

## *Supplementary Material*

### **Prevalence of hepatitis E virus in China from 1997 to 2022: a systematic review and meta-analysis**

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## **1 Supplementary Figures and Tables**

### **1.1 Supplementary Figures**

Study	Events	Total	Proportion	95%-CI (common)	Weight (common)	Weight (random)
Zhang ZX-2003	210	574	0.3659	[0.3264; 0.4067]	0.1%	0.7%
AYIGuLi-2010	13	151	0.0861	[0.0466; 0.1427]	0.0%	0.6%
AI X-2009	5588	12555	0.4451	[0.4364; 0.4538]	2.1%	0.7%
Bao ZY-2013	28	180	0.1556	[0.1059; 0.2169]	0.0%	0.6%
Bi L-2008	156	1204	0.1296	[0.1111; 0.1499]	0.2%	0.7%
Bo QN-2018	127	1019	0.1246	[0.1050; 0.1465]	0.2%	0.7%
Cai YS-2013	230	510	0.4510	[0.4072; 0.4953]	0.1%	0.7%
Cao HJ-2004	881	2290	0.3847	[0.3647; 0.4050]	0.4%	0.7%
Cao HJ-2004	146	189	0.7725	[0.7060; 0.8302]	0.0%	0.6%
Shen JY-2007	749	1570	0.4771	[0.4521; 0.5021]	0.3%	0.7%
Chen XM-2014	281	868	0.3237	[0.2927; 0.3560]	0.1%	0.7%
Ning LF-2008	1086	3561	0.3050	[0.2899; 0.3204]	0.6%	0.7%
Chen YZ-2006	254	1084	0.2343	[0.2094; 0.2607]	0.2%	0.7%
Cheng Y-2007	10	140	0.0714	[0.0348; 0.1274]	0.0%	0.6%
Du JY-2014	295	952	0.3099	[0.2806; 0.3403]	0.2%	0.7%
Du L-2013	7	235	0.0298	[0.0121; 0.0604]	0.0%	0.6%
Fan LZ-2012	0	158	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0231]	0.0%	0.6%
You QZ-2019	1113	5552	0.2005	[0.1900; 0.2112]	0.9%	0.7%
Gao DY-2004	1804	6988	0.2582	[0.2479; 0.2686]	1.2%	0.7%
Gao XL-2002	1	182	0.0055	[0.0001; 0.0302]	0.0%	0.6%
Gong YH-2005	134	144	0.9306	[0.8760; 0.9662]	0.0%	0.6%
Gu HY-2013	505	6258	0.0807	[0.0741; 0.0877]	1.0%	0.7%
Yao XF-2013	806	2012	0.4006	[0.3791; 0.4224]	0.3%	0.7%
He YW-2018	15	35857	0.0004	[0.0002; 0.0007]	6.0%	0.7%
Wu Y-2016	482	2206	0.2185	[0.2014; 0.2363]	0.4%	0.7%
Wu JY-2016	440	1720	0.2558	[0.2353; 0.2771]	0.3%	0.7%
Wu JY-2016	317	611	0.5188	[0.4784; 0.5591]	0.1%	0.7%
Hu AQ-2010	377	2019	0.1867	[0.1699; 0.2044]	0.3%	0.7%
Zhou X-2015	124	912	0.1360	[0.1144; 0.1599]	0.2%	0.7%
Huang GY-2009	1013	3044	0.3328	[0.3160; 0.3498]	0.5%	0.7%
Yao MF-2007	635	1316	0.4825	[0.4552; 0.5099]	0.2%	0.7%
Huang SY-2020	120	648	0.1852	[0.1560; 0.2173]	0.1%	0.7%
Huang SM-2017	273	5345	0.0511	[0.0453; 0.0573]	0.9%	0.7%
Huang XY-2012	501	2250	0.2227	[0.2056; 0.2404]	0.4%	0.7%
Meng ZH-2005	413	980	0.4214	[0.3903; 0.4531]	0.2%	0.7%
Lu B-2008	208	1060	0.1962	[0.1727; 0.2214]	0.2%	0.7%
Wang FD-2004	394	850	0.4635	[0.4296; 0.4977]	0.1%	0.7%
Zheng YJ-2005	573	852	0.6725	[0.6399; 0.7040]	0.1%	0.7%
Zhu JF-2007	29	176	0.1648	[0.1132; 0.2280]	0.0%	0.6%
Kong DG-2017	825	1945	0.4242	[0.4021; 0.4465]	0.3%	0.7%
Li B-2003	14	178	0.0787	[0.0437; 0.1284]	0.0%	0.6%
Li JT-2014	197	456	0.4320	[0.3860; 0.4789]	0.1%	0.7%
Bo QN-2019	259	1700	0.1524	[0.1356; 0.1703]	0.3%	0.7%
Li L-2012	15	149	0.1007	[0.0574; 0.1606]	0.0%	0.6%
Li MY-2008	169	768	0.2201	[0.1912; 0.2510]	0.1%	0.7%
Li WJ-2007	337	1553	0.2170	[0.1967; 0.2383]	0.3%	0.7%
Li W-2018	4923	10008	0.4919	[0.4821; 0.5018]	1.7%	0.7%
Li YB-2004	572	3336	0.1715	[0.1588; 0.1847]	0.6%	0.7%
Wang HR-2007	1089	3931	0.2770	[0.2631; 0.2913]	0.7%	0.7%
Lin CY-2009	403	4959	0.0813	[0.0738; 0.0892]	0.8%	0.7%
Liu JY-2016	57	2127	0.0268	[0.0204; 0.0346]	0.4%	0.7%
Liu K-2009	223	1365	0.1634	[0.1441; 0.1841]	0.2%	0.7%
Liu XG-2007	610	1585	0.3849	[0.3608; 0.4093]	0.3%	0.7%
Liu XG-2008	571	1351	0.4226	[0.3961; 0.4495]	0.2%	0.7%
Yu LM-2001	54	417	0.1295	[0.0988; 0.1656]	0.1%	0.7%
Lu B-2008	373	828	0.4505	[0.4162; 0.4851]	0.1%	0.7%
Lu J-2009	259	1977	0.1310	[0.1164; 0.1467]	0.3%	0.7%
Lu YH-2006	421	663	0.6350	[0.5971; 0.6717]	0.1%	0.7%
Luo YX-2005	215	3864	0.0556	[0.0486; 0.0633]	0.6%	0.7%
Ma TW-2013	30	324	0.0926	[0.0633; 0.1295]	0.1%	0.7%
Nong CS-2007	172	377	0.4562	[0.4051; 0.5080]	0.1%	0.7%
Pan TJ-2002	0	1580	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0023]	0.3%	0.7%
Pan YL-2021	0	103794	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0000]	17.3%	0.7%
Pu MH-2008	408	1360	0.3000	[0.2757; 0.3251]	0.2%	0.7%
Sang LY-2007	1107	3701	0.2991	[0.2844; 0.3141]	0.6%	0.7%
Shao HW-2009	79	830	0.0952	[0.0761; 0.1172]	0.1%	0.7%
Shao JS-2006	2565	14020	0.1830	[0.1766; 0.1895]	2.3%	0.7%
Sun ZH-2017	2555	47852	0.0534	[0.0514; 0.0554]	8.0%	0.7%
Sun Z-2014	471	1483	0.3176	[0.2939; 0.3420]	0.2%	0.7%
Tang WF-2014	139	303	0.4587	[0.4016; 0.5167]	0.1%	0.7%
Tian JS-2007	35	778	0.0450	[0.0315; 0.0620]	0.1%	0.7%
Wang DM-2016	28	1000	0.0280	[0.0187; 0.0402]	0.2%	0.7%
Wang FY-1999	33	575	0.0574	[0.0398; 0.0797]	0.1%	0.7%
Wang L-2013	1788	4396	0.4067	[0.3922; 0.4214]	0.7%	0.7%
Wang YC-2005	297	409	0.7262	[0.6802; 0.7688]	0.1%	0.7%
Zhu JF-2006	72	94	0.7660	[0.6674; 0.8471]	0.0%	0.6%
Wang Q-2014	422	2812	0.1501	[0.1371; 0.1638]	0.5%	0.7%
Wang ZZ-2007	1105	1234	0.8955	[0.8770; 0.9120]	0.2%	0.7%
Wang RL-2012	509	2028	0.2510	[0.2322; 0.2705]	0.3%	0.7%
Wu CH-2003	4	148	0.0270	[0.0074; 0.0678]	0.0%	0.6%
Wu XX-2021	169	836	0.2022	[0.1754; 0.2310]	0.1%	0.7%
Wu JY-2017	310	1459	0.2125	[0.1917; 0.2344]	0.2%	0.7%
Xia XW-2015	914	3513	0.2602	[0.2457; 0.2750]	0.6%	0.7%
Xiao ZB-2022	1217	4661	0.2611	[0.2485; 0.2740]	0.8%	0.7%
Xie SF-2014	1019	2614	0.3898	[0.3711; 0.4088]	0.4%	0.7%
Xing XM-2011	185	812	0.2278	[0.1994; 0.2583]	0.1%	0.7%
Xu PN-2014	91	415	0.2193	[0.1804; 0.2622]	0.1%	0.7%
Yan GX-2004	1269	3047	0.4165	[0.3989; 0.4342]	0.5%	0.7%
Yang F-2012	893	3771	0.2368	[0.2233; 0.2507]	0.6%	0.7%
Yang B-2013	40	597	0.0670	[0.0483; 0.0901]	0.1%	0.7%
Yang LL-2015	966	3654	0.2644	[0.2501; 0.2790]	0.6%	0.7%
Yin YZ-2001	63	676	0.0932	[0.0724; 0.1177]	0.1%	0.7%

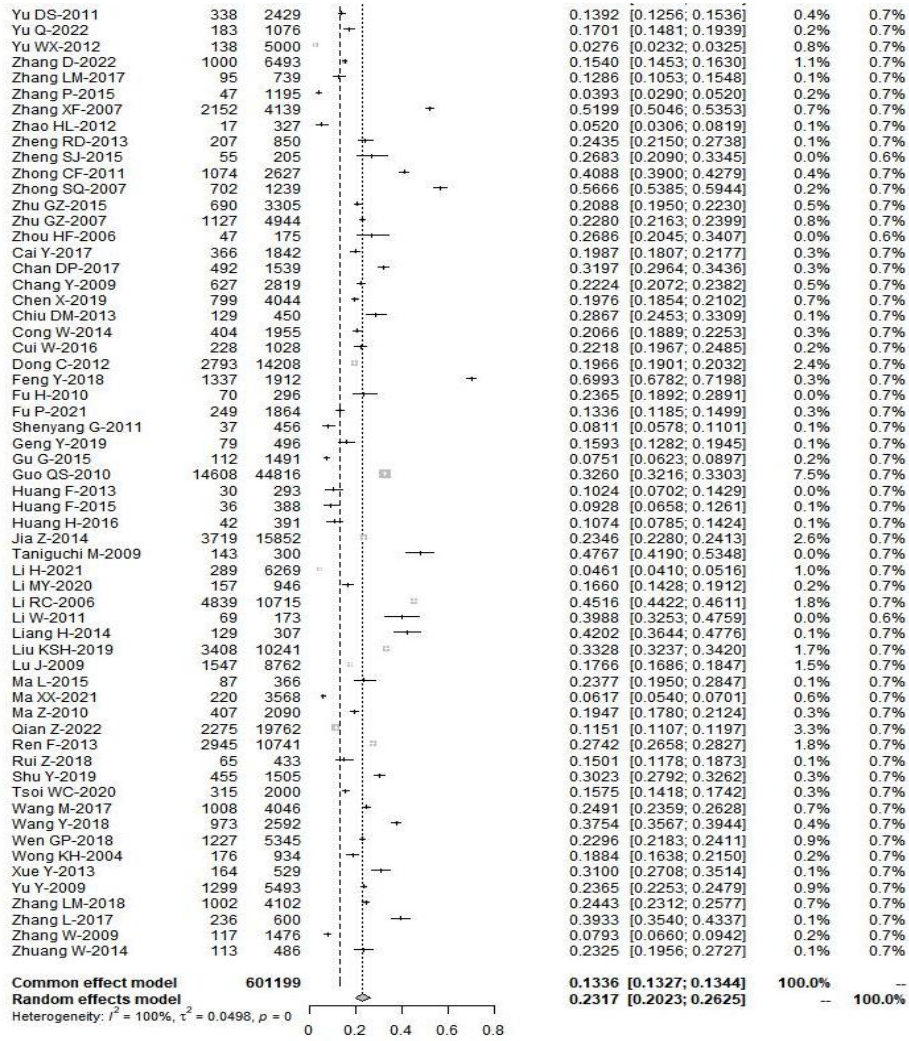
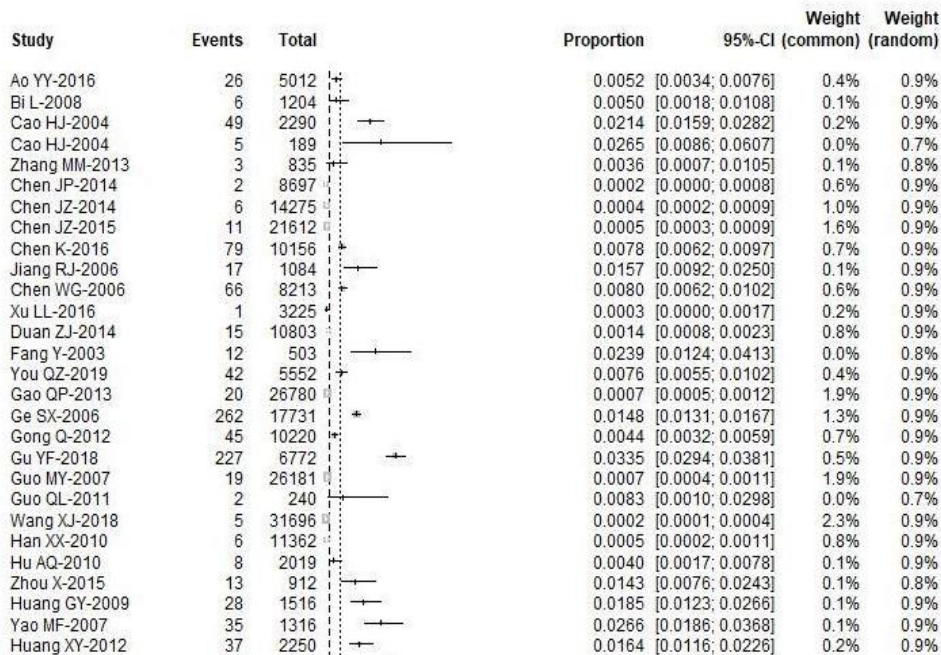
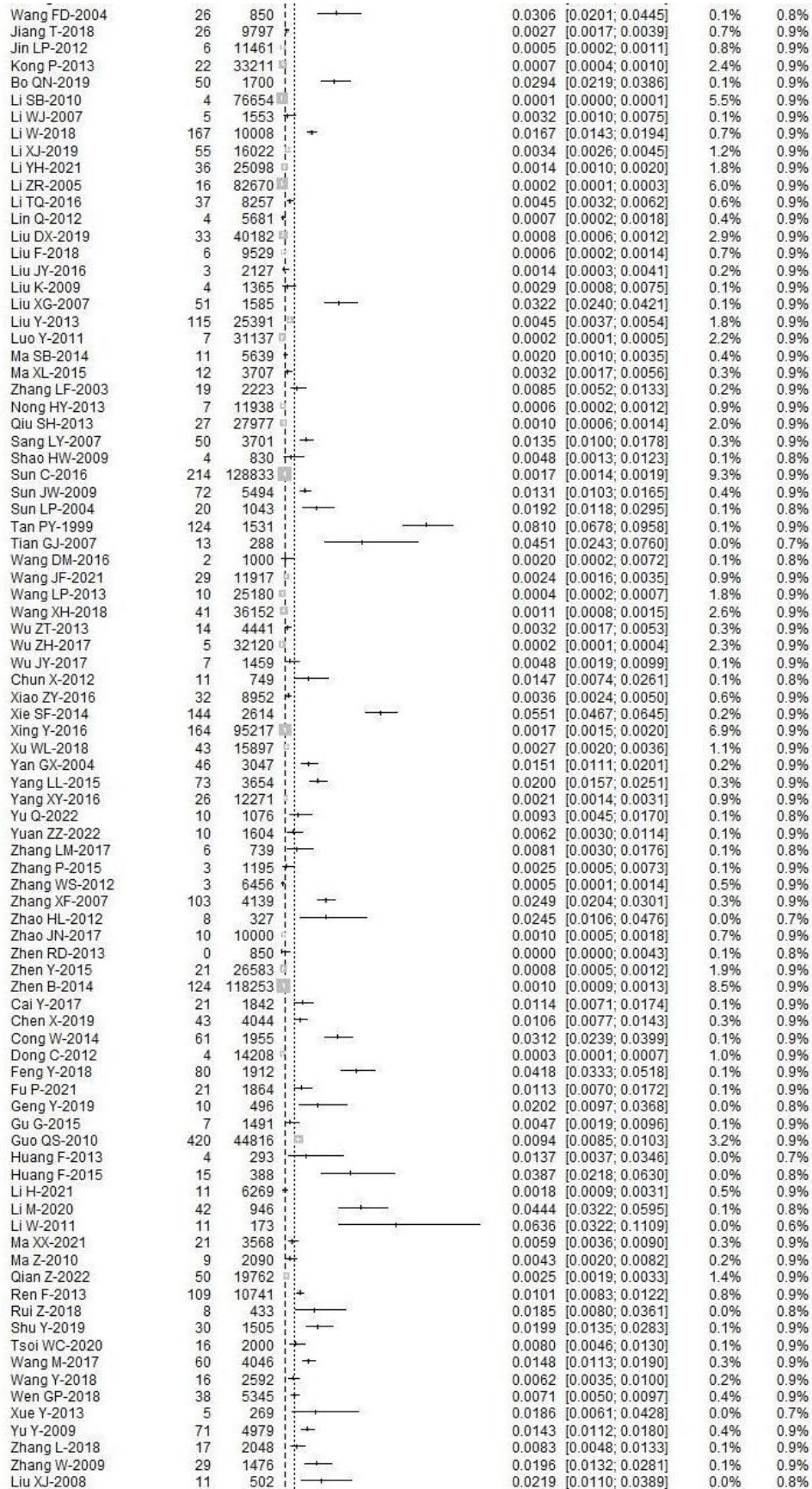


Figure S1. Forest plot of pooled anti-HEV IgG seroprevalence in China





Common effect model  
Random effects model

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Heterogeneity:  $I^2 = 98\%$ ,  $\tau^2 = 0.0033$ ,  $p = 0$

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Figure S2. Forest plot of pooled anti-HEV IgM seroprevalence in China

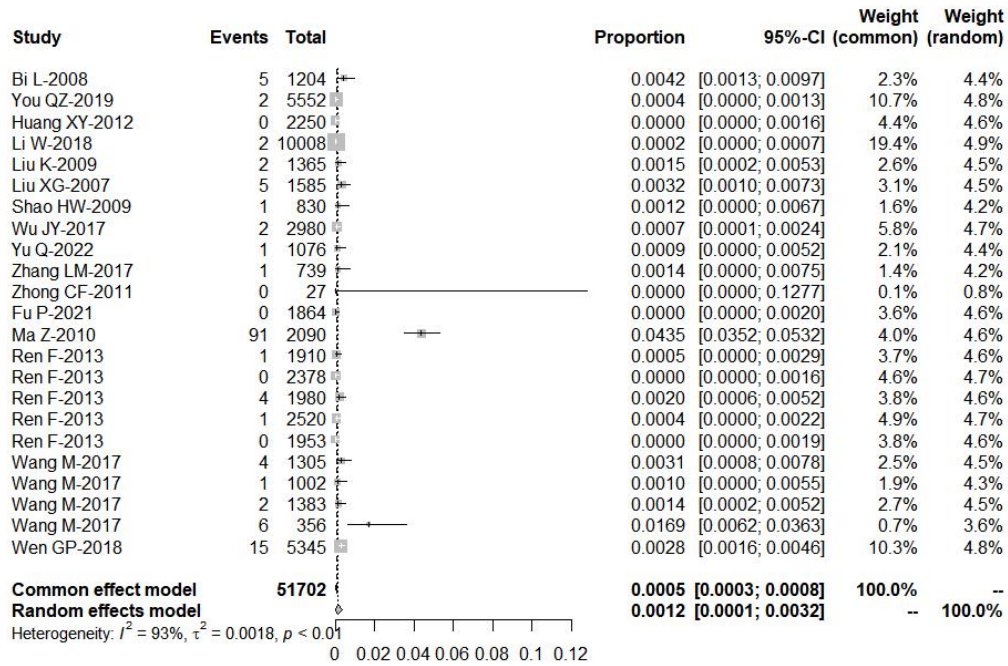


Figure S3. Forest plot of pooled HEV anti-HEV Ag seroprevalence in China

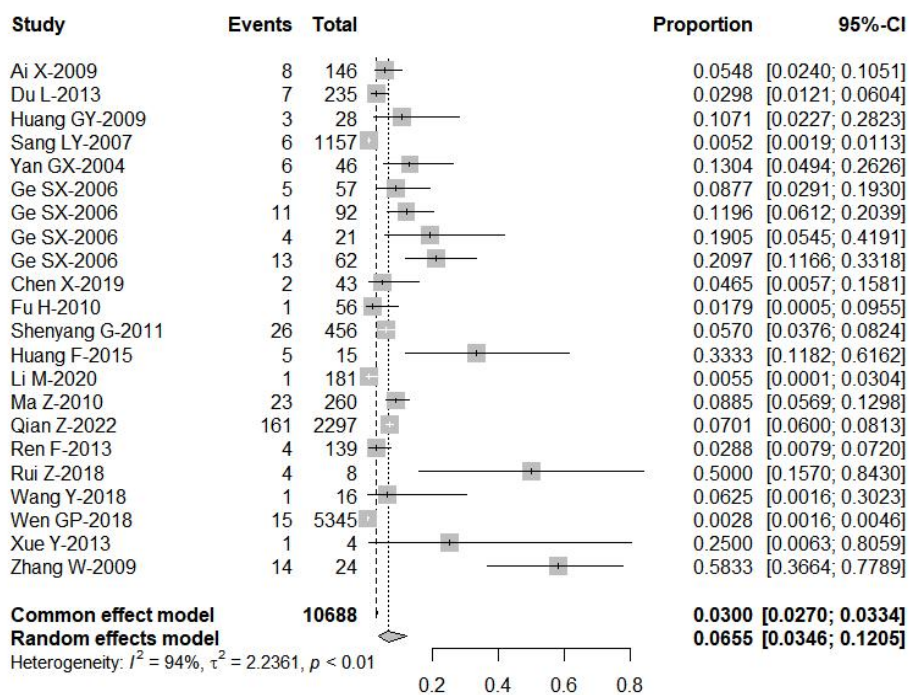
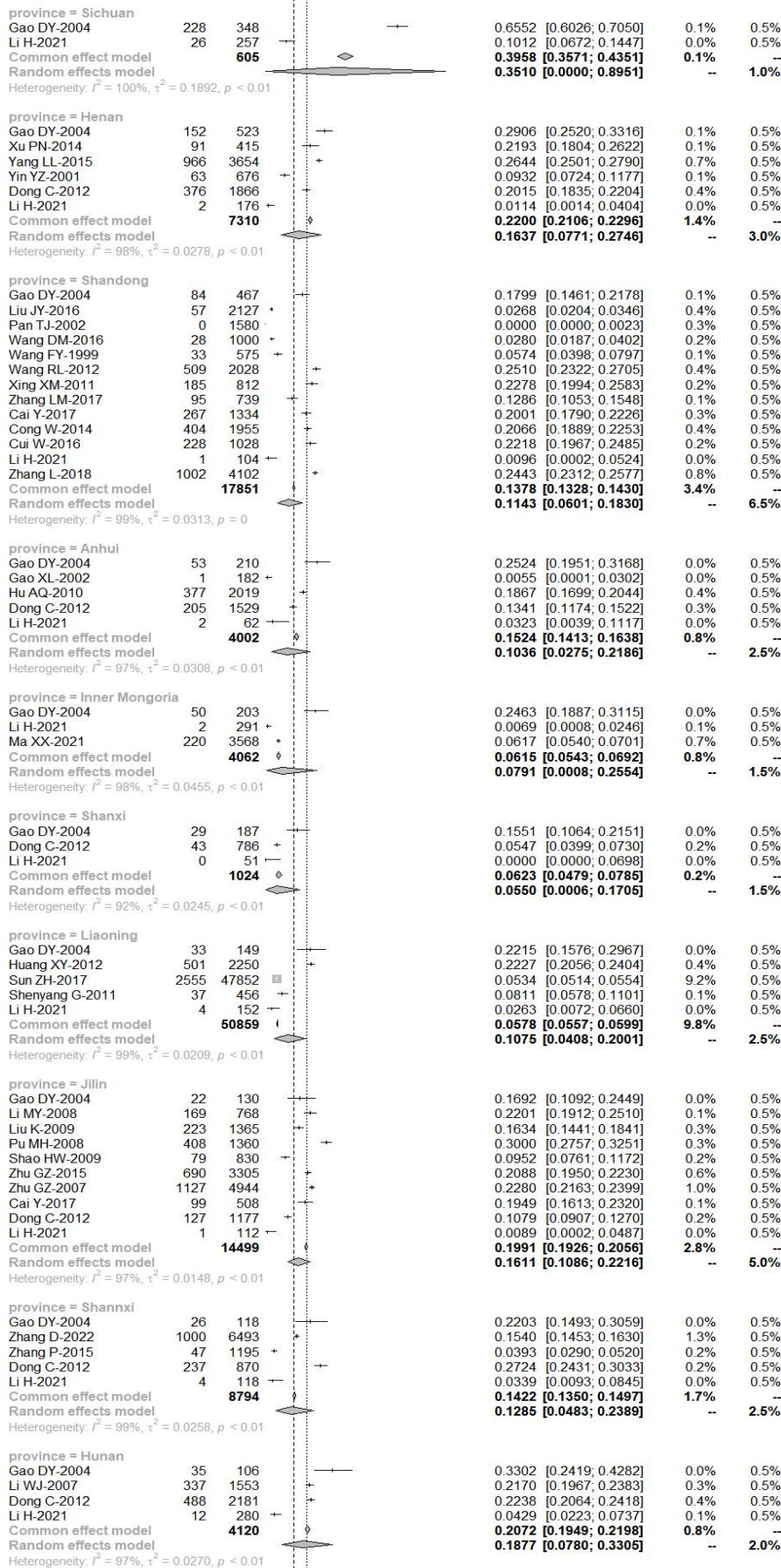


