

Supplementary Online Content

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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

eAppendix 1. Search Strategy

General search descriptive ^a		
Database searched:	Embase, Medline (including MEDLINE Epub Ahead of Print and In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations), Cochrane Library, Web of Science (Web of Science Core Database, SCI-EXPANDED and ESCI)	
General search strategy:	Keywords and, when available, MeSH-terms were used to draft up a search strategy combining the following three elements: “psoriasis”, “HLA” and “ustekinumab”. Synonyms and related terms were used when appropriate.	
Limit(s):	Time period: 2016 to present Search conducted on: 14 May 2018 Languages: English, French, German, Dutch	
Search software:	Endnote™ X8	
Search strings used ^b		
1:	psoriasis	<i>Psoriasis/ or Psorias#.tw. or Psorias#.kf.</i>
2:	HLA	<i>HLA-C Antigens/or Genes, MHC Class I/or (HLA* or human leukocyte antigen* or major histocompatibility complex*).tw. or (HLA* or human leukocyte antigen* or major histocompatibility complex*).kf.</i>
3:	ustekinumab	<i>interleukin-12/ai or interleukin-12 subunit p40/ai or interleukin-23/ai or (biologic* or ustekinumab or stelara or (anti-IL* adj3 drug*) or (anti-IL* adj3 agent*) or (anti-IL* adj3 therap*) or (anti-IL* adj3 treatment*) or (anti-interleukin* adj3 drug*) or (anti-interleukin* adj3 agent*) or (anti-interleukin* adj3 therap*) or (anti-interleukin* adj3 treatment*) or (IL* adj3 blocker*) or (IL* adj3 blocking agent*) or (IL* adj3 inhibitor*) or (interleukin* adj3 blocker*) or (interleukin* adj3 blocking agent*) or (interleukin* adj3 inhibitor*)).tw. or (biologic* or ustekinumab or stelara or (anti-IL* adj3 drug*) or (anti-IL* adj3 agent*) or (anti-IL* adj3 therap*) or (anti-IL* adj3 treatment*) or (anti-interleukin* adj3 drug*) or (anti-interleukin* adj3 agent*) or (anti-interleukin* adj3 therap*) or (anti-interleukin* adj3 treatment*) or (IL* adj3 blocker*) or (IL* adj3 blocking agent*) or (IL* adj3 inhibitor*) or (interleukin* adj3 blocker*) or (interleukin* adj3 blocking agent*) or (interleukin* adj3 inhibitor*)).kf.</i>
4:	combined search	<i>#1 and #2 and #3</i>

^a Search strings were designed by L.J.v.V. (clinical researcher and PhD student) with support from a medical librarian of the Radboudumc.

^b The search strings used in Medline are shown; comparable search strings were used for the other databases. Complete search strings are available on request.

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eAppendix 3. Gray Literature Search OpenGrey.eu

General search descriptive	
Source:	OpenGrey.eu
Search date:	4 June 2018
Number of hits:	8 hits; none relevant
Search strategy:	<i>(psoriasis pharmacogen*)</i> and <i>(psoriasis human leukocyte antigen*)</i> and <i>(psoriasis HLA*)</i> and <i>(psoriasis ustekinumab)</i>
List of hits	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Phenotypical and functional study of the regulatory T cells in patients affected by psoriasis: modifications observed under treatment with TNF alpha blocking agent (Infliximab); Arsouze, Amélie; 2007; Thesis (Ph.D.); Université Pierre et Marie Curie, UFR de médecine Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris; France.2. The Potential of Pharmacogenetics to Optimise Methotrexate use for Psoriasis; Warren, Richard Bruce; 2008; Thesis (Ph.D.); University of Manchester; United Kingdom.3. Traitement par anti-TNFa de 203 formes axiales de spondylarthropathies (profil des patients, et réponse à 6 mois en fonction de la satisfaction ou non des critères de New York et des recommandations françaises pour l'instauration de ces traitements); Gerard Benoist, Stéphanie; 2008; Thesis (Ph.D.); Université de Nantes, Unité de Formation et de Recherche de Médecine et des Techniques Médicales; France.4. Recherche de gènes de prédisposition à une maladie à hérédité complexe (le psoriasis); Oudot, Tiphaine; 2009; Thesis (Ph.D.); Université d'Évry-Val-d'Essonne; France.5. Imputation aided analysis of the association between autoimmune diseases and the MHC; Moutsianas, Loukas; 2011; Thesis (Ph.D.); University of Oxford; United Kingdom.6. New biotherapies in psoriasis; Ngo Thanh, Claire; 2011; Thesis (Ph.D.); Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse ; Université Paul Sabatier, Faculté des sciences pharmaceutiques, Toulouse; France.7. Place de l'Ustekinumab, un anticorps monoclonal dirigé contre la chaîne p40 commune aux interleukines IL-12 et IL-23, dans le traitement du psoriasis; Cart, Sophie; 2012; Thesis (Ph.D.); Université de Franche-Comté, Faculté de médecine et de pharmacie; France.8. Genetics of ankylosing spondylitis; Karaderi, Tugce; 2012; Thesis (Ph.D.); University of Oxford; United Kingdom.	

