

Supplementary materials – What do we know about SARS-CoV-2 transmission? A systematic review and meta-analysis of the secondary attack rate and associated risk factors

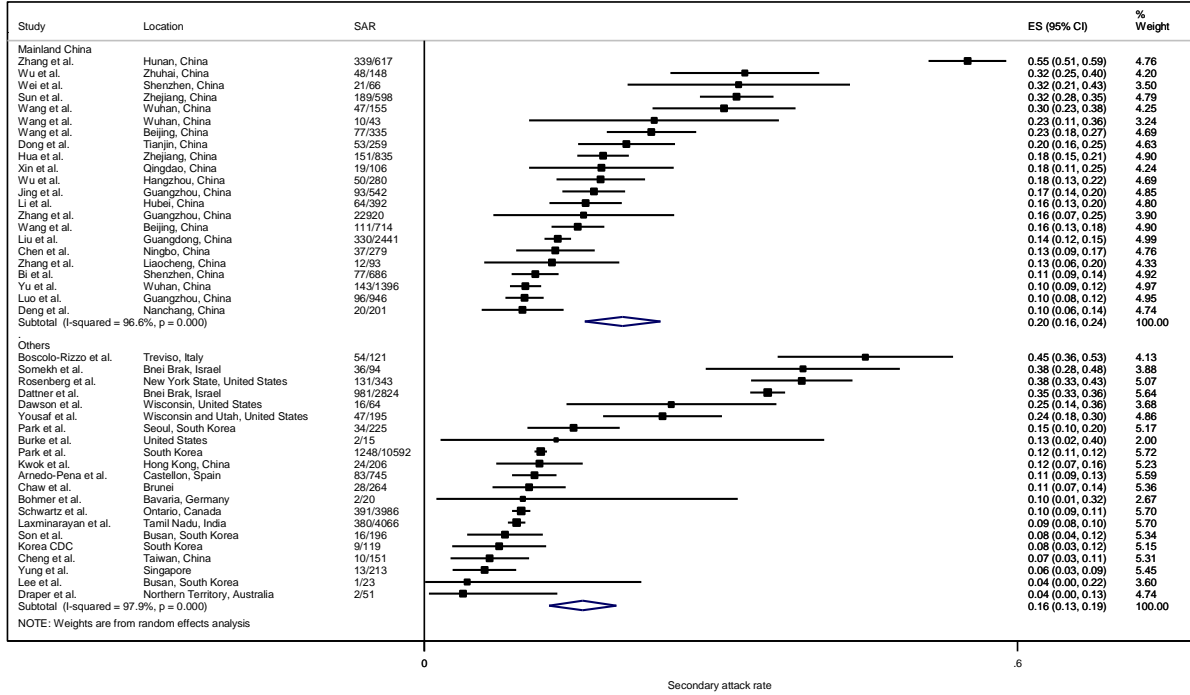


Figure S1. Forest plot of household secondary attack rates (SAR) by location. ES is the estimated SAR, with 95% confidence intervals (CI). I-squared is the percentage of between-study heterogeneity that is attributable to variability in the true effect, rather than sampling variation.

