

# Supplementary Information

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Checklist of MOOSE

Table S1: The search strategy of fruit and vegetable consumption and COPD in PubMed.

Step	Search term (the number of articles)
#1	"chronic obstructive pulmonary disease" OR COPD (82676)
#2	(fruit) OR fruits (163016)
#3	(vegetable) OR vegetables (72489)
#4	(diet) OR "dietary pattern" (502626)
#5	#2 OR #3 OR #4 (667737)
#6	#5 AND #1 (731)

COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases.

Table S2: Detailed list of the number of excluded full-text reviewed articles.

Step	The number of articles before exclusion	Excluding reasons	The number of articles after exclusion	References number of excluded articles
1	27	No results reported on the relationship between fruit or vegetable intake and COPD.	13	1-14
2	13	Multivariate adjusted <i>RR</i> and 95% <i>CI</i> were not reported, or unable to calculate.	9	15-18
3	9	Exposure data combines fruit and vegetables.	7	19-20

COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; *RR*: relative risk; *CI*: confidence interval.

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Table S3: Quality assessment of included case-control studies.

	Author year [ref.]	
	Watson, L. et al. 2002[14]	Hirayama, F. et al. 2009[15]
1. Selection		
(1) The case definition of osteoporosis is adequate.	*	*
(2) Representativeness of the cases.	*	*
(3) Selection of controls.	*	*
(4) Definition of controls is adequate.	*	*
2. Comparability		
(1) Comparability of cases and controls on the basis of the design or analysis	**	**
3. Exposure.		
(1) Ascertainment of Exposure.	*	*
(2) Same method of ascertainment for cases and controls	*	*
(3) Non-Response Rate.	No description	No description
Overall quality score	8	8

The quality of studies was assessed by the Newcastle-Ottawa quality assessment scale.

One star represents a score of 1, and a study can be awarded a maximum score of 9 (9 stars) in total.

Table S4: Quality assessment of included cross-sectional studies.

	Author yea[ref.]	
	Yin, P. et al.	Meteran, H. et al.
	2011[11]	2018[12]
1. Define the source of information (survey, record review);	1	1
2. List inclusion and exclusion criteria for exposed and unexposed subjects (cases and controls) or refer to previous publications;	1	1
3. Indicate time period used for identifying patients;	1	1
4. Indicate whether or not subjects were consecutive if not population-based;	1	1
5. Evaluators of subjective components of study were not masked to other aspects of the status of the participants;	1	0
6. Describe any assessments undertaken for quality assurance purposes (e.g., test/retest of primary outcome measurements);	1	1
7. Explain any patient exclusions from analysis;	0	1
8. Describe how confounding was assessed and/or controlled;	1	1
9. If applicable, explain how missing data were handled in the analysis	0	0
10. Summarize patient response rates and completeness of data collection;	0	1
11. Clarify what follow-up, if any, was expected and the percentage of patients for which incomplete data or follow-up was obtained;	1	1
Overall quality score	8	9

The quality of studies was assessed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (ARHQ) methodology checklist. 1=“Yes”, 0=“No” or “Unclear”. The full score for the scale is 11 points.

Table S5: Quality assessment of included cohort studies.

First author (year) [ref.]	Representativeness of the exposed cohort	Selection of the unexposed cohort	Ascertainment of exposure	Outcome of interest not present at start of study	Control for important factor or additional factor†	Outcome assessment	Follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur‡	Adequacy of follow-up of cohorts§	Overall quality score
Kaluza, J et al. (2017) [9]	*	*	*	*	**	*	*	*	9
Kaluza, J et al. (2018) [10]	*	*	*	*	**	*	*	*	9
Varraso, R et al. (2015) [13]		*	*	*	**	*	*		7

A study could be awarded a maximum of one star for each item except for the item Control for important factor or additional factor.

† A maximum of 2 stars could be awarded for this item. Studies that controlled for age or gender received one star, whereas studies that controlled for other important confounders such as chronic health conditions received an additional star.

‡ A cohort study with a follow-up time >3 years was assigned one star.

§ A cohort study with a follow-up rate >70% was assigned one star.

Table S6: Characteristics of studies and participants included in the dose-response analysis of the association between fruit intake and COPD risk.