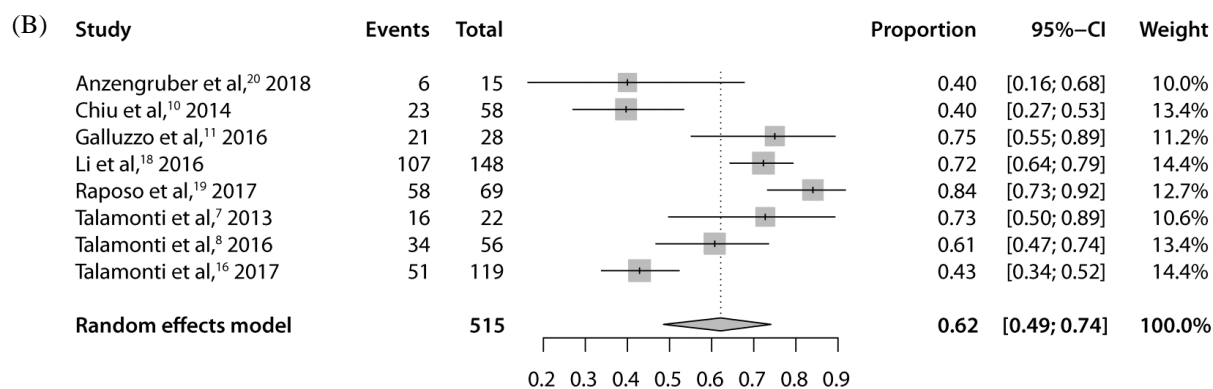
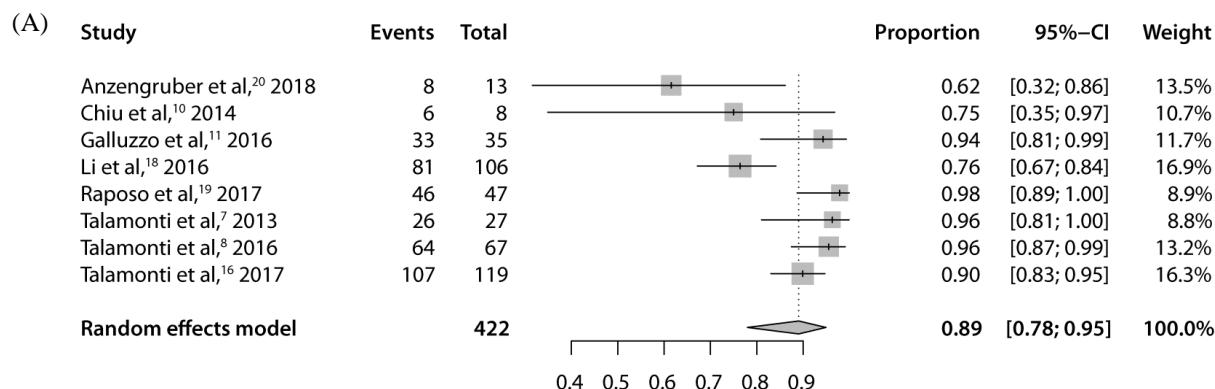
eAppendix 4. Gray Literature Search ClinicalTrials.gov

