

## Supplementary

**Table S1** Literature Search Strategies in English for the SLR

#	Search Terms
1.	"erosive esophagitis"[Title/Abstract] OR "erosive oesophagitis"[Title/Abstract] OR "erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease "[Title/Abstract] OR "erosive reflux esophagitis"[Title/Abstract] OR " erosive gastro-oesophageal reflux disease"[Title/Abstract] OR "erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease"[Title/Abstract] OR "reflux oesophagitis"[Title/Abstract] OR "reflux esophagitis"[Title/Abstract] OR "EE"[Title/Abstract] OR "RE"[Title/Abstract]
2.	" proton pump inhibitors "[Title/Abstract] OR "PPI"[Title/Abstract]
3.	" potassium-competitive acid blockers"[Title/Abstract] OR " P-CAB "[Title/Abstract]
4.	" vonoprazan "[Title/Abstract]
5.	" pantoprazole"[Title/Abstract]
6.	" esomeprazole"[Title/Abstract]
7.	" lansoprazole "[Title/Abstract]
8.	" omeprazole "[Title/Abstract]
9.	" rabeprazole"[Title/Abstract]
10.	" ilaprazole"[Title/Abstract]
11.	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10
12.	randomized controlled trial [pt]
13.	controlled clinical trial [pt]
14.	randomized [TIAB]
15.	randomised [TIAB]
16.	"random allocation" [TIAB]
17.	clinical trials as topic [mesh: noexp]
18.	randomly [TIAB]
19.	trial [ti]
20.	"double blind" OR "double blinded" OR "double masked"
21.	"single blind" OR "single blinded" OR "single masked"
22.	#12 OR #13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21
23.	#1 AND #11 AND #22
24.	#23 Limits: Humans
25.	#24 Limits: Adult: 19+ Years
26.	#25 Limits: English
27.	#27 Limits: Publication Date 1995-2019

Abbreviations: SLR, systematic literature review; EE, erosive esophagitis; RE, reflux esophagitis; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; P-CAB, potassium-competitive acid blocker

**Table S2** PICOS criteria to assess studies for the SLR

PICOS elements	
Population	Adult patients with RE diagnosed by endoscopic examination
Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPZ monotherapy (standard dose in acute treatment phase and low dose in maintenance phase)</li> <li>• Any PPI monotherapy (standard dose in acute treatment phase and low dose in maintenance phase) approved by National Medical Products Administration in China</li> </ul>
Comparators	Any PPI monotherapy (standard dose in acute treatment phase and low dose in maintenance phase) approved by National Medical Products Administration in China
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healing rate at week 4 in treatment phase</li> <li>• Healing rate at week 8 in treatment phase</li> <li>• Relapse rate at week 24 in maintenance phase</li> </ul>
Study design	RCT

Abbreviations: SLR, systematic literature review; RE, Reflux esophagitis; PPI, proton pump inhibitors; VPZ, Vonoprazan; RCT, randomized controlled trial.

**Table S3** Cost calculation for proton pump inhibitors (PPI) group drug cost

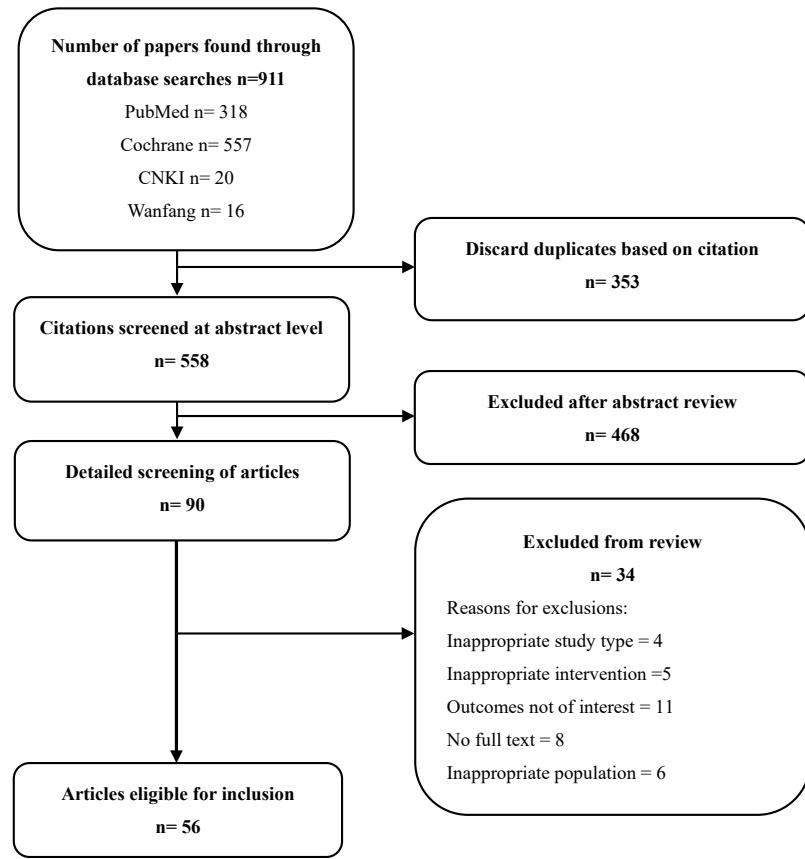
Original PPI Brand	The average tender price of each PPI in 2020 was collected from YAOZHI® database*		Market shares were collected from a panel of nationwide hospital survey (n=12); The market share of original PPIs is in 2019Q2 was used to calculate the weighted average price#
	Price of Standard Dose (CNY)	Price of Half Dose (CNY)	
Omeprazole (Losec)	8.71	5.06	3.6%
Esomeprazole (Nexium)	15.00	9.01	13.9%
Pantoprazole (Protonix)	9.62	4.81	4.0%
Lansoprazole (Prevacid, Takepron)	8.67	4.34	2.2%
Rabeprazole (Pariet)	20.81	10.54	11.0%
Ilaprazole	27.06	13.53	0.70%

PPI group drug cost was calculated based on average tender prices of each PPI available in China weighted by corresponding market shares. Note: \*, average price of standard dose of  $PPI = \frac{Price\ of\ Standard\ Dose + 2 * Price\ of\ Half\ Dose}{2}$ . Each PPI has both standard dose and half dose. In clinical practice, PPI could be taken as 1 tablet with standard dose per day or 2 tablets with half dose per day. #, Market-share weighted average price of standard/half dose of  $PPI\ group = \frac{\sum Price\ of\ PPI_i * Market\ Share\ of\ PPI_i}{\sum Market\ Share\ of\ PPI_i}$ .

