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The Associations between Food, Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Risk of Bladder Cancer



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List of abbreviations

List of Abbreviations used in the CUP SLR

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| CUP | Continuous Update Project |
| WCRF/AICR | World Cancer Research Fund/American Institute for Cancer Research |
| SLR | Systematic Literature Review |
| RR | Relative Risk |
| LCI | Lower Limit Confidence Interval |
| UCI | Upper Limit Confidence Interval |
| HR | Hazard Ratio |
| CI | Confidence Interval |

List of Abbreviations of cohort study names used in the CUP SLR

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| AHS | Californian Seventh Day Adventists |
| AMS | Adventists Mortality Study |
| ATBC | Alpha-Tocopherol, Beta-Carotene Cancer Prevention Study |
| BRHS | British Regional Heart Study |
| CCPS | Copenhagen City Heart Study, the Copenhagen County Centre of Preventive Medicine and the Copenhagen Male Study |
| CHS | Copenhagen City Heart Study |
| CPS | Cancer Prevention Study |
| CSM | Cohort of Swedish Men |
| DCS | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study |
| EPIC | European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition |
| FHS | Framingham Heart Study |
| HPFS | Health Professionals Follow-up Study |
| HPP | Honolulu Heart Program |
| IWHS | Iowa Women's Health Study |
| JACC | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study |
| JPHC | The Japan Public Health Centre-based Prospective Study |
| NHICS | Korea National Health Insurance Study |
| LWS | Leisure World Study, Laguna Hills Study USA |
| LSS | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan |
| MEC | Multiethnic Cohort Study |
| MWS | The Million Women Study |
| NHS | The Nurses' Health Study |
| NIH-AARP | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study |
| NCS | The Netherlands Cohort Study |
| PLCO | Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, and Ovarian (PLCO) Cancer Screening Study |
| SELECT | The Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial |
| SMC | Swedish Mammography Cohort |

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| STC | Swedish Twin Cohort |
| WHI | Women's Health Initiative |
| VITAL | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort |

Background

Matrices presented in the WCRF/AICR 2007 Expert Report

FOOD, NUTRITION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND CANCER OF THE BLADDER

In the judgement of the Panel, the factors listed below modify the risk of cancer of the bladder. Judgements are graded according to the strength of the evidence.

| | DECREASES RISK | INCREASES RISK |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Convincing | | |
| Probable | | |
| Limited — suggestive | Milk ¹ | Arsenic in drinking water ² |
| Limited — no conclusion | Cereals (grains) and their products; vegetables; fruits; pulses (legumes); meat; poultry; fish; eggs; total fat; butter; dietetic foods; soft drinks; diet drinks; fruit juices; coffee; tea; caffeine; alcohol; chlorinated surface water; total fluid intake; sweeteners; frying; carbohydrate; protein; vitamin A; folate; vitamin C; vitamin E; multivitamin supplements; selenium; beta-carotene; alpha-carotene; lycopene; beta-cryptoxanthin; lutein; zeaxanthin; flavonoids; physical activity; body fatness; energy intake | |
| Substantial effect on risk unlikely | None identified | |

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Milk from cows. Most data are from high-income populations, where calcium can be taken to be a marker for milk/dairy consumption. *The Panel judges* that a higher intake of dietary calcium is one way in which milk could have a protective effect.

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The International Agency for Research on Cancer has graded arsenic and arsenic compounds as Class 1 carcinogens. The grading for this entry applies specifically to inorganic arsenic in drinking water.

For an explanation of all the terms used in the matrix, please see chapter 3.5.1, the text of this section, and the glossary.

World Cancer Research Fund



American Institute for Cancer Research



Modifications to the existing protocol

The research team composition was modified. The literature search and data extraction was conducted by Snieguole Vingeliene and Leila Abar. Ana Rita Vieira and Dagfinn Aune did the data analyses. Ana Rita Vieira prepared the first draft of the report.

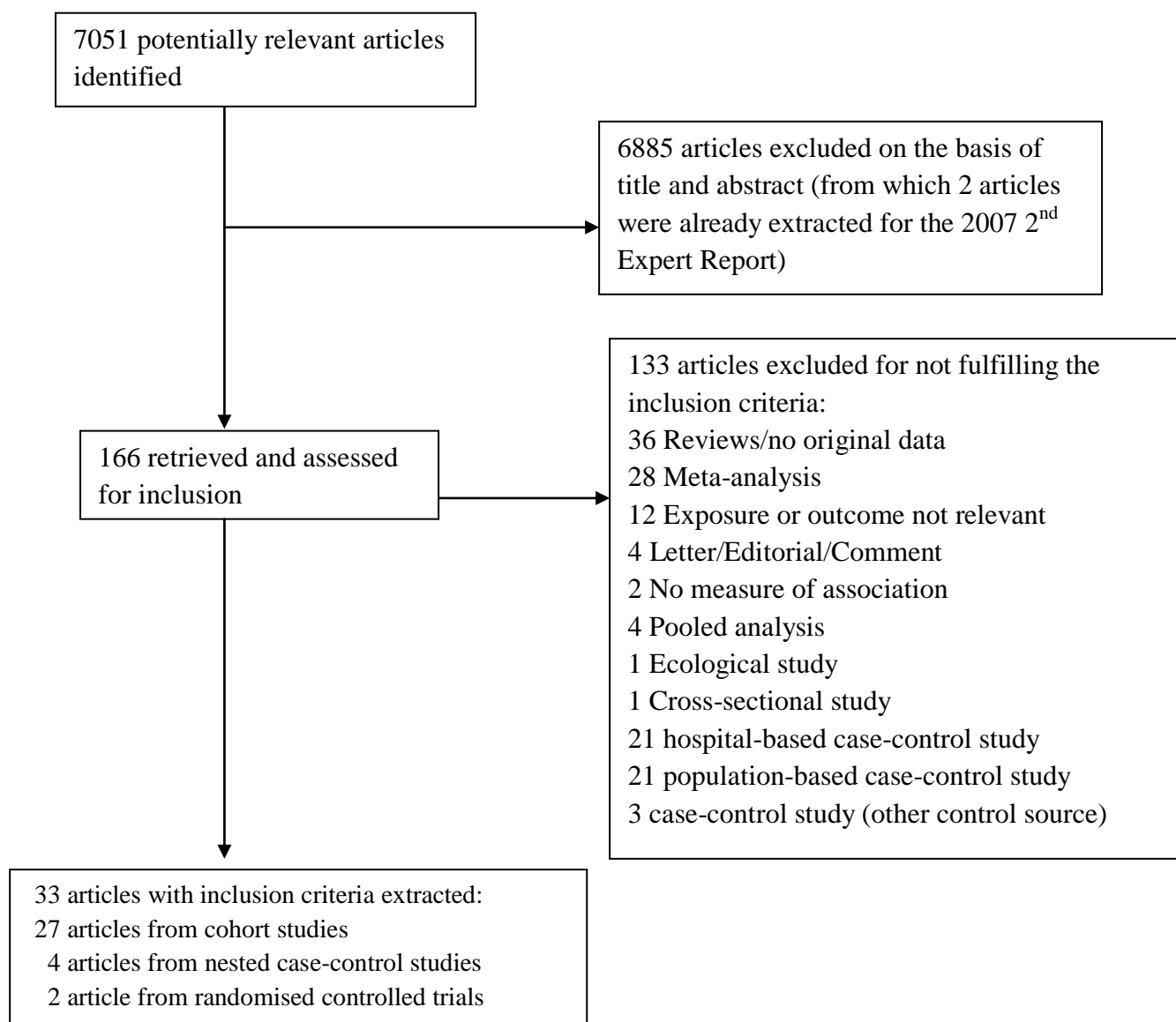
The timeline was modified. The search was finished on July 2013 and the SLR report ready to be sent to WCRF Secretariat on November 1st 2013.

Notes on figures and statistics used

- The statistical methods used are described in the protocol.
- The method by Hamling et al, 2008 was used to convert risk estimates when the reference category was not the lowest category
- The interpretation of heterogeneity tests should be cautious when the number of studies is low. Visual inspection of the forest plots and funnel plots is recommended.
- The I^2 statistic describes the proportion of total variation in study estimates that is due to heterogeneity (Higgins and Thompson, 2002). Low heterogeneity might account for less than 30 per cent of the variability in point estimates, and high heterogeneity for substantially more than 50 per cent. These values are tentative, because the practical impact of heterogeneity in a meta-analysis also depends on the size and direction of effects.
- Heterogeneity test and I^2 statistics are shown for a “Highest vs. Lowest” meta-analysis when this is the only type of meta-analysis conducted.
- Only summary relative risks estimated with random effect models are shown.
- The dose-response forest plots show the relative risk estimate for each study, expressed per unit of increase. The relative risk is denoted by a box (larger boxes indicate that the study has higher precision, and greater weight). Horizontal lines denote 95% confidence intervals (CIs). Arrowheads indicate truncations. The diamond at the bottom shows the summary relative risk estimate and corresponding 95% CI. The unit of increase is indicated in each figure and table.
- Highest vs. lowest forest plots show the relative risk estimate for the highest vs. the reference category used in each study. The comparisons in each study are shown. The overall summary estimate was not calculated (except for physical activity domains).
- The dose-response plot shows the results for each study included in the review. The relative risks estimates are plotted in the mid-point of each category level (x-axis) and are connected through lines.
- Nonlinearity was explored when there were at least five studies and their results suggested a non-linear association. Nonlinear dose-response curves were plotted using restricted cubic splines for each study, using knots fixed at percentiles 10%, 50%, and 90% through the distribution. These were combined using multivariate meta-analysis.
- The non-linear graphs are only presented when the p-value for non-linearity is statistically significant. Otherwise only the p-value is reported in the text.

Continuous Update Project: Results of the search

Flow chart of the search for bladder cancer – Continuous update project Search period January 1st 2006-July 31st 2013



Randomised controlled trials (RCT). Results by exposure.

Two randomised controlled trials on bladder cancer (as secondary outcome) were identified: The Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial (SELECT) (Lotan, 2012) and the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) trial (Brunner R. 2011). A meta-analysis of RCTs, which compared folic acid supplementation versus placebo, was identified (Vollsett, 2013).

Selenium and Vitamin E

SELECT is a phase 3 double-blind randomized placebo controlled trial of selenium (200 µg daily from L-selenomethionine) and/or vitamin E (400 IU daily of all-rac- α -tocopheryl acetate) for prostate cancer prevention with a planned minimum and maximum follow up of 7 and 12 years, respectively. The trial included 34,887 men randomly assigned to 4 groups (selenium, vitamin E, selenium plus vitamin E and placebo) between August 22, 2001 and June 24, 2004. Compared to the placebo group (53 cases), there were no significant differences in bladder cancer incidence in the groups receiving vitamin E (56 cases, HR 1.05, IQR 0.64–1.73, $p=0.79$), selenium (60 cases, HR 1.13, 0.70–1.84, $p=0.52$) or vitamin E plus selenium (55 cases, HR 1.05, 0.63–1.70, $p=0.86$).

5.6.3 Calcium and vitamin D

One randomised controlled trial was identified. The Women's Health Initiative (WHI) trial of calcium plus vitamin D (Brunner R. 2011) where women were randomized to 1,000 mg of elemental calcium with 400 IU vitamin D3 or placebo showed that calcium plus vitamin D supplementation was not associated with bladder cancer risk, RR =1.49 (95%CI: 0.88, 2.53).

5.5.3 Folic acid supplements

A meta-analysis of 13 RCT showed that during a weighted average scheduled treatment duration of 5.2 years, allocation to folic acid quadrupled plasma concentrations of folic acid (57.3 nmol/L for the folic acid groups vs. 13.5 nmol/L for the placebo groups), but had no significant effect on overall cancer incidence. The RR of bladder cancer in the intervention group (102 bladder cancer cases, 24 799 participants) compared to the control (105 bladder cancer cases, 24 8220 participants) was 0.97 (95% CI: 0.68–1.39). The daily doses of folic acid used in the trials ranged from 0.5 mg to 5 mg, except in one trial of a 40 mg daily dose (Vollsett, 2013).

Cohort studies. Results by exposure.

Table 1 Number of relevant articles identified during the 2005 SLR and the CUP and total number of articles by exposure.

The exposure code is the exposure identification in the database. Only exposures identified during the CUP are shown. The numbers in the table refer to the number of articles identified in the SLR and in the CUP.

| Exposure code | Exposure name | Number of articles | | Total number of articles |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| | | SLR 2005 | CUP | |
| 1.4 | Type of breakfast | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1.4 | Preference for salty foods | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1.4 | Individual level dietary patterns | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1.5 | Other dietary patterns | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1.7 | Other dietary pattern issues | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2.1.1.2.3 | Rice | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2.1.2 | Root vegetables | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2.1.2.1 | Potatoes | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.2 | Fruit and (non-starchy) vegetables | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| 2.2.1 | Total vegetables | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 2.2.1 | Fruiting vegetables | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2.2.1 | Fried vegetables | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2.2.1.3 | Garlic and Onion | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2.2.1.1.1 | Carrots | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 2.2.1.2 | Cruciferous vegetables | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 2.2.1.2.2 | Chinese cabbage | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2.2.1.2.3 | Cabbage | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 2.2.1.4 | Green leafy vegetables | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 2.2.1.4.2 | Spinach | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 2.2.1.4.4 | Seaweed | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2.2.1.5 | Wild plants | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.2.1.5 | Pickles | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.2.1.5 | Mushrooms | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 2.2.1.5 | Lettuce, cabbage | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.2.1.5 | Leafy vegetables | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2.2.1.5 | All vegetables | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 2.2.1.5.13 | Tomatoes | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 2.2.2 | Total fruits | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| 2.2.2.1 | Citrus fruits | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 2.2.2.2 | Stone fruits | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2.2.2.2 | Other fruits | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2.2.2.2 | Berries | 4 | 2 | 6 |

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|------------|--|----|---|----|
| 2.2.2.2.11 | Grape | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2.3.1.1 | Miso soup | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2.3.2 | Beans | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.3.2.2 | Tofu | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 2.5.1 | Total meat | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 2.5.1 | White meat | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.5.1.2 | Processed meat | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 4.4.2.5 | Fried meat | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2.5.1.2.8 | Bacon | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.5.1.2.9 | Sausages | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.5.1.2.9 | Hot dog | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.5.1.3 | Red meat | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 2.5.1.3.1 | Beef | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 2.5.1.3.3 | Pork | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 2.5.1.4 | Poultry | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 2.5.1.5 | Liver | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.5. 1.7 | Hamburger | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2.5.2 | Fish paste | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2.5.2 | Fish | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| 2.5.2 | Dark meat fish | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.5.2.3 | Dried and salted fish | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 2.5.3 | Shellfish | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.5.4 | Eggs | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 2.6 | Fat preference | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.6.1.1 | Butter | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 2.6.1.4 | Fish oil | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2.6.3 | Margarine | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.6.4 | Sugars (as foods) | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2.6.4 | Fructose | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.7 | Dairy products | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 2.7 | Non fermented milk and milk products | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.7 | Cultured milk | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.7.1 | Milk | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| 2.7.2 | Cheese | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 2.7.3 | Yoghurt and fermented milk products | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 2.9.13 | Sweets | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3.1 | Total fluid intake | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 3.2 | Well or spring water (public water supply) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3.2 | Water as beverage | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 3.4 | Soft drinks | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 3.4.2 | Carbonated beverages | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 3.5 | Fruit juices | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 3.5 | Fruit and vegetable juices | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3.6.1 | Coffee | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| 3.6.2 | Tea | 3 | 1 | 4 |

