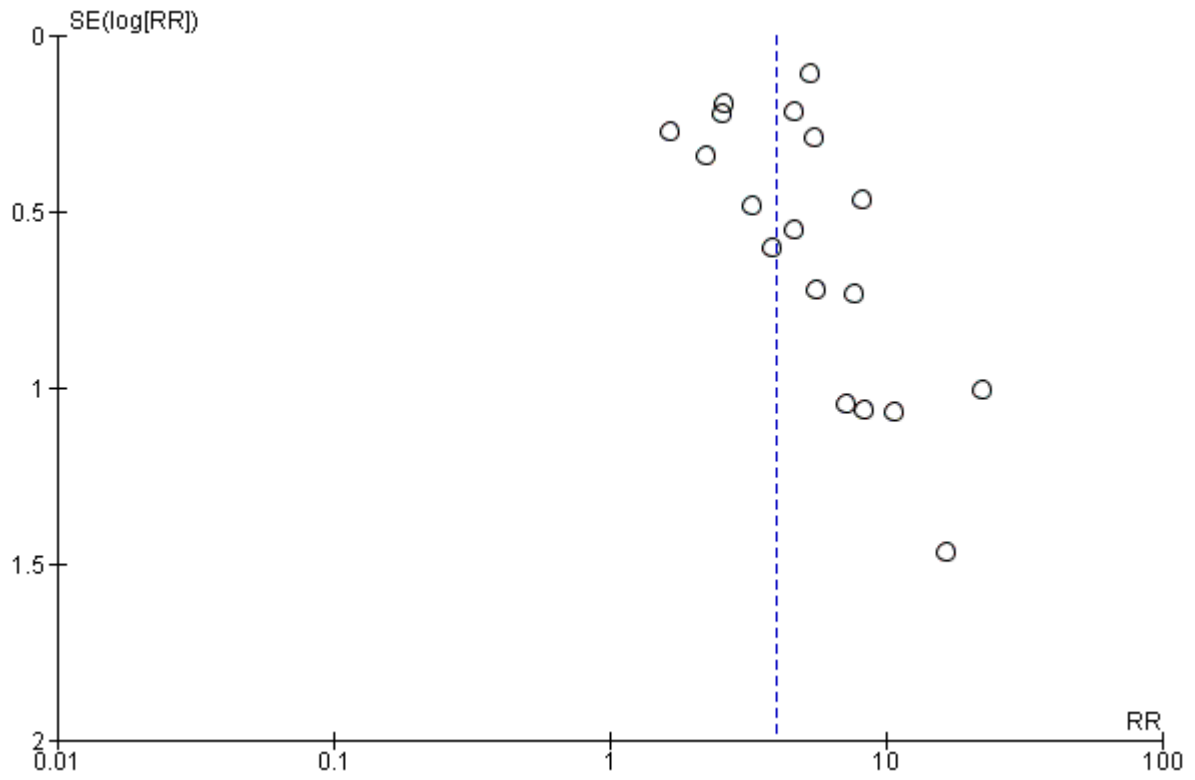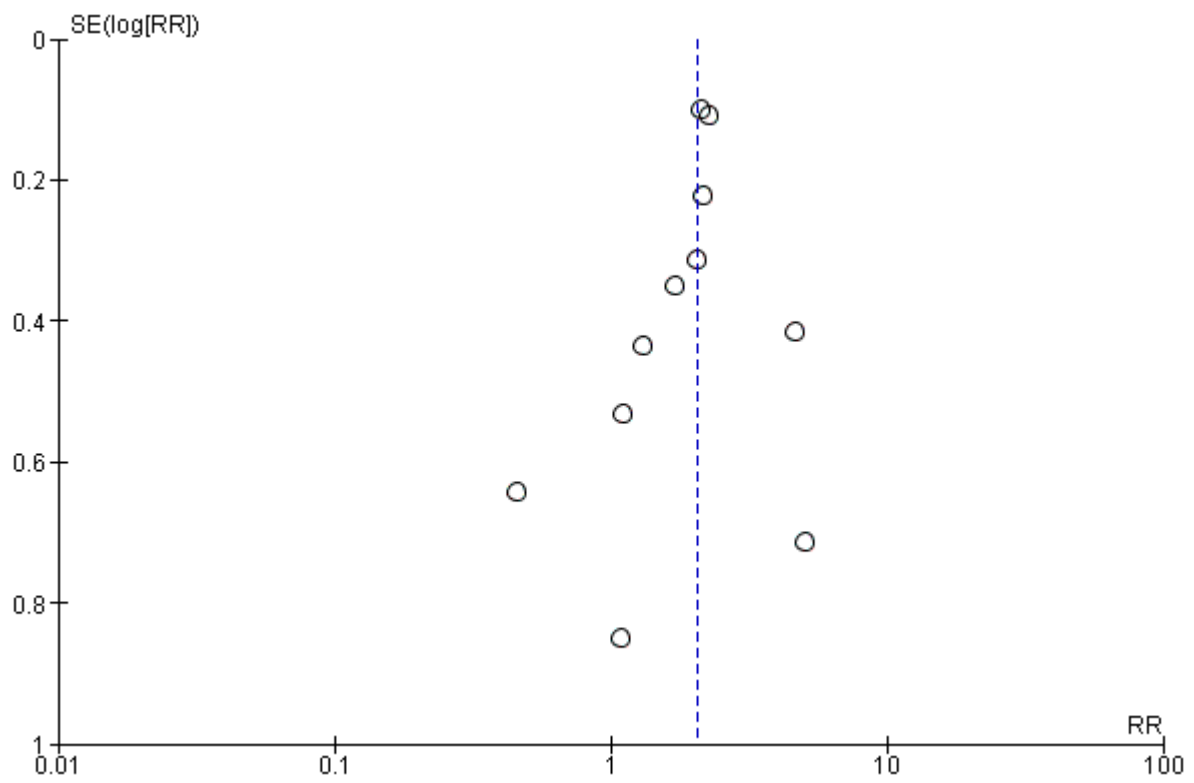Figure 1: Funnel plots to assess for publication