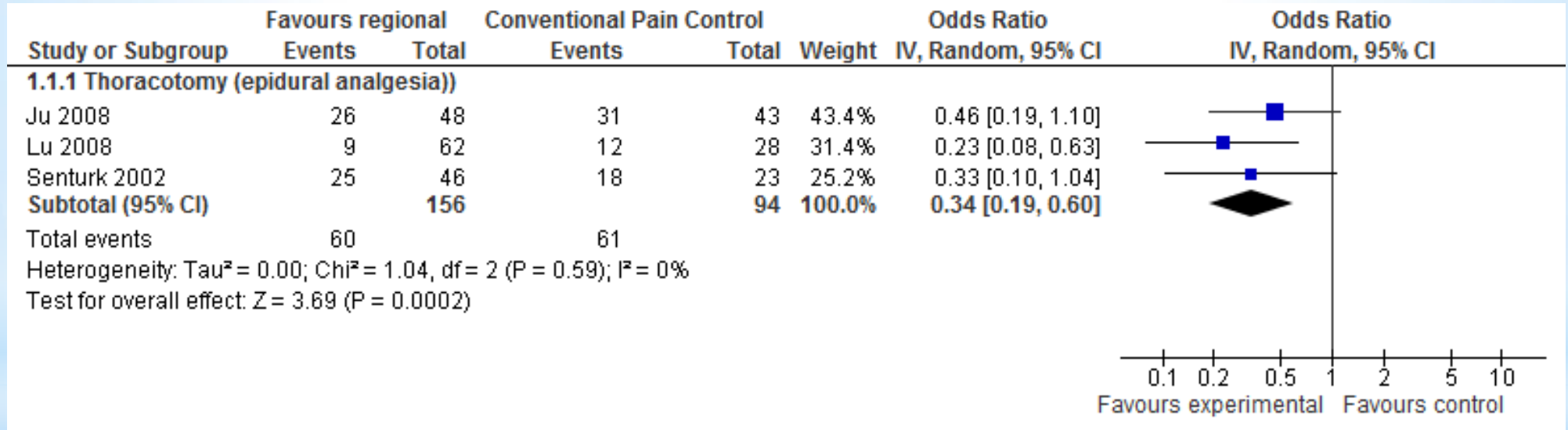


# Thoracic epidural analgesia reduces post-thoracotomy pain



Using epidural anesthesia may reduce the risk of developing persistent pain six months after thoracotomy in one patient out of every three to four patients treated.

**NNT 4; Recommendation: Level 1; Grade A**

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