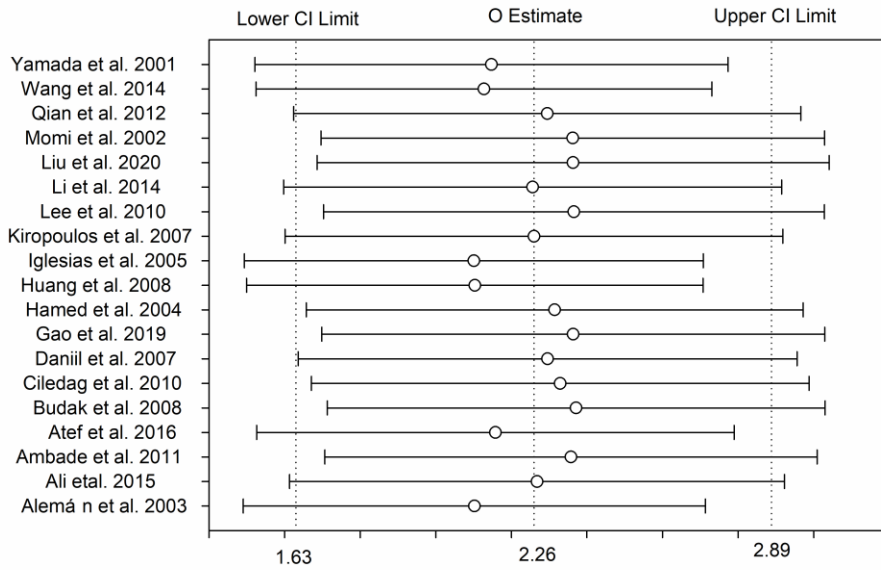
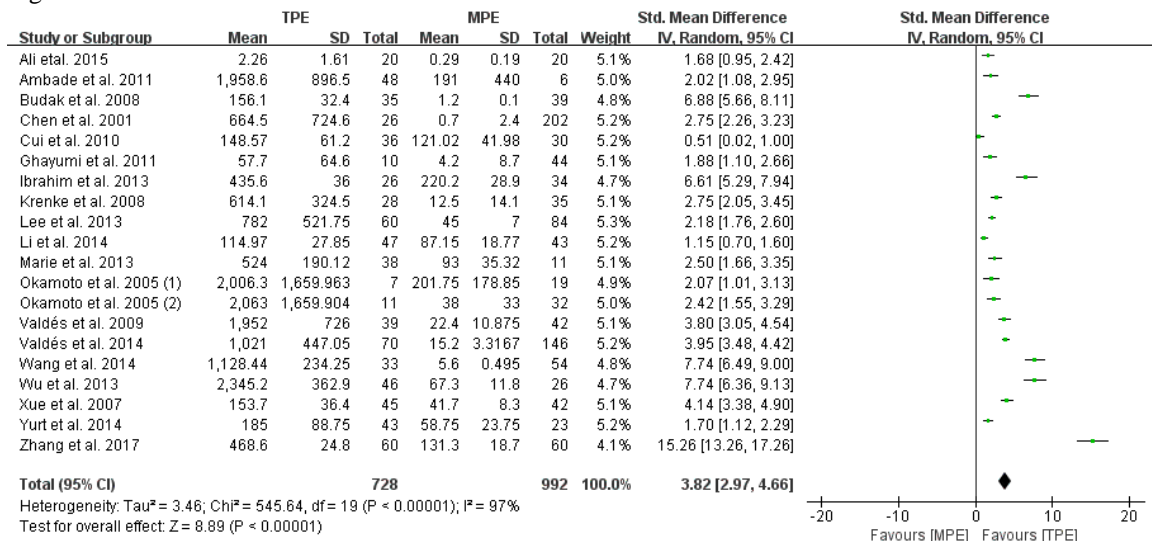