**Table S4** Cost of other healthcare resources in a treatment course (Interview results)

Questionnaire	Answer
1 The frequency of outpatient visit and cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Initiation of acute treatment needs one outpatient visit and several follow-up visits every 2 weeks for drug prescription. During 6-month maintenance treatment, the outpatient visit should be made every 4 weeks.</li> <li>• The average cost of an outpatient visit is 7\$.</li> </ul>
2 The frequency of lab test and cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients were required to take an endoscopy test in the first outpatient visit for diagnosis. For patients who were unhealed after 8-week treatment, esophageal manometry and 24-hour pH monitoring were needed.</li> <li>• The average cost of an endoscopy test is 84\$.</li> <li>• The average cost of 24-hour pH monitoring is 116\$.</li> </ul>

Other medical expenses associate with RE treatment were collected via local clinical expert interviews (n=10). RE, reflux esophagitis.



**Figure S1** Flowchart of study selection.

**Table S5** Baseline characteristics of included trials

First author	Publication year	Study Sample (N)	Treatment	Initial duration	Diagnosis level	Evaluable population (N)	Age (year)		Male (%)
							Mean	SD	
Corinaldesi, R., et al. (1)	1995	241	pantoprazole40mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	SM 2-3 SM 2-3	120 121	50 52	-	78 (65) 75 (62)
Mössner, J., et al. (2)	1995	286	pantoprazole40mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	SM 2-3 SM 2-3	191 95	53 55	-	133 (70) 66 (69)
Castell, D. O., et al. (3)	1996	1284	lansoprazole30mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	other 2-4 other 2-4	422 431	- -	-	-
Mee, A. S., et al. (4)	1996	604	lansoprazole30mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	SM 1-4 SM 1-4	300 304	53.4 52.4	-	198 (66) 204 (67)
Dekkers, C. P., et al. (5)	1999	202	rabeprazole20mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	HD 2-4 HD 2-4	100 102	54 52	15.7 15.56	53 (53) 73 (72)
Delchier, J. C., et al. (6)	2000	310	rabeprazole20mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	HD 2-4 HD 2-4	104 103	55 53	15.7 15.1	47 (45) 40 (39)
Kahrlas, P. J., et al. (7)	2000	1960	esomeprazole40mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	654 650	44.8 46.5	13 13.5	384 (58.7) 399 (61.4)
Richter, J. E., et al. (8)	2000	603	pantoprazole40mg	8 weeks	HD 2-4	173	49.3	13.6	121 (69.9)
Dupas, J. L., et al. (9)	2001	461	pantoprazole40mg lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	SM 2-3 SM 2-3	225 236	53 55	14.5 14.7	165 (73) 178 (58)
Richter, J. E., et al. (10)	2001	2425	esomeprazole40mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	1216 1209	- -	-	772 (59.4) 760 (62.9)
Castell, D. O., et al. (11)	2002	5241	esomeprazole40mg lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	2624 2617	47 47.4	13 13.1	1504 (57.3) 1501 (57.4)
Howden, C. W., et al. (12)	2002	284	lansoprazole30mg esomeprazole40mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	other 2-4 other 2-4	143 141	47 46	-	57 (82) 54 (76)
Körner, T., et al. (13)	2003	669	pantoprazole40mg	8 weeks	SM 2-3	337	53.7	14.3	216 (64)
Gillessen, A., et al. (14)	2004	227	pantoprazole40mg esomeprazole40mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA B-C LA B-C	113 114	53 54	15 14	64 (57) 57 (50)
Pace, F., et al. (15)	2005	560	rabeprazole20mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	SM 1-3 SM 1-3	283 277	47.7 47.1	14.2 14.9	190 (67) 184 (66)
Fennerty, M. B., et al. (16)	2005	999	esomeprazole40mg lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA C-D LA C-D	498 501	47.3 47.1	13.2 12.9	327 (65.7) 333 (66.5)
Labenz, J., et al. (17)	2005	3151	esomeprazole40mg pantoprazole40mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	1562 1589	50.6 50.5	14 13.8	969 (62) 1102 (63.7)
Lighthdale, C. J., et al. (18)	2006	1175	omeprazole20mg	8 weeks	LA A-D	588	45.3	13	376 (63.9)
Schmitt, C., et al. (19)	2006	1148	esomeprazole40mg omeprazole20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	576 572	47.1 46.2	13.3 13.6	346 (60.1) 335 (58.6)
Vcev, A., et al. (20)	2006	180	esomeprazole40mg pantoprazole40mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-C LA A-C	90 90	51.2 49.4	14.5 13.9	57 (63.3) 59 (65.6)
Bardhan, K.D., et al. (21)	2007	581	pantoprazole40mg esomeprazole40mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	288 293	53 54	13 14	141 (49) 154 (53)
Sharma, P., et al. (22)	2009	2038	lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks	LA A-D	690	47.3	13.74	365 (52.9)
Sharma, P., et al. (22)	2009	2054	lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks	LA A-D	673	47.3	13.65	362 (53.8)
Zheng, R.N., et al. (23)	2009	274	omeprazole20mg lansoprazole30mg pantoprazole40mg esomeprazole40mg	8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D LA A-D LA A-D	68 69 69 68	57.9 58.1 57.8 57.4	14.1 13 13.2 12.8	33 (48.5) 35 (50.7) 34 (49.3) 33 (48.5)
Ashida, K., et al. (24)	2015	733	lansoprazole30mg vonoprazan20mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	140 154	55.8 58.3	13.92 13.86	99 (70.7) 115 (74.7)
Ashida, K., et al. (25)	2016	409	vonoprazan20mg lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	207 202	58.3 57.4	13.8 13.2	137 (66.2) 154 (76.2)
Chen, M.H., et al. (26)	2018	274	vonoprazan20mg lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D LA A-D	143 131	51.8 51.5	13.7 12.5	105 (73.4) 110 (82.7)
Bardhan, K. D., et al. (27)	1995	239	lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks	Endoscopic appearance 0-3	77	48	-	50 (65)
Mulder, C. J., et al. (28)	1996	211	lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks	SM 2-4	106	54.4	14.3	73 (70)
Rensburg, C.V., et al. (29)	1996	192	pantoprazole40mg	8 weeks	SM 1-4	97	46	-	57 (59)
Jansen, J.B., et al. (30)	1999	133	lansoprazole30mg	8 weeks	SM 2-3	68	53.7	14.8	42 (61)
Festen, H. P., et al. (31)	1999	446	omeprazole20mg	8 weeks	SM 1-2	222	51.1	14.5	118 (53)
Farley, A., et al. (32)	2000	338	rabeprazole20mg	8 weeks	HD 0-5	167	51.4	14.9	118 (70)
Kovacs, T. O. G., et al. (33)	2002	221	pantoprazole40mg	8 weeks	HD 0-5	76	49.4	13.8	52 (68)
Kawano, S., et al. (34)	2002	47	omeprazole20mg	8 weeks	LA A-D	-	56	18	14 (58)
Meneghelli, U. G., et al. (35)	2002	256	pantoprazole40mg	8 weeks	SM 2-3	128	46.5	-	80 (63)
Cho, Y. K., et al. (36)	2012	129	pantoprazole40mg	8 weeks	LA A-C	74	50	13	61 (82)
Song, F., et al. (37)	2012	180	llaprazole10mg esomeprazole40mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D	60 60	- -	-	-
Xue, Y., et al. (38)	2016	318	llaprazole10mg esomeprazole40mg	8 weeks 8 weeks	LA A-D	107 105	48.9 47.9	12.6 11.7	75 (70) 72 (69)
Ashida, K., et al. (39)	2018	607	Lansoprazole15mg Vonoprazan10mg	24 W 24 W	LA A-D	196 197	57.8 55.2	12.9 13.8	69.70% 79.20%
Bate, C. M., et al. (40)	1995	193	Omeprazole10mg	52 W	LA A-D	60	53	-	44%
DeVault, K.R., et al. (41)	2006	1026	Esomeprazole20mg Lansoprazole15mg	24 W 52 W	LA A-D	501 500	47.5 47.9	-	59.30% 58.60%
Robinson, M., et al. (42)	1996	115	Lansoprazole15mg	52W	LA A-D	59	-	-	-
Labenz, J., et al. (43)	2005	3170	Esomeprazole20mg Pantoprazole20mg	24W 24W	LA A-D	1377 1389	50.2 50.7	14.1 13.8	64.50% 61.60%
Lauritsen, K., et al. (44)	2003	1224	Esomeprazole20mg Lansoprazole15mg	24W 24W	LA A-D	615 609	49.3 49.2	-	63.10% 58.50%
Richter, J. E., et al. (45)	2004	176	Pantoprazole20mg	52W	LA A-D	88	48.99	13.35	69.30%
Vakil, N. B., et al. (46)	2001	281	Esomeprazole20mg	24W	LA A-D	98	45.2	12.8	59.00%
Metz, D.C., et al. (47)	2003	274	Pantoprazole20mg	52W	Grade 2-5	91	49.19	13.39	61.30%
Gough, A. L., et al. (48)	1996	185	Lansoprazole15mg	52W	-	96	57.8	-	68.80%
Kovacs, T.O., et al. (49)	2009	100	Lansoprazole15mg	52W	HD 0-4	100	49.6	13.4	72%
Escourrou, J., et al. (50)	1999	396	Pantoprazole20mg	52W	Grade 2-3	203	50	-	-
Plein, K., et al. (51)	2000	433	Pantoprazole20mg	52W	Grade 2-3	221	-	-	-
Johnson, D.A., et al. (52)	2001	82	Esomeprazole20mg	52W	-	82	-	-	-
Goh, K.L., et al. (53)	2007	1303	Pantoprazole20mg Esomeprazole20mg	24W 24W	-	636 667	49 48.8	14.1 14.5	58.60% 85%
Caos, A., et al. (54)	2005	70	Rabeprazole10mg	24W	HD 0-2	70	-	-	-
Birbara, C., et al. (55)	2000	95	Rabeprazole10mg	24W	-	95	-	-	-
Bardhan, K.D., et al. (56)	1998	130	Omeprazole10mg	24W	-	130	-	-	-