General search descriptive	
Source:	ClinicalTrials.gov
Search date:	4 June 2018
Number of hits:	59 hits; none relevant
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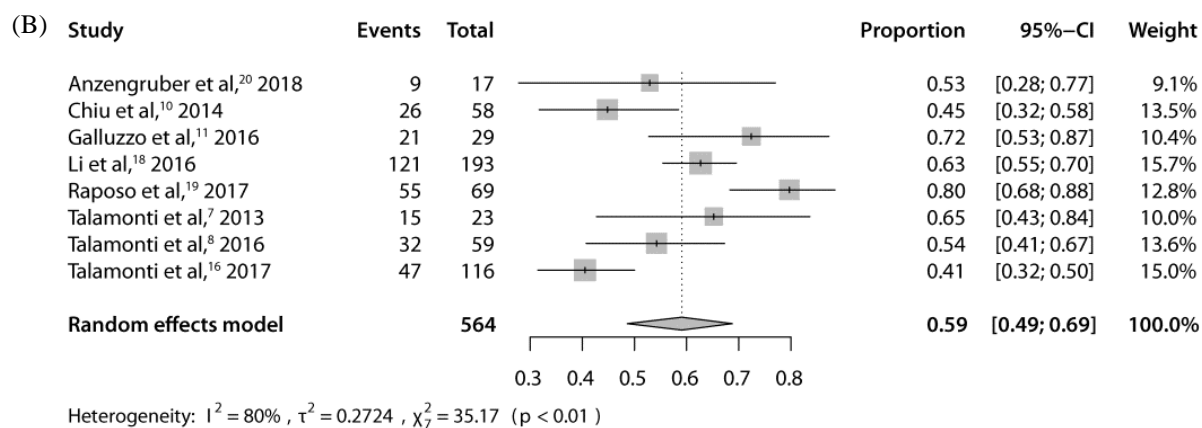
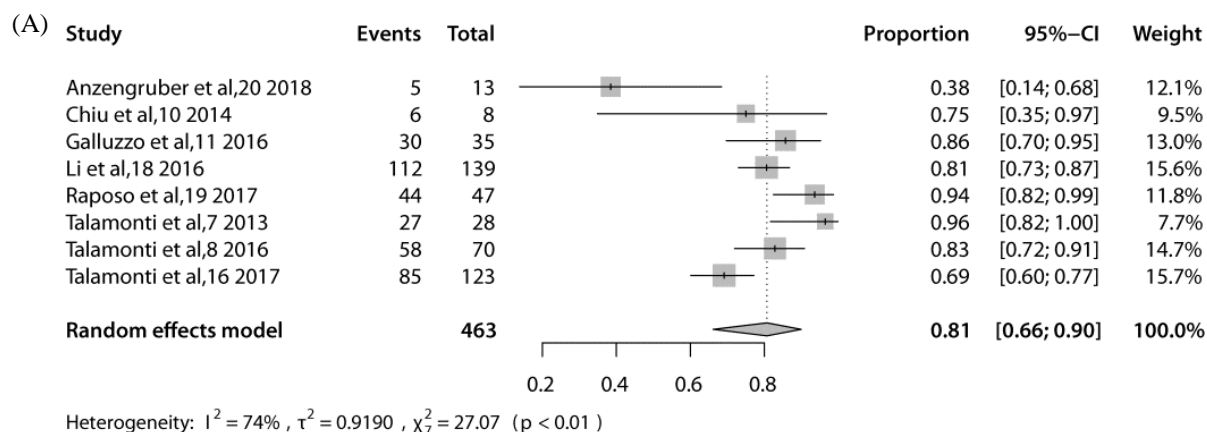