Supplementary Fig. S1



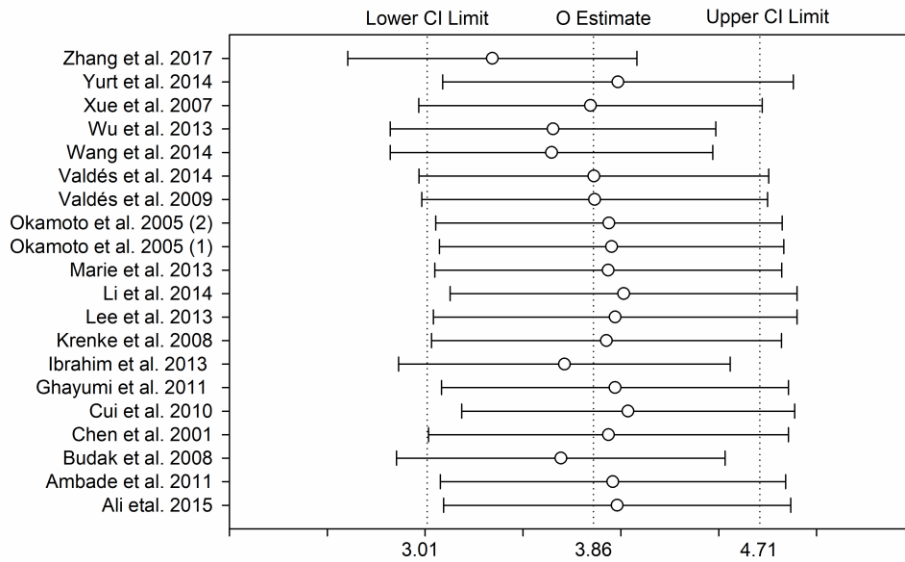
Sensitivity analysis of the all 19 studies on TNF- α included in the meta-analysis. The circle indicates the total combined effect SMD, the two ends of every broken line represent the respective 95% confidence interval.

Fig. S2a



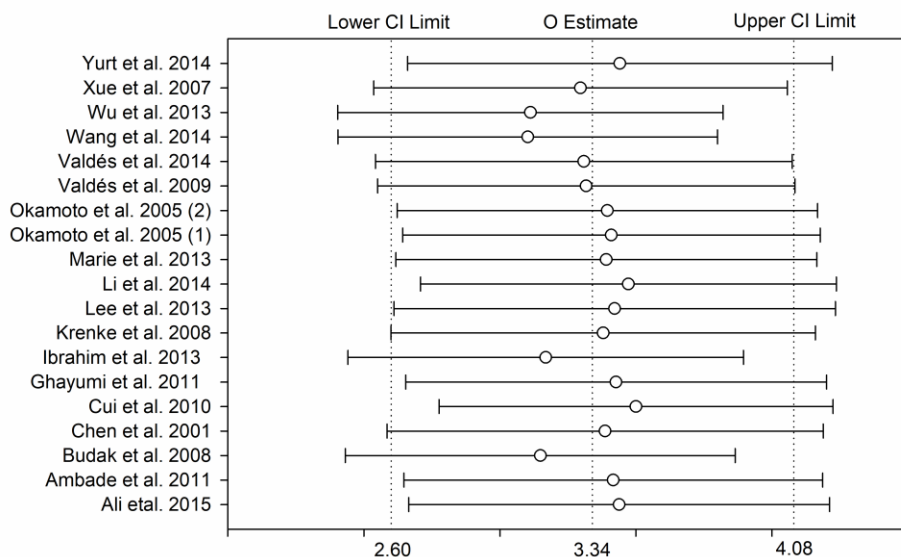
Forest plot for remaining 20 studies comparing IFN- γ levels in tuberculous pleural effusions and malignant effusions.