Author (Year)	Study design	Dose (Servings/day)	<i>RR</i> (95% <i>CI</i> )	Person years	Cases	Gender	Adjustment for covariant
Watson, L. (2002)	C-C-S	0.1	1	94	57	Both	Smoking-matched; adjusted for age, gender, body mass index and vegetable intake(when analyzing fruit).
		0.67	0.97(0.5-1.85)	125	76		
		1.6	0.45(0.19-1.06)	47	17		
Hirayama, F. (2009)	C-C-S	0.67	1	181	97	Both	Age, gender, BMI (5 years ago), education level (high school or below; college or university), alcohol drinking (non-drinker; drinker), cigarette smoking (never smoker; ex-smoker; current smoker), smoking pack-years, life-long physical activity involvement (never to not any more involved; always been involved), and daily intake of red meat, chicken and fresh fish
		1.87	0.57(0.32-1.03)	151	67		
		3.05	0.63(0.34-1.17)	107	53		
		4.34	0.82(0.43-1.54)	143	60		
Kaluza, J. (2017)	C-S	0.3	1	103166	536	Male	Age (years, continuous), education (less than high school, high school or university), body mass index (<18.5, 18.5–24.9, 25–29.9 or ≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), total physical activity (MET×hour/day, quintiles), smoking status and pack-years of smoking (never; past <20, 20–39 or ≥40 pack-years; or current <20, 20–39 or ≥40 pack-years), intake of energy (kcal/day, quintiles), alcohol consumption (g/day, quintiles) and modified recommended food score (scores, continuous) and non-recommended food score (scores, continuous).
		0.6	0.9(0.79-1.03)	124777	417		
		1	0.85(0.73-0.97)	117483	344		
		1.5	0.88(0.76-1.02)	119185	338		
		2.5	0.73(0.62-0.85)	119335	283		
Kaluza, J. (2018)	C-S	0.6	1	78467	546	Female	Age (years, continuous), education (less than high school, high school or university), BMI (<18.5, 18.5–24.9, 25–29.9 or ≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), total physical activity (MET h/d, quintiles), smoking status and pack-years of smoking (never; past <20, 20–39 or 40 pack-years; or current <20, 20–39 or ≥40 packyears), dietary supplement use (regular, non-regular or no use), intake of energy (kcal/day, quintiles), alcohol consumption (g/day, quintiles), modified Recommended Food Score (score, continuous) and Non-Recommended Food Score (score, continuous).
		1.1	0.8(0.69-0.93)	80012	305		
		1.5	0.73(0.62-0.86)	80871	245		
		2	0.78(0.66-0.92)	81943	234		
		2.9	0.63(0.52-0.75)	81152	181		

The number of person years in case-control studies(C-C-S) was the total of participants in each category. *RR*, relative risk; *CI*, confidence interval; C-C-S, case-control study; C-S, cohort study.



Table S7: Characteristics of studies and participants included in the dose-response analysis of the association between vegetable intake and COPD risk.

Author (Year)	Study design	Dose (Servings/day)	RR(95%CI)	Person years	Cases	Gender	Adjustment for covariant
Watson, L. (2002)	C-C-S	0.23	1	88	57	Both	Smoking-matched; adjusted for age, gender, body mass index and vegetable intake(when analyzing fruit).
		0.67	0.74(0.36-1.51)	88	51		
		1.08	0.46(0.23-0.94)	88	40		
Hirayama, F. (2009)	C-C-S	0.52	1	188	103	Both	Age, gender, BMI (5 years ago), education level (high school or below; college or university), alcohol drinking (non-drinker; drinker), cigarette smoking (never smoker; ex-smoker; current smoker), smoking pack-years, life-long physical activity involvement (never to not any more involved; always been involved), and daily intake of red meat, chicken and fresh fish
		1.3	0.67(0.37-1.19)	156	71		
		1.96	0.71(0.39-1.28)	144	59		
		2.79	0.62(0.32-1.2)	129	44		
Kaluzka, J. (2017)	C-S	0.8	1	110402	578	Male	Age (years, continuous), education (less than high school, high school or university), body mass index (<18.5, 18.5–24.9, 25–29.9 or ≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), total physical activity (MET×hour/day, quintiles), smoking status and pack-years of smoking (never; past <20, 20–39 or ≥40 pack-years; or current <20, 20–39 or ≥40 pack-years), intake of energy (kcal/day,quintiles), alcohol consumption (g/day, quintiles) and modified recommended food score (scores, continuous) and non-recommended food score (scores, continuous).
		1.6	0.95(0.83-1.08)	1168466	418		
		2.2	0.98(0.85-1.13)	118041	368		
		3	0.89(0.77-1.04)	119978	299		
		4.6	0.82(0.70-0.97)	118698	255		
Kaluzka, J. (2018)	C-S	0.9	1	75985	453	Female	Age (years, continuous), education (less than high school, high school or university), BMI (<18.5, 18.5–24.9, 25–29.9 or ≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), total physical activity (MET h/d, quintiles), smoking status and pack-years of smoking (never; past <20, 20–39 or 40 pack-years; or current <20, 20–39 or ≥40 packyears), dietary supplement use (regular, non-regular or no use), intake of energy (kcal/day, quintiles), alcohol consumption (g/day, quintiles), modified Recommended Food Score (score, continuous) and Non-Recommended Food Score (score, continuous).
		1.5	0.85(0.73-0.99)	80667	296		
		2	0.95(0.81-1.11)	81517	277		
		2.6	0.88(0.74-1.04)	82116	243		
		3.7	0.94(0.79-1.13)	82159	243		