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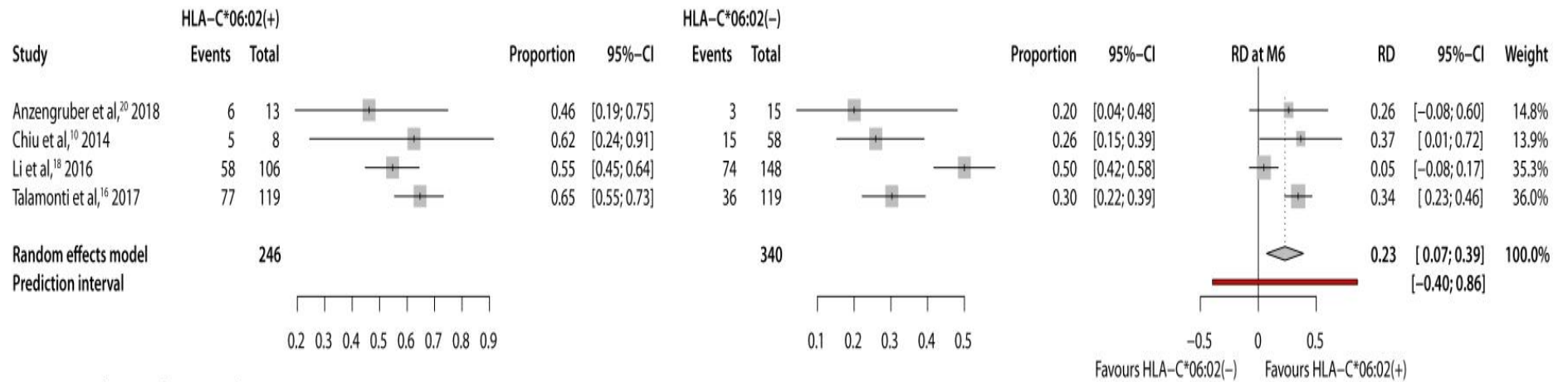
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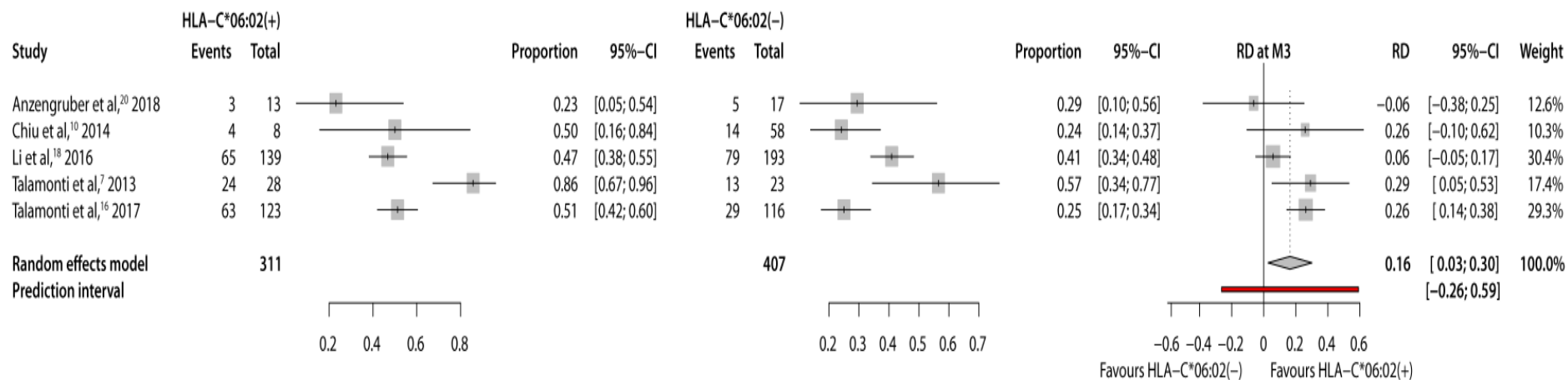
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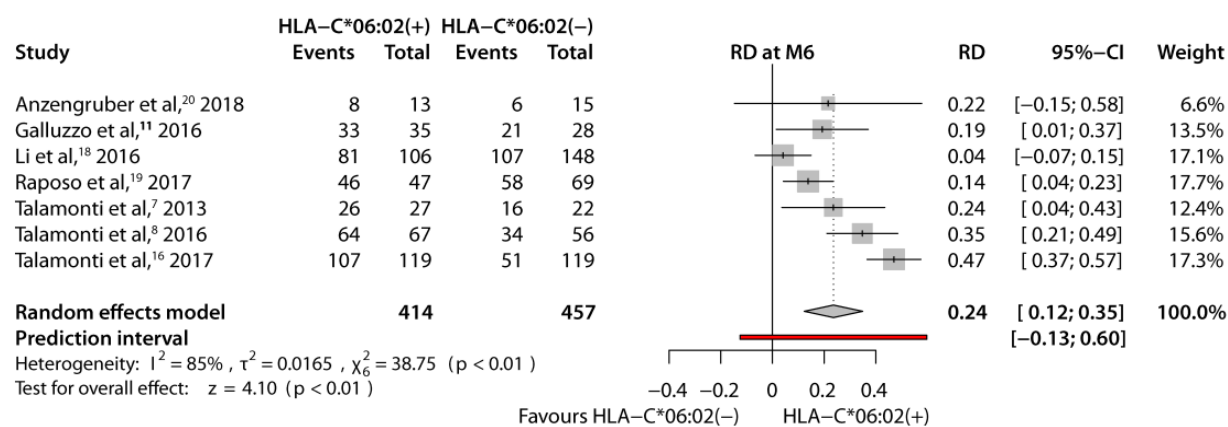
Test for overall effect: $z = 2.84$ ($p < 0.01$)

