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VAP-ES: non-antibiotic methods

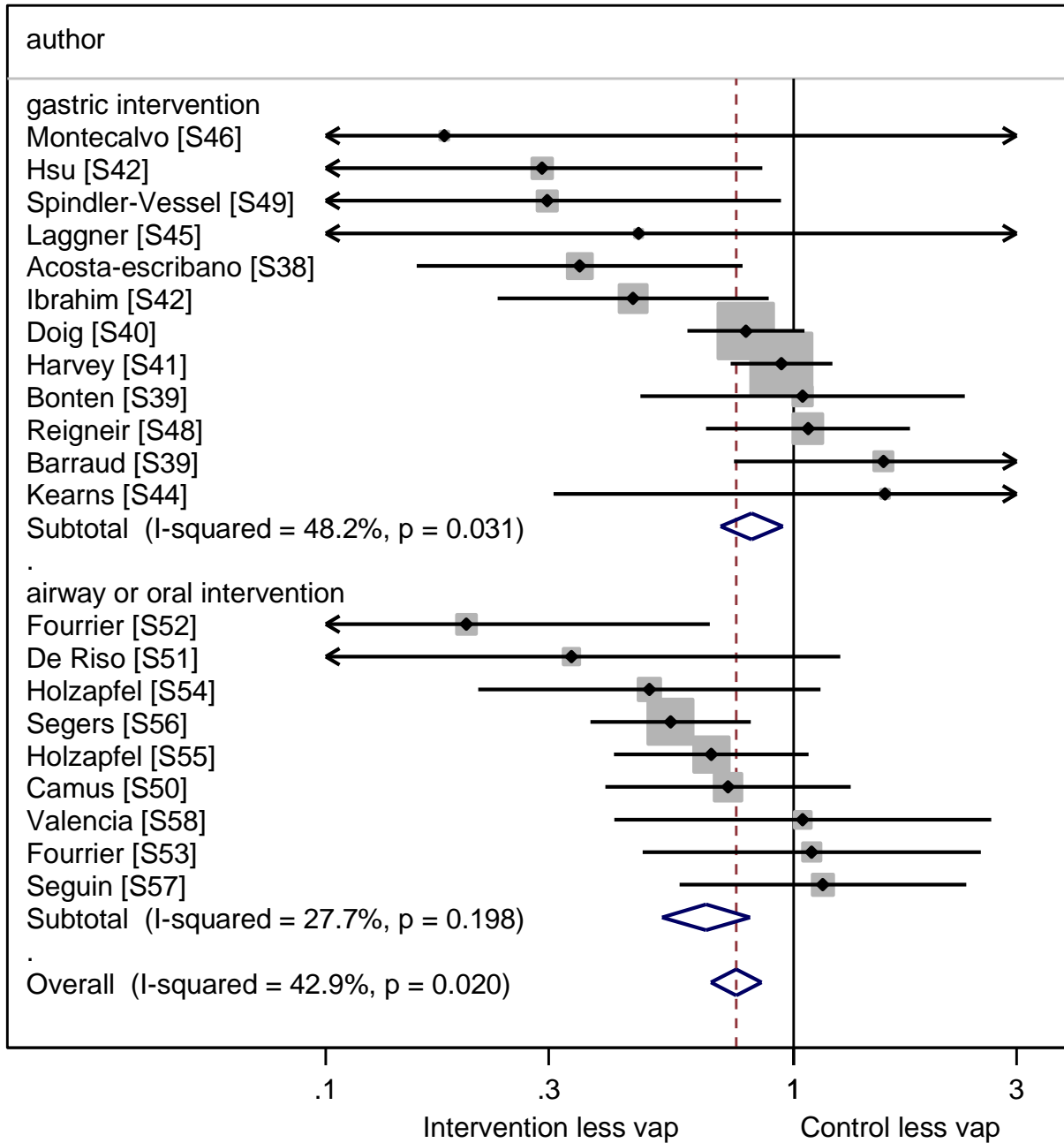


Figure S5. Effect size of non-antibiotic methods of VAP prevention on the incidence of VAP as odds ratios for studies as listed in Table S2. Square symbols are proportional to study size and associated whiskers are 95% confidence intervals. Study weighting used in the calculation of the summary odds ratio is based on the inverse of the study variance. The open diamonds represent the sub-group and overall summary odds ratios and associated 95% confidence intervals. The overall summary odds ratio is also represented by the vertical broken line.

