

**Table S1.** List of studies included in meta-analysis (n = 88). Of the 107 papers considered in the companion paper to this one, 19 were excluded, for reasons summarised in this paper. These studies are listed at the end of this Table.

<b>Authors, year</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Frequency (GHz)</b>	<b>Intensity (W/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>SAR (W/kg)</b>	<b>Effect size</b>
Badzhinyan et al (2000) [1]	Armenia	40	100		2
Bellossi et al (2000) [2]	Japan	60	5		0.8
Belyaev and Kravchenko (1994) [3]	Russia	41.6	1.00E-05		4
Belyaev et al (1992) [4]	Russia	51.7	0.01	6	4
Belyaev et al (1992) [5]	Russia	51.7	1	0.6	4
Belyaev et al (1992) [6]	Russia	51.6	1		10
Belyaev et al (1993) [7]	Russia	41.3	1.00E-08		4
Belyaev et al (1993) [8]	Russia	41.3	1		8
Belyaev et al (1994) [9]	Russia	51.8	1.00E-15		20
Belyaev et al (1996) [10]	Russia	51.7	1.00E-14		4
Beneduci (2009) [11]	Italy	42.2	1.1		0
Beneduci et al (2005) [12]	Italy	51.1			2.5
Beneduci et al (2007) [13]	Italy	53.6	0.01		30
Beneduci et al (2012) [14]	Italy	53.6		0.002	2.5
Beneduci et al (2013) [15]	Italy	53.4	0.1	0.002	5
Beneduci et al (2014) [16]	Italy	78	0.03	0.025	5
Chen et al (2004) [17]	China	30.2	10		0.25
Cohen et al (2009) [18]	Israel	99	2.00E+00	283	1.2
Cosentino et al (2013) [19]	Italy	52	0.04		0.8
Crouzier et al (2009) [20]	India	9.71		8	3
D'Agostino et al (2018) [21]	Italy	53.37		1.1	2.3
De Amicis et al (2015) [22]	Italy	100	4	20	2
Deghoyan et al (2012) [23]	Armenia	90		1.5	2
Di Donato et al (2012) [24]	Italy	53.37	1	0.3	3.4
Franchini et al (2018) [25]	Italy	25	8	20	1
Furia et al (1986) [26]	US	41.7			0
Gandhi et al (1980) [27]	US	50	37		0
Gapeyev and Lukyanova (2015) [28]	Russia	42.2	1	1.50E+00	1.8
Gapeyev et al (1997) [29]	Russia	42	1.00E-03		0.75
Gapeyev et al (1998) [30]	Russia	42	1.5		0.9
Gapeyev et al (2011) [31]	Russia	42.2	1	1.5	3
Gapeyev et al (2013) [32]	Russia	42.2	1	1.5	3
Gapeyev et al (2014) [33]	Russia	42.2	1	1.5	1.3
Garaj-Vrhovac et al (1991) [34]	Croatia	7.7	5		3.6
Garaj-Vrhovac et al (1992) [35]	Croatia	7.7	5		0