bias of included studies
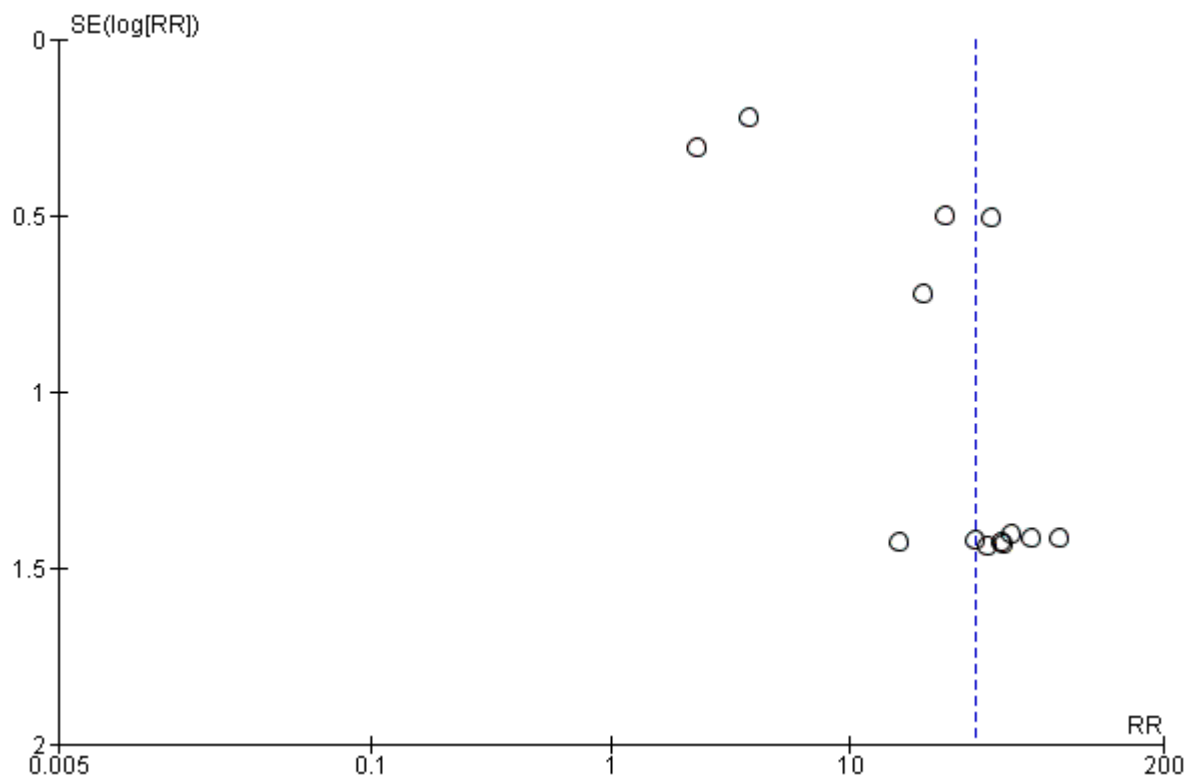
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