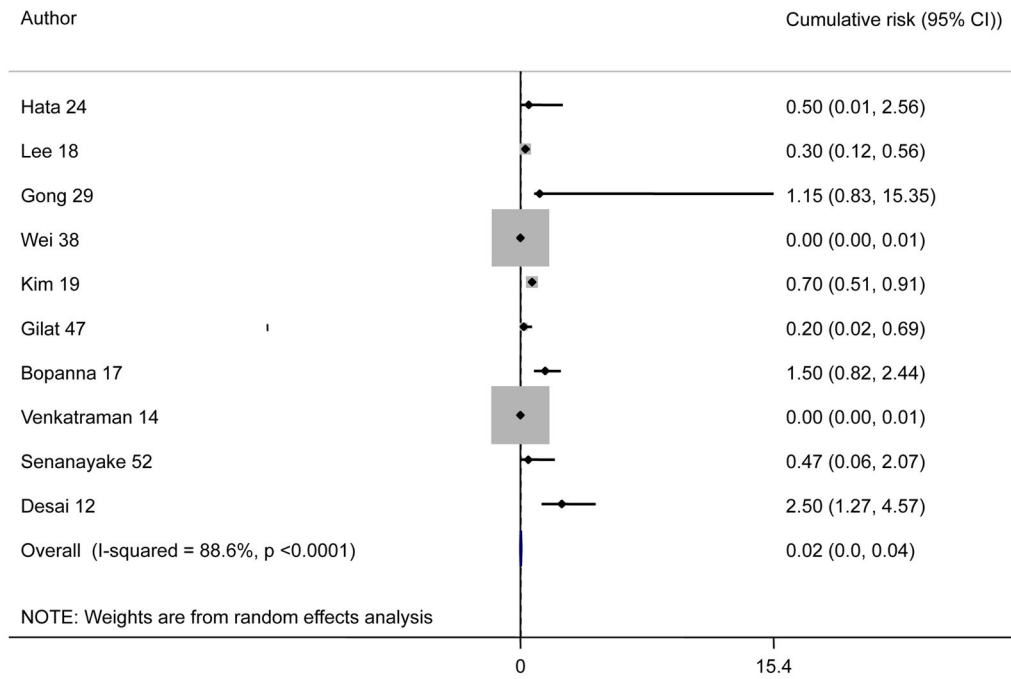


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Figure 2.