Bacteremia-ES: non-antibiotic methods

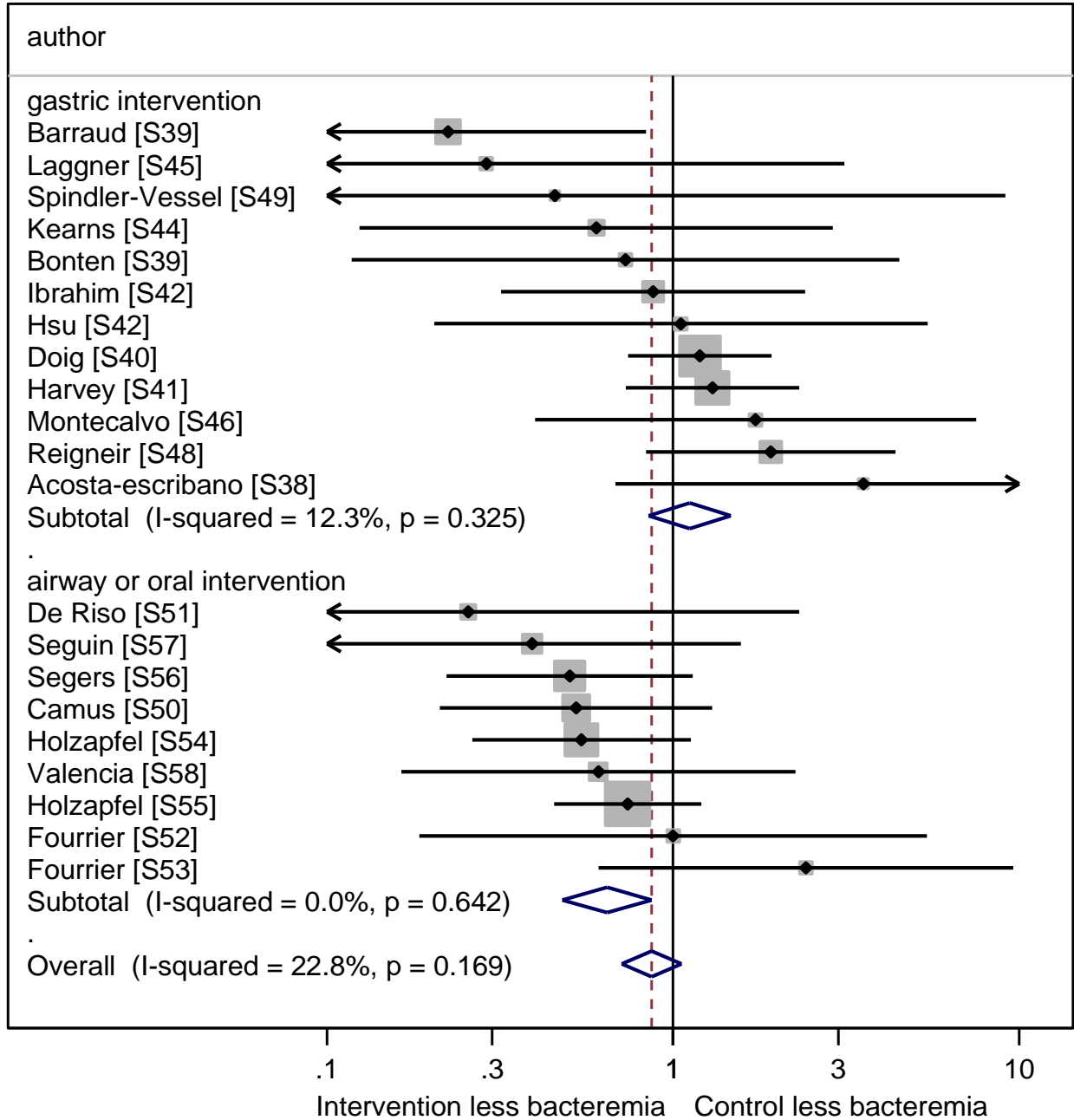


Figure S6. Effect size of non-antibiotic methods of VAP prevention on the incidence of bacteremia as odds ratios for studies as listed in Table S2. Details as for Figure S5.