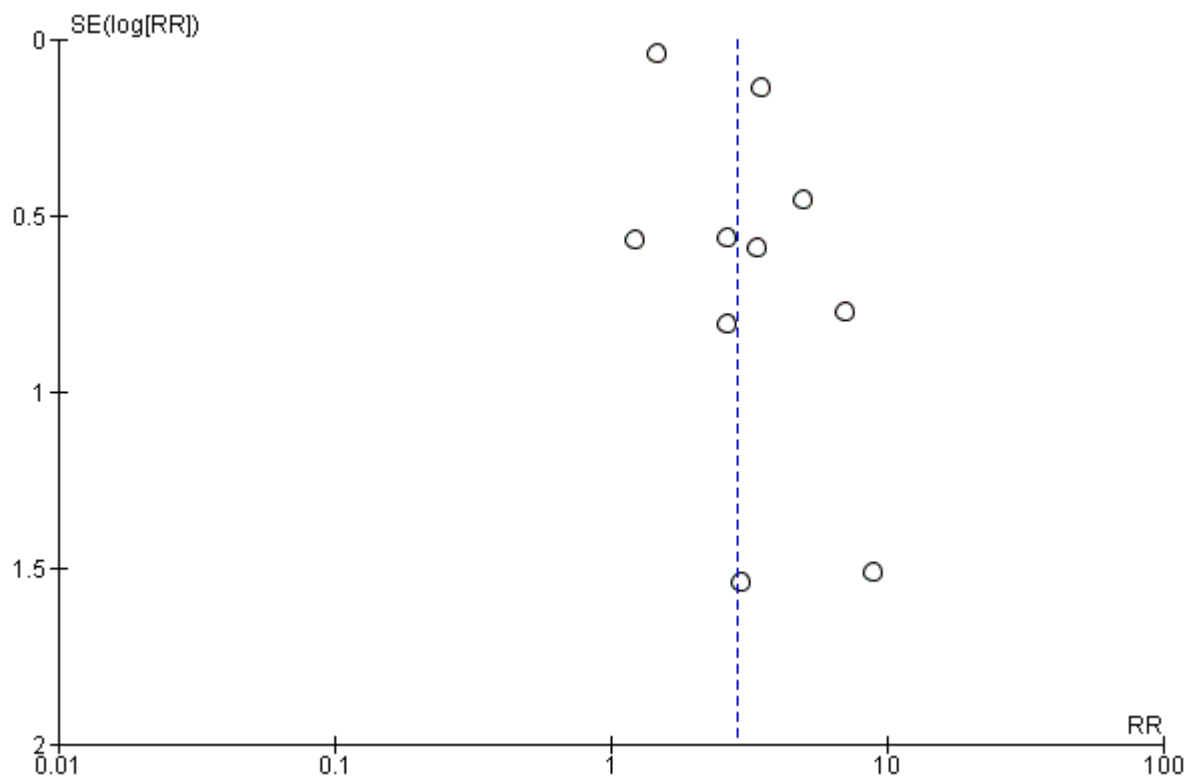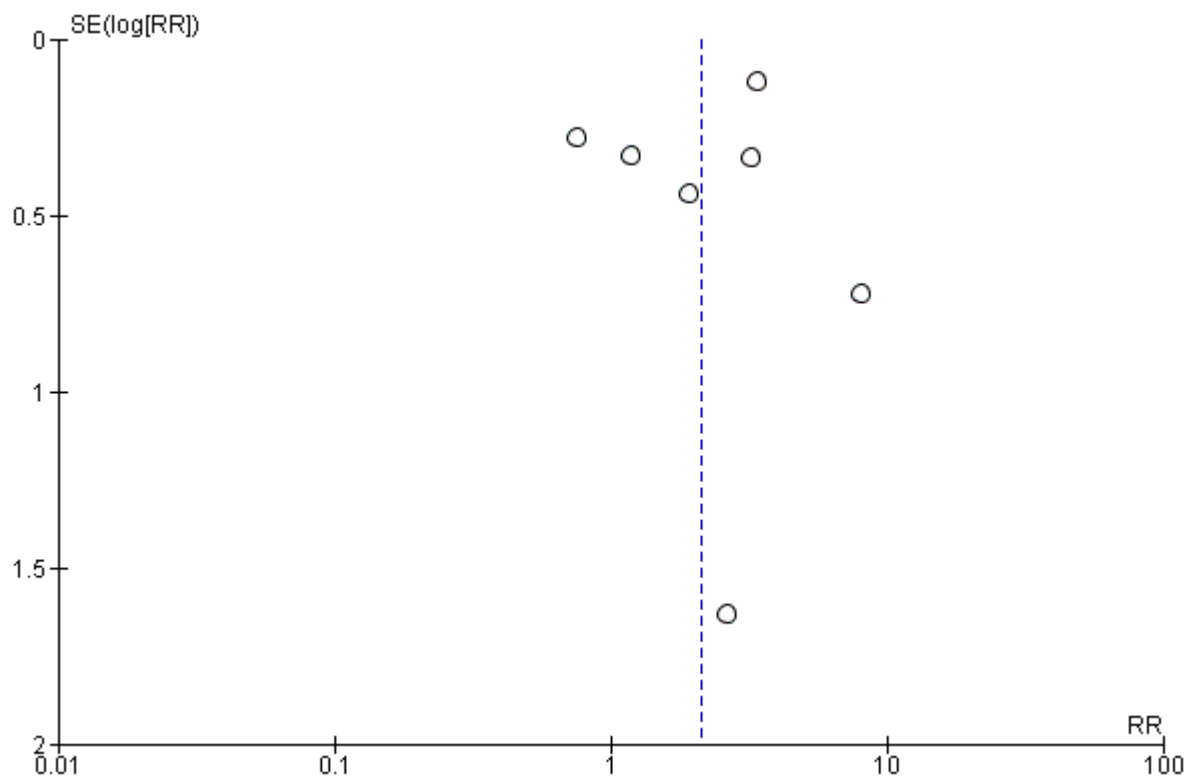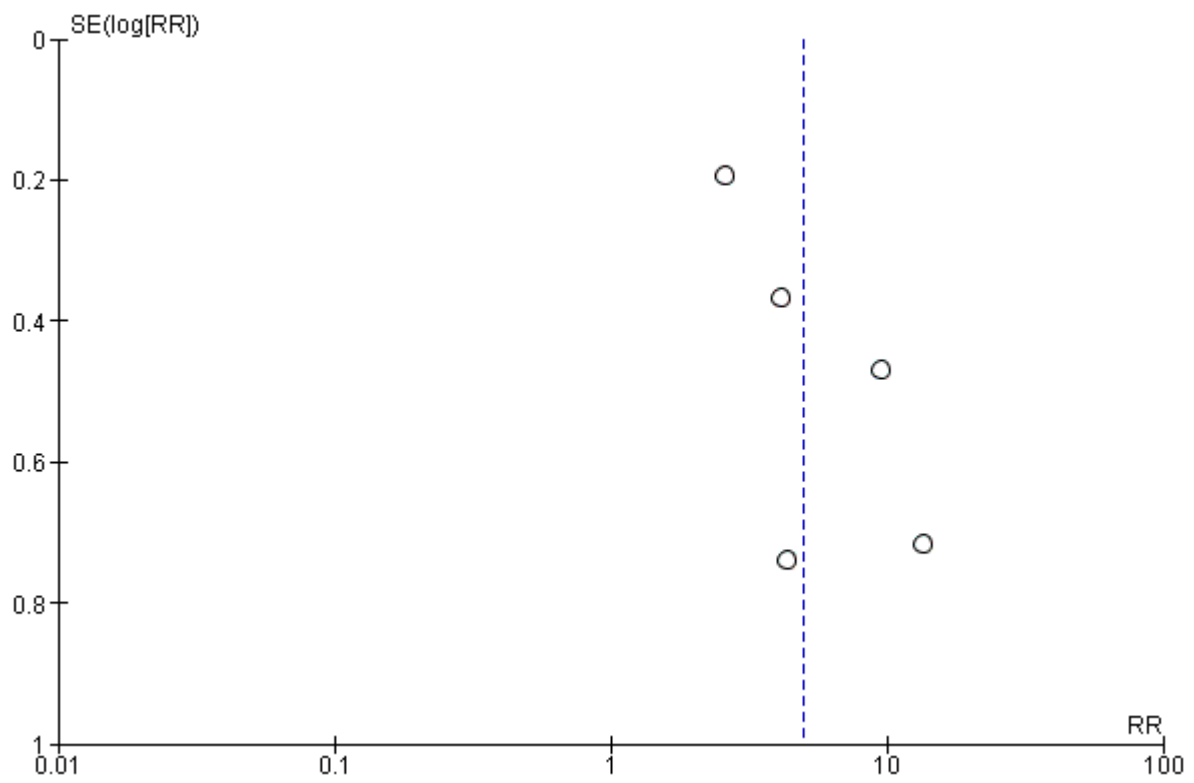2. Stroke