Figure S4. Forest plot of pooled HEV RNA detection rate in China





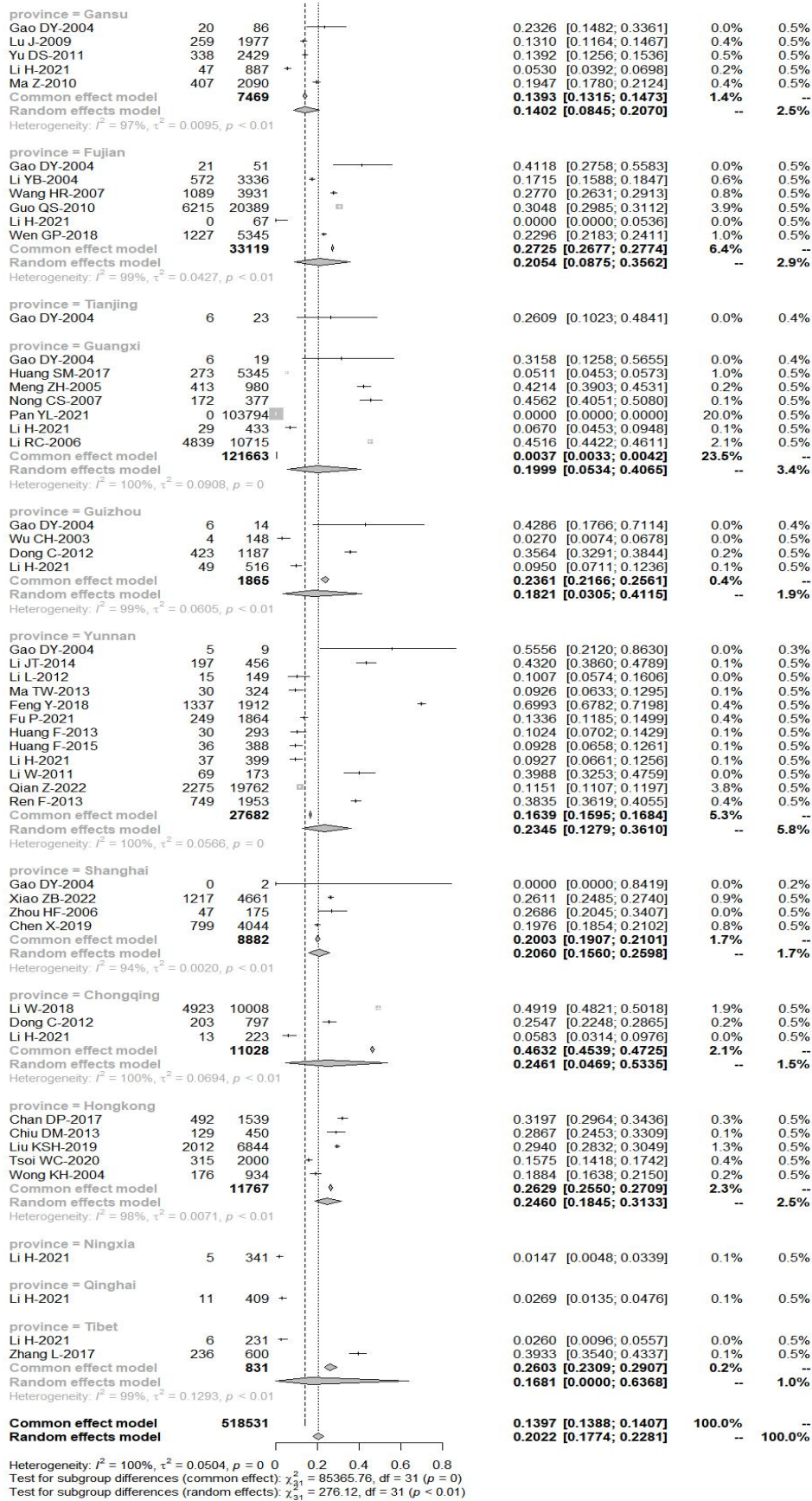


Figure S5. Forest plot of pooled anti-HEV IgG seroprevalence of all populations among different provinces



Study	Events	Total	Proportion	95%-CI	Weight (common)	Weight (random)
province = Guangdong						
Ao YY-2016	26	5012	0.0052	[0.0034; 0.0076]	0.4%	0.9%
Zhang MM-2013	3	835	0.0036	[0.0007; 0.0105]	0.1%	0.9%
Fang Y-2003	12	503	0.0239	[0.0124; 0.0413]	0.0%	0.8%
You QZ-2019	42	5552	0.0076	[0.0055; 0.0102]	0.4%	0.9%
Tan PY-1999	124	1531	0.0810	[0.0678; 0.0958]	0.1%	0.9%
Ren F-2013	16	2520	0.0063	[0.0036; 0.0103]	0.2%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>16953</b>	<b>0.0100</b>	<b>[0.0085; 0.0117]</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0152</b>	<b>[0.0027; 0.0371]</b>	--	<b>5.3%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 98\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0074$ , $p < 0.01$						
province = Heilongjiang						
Bi L-2008	6	1204	0.0050	[0.0018; 0.0108]	0.1%	0.9%
province = Zhejiang						
Cao HJ-2004	5	189	0.0265	[0.0086; 0.0607]	0.0%	0.7%
Ge SX-2006	113	5202	0.0217	[0.0179; 0.0261]	0.4%	0.9%
Guo MY-2007	19	26181	0.0007	[0.0004; 0.0011]	1.9%	0.9%
Huang GY-2009	28	1516	0.0185	[0.0123; 0.0266]	0.1%	0.9%
Wang FD-2004	26	850	0.0306	[0.0201; 0.0445]	0.1%	0.9%
Sang LY-2007	50	3701	0.0135	[0.0100; 0.0178]	0.3%	0.9%
Yan GX-2004	46	3047	0.0151	[0.0111; 0.0201]	0.2%	0.9%
Guo QS-2010	142	14291	0.0099	[0.0084; 0.0117]	1.1%	0.9%
Ren F-2013	27	1980	0.0136	[0.0090; 0.0198]	0.1%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>56957</b>	<b>0.0054</b>	<b>[0.0048; 0.0060]</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0142</b>	<b>[0.0080; 0.0220]</b>	--	<b>7.9%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 98\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0018$ , $p < 0.01$						
province = Yunnan						
Chen JP-2014	2	8697	0.0002	[0.0000; 0.0008]	0.6%	0.9%
Duan ZJ-2014	15	10803	0.0014	[0.0008; 0.0023]	0.8%	0.9%
Li YH-2021	36	25098	0.0014	[0.0010; 0.0020]	1.9%	0.9%
Ma SB-2014	11	5639	0.0020	[0.0010; 0.0035]	0.4%	0.9%
Wang JF-2021	29	11917	0.0024	[0.0016; 0.0035]	0.9%	0.9%
Xu WL-2018	43	15897	0.0027	[0.0020; 0.0036]	1.2%	0.9%
Zheng Y-2015	21	26583	0.0008	[0.0005; 0.0012]	2.0%	0.9%
Feng Y-2018	80	1912	0.0418	[0.0333; 0.0518]	0.1%	0.9%
Fu P-2021	21	1864	0.0113	[0.0070; 0.0172]	0.1%	0.9%
Huang F-2013	4	293	0.0137	[0.0037; 0.0346]	0.0%	0.7%
Huang F-2015	15	388	0.0387	[0.0218; 0.0630]	0.0%	0.8%
Li W-2011	11	173	0.0636	[0.0322; 0.1109]	0.0%	0.6%
Qian Z-2022	50	19762	0.0025	[0.0019; 0.0033]	1.5%	0.9%
Ren F-2013	22	1953	0.0113	[0.0071; 0.0170]	0.1%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>130979</b>	<b>0.0016</b>	<b>[0.0013; 0.0018]</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0077</b>	<b>[0.0023; 0.0159]</b>	--	<b>12.3%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 97\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0050$ , $p < 0.01$						
province = Fujian						
Chen JZ-2014	6	14275	0.0004	[0.0002; 0.0009]	1.1%	0.9%
Chen JZ-2014	11	21612	0.0005	[0.0003; 0.0009]	1.6%	0.9%
Lin Q-2012	4	5681	0.0007	[0.0002; 0.0018]	0.4%	0.9%
Qiu SH-2013	27	27977	0.0010	[0.0006; 0.0014]	2.1%	0.9%
Zhang WS-2012	3	6456	0.0005	[0.0001; 0.0014]	0.5%	0.9%
Guo QS-2010	186	20389	0.0091	[0.0079; 0.0105]	1.5%	0.9%
Wen GP-2018	38	5345	0.0071	[0.0050; 0.0097]	0.4%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>101735</b>	<b>0.0018</b>	<b>[0.0016; 0.0021]</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0019</b>	<b>[0.0004; 0.0045]</b>	--	<b>6.5%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 98\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0010$ , $p < 0.01$						
province = Hubei						
Chen K-2106	79	10156	0.0078	[0.0062; 0.0097]	0.8%	0.9%
Cheng WG-2006	66	8213	0.0080	[0.0062; 0.0102]	0.6%	0.9%
Gao YP-2013	20	26780	0.0007	[0.0005; 0.0012]	2.0%	0.9%
Ge SX-2006	92	10139	0.0091	[0.0073; 0.0111]	0.8%	0.9%
Liu XG-2007	51	1585	0.0322	[0.0240; 0.0421]	0.1%	0.9%
Tian GJ-2007	13	288	0.0451	[0.0243; 0.0760]	0.0%	0.7%
Xie SF-2014	144	2614	0.0551	[0.0467; 0.0645]	0.2%	0.9%
Yu Q-2022	10	1076	0.0093	[0.0045; 0.0170]	0.1%	0.9%
Guo QS-2010	92	10136	0.0091	[0.0073; 0.0111]	0.8%	0.9%
Shu Y-2019	30	1505	0.0199	[0.0135; 0.0283]	0.1%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>72492</b>	<b>0.0057</b>	<b>[0.0051; 0.0062]</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0154</b>	<b>[0.0070; 0.0270]</b>	--	<b>8.9%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 99\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0041$ , $p < 0.01$						
province = Jiangsu						
Chen YZ-2006	17	1084	0.0157	[0.0092; 0.0250]	0.1%	0.9%
Ge SX-2006	57	2390	0.0238	[0.0181; 0.0308]	0.2%	0.9%
Gu YF-2018	227	6772	0.0335	[0.0294; 0.0381]	0.5%	0.9%
Zhou X-2015	13	912	0.0143	[0.0076; 0.0243]	0.1%	0.9%
Yao MF-2007	35	1316	0.0266	[0.0186; 0.0368]	0.1%	0.9%
Zhang LF-2003	19	2223	0.0085	[0.0052; 0.0133]	0.2%	0.9%
Zhang XF-2007	103	4139	0.0249	[0.0204; 0.0301]	0.3%	0.9%
Zheng Y-2014	124	118253	0.0010	[0.0009; 0.0013]	8.8%	0.9%
Gu G-2015	7	1491	0.0047	[0.0019; 0.0096]	0.1%	0.9%
Rui Z-2018	8	433	0.0185	[0.0080; 0.0361]	0.0%	0.8%
Wang Y-2018	16	2592	0.0062	[0.0035; 0.0100]	0.2%	0.9%
Xue Y-2013	5	269	0.0186	[0.0061; 0.0428]	0.0%	0.7%
Common effect model		<b>141874</b>	<b>0.0021</b>	<b>[0.0019; 0.0024]</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0143</b>	<b>[0.0085; 0.0215]</b>	--	<b>10.5%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 99\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0021$ , $p < 0.01$						
province = Shanxi						
Gong Q-2012	45	10220	0.0044	[0.0032; 0.0059]	0.8%	0.9%
Li ZR-2005	16	82670	0.0002	[0.0001; 0.0003]	6.2%	0.9%
Li TQ-2016	37	8257	0.0045	[0.0032; 0.0062]	0.6%	0.9%
Sun LP-2004	20	1043	0.0192	[0.0118; 0.0295]	0.1%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>102190</b>	<b>0.0005</b>	<b>[0.0003; 0.0006]</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0048</b>	<b>[0.0003; 0.0143]</b>	--	<b>3.6%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 99\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0025$ , $p < 0.01$						
province = Inner Mongolia						
Wang XJ-2018	5	31696	0.0002	[0.0001; 0.0004]	2.4%	0.9%
Ma XX-2021	21	3568	0.0059	[0.0036; 0.0090]	0.3%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>35264</b>	<b>0.0003</b>	<b>[0.0001; 0.0005]</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0019</b>	<b>[0.0000; 0.0116]</b>	--	<b>1.8%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 98\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0020$ , $p < 0.01$						

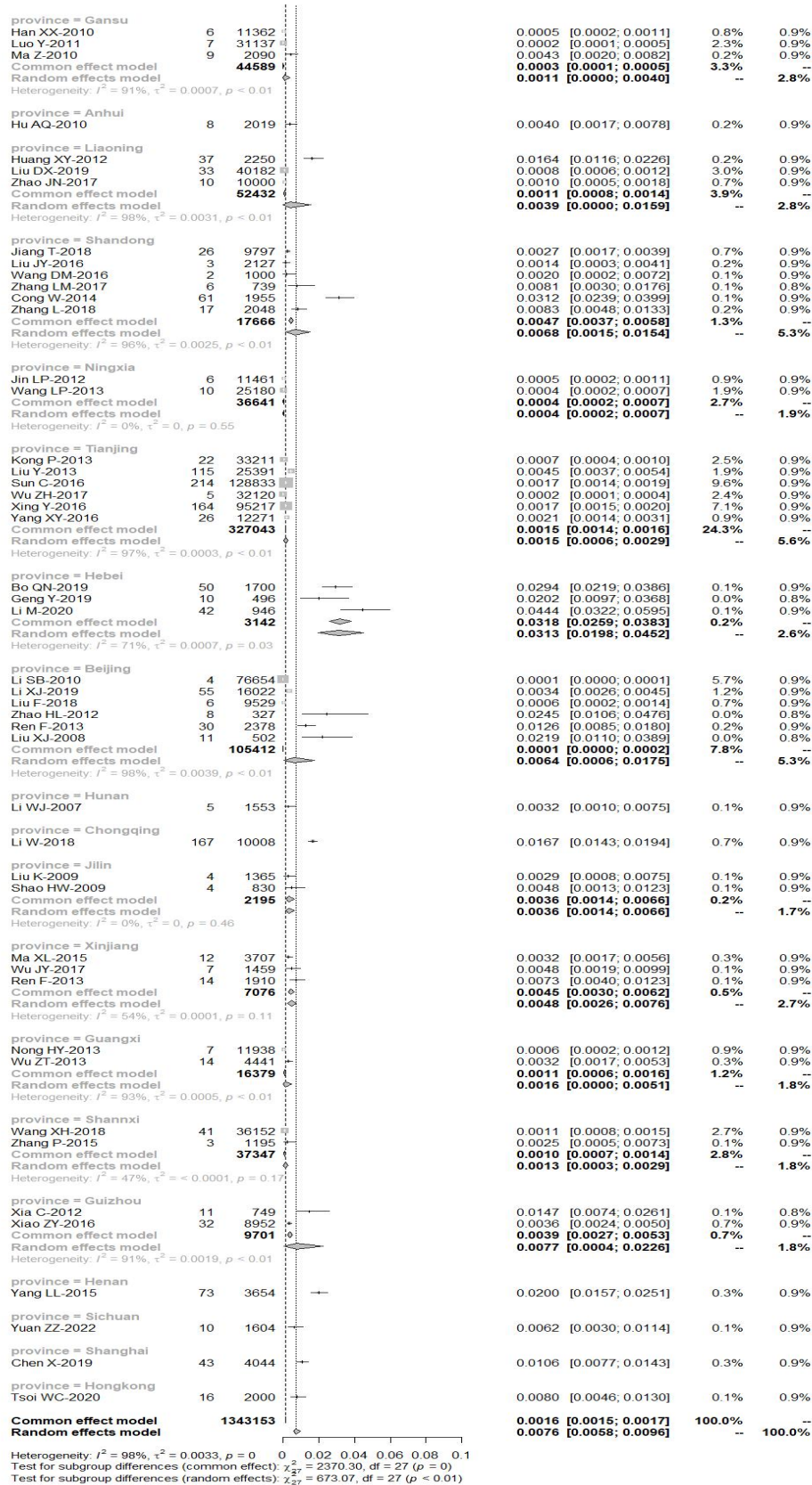


Figure S6. Forest plot of pooled anti-HEV IgM seroprevalence of all populations among different provinces

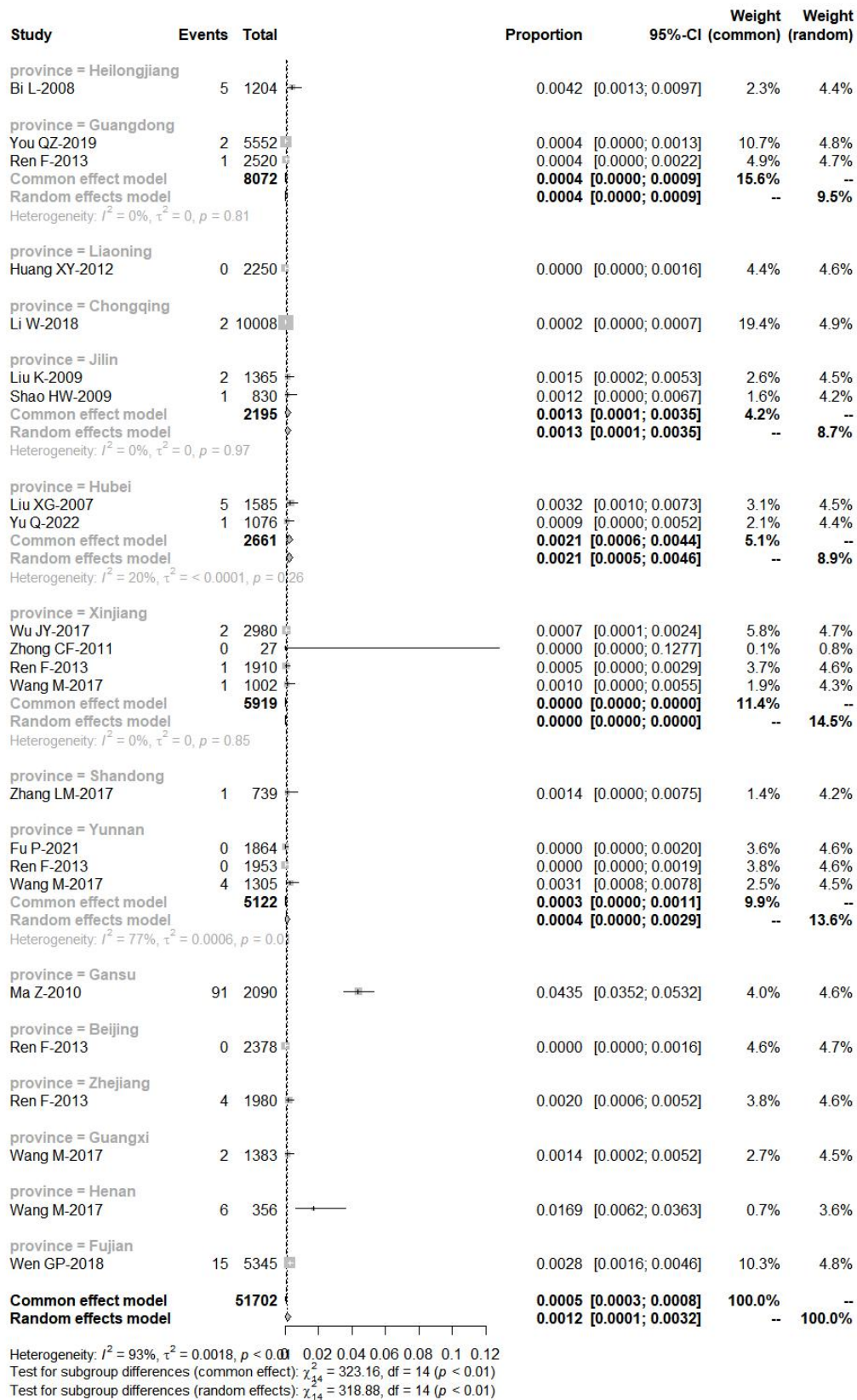


Figure S7. Forest plot of pooled anti-HEV Ag seroprevalence of all populations among different provinces

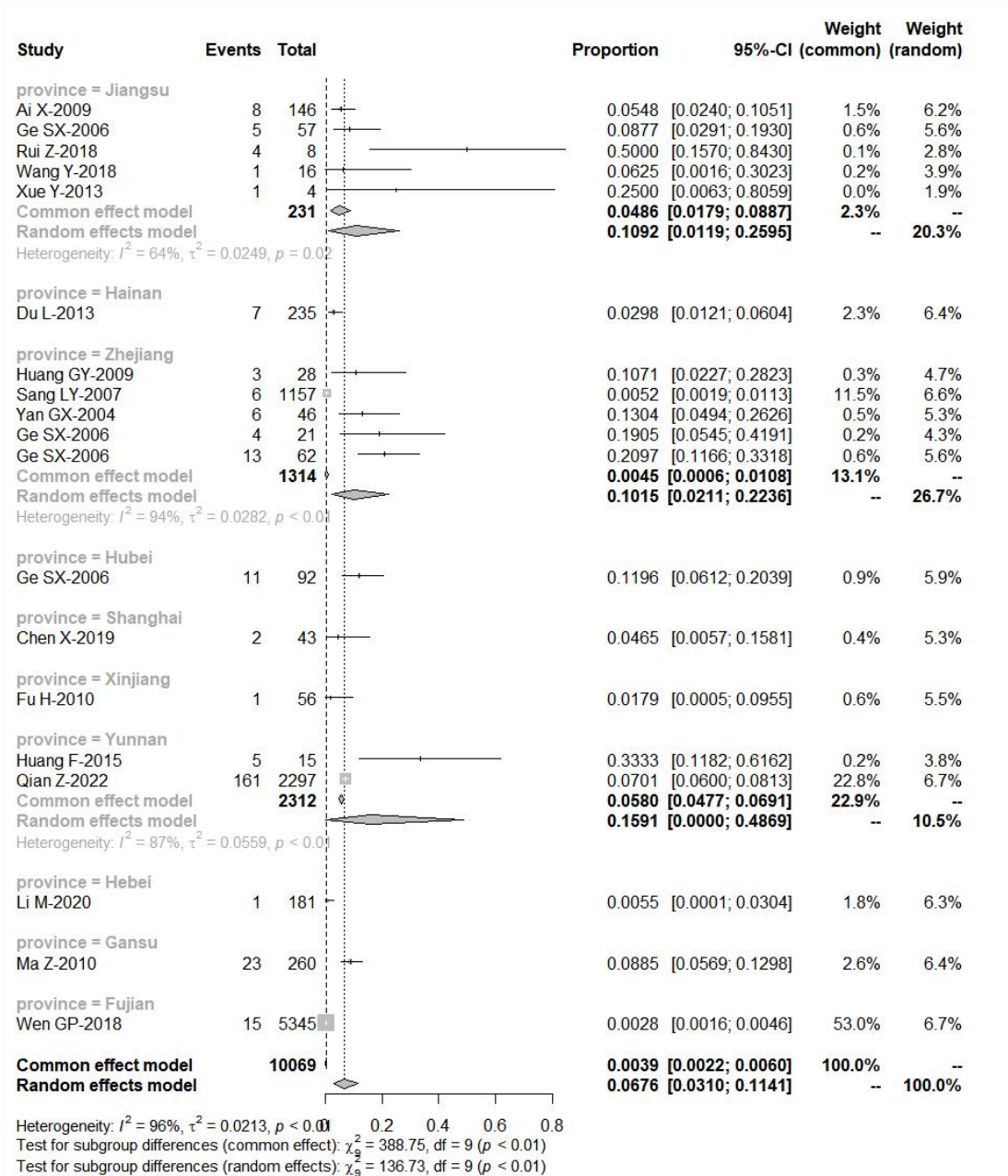


Figure S8. Forest plot of pooled HEV RNA detection rate of all populations in different provinces



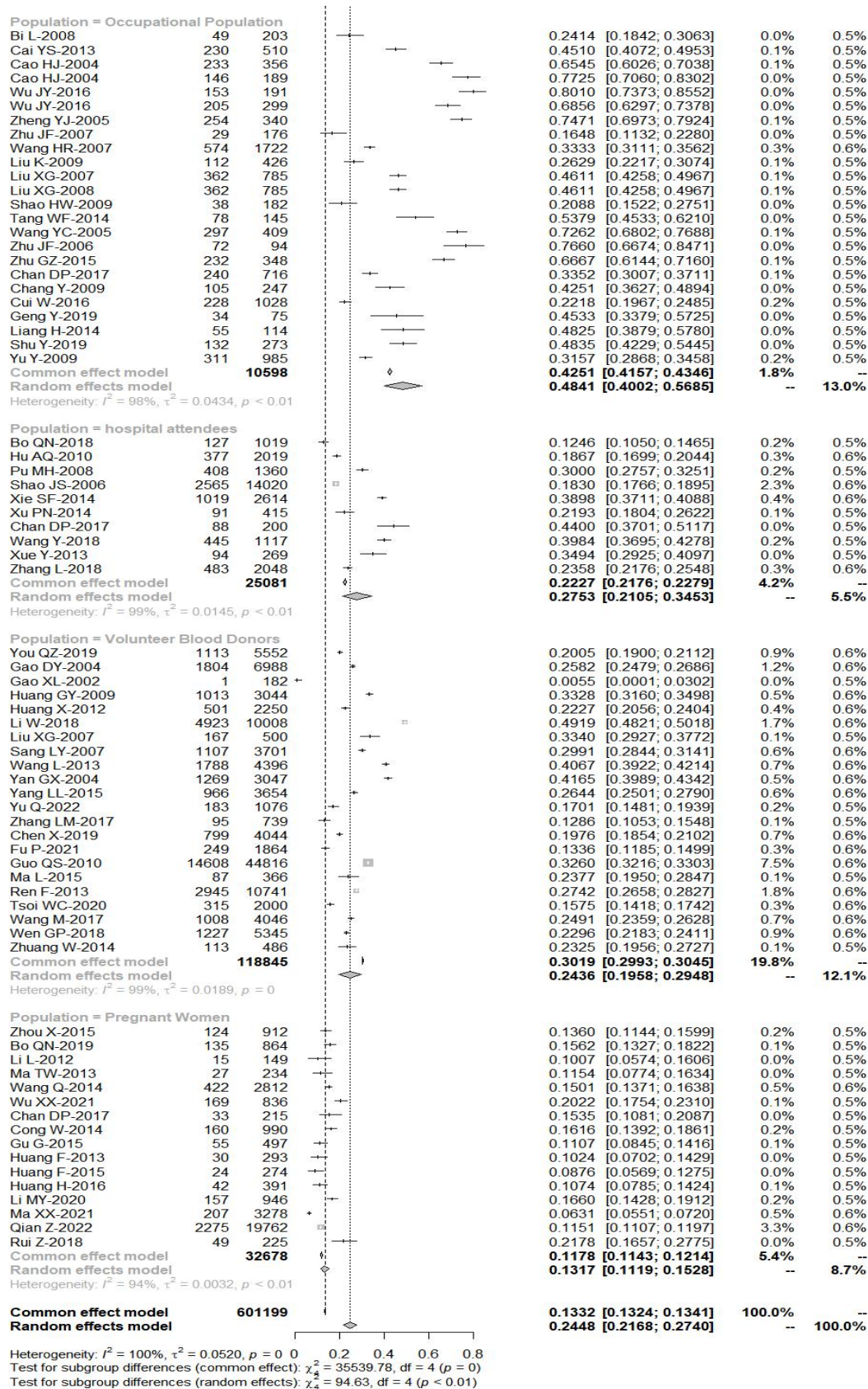


Figure S9. Forest plot of pooled anti-HEV IgG seroprevalence among different population