Abbreviations: SD, standard deviation; LA, Los Angeles grade ; HD, Hetzel-Dent scale ; SM, Savary-Miller scale

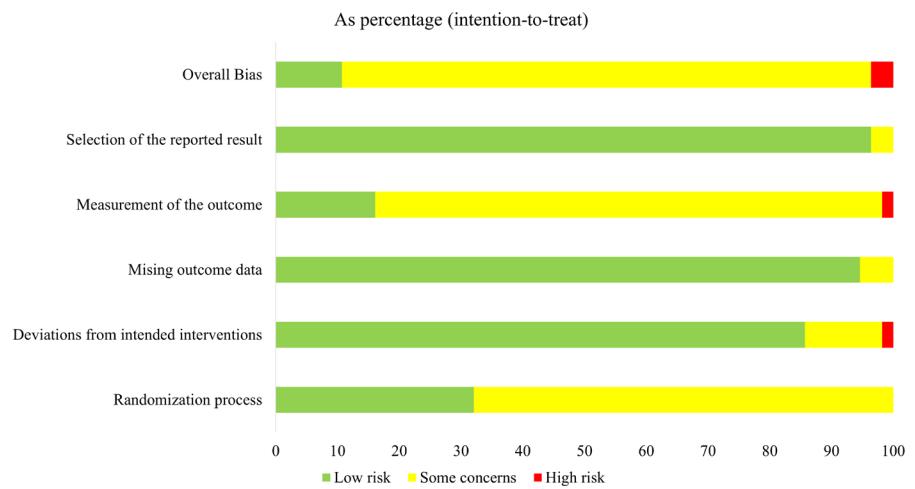
**Table S6** Main outcomes of included trials for treatment studies