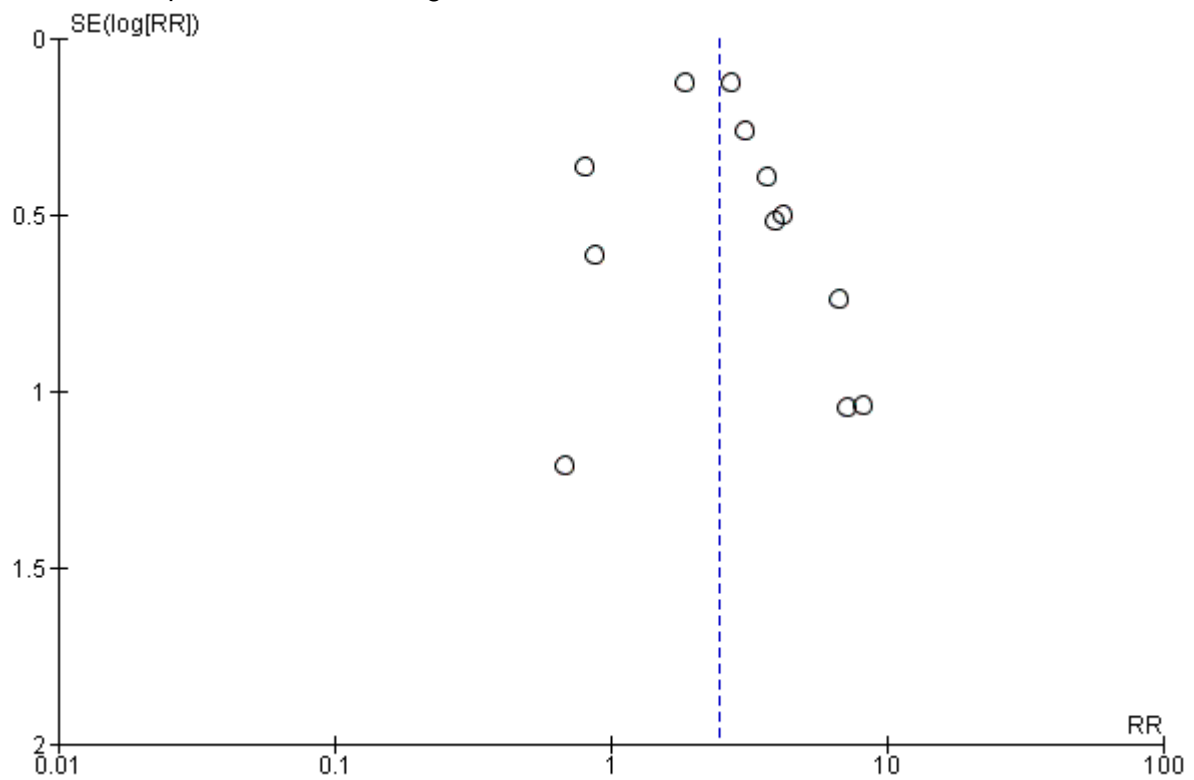3. Need for dialysis/CRRT

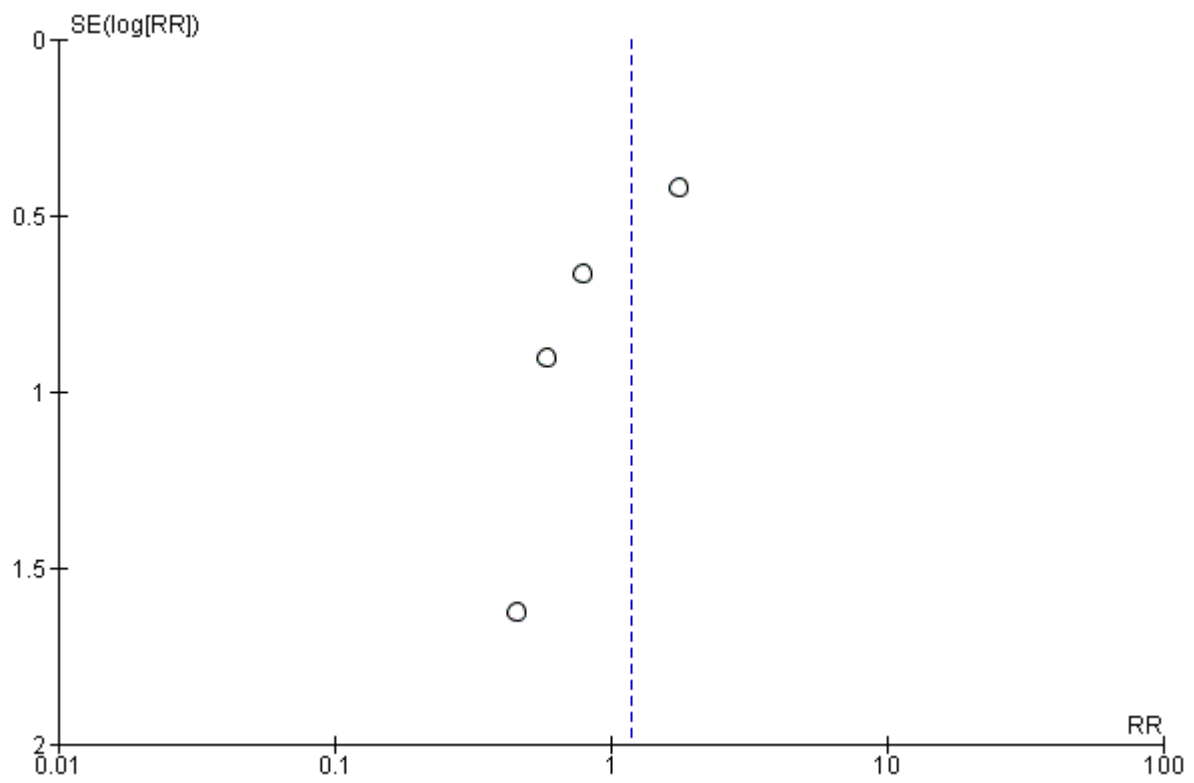4. Cardiovascular complications