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| 3.6.2 | Black tea | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 3.6.2.2 | Green tea | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 3.7.1 | Alcohol consumption | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 3.7.1 | Alcoholic drinks | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3.7.1 | Frequency alcohol consumption | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3.7.1 | Alcoholism | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3.7.1 | Alcoholic drinks - years since stopping | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3.7.1 | Alcoholic drinks - duration of use | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3.7.1 | Age start alcohol consumption | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.1.2.7.2 | Arsenic | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 4.1.2.9 | Other contaminants | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.1.2.9 | DiMeIQx | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.2 | Preserved foods | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.2.5.1 | Salt | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.3.5.4.1 | Nitrites and nitrates (as food additives) | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 4.3.5.4.1 | Nitrate from public water | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.3.5.4.1 | NDMA (N-nitrosodimethylamine) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.3.5.4.1 | Dietary nitrite | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.3.5.4.1 | Dietary nitrate | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 4.3.5.4.1 | Total nitroso compounds | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.4.2 | Acrylamide | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 4.4.2.5 | Fried foods | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.4.2.5 | MelQx | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.4.2.7 | BaP | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.4.2.8 | PhIP | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.4.2.9 | Mutagen index, meat | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.1.2 | Fibre | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.1.4 | Sugars (as nutrients) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.1.4 | Sucrose | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.1.4 | Mono/disaccharides | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.1.4 | Lactose | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.1.5 | Glycaemic load | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.1.5 | Glycaemic index | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.2 | Fat | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.2.4.1 | Fish fatty acids (EPA and DHA) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.2.5 | Trans fatty acids | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 5.3 | Protein | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 5.4 | Alcohol (as ethanol) | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| 5.5.1.1 | Retinol supplement | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.1.2 | Plasma beta-cryptoxanthin | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.1.2 | Plasma beta-carotene | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.1.2 | Plasma alpha-carotene | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.1.2 | Beta-carotene, total (supplemental & dietary) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.1.2 | Beta-carotene, dietary | 0 | 2 | 2 |

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|---------|--|----|---|----|
| 5.5.1.2 | Beta-carotene supplements | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 5.5.1.2 | Beta-carotene | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| 5.5.1.2 | Alpha-carotene | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| 5.5.2 | Plasma zeaxanthin | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.2 | Plasma total carotenoids | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.2 | Plasma lycopene | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.2 | Plasma lutein | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.3 | Total folate intake | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.3 | Total folate | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 5.5.3 | Folate supplement | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 5.5.3 | Dietary folate | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.3 | Thiamine (vitamin B1) supplement | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 5.5.6 | Nicotinic acid | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.7 | Pyridoxine (vitamin B6) supplement | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.8 | Cobalamin (vitamin B12) supplement | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.9 | Total vitamin C | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 5.5.9 | Supplemental vitamin C | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 5.5.9 | Plasma vitamin C | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.9 | Dietary vitamin C | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 5.6.2 | Heme iron | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.6.3 | Total calcium | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.6.3 | Supplemental calcium | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 5.6.3 | Dietary calcium | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 5.6.3 | Calcium | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5.6.4 | Selenium, supplements | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.7.6 | Caffeine | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 5.7.7 | Total physical activity (overall summary measures) | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 5.5.10 | Blood 25-Hydroxyvitamin D | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 5.5.10 | Vitamin D supplement | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.11 | Supplemental Vitamin E | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 5.5.11 | Vitamin E from foods | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.11 | Total vitamin E (diet and supplements) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.13 | Other vitamins (including multivitamins) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.5.13 | Multivitamin supplement | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 5.5.13 | Duration of multivitamin use | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.1.1.1 | Occupational physical activity | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 6.1.1.2 | Recreational activity | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 6.1.1.2 | Leisure time physical activity score | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.1.1.2 | Leisure physical activity | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.1.1.4 | Walking pace | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.1.2 | Frequency of physical activity | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 6.1.3 | Vigorous activity | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.1.3.2 | Vigorous recreational activity | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.1.3.2 | Moderate recreational activity | 0 | 2 | 2 |

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|---------|--|----|----|----|
| 6.2 | Television watching | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.2 | Physical inactivity | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7.1 | Energy Intake | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 7.1.0.1 | Percent of energy from saturated fat | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7.1.0.1 | Percent of energy from polyunsaturated fat | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7.1.0.1 | Percent of energy from fat | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7.1.0.2 | Percent of energy from protein | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7.1.0.2 | Percent of energy from animal protein | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7.1.0.2 | Energy from protein | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7.1.0.3 | Percent of energy from carbohydrate | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8.1.1 | BMI | 13 | 12 | 25 |
| 8.1.1 | BMI in adolescence | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8.1.1 | BMI at 18 yrs | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 8.1.1 | Obesity | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8.1.2 | Body surface | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 8.1.3 | Weight | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 8.1.3 | Weight at 20 yrs | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8.1.5 | Body fat | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 8.1.6 | Weight change | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8.2.1 | Waist circumference | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 8.3.1 | Height (and proxy measures) | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 8.4.1 | Birth weight | 0 | 1 | 1 |

2 Foods

2.2 Fruit and non-starchy vegetables

Methods

The eight studies identified, three of them in the CUP, were included in the meta-analysis. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one serving/day because the majority of the studies reported the intake in servings. Studies reporting in grams of fruit and vegetables were converted to servings, using 80g as conversion unit for 1 serving of fruit and vegetables. One study (Park SY, 2013) reported the intake of fruit and vegetables in grams per 1000 calories per day, which was converted to servings/day using the median energy intake reported in the study.

Two studies investigated invasive bladder cancer (Park SY, 2013; Larsson, 2008b), one study included invasive and in situ bladder cancers (Michaud, 2002a), one study included also cancers of the ureters, renal pelvis or urethra -35 cases out of 619 cases- (Zeegers, 2001b) and in three studies bladder cancer was the outcome but no more detail was given (Shibata, 1992; Michaud, 1999a; Holick 2005). One study was on urothelial cancer and the consumption of fruit and vegetables (Steineck, 1988).

All studies adjusted for smoking status, intensity and duration except a study in elderly that adjusted for smoking status only (Shibata, 1992). The study in male smokers adjusted for duration and intensity of smoking (Michaud, 2002a).

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving per day (80 grams) was 0.97 (95% CI: 0.95-0.99, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.76, n=8). There was no significant evidence of publication bias with Egger's test, $p=0.09$. The asymmetry in the funnel plot appears to be driven by the inverse association study observed in a large study (Park, 2013) that reported intake in grams/1000kcal/d (MEC, Park, 2013). After excluding this study from the analysis the relationship was no longer significant (RR per 1 serving per day: 0.98 (95% CI: 0.95-1.01). The summary RR per 100g/day of fruit and non-starchy vegetables was 0.96 (95% CI: 0.94-1.00, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.76, n=8).

It was not possible to stratify the meta-analysis by smoking status. After excluding the only study on male smokers (Michaud, 2002a) the result remained the same, 0.97(95% CI: 0.95-0.99, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.98, n=7). The only study that stratified the analysis by smoking status (Park SY, 2009) concluded that the association of bladder cancer with fruits and vegetables did not vary across smoking status (never, former, current smoker) at baseline. The only difference in association by smoking status was for a dietary pattern rich in vegetables for which a significant inverse association was observed in men smokers, but not in men never or former smokers. After stratification by sex, the RR per 1 serving per day was 0.99 (95% CI: 0.96-1.01, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.59, n=4) for men and 0.93 (95% CI: 0.81-1.07, n=2, $I^2=86.9\%$, pheterogeneity<0.01, n=2) for women. Only two studies in women were identified. One study reported a significant association (MEC, Park SY, 2013) and the other study (NHS; Holick C, 2005) reported a non-significant association.

There was no significant evidence of non-linear association between fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer (p for non-linearity=0.06). The spline model suggests a decrease in risk from approximately 6 servings/day, which is mainly driven by a few extreme points.

Heterogeneity

Overall, there was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.76.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating fruit and vegetables to bladder cancer was considered limited – no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 2 Studies on fruit and vegetables intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|----------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Park SY, 2013 | USA and Hawaii | Multiethnic Cohort Study | 429 men and 152 women | 12.5 years | M | 0.87 | 0.64 | 1.17 | ≥ 426 vs. < 216 g/1000kcal/d |
| | | | | | F | 0.35 | 0.22 | 0.56 | |
| Larsson SC, 2008 (b) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.80 | 0.60 | 1.05 | ≥ 5.8 vs. < 2.7 servings/d |

Table 3 Overall evidence on fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|---|
| 2005 SLR | 5 studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Three cohort studies reported on fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer. One showed no significant association and the other showed a significant inverse association in women in the highest category of consumption compared to those in the lowest ≥ 426 vs. < 216 g/1000kcal/d), but not in men. |

Table 4 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 5 | 8 |
| Cases (n) | 1442 | 2508 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/day | Per 1 serving/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 1.00 (0.96-1.03) | 0.97 (0.95-0.99) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=22.9\%$, p=0.27 | 0%, p=0.76 |

| Stratified analysis | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Men | | 0.99 (0.96-1.01) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=0\%$, $p=0.59$, $n=4$ |
| Women | | 0.93 (0.81-1.07) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=86.9\%$, $p<0.01$, $n=2$ |

Table 5 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CU dose-response | CU H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| BLA97217 | Park SY | 2013 | Prospective cohort study | Multiethnic Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion from g/100kcal to servings/day | |
| BLA97158 | Larsson SC | 2008(b) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA00185 | Michaud D | 2002(a) | Prospective cohort study | ATBC study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Conversion from g/day to servings/day | |
| BLA03992 | Zeegers M | 2001(b) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion from g/day to servings/day | |
| BLA02843 | Michaud D | 1999(a) | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA00922 | Shibata A | 1992 | Prospective cohort study | Laguna Hills Study USA | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |
| BLA01325 | Steineck G | 1988 | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Twin Cohort | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | Yes | | Only high vs. low results |

Figure 1 Highest versus lowest forest plot of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer

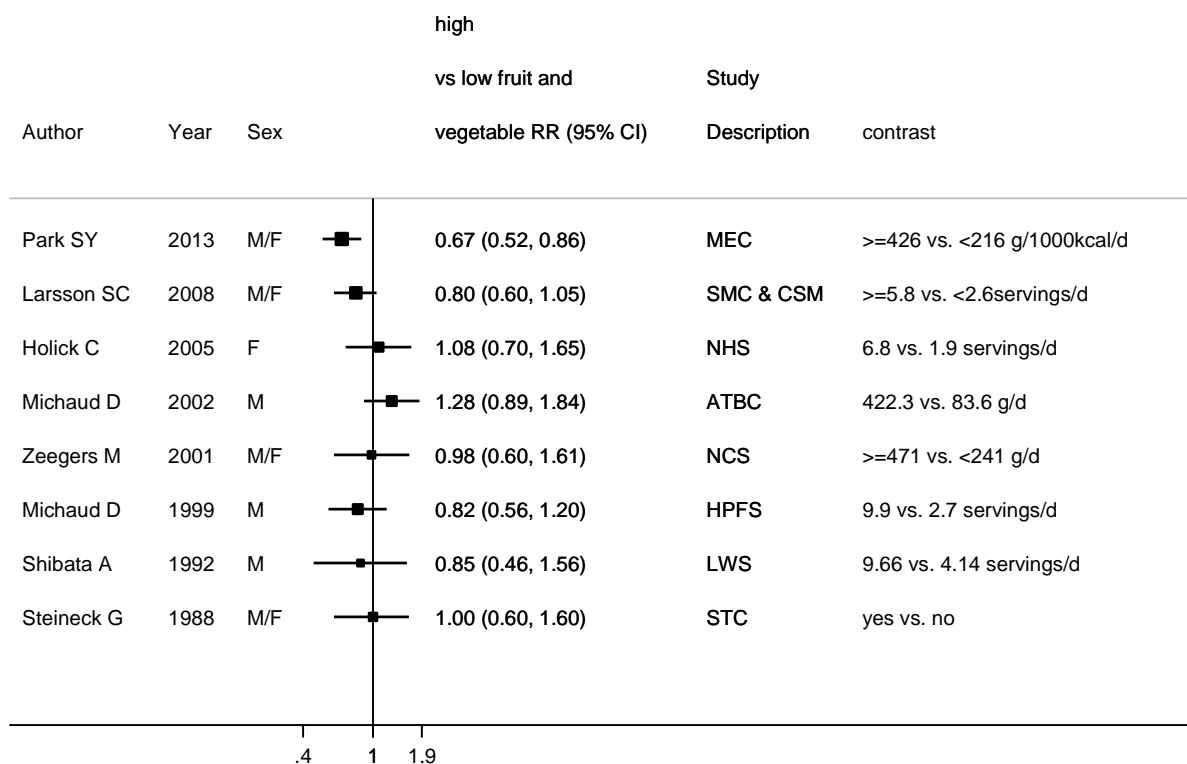


Figure 2 Dose-response meta-analysis of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer, per 1 serving /day

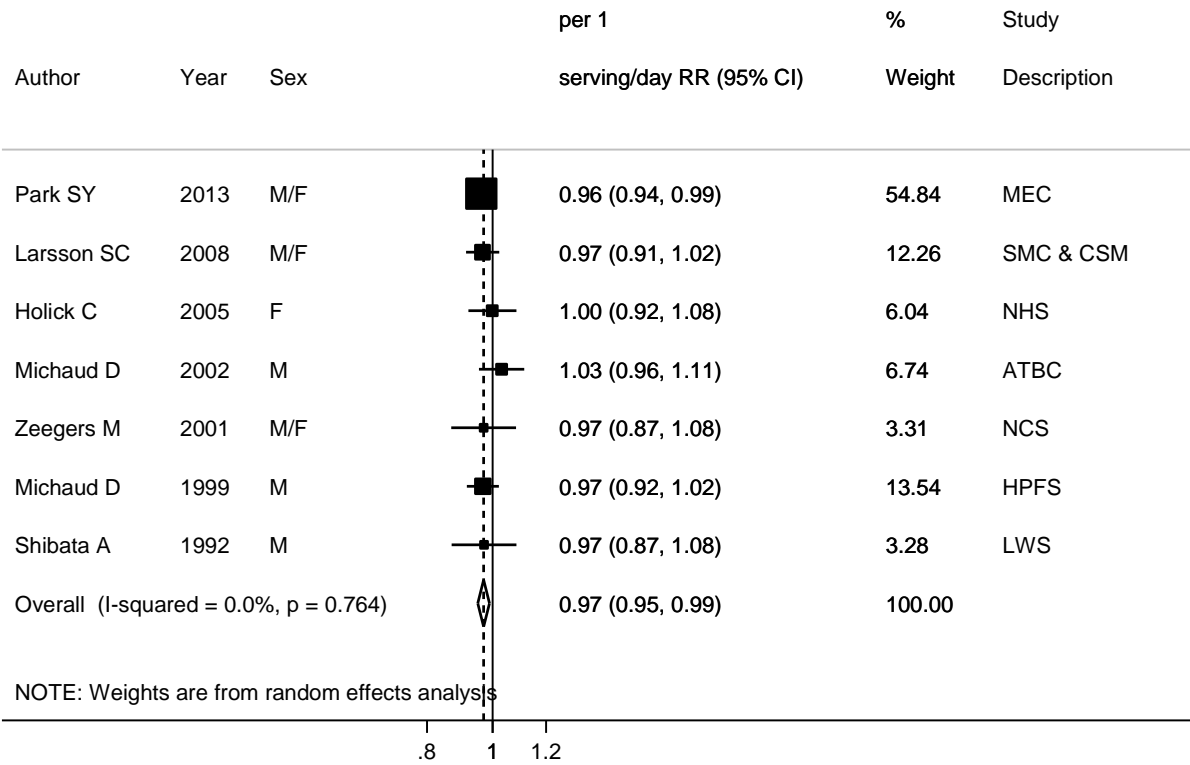
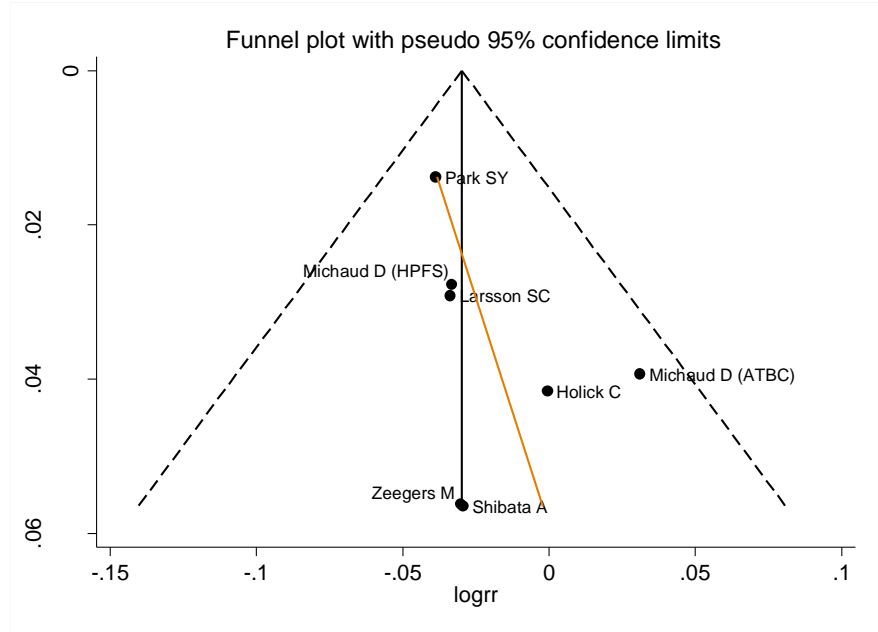