First author	Publication Year	Study Sample (N)	Treatment (n)	Evaluable population (All), N	All patients Healing rates at week 4	All patients Healing rates at week 8	Evaluable population (Moderate-severe), N	Moderate-severe patients Healing rate at week 4	Moderate-severe patients Healing rate at week 8
Corinaldesi, R., et al. (1)	1995	241	pantoprazole 40 mg	120	81/120	97/120	/	/	/
			omeprazole 20 mg	121	83/121	96/121	/	/	/
Mössner, J., et al. (2)	1995	286	pantoprazole 40 mg	191	126/191	153/191	/	/	/
			omeprazole 20 mg	95	67/95	81/95	/	/	/
Castell, D. O., et al. (3)	1996	1284	lansoprazole 30 mg	422	352/422	380/422	/	/	/
			omeprazole 20 mg	431	353/431	391/431	/	/	/
Mee, A. S., et al. (4)	1996	604	lansoprazole 30 mg	300	186/300	226/300	40	18/40	26/40
			omeprazole 20 mg	304	172/304	216/304	42	24/42	25/42
Dekkers, C. P., et al. (5)	1999	202	rabeprazole 20 mg	100	81/100	92/100	/	/	/
			omeprazole 20 mg	102	83/102	96/102	/	/	/
Delchier, J. C., et al. (6)	2000	310	rabeprazole 20 mg	104	92/104	95/104	/	/	/
			omeprazole 20 mg	103	94/103	97/103	/	/	/
Kahrilas, P. J., et al. (7)	2000	1960	esomeprazole 40 mg	654	496/654	615/654	/	/	/
			omeprazole 20 mg	650	411/650	565/650	/	/	/
Richter, J. E., et al. (8)	2000	603	pantoprazole 40 mg	173	125/173	152/173	/	/	/
Dupas, J. L., et al. (9)	2001	461	pantoprazole 40 mg	225	184/225	203/225	/	/	/
			lansoprazole 30 mg	236	189/236	201/236	/	/	/
Richter, J. E., et al. (10)	2001	2425	esomeprazole 40 mg	1216	993/1216	1139/1216	/	/	/
			omeprazole 20 mg	1209	831/1209	1018/1209	/	/	/
Castell, D. O., et al. (11)	2002	5241	esomeprazole 40 mg	2624	2083/2624	2430/2624	/	/	/
			lansoprazole 30 mg	2617	1965/2617	2324/2617	/	/	/
Howden, C. W., et al. (12)	2002	284	lansoprazole 30 mg	143	107/143	127/143	52	/	48/52
			esomeprazole 40 mg	141	108/141	123/141	57	/57	47/57
Körner, T., et al. (13)	2003	669	pantoprazole 40 mg	337	220/337	284/337	/	/	/
Gillessen, A., et al. (14)	2004	227	pantoprazole 40 mg	113	55/113	94/113	/	/	/
			esomeprazole 40 mg	114	68/114	92/114	/	/	/
Pace, F., et al. (15)	2005	560	rabeprazole 20 mg	283	212/283	228/283	/	/	/
			omeprazole 20 mg	277	213/277	231/277	/	/	/
Fennerty, M. B., et al. (16)	2005	999	esomeprazole 40 mg	498	278/498	386/498	498	278/498	386/498
			lansoprazole 30 mg	501	/	/	501	238/501	367/501
Labenz, J., et al. (17)	2005	3151	esomeprazole 40 mg	1562	1231/1562	1493/1562	374	259/374	340/374
			pantoprazole 40 mg	1589	1157/1589	1463/1589	395	219/395	333/395
Lighthdale, C. J., et al. (18)	2006	1175	omeprazole 20 mg	588	/	484/588	154	/154	110/154
Schmitt, C., et al. (19)	2006	1148	esomeprazole 40 mg	576	393/576	501/576	189	115/189	167/189
			omeprazole 20 mg	572	379/572	491/572	169	81/169	131/169
Vcev, A., et al. (20)	2006	180	esomeprazole 40 mg	90	70/90	83/90	13	8/13	10/13
			pantoprazole 40 mg	90	65/90	82/90	16	8/16	12/16
Bardhan, K.D., et al. (21)	2007	581	pantoprazole 40 mg	288	199/288	248/288	/	/	/
			esomeprazole 40 mg	293	202/293	243/293	/	/	/
Sharma, P., et al. (22)	2009	2038	lansoprazole 30 mg	690	/	518/690	210	/210	130/210
Sharma, P., et al. (22)	2009	2054	lansoprazole 30 mg	673	/	548/673	194	/194	150/194
Zheng, R.N., et al. (23)	2009	274	omeprazole 20 mg	68	/	57/68	/	/	/
			lansoprazole 30 mg	69	/	60/69	/	/	/
			pantoprazole 40 mg	69	/	61/69	/	/	/
			esomeprazole 40 mg	68	/	62/68	/	/	/
Ashida, K., et al. (24)	2015	733	lansoprazole 30 mg	140	123/140	126/140	47	40/47	43/47
			vonoprazan20 mg	154	136/154	139/154	51	50/51	50/51
Ashida, K., et al. (25)	2016	409	vonoprazan20 mg	207	198/207	203/207	75	72/75	74/75
			lansoprazole 30 mg	202	184/202	190/202	73	58/73	63/73
Chen, M.H., et al. (26)	2018	274	vonoprazan20 mg	143	120/143	131/143	54	38/54	45/54
			lansoprazole 30 mg	131	109/131	116/131	46	32/46	36/46
Bardhan, K. D., et al. (27)	1995	239	lansoprazole 30 mg	77	63/77	70/77	58	45/58	51/58
Mulder, C. J., et al. (28)	1996	211	lansoprazole 30 mg	106	91/106	99/106	29	24/29	27/29
Rensburg, C.V., et al. (29)	1996	192	pantoprazole 40 mg	97	67/97	82/97	/	/	/
Jansen, J.B., et al. (30)	1999	133	lansoprazole 30 mg	68	54/68	62/68	/	/	/
Festen, H. P., et al. (31)	1999	446	omeprazole 20 mg	222	135/222	165/222	/	/	/
Farley, A., et al. (32)	2000	338	rabeprazole 20 mg	167	98/167	146/167	/	/	/
Kovacs, T. O. G., et al. (33)	2002	221	pantoprazole 40 mg	76	48/76	58/76	30	11/30	16/30
Kawano, S., et al. (34)	2002	47	omeprazole 20 mg	/	/	/	7	/	4/7
Meneghelli, U. G., et al. (35)	2002	256	pantoprazole 40 mg	128	69/128	96/128	24	12/24	17/24
Cho, Y. K., et al. (36)	2012	129	pantoprazole 40 mg	74	52/74	60/74	/	/	/
Song, F., et al. (37)	2012	180	llaprazole 10 mg	60	51/60	54/60	/	/	/
			esomeprazole 40 mg	60	52/60	55/60	/	/	/
Xue, Y., et al. (38)	2016	318	llaprazole 10 mg	107	87/107	95/107	/	/	/
			esomeprazole 40 mg	105	75/105	89/105	/	/	/