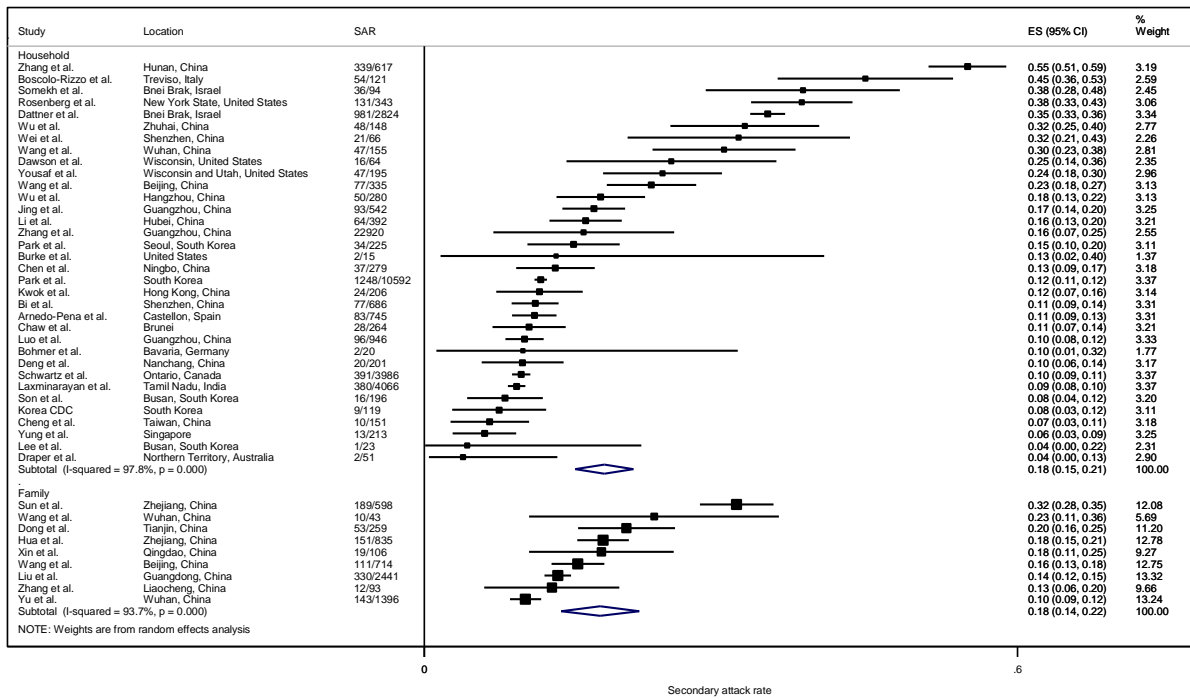


Figure S2. Forest plot of household secondary attack rates (SAR) by definition of close contact. ES is the estimated SAR, with 95% confidence intervals (CI). I-squared is the percentage of between-study heterogeneity that is attributable to variability in the true effect, rather than sampling variation.

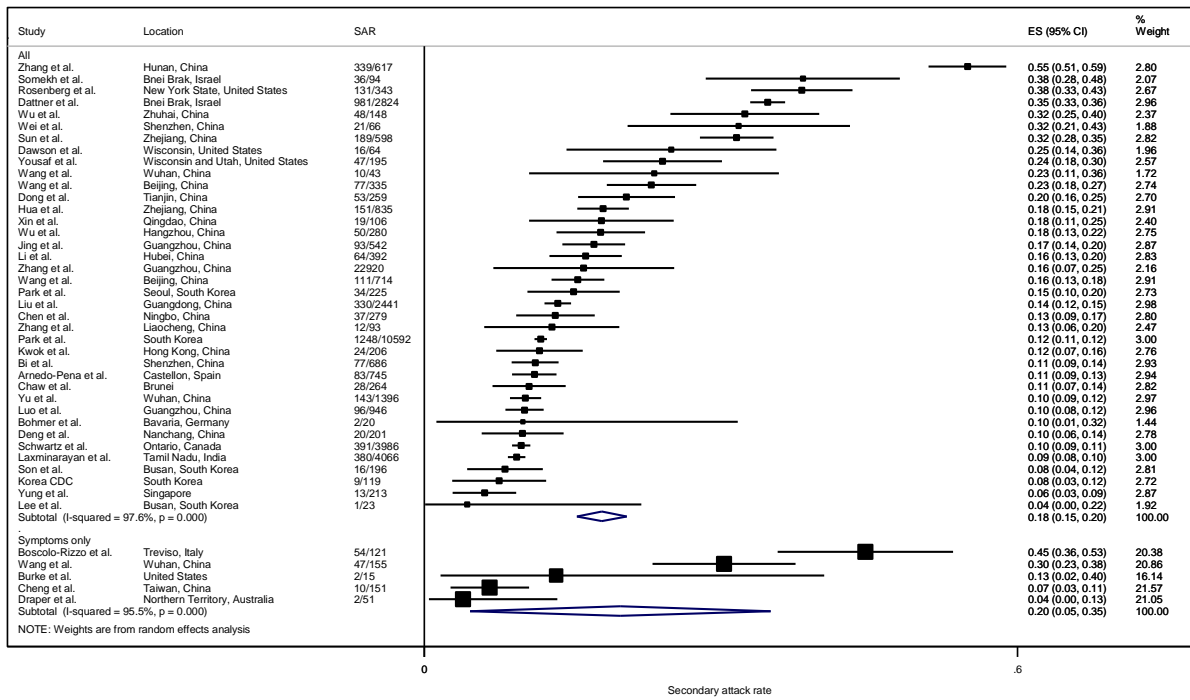


Figure S3. Forest plot of household secondary attack rates (SAR) by testing protocol. ES is the estimated SAR, with 95% confidence intervals (CI). I-squared is the percentage of between-study heterogeneity that is attributable to variability in the true effect, rather than sampling variation.