Figure 3 Funnel plot of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test p=0.09

Figure 4 Dose-response graph of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer

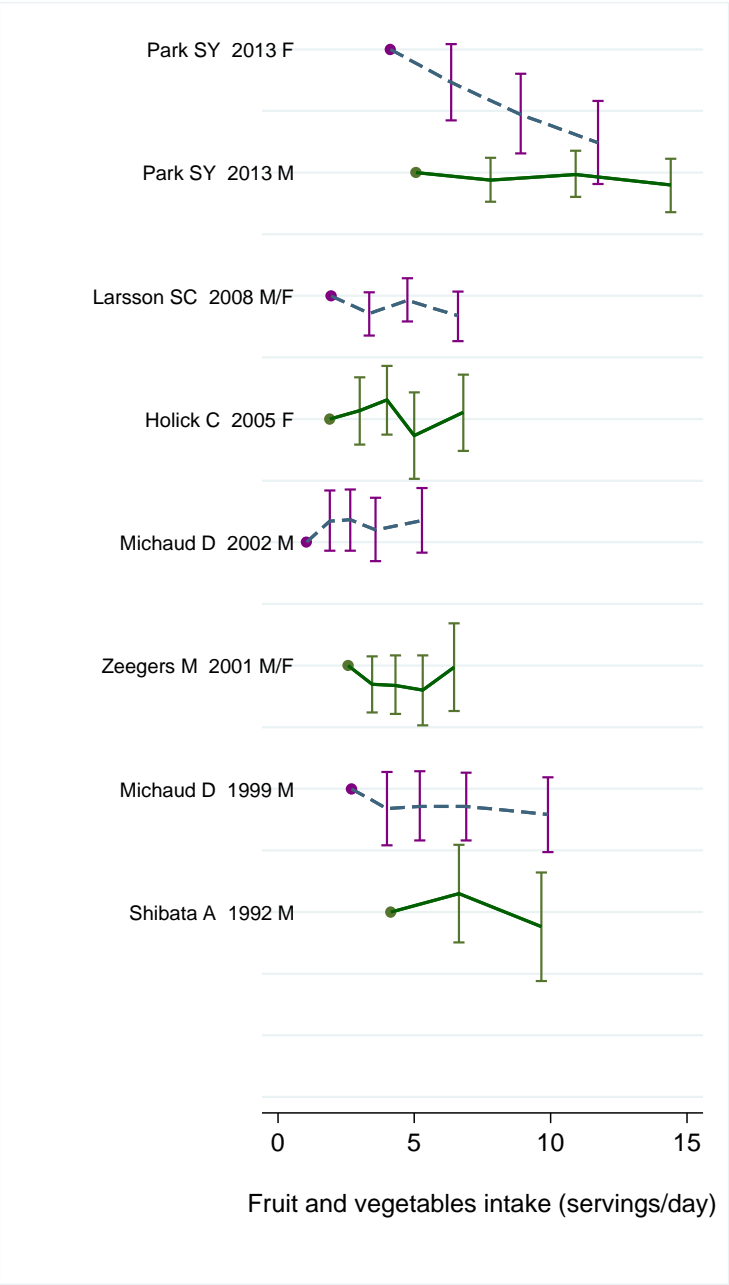


Figure 5 Dose-response meta-analysis of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer, per 1 serving /day, stratified by sex

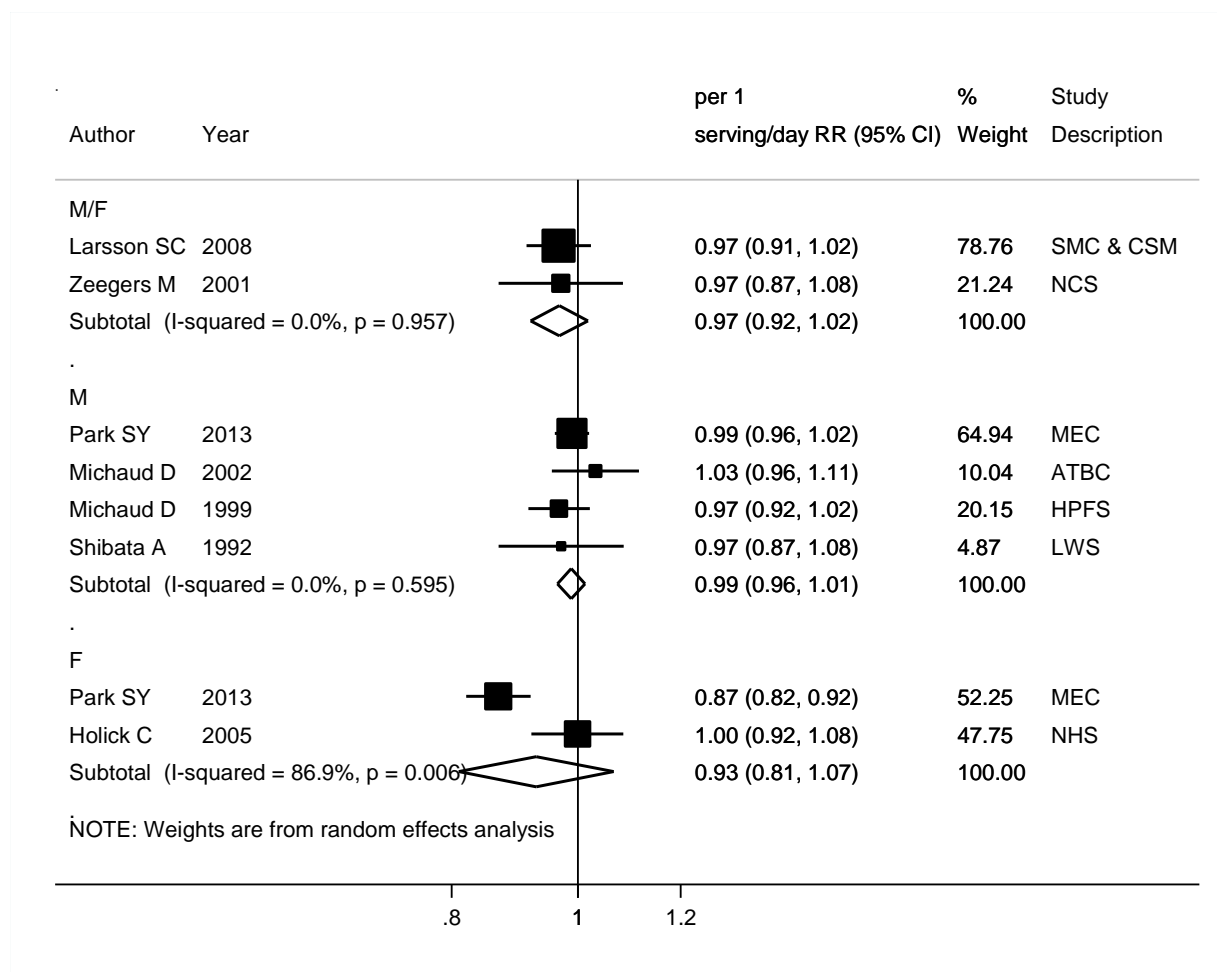
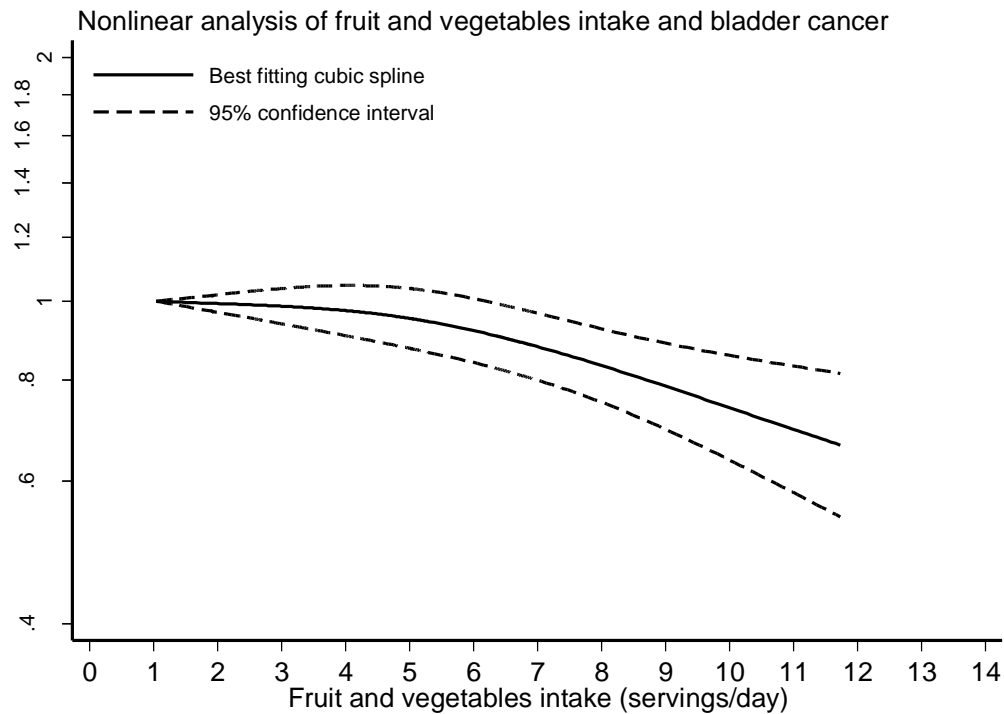
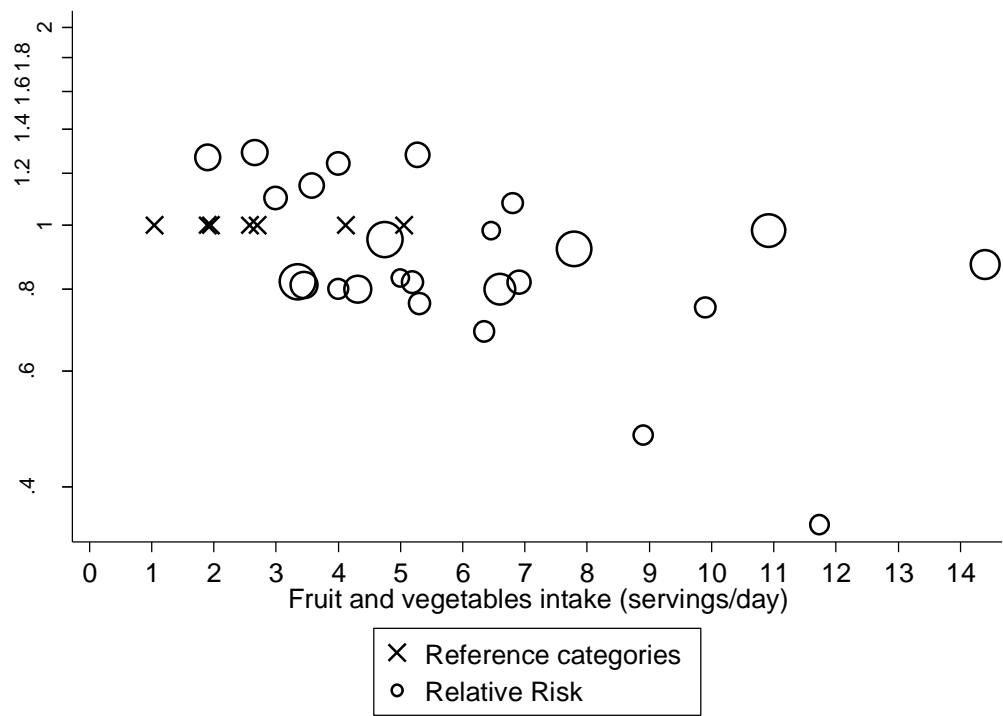


Figure 6 Nonlinear dose-response analysis of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer



P for non-linearity= 0.06

Table 6 Table with fruit and vegetables values and corresponding RRs (95% CIs) for nonlinear analysis of fruit and vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| Fruit and Vegetable intake (servings/day) | RR (95% CI) |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | 1 |
| 2.5 | 0.98 (0.95-1.08) |
| 5 | 0.95 (0.87-1.03) |
| 6.6 | 0.91 (0.83-0.99) |
| 7 | 0.88 (0.80-0.97) |

2.2.1 Non-starchy vegetables

Methods

The ten studies identified, from which 5 identified in the CUP were included in the meta-analysis. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one serving/day because the majority of the studies reported the intake in servings. Studies reporting in grams of vegetables were converted to servings, using as conversion unit 80g equivalent to 1 serving of vegetables. One study (George SM, 2009) reported the intake of vegetables in cup equivalent per 1000 calories and another study (Park SY, 2013) reported the intake of vegetables in grams per 1000 calories per day that were converted to total intake per day using the median energy intake reported in the studies.

Five studies (four articles) investigated invasive bladder cancer (Park, 2013; Ros, 2012; George, 2009; Larsson, 2008b), one study included invasive and in situ bladder cancers (Michaud, 2002a), one study included also cancers of the ureters, renal pelvis or urethra -35 cases out of 619 cases- (Zeegers, 2001b) and in three studies bladder cancer was the outcome but no more detail was given (Shibata, 1992; Michaud, 1999a; Holick 2005).

All studies adjusted for smoking status, intensity and duration except a study in elderly that adjusted for smoking status only (Shibata, 1992). The study in male smokers adjusted for duration and intensity of smoking (Michaud, 2002a).

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving per day was 0.97 (95% CI: 0.94-1.00, $I^2=10.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.35, n=10). After stratification by sex, the RR per 1 serving per day was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.93-1.02, $I^2=20\%$, pheterogeneity=0.28, n=5) for men and 0.97 (95% CI: 0.80-1.18, $I^2=75.9\%$, pheterogeneity=0.02, n=3) for women.

There was evidence of publication bias with Egger's test, $p=0.02$. The funnel plot shows that the three smaller studies reported positive associations and no studies of similar size reported inverse associations. The summary RR per 100g/day of non-starchy vegetables was 0.96 (95% CI: 0.93-1.00, $I^2=10.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.35, n=10).

Only in two studies results were stratified by smoking status and the results were inconsistent. In the MEC study (Park, 2013) the associations were similar across smoking strata in women. A significant inverse association was observed in male current smokers (RR highest vs. lowest: 0.43; 95% CI: 0.18, 1.02; $ptrend=0.03$) but not in never or former smokers. In the EPIC study (Ros, 2012), the inverse association was observed in never and former smokers, but not in current smokers. The multiplicative interaction test was not significant in both studies. There was no evidence of non-linearity ($p=0.17$).

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=10.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.35.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating vegetables intake to bladder cancer was considered limited-no conclusion.

Published pooled analysis or meta-analysis

In a meta-analysis of 3 cohort studies, low consumption of vegetables was not related to bladder cancer (RR=1.09, 95% CI: 0.76-1.54) (Steinmaus, 2000). Another meta-analysis of cohort and case-control studies showed inconsistent results for fruit and vegetables consumption and bladder cancer. The overall RR per 100g of vegetables per day was 0.91, 95% CI: 0.82-1.00, p=0.12 when including 6 cohort and case-control studies. When the analysis was restricted to 2 cohort studies the overall RR was (RR= 0.92, 95% CI: 0.75-0.99, p=0.14) (Riboli, 2003).