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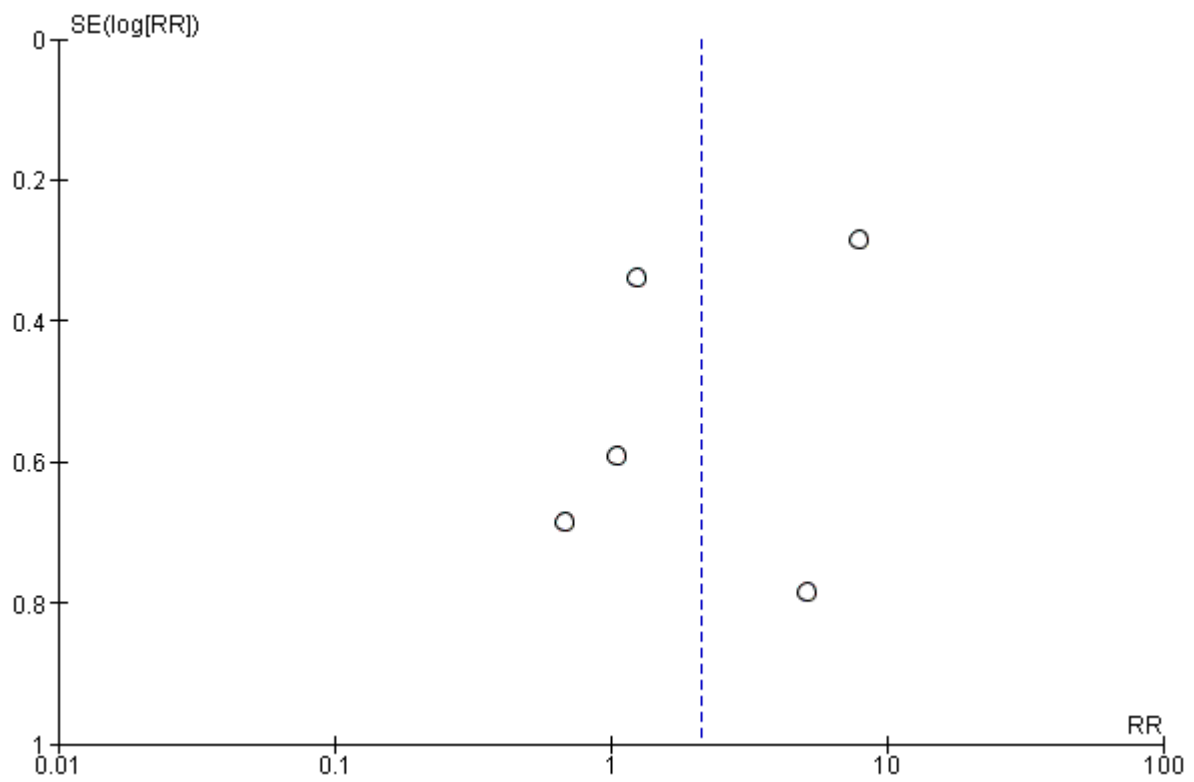