VAP-ES: antibiotic methods non-concurrent studies

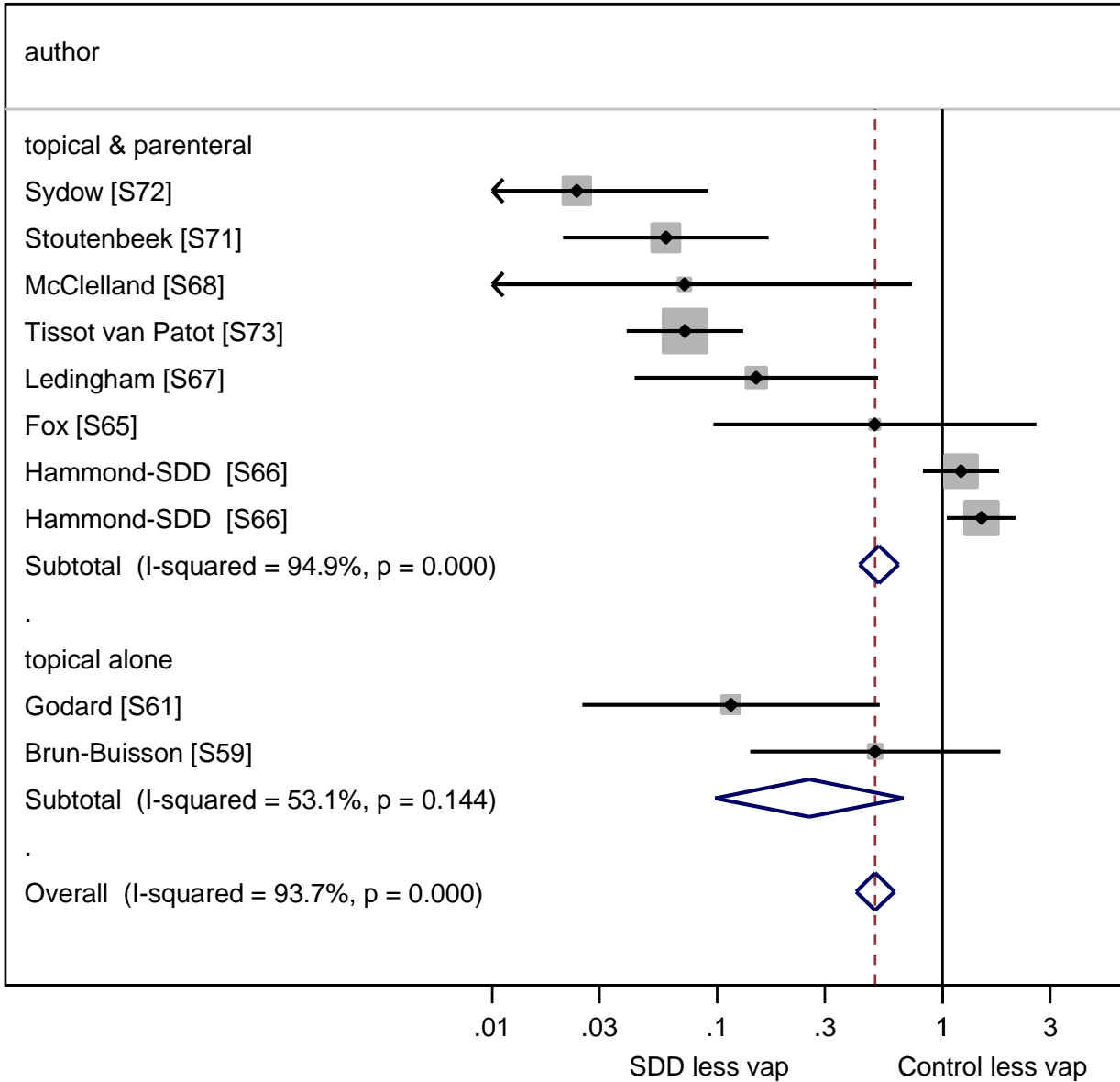


Figure S7. Effect size of antibiotic methods of VAP prevention using SDD on the incidence of VAP as odds ratios in studies with non-concurrent controls as listed in Table S3. Details as for Figure S5.