The number of person years in case-control studies(C-C-S) was the total of participants in each category. RR, relative risk; CI, confidence interval; C-C-S, case-control study; C-S, cohort study.

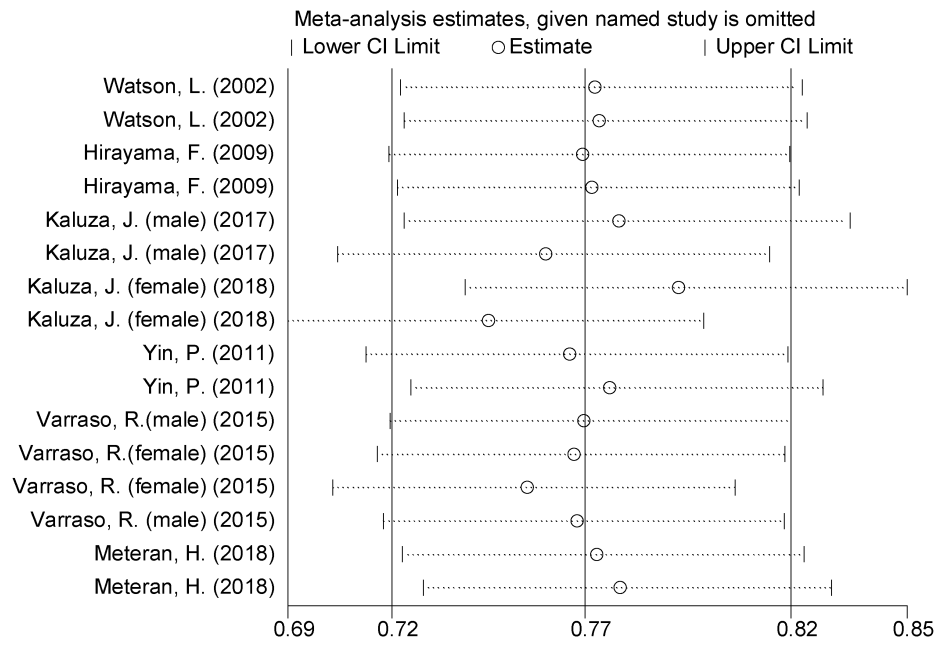


Figure S1: Influence analysis of 8 studies on FV consumption and COPD.

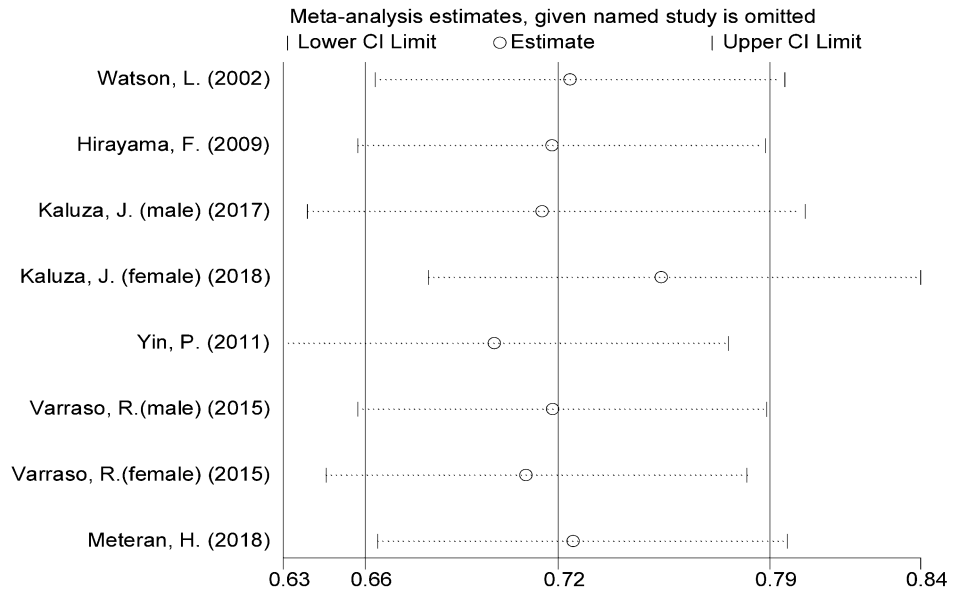


Figure S2: Influence analysis of 8 studies on fruit consumption and COPD.