**Table S7** Main outcomes of included trials for maintenance studies

First author	Publication year	Study Sample (N)	Treatment (n)	Evaluable population (All), N	All patients Remission rate* at week 24	Evaluable population (Moderate-severe), N	Moderate-severe patients Remission rate* at week 24
Ashida, K., et al.(39)	2018	607	Lansoprazole 15 mg	196	172/196	41	25/41
			Vonoprazan 10 mg	197	192/197	40	33/38
Bate, C. M., et al.(40)	1995	193	Omeprazole 10 mg	60	/	/	/
DeVault, K.R., et al.(41)	2006	1026	Esomeprazole 20 mg	501	432/501	121	96/121
			Lansoprazole 15 mg	500	388/500	131	91/131
Robinson,M., et al.(42)	1996	115	Lansoprazole 15 mg	59	48/59		
Labenz, J., et al.(43)	2005	3170	Esomeprazole 20 mg	1377	1198/1377	323	263/323
			Pantoprazole 20 mg	1389	1040/1389	317	208/317
Lauritsen, K., et al.(44)	2003	1224	Esomeprazole 20 mg	615	510/615	114	86/114
			Lansoprazole 15 mg	609	451/609	102	60/102
Richter, J. E., et al.(45)	2004	176	Pantopraole 20 mg	88	/	/	/
Vakil, N. B., et al.(46)	2001	281	Esomeprazole 20 mg	98	77/98	/	/
Metz, D.C., et al.(47)	2003	274	Pantoprazole 20 mg	91	/	23	16/23
Gough, A. L., et al.(48)	1996	185	Lansoprazole 15 mg	96	78/96	/	/
Kovacs,T.O., et al.(49)	2009	100	Lansoprazole 15 mg	100	/	/	/
Escourrou, J., et al(50)	1999	396	Pantoprazole 20 mg	203	171/203	/	/
Plein, K., et al.(51)	2000	433	Pantoprazole 20 mg	221	177/221	/	/
Johnson, D.A., et al.(52)	2001	82	Esomeprazole 20 mg	82	76/82	/	/
Goh, K.L., et al.(53)	2007	1303	Pantoprazole 20 mg	636	534/636	/	/
			Esomeprazole 20 mg	667	567/667	/	/
Caos, A., et al.(54)	2005	70	Rabeprazole 10 mg	70	54/70	/	/
Birbara, C., et al.(55)	2000	95	Rabeprazole 10 mg	95	81/95	/	/
Bardhan, K.D., et al.(56)	1998	130	Omeprazole 10 mg	130	107/130	/	/

\*Remission rate is the proportion of patients who remained healed during the 6 months. This is the widely reported endpoint in majority clinical trials' \*Relapse rate = 1 – remission rate



**Figure S2** Risk of bias assessment for included clinical trials: overall judgements at each level per domain.

	Randomization process	Deviations from intended interventions	Missing outcome data	Measurement of the outcome	Selection of the reported result	Overall
Corinaldesi_1995	?	?	+	?	?	!
Mössner_1995	?	+	?	?	+	!
Castell_1996	?	+	+	?	+	!
Mee_1996	+	?	+	?	+	!
Dekkers_1999	?	+	+	+	+	!
Delchier_2000	?	+	+	?	+	!
Kahlrlas_2000	+	+	+	?	+	!
Richter_2000	?	+	+	?	+	+
Dupas_2001	?	+	+	?	+	!
Richter_2001	+	+	+	?	+	!
Castell_2002	+	+	+	?	+	!
Howden_2002	?	+	+	+	+	!
Körner_2003	?	+	+	?	+	!
Gillessem_2004	?	+	+	?	+	!
Pace_2005	+	+	+	?	+	!
Fennerty_2005	+	+	+	?	+	!
Labenz_2005	?	+	+	?	+	!
Lightdale_2006	+	+	+	?	+	!
Schmitt_2006	+	+	+	?	+	!
Vcev_2006	?	?	+	?	+	?
Bardhan_2007	+	+	+	?	+	!
Sharma_2009	?	+	+	?	+	+
Zheng_2009	+	+	+	?	+	!
Ashida_2015	?	+	+	?	+	!
Ashida_2016	+	+	+	?	+	!
Chen_2018	?	+	+	?	+	!
Bardhan_1995	?	+	+	?	+	!
Mulder_1996	?	+	+	?	+	!
Rensburg_1996	?	+	+	?	+	!
Jansen_1999	?	+	+	?	+	!
Festen_1999	?	?	+	?	+	!
Farley_2000	?	+	+	+	+	+
Kovacs_2002	?	+	+	+	+	!
Kawano_2002	?	?	+	?	+	!
Meneghelli_2002	?	+	+	?	+	!
Cho_2012	?	?	?	?	?	!
Song_2012	?	+	+	?	+	!
Xue_2016	?	+	+	?	+	!
Ashida_2018	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bate_1995	?	+	+	?	+	!
DeVault_2006	+	?	+	+	+	?
Robinson_1996	?	?	+	+	+	!
Labenz_2005	?	+	+	?	+	!
Lauritsen_2003	?	+	+	?	+	!
Richter_2004	+	+	+	?	+	!
Vakil_2001	+	+	+	+	+	+
Metz_2003	?	+	+	?	+	!
Gough_1996	+	+	+	?	+	!
Kovacs_2009	?	+	+	?	+	!
Escourrou_1999	?	+	?	?	+	!
Plein_2000	?	+	+	?	+	!
Johnson_2001	+	+	+	+	+	+
Goh_2007	?	+	+	?	+	!
Caos_2000	?	+	+	?	+	!
Birbara_2000	?	+	+	?	+	!
Bardhan_1998	+	+	+	?	+	!