Table 7 Studies on vegetables intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|----------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|--|
| Park SY, 2013 | USA and Hawaii | Multiethnic Cohort Study | 429 men and 152 women | 12.5 years | M | 0.89 | 0.66 | 1.19 | ≥201 vs. <107 g/1000kcal/d |
| | | | | | F | 0.49 | 0.29 | 0.83 | |
| Ros MM, 2012 | Europe | EPIC | 947 | 8.9 years | M/F | 0.88 | 0.72 | 1.08 | ≥234 vs. <129 g/d |
| George SM, 2009 | USA | NIH-AARP | 1664 | 8 years | M | 0.92 | 0.77 | 1.09 | 1.10–3.25 vs. 0-0.44 cup equivalent/1000kcal |
| | | | | | F | 1.07 | 0.71 | 1.60 | 1.43-4.38 vs. 0-0.56 cup equivalent/1000kcal |
| Larsson SC, 2008 (b) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.89 | 0.67 | 1.19 | ≥3.7 vs. <1.6 servings/d |
| Holick, 2005 | USA | Nurses' Health Study | 237 | 20 years | F | 1.29 | 0.87 | 1.91 | 3.7 vs. 1.1 servings/d |

Table 8 Overall evidence on vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|---|
| 2005 SLR | 4 studies were included in the meta analysis and found no significant association between vegetables intake and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Five new cohort studies reported on vegetables intake and bladder cancer. Only one study showed a protective effect for women with the highest vegetable consumption compared to the lowest (≥201 vs. <107 g/1000kcal/d). |

Table 9 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of vegetables intake and bladder cancer

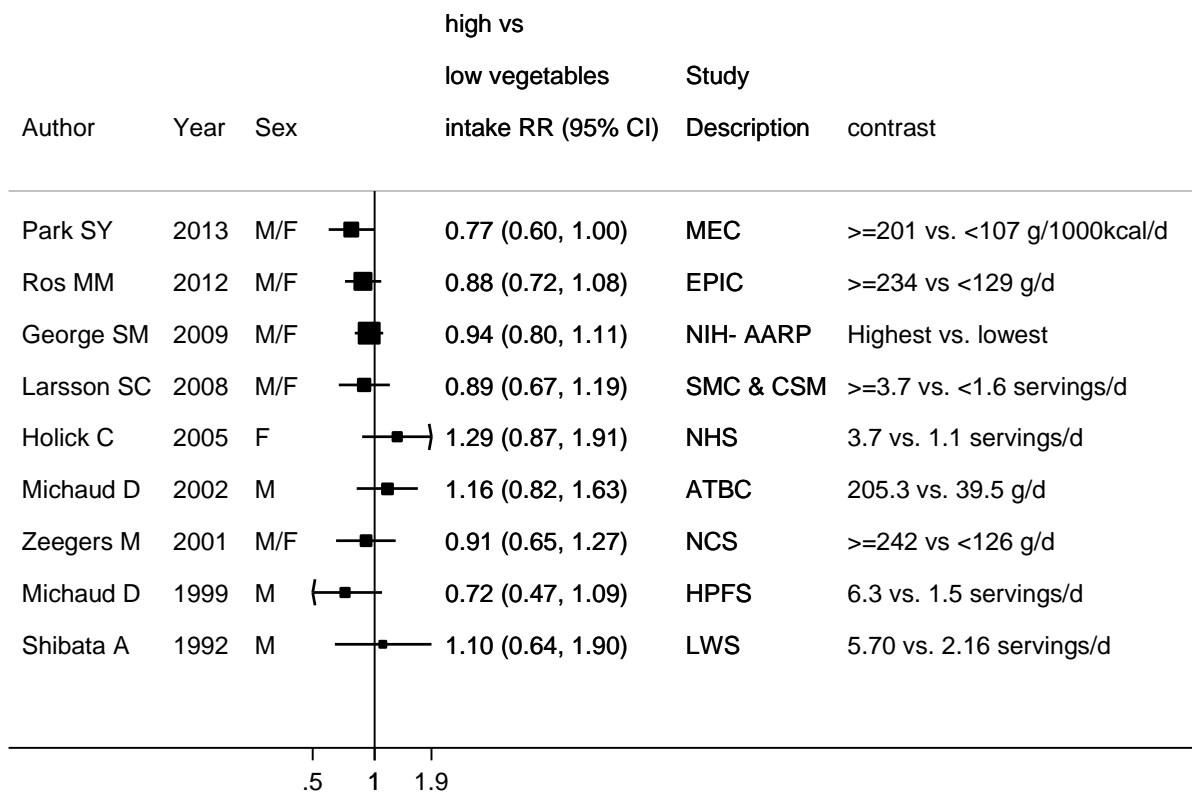
| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 4 | 10 |
| Cases (n) | 1205 | 5119 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/day | Per 1 serving/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.98 (0.92-1.04) | 0.97 (0.94-1.00) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=21.6\%$, $p=0.28$ | 10.1% , $p=0.35$ |
| Stratified analysis | | |
| Men | | 0.98 (0.93-1.02) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=20\%$, $p=0.28$, $n=5$ |
| Women | | 0.97 (0.80-1.18) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=75.9\%$, $p=0.02$, $n=3$ |

Table 10 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CU dose-response | CU H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|----------|--------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| BLA97217 | Park SY | 2013 | Prospective cohort study | Multiethnic Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97202 | Ros MM | 2012 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97201 | George SM | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years and cases per quintile. Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97158 | Larsson SC | 2008(b) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | In the 2005 SLR only included in the green vegetables and cruciferous vegetables analysis. |
| BLA00185 | Michaud D | 2002 (a) | Prospective cohort study | ATBC study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA03992 | Zeegers M | 2001(b) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA02843 | Michaud D | 1999 (a) | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |

| | | | | Study | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|--|
| BLA00922 | Shibata A | 1992 | Prospective cohort study | Laguna Hills Study USA | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |

Figure 7 Highest versus lowest forest plot of vegetables intake and bladder cancer



For George SM, 2009 the contrast was 1.4 vs. 0.4 cup equivalent/1000kcal for women and 1.3 vs. 0.8 cup equivalent/1000kcal for men.

Figure 8 Dose-response meta-analysis of vegetables intake and bladder cancer, per 1 serving /day

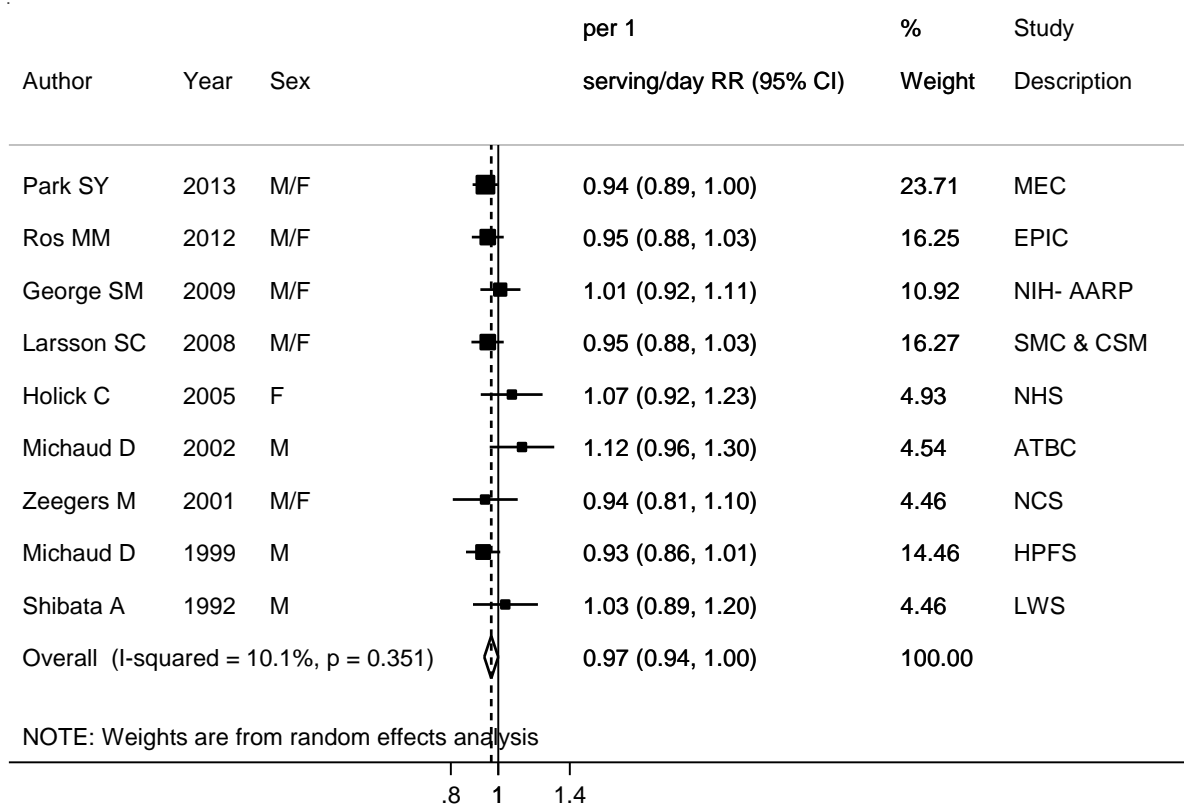
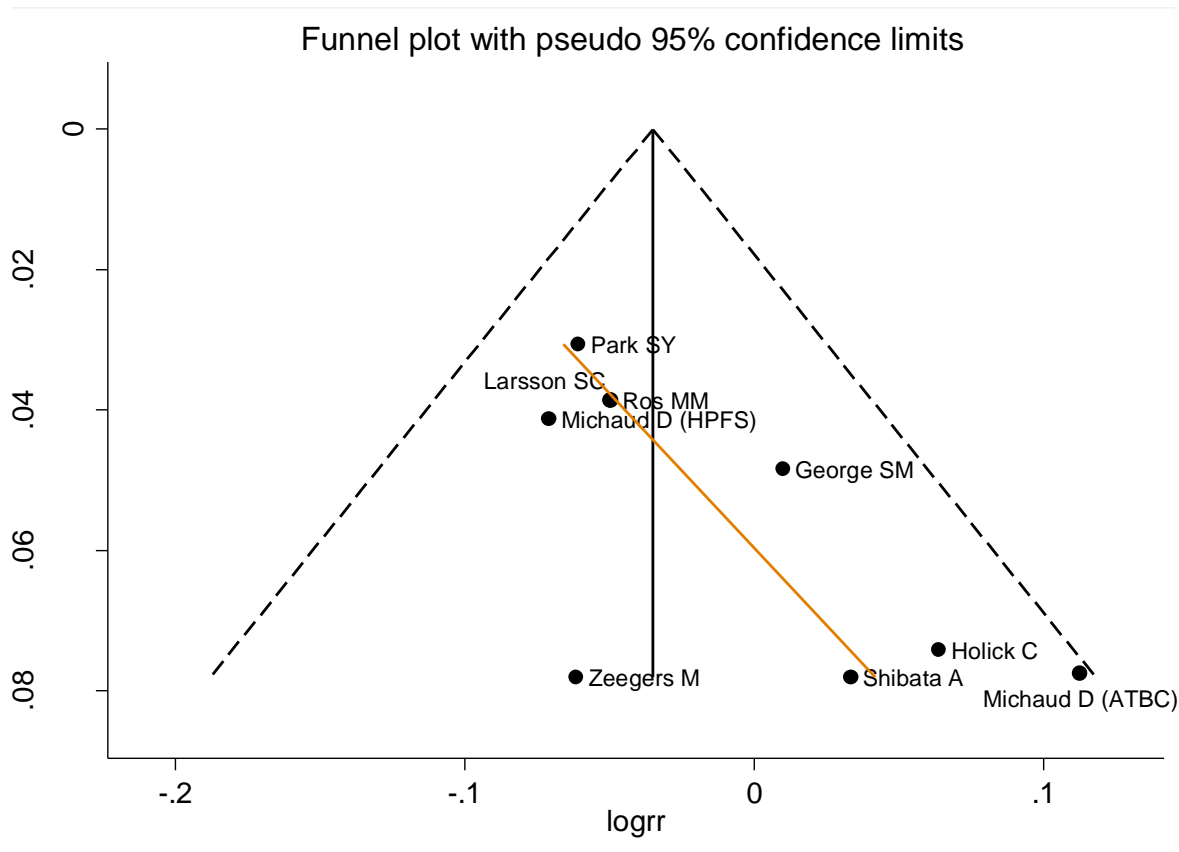


Figure 9 Funnel plot of vegetables intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.02$

Figure 10 Dose-response graph of vegetables intake and bladder cancer

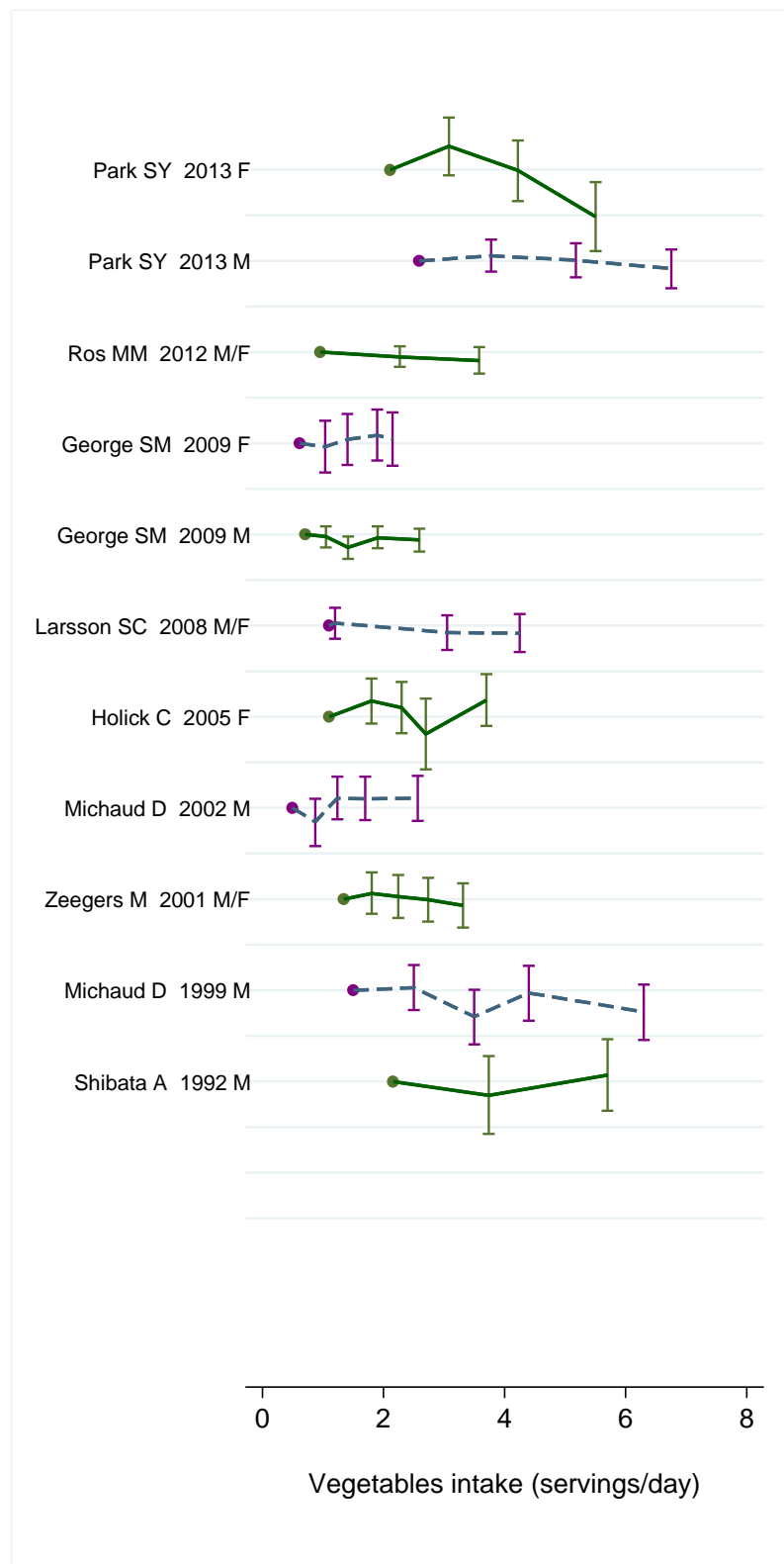
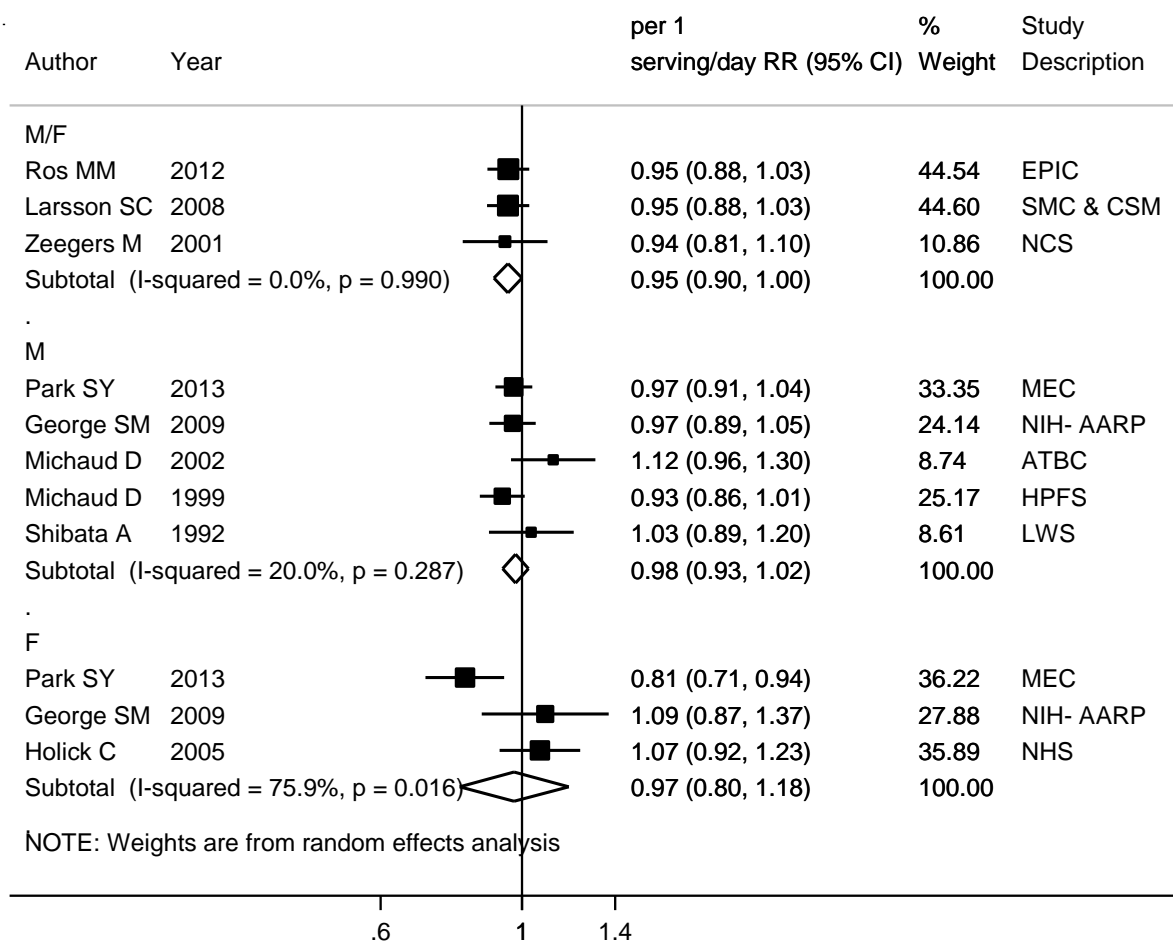