eFigure 4. Risk Difference for Response to Ustekinumab (PASI90) at 3 Months' Treatment According to *HLA-C*06:02* Status



Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 58\%$, $\tau^2 = 0.0131$, $\chi^2_4 = 9.62$ ($p = 0.05$)
 Test for overall effect: $z = 2.34$ ($p = 0.02$)

eFigure 5. Sensitivity Analysis Based on Exclusion of Non-European/Non-North American Cohorts

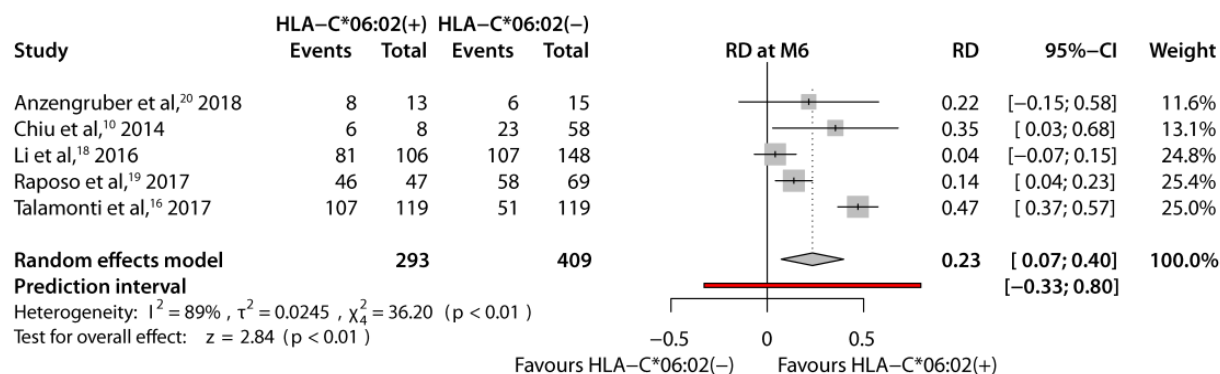


Abbreviations: M6, six months; RD, risk difference.

Exclusion of Non-European/Non-North American cohorts

Ethnicity is an important possible confounder in genetic studies.^{27,28} Therefore, a sensitivity analysis based on ethnic groups would be desirable. Unfortunately, only three out of eight included studies (*Talamonti et al.* 2016, *Chiu et al.* and *Li et al.*) reported on ethnicity of their study population. In other studies, ethnicity of the included patients was not explicitly reported. Performing a sensitivity analysis based on ethnicity was therefore not feasible. Instead, we have performed a sensitivity analysis based on geographic area as a proxy for ethnicity. For this analysis, we included all European and all North American studies, meaning that only the cohort of *Chiu et al.* (study performed in Asia) was excluded.