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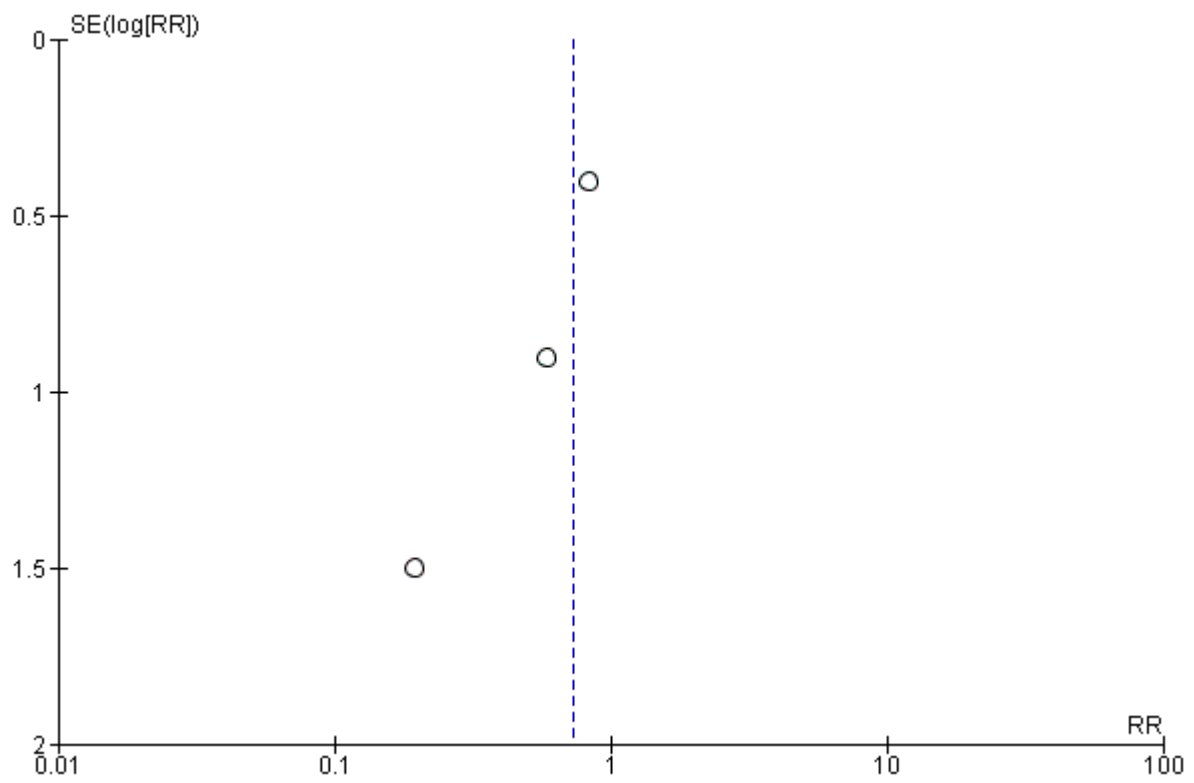7. Re-exploration for bleeding

