

CTLA4 +49 G>A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk

Table S1. PRISMA checklist, Checklist of items to include when reporting a meta-analysis

Section/topic	#	Checklist item	Reported on section #
Title			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review, meta-analysis, or both.	Title page
Abstract			
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary including, as applicable: background; objectives; data sources; study eligibility criteria, participants, and interventions; study appraisal and synthesis methods; results; limitations; conclusions and implications of key findings; systematic review registration number.	Abstract page
Introduction			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	Introduction section
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS).	Introduction section
Methods			
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and, if available, provide registration information including registration number.	N/A
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale.	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis
Information sources	7	Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched.	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis
Study selection	9	State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if applicable, included in the meta-analysis).	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis
Data collection process	10	Describe method of data extraction from reports (e.g., piloted forms, independently, in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis
Risk of bias in individual studies	12	Describe methods used for assessing risk of bias of individual studies (including specification of whether this was done at the study or outcome level), and how this information is to be used in any data synthesis.	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis
Summary measures	13	State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means).	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis
Synthesis of results	14	Describe the methods of handling data and combining results of studies, if done, including measures of consistency (e.g., I^2) for each meta-analysis.	Materials and Methods section, Meta-Analysis