eFigure 6. Sensitivity Analysis Based on Exclusion of Some Research Groups

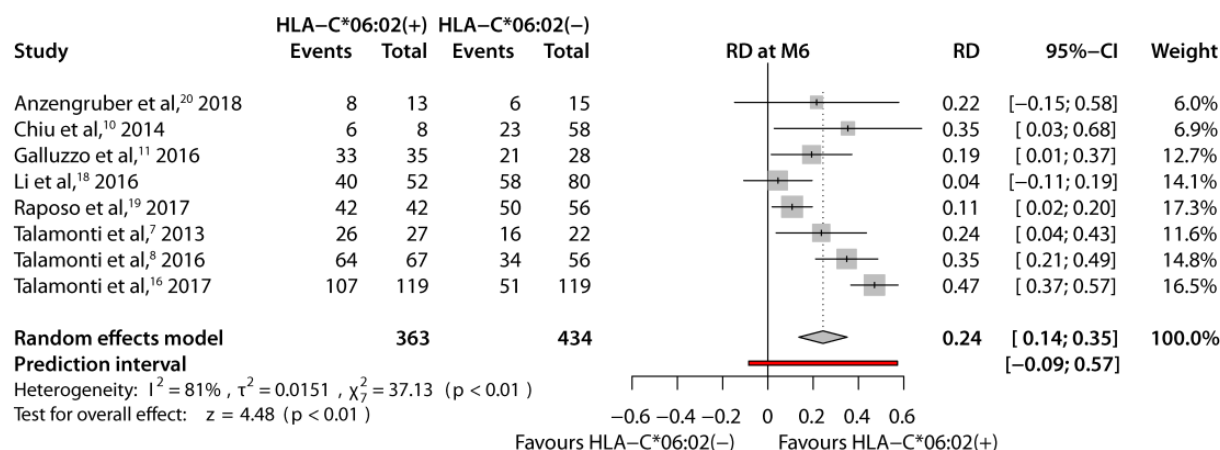


Abbreviations: M6, six months; RD, risk difference.

Exclusion of same research groups

For our primary analysis, studies containing duplicate data (same patients being represented in more than one publication) were excluded. We refer to the relevant sections of 'Materials and Methods' and 'Results' for a more detailed discussion of this process. Although our primary analyses did not contain duplicate data, four out of eight included studies were published by the same research group (*Talamonti et al./Galluzzo et al.* from Rome, Italy). Multiple cohorts from one research group and location may shift results into a certain direction. Therefore, we performed a sensitivity analysis where three out of four publications by *Talamonti et al./Galluzzo et al.* were excluded, leaving only the most recent publication (*Talamonti 2017*).

eFigure 7. Sensitivity Analysis Based on Exclusion of Non-according-to-label Dosing

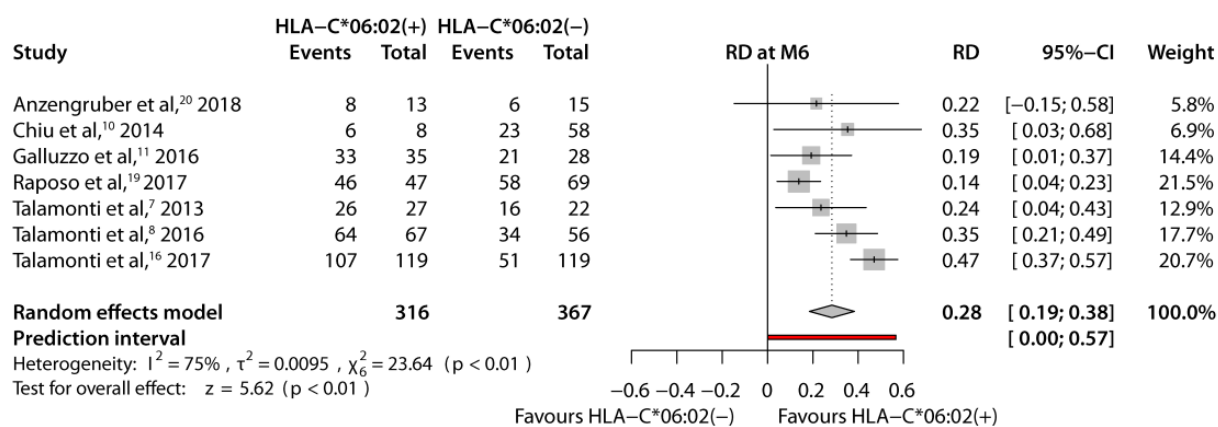


Abbreviations: M6, six months; RD, risk difference.