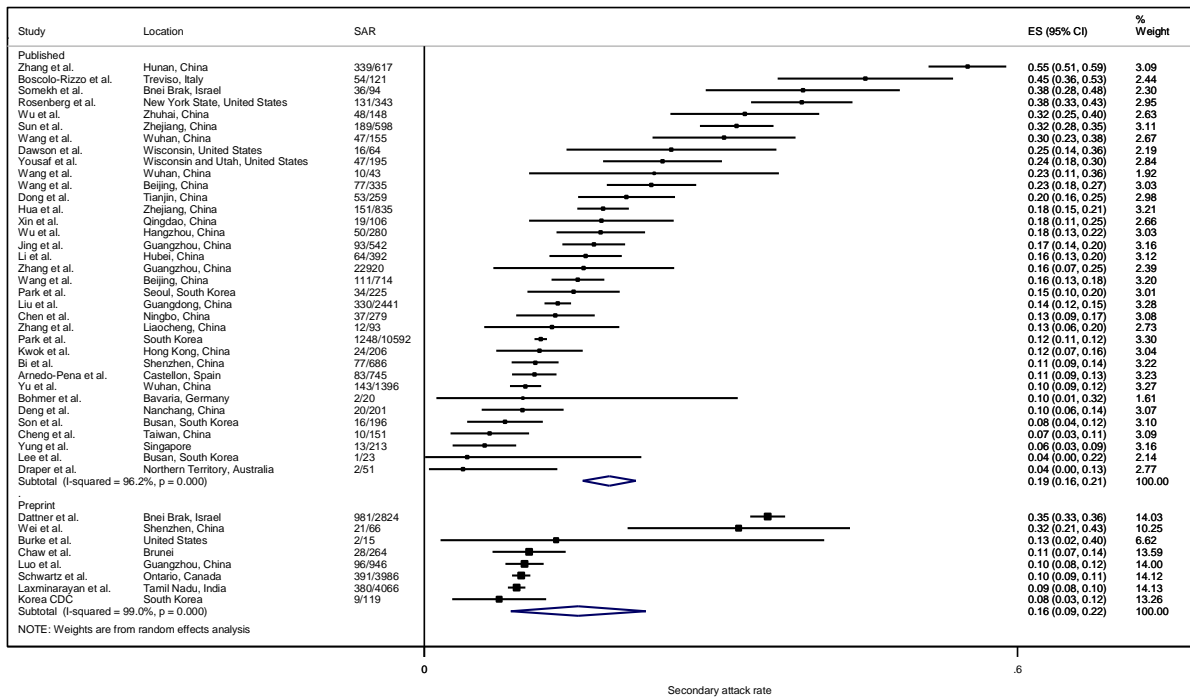


Figure S4. Forest plot of household secondary attack rates (SAR) by publication status. ES is the estimated SAR, with 95% confidence intervals (CI). I-squared is the percentage of between-study heterogeneity that is attributable to variability in the true effect, rather than sampling variation.