Figure 11 Dose-response meta-analysis of vegetables intake and bladder cancer, per 1serving /day, stratified by sex



2.2.1.2 Cruciferous vegetables

Methods

The seven studies identified, from which three identified in the CUP, were included in meta-analysis. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one serving/week because the majority of the studies reported the intake in servings. Studies reporting in grams of cruciferous vegetables were converted to servings, using as conversion unit 80g equivalent to 1 serving of cruciferous vegetables. One study (Park SY, 2013) reported the intake of cruciferous vegetables in grams per 1000 calories per day, which was converted to servings/day using the median energy intake reported in the study.

Two studies investigated only invasive bladder cancer (Park, 2013; Larsson, 2008b -2 studies in one publication-), one study included invasive and in situ bladder cancers (Michaud, 2002a), one study included also cancers of the ureters, renal pelvis or urethra -35 cases out of 619 cases- (Zeegers, 2001b) and in two studies bladder cancer was the outcome but no more detail was given (Holick 2005; Michaud, 1999a).

All studies adjusted for smoking status, intensity and duration. The study in male smokers adjusted for duration and intensity of smoking (Michaud, 2002a).

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving per week was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.94-1.02, $I^2=58.2\%$, pheterogeneity=0.04, n=7). There was no evidence of publication bias with Egger's test, $p=0.50$. It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status. After excluding the only study on male smokers (Michaud, 2002a) the overall RR was 0.96 (95% CI: 0.93-0.99, $I^2=25.9\%$, pheterogeneity=0.25, n=6). The summary RR per 100g/day of cruciferous vegetables 0.98 (95% CI: 0.93-1.03, $I^2=58.2\%$, pheterogeneity=0.04, n=7).

There was evidence of non-linear relationship between cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer (p for non-linearity<0.001, with higher risk reductions at intakes higher than 6 servings per week). Results are driven by a low number of points as shown in the figure.

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of high heterogeneity, $I^2=58.2\%$, pheterogeneity=0.04. Visual inspection of the forest plot suggest this is explained by a study in Finnish male smokers (Michaud, 2002a) that found a borderline increased risk (p trend=0.05) of bladder cancer for increasing cruciferous vegetable consumption, although none of the categorical risk estimates were significant.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating cruciferous vegetables intake to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analysis or pooled analysis

A meta-analysis reported a summary relative risk for the highest compared to the lowest intake of cruciferous vegetables of 0.86 (95% CI: 0.61-1.11; I^2 : 73.0%; pheterogeneity: 0.005) for 5 cohort studies and 0.78 (0.67, 0.89; I^2 : 0%; pheterogeneity: 0.768) for 5 case-control studies (Liu, 2013). The MEC (Park, 2013) was not included in the meta-analyses.

Table 11 Studies on cruciferous vegetables intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|----------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|------------------------------|
| Park SY, 2013 | USA and Hawaii | Multiethnic Cohort Study | 429 men and 152 women | 12.5 years | M | 0.81 | 0.60 | 1.10 | ≥30.9 vs. <10.1 g/1000kcal/d |
| | | | | | F | 0.70 | 0.42 | 1.15 | |
| Larsson SC, 2008 (b) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.97 | 0.74 | 1.27 | ≥3.5 vs. <0.9 servings/week |

Table 12 Overall evidence on cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|--|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | 4 studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Three new cohort studies reported on cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 13 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 4 | 7 |
| Cases (n) | 1371 | 2437 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/week | Per 1 serving/week |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.98 (0.91-1.03) | 0.98 (0.94-1.02) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=67\%$, p=0.03 | 58.2%, p=0.04 |

Table 14 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CU dose-response | CU H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|----------|--------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------|---|------------------|
| BLA97217 | Park SY | 2013 | Prospective cohort study | Multiethnic Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97158 | Larsson SC | 2008(b) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA00185 | Michaud D | 2002 (a) | Prospective cohort study | ATBC study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA03992 | Zeegers M | 2001(b) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA02843 | Michaud D | 1999(a) | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |

Figure 12 Highest versus lowest forest plot of cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer

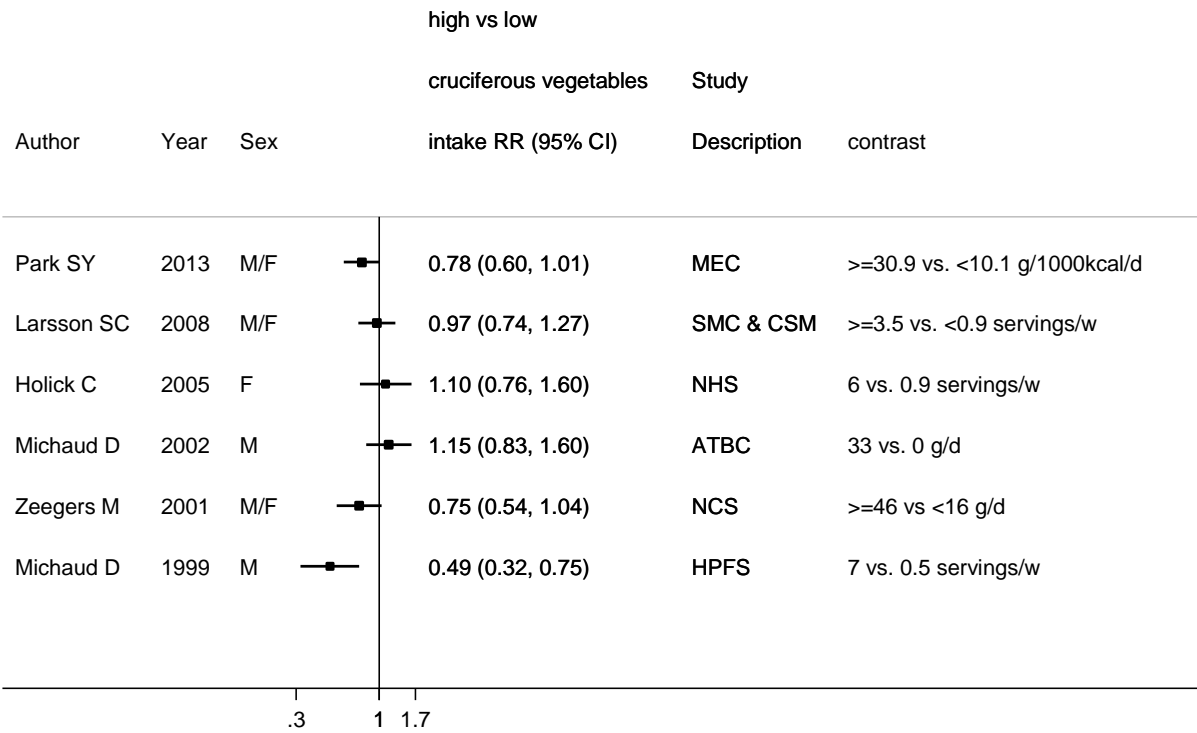


Figure 13 Dose-response meta-analysis of cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer, per 1serving /week

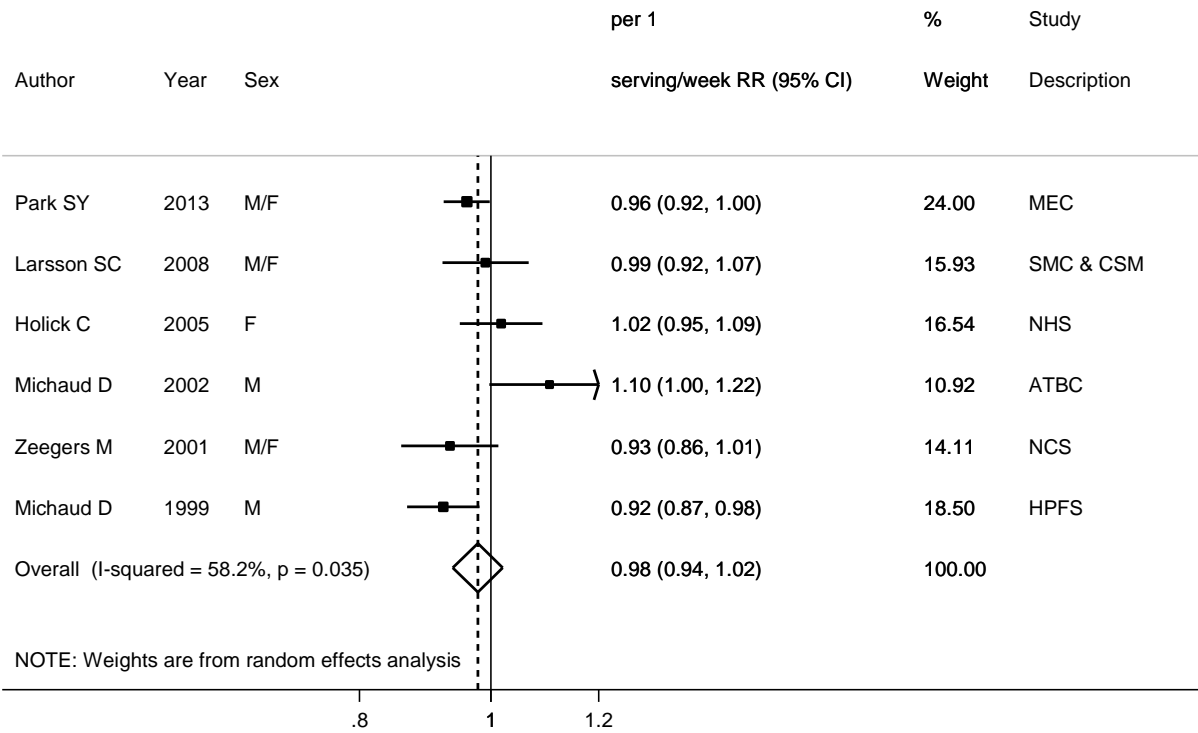
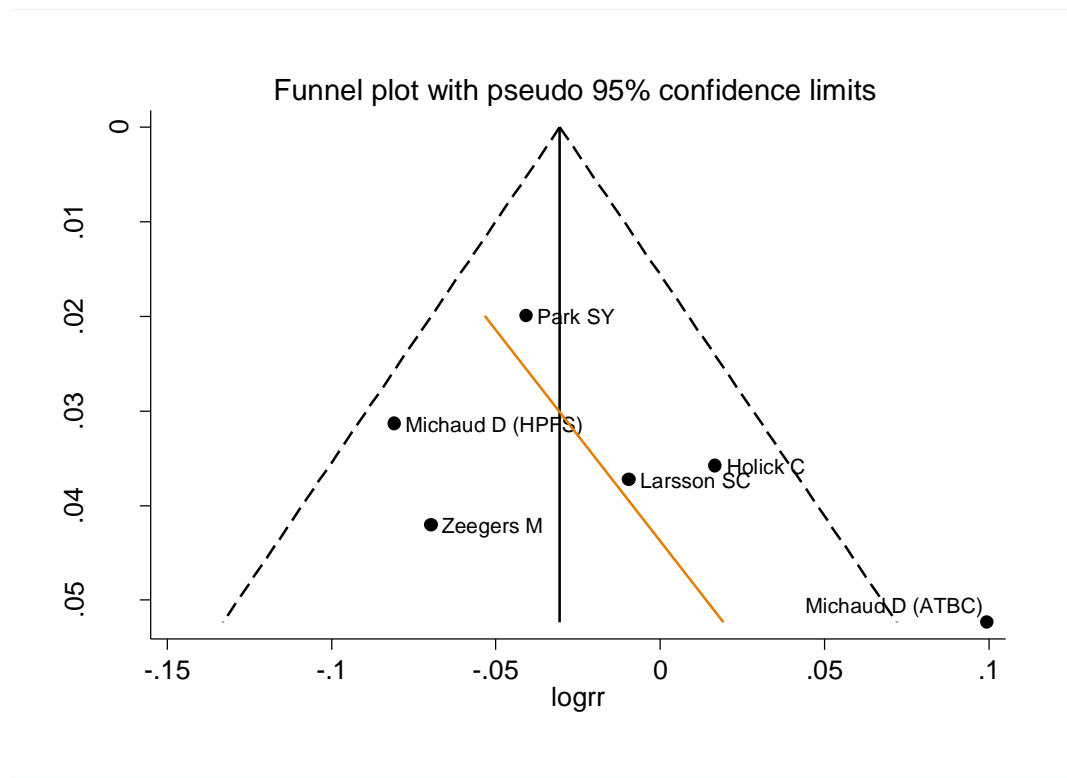


Figure 14 Funnel plot of cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.50$

Figure 15 Dose-response graph of cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer

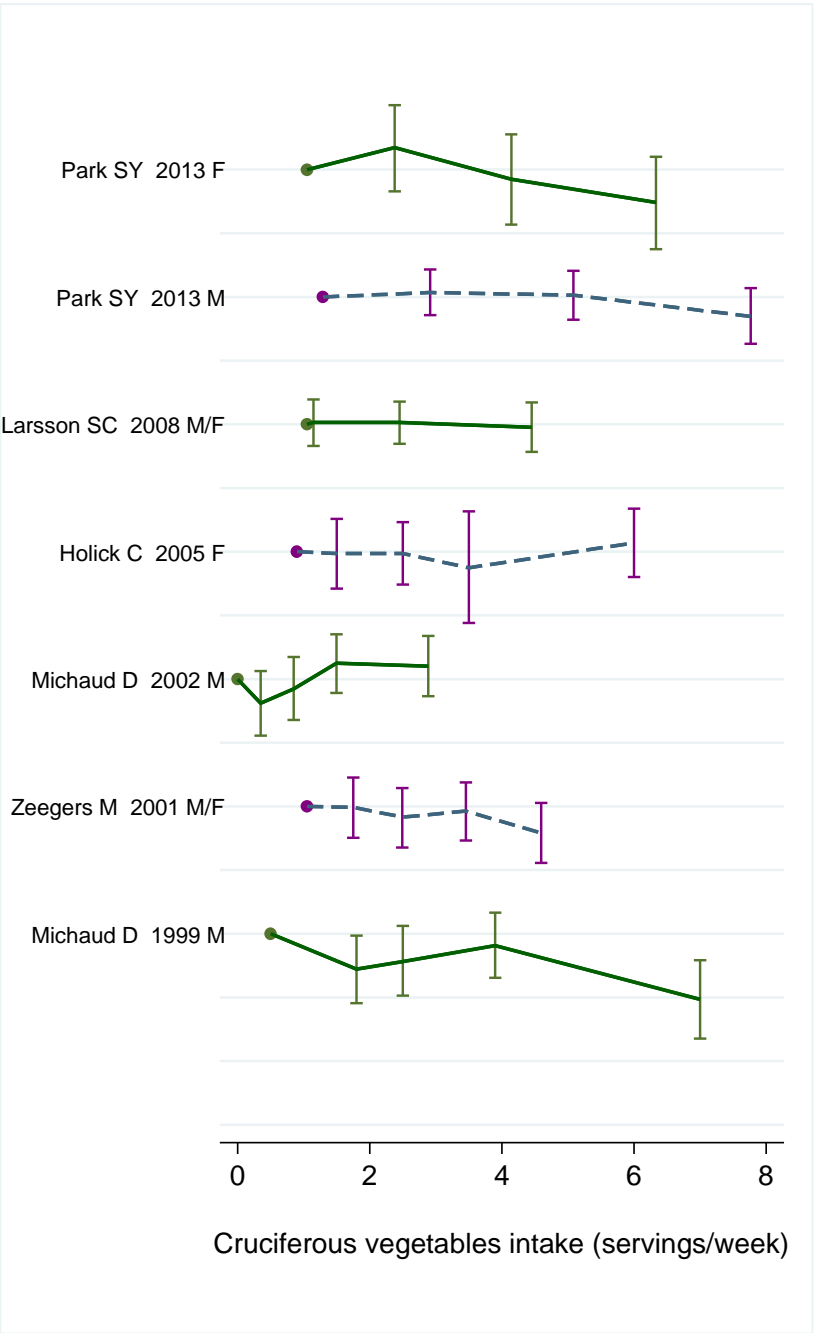
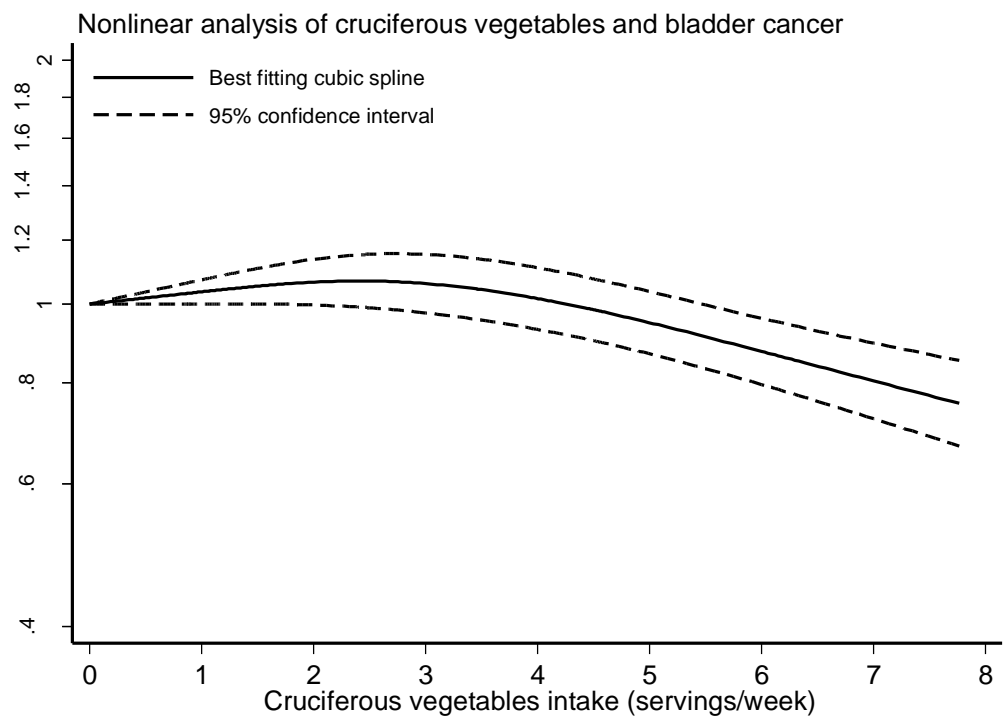
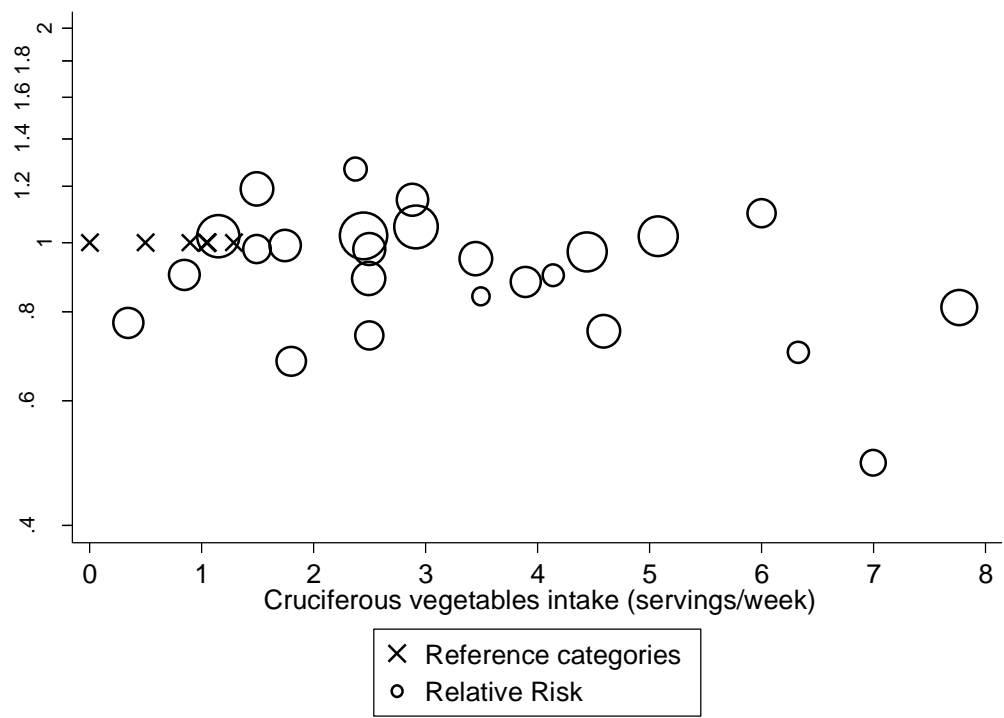


Figure 16 Nonlinear dose-response analysis of cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer



P for non-linearity < 0.001

Table 15 Table with cruciferous vegetables values and corresponding RRs (95% CIs) for nonlinear analysis of cruciferous vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| Cruciferous vegetables intake (servings/week) | RR (95%CI) |
|--|------------------|
| 0 | 1 |
| 0.9 | 1.03 (1.0-1.06) |
| 1.5 | 1.05 (1.0-1.10) |
| 2.45 | 1.06 (0.99-1.15) |
| 3.9 | 1.02 (0.93-1.11) |
| 6 | 0.87 (0.79-0.96) |
| 7.76 | 0.75 (0.66-0.85) |

2.2.1.4 Green leafy vegetables

Methods

The six studies identified, from which three identified in the CUP were included in meta-analysis. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one servings/week. Studies reporting in grams of leafy vegetables were converted to servings, using as conversion unit 80g equivalent to 1 serving of leafy vegetables.

Two studies investigated only invasive bladder cancer incidence (Ros, 2012; Larsson, 2008b), one study included also cancers of the ureters, renal pelvis or urethra -35 cases out of 619 cases- (Zeegers, 2001b) and in one study bladder cancer was the outcome but no more detail was given (Michaud, 1999a). One study in Japanese investigated mortality for urothelial cell carcinoma (including bladder, renal pelvis and ureter).

All studies adjusted for smoking status, intensity and duration.

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving per week was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.95-1.01, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.74, n=6). There was no evidence of publication bias with Egger's test, $p=0.17$. The overall result remained the same after excluding the only study which reported on mortality (Sakauchi, 2004) RR=0.98 (95% CI: 0.95-1.01, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.66, n=5). The summary RR per 100g/day of green leafy vegetables was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.94-1.01, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.74, n=6). It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status. There was no evidence on non-linearity ($p=0.29$).

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.74.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating green leafy vegetables to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 16 Studies on green leafy vegetables intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|----------------------|---------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|------------------------------------|
| Ros MM, 2012 | Europe | EPIC | 947 | 8.9 years | M/F | 0.80 | 0.62 | 1.03 | ≥ 30.77 vs. < 7.60 g/day |
| Larsson SC, 2008 (b) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.97 | 0.74 | 1.27 | ≥ 4 vs. < 0.9 servings/week |

Table 17 Overall evidence on green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | 3 studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Three new cohort studies (2 articles) reported on green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 18 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 3 | 6 |
| Cases (n) | 878 | 2310 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/week | Per 1 serving/week |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.98 (0.93-1.04) | 0.98 (0.95-1.01) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, $p=0.62$ | 0% , $p=0.74$ |

Table 19 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CU dose-response | CU H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------|---|------------------|
| BLA97202 | Ros MM | 2012 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97158 | Larsson SC | 2008(b) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA10545 | Sakauchi F | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) | M/F | Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA03992 | Zeegers M | 2001(b) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA02843 | Michaud D | 1999(a) | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |

Figure 17 Highest versus lowest forest plot of green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer

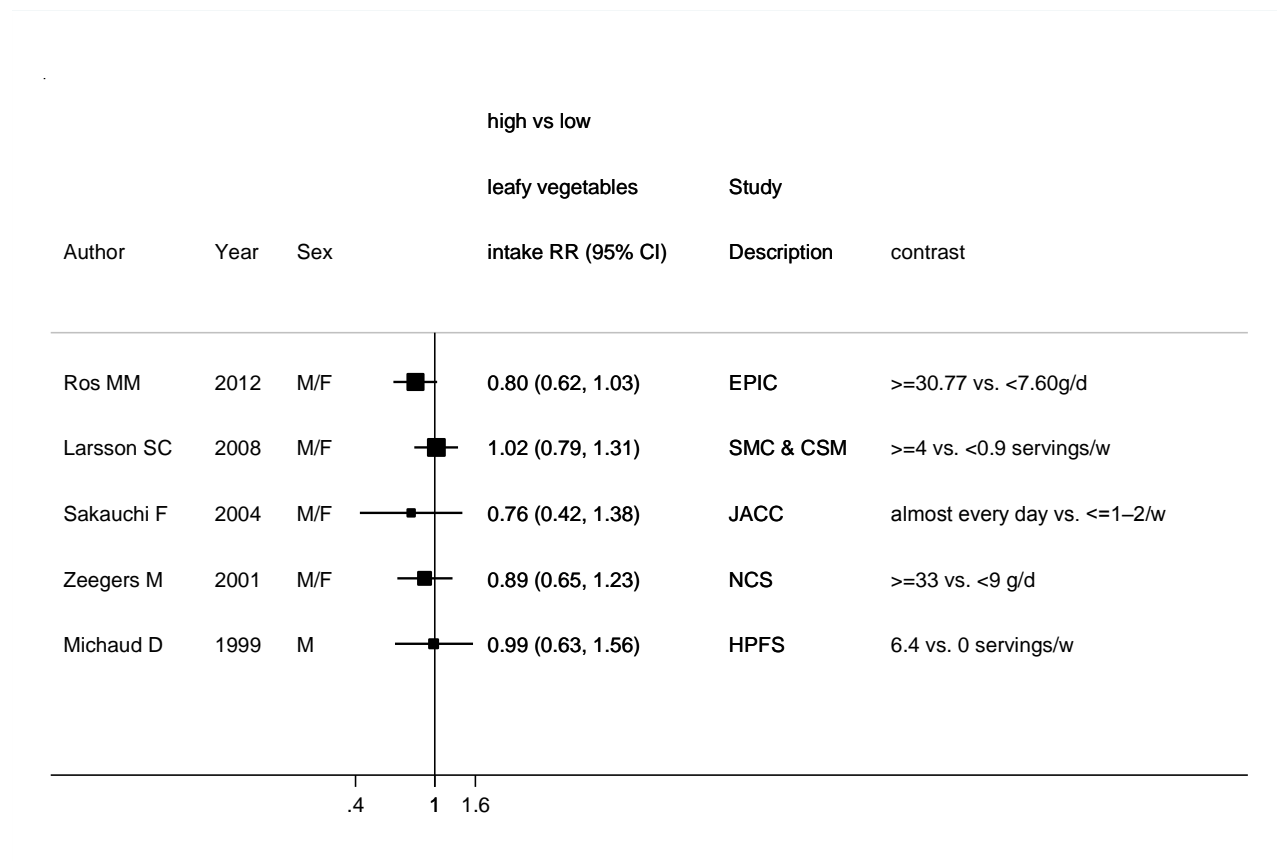


Figure 18 Dose-response meta-analysis of green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer, per 1serving /week