Bacteremia-ES: antibiotic methods non-concurrent studies

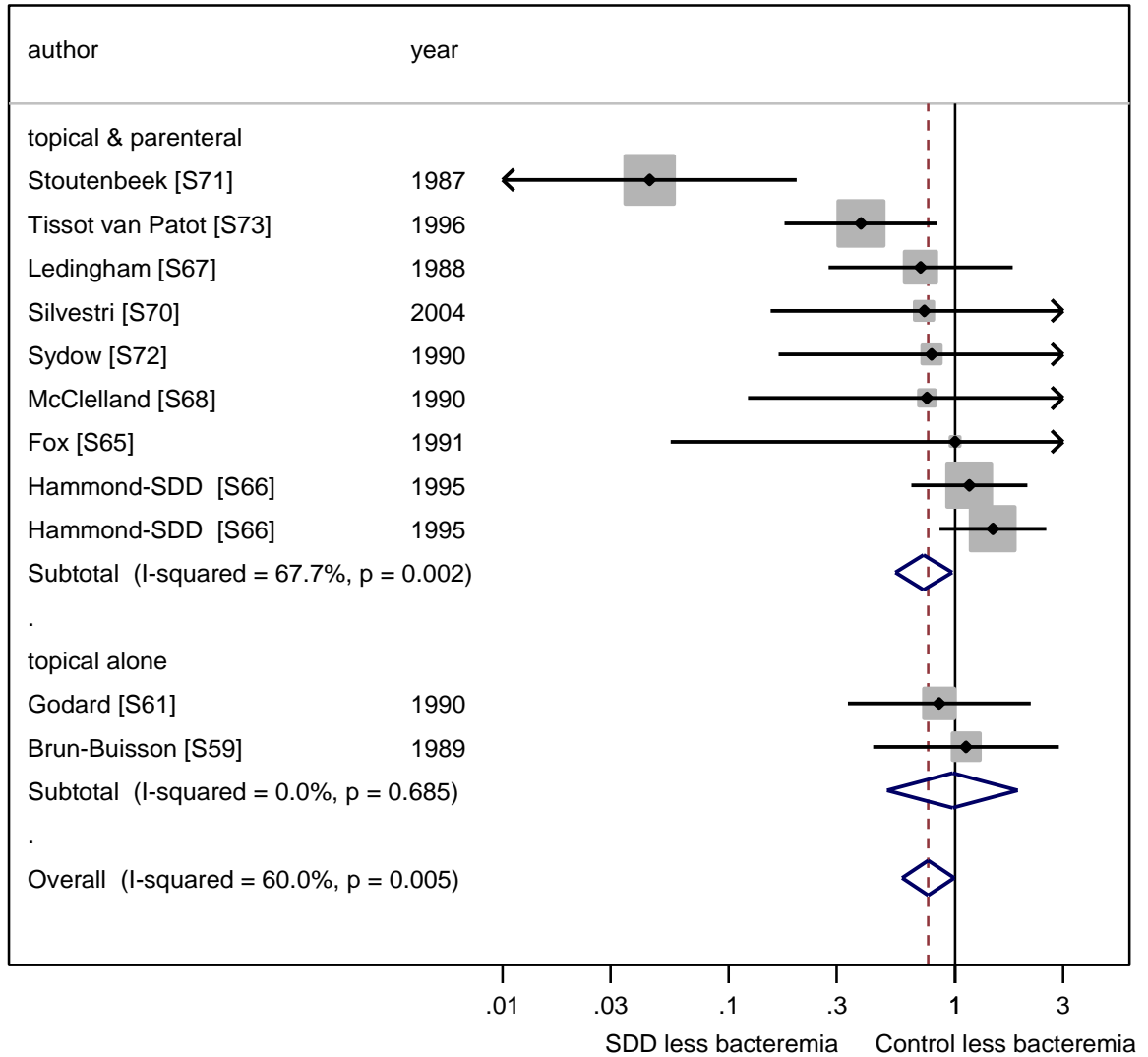


Figure S8. Effect size of antibiotic methods of VAP prevention using SDD on the incidence of bacteremia as odds ratios in studies with non-concurrent controls as listed in Table S3. Details as for Figure S5.