Study	Events	Total	Proportion	95%-CI (common)	Weight (random)	Weight (common)
population = The General Population						
Ao YY-2016	26	5012	0.0052	[0.0034; 0.0076]	0.4%	0.8%
Bi L-2008	5	1001	0.0050	[0.0016; 0.0116]	0.1%	0.8%
Cao HJ-2004	43	1934	0.0222	[0.0161; 0.0298]	0.1%	0.8%
Zhang MM-2013	3	835	0.0036	[0.0007; 0.0105]	0.1%	0.7%
Chen JP-2014	2	8697	0.0002	[0.0000; 0.0008]	0.7%	0.8%
Chen JZ-2014	6	14275	0.0004	[0.0002; 0.0009]	1.1%	0.8%
Chen JZ-2014	11	21612	0.0005	[0.0003; 0.0009]	1.7%	0.8%
Chen K-2106	79	10156	0.0078	[0.0062; 0.0097]	0.8%	0.8%
Jiang RJ-2006	17	1084	0.0157	[0.0092; 0.0250]	0.1%	0.8%
Xu LL-2016	1	3225	0.0003	[0.0000; 0.0017]	0.2%	0.8%
Duan ZJ-2014	15	10803	0.0014	[0.0008; 0.0023]	0.8%	0.8%
Gao YP-2013	20	26780	0.0007	[0.0005; 0.0012]	2.1%	0.8%
Ge SX-2006	108	4110	0.0263	[0.0216; 0.0316]	0.3%	0.8%
Gong Q-2012	45	10220	0.0044	[0.0032; 0.0059]	0.8%	0.8%
Guo QL-2011	2	240	0.0083	[0.0010; 0.0298]	0.0%	0.6%
Wang XJ-2018	5	31696	0.0002	[0.0001; 0.0004]	2.4%	0.8%
Han XX-2010	6	11362	0.0005	[0.0002; 0.0011]	0.9%	0.8%
Yao MF-2007	35	1316	0.0266	[0.0186; 0.0368]	0.1%	0.8%
Wang FD-2004	26	850	0.0306	[0.0201; 0.0445]	0.1%	0.7%
Jiang T-2018	26	9797	0.0027	[0.0017; 0.0039]	0.8%	0.8%
Jin LP-2012	6	11461	0.0005	[0.0002; 0.0011]	0.9%	0.8%
Kong P-2013	22	33211	0.0007	[0.0004; 0.0010]	2.5%	0.8%
Bo QN-2019	17	836	0.0203	[0.0119; 0.0324]	0.1%	0.7%
Li SB-2010	4	76654	0.0001	[0.0000; 0.0001]	5.9%	0.8%
Li WJ-2007	5	1553	0.0032	[0.0010; 0.0075]	0.1%	0.8%
Li XJ-2019	55	18022	0.0034	[0.0026; 0.0045]	1.2%	0.8%
Li YH-2021	36	25098	0.0014	[0.0010; 0.0020]	1.9%	0.8%
Li TQ-2016	37	8257	0.0045	[0.0032; 0.0062]	0.6%	0.8%
Lin Q-2012	4	5681	0.0007	[0.0002; 0.0018]	0.4%	0.8%
Liu DX-2019	33	40182	0.0008	[0.0006; 0.0012]	3.1%	0.8%
Liu F-2018	6	9529	0.0006	[0.0002; 0.0014]	0.7%	0.8%
Liu JY-2016	3	2127	0.0014	[0.0003; 0.0041]	0.2%	0.8%
Liu K-2009	1	939	0.0011	[0.0000; 0.0059]	0.1%	0.8%
Liu XG-2007	5	300	0.0167	[0.0054; 0.0385]	0.0%	0.7%
Liu Y-2013	115	25391	0.0045	[0.0037; 0.0054]	1.9%	0.8%
Luo Y-2011	7	31137	0.0002	[0.0001; 0.0005]	2.4%	0.8%
Ma SB-2014	11	5639	0.0020	[0.0010; 0.0035]	0.4%	0.8%
Ma XL-2015	12	3707	0.0032	[0.0017; 0.0056]	0.3%	0.8%
Zhang LF-2003	19	2223	0.0085	[0.0052; 0.0133]	0.2%	0.8%
Nong HY-2013	7	11938	0.0006	[0.0002; 0.0012]	0.9%	0.8%
Qiu SH-2013	27	27977	0.0010	[0.0006; 0.0014]	2.1%	0.8%
Shao HW-2009	1	648	0.0015	[0.0000; 0.0086]	0.0%	0.7%
Sun C-2016	214	128833	0.0017	[0.0014; 0.0019]	9.9%	0.8%
Sun JW-2009	65	3994	0.0163	[0.0126; 0.0207]	0.3%	0.8%
Sun LP-2004	20	1043	0.0192	[0.0118; 0.0295]	0.1%	0.8%
Tian GJ-2007	13	288	0.0451	[0.0243; 0.0760]	0.0%	0.6%
Wang DM-2016	2	1000	0.0020	[0.0002; 0.0072]	0.1%	0.8%
Wang JF-2021	29	11917	0.0024	[0.0016; 0.0035]	0.9%	0.8%
Wang JP-2013	10	25180	0.0004	[0.0002; 0.0007]	1.9%	0.8%
Wang XH-2018	41	36152	0.0011	[0.0008; 0.0015]	2.8%	0.8%
Wu ZT-2013	14	4441	0.0032	[0.0017; 0.0053]	0.3%	0.8%
Wu ZH-2017	55	32120	0.0017	[0.0013; 0.0022]	2.5%	0.8%
Wu JY-2017	7	1459	0.0048	[0.0019; 0.0099]	0.1%	0.8%
Xia C-2012	11	749	0.0147	[0.0074; 0.0261]	0.1%	0.7%
Xiao ZY-2016	32	8952	0.0036	[0.0024; 0.0050]	0.7%	0.8%
Xing Y-2016	164	95217	0.0017	[0.0015; 0.0020]	7.3%	0.8%
Xu WL-2018	21	15897	0.0013	[0.0008; 0.0020]	1.2%	0.8%
Yang XY-2016	26	12271	0.0021	[0.0014; 0.0031]	0.9%	0.8%
Yuan ZZ-2022	10	1604	0.0062	[0.0030; 0.0114]	0.1%	0.8%
Zhang P-2015	3	1195	0.0025	[0.0005; 0.0073]	0.1%	0.8%
Zhang WS-2012	3	6456	0.0005	[0.0001; 0.0014]	0.5%	0.8%
Zhang XF-2007	103	4139	0.0249	[0.0204; 0.0301]	0.3%	0.8%
Zhao HL-2012	8	327	0.0245	[0.0106; 0.0476]	0.0%	0.7%
Zhao JN-2017	10	10000	0.0010	[0.0005; 0.0018]	0.8%	0.8%
Zheng RD-2013	0	850	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0043]	0.1%	0.7%
Zheng Y-2015	21	26583	0.0008	[0.0005; 0.0012]	2.0%	0.8%
Zheng Y-2014	124	118253	0.0010	[0.0009; 0.0013]	9.1%	0.8%
Cai Y-2017	21	1842	0.0114	[0.0071; 0.0174]	0.1%	0.8%
Cong W-2014	35	965	0.0363	[0.0254; 0.0501]	0.1%	0.8%
Dong C-2012	4	14208	0.0003	[0.0001; 0.0007]	1.1%	0.8%
Feng Y-2018	80	1912	0.0418	[0.0333; 0.0518]	0.1%	0.8%
Geng Y-2019	5	421	0.0119	[0.0039; 0.0275]	0.0%	0.7%
Gu G-2015	4	994	0.0040	[0.0011; 0.0103]	0.1%	0.8%
Huang F-2015	5	114	0.0439	[0.0144; 0.0994]	0.0%	0.5%
Li H-2021	11	6269	0.0018	[0.0009; 0.0031]	0.5%	0.8%
Li W-2011	11	173	0.0636	[0.0322; 0.1109]	0.0%	0.6%
Ma XX-2021	0	290	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0126]	0.0%	0.6%
Ma Z-2010	9	2090	0.0043	[0.0020; 0.0082]	0.2%	0.8%
Rui Z-2018	0	208	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0176]	0.0%	0.6%
Shu Y-2019	22	1232	0.0179	[0.0112; 0.0269]	0.1%	0.8%
Wang Y-2018	10	1475	0.0068	[0.0033; 0.0124]	0.1%	0.8%
Yu Y-2009	65	3994	0.0163	[0.0126; 0.0207]	0.3%	0.8%
Zhang W-2009	29	1476	0.0196	[0.0132; 0.0281]	0.1%	0.8%
Liu XJ-2008	11	502	0.0219	[0.0110; 0.0389]	0.0%	0.7%
Common effect model		<b>1102600</b>	<b>0.0010</b>	<b>[0.0010; 0.0011]</b>	<b>84.7%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.0049</b>	<b>[0.0033; 0.0067]</b>	--	<b>64.6%</b>

Heterogeneity:  $I^2 = 97%$ ,  $\tau^2 = 0.0027$ ,  $p = 0$

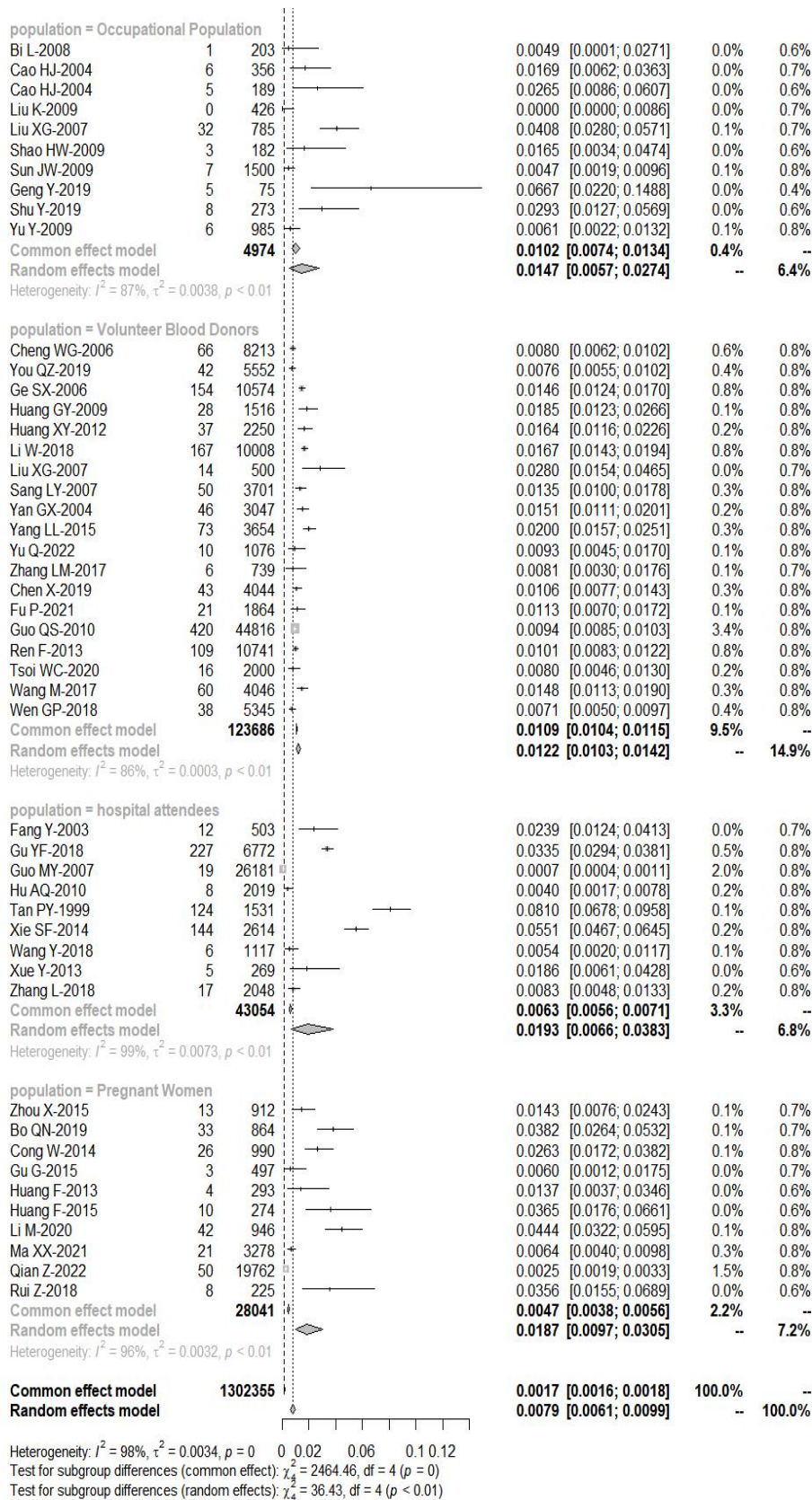


Figure S10. Forest plot of pooled anti-HEV IgM seroprevalence among different population



Study	Events	Total	Proportion	95%-CI (common)	Weight (common)	Weight (random)
<b>Gender = Male</b>						
Zhang ZX-2003	122	334	0.3653	[0.3144; 0.4177]	0.2%	0.8%
Ai X-2009	2739	5243	0.5224	[0.5089; 0.5359]	2.9%	0.8%
Bi L-2008	64	522	0.1226	[0.0958; 0.1522]	0.3%	0.8%
Cao HJ-2004	356	902	0.3947	[0.3630; 0.4268]	0.5%	0.8%
Chen XM-2014	108	346	0.3121	[0.2643; 0.3620]	0.2%	0.8%
Ning LF-2008	664	1751	0.3792	[0.3566; 0.4021]	1.0%	0.8%
Chen YZ-2006	139	488	0.2848	[0.2456; 0.3258]	0.3%	0.8%
Du L-2013	4	148	0.0270	[0.0058; 0.0606]	0.1%	0.8%
Gu HY-2013	205	1984	0.1033	[0.0903; 0.1171]	1.1%	0.8%
Yao XF-2013	299	724	0.4130	[0.3773; 0.4491]	0.4%	0.8%
Wu Y-2016	207	960	0.2156	[0.1902; 0.2422]	0.5%	0.8%
Yao MF-2007	326	606	0.5380	[0.4981; 0.5775]	0.3%	0.8%
Huang SY-2020	34	241	0.1411	[0.0998; 0.1881]	0.1%	0.8%
Huang SM-2017	50	1590	0.0314	[0.0234; 0.0406]	0.9%	0.8%
Meng ZH-2005	193	414	0.4662	[0.4183; 0.5144]	0.2%	0.8%
Zheng YJ-2005	176	248	0.7097	[0.6515; 0.7646]	0.1%	0.8%
Kong DG-2017	379	1636	0.2317	[0.2115; 0.2524]	0.9%	0.8%
Li JT-2014	125	289	0.4325	[0.3758; 0.4901]	0.2%	0.8%
Li MY-2008	126	426	0.2958	[0.2533; 0.3401]	0.2%	0.8%
Li WJ-2007	156	727	0.2146	[0.1855; 0.2452]	0.4%	0.8%
Li YB-2004	337	2014	0.1673	[0.1513; 0.1840]	1.1%	0.8%
Wang HR-2007	185	772	0.2396	[0.2102; 0.2704]	0.4%	0.8%
Liu JY-2016	28	1091	0.0257	[0.0170; 0.0360]	0.3%	0.8%
Liu K-2009	46	497	0.0926	[0.0685; 0.1197]	0.3%	0.8%
Yu LM-2001	19	160	0.1187	[0.0727; 0.1739]	0.1%	0.8%
Lu B-2008	400	991	0.4036	[0.3733; 0.4344]	0.5%	0.8%
Lu YH-2006	229	327	0.7003	[0.6494; 0.7488]	0.2%	0.8%
Nong CS-2007	93	187	0.4973	[0.4257; 0.5691]	0.1%	0.8%
Sun Z-2014	242	768	0.3151	[0.2827; 0.3484]	0.4%	0.8%
Wang DM-2016	5	265	0.0189	[0.0053; 0.0394]	0.1%	0.8%
Wang FY-1999	19	283	0.0671	[0.0406; 0.0995]	0.2%	0.8%
Wang RL-2012	268	974	0.2752	[0.2475; 0.3037]	0.5%	0.8%
Wu JY-2017	162	1459	0.1110	[0.0954; 0.1277]	0.8%	0.8%
Xia XW-2015	435	1678	0.2592	[0.2385; 0.2805]	0.9%	0.8%
Xiao ZB-2022	570	2108	0.2704	[0.2516; 0.2896]	1.2%	0.8%
Xing XM-2011	47	261	0.1801	[0.1357; 0.2292]	0.1%	0.8%
Yang F-2012	435	1834	0.2372	[0.2180; 0.2569]	1.0%	0.8%
Yang B-2013	15	245	0.0612	[0.0342; 0.0951]	0.1%	0.8%
Yin YZ-2001	30	310	0.0968	[0.0662; 0.1324]	0.2%	0.8%
Yu WX-2012	96	2852	0.0337	[0.0273; 0.0406]	1.6%	0.8%
Zhang D-2022	466	3024	0.1541	[0.1414; 0.1672]	1.7%	0.8%
Zhong CF-2011	567	1558	0.3639	[0.3402; 0.3880]	0.9%	0.8%
Zhong SQ-2007	310	534	0.5805	[0.5384; 0.6221]	0.3%	0.8%
Zhu GZ-2015	1176	3810	0.3087	[0.2941; 0.3234]	2.1%	0.8%
Zhu GZ-2007	863	2518	0.3427	[0.3243; 0.3614]	1.4%	0.8%
Zhou HF-2006	28	93	0.3011	[0.2116; 0.3987]	0.1%	0.7%
Cai Y-2017	169	846	0.1998	[0.1735; 0.2274]	0.5%	0.8%
Chiu DM-2013	74	255	0.2902	[0.2360; 0.3475]	0.1%	0.8%
Dong C-2012	1596	7620	0.2094	[0.2004; 0.2187]	4.2%	0.8%
Feng Y-2018	588	800	0.7350	[0.7038; 0.7650]	0.4%	0.8%
Geng Y-2019	24	196	0.1224	[0.0799; 0.1724]	0.1%	0.8%
Jia Z-2014	1970	7996	0.2464	[0.2370; 0.2559]	4.4%	0.8%
Taniguchi M-2009	56	125	0.4480	[0.3615; 0.5361]	0.1%	0.8%
Li H-2021	111	2680	0.0414	[0.0342; 0.0493]	1.5%	0.8%
Li RC-2006	1576	3440	0.4581	[0.4415; 0.4748]	1.9%	0.8%
Liang H-2014	44	116	0.3793	[0.2929; 0.4697]	0.1%	0.8%
Liu KSH-2019	1137	3353	0.3391	[0.3232; 0.3552]	1.8%	0.8%
Lu J-2009	941	4647	0.2025	[0.1911; 0.2142]	2.5%	0.8%
Shu Y-2019	178	582	0.3058	[0.2690; 0.3439]	0.3%	0.8%
Wong KH-2004	69	374	0.1845	[0.1467; 0.2255]	0.2%	0.8%
Xue Y-2013	42	149	0.2819	[0.2123; 0.3571]	0.1%	0.8%
Zhang L-2018	281	1054	0.2666	[0.2403; 0.2937]	0.6%	0.8%
Zhang L-2017	121	287	0.4216	[0.3650; 0.4793]	0.2%	0.8%
Zhang W-2009	63	779	0.0809	[0.0627; 0.1011]	0.4%	0.8%
<b>Common effect model</b>			<b>0.2485</b>	<b>[0.2456; 0.2514]</b>	<b>46.7%</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Random effects model</b>			<b>0.2564</b>	<b>[0.2133; 0.3020]</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 99\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0423$ , $p = 0$						
<b>Gender = Female</b>						
Zhang ZX-2003	88	240	0.3667	[0.3067; 0.4287]	0.1%	0.8%
Ai X-2009	2849	7312	0.3896	[0.3785; 0.4009]	4.0%	0.8%
Bi L-2008	43	479	0.0898	[0.0657; 0.1171]	0.3%	0.8%
Cao HJ-2004	292	1032	0.2829	[0.2559; 0.3108]	0.6%	0.8%
Chen XM-2014	173	522	0.3314	[0.2916; 0.3724]	0.3%	0.8%
Ning LF-2008	422	1810	0.2331	[0.2139; 0.2529]	1.0%	0.8%
Chen YZ-2006	115	596	0.1930	[0.1622; 0.2257]	0.3%	0.8%
Du L-2013	3	87	0.0345	[0.0043; 0.0856]	0.0%	0.7%
Gu HY-2013	300	4274	0.0702	[0.0627; 0.0780]	2.3%	0.8%
Yao XF-2013	507	1288	0.3936	[0.3671; 0.4205]	0.7%	0.8%
Wu Y-2016	274	1246	0.2199	[0.1973; 0.2433]	0.7%	0.8%
Yao MF-2007	309	710	0.4352	[0.3989; 0.4719]	0.4%	0.8%
Huang SY-2020	86	407	0.2113	[0.1729; 0.2524]	0.2%	0.8%
Huang SM-2017	223	3755	0.0594	[0.0520; 0.0672]	2.1%	0.8%
Meng ZH-2005	220	566	0.3887	[0.3489; 0.4292]	0.3%	0.8%
Zheng YJ-2005	143	264	0.5417	[0.4812; 0.6015]	0.1%	0.8%
Kong DG-2017	639	2254	0.2835	[0.2651; 0.3023]	1.2%	0.8%
Li JT-2014	72	167	0.4311	[0.3568; 0.5071]	0.1%	0.8%
Li MY-2008	42	342	0.1228	[0.0900; 0.1598]	0.2%	0.8%
Li WJ-2007	181	826	0.2191	[0.1916; 0.2480]	0.5%	0.8%
Li YB-2004	235	1322	0.1778	[0.1576; 0.1989]	0.7%	0.8%
Wang HR-2007	330	1437	0.2296	[0.2083; 0.2518]	0.8%	0.8%
Liu JY-2016	29	1036	0.0280	[0.0187; 0.0390]	0.6%	0.8%
Liu K-2009	65	442	0.1471	[0.1155; 0.1817]	0.2%	0.8%
Yu LM-2001	35	257	0.1362	[0.0968; 0.1810]	0.1%	0.8%
Lu B-2008	146	473	0.3087	[0.2678; 0.3511]	0.3%	0.8%
Lu YH-2006	192	336	0.5714	[0.5181; 0.6240]	0.2%	0.8%
Nong CS-2007	79	190	0.4158	[0.3465; 0.4868]	0.1%	0.8%
Sun Z-2014	229	715	0.3203	[0.2865; 0.3550]	0.4%	0.8%
Wang DM-2016	23	735	0.0313	[0.0198; 0.0452]	0.4%	0.8%
Wang FY-1999	14	247	0.0567	[0.0309; 0.0894]	0.1%	0.8%
Wang RL-2012	241	1054	0.2287	[0.2038; 0.2545]	0.6%	0.8%
Wu JY-2017	148	1521	0.0973	[0.0829; 0.1127]	0.8%	0.8%
Xia XW-2015	481	1835	0.2621	[0.2422; 0.2825]	1.0%	0.8%
Xiao ZB-2022	645	2550	0.2529	[0.2363; 0.2700]	1.4%	0.8%
Xing XM-2011	138	551	0.2505	[0.2151; 0.2875]	0.3%	0.8%
Yang F-2012	458	1937	0.2364	[0.2178; 0.2556]	1.1%	0.8%
Yang B-2013	25	352	0.0710	[0.0463; 0.1004]	0.2%	0.8%
Yin YZ-2001	33	366	0.0902	[0.0628; 0.1218]	0.2%	0.8%
Yu WX-2012	42	2148	0.0196	[0.0141; 0.0259]	1.2%	0.8%
Zhang D-2022	534	3469	0.1539	[0.1421; 0.1661]	1.9%	0.8%

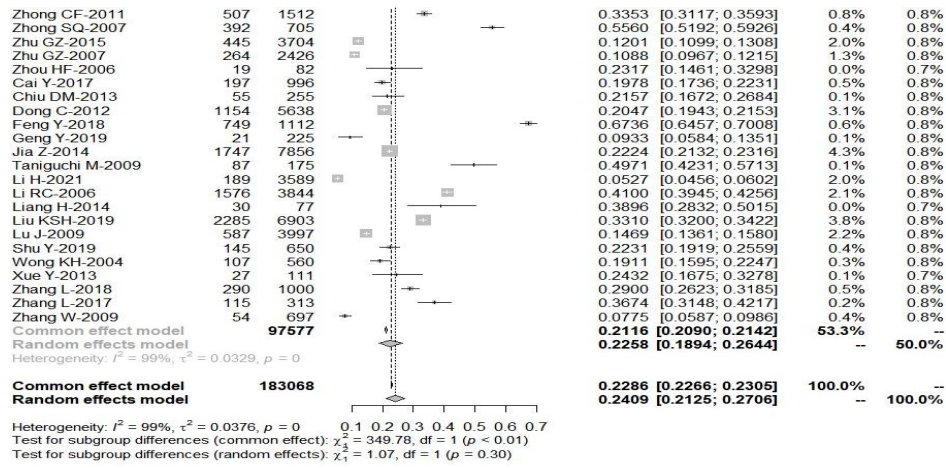
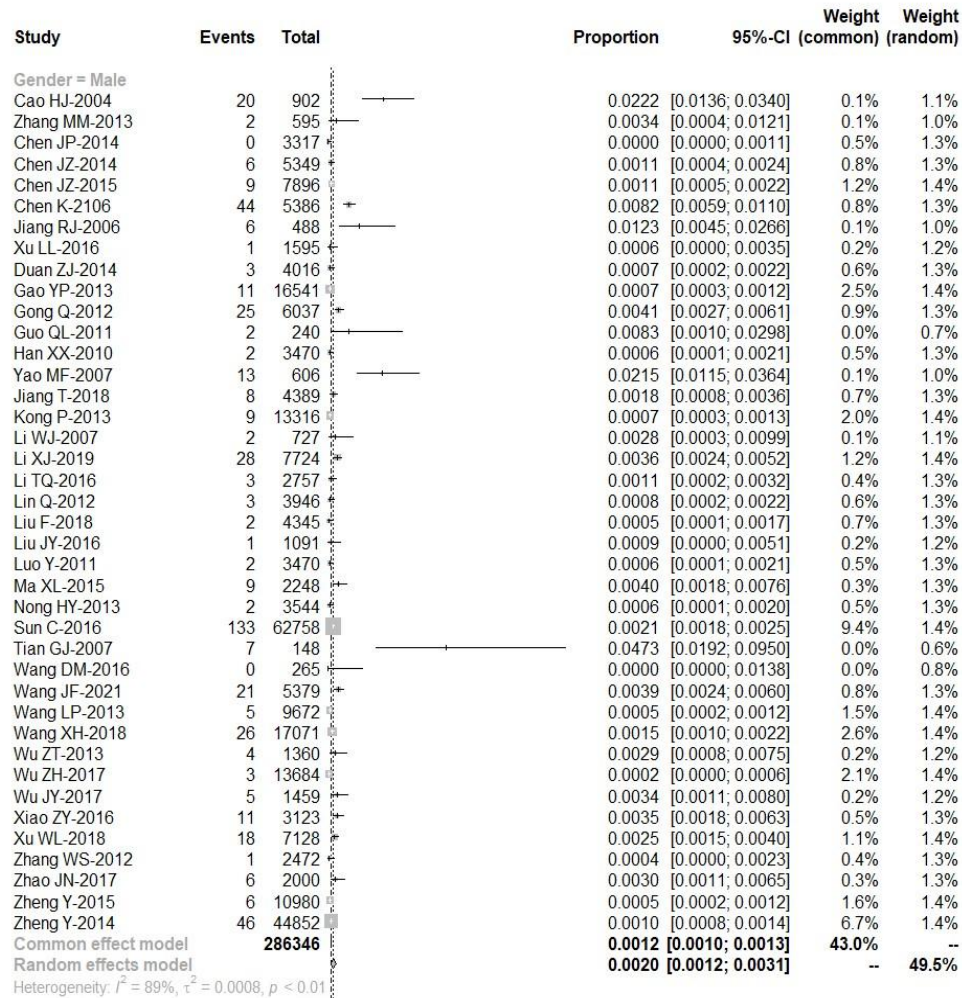


Figure S11. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence by gender in the general population



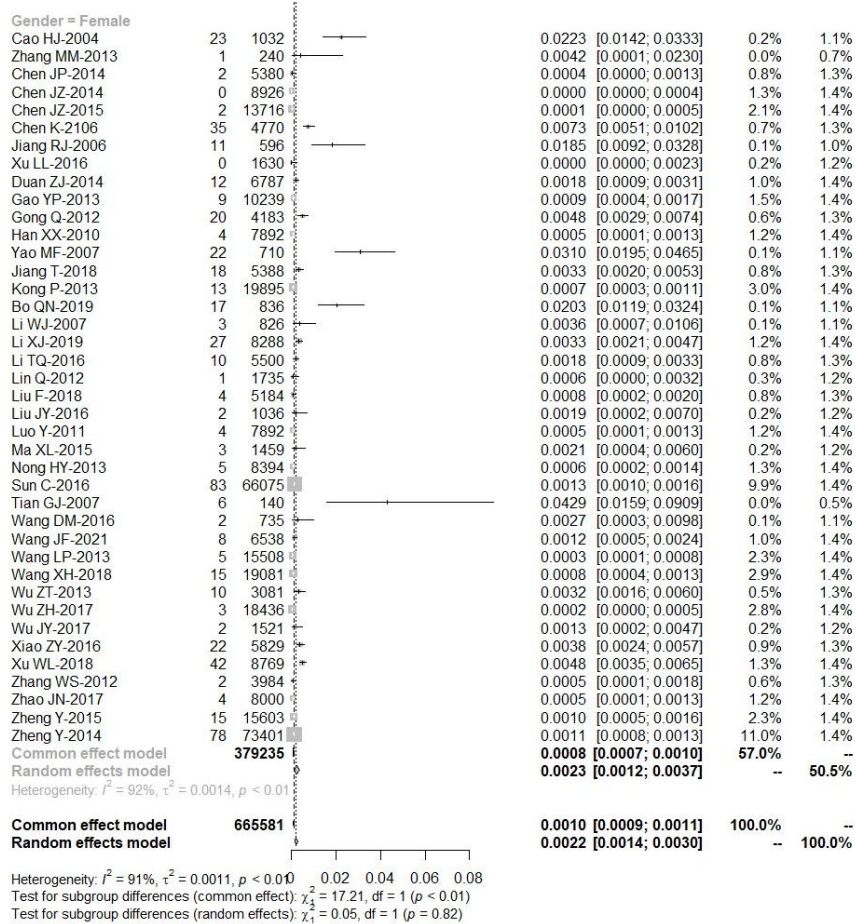


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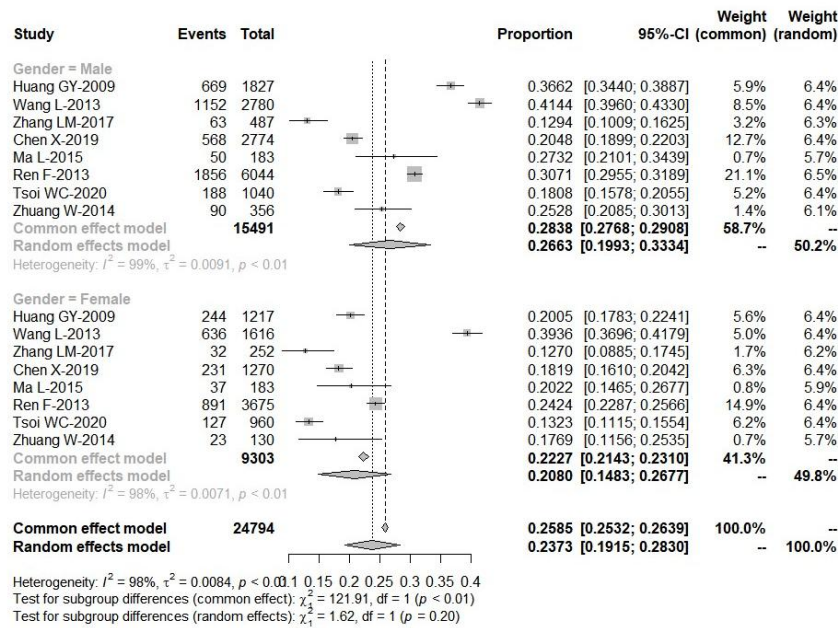