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Figure 3a



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Figure 3b

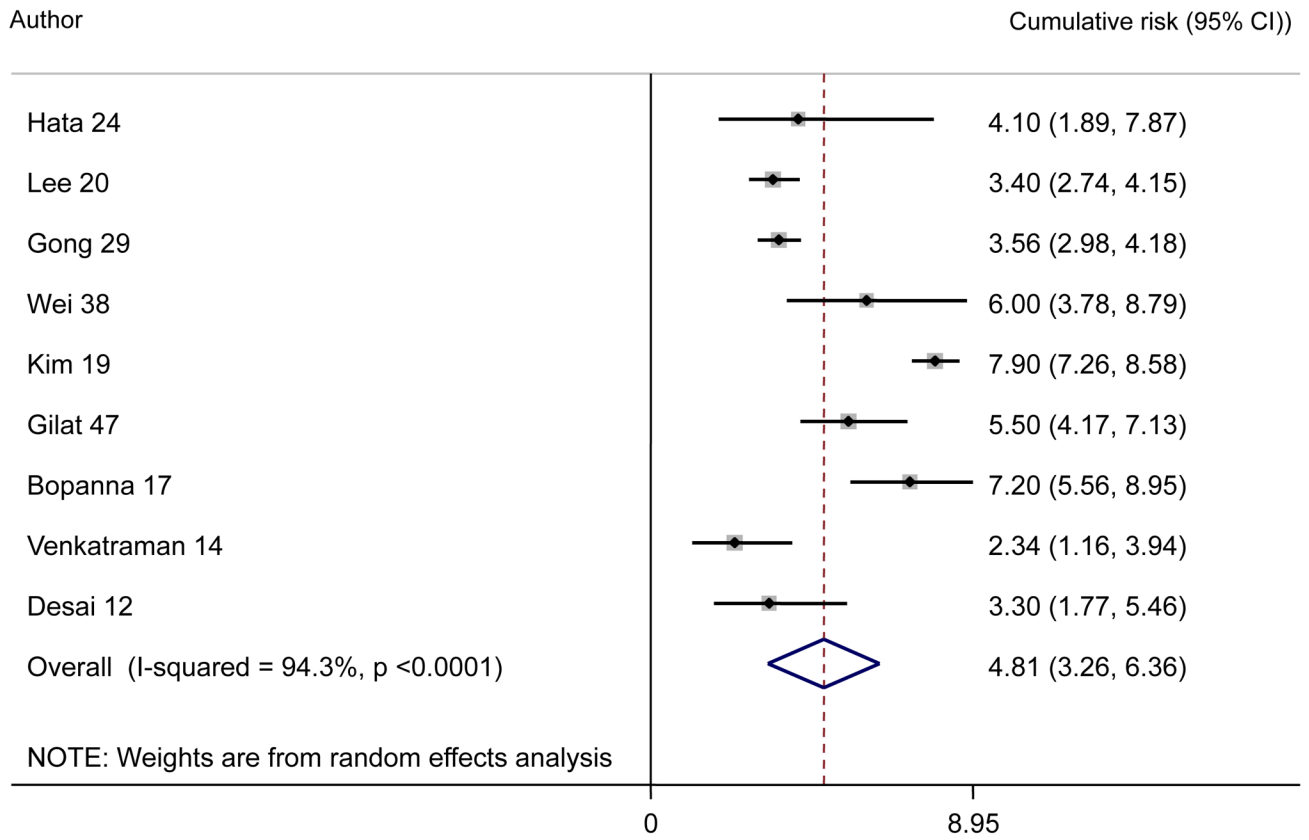


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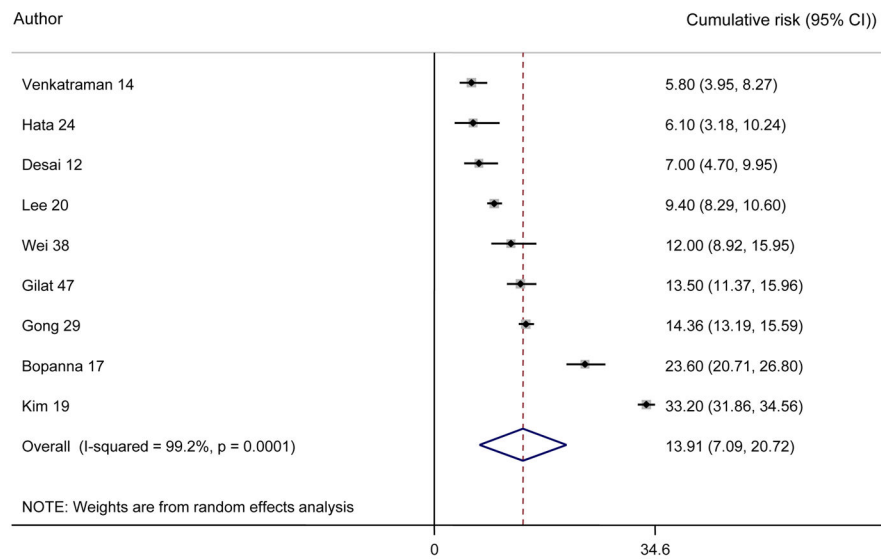


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Characteristics of the included studies on colorectal cancer associated with ulcerative colitis

