



Supplementary Figure 4. Deeks' funnel plot of publication bias among studies that assessed the semiquantitative cough strength score. ESS = effective sample size. Numbers 1 to 22 represent the study arms (Gao 2009b, Salam 2004b, Su 2010b, Khamiees 2001a, Khamiees 2001b, Huang 2013, Duan 2015a, Thille 2015, Aziz 2018, Vivier 2019a, Wang 2019, Ma 2018, Frutos-Vivar 2006, Jaber 2018, Dos 2017, Michetti 2018, Abbas 2018, Sanson 2018, Wang 2009a, Wang 2009b, Elkholly 2021, and Thille 2020).