Figure S13. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence by gender in volunteer blood donors

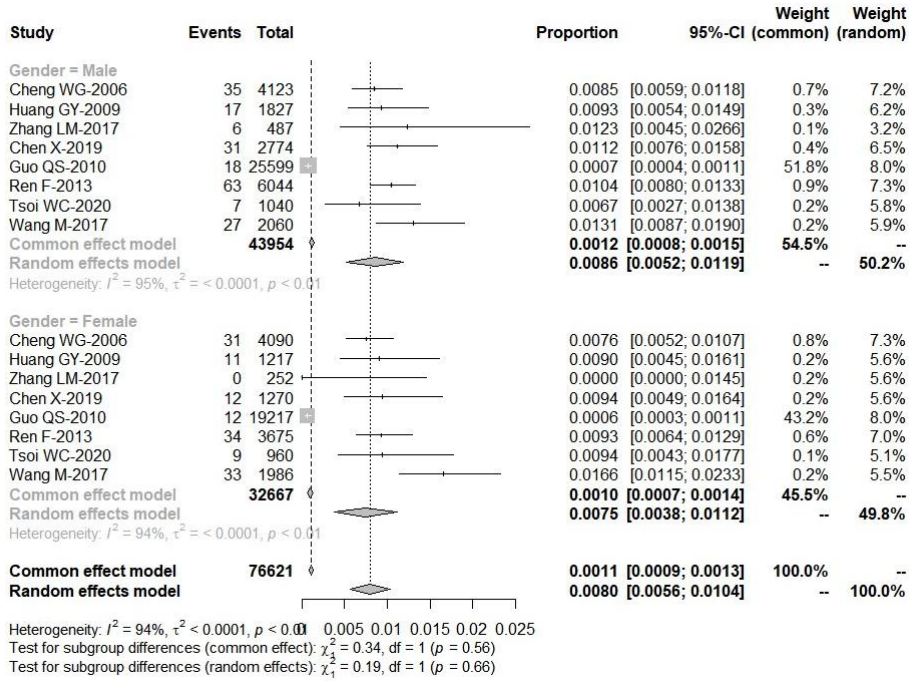
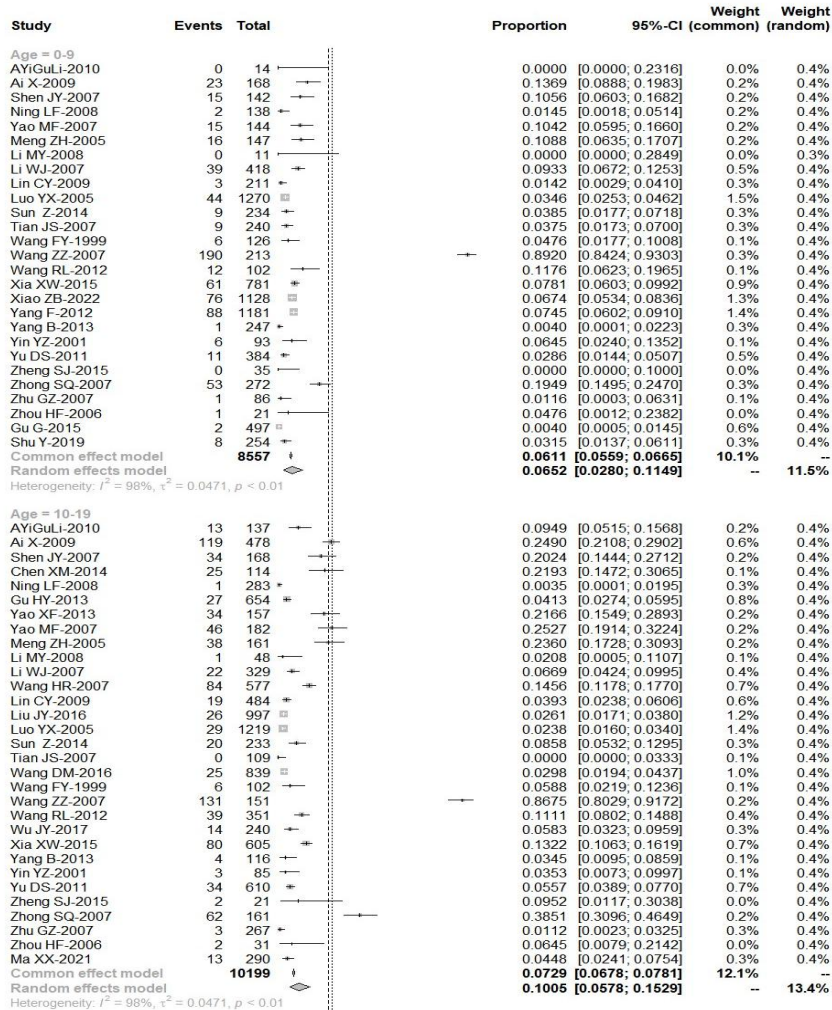
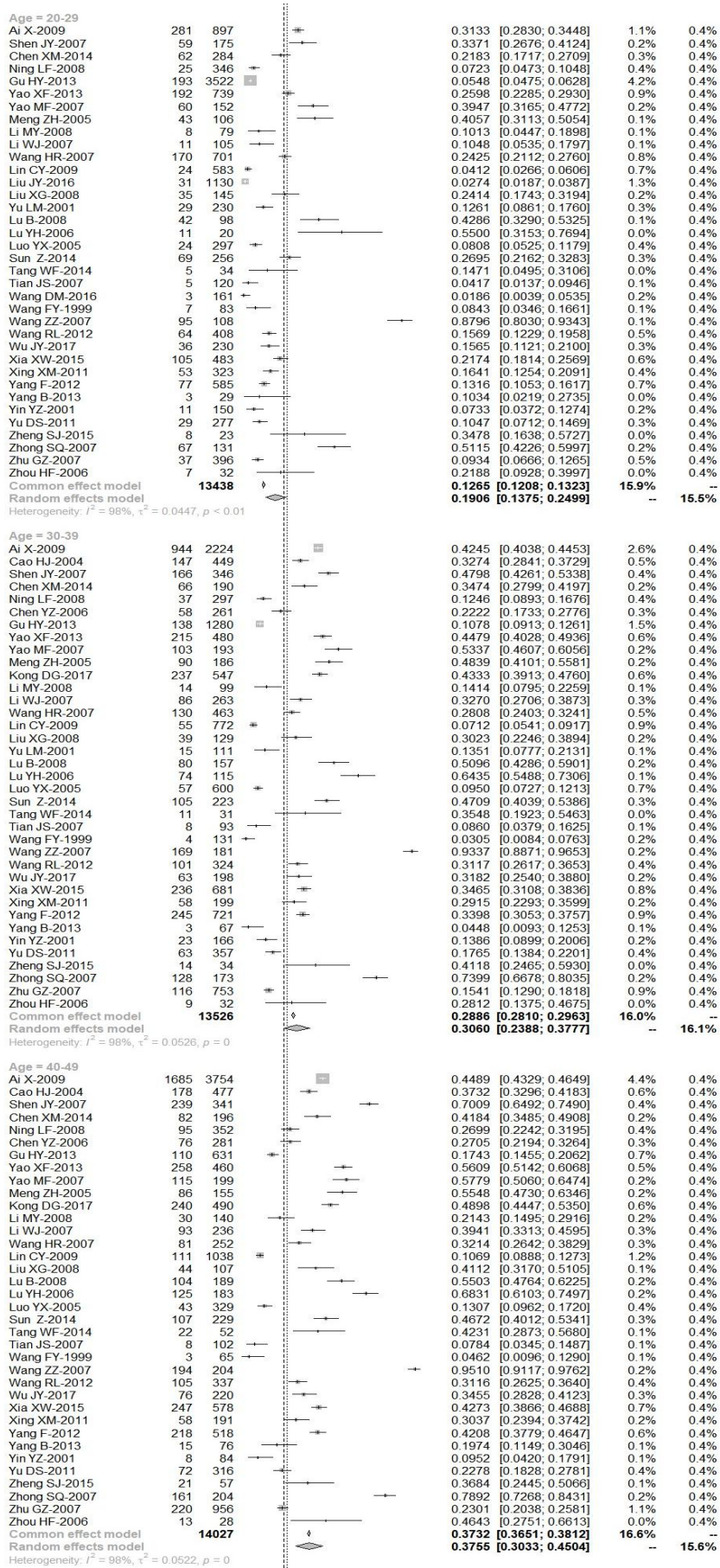


Figure S14. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgM prevalence by gender in volunteer blood donors





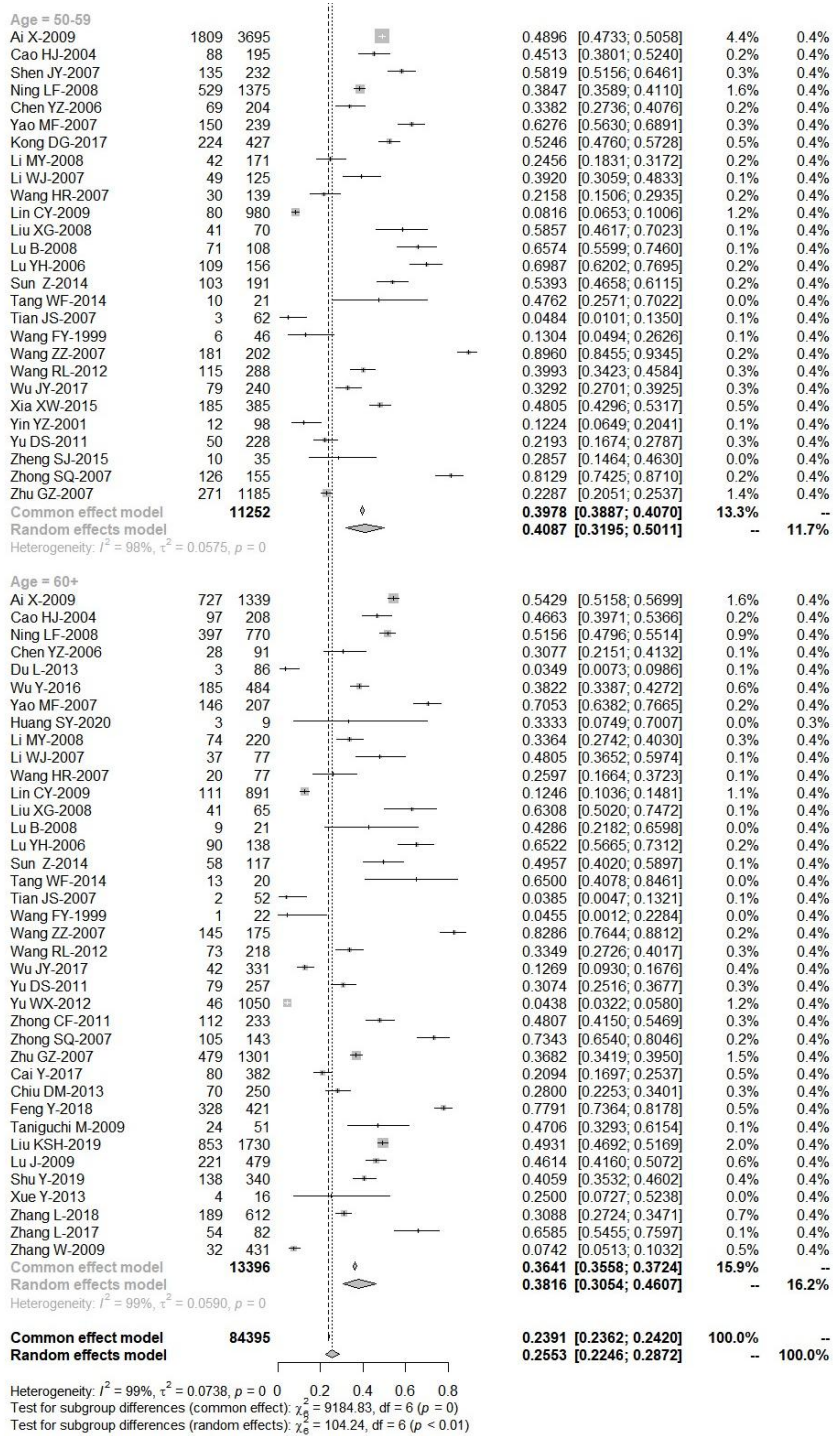


Figure S15. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence by age in the general population

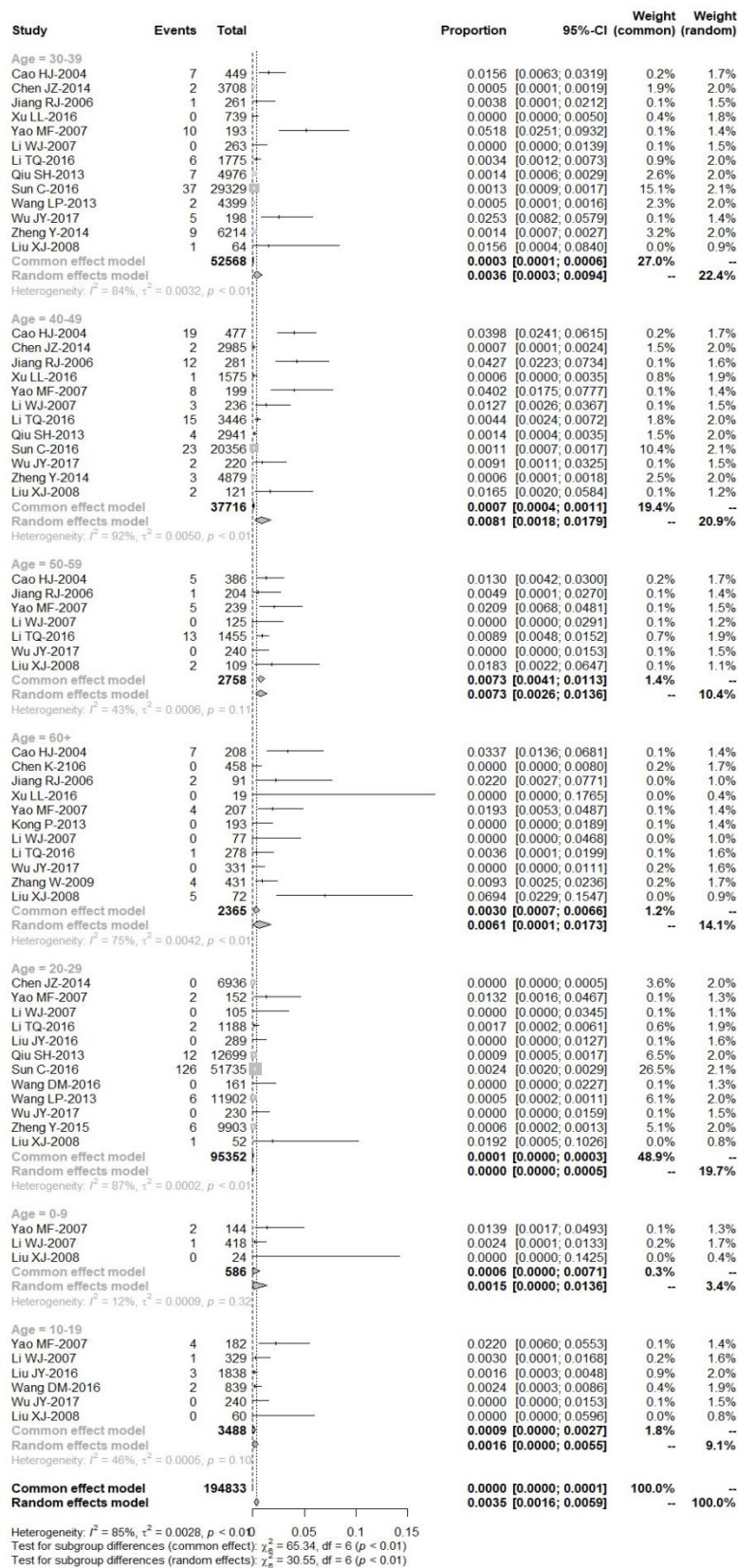


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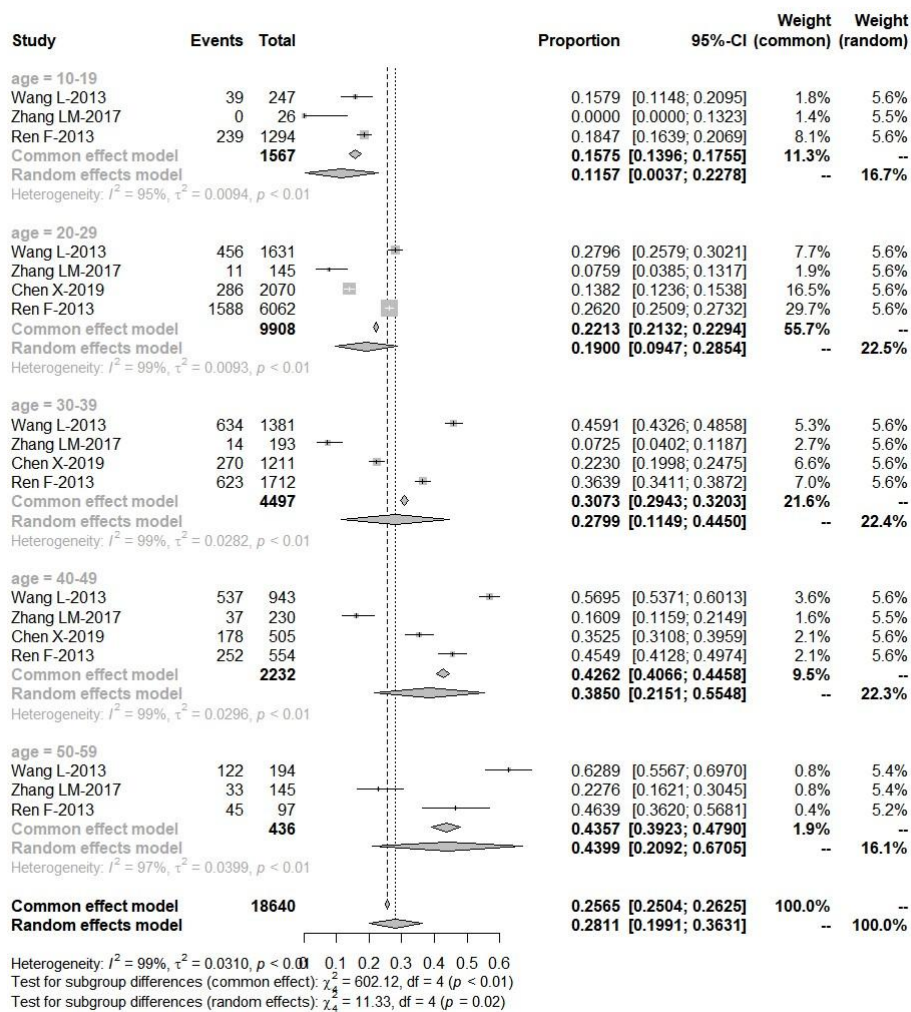


Figure S17. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence by age in volunteer blood donors

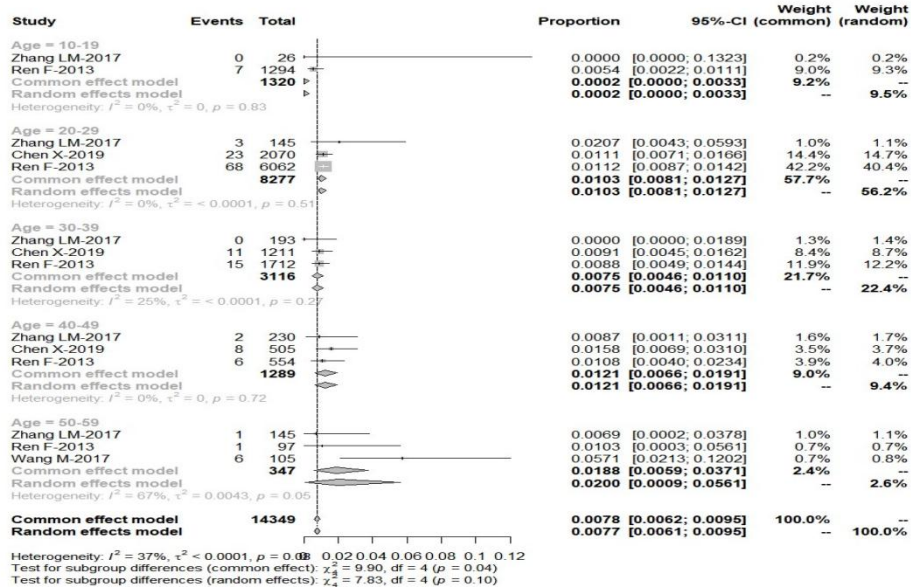


Figure S18. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgM prevalence by age in volunteer blood donors



Study	Events	Total	Proportion	95%-CI	Weight (common)	Weight (random)
region_1 = The North						
Zhang ZX-2003	210	574	0.3659	[0.3264; 0.4067]	0.2%	0.9%
AYiGuLi-2010	13	151	0.0861	[0.0466; 0.1427]	0.0%	0.9%
Bao ZY-2013	28	180	0.1556	[0.1059; 0.2169]	0.1%	0.9%
Bi L-2008	107	1001	0.1069	[0.0884; 0.1277]	0.3%	0.9%
Du JY-2014	295	952	0.3099	[0.2806; 0.3403]	0.3%	0.9%
Gu HY-2013	505	6258	0.0807	[0.0741; 0.0877]	1.8%	0.9%
Wu JY-2016	287	1529	0.1877	[0.1684; 0.2082]	0.4%	0.9%
Wu JY-2016	112	312	0.3590	[0.3057; 0.4149]	0.1%	0.9%
Lu B-2008	208	1060	0.1962	[0.1727; 0.2214]	0.3%	0.9%
Bo QN-2019	124	836	0.1483	[0.1249; 0.1743]	0.2%	0.9%
Li MY-2008	169	768	0.2201	[0.1912; 0.2510]	0.2%	0.9%
Lin CY-2009	403	4959	0.0813	[0.0738; 0.0892]	1.4%	0.9%
Liu JY-2016	57	2127	0.0268	[0.0204; 0.0346]	0.6%	0.9%
Liu K-2009	111	939	0.1182	[0.0983; 0.1406]	0.3%	0.9%
Lu J-2009	259	1977	0.1310	[0.1164; 0.1467]	0.6%	0.9%
Pan TJ-2002	0	1580	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0023]	0.5%	0.9%
Shao HW-2009	41	648	0.0633	[0.0458; 0.0849]	0.2%	0.9%
Sun ZH-2017	2555	47852	0.0534	[0.0514; 0.0554]	13.9%	0.9%
Wang DM-2016	28	1000	0.0280	[0.0187; 0.0402]	0.3%	0.9%
Wang FY-1999	33	575	0.0574	[0.0398; 0.0797]	0.2%	0.9%
Wang RL-2012	509	2028	0.2510	[0.2322; 0.2705]	0.6%	0.9%
Wu JY-2017	310	1459	0.2125	[0.1917; 0.2344]	0.4%	0.9%
Xia XW-2015	914	3513	0.2602	[0.2457; 0.2750]	1.0%	0.9%
Xing XM-2011	185	812	0.2278	[0.1994; 0.2583]	0.2%	0.9%
Yin YZ-2001	63	676	0.0932	[0.0724; 0.1177]	0.2%	0.9%
Yu DS-2011	338	2429	0.1392	[0.1256; 0.1536]	0.7%	0.9%
Zhang D-2022	1000	6493	0.1540	[0.1453; 0.1630]	1.9%	0.9%
Zhang P-2015	47	1195	0.0393	[0.0290; 0.0520]	0.3%	0.9%
Zhao HL-2012	17	327	0.0520	[0.0306; 0.0819]	0.1%	0.9%
Zheng SJ-2015	55	205	0.2683	[0.2090; 0.3345]	0.1%	0.9%
Zhong CF-2011	1074	2627	0.4088	[0.3900; 0.4279]	0.8%	0.9%
Zhu GZ-2015	458	2957	0.1549	[0.1420; 0.1684]	0.9%	0.9%
Zhu GZ-2007	1127	4944	0.2280	[0.2163; 0.2399]	1.4%	0.9%
Cai Y-2017	366	1842	0.1987	[0.1807; 0.2177]	0.5%	0.9%
Chang Y-2009	522	2572	0.2030	[0.1876; 0.2190]	0.7%	0.9%
Cong W-2014	244	965	0.2528	[0.2257; 0.2815]	0.3%	0.9%
Dong C-2012	1019	6573	0.1550	[0.1464; 0.1640]	1.9%	0.9%
Fu H-2010	70	296	0.2365	[0.1892; 0.2891]	0.1%	0.9%
Shenyang G-2011	37	456	0.0811	[0.0578; 0.1101]	0.1%	0.9%
Geng Y-2019	45	421	0.1069	[0.0790; 0.1404]	0.1%	0.9%
Taniguchi M-2009	143	300	0.4767	[0.4190; 0.5348]	0.1%	0.9%
Li H-2021	43	2005	0.0214	[0.0156; 0.0288]	0.6%	0.9%
Ma XX-2021	13	290	0.0448	[0.0241; 0.0754]	0.1%	0.9%
Ma Z-2010	407	2090	0.1947	[0.1780; 0.2124]	0.6%	0.9%
Yu Y-2009	988	4508	0.2192	[0.2072; 0.2315]	1.3%	0.9%
Zhang L-2018	519	2054	0.2527	[0.2340; 0.2721]	0.6%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>129315</b>	<b>0.1106</b>	<b>[0.1089; 0.1124]</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.1511</b>	<b>[0.1202; 0.1848]</b>	--	<b>42.7%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 100\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0239$ , $p = 0$						
region_1 = The South						
Ai X-2009	5588	12555	0.4451	[0.4364; 0.4538]	3.6%	0.9%
Cao HJ-2004	648	1934	0.3351	[0.3140; 0.3566]	0.6%	0.9%
Shen JY-2007	749	1570	0.4771	[0.4521; 0.5021]	0.5%	0.9%
Chen XM-2014	281	868	0.3237	[0.2927; 0.3560]	0.3%	0.9%
Ning LF-2008	1086	3561	0.3050	[0.2899; 0.3204]	1.0%	0.9%
Chen YZ-2006	254	1084	0.2343	[0.2094; 0.2607]	0.3%	0.9%
Cheng Y-2007	10	140	0.0714	[0.0348; 0.1274]	0.0%	0.9%
Du L-2013	7	235	0.0298	[0.0121; 0.0604]	0.1%	0.9%
Fan LZ-2012	0	158	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0231]	0.0%	0.9%
Gong YH-2005	134	144	0.9306	[0.8760; 0.9662]	0.0%	0.9%
Yao XF-2013	806	2012	0.4006	[0.3791; 0.4224]	0.6%	0.9%
Wu Y-2016	482	2206	0.2185	[0.2014; 0.2363]	0.6%	0.9%
Yao MF-2007	635	1316	0.4825	[0.4552; 0.5099]	0.4%	0.9%
Huang SY-2020	120	648	0.1852	[0.1560; 0.2173]	0.2%	0.9%
Huang SM-2017	273	5345	0.0511	[0.0453; 0.0573]	1.6%	0.9%
Meng ZH-2005	413	980	0.4214	[0.3903; 0.4531]	0.3%	0.9%
Wang FD-2004	394	850	0.4635	[0.4296; 0.4977]	0.2%	0.9%
Zheng YJ-2005	319	512	0.6230	[0.5795; 0.6652]	0.1%	0.9%
Kong DG-2017	825	1945	0.4242	[0.4021; 0.4465]	0.6%	0.9%
Li B-2003	14	178	0.0787	[0.0437; 0.1284]	0.1%	0.9%
Li JT-2014	197	456	0.4320	[0.3860; 0.4789]	0.1%	0.9%
Li WJ-2007	337	1553	0.2170	[0.1967; 0.2383]	0.5%	0.9%
Li YB-2004	572	3336	0.1715	[0.1588; 0.1847]	1.0%	0.9%
Wang HR-2007	515	2209	0.2331	[0.2156; 0.2513]	0.6%	0.9%
Liu XG-2007	81	300	0.2700	[0.2206; 0.3240]	0.1%	0.9%
Liu XG-2008	209	566	0.3693	[0.3294; 0.4105]	0.2%	0.9%
Yu LM-2001	54	417	0.1295	[0.0988; 0.1656]	0.1%	0.9%
Lu YH-2006	421	663	0.6350	[0.5971; 0.6717]	0.2%	0.9%
Luo YX-2005	215	3864	0.0556	[0.0486; 0.0633]	1.1%	0.9%
Ma TW-2013	3	90	0.0333	[0.0069; 0.0943]	0.0%	0.9%
Nong CS-2007	172	377	0.4562	[0.4051; 0.5080]	0.1%	0.9%
Pan YL-2021	0	103794	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0000]	30.1%	0.9%
Sun Z-2014	471	1483	0.3176	[0.2939; 0.3420]	0.4%	0.9%
Tang WF-2014	61	158	0.3861	[0.3098; 0.4667]	0.0%	0.9%
Tian JS-2007	35	778	0.0450	[0.0315; 0.0620]	0.2%	0.9%
Wang ZZ-2007	1105	1234	0.8955	[0.8770; 0.9120]	0.4%	0.9%
Wu CH-2003	4	148	0.0270	[0.0074; 0.0678]	0.0%	0.9%
Xiao ZB-2022	1217	4661	0.2611	[0.2485; 0.2740]	1.4%	0.9%
Yang F-2012	893	3771	0.2368	[0.2233; 0.2507]	1.1%	0.9%
Yang B-2013	40	597	0.0670	[0.0483; 0.0901]	0.2%	0.9%
Yu WX-2012	138	5000	0.0276	[0.0232; 0.0325]	1.5%	0.9%
Zhang XF-2007	2152	4139	0.5199	[0.5046; 0.5353]	1.2%	0.9%
Zheng RD-2013	207	850	0.2435	[0.2150; 0.2738]	0.2%	0.9%
Zhong SQ-2007	702	1239	0.5666	[0.5385; 0.5944]	0.4%	0.9%
Zhou HF-2006	47	175	0.2686	[0.2045; 0.3407]	0.1%	0.9%