Table

	Year	Country	Setting	Study design	Total ulcerative colitis cases	Total colorectal cancer cases	Prevalence (W)
Desai et al ^{2*}	2015	India	Hospital	Retrospective	430	12	2–80%
Shivakumar et al ³	2013	India	Hospital	Prospective	29	1	3–40%
Venkataraman et al ^{4*}	2005	India	Hospital	Retrospective	532	5	0–94%
Kochhar et al ⁵	1992	India	Hospital	Retrospective	436	8	1–80%
Kim et al ^{9*}	2009	South Korea	Hospital	Retrospective	7061	26	0–37%
Lee et al ^{20*}	2015	South Korea	Hospital	Retrospective	2798	18	0–60%
Hilmi et al ⁴³	2009	Malaysia	Hospital	Retrospective	118	0	0–00%
Al Sharmali et al ⁵¹	2003	Kuwait	Hospital	Retrospective	346	0	0–00%
Kekilli et al ⁴⁹	2010	Turkey	Hospital	Retrospective	275	3	1–10%
Kamiya et al ²²	2015	Japan	Hospital	Retrospective	1583	25	1–70%
Fujita et al ²³	2010	Japan	Hospital	Retrospective	314	7	2–20%
Hata et al ^{24*}	2003	Japan	Hospital	Retrospective	217	5	2–30%
Ishibashi et al ²⁵	1999	Japan	Registry	Retrospective	174	4	2–20%
Hiwataashi et al ²⁶	1991	Japan	Hospital	Retrospective	308	2	0–60%
Zhang et al ³⁰	2015	China	Hospital	Retrospective	624	4	0–64%
Gong et al ^{29*}	2012	China	Hospital	Retrospective	3922	34	0–87%
Zhao and Yuan ³¹	2009	China	Hospital	Retrospective	242	4	1–65%
Chow et al ³²	2009	China	Hospital	Prospective	172	1	0–50%
Gilat et al ^{47*}	1988	Israel	Registry	Prospective	1035	26	2–51%
Kuo et al ³⁷	2015	Taiwan	Registry	Retrospective	2098	5	0–24%
Wei et al ^{38*}	2012	Taiwan	Hospital	Retrospective	406	6	1–40%
Senanayake et al ^{52*}	2013	Sri Lanka	Hospital	Retrospective	348	2	0–50%
Ghazzawi and Al-Mrayat ⁵³	2007	Jordan	Hospital	Retrospective	372	3	0–80%
Aghazadeh et al ⁵⁴	2005	Iran	Hospital	Retrospective	401	1	0–20%

	Year	Country	Setting	Study design	Total ulcerative colitis cases	Total colorectal cancer cases	Prevalence (W)
Kusakcioglu et al ⁵⁰	1979	Turkey	Hospital	Retrospective	204	2	0–90%
Suzuki et al ²⁷	1991	Japan	Hospital	Retrospective	84	3	3–00%
Bopanna et al ^{17*}	2016	India	Hospital	Retrospective	1012	20	1–97%
Hilmi et al ⁴⁴	2015	Malaysia	Hospital	Prospective	51	0	0–00%
Birkenfeld et al ⁴⁸	2009	Israel	Registry	Retrospective	255	5	1–90%
Ling et al ⁴⁰	2002	Singapore	Hospital	Prospective	235	1	0–40%
Zhang ³³	2013	China	Hospital	Retrospective	1345	11	0–80%
Zhu et al ³⁴	2013	China	Hospital	Retrospective	645	5	0–70%
Wang et al ³⁵	2013	China	Hospital	Retrospective	603	4	0–60%
Tan and Goh ⁴⁵	2005	Malaysia	Hospital	Retrospective	45	2	4–40%
Gilat et al ⁴⁶	1974	Israel	Registry	Prospective	504	3	0–50%
Ray et al ¹⁶	2010	India	Hospital	Retrospective	40	4	10–00%
Radhakrishnan et al ⁵⁵	1997	Oman	Registry	Prospective	108	0	0–00%
Thia et al ⁴¹	2011	Singapore	Hospital	Retrospective	138	3	2–10%
Tung et al ³⁹	2011	Taiwan	Hospital	Retrospective	406	6	1–50%
Lim et al ⁴²	2009	Singapore	Hospital	Retrospective	116	4	3–40%
Choi et al ¹⁸	2016	South Korea	Registry	Prospective	522	12	2–20%
Nagasako et al ²⁸	1995	Japan	Hospital	Retrospective	40	5	12–50%
Jiang et al ³⁶	2006	China	Hospital	Retrospective	389	1	0–20%
Park et al ²¹	2007	South Korea	Hospital	Retrospective	304	0	0–00%

* Studies mentioning cumulative risk colorectal cancer.