<i>Geletyuk et al (1995) [36]</i>	Russia	42.25	1		1.3
<i>Gos et al (1997) [37]</i>	Switzerland	40	0.5	1	0
<i>Grundler and Keilmann (1983) [38]</i>	France	42	1.00E+02		3
<i>Hintzsche et al (2011) [39]</i>	Germany	106	43		4
<i>Hintzsche et al (2012) [40]</i>	Germany	107	20	13	0
<i>Homenko et al (2009) [41]</i>	Israel	100	0.08		0.4
<i>Hovnanyan et al (2017) [42]</i>	Armenia	51.8	0.6		12
<i>Kesari and Behari (2010) [43]</i>	India	50	0.0086	8.00E-04	2
<i>Kesari and Behari (2009) [44]</i>	India	50	0.0086	8.00E-04	4
<i>Korenstein-llan et al (2008) [45]</i>	Israel	100	0.3	2.4	5
<i>Koyama et al (2016) [46]</i>	Japan	60	10		0
<i>Koyama et al (2019) [47]</i>	Japan	40	10		0
<i>Kumar et al (2010) [48]</i>	India	50	0.0086	8.00E-04	18
<i>Kumar et al (2011) [49]</i>	India	10	2.1	0.014	2
<i>Le Quement et al (2012) [50]</i>	France	60	18	4.24E+01	15
<i>Lukashevsky and Belyaev (1990) [51]</i>	Russia	70	1	0.8	2
<i>Minasyan et al (2007) [52]</i>	Armenia	42.2	3		0.7
<i>Muller et al (2004) [53]</i>	Germany	77	0.03		0
<i>Munemori and Ikeda (1982) [54]</i>	Japan	9.4	2.5		0.3
<i>Munemori and Ikeda (1984) [55]</i>	Japan	10	7		0.5
<i>Nicolaz et al (2008) [56]</i>	France	60.4	1.4		0
<i>Nicolaz et al (2009) [57]</i>	France	59.2	1.4	3	0
<i>Olchowik and Maj (2000) [58]</i>	Poland	53.57	10		2.7
<i>Pakhomova et al (1997) [59]</i>	US	61.3	1.3	4	1.1
<i>Pakhomov et al (1997) [60]</i>	US	40	30		1.5
<i>Pakhomov et al, (1997) [61]</i>	US	41.5	2.5		4.6
<i>Pakhomov et al (1997) [62]</i>	US	41.3	0.2		1
<i>Paulraj and Behari (2006) [63]</i>	India	10	10	2	3
<i>Pikov et al (2010) [64]</i>	US	60	0.01		2
<i>Pikov and Siegel (2011) [65]</i>	US	60	2		2
<i>Ramundo-Orlando et al (2009) [66]</i>	Italy	53.37	1	0.5	3
<i>Rojavin and Ziskin (1995) [67]</i>	US	61	10	84	0.75
<i>Romanenko et al (2014) [68]</i>	US	60	10		1

<i>Rotkovská et al (1993) [69]</i>	<i>Czech Rep</i>	34	0.2		1.8
<i>Safranova et al (2002) [70]</i>	<i>Russia</i>	42.2	0.2	0.45	1
<i>Sarapultseva et al (2014) [71]</i>	<i>Russia</i>	10	0.1		1.6
<i>Shcheglov et al (1997) [72]</i>	<i>Russia</i>	51.5	1.00E-13		4
<i>Shcheglov et al (2002) [73]</i>	<i>Russia</i>	51.5	1.00E-13		6
<i>Shckorbatov et al (1998) [74]</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>	42	2		3
<i>Shckorbatov et al (2002) [75]</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>	8.75	2		1.3
<i>Shckorbatov et al (2010) [76]</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>	36.7	0.1		2
<i>Shiina et al (2014) [77]</i>	<i>Japan</i>	60	10		0
<i>Soghomonyan and Trchounian (2013) [78]</i>	<i>Armenia</i>	51.8	0.6		4
<i>Tadevosyan et al (2008) [79]</i>	<i>Armenia</i>	52	0.6		6
<i>Torgomyan (2011) [80]</i>	<i>Armenia</i>	73	0.6		8
<i>Torgomyan et al (2012) [81]</i>	<i>Armenia</i>	52	0.6		30
<i>Torgomyan et al (2012) [82]</i>	<i>Armenia</i>	53	0.6		18
<i>Volkova et al (2014) [83]</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>	42.25	0.3		2
<i>Yaekashiwa et al (2017) [84]</i>	<i>Japan</i>	70	0.01		0
<i>Zeni et al (2007) [85]</i>	<i>Italy</i>	130	2.3	2	0
<i>Zhadobov et al (2005) [86]</i>	<i>France</i>	60	2.7		0
<i>Zhadobov et al (2007) [87]</i>	<i>France</i>	60	5.4		0
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