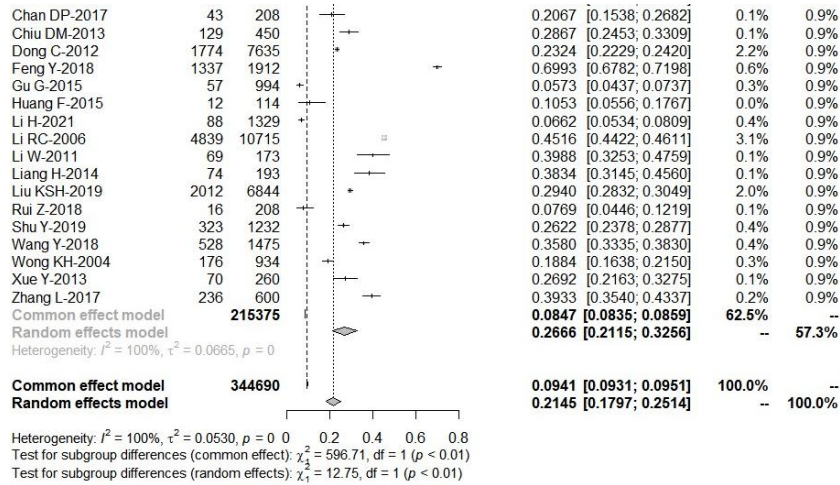
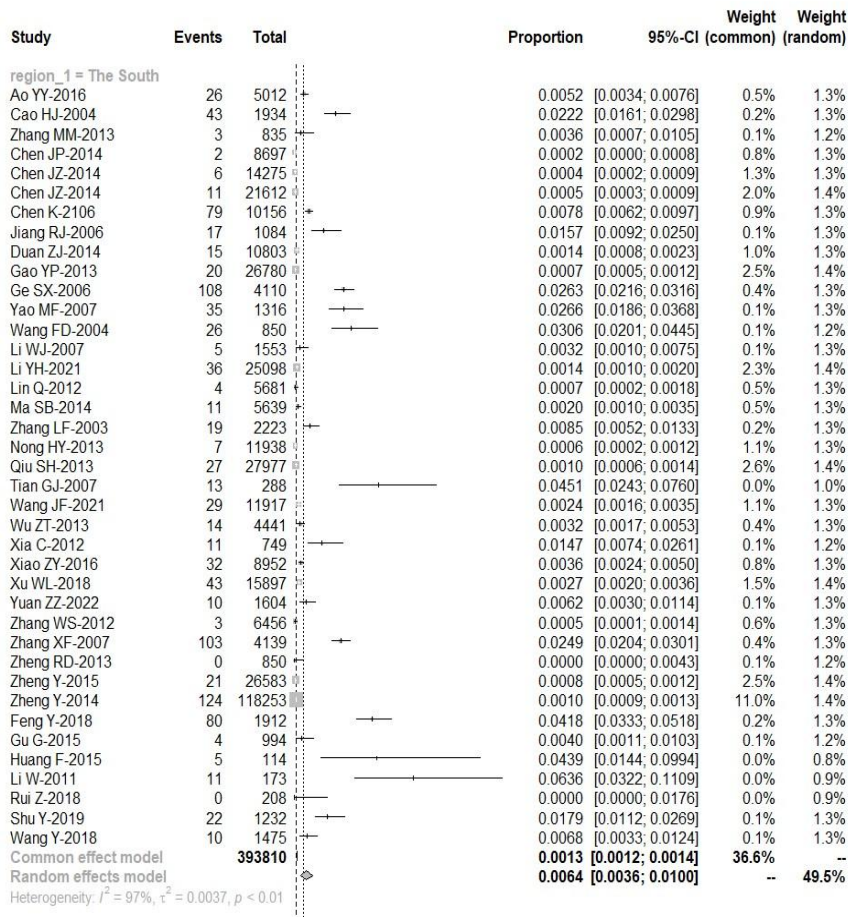


Figure S19. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence in the general population in the North and South regions



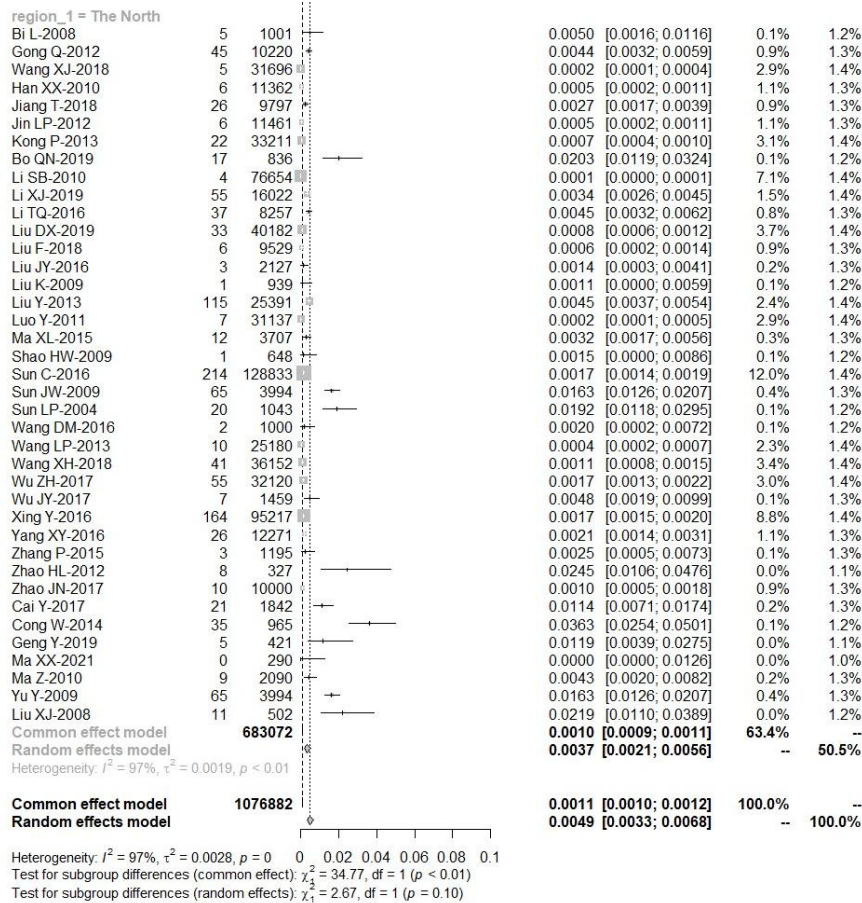


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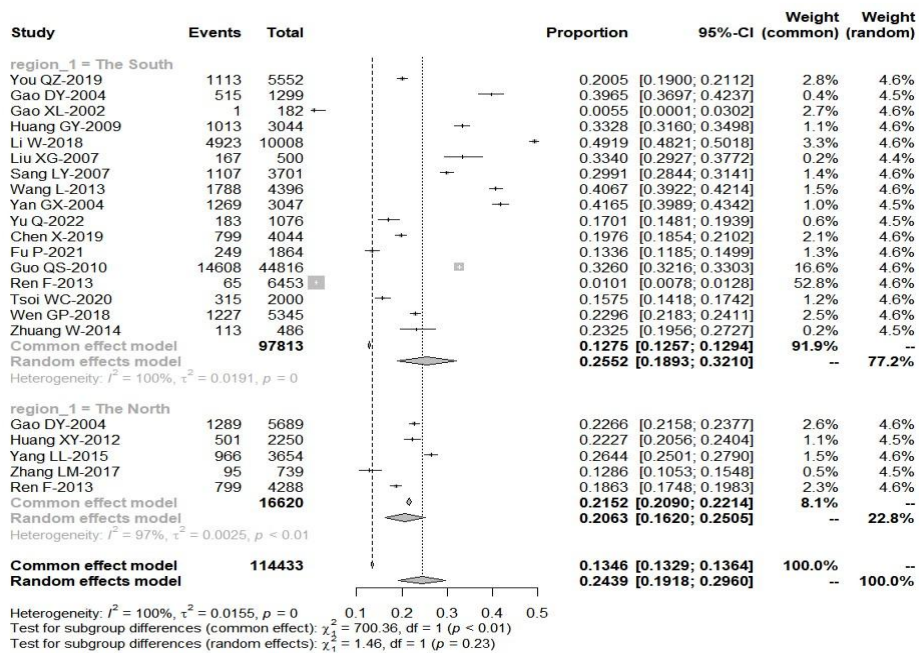


Figure S21. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence in volunteer blood donors in the North and South regions

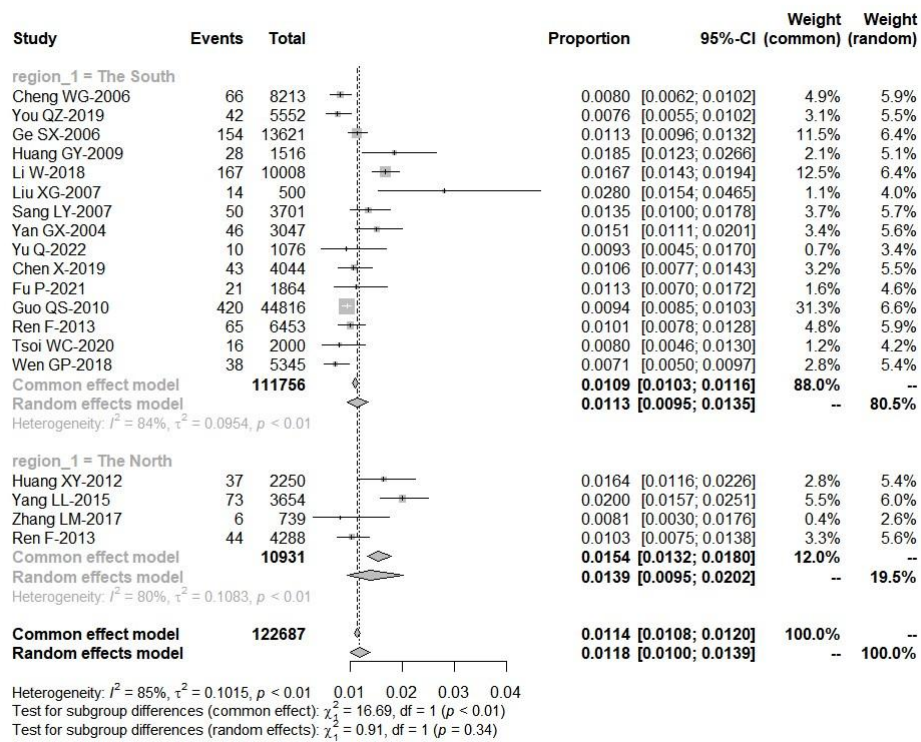
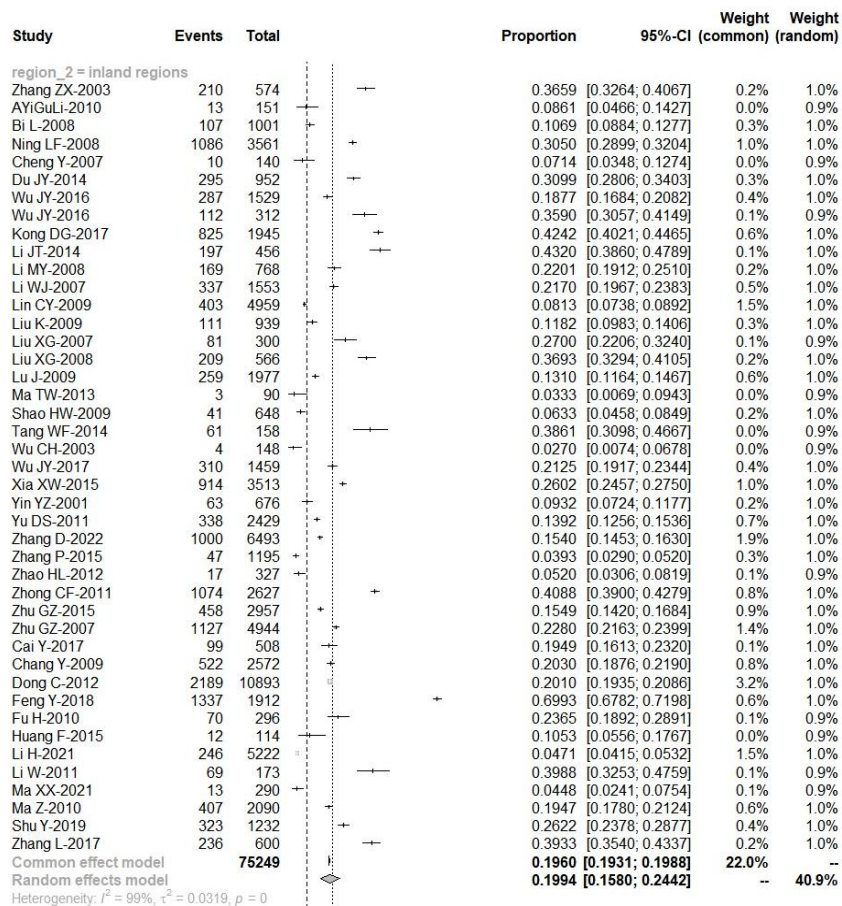


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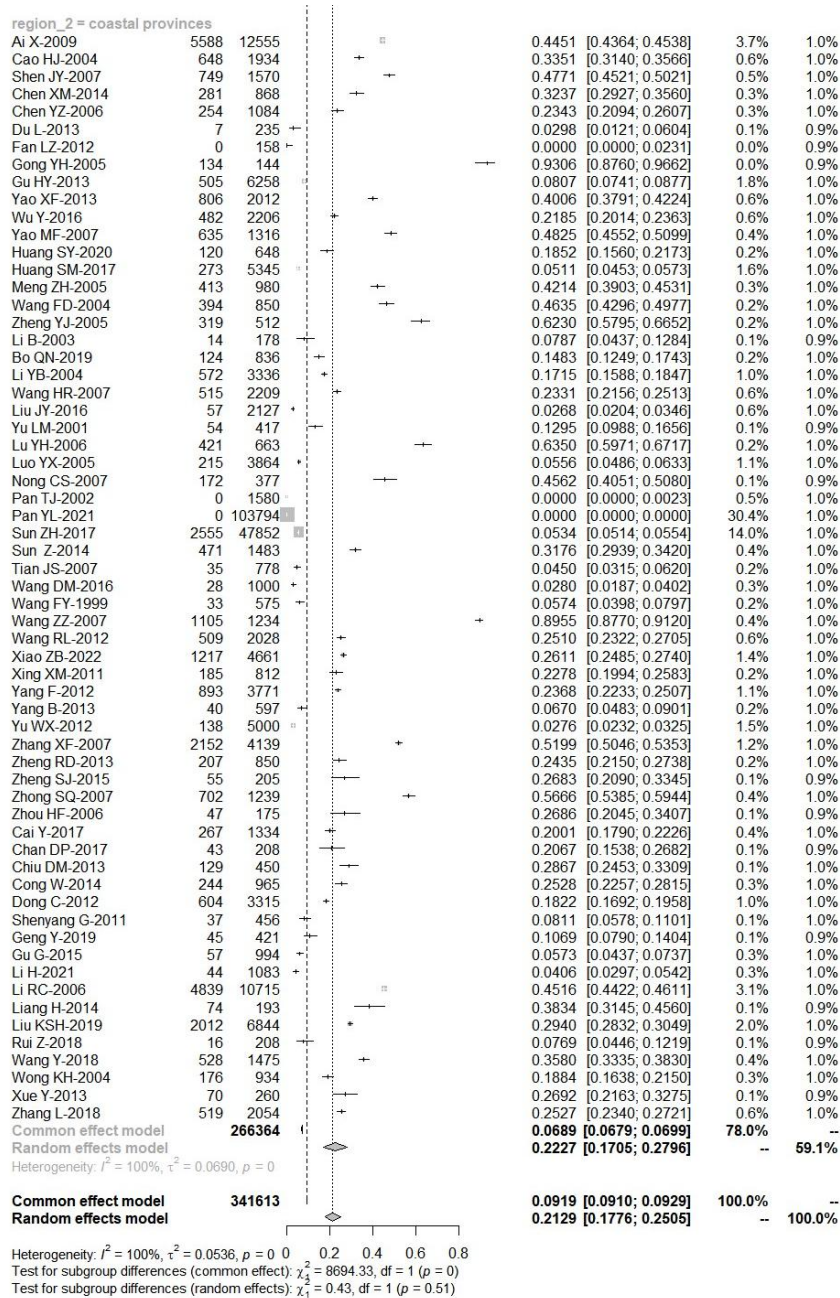


Figure S23. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence in the general population in the coastal and inland areas

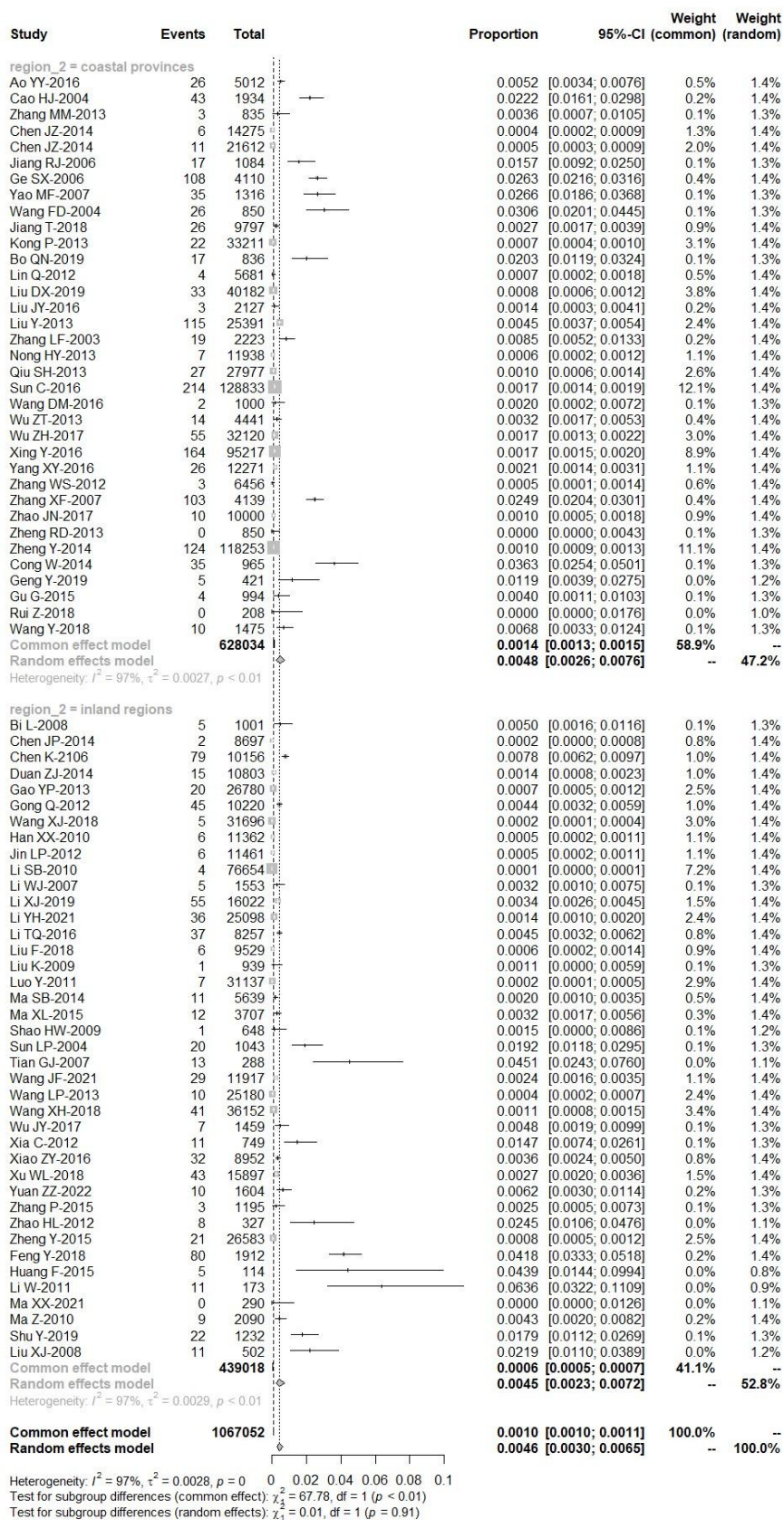


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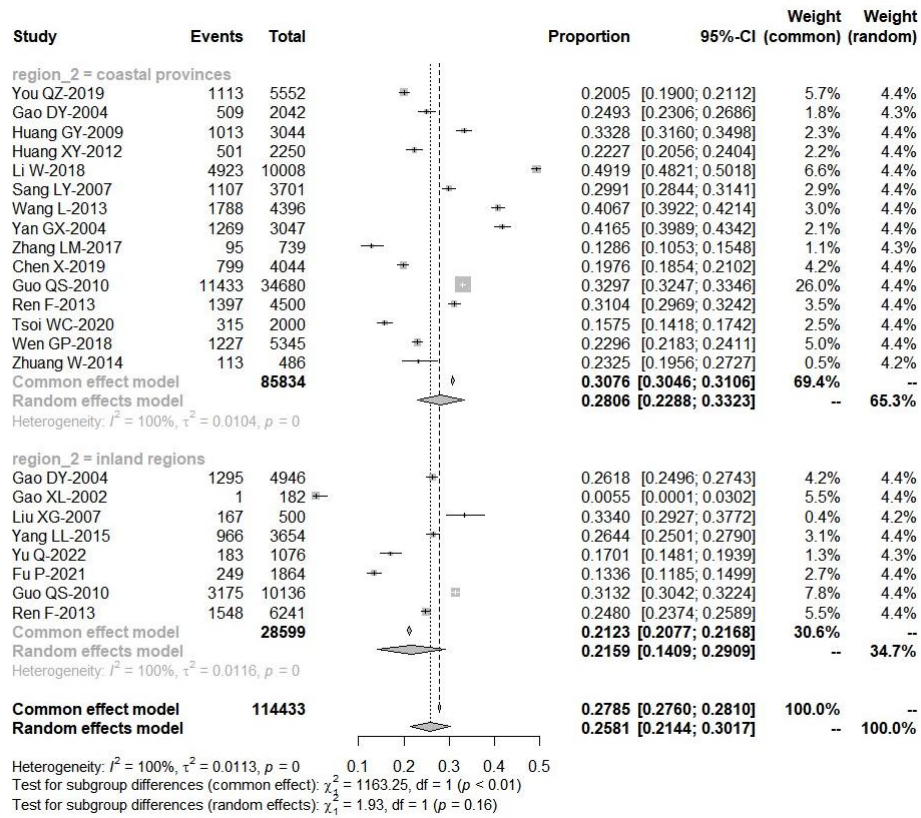


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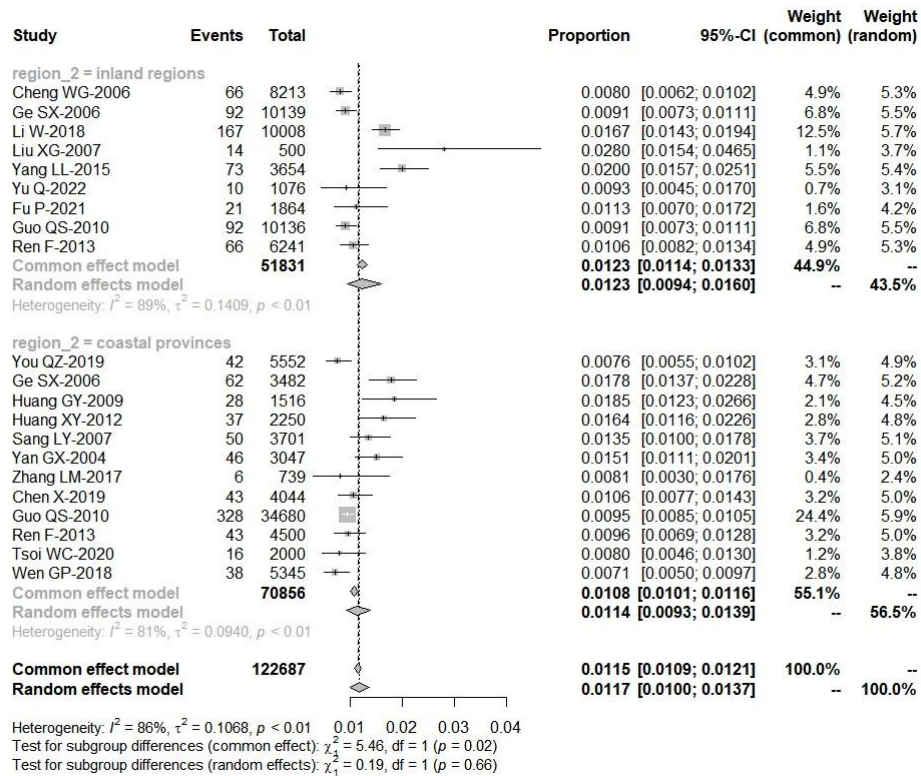