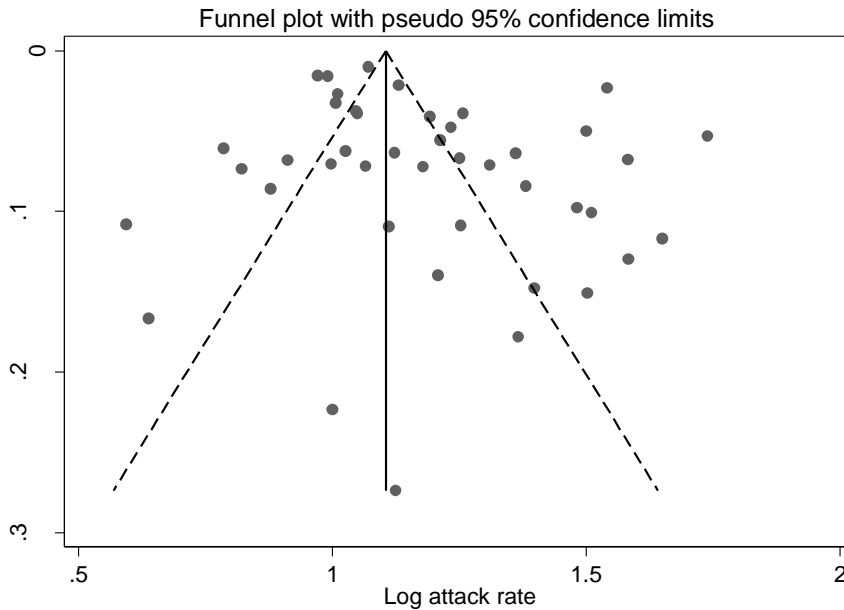


Figure S5. Funnel plot of the 43 studies on household secondary attack rate.

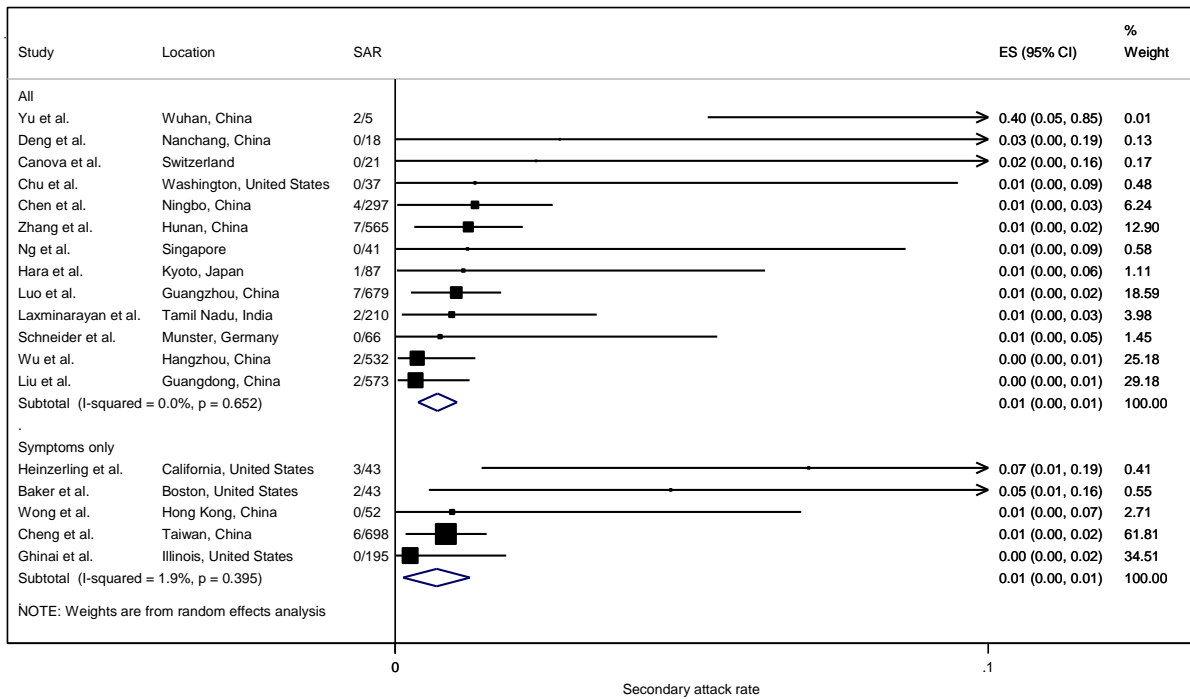


Figure S6. Forest plot of healthcare secondary attack rates (SAR) by testing protocol. ES is the estimated SAR, with 95% confidence intervals (CI). I-squared is the percentage of between-study heterogeneity that is attributable to variability in the true effect, rather than sampling variation.