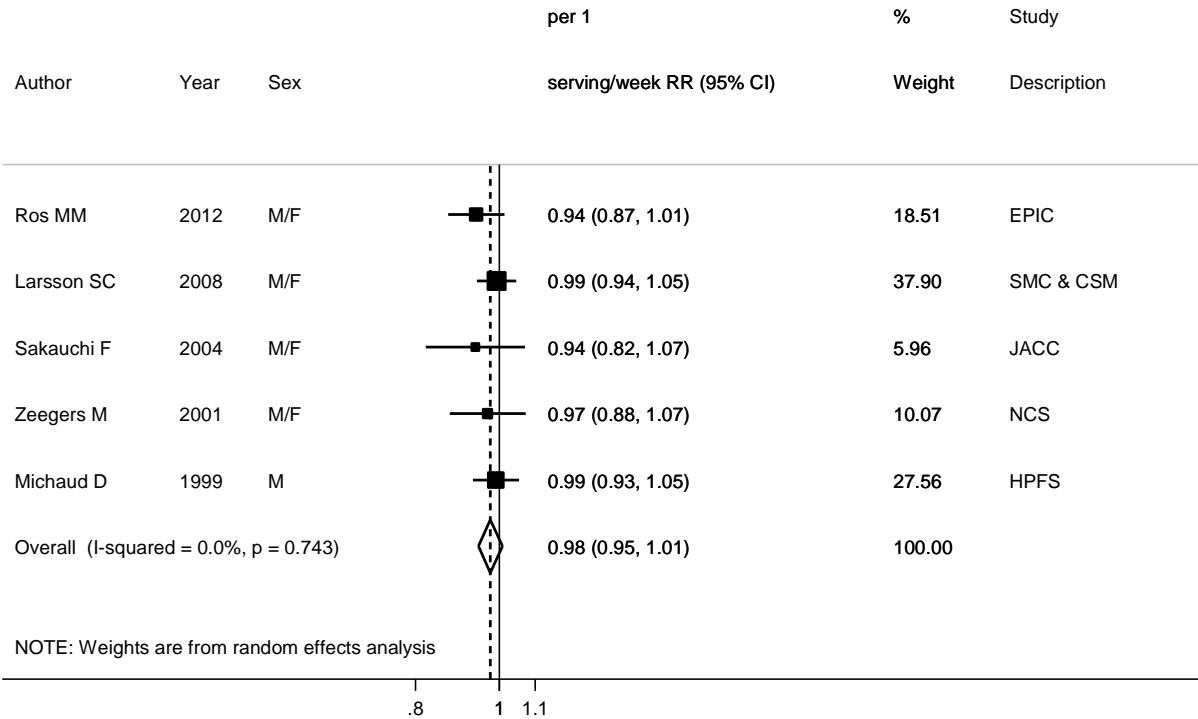
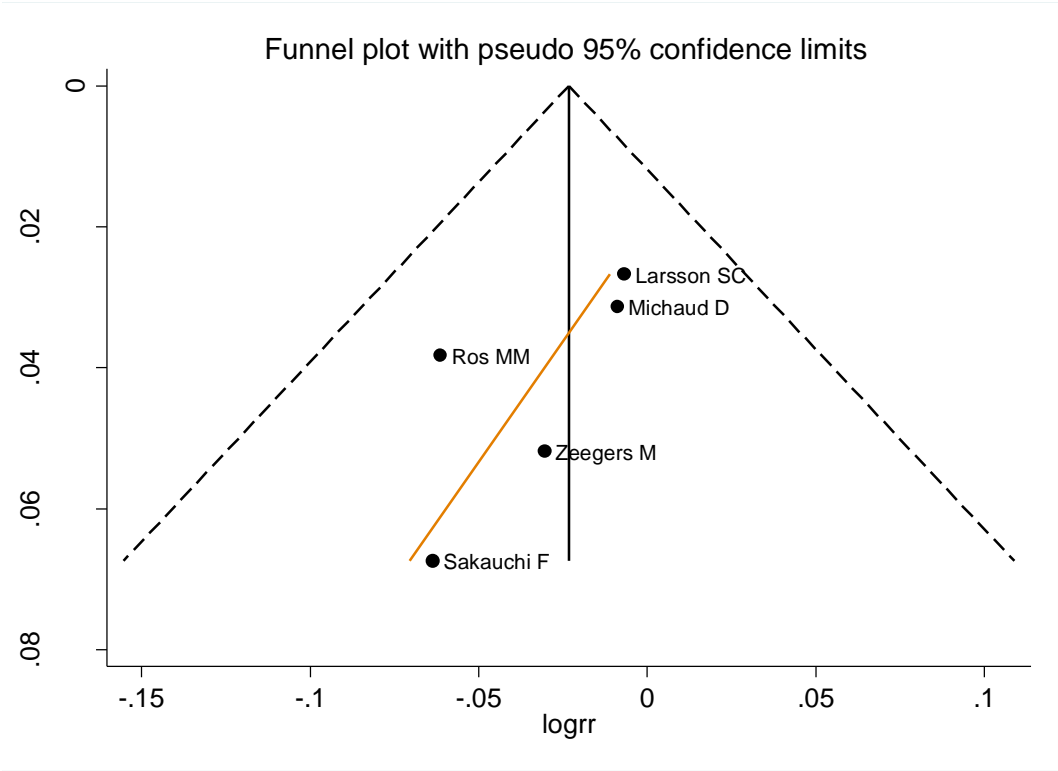
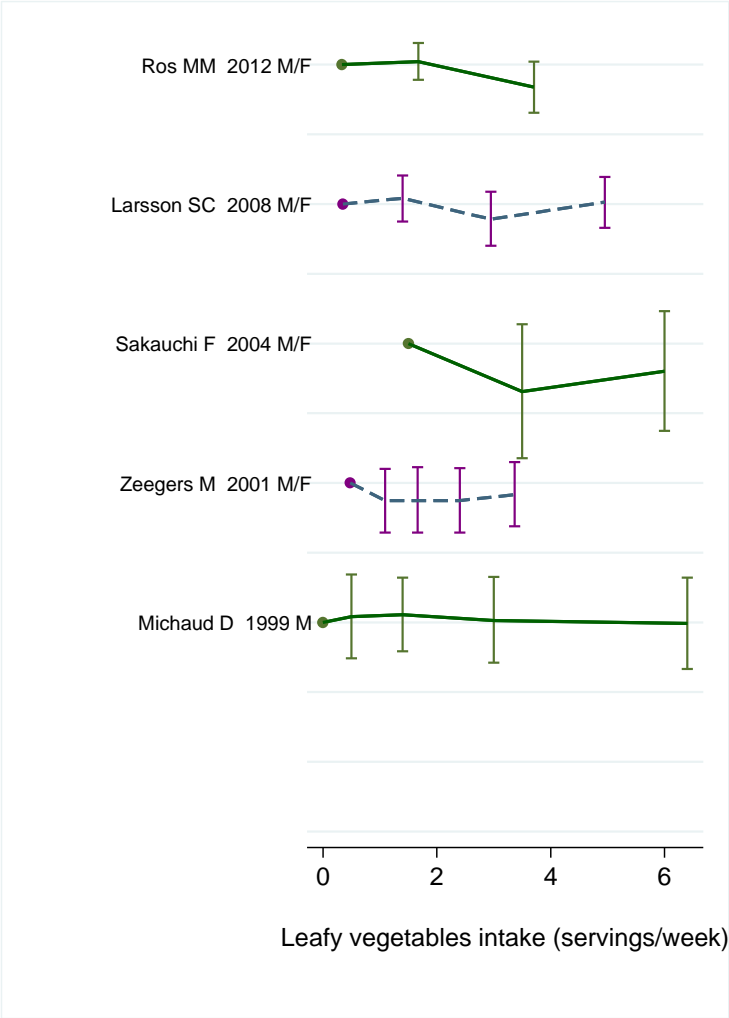


Figure 19 Funnel plot of green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer



Egger’s test $p=0.17$

Figure 20 Dose-response graph of green leafy vegetables intake and bladder cancer



2.2.2 Fruits

Methods

The twelve studies identified, from which five identified in the CUP were included in the meta-analysis. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one serving/day because the majority of the studies reported the intake in servings. Studies reporting in grams of fruits were converted to servings, using as conversion unit 80g equivalent to 1 serving of fruits. One study (George SM, 2009) reported the intake of fruits in cup equivalent per 1000 calories, which was converted to servings/day using the median energy intake reported in the study. Another study (Park SY, 2013) reported the intake of fruits in grams per 1000 calories per day, which was converted to servings/day using the median energy intake reported in the study.

Four studies investigated invasive bladder cancer (Park, 2013; Ros, 2012; George, 2009; Larsson, 2008b), one study included invasive and in situ bladder cancers (Michaud, 2002a), one study included also cancers of the ureters, renal pelvis or urethra -35 cases out of 619 cases- (Zeegers, 2001b), in four studies bladder cancer was the outcome but no more detail was given (Shibata, 1992; Michaud, 1999a; Nagano, 2000; Holick, 2005) and one cohort investigated lower urinary tract cancer (70 bladder cancer cases out of 83 cases in the study) (Chyou, 1993).

All studies adjusted for smoking status, intensity and duration except two studies that adjusted for smoking status only (Shibata, 1992, Nagano, 2000) and one study that adjusted by pack-years (Chyou, 1993). The study in male smokers adjusted for duration and intensity of smoking (Michaud, 2002a).

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving per day was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.96-1.00, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.51, $n=12$). There was no evidence of publication bias with Egger's test, $p=0.48$.

In a sensitivity analysis excluding the studies that reported intake per 1000 kcal/day (Park, 2013; George, 2009) the summary RR per 1 serving per day was 0.97 (95% CI: 0.93-1.01, $I^2=8.3\%$, pheterogeneity=0.36). The summary RR per 100g/day of fruits was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.95-1.00, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.51, $n=12$).

After stratification by sex, the RR per 1 serving per day was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.94-1.02, $I^2=19.2\%$, pheterogeneity=0.29, $n=6$) for men and 0.97 (95% CI: 0.87-1.09, $I^2=70.2\%$, pheterogeneity=0.04, $n=3$) for women. It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status. Only one study showed results stratified by smoking status. In the EPIC study (Ros, 2012), the inverse associations were observed among never and former smokers but not in current smokers. The multiplicative interaction test was no significant. There was no evidence of non-linearity ($p=0.43$).

Heterogeneity

No evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.50.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating fruit to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published pooled analysis or meta-analysis

A meta-analysis of 4 cohort studies showed that a low consumption of fruit was not associated with an increased risk of bladder cancer (RR = 1.40, 95% CI: 1.08-1.83) (Steinmaus, 2000). Another meta-analysis of cohort and case-control studies showed inconsistent results for fruit and vegetables consumption and bladder cancer. The overall RR per 100g of fruit per day was 0.81, 95% CI: 0.73-0.91, $p < 0.01$ when including 8 cohort and case-control studies. When the analysis was restricted to cohort studies the overall RR became weaker (RR= 0.80, 95% CI: 0.65-0.99, $p = 0.13$) (Riboli, 2003).

Table 20 Studies on fruit intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|----------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|--|
| Park SY, 2013 | USA and Hawaii | Multiethnic Cohort Study | 429 men and 152 women | 12.5 years | M | 0.89 | 0.66 | 1.19 | ≥ 239 vs. < 77.4 g/1000kcal/d |
| | | | | | F | 0.54 | 0.34 | 0.85 | |
| Ros MM, 2012 | Europe | EPIC | 947 | 8.9 years | M/F | 1.01 | 0.82 | 1.21 | ≥ 267 vs. < 131 g/d |
| George SM, 2009 | USA | NIH-AARP | 1664 | 8 years | M | 0.90 | 0.75 | 1.08 | 1.59–5.13 vs. 0–0.44 cup equivalent/1000kcal |
| | | | | | F | 1.52 | 1.00 | 2.33 | 1.90–5.5 vs. 0–0.60 cup equivalent/1000kcal |
| | | | | | M/F | 0.98 | 0.83 | 1.15 | 2.4 vs. 0.4 cup equivalent/1000kcal |
| Larsson SC, 2008 (b) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.93 | 0.69 | 1.25 | ≥ 2.3 vs. < 0.8 servings/d |

Table 21 Overall evidence on fruit intake and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | 7 studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between fruit intake and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Five new cohort studies reported on fruit intake and bladder cancer. Only one showed a protective effect for women who consume high amounts of fruit ($\approx > 554$ g/day). |

Table 22 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of fruit intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 7 | 12 |
| Cases (n) | 1652 | 5329 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/day | Per 1 serving/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.98 (0.93-1.03) | 0.98 (0.96-1.00) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, $p=0.45$ | 0% , $p=0.51$ |
| Stratified analysis | | |
| Men | | 0.98 (0.94-1.02) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=19.2\%$, $p=0.29$, $n=6$ |
| Women | | 0.97 (0.87-1.09) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=70.2\%$, $p=0.04$, $n=3$ |

Table 23 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of fruit intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|----------|--------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| BLA97217 | Park SY | 2013 | Prospective cohort study | Multiethnic Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97202 | Ros MM | 2012 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97201 | George SM | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years and cases per quintile. Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97158 | Larsson SC | 2008(b) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA00185 | Michaud D | 2002 (a) | Prospective cohort study | ATBC study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA03992 | Zeegers M | 2001(b) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA02843 | Michaud D | 1999(a) | Prospective cohort | Health Professionals | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |

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|----------|-----------|------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|--|
| | | | study | Follow-up Study | | | | | | | |
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA00922 | Shibata A | 1992 | Prospective cohort study | Laguna Hills Study USA | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |

Figure 21 Highest versus lowest forest plot of fruit intake and bladder cancer

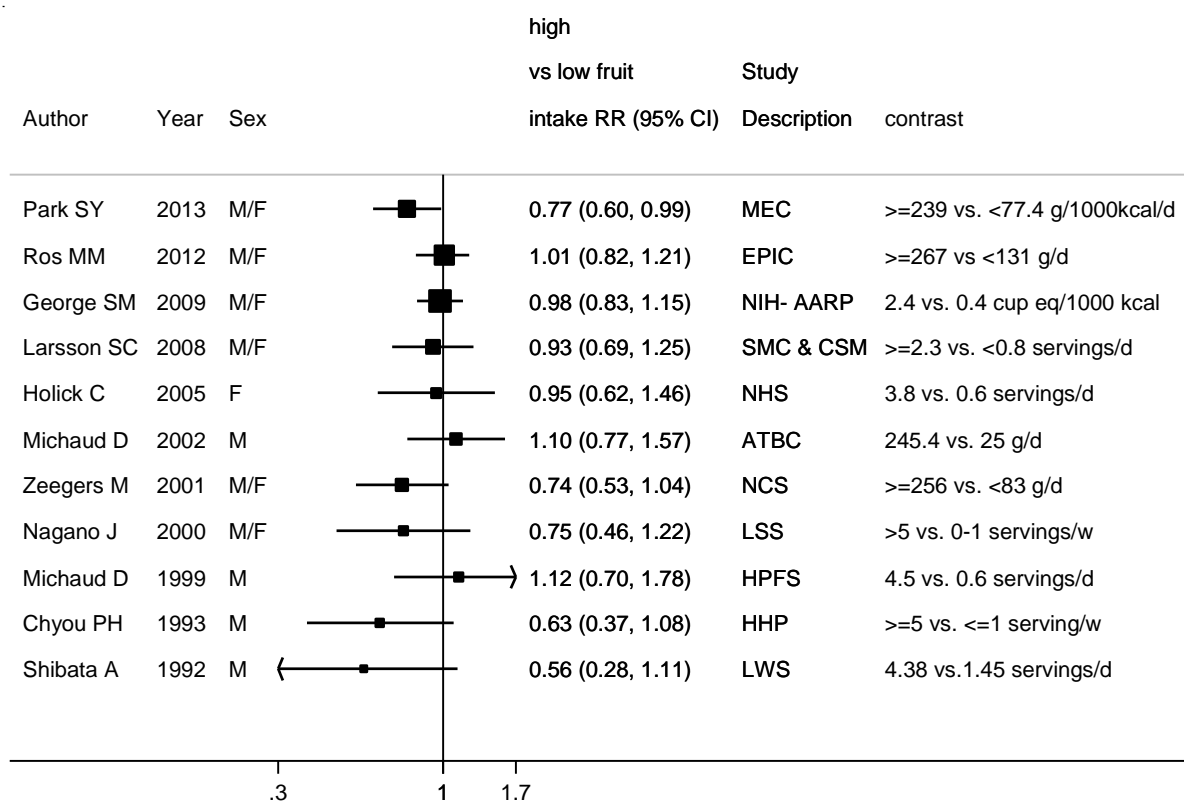


Figure 22 Dose-response meta-analysis of fruit intake and bladder cancer, per 1serving /day