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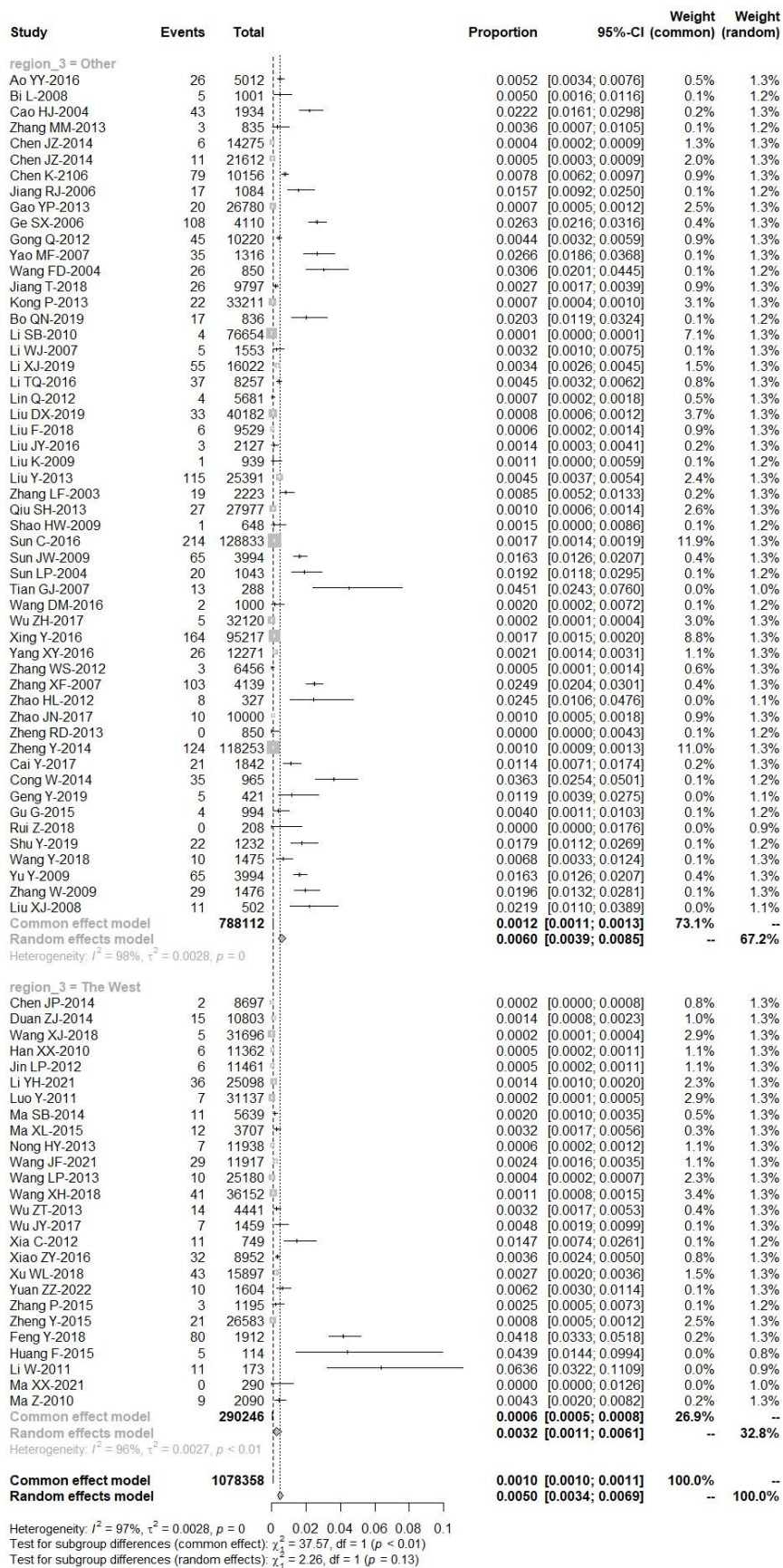


Figure S28. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgM prevalence in the general population in the western and non-western regions

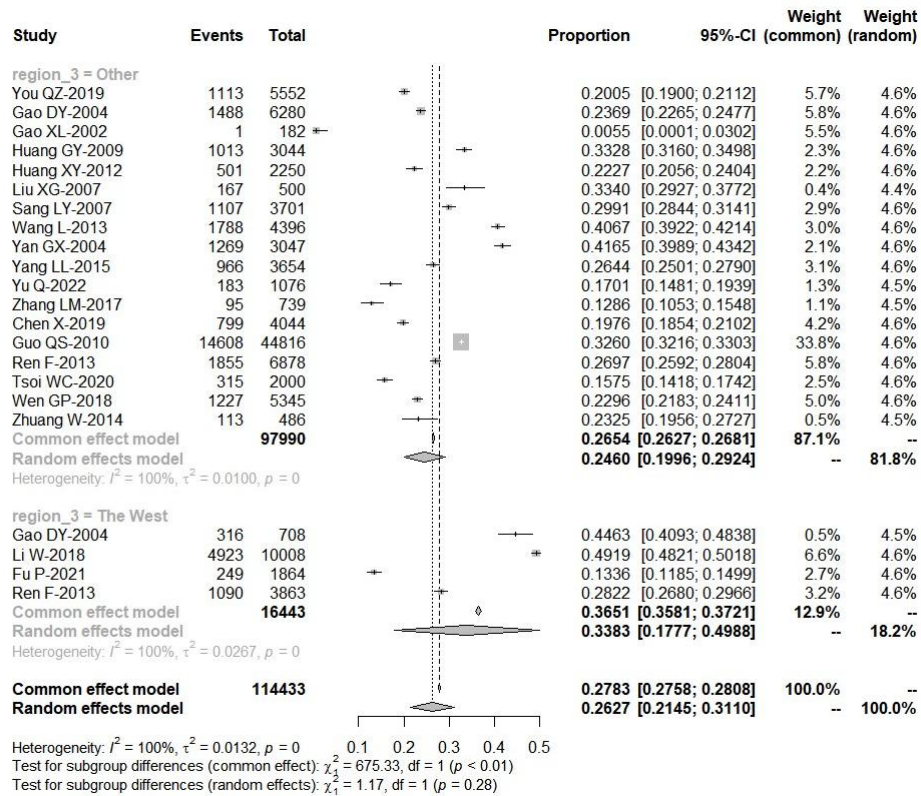


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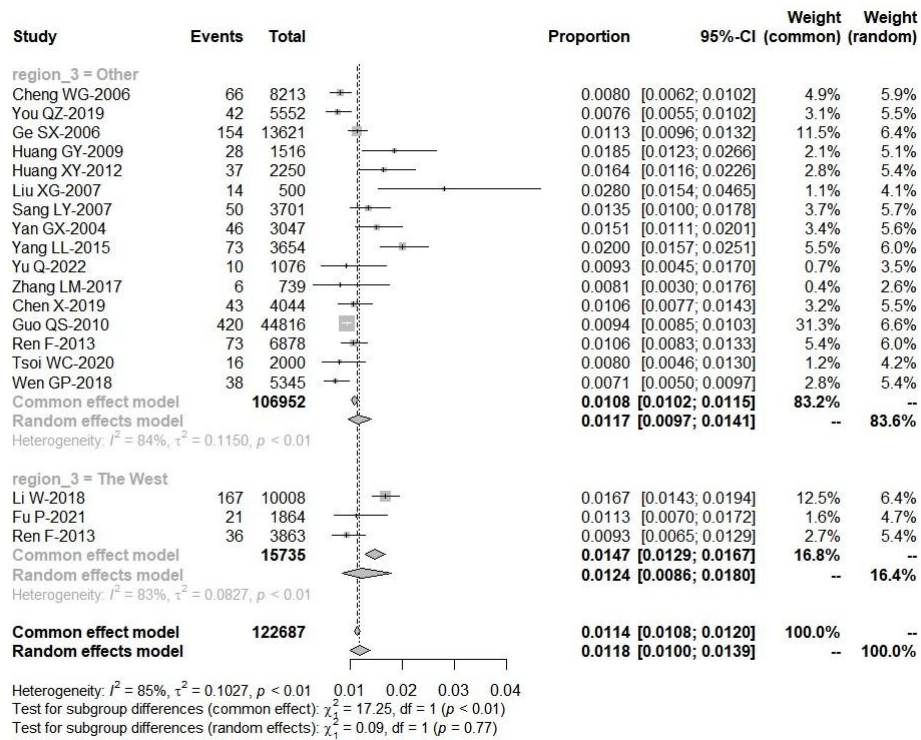


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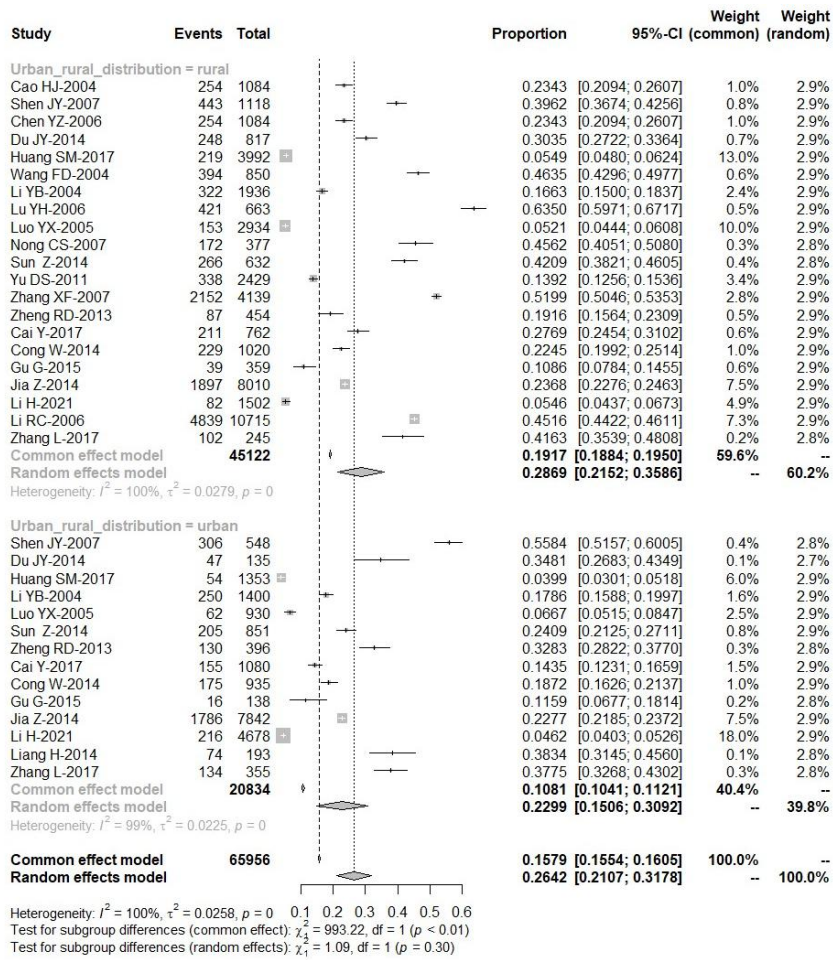


Figure S31. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence in the general population in the urban and rural areas

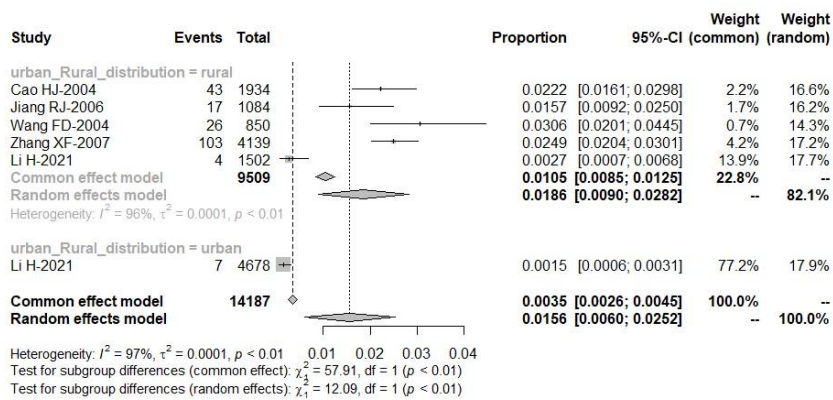


Figure S32. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgM prevalence in the general population in the urban and rural areas

Study	Events	Total	Proportion	95%-CI (common)	Weight (common)	Weight (random)
Studyperiod = 2001-2005						
Zhang ZX-2003	210	574	0.3659	[0.3264; 0.4067]	0.1%	0.9%
Ai X-2009	5588	12555	0.4451	[0.4364; 0.4538]	3.0%	0.9%
Cao HJ-2004	648	1934	0.3351	[0.3140; 0.3566]	0.5%	0.9%
Shen JY-2007	749	1570	0.4771	[0.4521; 0.5021]	0.4%	0.9%
Chen YZ-2006	254	1084	0.2343	[0.2094; 0.2607]	0.3%	0.9%
Gong YH-2005	134	144	0.9306	[0.8760; 0.9662]	0.0%	0.9%
Yao MF-2007	635	1316	0.4825	[0.4552; 0.5099]	0.3%	0.9%
Meng ZH-2005	413	980	0.4214	[0.3903; 0.4531]	0.2%	0.9%
Wang FD-2004	394	850	0.4635	[0.4296; 0.4977]	0.2%	0.9%
Zheng YJ-2005	319	512	0.6230	[0.5795; 0.6652]	0.1%	0.9%
Li B-2003	14	178	0.0787	[0.0437; 0.1284]	0.0%	0.9%
Li WJ-2007	337	1553	0.2170	[0.1967; 0.2383]	0.4%	0.9%
Li YB-2004	572	3336	0.1715	[0.1588; 0.1847]	0.8%	0.9%
Wang HR-2007	515	2209	0.2331	[0.2156; 0.2513]	0.5%	0.9%
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Lu YH-2006	421	663	0.6350	[0.5971; 0.6717]	0.2%	0.9%
Luo YX-2005	215	3864	0.0556	[0.0486; 0.0633]	0.9%	0.9%
Nong CS-2007	172	377	0.4562	[0.4051; 0.5080]	0.1%	0.9%
Tian JS-2007	35	778	0.0450	[0.0315; 0.0620]	0.2%	0.9%
Wang ZZ-2007	1105	1234	0.8955	[0.8770; 0.9120]	0.3%	0.9%
Wu CH-2003	4	148	0.0270	[0.0074; 0.0678]	0.0%	0.9%
Zhang XF-2007	2152	4139	0.5199	[0.5046; 0.5353]	1.0%	0.9%
Zhong SQ-2007	702	1239	0.5666	[0.5385; 0.5944]	0.3%	0.9%
Zhu GZ-2007	1127	4944	0.2280	[0.2163; 0.2399]	1.2%	0.9%
Jia Z-2014	3719	15852	0.2346	[0.2280; 0.2413]	3.8%	0.9%
Li RC-2006	4839	10715	0.4516	[0.4422; 0.4611]	2.6%	0.9%
Wong KH-2004	176	934	0.1884	[0.1638; 0.2150]	0.2%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>73982</b>	<b>0.3352</b>	<b>[0.3318; 0.3386]</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.3581</b>	<b>[0.2627; 0.4596]</b>	--	<b>24.4%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 100\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0745$ , $p = 0$						
Studyperiod = 2006-2011						
AYiGuLi-2010	13	151	0.0861	[0.0466; 0.1427]	0.0%	0.9%
Bao ZY-2013	28	180	0.1556	[0.1059; 0.2169]	0.0%	0.9%
Bi L-2008	107	1001	0.1069	[0.0884; 0.1277]	0.2%	0.9%
Ning LF-2008	1086	3561	0.3050	[0.2899; 0.3204]	0.9%	0.9%
Cheng Y-2007	10	140	0.0714	[0.0348; 0.1274]	0.0%	0.9%
Du L-2013	7	235	0.0298	[0.0121; 0.0604]	0.1%	0.9%
Fan LZ-2012	0	158	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0231]	0.0%	0.9%
Gu HY-2013	505	6258	0.0807	[0.0741; 0.0877]	1.5%	0.9%
Yao XF-2013	806	2012	0.4006	[0.3791; 0.4224]	0.5%	0.9%
Lu B-2008	208	1060	0.1962	[0.1727; 0.2214]	0.3%	0.9%
Li MY-2008	169	768	0.2201	[0.1912; 0.2510]	0.2%	0.9%
Lin CY-2009	403	4959	0.0813	[0.0738; 0.0892]	1.2%	0.9%
Liu K-2009	111	939	0.1182	[0.0983; 0.1406]	0.2%	0.9%
Liu XG-2008	209	566	0.3693	[0.3294; 0.4105]	0.1%	0.9%
Lu B-2008	373	828	0.4505	[0.4162; 0.4851]	0.2%	0.9%
Lu J-2009	259	1977	0.1310	[0.1164; 0.1467]	0.5%	0.9%
Shao HW-2009	41	648	0.0633	[0.0458; 0.0849]	0.2%	0.9%
Wang RL-2012	509	2028	0.2510	[0.2322; 0.2705]	0.5%	0.9%
Xing XM-2011	185	812	0.2278	[0.1994; 0.2583]	0.2%	0.9%
Yang F-2012	893	3771	0.2368	[0.2233; 0.2507]	0.9%	0.9%
Yang B-2013	40	597	0.0670	[0.0483; 0.0901]	0.1%	0.9%
Yu DS-2011	338	2429	0.1392	[0.1256; 0.1536]	0.6%	0.9%
Yu WX-2012	138	5000	0.0276	[0.0232; 0.0325]	1.2%	0.9%
Zhang P-2015	47	1195	0.0393	[0.0290; 0.0520]	0.3%	0.9%
Zhao HL-2012	17	327	0.0520	[0.0306; 0.0819]	0.1%	0.9%
Zheng RD-2013	207	850	0.2435	[0.2150; 0.2738]	0.2%	0.9%
Zheng SJ-2015	55	205	0.2683	[0.2090; 0.3345]	0.0%	0.9%
Zhong CF-2011	1074	2627	0.4088	[0.3900; 0.4279]	0.6%	0.9%
Zhou HF-2006	47	175	0.2686	[0.2045; 0.3407]	0.0%	0.9%
Chang Y-2009	522	2572	0.2030	[0.1876; 0.2190]	0.6%	0.9%
Chiu DM-2013	129	450	0.2867	[0.2453; 0.3309]	0.1%	0.9%
Dong C-2012	2793	14208	0.1966	[0.1901; 0.2032]	3.4%	0.9%
Fu H-2010	70	296	0.2365	[0.1892; 0.2891]	0.1%	0.9%
Shenyang G-2011	37	456	0.0811	[0.0578; 0.1101]	0.1%	0.9%
Gu G-2015	57	994	0.0573	[0.0437; 0.0737]	0.2%	0.9%
Taniguchi M-2009	143	300	0.4767	[0.4190; 0.5348]	0.1%	0.9%
Li W-2011	69	173	0.3988	[0.3253; 0.4759]	0.0%	0.9%
Lu J-2009	1547	8762	0.1766	[0.1686; 0.1847]	2.1%	0.9%
Ma Z-2010	407	2090	0.1947	[0.1780; 0.2124]	0.5%	0.9%
Xue Y-2013	70	260	0.2692	[0.2163; 0.3275]	0.1%	0.9%
Yu Y-2009	988	4508	0.2192	[0.2072; 0.2315]	1.1%	0.9%
Zhang W-2009	117	1476	0.0793	[0.0660; 0.0942]	0.4%	0.9%
Common effect model		<b>82002</b>	<b>0.1686</b>	<b>[0.1661; 0.1712]</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	--
Random effects model			<b>0.1718</b>	<b>[0.1348; 0.2122]</b>	--	<b>37.8%</b>
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 99\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0282$ , $p = 0$						

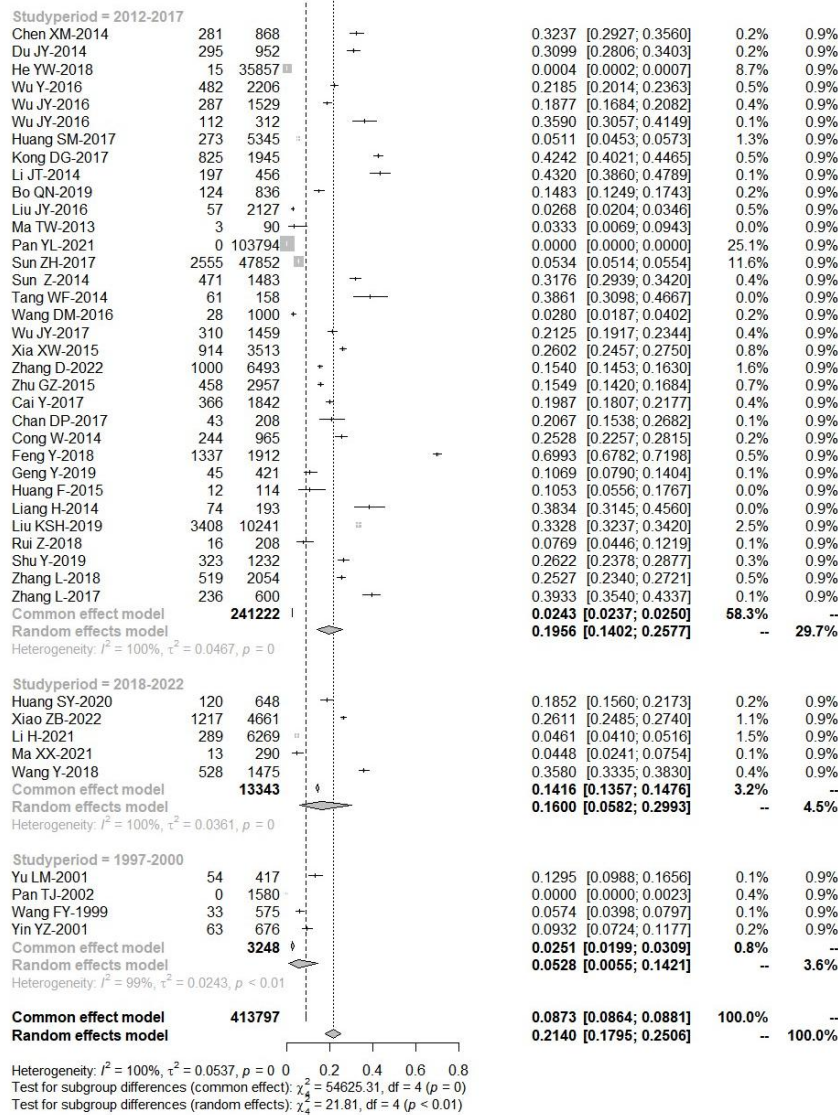


Figure S33. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence in the general population in different study periods

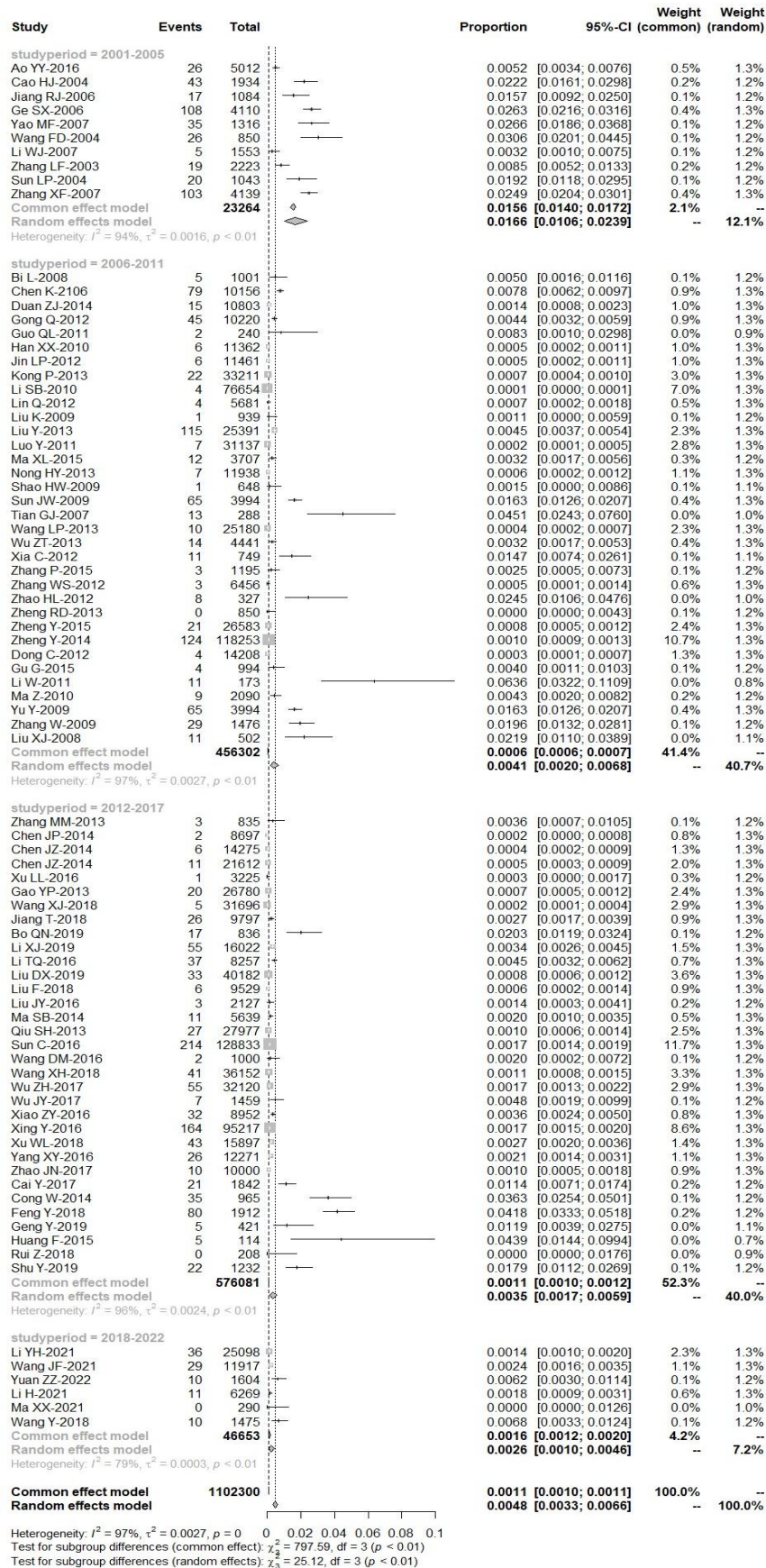


Figure S34. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgM prevalence in the general population in different study periods

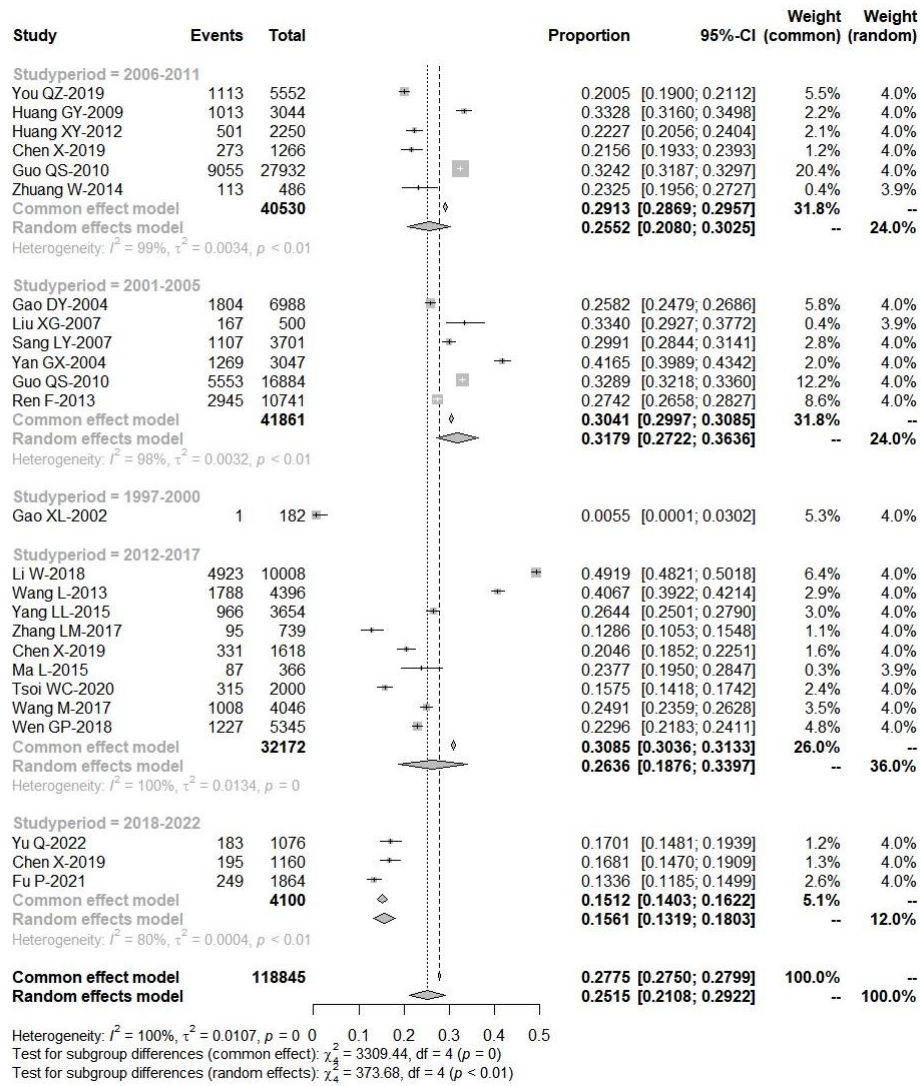


Figure S35. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgG prevalence in volunteer blood donors in different study periods