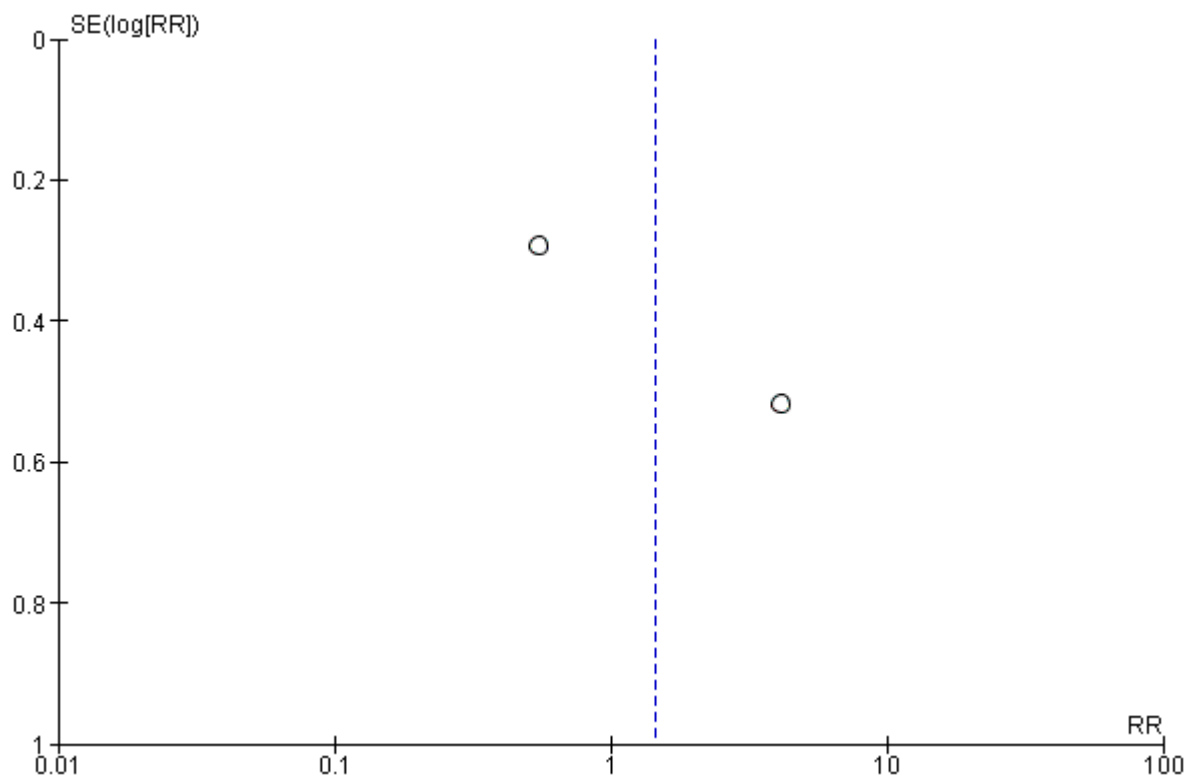
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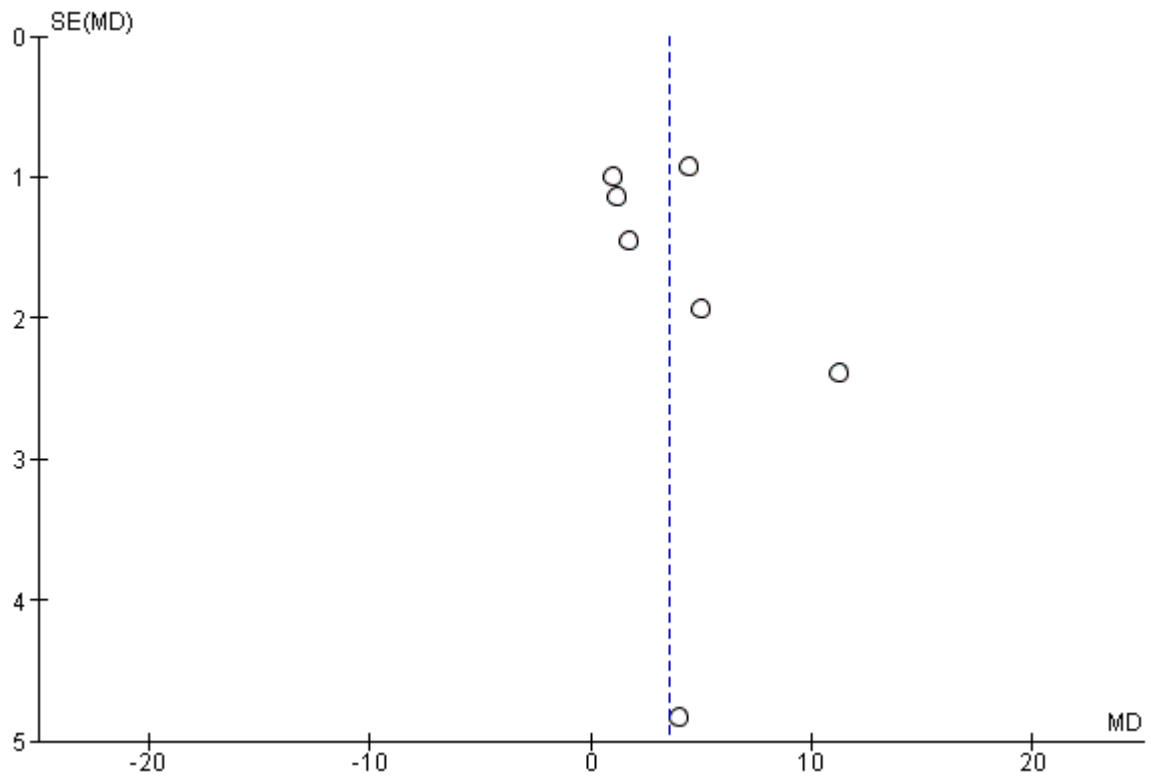9. Need for tracheostomy

10. Paraplegia

11. Hepatic failure

12. Length of stay in Hospital (days)

13. Length of stay in ICU (days)