Exclusion of non-according-to-label dosing

The label for ustekinumab recommends a dose of 45 mg for patients weighing ≤ 100 kg, and 90 mg for patients > 100 kg, to be administered subcutaneously at week 0, week 4 and then every 12 weeks thereafter. For the seven daily practice studies, according-to-label-dosing was explicitly mentioned in five of the papers (*Anzengruber*, *Galluzzo*, *Talamonti 2013*, *Talamonti 2016*, *Talamonti 2017*). In the article by *Chiu et al.* a regimen of 45 mg at week 0, 4 and then every 12 weeks was reported, without any mention of weight-based dosing. A mean weight of 73 kg in their population (SD 14.5) suggests that nearly all of their patients were in fact < 100 kg of weight. In the RCTs included by *Li et al.*, patients were randomized to 45 or 90 mg of ustekinumab regardless of their weight, meaning that about half of patients were treated with a non-according-to-label dose (45 mg for patients > 100 kg or 90 mg for patients ≤ 100 kg). Contact with *Raposo et al.* revealed that all patients started treatment according-to-label, but dose adjustments were made during the first six months of treatment in a part of the cohort. As a sensitivity analysis, we excluded all patients who received a non-according-to-label dose in the study by *Li et al.* (123 of 255 patients excluded), and all patients who received dose adjustments in the study by *Raposo et al.* (18 of 116 patients excluded). This led to a pooled RD of 0.24 at six months (95% CI: 0.14-0.34).

eFigure 8. Sensitivity Analysis Based on Exclusion of Randomized Clinical Trials



Abbreviations: M6, six months; RD, risk difference.

Exclusion of randomized clinical trials

Randomized clinical trials reflect treatment in a highly controlled, optimal setting where confounders are reduced to a minimum.^{31,32} Strict inclusion criteria and controlled conditions make for a homogenous cohort, both in terms of patient characteristics and in treatment received. This sharply contrasts daily practice cohorts, which may be (highly) heterogeneous in both aspects.^{31,32} To assess the influence of study design (observational versus RCT), we performed a sensitivity analysis excluding the study by *Li et al.* which was the only study based on RCT data.

eTable. Risk of Bias Assessment

Reference	Selection				Comparability		Outcome			Quality judgment
	S1 ^a	S2	S3	S4 ^b	C1 ^c	C2 ^d	O1	O2 ^e	O3 ^f	
<i>Anzengruber et al. (2018)</i>	★	★	★	n/a	-	-	★	★	★	★★★★★☆☆
<i>Chiu et al. (2014)</i>	★	★	★	n/a	-	-	★	★	★	★★★★★☆☆
<i>Galluzzo et al. (2016)</i>	★	★	★	n/a	-	-	★	★	★	★★★★★☆☆
<i>Li et al. (2016)</i>	★	★	★	n/a	★	-	★	★	-	★★★★★☆☆
<i>Raposo et al. (2017)</i>	★	★	★	n/a	-	-	★	★	★	★★★★★☆☆
<i>Talamonti et al. (2013)</i>	★	★	★	n/a	-	-	★	★	★	★★★★★☆☆
<i>Talamonti et al. (2016)</i>	★	★	★	n/a	-	-	★	★	★	★★★★★☆☆
<i>Talamonti et al. (2017)</i>	★	★	★	n/a	-	-	★	★	★	★★★★★☆☆

Abbreviations: S1, Representativeness of the exposed cohort; S2, Selection of the non-exposed cohort; S3, Ascertainment of exposure; S4, Demonstration that outcome of interest was not present at start of study; C1/C2, Comparability of cohorts on the basis of the design or analysis; O1, Assessment of outcome; O2, Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur; O3, Adequacy of follow-up of cohorts.

References: *Anzengruber et al. (2018)*²⁰, *Chiu et al. (2014)*¹⁰, *Galluzzo et al. (2016)*¹¹, *Li et al. (2016)*¹⁸, *Raposo et al. (2017)*¹⁹, *Talamonti et al. (2013)*⁷, *Talamonti et al. (2016)*⁸, *Talamonti et al. (2017)*¹⁶. NB: Additional data provided by the authors (e.g. regarding follow-up) was also taken into account when performing the NOS scoring.

^a Patients with moderate-to-severe psoriasis who are eligible for biologic treatment.

^b Outcome of interest would be achievement of PASI75 after six months, yes or no. Answering 'yes' to this question would in this case require patients to be included for the pharmacogenetics study at baseline, instead of retrospectively (when response status was already known). However, retrospective assessment of genotype status may actually, in theory, lead to a lower chance of bias, because PASI assessment could then not be influenced by known genotype status. Because of this contradiction, we determined that the attribution of answering this question (S4) with respect to actual risk of bias assessment is unclear. We therefore decided to omit S4.

^c Study adequately controls for ethnicity.

^d Study adequately controls for other possible confounders/covariates, or, analyses ruling out possible confounders were performed.

^e Twenty-four weeks or longer was regarded a sufficient follow-up period.

^f A follow-up rate of >90% was regarded as adequate.

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