Supplementary Fig. S2b



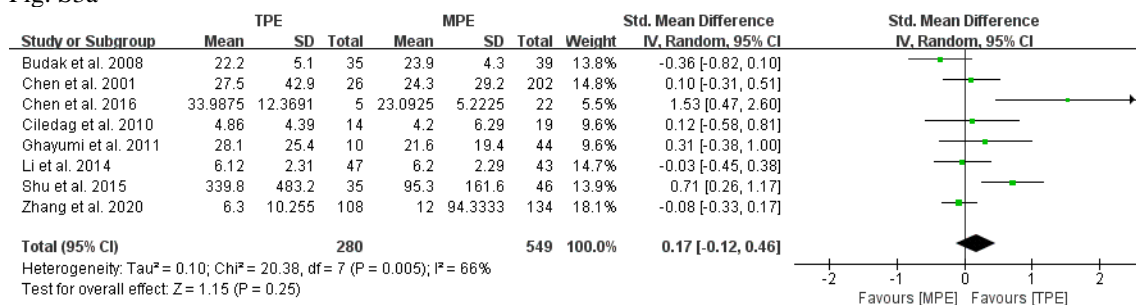
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Supplementary Fig. 2c



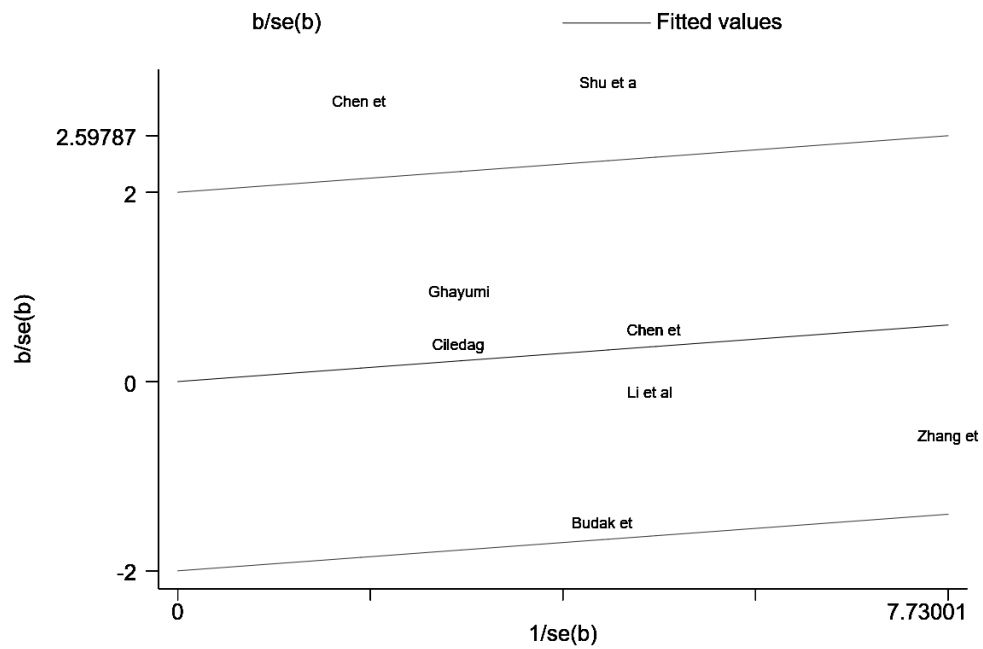
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Fig. S3a



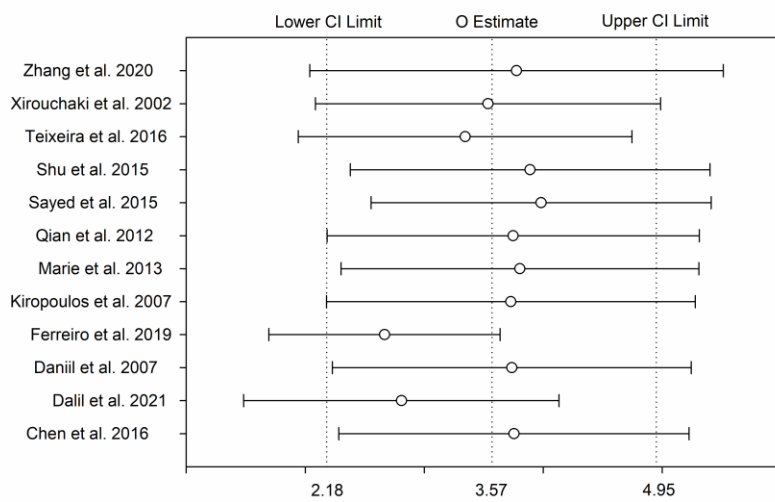
Forest plot for combined total 8 studies comparing IL-10 levels in tuberculous pleural effusions and malignant effusions.