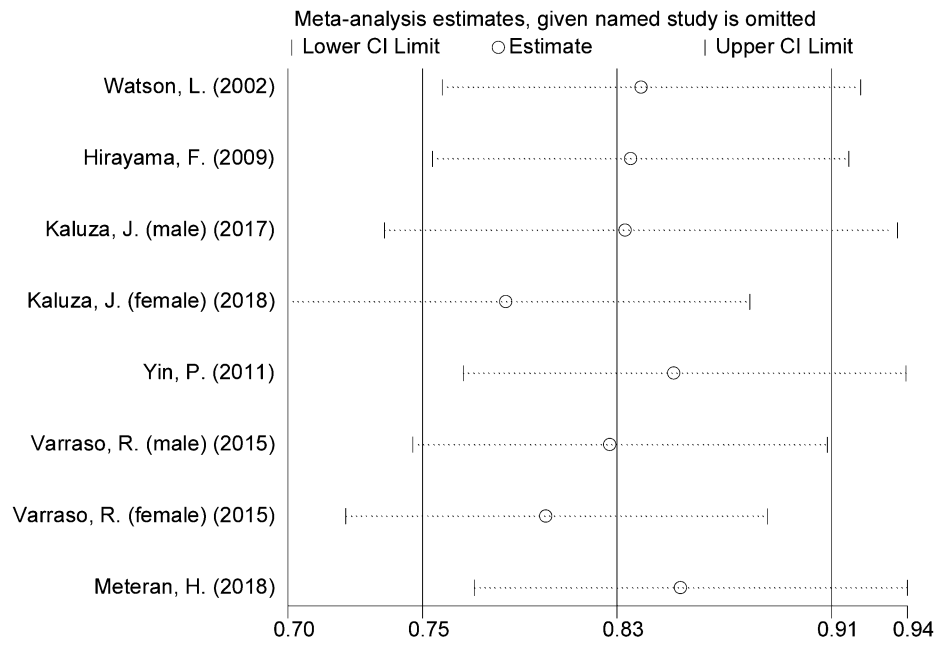


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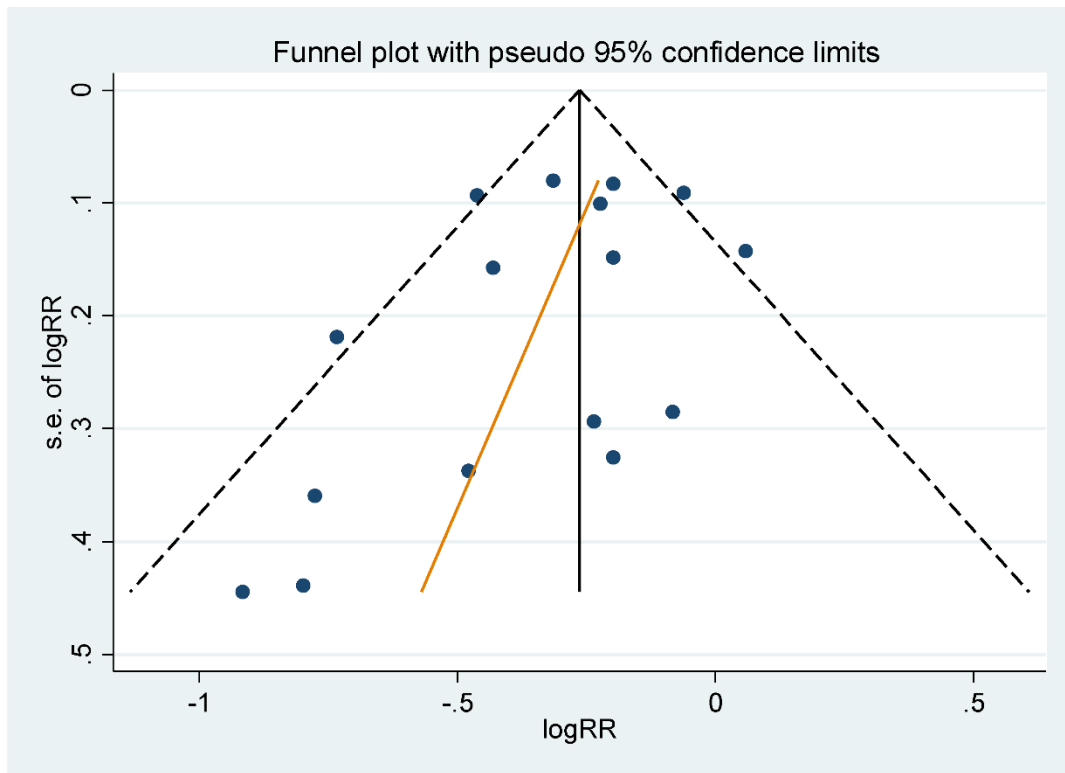


