The effect of metformin on survival of patients with pancreatic cancer: a meta-analysis

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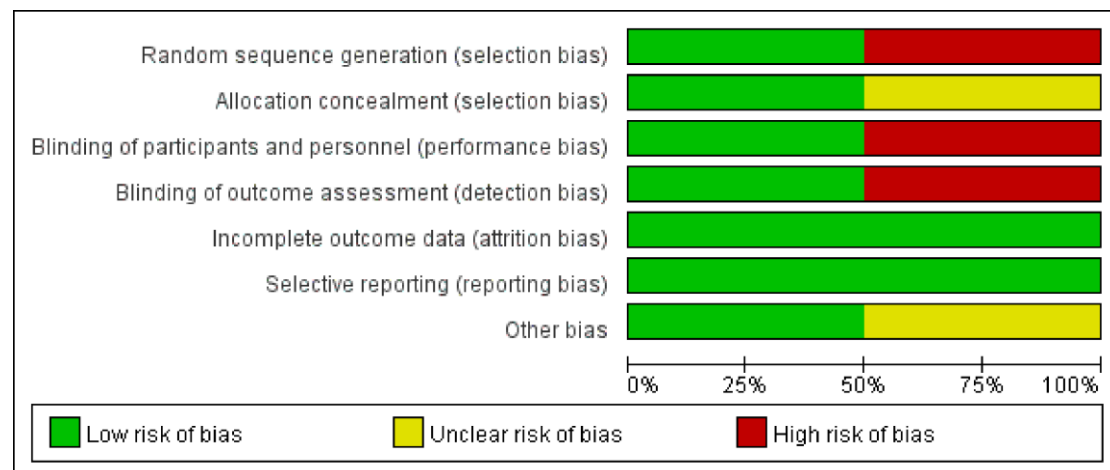
Supplementary Table S1 Quality assessment of the two RCTs.

Study	Blinding method	Randomization	Generation of random sequence	Withdrawals	Allocation concealment	Jadad score
Kordes 2016	Double-blinded	Yes	Computer-generated permuted-block randomisation	0/0	Yes	5
Reni 2015	None	Yes	Unclear	0/0	Unclear	2

Supplementary Table S2 NOS scores of the nine retrospective cohort studies.

Study	Selection				Comparability	Outcome			Overall
	Representative of cases	*Selection of controls*	*Ascertainment of exposure*	*Outcomes present at start of study*	*Comparability the design or analysis*	*Assessment of outcome*	*Adequate follow-up time（≧ 1 year）*	*Adequacy of follow up (≧ 80%)*	**Quality**
Ambe 2015	1	1	1	–	2	1	1	–	7
Amin 2016	1	1	1	–	2	1	1	–	7
Cerullo 2016	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	–	8
Chaiteerakij 2016	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	–	8
Choi 2016	1	1	1	–	2	1	1	–	7
Hwang 2013	1	1	1	–	2	1	1	–	7
Kozak 2016	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	–	8
Lee 2016	1	1	1	–	2	1	1	–	7
Sadeghi 2012	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	–	8

Supplementary Figure S1. Bias assessment for the two RCTs.

Supplementary Figure S2. Funnel plot with Begg's test for publication bias.

Begg's funnel plot with pseudo 95% confidence limits