VAP-ES: antibiotic methods RCCT studies

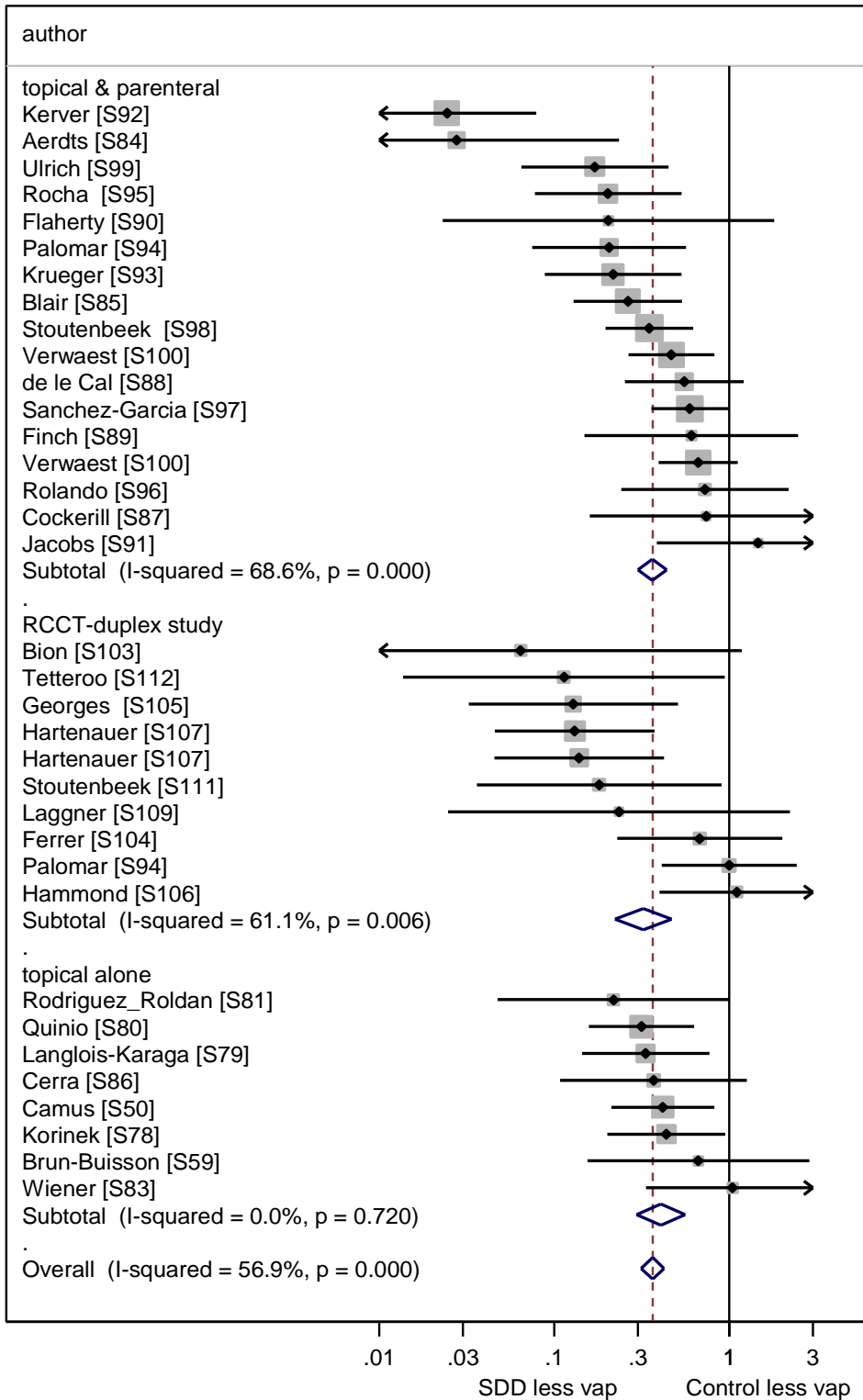


Figure S9. Effect size of antibiotic methods of VAP prevention using SDD on the incidence of VAP as odds ratios in studies with concurrent controls as listed in Tables S4 & S5. Details as for Figure S5.

