

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT

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Supplementary Figure I: PRISMA checklist.

Section/topic	#	Checklist item	Top-Level Heading
TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review, meta-analysis, or both.	Title
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
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	Introduction
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS).	Introduction
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.	Methods
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.	Methods
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	Methods, Supplemental Methods
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).	Methods
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.	Methods
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	Methods
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.	Methods
Summary measures	13	State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means).	Methods
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.	Methods

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Risk of bias across studies	15	Specify any assessment of risk of bias that may affect the cumulative evidence (e.g., publication bias, selective reporting within studies).	Methods
Additional analyses	16	Describe methods of additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression), if done, indicating which were pre-specified.	Methods
RESULTS			
Study selection	17	Give numbers of studies screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally with a flow diagram.	Results
Study characteristics	18	For each study, present characteristics for which data were extracted (e.g., study size, PICOS, follow-up period) and provide the citations.	Results
Risk of bias within studies	19	Present data on risk of bias of each study and, if available, any outcome level assessment (see item 12).	Results
Results of individual studies	20	For all outcomes considered (benefits or harms), present, for each study: (a) simple summary data for each intervention group (b) effect estimates and confidence intervals, ideally with a forest plot.	Results
Synthesis of results	21	Present results of each meta-analysis done, including confidence intervals and measures of consistency.	Results
Risk of bias across studies	22	Present results of any assessment of risk of bias across studies (see Item 15).	Results
Additional analysis	23	Give results of additional analyses, if done (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression [see Item 16]).	Results
DISCUSSION			
Summary of evidence	24	Summarize the main findings including the strength of evidence for each main outcome; consider their relevance to key groups (e.g., healthcare providers, users, and policy makers).	Discussion
Limitations	25	Discuss limitations at study and outcome level (e.g., risk of bias), and at review-level (e.g., incomplete retrieval of identified research, reporting bias).	Discussion
Conclusions	26	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence, and implications for future research.	Discussion
FUNDING			
Funding	27	Describe sources of funding for the systematic review and other support (e.g., supply of data); role of funders for the systematic review.	Funding

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Supplementary Figure II: MEDLINE search strategy.**Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily and Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present> Search Strategy:**

- 1 Ischemic Attack, Transient/di or Ischemic Attack, Transient/dg
- 2 ((transient isch?emic or TIA or TIAs) adj6 (diagnos* or recogn* or discrimin* or different*)).tw,kw.
- 3 Diagnosis, Differential/ and Ischemic Attack, Transient/
- 4 ((TIA or TIAs or transient isch?emic) adj5 mimic*).tw,kw.
- 5 or/1-4
- 6 exp "Sensitivity and Specificity"/
- 7 sensitiv*.tw,kw.
- 8 "Predictive Value of Tests"/
- 9 ((predictive adj3 value\$) or (roc adj curve\$)).tw,kw.
- 10 accurac*.tw,kw.
- 11 distinguish\$.tw.
- 12 differentiat\$.tw.
- 13 false negative reactions/ or false positive reactions/
- 14 (false positive* or false negative*).tw,kw.
- 15 Observer Variation/
- 16 (interobserver agreement or inter-observer agreement).tw,kw.
- 17 or/6-16
- 18 5 and 17**

Supplementary Methods: Excluded studies, categorized by reason for exclusion.

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Supplementary Table I: Characteristics of included studies.

Author	Reference	Year	Country	Study Design	Fully Published Manuscript (Yes (Y)/No (N))
Ali et al	[e1]	2006	Pakistan	Case report	Y
Alonso et al	[e2]	2015	U.K.	Case report	Y
Amort et al	[e3]	2011	Switzerland	Cohort study	Y
Bajwa et al	[e4]	2006	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Baquis et al	[e5]	1985	U.S.A.	Case series	Y
Bradley et al	[e6]	2013	Ireland	Cohort study	Y
Bruno	[e7]	1993	U.S.A.	Opinion	Y
Buchwald et al	[e8]	2015	Sweden	Cohort study	Y
Byrne et al	[e9]	2011	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Canhão et al	[e10]	2009	Portugal	Cohort study	N
Caplan et al	[e11]	2004	U.S.A.	Opinion	Y
Caplan et al	[e12]	2012	U.S.A.	Textbook	Y
Clarey et al	[e13]	2014	Australia	Cohort study	Y
Coutts	[e14]	2017	Canada	Literature review	Y
Cucchiara et al	[e15]	2011	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Das et al	[e16]	2013	U.S.A.	Case report	Y
Dawson et al	[e17]	2009	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Delaney	[e18]	2003	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Dennis et al	[e19]	1992	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Diaz et al	[e20]	2014	Spain	Case-control study	N
Dutta	[e21]	2016	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Ertresvg et al	[e22]	2007	Norway	Cohort study	Y
Ferro et al	[e23]	1996	Portugal	Cross-sectional study	Y
Fisher	[e24]	1962	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Fisher	[e25]	1982	U.S.A.	Case series	Y
Fisher	[e26]	1986	U.S.A.	Case series	Y
Flemming et al	[e27]	2004	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Fogang et al	[e28]	2015	Belgium	Cohort study	Y
Fonseca et al	[e29]	2011	Portugal	Cohort study	Y
Freitas et al	[e30]	2010	Portugal	Cohort study	N
Goldstein et al	[e31]	2005	U.S.A.	Systematic review	Y
Gommans et al	[e32]	2009	New Zealand	Literature review	Y
Gulli et al	[e33]	2012	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Hand et al	[e34]	2006	Australia	Cohort study	Y
Huff	[e35]	2002	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Johnston et al	[e36]	2003	U.S.A.	Cohort study	Y
Kee et al	[e37]	2013	U.K.	Cohort study	N
Kelly et al	[e38]	2001	U.K.	Opinion	Y
Kerber et al	[e39]	2006	U.S.A.	Cohort study	Y
Kerber et al	[e40]	2015	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Khasanov et al	[e41]	2015	Russia	Cohort study	N

