

Appendix 2 Subgroup analyses for mortality

Subgroups	No. of studies	No. of patients (EGDT/Control)	RR (95% CI)	P value	I ² (%)	P value for I ²
Multi-center trials ^a	4	2013/2020	0.92(0.79,1.06)	0.25	49	0.12
Patients in septic shock ^b	4	1926/1944	0.94(0.79,1.12)	0.51	47	0.13
Control group ^a						
Usual care	3	1856/1874	1.02(0.90,1.16)	0.71	0	0.77
Standard therapy	3	726/725	0.78(0.50,1.22)	0.28	84	0.002

^aThe mortality endpoint was 28-day reported by each trial.

^bThe mortality was calculated by the in-hospital death data.