Bacteremia-ES: antibiotic methods RCCT studies

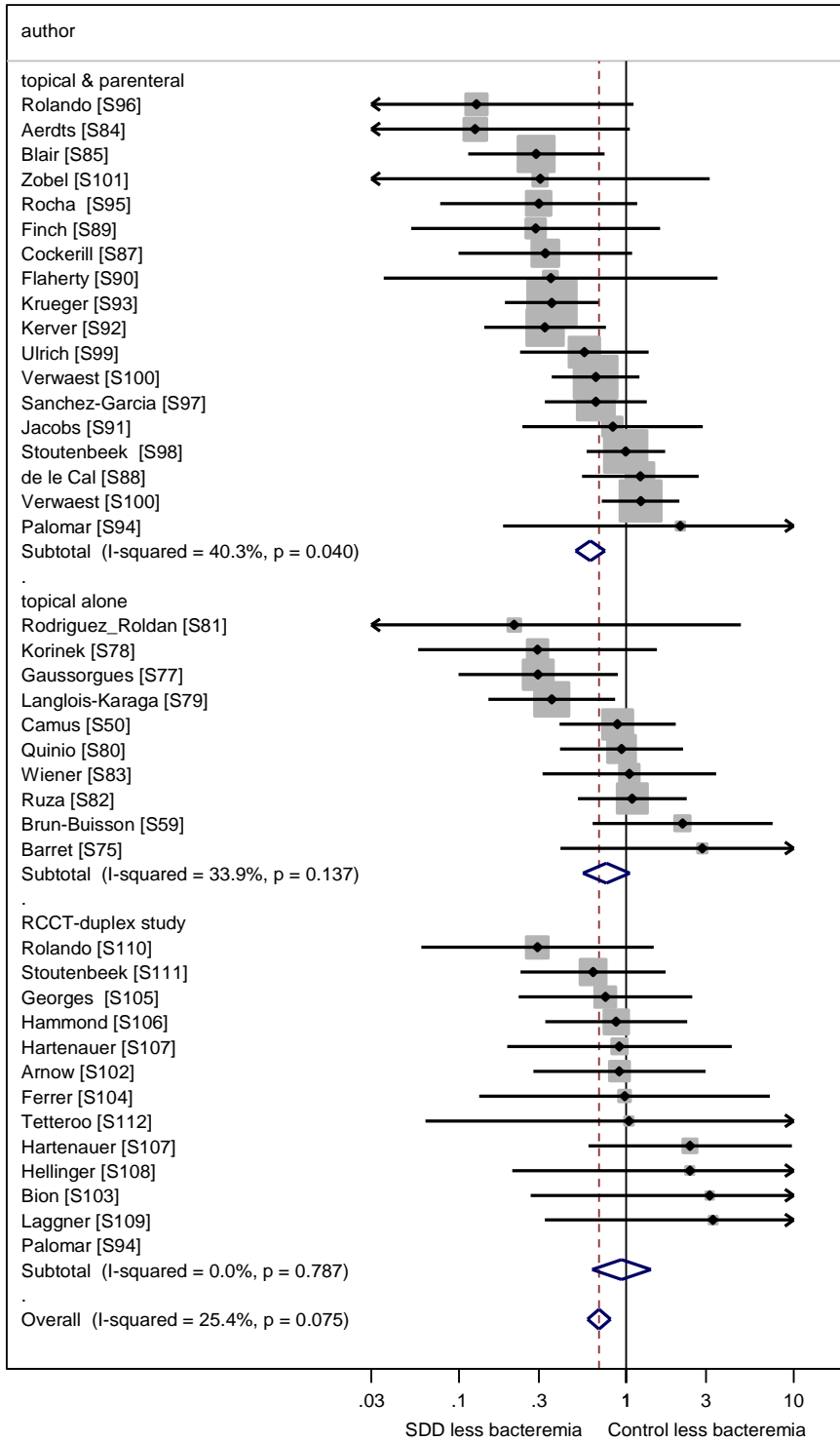


Figure S10. Effect size of antibiotic methods of VAP prevention using SDD on the incidence of bacteremia as odds ratios in studies with concurrent controls as listed in Tables S4 & S5. Details as for Figure S5.