Author	Reference	Year	Country	Study Design	Fully Published Manuscript (Yes (Y)/No (N))
Kim	[e42]	2014	South Korea	Literature review	Y
Koudstaal et al	[e43]	1986	Netherlands	Cross-sectional study	Y
Kowacs et al	[e44]	2004	Brazil	Case series	Y
Kraaijeveld et al	[e45]	1984	Netherlands	Cohort study	Y
Krasnianski et al	[e46]	2006	Germany	Cohort study	Y
Landi	[e47]	1992	Italy	Literature review	Y
Lasserson et al	[e48]	2015	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Lee et al	[e49]	2015	Australia	Cohort study	Y
Lewandowski et al	[e50]	2008	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Libetta et al	[e51]	1998	U.K.	Literature review	Y
Libman et al	[e52]	1995	U.S.A.	Cohort study	Y
Lioutas et al	[e53]	2013	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Littleton et al	[e54]	2015	U.K.	Case study	Y
Mahmood et al	[e55]	2012	U.K.	Cohort study	N
Martin et al	[e56]	1997	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Morgenstern et al	[e57]	2004	U.S.A.	Cohort study	Y
Nadarajan et al	[e58]	2014	U.K.	Opinion	Y
Nor et al	[e59]	2005	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Nor et al	[e60]	2007	U.K.	Literature review	Y
Noureddine et al	[e61]	2014	Iran	Cohort study	Y
Perry et al	[e62]	2014	Canada	Cohort study	Y
Perry et al	[e63]	2015	Canada	Survey	Y
Pillai et al	[e64]	2012	U.K.	Cohort study	N
Prabhakaran et al	[e65]	2008	U.S.A.	Cohort study	Y
Schrock et al	[e66]	2012	U.S.A.	Cohort study	Y
Schulz et al	[e67]	2002	U.K.	Case study	Y
Sheehan et al	[e68]	2009	Ireland	Cohort study	Y
Sherman	[e69]	2004	U.S.A.	Opinion	Y
Siket et al	[e70]	2012	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Siket et al	[e71]	2015	U.S.A.	Cohort study	N
Slade	[e72]	1980	U.S.A.	Opinion	Y
Sung et al	[e73]	2011	U.S.A.	Cohort study	Y
Taguchi et al	[e74]	2016	Japan	Cohort study	Y
The UK TIA Study Group	[e75]	1993	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Tyrrell et al	[e76]	2012	U.K.	Opinion	Y
Warrior et al	[e77]	2009	U.S.A.	Literature review	Y
Whisnant et al	[e78]	1990	U.S.A.	Opinion	Y
Whiteley et al	[e79]	2011	U.K.	Cohort study	Y
Whiteley et al	[e80]	2011	U.K.	Cross-sectional study	Y

Supplementary Table II: Critical appraisal of each included study.

Reference	Is there a clear statement of aims or a clearly defined question?	Was the methodology employed appropriate to the research question?	Was the data collection performed appropriately?	Was the data analysis rigorous?	Was there a clear statement of results?	Was the overall relevance to our research question high?
[e1]	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e2]	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e3]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
[e4]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e5]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e6]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e7]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
[e8]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e9]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e10]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes
[e11]	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	Yes	No
[e12]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
[e13]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
[e14]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
[e15]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e16]	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No
[e17]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
[e18]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e19]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
[e20]	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes
[e21]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
[e22]	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
[e23]	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
[e24]	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	Yes	No
[e25]	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No
[e26]	No	Unclear	No	N/A	No	No
[e27]	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	No	No
[e28]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e29]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
[e30]	Yes	Unclear	Yes	No	Yes	No
[e31]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
[e32]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No

Reference	Is there a clear statement of aims or a clearly defined question?	Was the methodology employed appropriate to the research question?	Was the data collection performed appropriately?	Was the data analysis rigorous?	Was there a clear statement of results?	Was the overall relevance to our research question high?
[e33]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e34]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
[e35]	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	Yes	No
[e36]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e37]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes
[e38]	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	Yes	No
[e39]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e40]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e41]	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	No	No	No
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[e44]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e45]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e46]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e47]	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
[e48]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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[e50]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
[e51]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e52]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
[e53]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
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[e55]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes
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[e62]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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[e66]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Reference	Is there a clear statement of aims or a clearly defined question?	Was the methodology employed appropriate to the research question?	Was the data collection performed appropriately?	Was the data analysis rigorous?	Was there a clear statement of results?	Was the overall relevance to our research question high?
[e67]	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e68]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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[e71]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes
[e72]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
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[e74]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e75]	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
[e76]	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e77]	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e78]	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
[e79]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
[e80]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

N/A = not applicable

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