**Figure S3** Risk of bias assessment for included clinical trials: judgements at each level per domain, study-by-study.

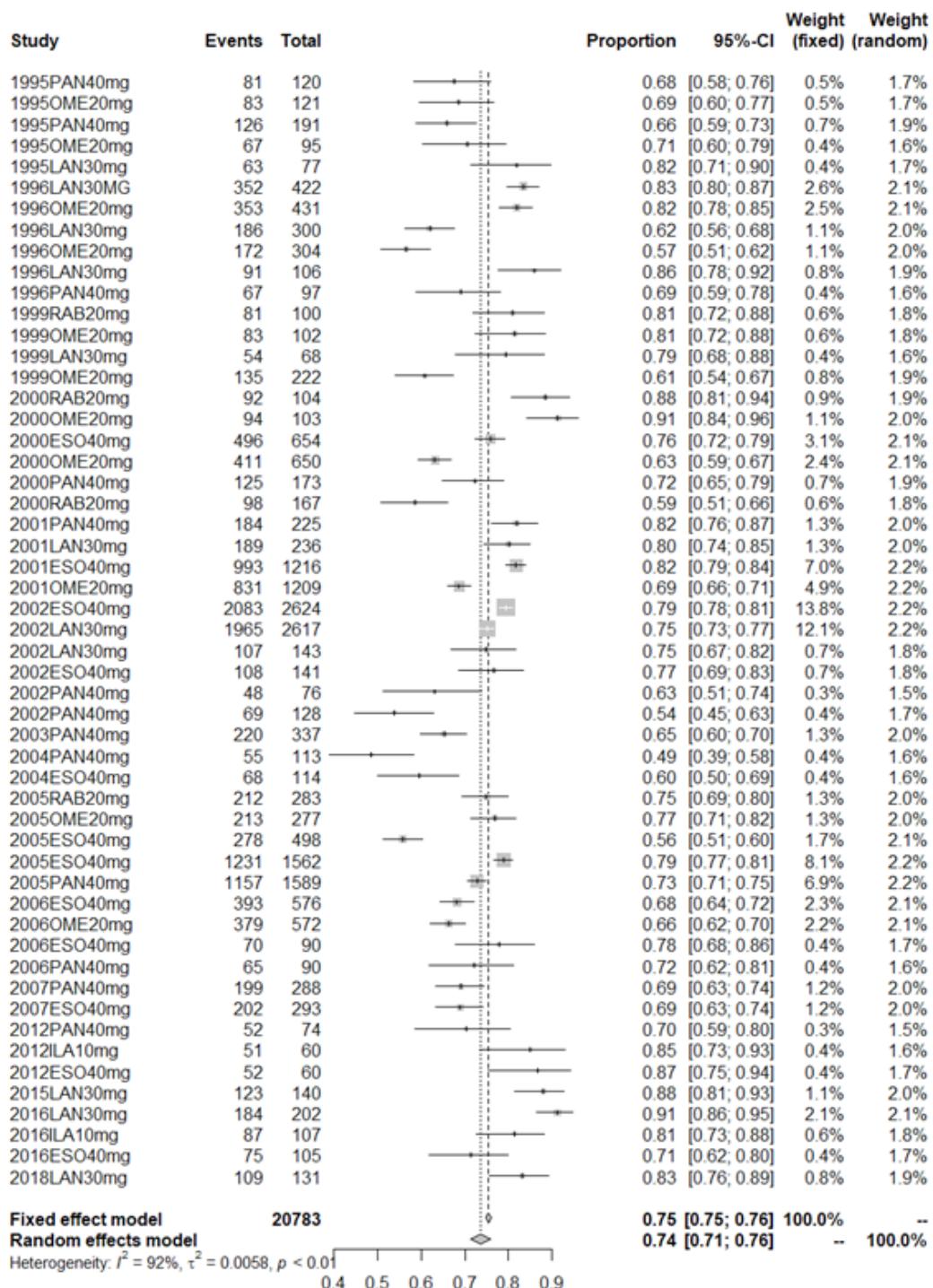


Figure S4 Meta-analysis results – Healing rate of PPI group at week 4 for all patients.