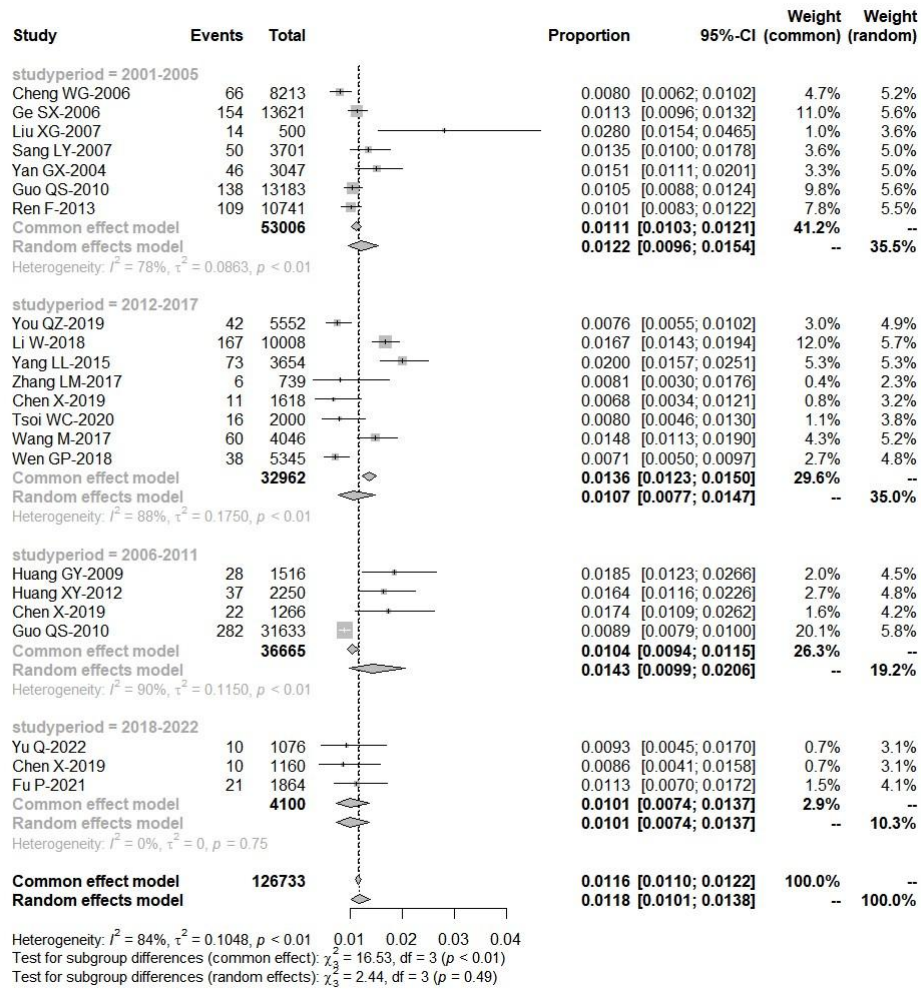


Figure S36. Forest plot of anti-HEV IgM prevalence in volunteer blood donors in different study periods



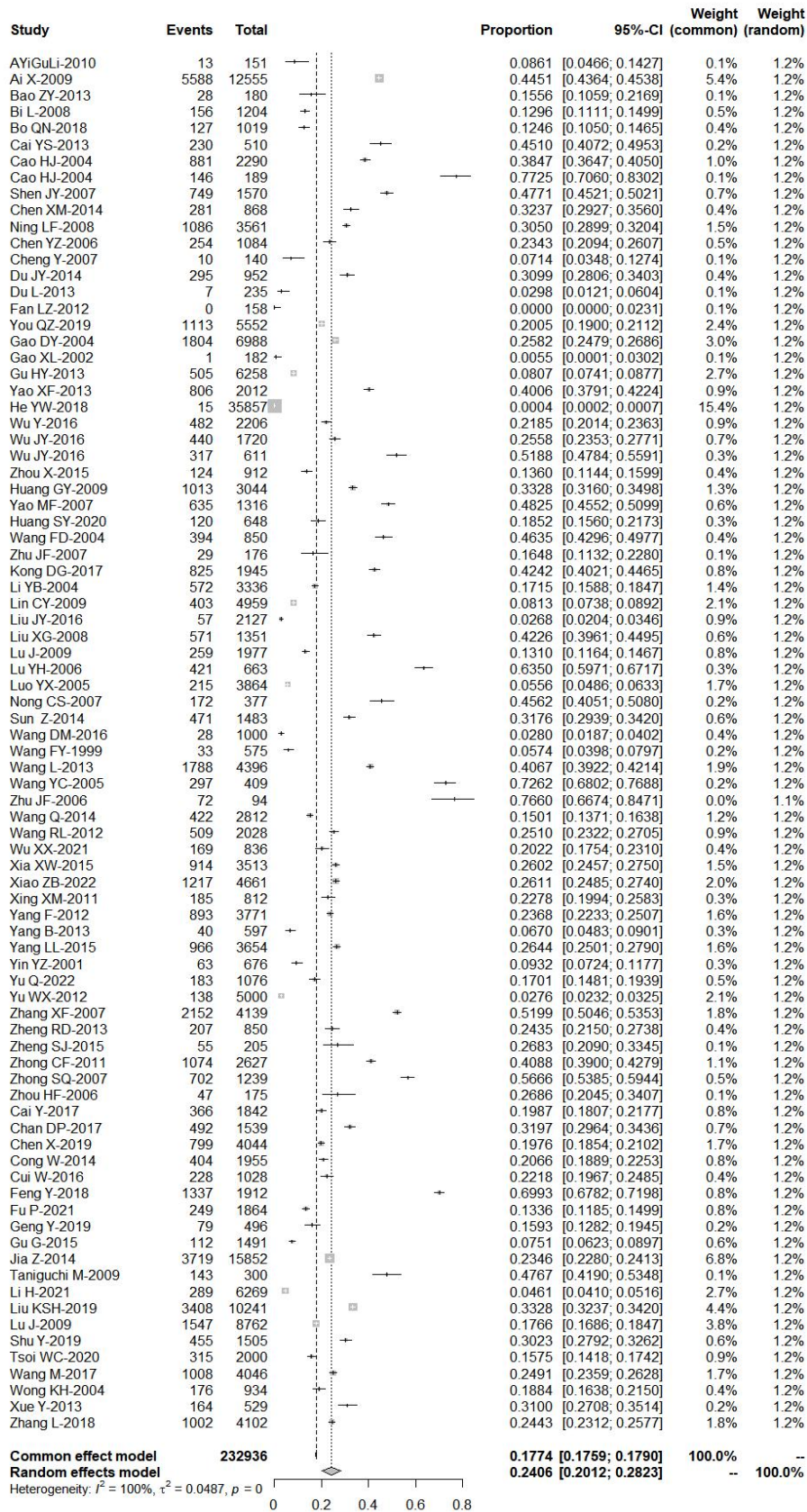
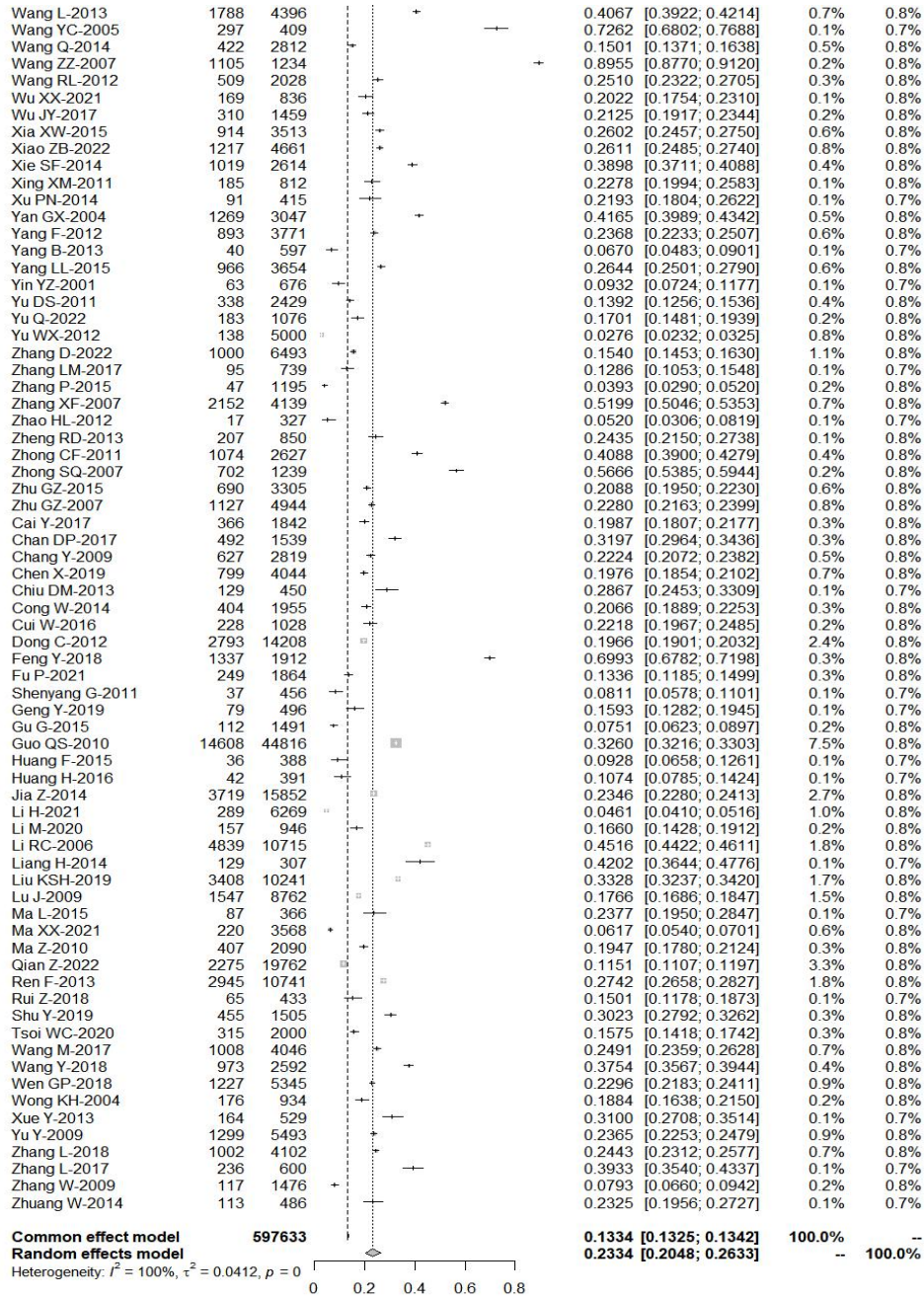


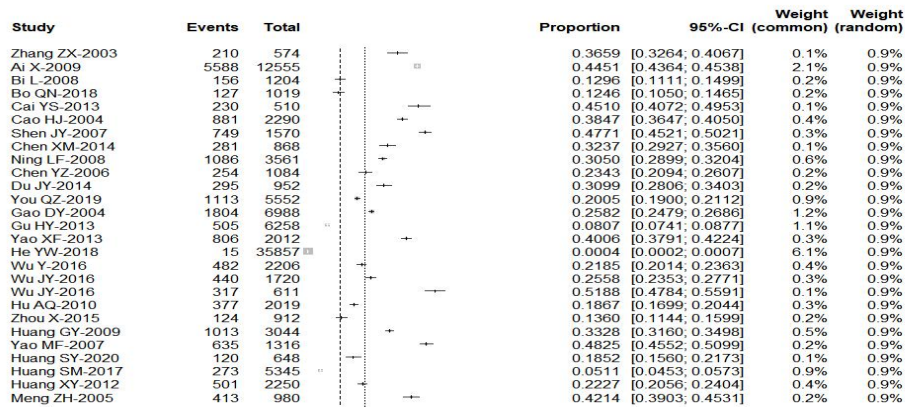
Figure S37. Sensitivity analysis of anti-HEV IgG positivity  
 (1) Studies with a JBI score  $\leq 5$  were excluded

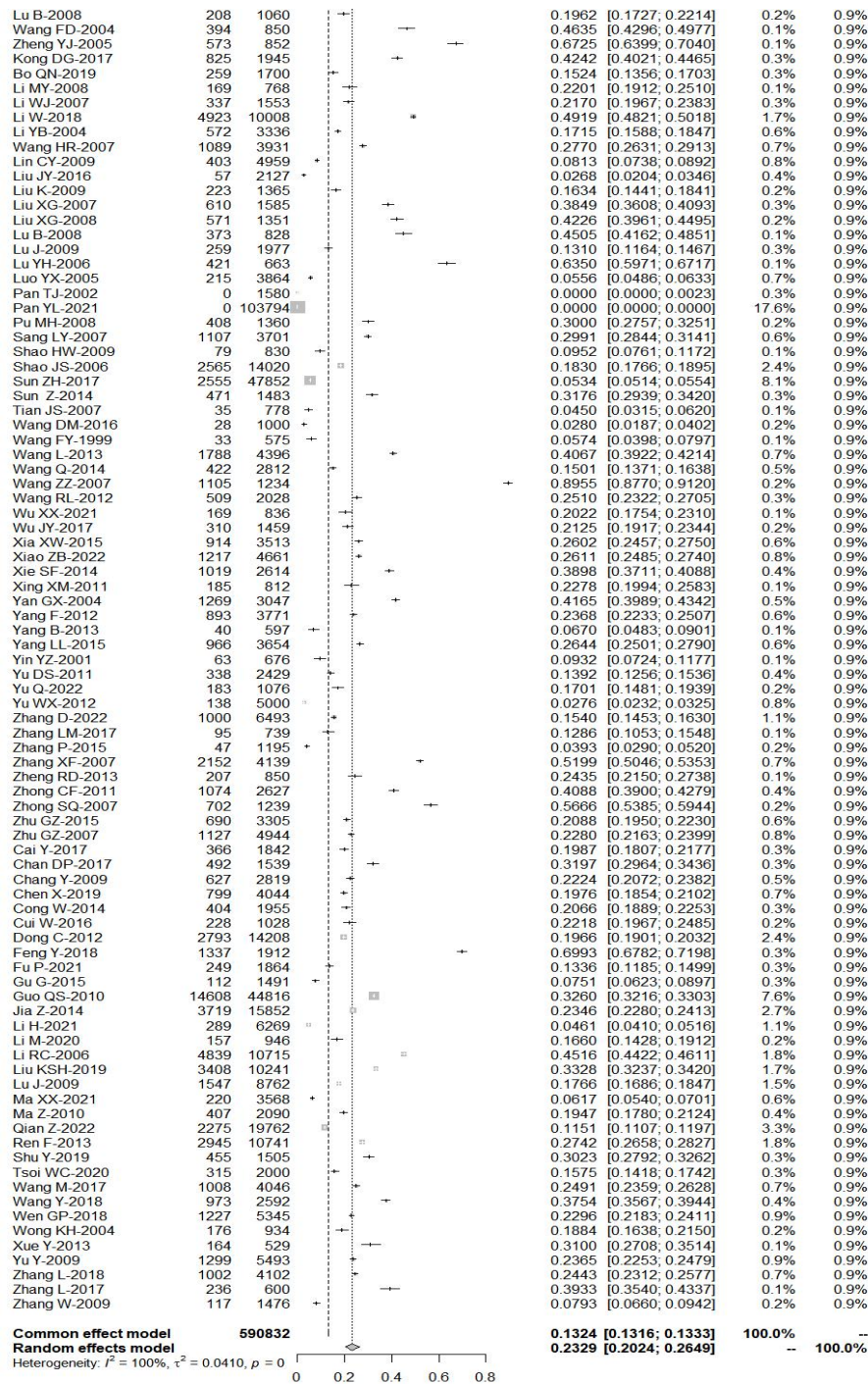
Study	Events	Total	Proportion	95%-CI	Weight (common)	Weight (random)
Zhang ZX-2003	210	574	0.3659	[0.3264; 0.4067]	0.1%	0.7%
Ai X-2009	5588	12555	0.4451	[0.4364; 0.4538]	2.1%	0.7%
Bi L-2008	156	1204	0.1296	[0.1111; 0.1499]	0.2%	0.7%
Bo QN-2018	127	1019	0.1246	[0.1050; 0.1465]	0.2%	0.7%
Cai YS-2013	230	510	0.4510	[0.4072; 0.4953]	0.1%	0.7%
Cao HJ-2004	881	2290	0.3847	[0.3647; 0.4050]	0.4%	0.7%
Shen JY-2007	749	1570	0.4771	[0.4521; 0.5021]	0.3%	0.7%
Chen XM-2014	281	868	0.3237	[0.2927; 0.3560]	0.1%	0.7%
Ning LF-2008	1086	3561	0.3050	[0.2899; 0.3204]	0.6%	0.7%
Chen YZ-2006	254	1084	0.2343	[0.2094; 0.2607]	0.2%	0.7%
Du JY-2014	295	952	0.3099	[0.2806; 0.3403]	0.2%	0.7%
Du L-2013	7	235	0.0298	[0.0121; 0.0604]	0.0%	0.7%
You QZ-2019	1113	5552	0.2005	[0.1900; 0.2112]	0.9%	0.7%
Gao DY-2004	1804	6988	0.2582	[0.2479; 0.2686]	1.2%	0.7%
Gu HY-2013	505	6258	0.0807	[0.0741; 0.0877]	1.0%	0.7%
Yao XF-2013	806	2012	0.4006	[0.3791; 0.4224]	0.3%	0.7%
He YW-2018	15	35857	0.0004	[0.0002; 0.0007]	6.0%	0.7%
Wu Y-2016	482	2206	0.2185	[0.2014; 0.2363]	0.4%	0.7%
Wu JY-2016	440	1720	0.2558	[0.2353; 0.2771]	0.3%	0.7%
Wu JY-2016	317	611	0.5188	[0.4784; 0.5591]	0.1%	0.7%
Hu AQ-2010	377	2019	0.1867	[0.1699; 0.2044]	0.3%	0.7%
Zhou X-2015	124	912	0.1360	[0.1144; 0.1599]	0.2%	0.7%
Huang GY-2009	1013	3044	0.3328	[0.3160; 0.3498]	0.5%	0.7%
Yao MF-2007	635	1316	0.4825	[0.4552; 0.5099]	0.2%	0.7%
Huang SY-2020	120	648	0.1852	[0.1560; 0.2173]	0.1%	0.7%
Huang SM-2017	273	5345	0.0511	[0.0453; 0.0573]	0.9%	0.7%
Huang XY-2012	501	2250	0.2227	[0.2056; 0.2404]	0.4%	0.7%
Meng ZH-2005	413	980	0.4214	[0.3903; 0.4531]	0.2%	0.7%
Lu B-2008	208	1060	0.1962	[0.1727; 0.2214]	0.2%	0.7%
Wang FD-2004	394	850	0.4635	[0.4296; 0.4977]	0.1%	0.7%
Zheng YJ-2005	573	852	0.6725	[0.6399; 0.7040]	0.1%	0.7%
Kong DG-2017	825	1945	0.4242	[0.4021; 0.4465]	0.3%	0.7%
Li JT-2014	197	456	0.4320	[0.3860; 0.4789]	0.1%	0.7%
Bo QN-2019	259	1700	0.1524	[0.1356; 0.1703]	0.3%	0.7%
Li MY-2008	169	768	0.2201	[0.1912; 0.2510]	0.1%	0.7%
Li WJ-2007	337	1553	0.2170	[0.1967; 0.2383]	0.3%	0.7%
Li W-2018	4923	10008	0.4919	[0.4821; 0.5018]	1.7%	0.7%
Li YB-2004	572	3336	0.1715	[0.1588; 0.1847]	0.6%	0.7%
Wang HR-2007	1089	3931	0.2770	[0.2631; 0.2913]	0.7%	0.7%
Lin CY-2009	403	4959	0.0813	[0.0738; 0.0892]	0.8%	0.7%
Liu JY-2016	57	2127	0.0268	[0.0204; 0.0346]	0.4%	0.7%
Liu K-2009	223	1365	0.1634	[0.1441; 0.1841]	0.2%	0.7%
Liu XG-2007	610	1585	0.3849	[0.3608; 0.4093]	0.3%	0.7%
Liu XG-2008	571	1351	0.4226	[0.3961; 0.4495]	0.2%	0.7%
Yu LM-2001	54	417	0.1295	[0.0988; 0.1656]	0.1%	0.7%
Lu B-2008	373	828	0.4505	[0.4162; 0.4851]	0.1%	0.7%
Lu J-2009	259	1977	0.1310	[0.1164; 0.1467]	0.3%	0.7%
Lu YH-2006	421	663	0.6350	[0.5971; 0.6717]	0.1%	0.7%
Luo YX-2005	215	3864	0.0556	[0.0486; 0.0633]	0.6%	0.7%
Ma TW-2013	30	324	0.0926	[0.0633; 0.1295]	0.1%	0.7%
Nong CS-2007	172	377	0.4562	[0.4051; 0.5080]	0.1%	0.7%
Pan TJ-2002	0	1580	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0023]	0.3%	0.7%
Pan YL-2021	0	103794	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0000]	17.3%	0.7%
Pu MH-2008	408	1360	0.3000	[0.2757; 0.3251]	0.2%	0.7%
Sang LY-2007	1107	3701	0.2991	[0.2844; 0.3141]	0.6%	0.7%
Shao HW-2009	79	830	0.0952	[0.0761; 0.1172]	0.1%	0.7%
Shao JS-2006	2565	14020	0.1830	[0.1766; 0.1895]	2.3%	0.7%
Sun ZH-2017	2555	47852	0.0534	[0.0514; 0.0554]	8.0%	0.7%
Sun Z-2014	471	1483	0.3176	[0.2939; 0.3420]	0.2%	0.7%
Tang WF-2014	139	303	0.4587	[0.4016; 0.5167]	0.1%	0.7%
Tian JS-2007	35	778	0.0450	[0.0315; 0.0620]	0.1%	0.7%
Wang DM-2016	28	1000	0.0280	[0.0187; 0.0402]	0.2%	0.7%
Wang FY-1999	33	575	0.0574	[0.0398; 0.0797]	0.1%	0.7%
Wang L-2013	1788	4396	0.4067	[0.3922; 0.4214]	0.7%	0.7%
Wang YC-2005	297	409	0.7262	[0.6802; 0.7688]	0.1%	0.7%
Wang Q-2014	422	2812	0.1501	[0.1371; 0.1638]	0.5%	0.7%
Wang ZZ-2007	1105	1234	0.8955	[0.8770; 0.9120]	0.2%	0.7%
Wang RL-2012	509	2028	0.2510	[0.2322; 0.2705]	0.3%	0.7%
Wu XX-2021	169	836	0.2022	[0.1754; 0.2310]	0.1%	0.7%
Wu JY-2017	310	1459	0.2125	[0.1917; 0.2344]	0.2%	0.7%
Xia XW-2015	914	3513	0.2602	[0.2457; 0.2750]	0.6%	0.7%
Xiao ZB-2022	1217	4661	0.2611	[0.2485; 0.2740]	0.8%	0.7%
Xie SF-2014	1019	2614	0.3898	[0.3711; 0.4088]	0.4%	0.7%
Xing XM-2011	185	812	0.2278	[0.1994; 0.2583]	0.1%	0.7%
Xu PN-2014	91	415	0.2193	[0.1804; 0.2622]	0.1%	0.7%
Yan GX-2004	1269	3047	0.4165	[0.3989; 0.4342]	0.5%	0.7%
Yang F-2012	893	3771	0.2368	[0.2233; 0.2507]	0.6%	0.7%
Yang B-2013	40	597	0.0670	[0.0483; 0.0901]	0.1%	0.7%
Yang LL-2015	966	3654	0.2644	[0.2501; 0.2790]	0.6%	0.7%
Yin YZ-2001	63	676	0.0932	[0.0724; 0.1177]	0.1%	0.7%
Yu DS-2011	338	2429	0.1392	[0.1256; 0.1536]	0.4%	0.7%
Yu Q-2022	183	1076	0.1701	[0.1481; 0.1939]	0.2%	0.7%
Yu WX-2012	138	5000	0.0276	[0.0232; 0.0325]	0.8%	0.7%
Zhang D-2022	1000	6493	0.1540	[0.1453; 0.1630]	1.1%	0.7%
Zhang LM-2017	95	739	0.1286	[0.1053; 0.1548]	0.1%	0.7%
Zhang P-2015	47	1195	0.0393	[0.0290; 0.0520]	0.2%	0.7%
Zhang XF-2007	2152	4139	0.5199	[0.5046; 0.5353]	0.7%	0.7%
Zhao HL-2012	17	327	0.0520	[0.0306; 0.0819]	0.1%	0.7%
Zheng RD-2013	207	850	0.2435	[0.2150; 0.2738]	0.1%	0.7%
Zheng SJ-2015	55	205	0.2683	[0.2090; 0.3345]	0.0%	0.7%
Zhong CF-2011	1074	2627	0.4088	[0.3900; 0.4279]	0.4%	0.7%
Zhong SQ-2007	702	1239	0.5666	[0.5385; 0.5944]	0.2%	0.7%
Zhu GZ-2015	690	3305	0.2088	[0.1950; 0.2230]	0.6%	0.7%