Figure S4: Funnel plot of the relative risk of 8 studies on FV consumption and COPD. Each dot represents a different study.

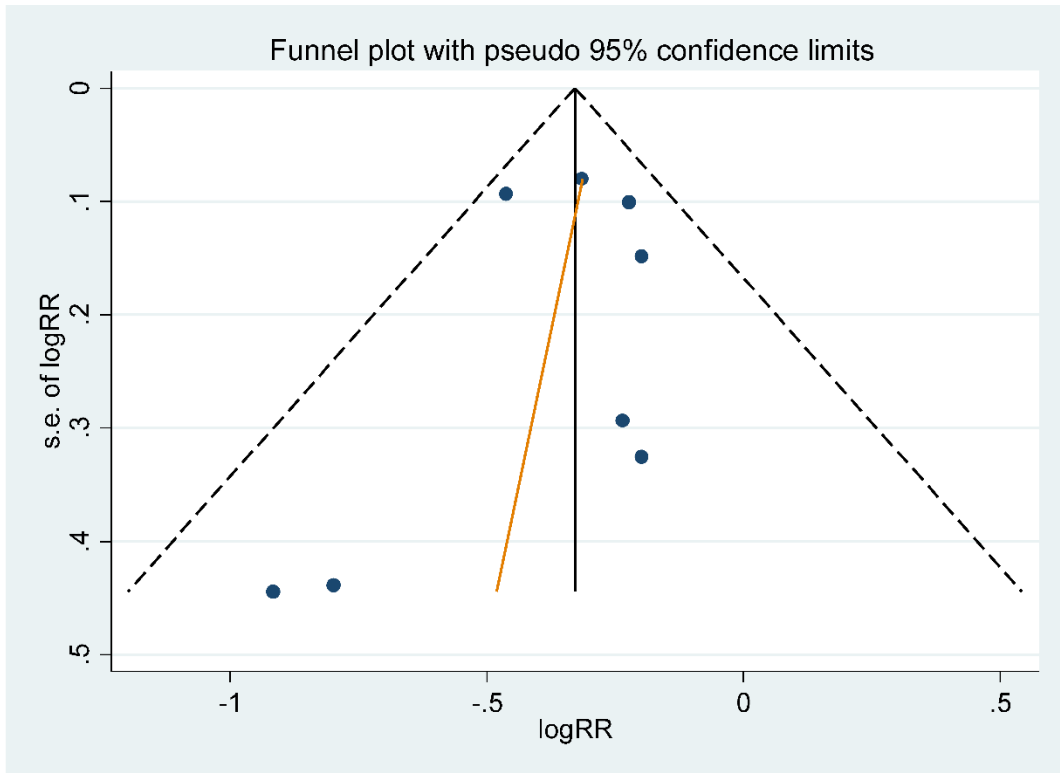


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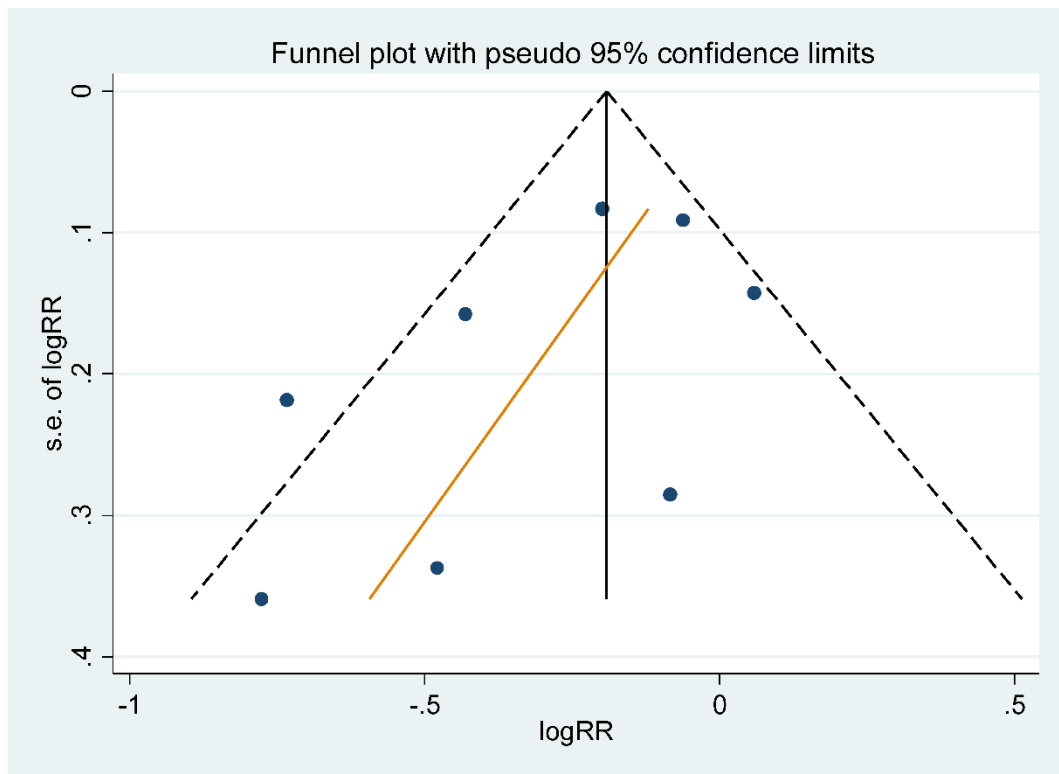


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A Proposed Reporting Checklist for Authors, Editors, and Reviewers of  
Meta-analyses of Observational Studies.

Checklist item	Reported on page #
Reporting of background should include	
1. Problem definition	2-3
2. Hypothesis statement	2-3
3. Description of study outcome(s)	2
4. Type of exposure or intervention used	2
5. Type of study designs used	2
6. Study population	6-8
Reporting of search strategy should include	
7. Qualifications of searchers (eg, librarians and investigators)	3
8. Search strategy, including time period included in the synthesis and keywords	3-4
9. Effort to include all available studies, including contact with authors	3-4
10. Databases and registries searched	3
11. Search software used, name and version, including special features used (eg, explosion)	3
12. Use of hand searching (eg, reference lists of obtained articles)	3
13. List of citations located and those excluded, including justification	4
14. Method of addressing articles published in languages other than English	4
15. Method of handling abstracts and unpublished studies	4
16. Description of any contact with authors	4
Reporting of methods should include	
17. Description of relevance or appropriateness of studies assembled for assessing the hypothesis to be tested	5
18. Rationale for the selection and coding of data (eg, sound clinical principles or convenience)	6-7