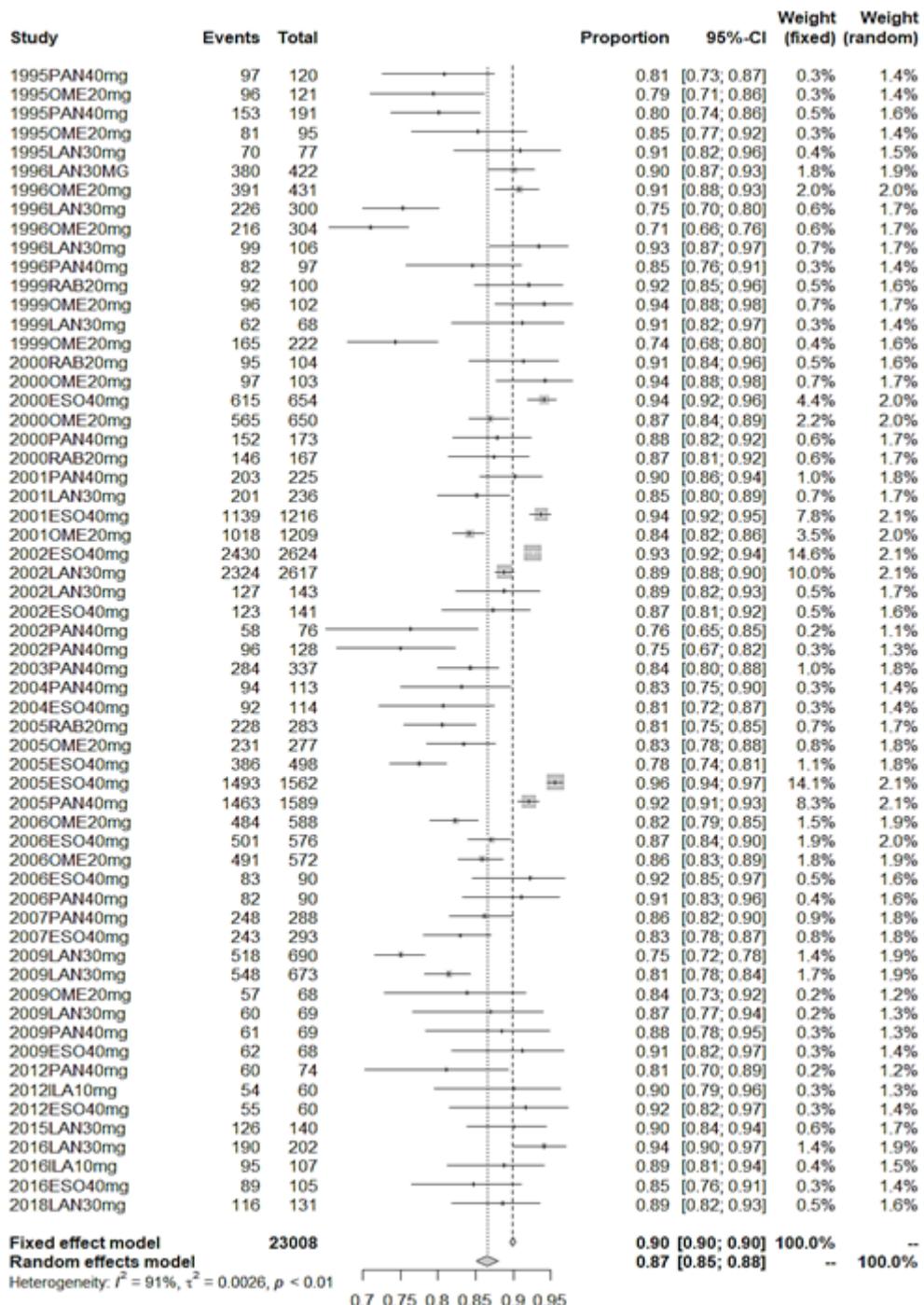


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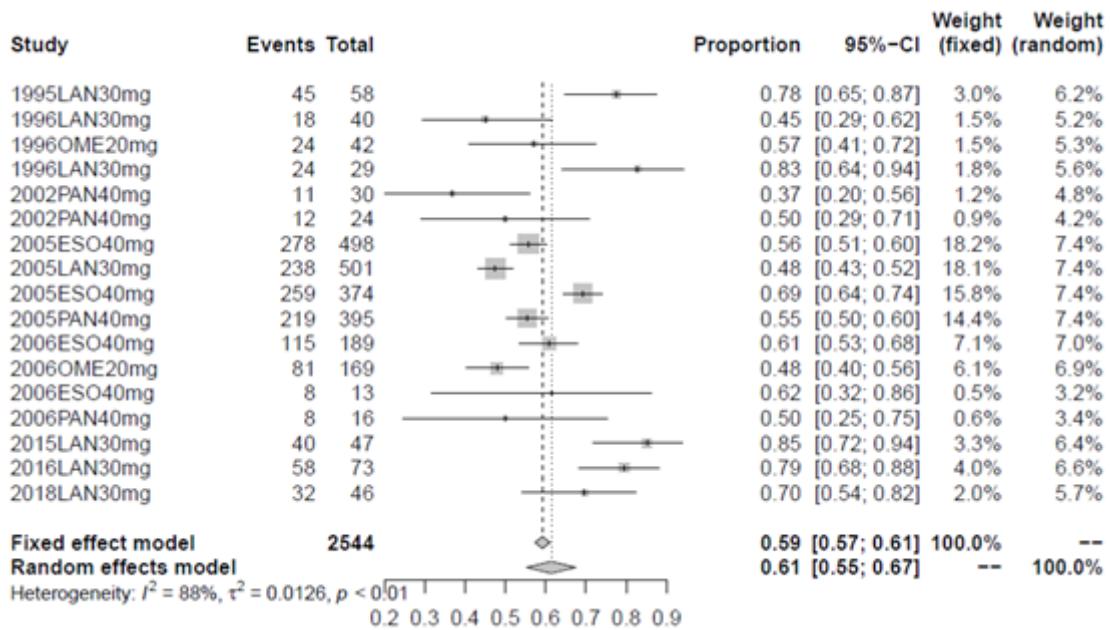


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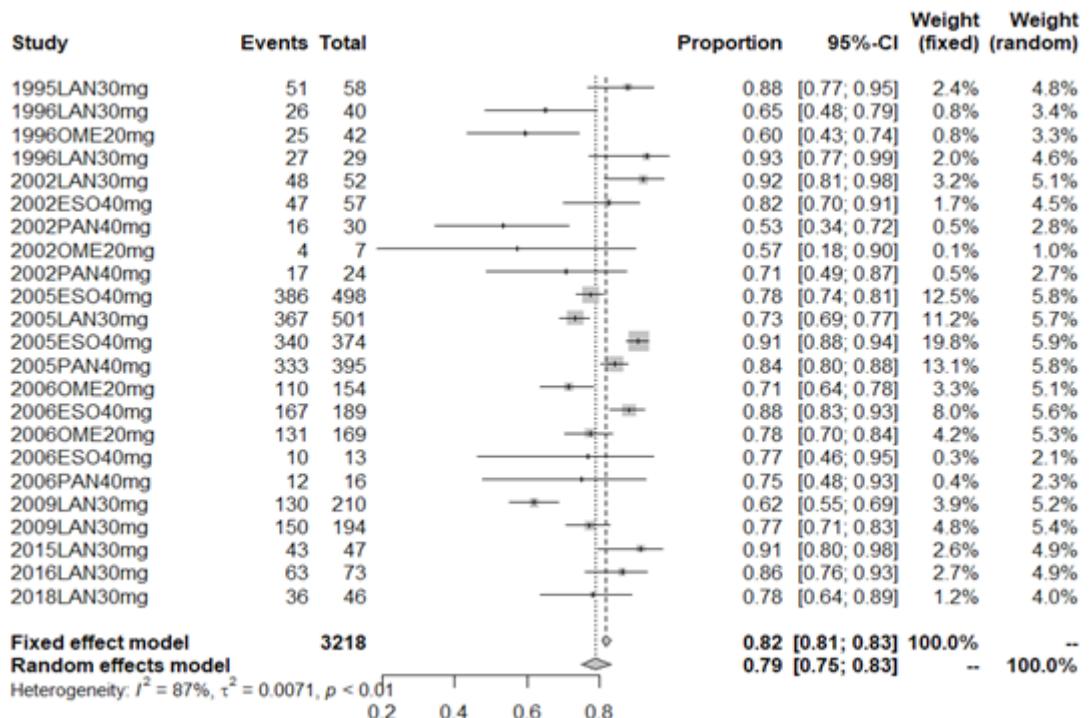


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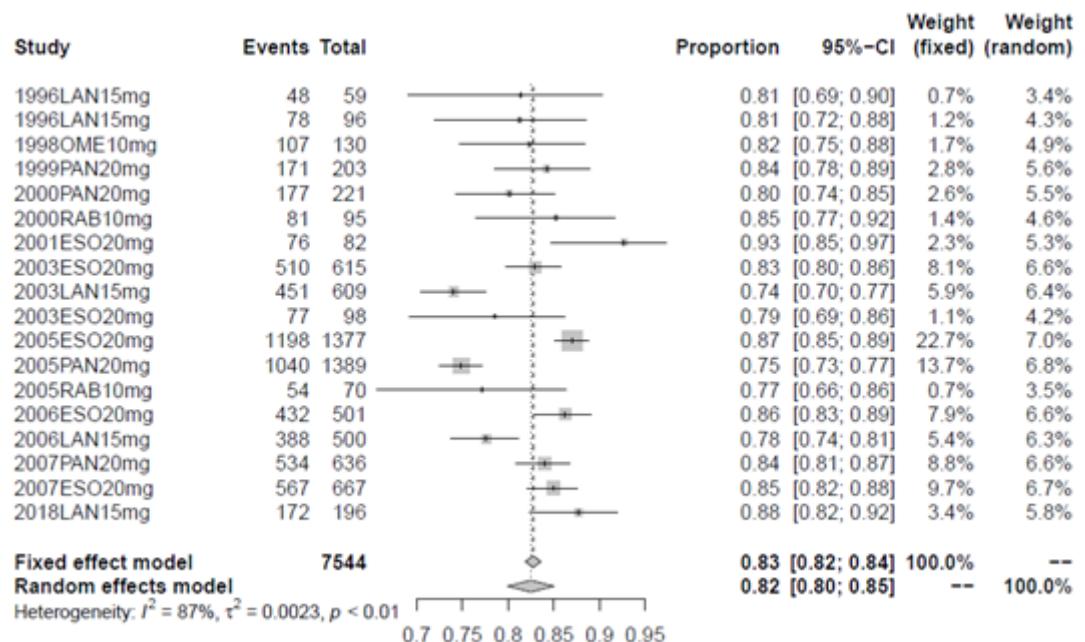


