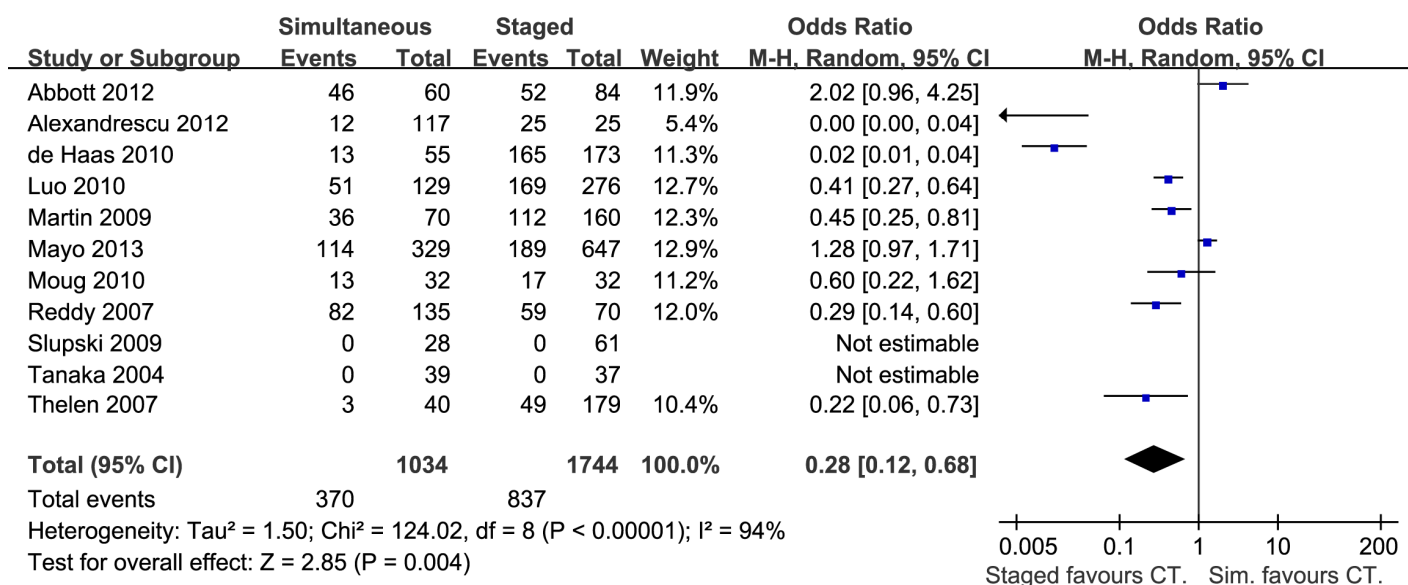


# Figure S7

## Baseline imbalance of preoperative chemotherapy



### Forest plots of the baseline imbalance of preoperative chemotherapy.

M-H: Mantel-Haenszel method

Staged favours CT.: More patients in staged group received preoperative chemotherapy.

Sim. favours CT.: More patients in simultaneous group received preoperative chemotherapy.

Pooled result showed that significantly more patients in staged group received preoperative chemotherapy. There was significant baseline imbalance of preoperative chemotherapy.