



Supplemental Figure 4: Forest plot of clinical studies on pharmacological conditioning, on cardioprotection in patients undergoing cardiovascular surgery and with biomarker release as end-point to estimate ischaemia/reperfusion injury. The zero represents the mean value, and the gray bars represent the standard error of the mean for the placebo group. Closed squares represent significantly reduced infarct size ($\bar{x} \pm \text{SEM}$), open squares represent non-significant changes. The star on the midline is used when no information was given to the standard error of the mean. BNP = brain natriuretic peptide; CK-MB = creatine kinase (muscle-brain); GIK = glucose-insulin-potassium; GR79236X = adenosine receptor agonist; (hs)Tn(I/T) = (high sensitive) troponin (I/T); n = no propofol anaesthesia; n.s. = not significant; PLA = placebo group; y = yes, propofol anaesthesia; ? = no information was given to the use of propofol

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