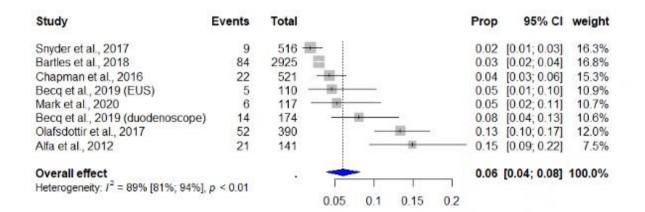
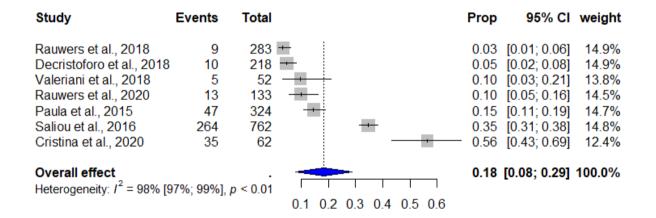
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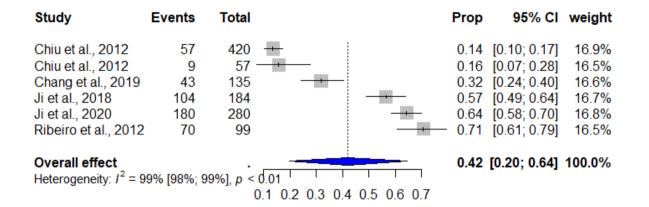
**Supplementary Fig. 1** Pooled estimates of contamination rates beyond the elevator for studies conducted in North America. CI, confidence interval; EUS, endoscopic ultrasound.



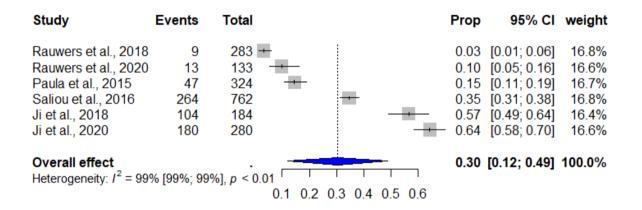
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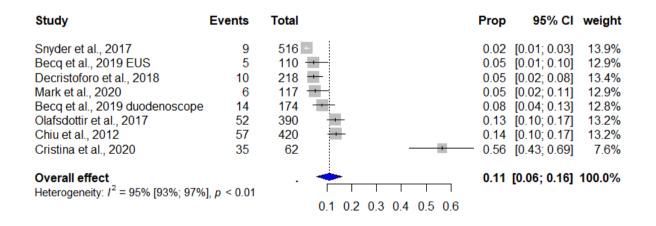
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**Supplemenatry Fig. 3** Pooled estimates of contamination rates beyond the elevator for studies conducted in the rest of the world. CI, confidence interval.



**Supplementary Fig. 4** Pooled estimates of contamination rates beyond the elevator for studies using CFU threshold  $\geq$  20. Cl, confidence interval.



## **Supplementary Fig. 5** Pooled estimates of contamination rates beyond the elevator for studies using CFU threshold < 20. CI, confidence interval.

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