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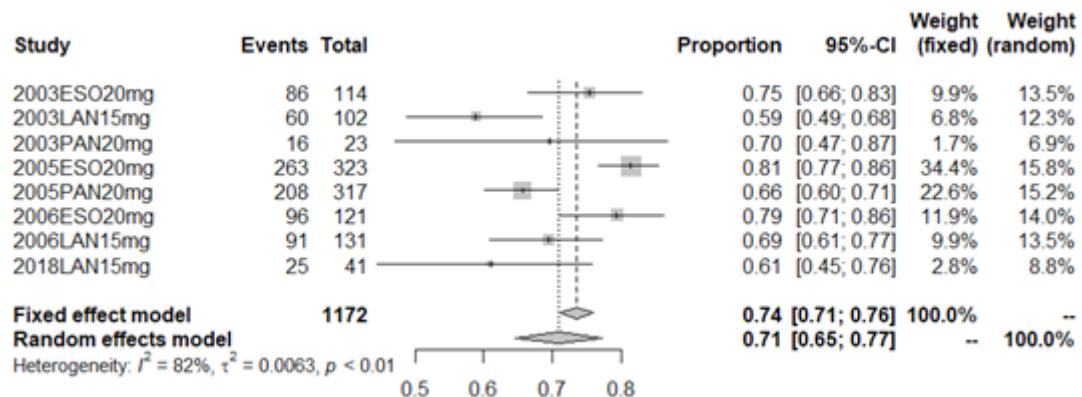


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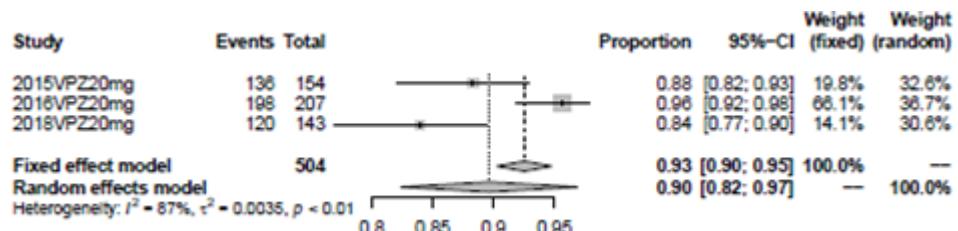


Figure S10 Meta-analysis results - Healing rate of VPZ at week 4 for all RE patients.

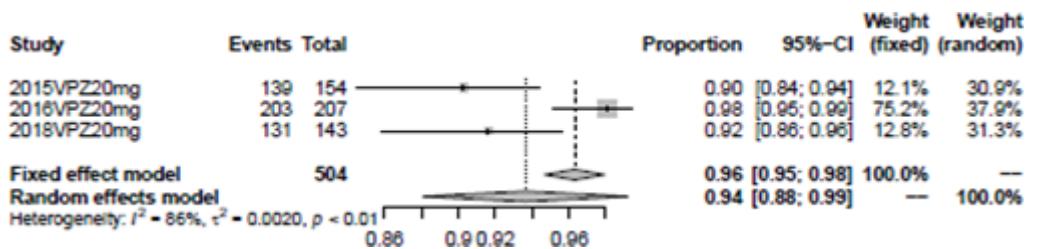


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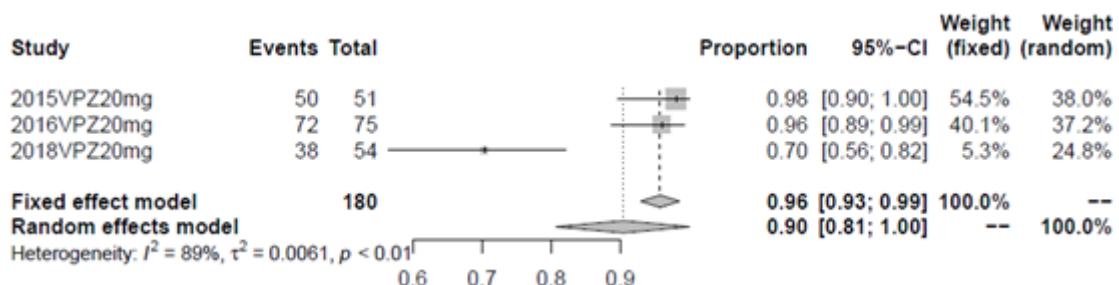


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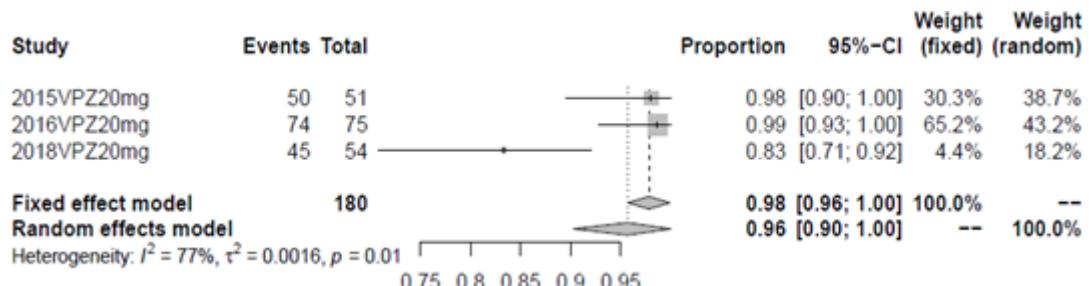


Figure S13 Meta-analysis results - Healing rate of VPZ at week 8 for moderate-to-severe patients.

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