Fig. S3b



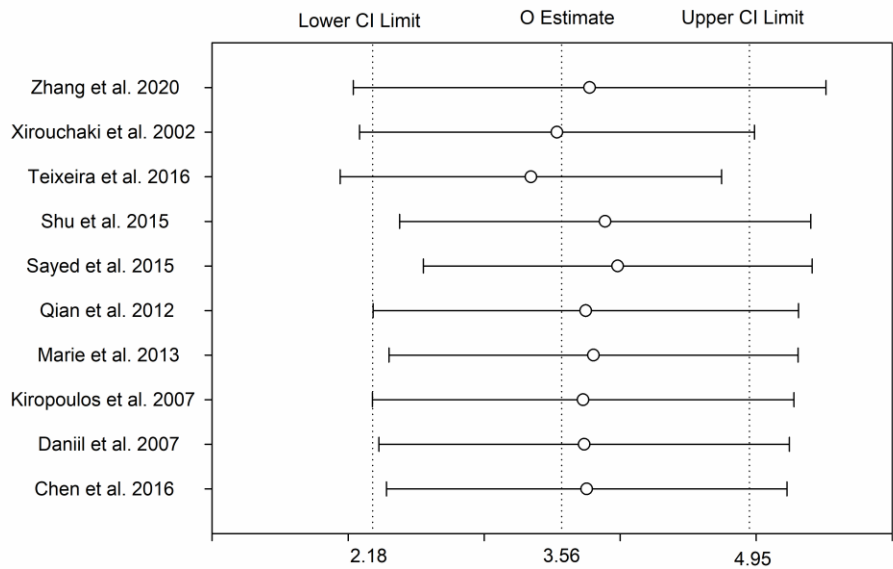
Galbraith radial plot for the heterogeneity across studies on IL-10.

Fig. S4a



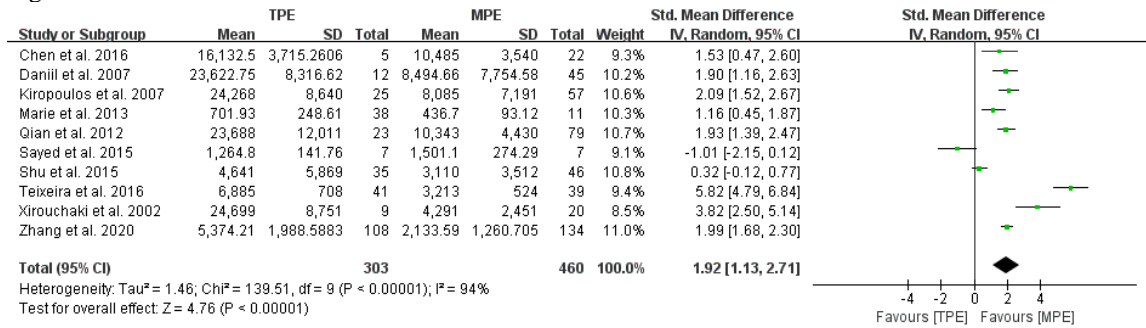
Sensitivity analysis of the all 12 studies on IL-6 included in the meta-analysis.

Fig. S4b



Sensitivity analysis of the remaining 10 studies on IL-6 included in the meta-analysis.

Fig. S4c



Forest plot for remaining 10 studies comparing IL-6 levels in tuberculous pleural effusions and malignant effusions.