19. Documentation of how data were classified and coded (eg, multiple raters, blinding, and interrater reliability)	5
20. Assessment of confounding (eg, comparability of cases and controls in studies where appropriate)	5
21. Assessment of study quality, including blinding of quality assessors; stratification or regression on possible predictors of study results	4-5
22. Assessment of heterogeneity	5-6
23. Description of statistical methods (eg, complete description of fixed or random effects models, justification of whether the chosen models account for predictors of study results, dose-response models, or cumulative meta-analysis) in	5-6



sufficient detail to be replicated	
24. Provision of appropriate tables and graphics	7,9-10,11,12,14,16
Reporting of results should include	
25. Graphic summarizing individual study estimates and overall estimate	7-16
26. Table giving descriptive information for each study included	9-10
27. Results of sensitivity testing (eg, subgroup analysis)	12-16
28. Indication of statistical uncertainty of findings	None
Reporting of discussion should include	
29. Quantitative assessment of bias (eg, publication bias)	16
30. Justification for exclusion (eg, exclusion of non-English-language citations)	4
31. Assessment of quality of included studies	8
Reporting of conclusions should include	
32. Consideration of alternative explanations for observed results	19-20
33. Generalization of the conclusions (ie, appropriate for the data presented and within the domain of the literature review)	20
34. Guidelines for future research	20
35. Disclosure of funding source	20