### (3) Studies with sample sizes $\leq 300$ were excluded





(4) Studies with sample sizes  $\leq 500$  were excluded

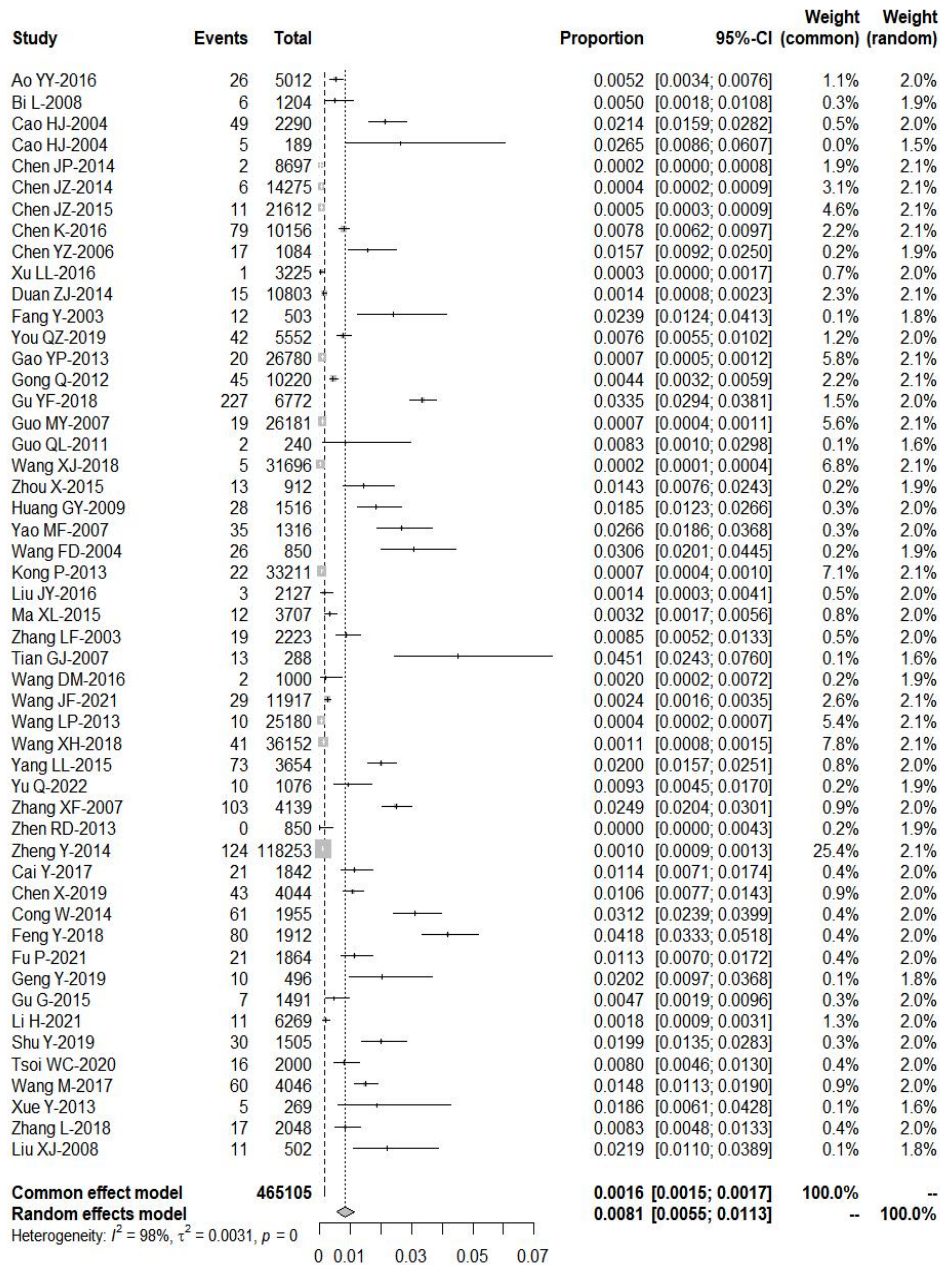
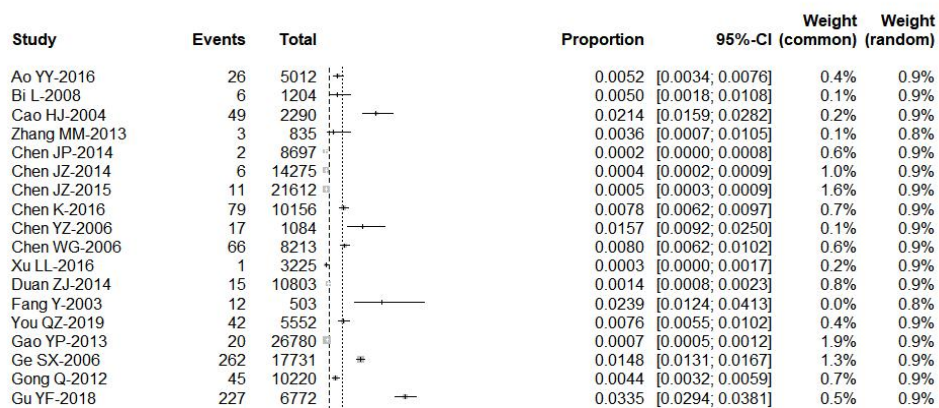
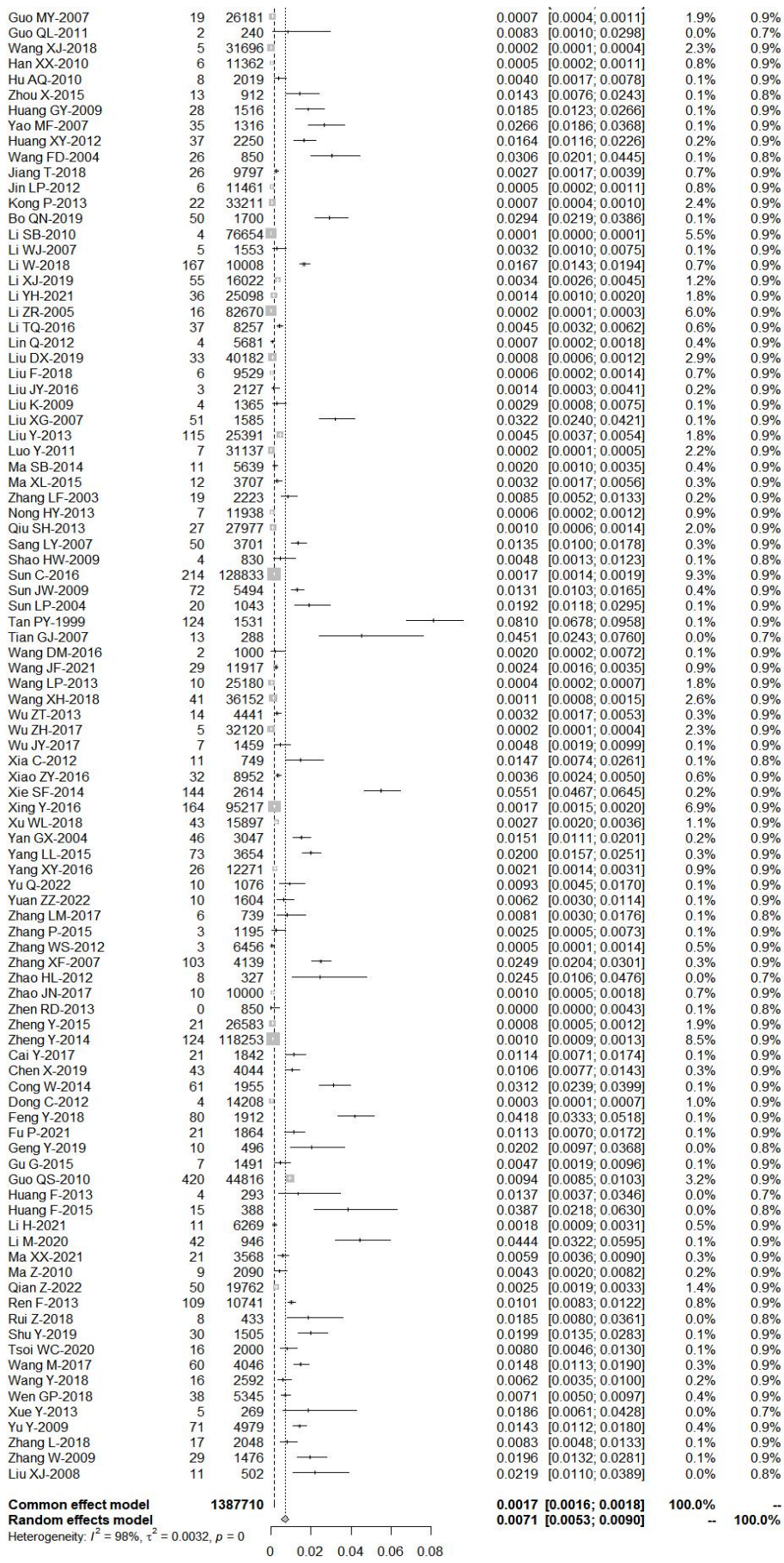


Figure S38. Sensitivity analysis of anti-HEV IgM positivity  
 (1) Studies with a JBI score  $\leq 5$  were excluded

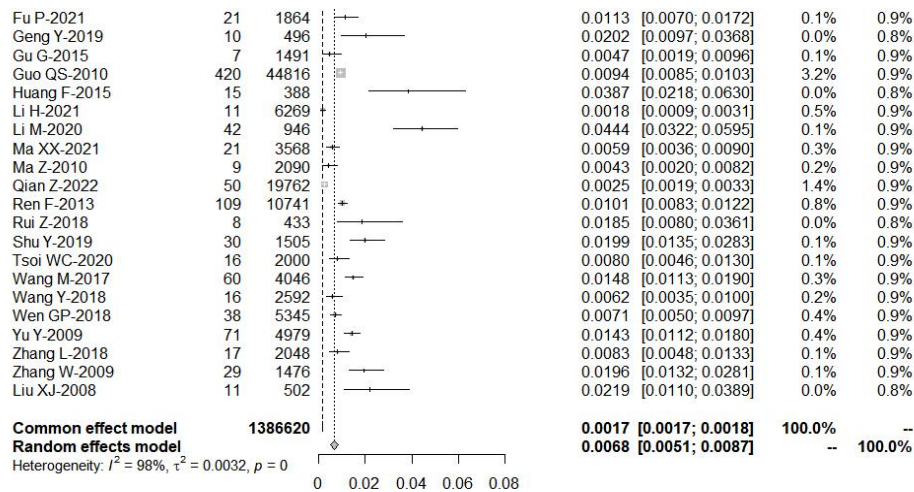




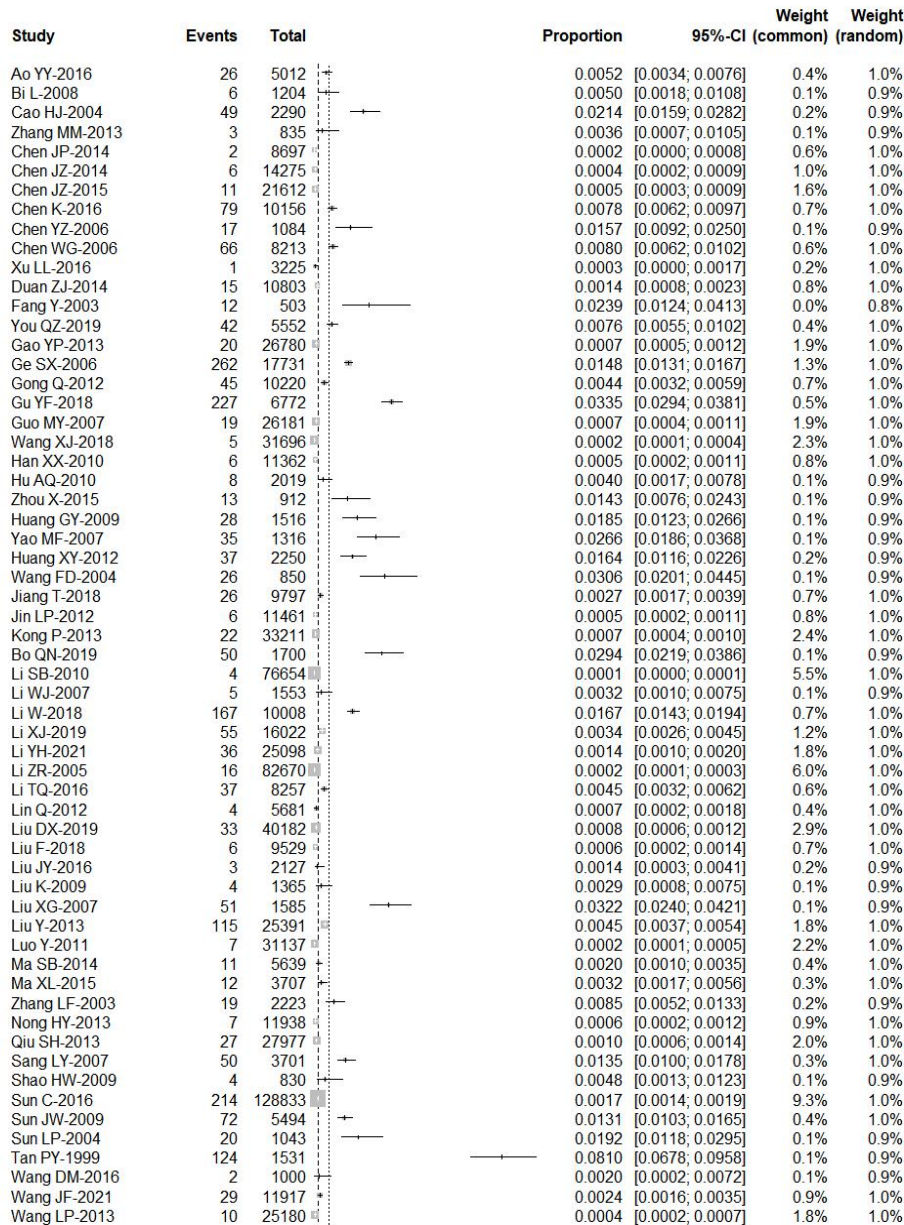
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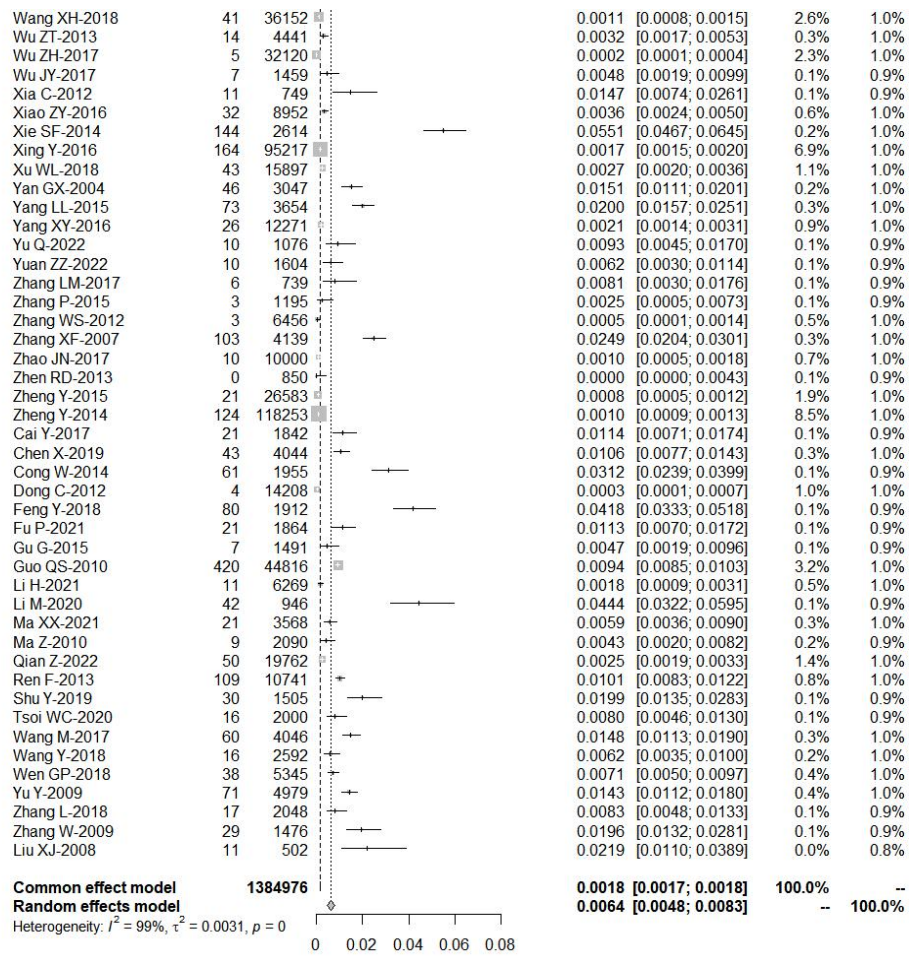
Study	Events	Total	Proportion	95%-CI (common)	Weight (random)	Weight (common)
Ao YY-2016	26	5012	0.0052	[0.0034; 0.0076]	0.4%	0.9%
Bi L-2008	6	1204	0.0050	[0.0018; 0.0108]	0.1%	0.9%
Cao HJ-2004	49	2290	0.0214	[0.0159; 0.0282]	0.2%	0.9%
Zhang MM-2013	3	835	0.0036	[0.0007; 0.0105]	0.1%	0.9%
Chen JP-2014	2	8697	0.0002	[0.0000; 0.0008]	0.6%	0.9%
Chen JZ-2014	6	14275	0.0004	[0.0002; 0.0009]	1.0%	0.9%
Chen JZ-2015	11	21612	0.0005	[0.0003; 0.0009]	1.6%	0.9%
Chen K-2016	79	10156	0.0078	[0.0062; 0.0097]	0.7%	0.9%
Chen YZ-2006	17	1084	0.0157	[0.0092; 0.0250]	0.1%	0.9%
Chen WG-2006	66	8213	0.0080	[0.0062; 0.0102]	0.6%	0.9%
Xu LL-2016	1	3225	0.0003	[0.0000; 0.0017]	0.2%	0.9%
Duan ZJ-2014	15	10803	0.0014	[0.0008; 0.0023]	0.8%	0.9%
Fang Y-2003	12	503	0.0239	[0.0124; 0.0413]	0.0%	0.8%
You QZ-2019	42	5552	0.0076	[0.0055; 0.0102]	0.4%	0.9%
Gao YP-2013	20	26780	0.0007	[0.0005; 0.0012]	1.9%	0.9%
Ge SX-2006	262	17731	0.0148	[0.0131; 0.0167]	1.3%	0.9%
Gong Q-2012	45	10220	0.0044	[0.0032; 0.0059]	0.7%	0.9%
Gu YF-2018	227	6772	0.0335	[0.0294; 0.0381]	0.5%	0.9%
Guo MY-2007	19	26181	0.0007	[0.0004; 0.0011]	1.9%	0.9%
Wang XJ-2018	5	31696	0.0002	[0.0001; 0.0004]	2.3%	0.9%
Han XX-2010	6	11362	0.0005	[0.0002; 0.0011]	0.8%	0.9%
Hu AQ-2010	8	2019	0.0040	[0.0017; 0.0078]	0.1%	0.9%
Zhou X-2015	13	912	0.0143	[0.0076; 0.0243]	0.1%	0.9%
Huang GY-2009	28	1516	0.0185	[0.0123; 0.0266]	0.1%	0.9%
Yao MF-2007	35	1316	0.0266	[0.0186; 0.0368]	0.1%	0.9%
Huang XY-2012	37	2250	0.0164	[0.0116; 0.0226]	0.2%	0.9%
Wang FD-2004	26	850	0.0306	[0.0201; 0.0445]	0.1%	0.9%
Jiang T-2018	26	9797	0.0027	[0.0017; 0.0039]	0.7%	0.9%
Jin LP-2012	6	11461	0.0005	[0.0002; 0.0011]	0.8%	0.9%
Kong P-2013	22	33211	0.0007	[0.0004; 0.0010]	2.4%	0.9%
Bo QN-2019	50	1700	0.0294	[0.0219; 0.0386]	0.1%	0.9%
Li SB-2010	4	76654	0.0001	[0.0000; 0.0001]	5.5%	0.9%
Li WJ-2007	5	1553	0.0032	[0.0010; 0.0075]	0.1%	0.9%
Li W-2018	167	10008	0.0167	[0.0143; 0.0194]	0.7%	0.9%
Li XJ-2019	55	16022	0.0034	[0.0026; 0.0045]	1.2%	0.9%
Li YH-2021	36	25098	0.0014	[0.0010; 0.0020]	1.8%	0.9%
Li ZR-2005	16	82670	0.0002	[0.0001; 0.0003]	6.0%	0.9%
Li TQ-2016	37	8257	0.0045	[0.0032; 0.0062]	0.6%	0.9%
Lin Q-2012	4	5681	0.0007	[0.0002; 0.0018]	0.4%	0.9%
Liu DX-2019	33	40182	0.0008	[0.0006; 0.0012]	2.9%	0.9%
Liu F-2018	6	9529	0.0006	[0.0002; 0.0014]	0.7%	0.9%
Liu JY-2016	3	2127	0.0014	[0.0003; 0.0041]	0.2%	0.9%
Liu K-2009	4	1365	0.0029	[0.0008; 0.0075]	0.1%	0.9%
Liu XG-2007	51	1585	0.0322	[0.0240; 0.0421]	0.1%	0.9%
Liu Y-2013	115	25391	0.0045	[0.0037; 0.0054]	1.8%	0.9%
Luo Y-2011	7	31137	0.0002	[0.0001; 0.0005]	2.2%	0.9%
Ma SB-2014	11	5639	0.0020	[0.0010; 0.0035]	0.4%	0.9%
Ma XL-2015	12	3707	0.0032	[0.0017; 0.0056]	0.3%	0.9%
Zhang LF-2003	19	2223	0.0085	[0.0052; 0.0133]	0.2%	0.9%
Nong HY-2013	7	11938	0.0006	[0.0002; 0.0012]	0.9%	0.9%
Qiu SH-2013	27	27977	0.0010	[0.0006; 0.0014]	2.0%	0.9%
Sang LY-2007	50	3701	0.0135	[0.0100; 0.0178]	0.3%	0.9%
Shao HW-2009	4	830	0.0048	[0.0013; 0.0123]	0.1%	0.9%
Sun C-2016	214	128833	0.0017	[0.0014; 0.0019]	9.3%	0.9%
Sun JW-2009	72	5494	0.0131	[0.0103; 0.0165]	0.4%	0.9%
Sun LP-2004	20	1043	0.0192	[0.0118; 0.0295]	0.1%	0.9%
Tan PY-1999	124	1531	0.0810	[0.0678; 0.0958]	0.1%	0.9%
Wang DM-2016	2	1000	0.0020	[0.0002; 0.0072]	0.1%	0.9%
Wang JF-2021	29	11917	0.0024	[0.0016; 0.0035]	0.9%	0.9%
Wang LP-2013	10	25180	0.0004	[0.0002; 0.0007]	1.8%	0.9%
Wang XH-2018	41	36152	0.0011	[0.0008; 0.0015]	2.6%	0.9%
Wu ZT-2013	14	4441	0.0032	[0.0017; 0.0053]	0.3%	0.9%
Wu ZH-2017	5	32120	0.0002	[0.0001; 0.0004]	2.3%	0.9%
Wu JY-2017	7	1459	0.0048	[0.0019; 0.0099]	0.1%	0.9%
Xia C-2012	11	749	0.0147	[0.0074; 0.0261]	0.1%	0.9%
Xiao ZY-2016	32	8952	0.0036	[0.0024; 0.0050]	0.6%	0.9%
Xie SF-2014	144	2614	0.0551	[0.0467; 0.0645]	0.2%	0.9%
Xing Y-2016	164	95217	0.0017	[0.0015; 0.0020]	6.9%	0.9%
Xu WL-2018	43	15897	0.0027	[0.0020; 0.0036]	1.1%	0.9%
Yan GX-2004	46	3047	0.0151	[0.0111; 0.0201]	0.2%	0.9%
Yang LL-2015	73	3654	0.0200	[0.0157; 0.0251]	0.3%	0.9%
Yang XY-2016	26	12271	0.0021	[0.0014; 0.0031]	0.9%	0.9%
Yu Q-2022	10	1076	0.0093	[0.0045; 0.0170]	0.1%	0.9%
Yuan ZZ-2022	10	1604	0.0062	[0.0030; 0.0114]	0.1%	0.9%
Zhang LM-2017	6	739	0.0081	[0.0030; 0.0176]	0.1%	0.9%
Zhang P-2015	3	1195	0.0025	[0.0005; 0.0073]	0.1%	0.9%
Zhang WS-2012	3	6456	0.0005	[0.0001; 0.0014]	0.5%	0.9%
Zhang XF-2007	103	4139	0.0249	[0.0204; 0.0301]	0.3%	0.9%
Zhao HL-2012	8	327	0.0245	[0.0106; 0.0476]	0.0%	0.8%
Zhao JN-2017	10	10000	0.0010	[0.0005; 0.0018]	0.7%	0.9%
Zhen RD-2013	0	850	0.0000	[0.0000; 0.0043]	0.1%	0.9%
Zheng Y-2015	21	26583	0.0008	[0.0005; 0.0012]	1.9%	0.9%
Zheng Y-2014	124	118253	0.0010	[0.0009; 0.0013]	8.5%	0.9%
Cai Y-2017	21	1842	0.0114	[0.0071; 0.0174]	0.1%	0.9%
Chen X-2019	43	4044	0.0106	[0.0077; 0.0143]	0.3%	0.9%
Cong W-2014	61	1955	0.0312	[0.0239; 0.0399]	0.1%	0.9%
Dong C-2012	4	14208	0.0003	[0.0001; 0.0007]	1.0%	0.9%
Feng Y-2018	80	1912	0.0418	[0.0333; 0.0518]	0.1%	0.9%





(3) Studies with sample sizes  $\leq 300$  were excluded





(4) Studies with sample sizes  $\leq 500$  were excluded

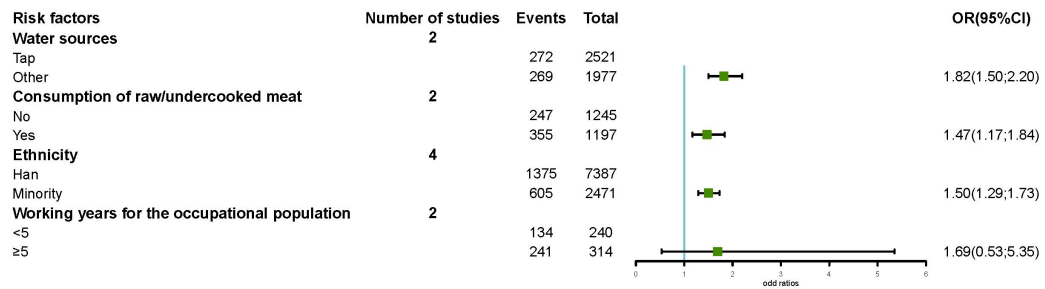


Figure 39. risk factors of anti-HEV IgG positive rate

## 1.2 Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Score of studies evaluated by JBI Critical Appraisal Tools

1. Was the sample frame appropriate to address the target population?
2. Were study participants sampled in an appropriate way?
3. Was the sample size adequate?
4. Were the study subjects and the setting described in detail?
5. Was the data analysis conducted with sufficient coverage of the identified sample?
6. Were valid methods used for the identification of the condition?
7. Was the condition measured in a standard, reliable way for all participants?
8. Was there appropriate statistical analysis?
9. Was the response rate adequate, and if not, was the low response rate managed appropriately?

Table S2. Univariable and multivariable meta-regression analysis of anti-HEV IgM positive rates

Variable	Univariable regression		Multivariable regression		
	$\beta$ (95%CI)	P value	$\beta$ (95%CI)	P value	OR (95%CI)
<b>Population</b>					
The general population (reference)					
Occupational population <sup>a</sup>	0.0554 (0.0163, 0.0946)	0.0055 *			
Pregnant women <sup>a</sup>	0.0675 (0.0306, 0.1044)	0.0003 *			
Hospital attendees	0.0683 (0.0307, 0.1059)	0.0004 *	-0.0399 (-0.0805, 0.0006)	0.0535	
Volunteer blood donors	0.0402 (0.0134, 0.0670)	0.0033 *	0.0365 (-0.0147, 0.0878)	0.1624	
<b>Age (yr)</b>					
0-9 (reference)					
10-19	-0.0112 (-0.0887, -0.0663)	0.7769			
20-29	-0.0161 (-0.0871, -0.0549)	0.6573			
30-39	-0.0044 (-0.0753, -0.0664)	0.9026			
40-49	0.0218 (-0.0494, -0.0929)	0.5488			
50-59	0.0297 (-0.0457, -0.1050)	0.4404			
60+	0.0424 (-0.0338, -0.1186)	0.2752			
<b>Gender</b>					
Female (reference)					
Male	0.0018 (-0.0197, 0.0234)	0.8669			
<b>Type of kits</b>					
Other (reference)					
WanTai	0.0404 (0.0175, 0.0633)	0.0005	-0.0956 (-0.1499, -0.0413)	0.0006*	0.91 (0.86, 0.96)

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	0.0633)	*	-0.0413)		0.96)
<b>Region_1</b>					
The north(reference)					
The south	0.0298 (0.0081, 0.0514)	0.0071 *	0.0583 (0.0282, 0.0884)	0.0001*	1.06 (1.03, 1.09)
<b>Region_2</b>					
Coastal provinces (reference)					
Inland regions	-0.0100 (-0.0321, 0.0122)	0.3788			
<b>Region_3</b>					
Other (reference)					
The west	-0.0259 (-0.0502, -0.0016)	0.0369			
<b>Study period<sup>a</sup></b>					
1997-2000 (reference)					
2001-2005	-0.1747 (-0.2832, -0.0663)	0.0016 *			
2006-2011	-0.2148 (-0.3221, -0.1076)	<0.000 1*			
2012-2017	-0.2034 (-0.3104, -0.0964)	0.0002 *			
2018-2022	-0.2175 (-0.3285, -0.1065)	0.0001 *			
<b>Urban_rural distribution</b>					
Rural (reference)					
Urban	-0.0142 (-0.0312, 0.0028)	0.1025			

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