| Parameter | Estimate | SE | t value | p value | 95% CI |
|---------------------|----------|-------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Slope (coefficient) | 1.049 | 0.039 | 26.69 | 0.000 | 0.970, 1.128 |
| Bias (intercept) | 2.086 | 1.077 | 1.94 | 0.060 | -0.090, 4.262 |

Test of H₀: no small-study effects, p value = 0.060

Table S1. Results from Egger’s meta-regression test assessing the presence of publication bias in 43 household secondary attack rate studies

| Study | Location | Setting | Attack rate (%) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Feaster and Goh (1) | Pasadena, California | Long-term care facility – residents | 408/582 (70.1%) |
| | | Long-term care facility – staff | 223/356 (62.6%) |
| Arons et al. (2) | King County, Washington | Skilled nursing facility | 57/89 (64.0%) |
| Goldberg et al. (3) | United States | Skilled nursing facility | 52/97 (53.6%) |
| Sanchez et al. (4) | Detroit, Michigan | Skilled nursing facility | 1207/2773 (43.5%) |
| Graham et al. (5) | United Kingdom | Nursing home | 126/313 (40.3%) |
| Kimball et al. (6) | King County, Washington | Skilled nursing facility | 23/76 (30.3%) |
| Patel et al. (7) | Illinois | Skilled nursing facility | 33/126 (26.2%) |
| Borras-Bermejo et al. (8) | Barcelona, Spain | Nursing home – residents | 768/3214 (23.9%) |
| | | Nursing home – staff | 403/2655 (15.2%) |
| Dora et al. (9) | California | Skilled nursing facility | 19/99 (19.2%) |
| Roxby et al. (10) | Seattle, Washington | Independent and assisted living community | 5/142 (3.5%) |
| Baggett et al. (11) | Boston | Homeless shelter | 147/408 (36.0%) |
| Samuels et al. (12) | Rhode Island | Congregate shelter | 35/299 (11.7%) |
| Ly et al. (13) | France | Homeless shelter | 48/683 (7.0%) |
| Antonio-Villa et al. (14) | Mexico City | Healthcare workers | 10925/34263 (31.9%) |
| Parcell et al. (15) | United Kingdom | Health and social care workers | 325/1173 (27.7%) |
| Lan et al. (16) | Massachusetts | Healthcare workers | 83/592 (14.0%) |
| Lombardi et al. (17) | Lombardy, Italy | Healthcare workers | 138/1573 (8.8%) |
| Barrett et al. (18) | New Jersey | Healthcare workers | 40/546 (7.3%) |
| Jones et al. (19) | United Kingdom | Healthcare workers – symptomatic | 38/725 (5.2%) |
| | | Healthcare workers – asymptomatic | 52/3644 (1.4%) |
| Vahidy et al. (20) | Houston, Texas | Healthcare workers – asymptomatic | 112/2872 (3.9%) |
| Luigi et al. (21) | Bari, Italy | Healthcare workers | 23/1303 (1.8%) |
| Ing et al. (22) | | Isolated cruise ship | 128/217 (59.0%) |
| Moriarty et al. (23) | | Cruise (Diamond Princess) | 712/3711 (19.2%) |
| | | Cruise (Grand Princess) | 78/469 (16.6%) |
| James et al. (24) | Arkansas | Church | 35/92 (38.0%) |
| Park et al. (25) | Seoul, South Korea | Call center | 94/216 (43.5%) |
| Lewis et al. (26) | Cabo San Lucas, Mexico | College students in spring break trip | 60/183 (32.8%) |
| Njuguna et al. (27) | Loiusiana | Correctional and detention facility | 71/98 (72.4%) |
| Desmet et al. | Belgium | Daycare centre | 0/84 (0%) |
| Stein-Zamir et al. (28) | Israel | High school – staff | 25/151 (16.6%) |
| | | High school – students | 153/1161 (13.2%) |
| Jang et al. (29) | Cheonan, South Korea | Fitness dance class | 57/217 (26.3%) |
| Dyal et al. (30) | United States | Meat processing plant | 4913/130578 (3.8%) |
| Zhang et al. (31) | Shandong, China | Supermarket | 11/120 (9.2%) |
| Yusef et al. (32) | Jordan | Wedding | 76/350 (21.7%) |

Table S2. Attack rates in selected settings.

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