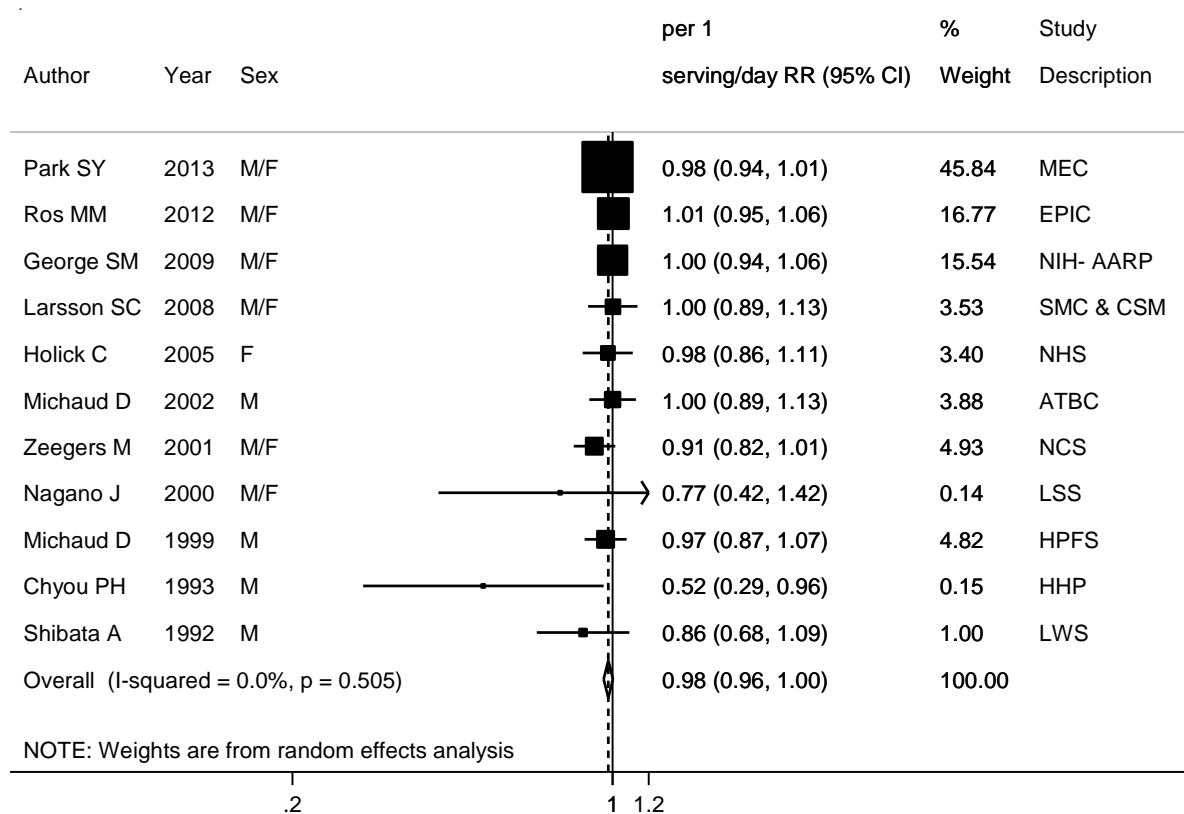
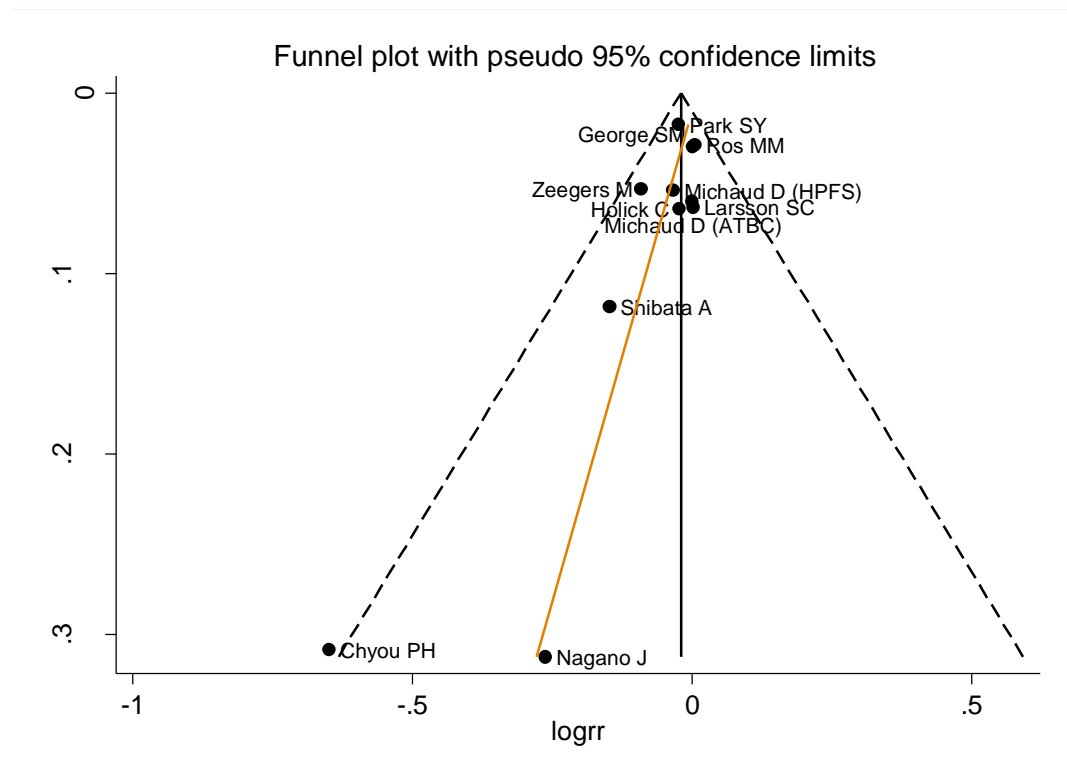


Figure 23 Funnel plot of fruit intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.48$

Figure 24 Dose-response graph of fruit intake and bladder cancer

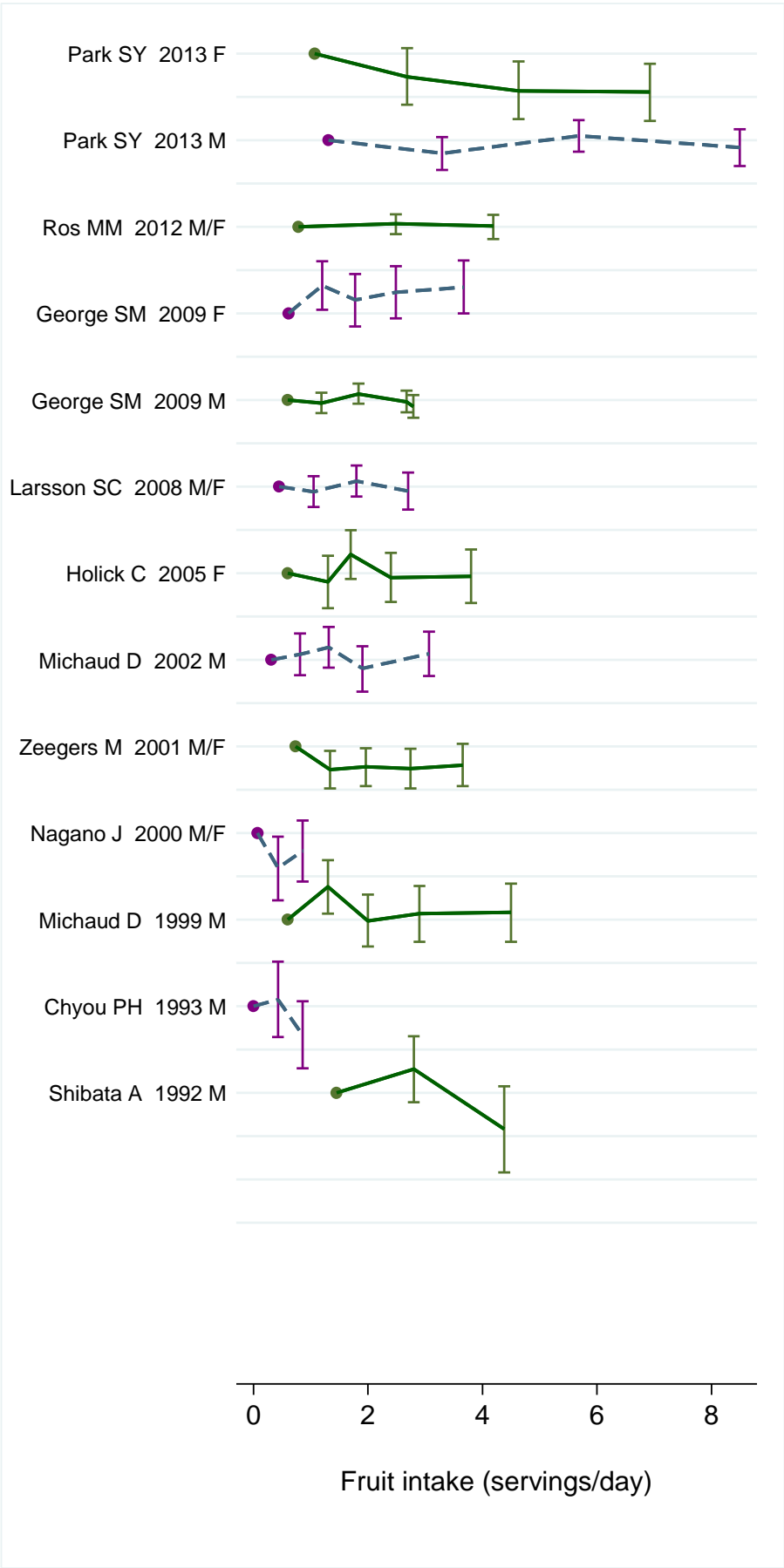
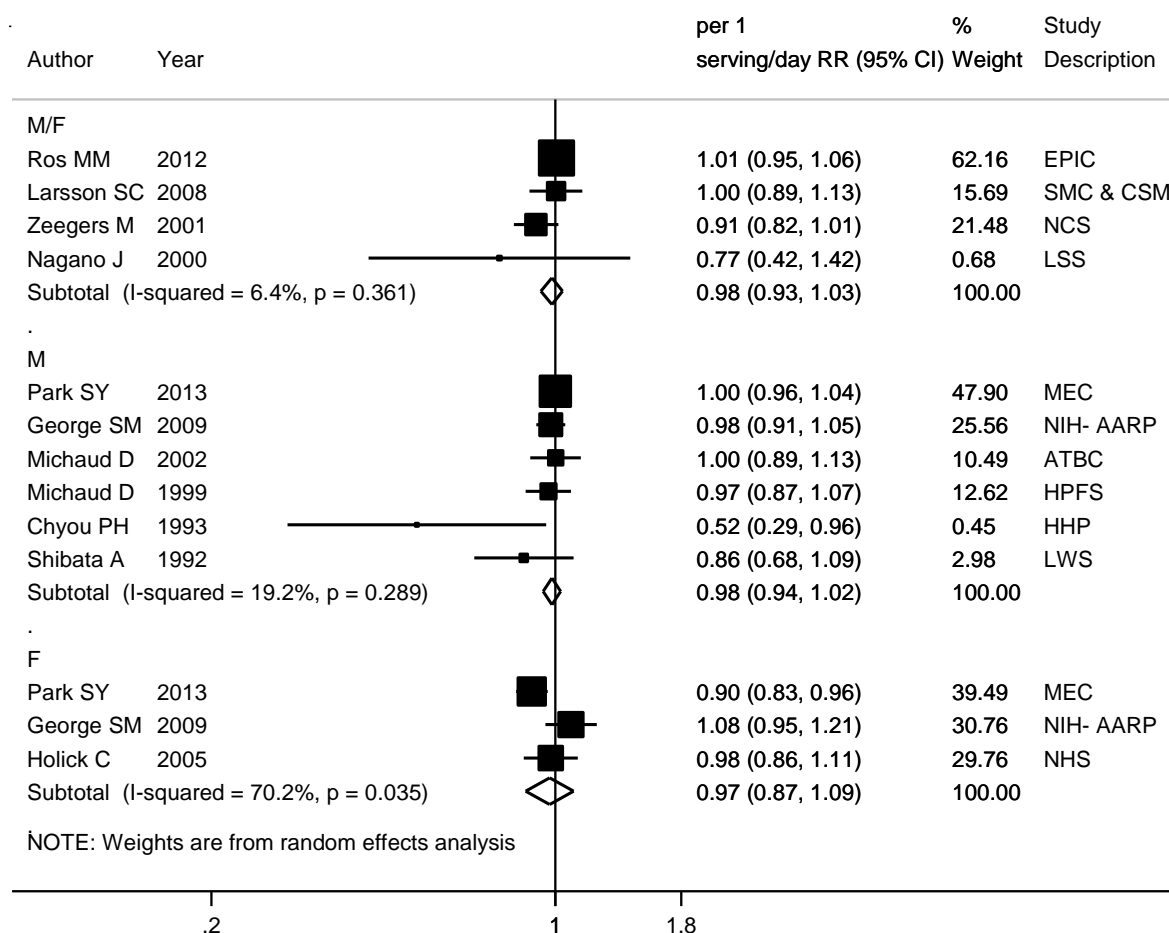


Figure 25 Dose-response meta-analysis of fruit intake and bladder cancer, per 1 serving /day, stratified by sex



2.2.2.1 Citrus fruit

Methods

Six studies (five publications) had been identified, four of them in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one serving/day because the majority of the studies reported the intake in servings. Studies reporting in grams of citrus fruits were converted to servings, using as conversion unit 80g equivalent to 1 serving of citrus fruits. One study (Park SY, 2013) reported the intake of citrus fruit in grams per 1000 calories per day that was converted to servings/day using the median energy intake reported in the study.

Two studies investigated invasive bladder cancer (Park, 2013; Larsson, 2008b), one study was on bladder cancer but no details (Holick, 2005) and two studies investigated urothelial cell cancer - including also cancers of the ureters, renal pelvis- (Zeegers, 2001b; Iso, 2007). One study had mortality as outcome (Iso, 2007).

All studies adjusted for smoking status, intensity and duration except one study in which results are only age-adjusted (Iso, 2007).

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving per day was 0.96 (95% CI: 0.91-1.02, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.56, $n=6$). It was not possible to stratify the meta-analysis by smoking status.

After excluding the study with mortality as outcome (Iso, 2007) the overall result remained the same, 0.97 (95% CI: 0.91-1.02, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.94, $n=4$). There was no evidence of publication bias with Egger test ($p=0.68$) although the funnel plot shows that small studies with positive associations are missing. There was no evidence of non-linearity ($p=0.15$).

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.56.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating citrus fruit to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 24 Studies on citrus fruit intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Park SY, 2013 | USA and Hawaii | Multiethnic Cohort Study | 429 men and 152 women | 12.5 years | M | 0.97 | 0.74 | 1.28 | ≥ 94 vs. <13.4 g/1000kcal/d |
| | | | | | F | 0.56 | 0.34 | 0.90 | |
| Larsson SC, 2008 (b) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.88 | 0.68 | 1.16 | ≥ 5.1 vs. <0.5 servings/week |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|----------|---|------|------|------|-------------------------|
| | | Cohort of Swedish men | | | | | | | |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC Study | 127 | 12 years | M | 0.81 | 0.43 | 1.49 | ≥5 vs. <3 servings/week |
| | | | | | F | 0.29 | 0.10 | 0.83 | |

Table 25 Overall evidence on citrus fruit intake and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|---|
| 2005 SLR | 2 studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between citrus fruit intake and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Four new cohort studies reported on citrus fruit intake and bladder cancer. One showed a protective effect of citrus fruit consumption against bladder cancer mortality in women (Iso, 2007) and another study showed a protective effect against bladder cancer incidence for women who consume more than ≈234g/d of citrus fruit a day (Park SY, 2013). |

Table 26 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of citrus fruit intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 2 | 6 |
| Cases (n) | 775 | 1968 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/day | Per 1 serving/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.92 (0.82-1.03) | 0.96 (0.91-1.02) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.39 | 0%, p=0.56 |

Table 27 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of citrus fruit intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|--|-----|----------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------|
| BLA97217 | Park SY | 2013 | Prospective cohort study | Multiethnic Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97158 | Larsson SC | 2008(b) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Conversion to servings/day | |
| BLA03992 | Zeegers M | 2001(b) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/day | |

Figure 26 Highest versus lowest forest plot of citrus fruit intake and bladder cancer

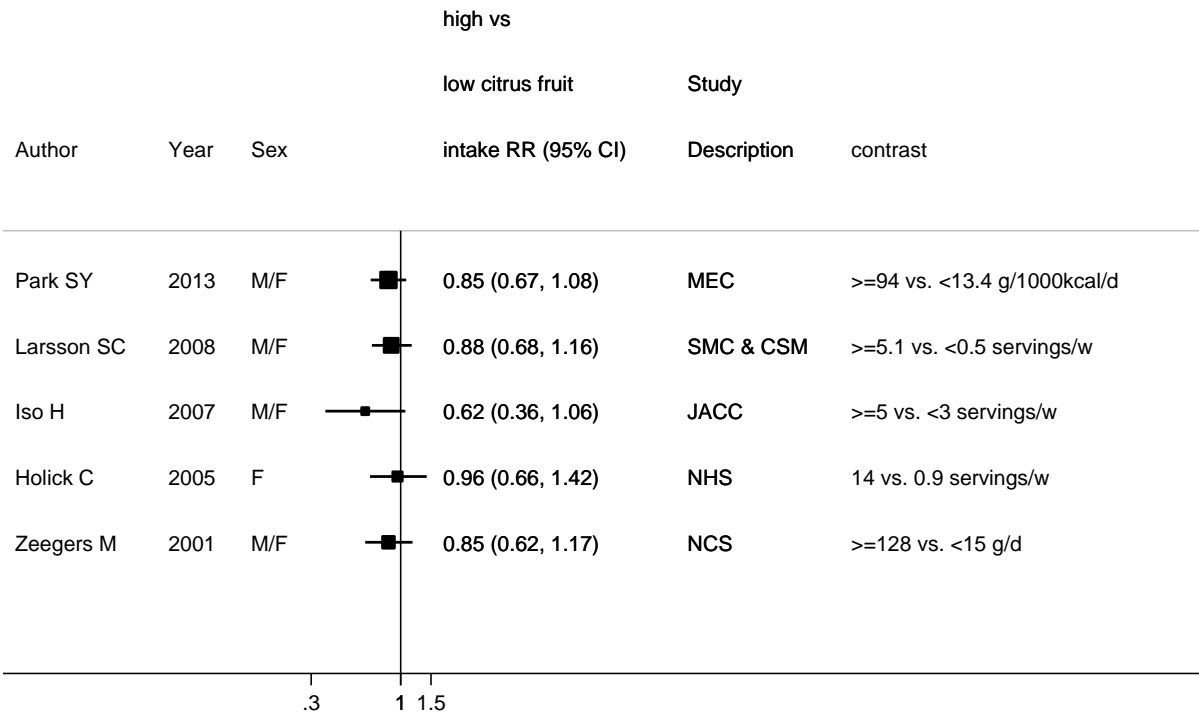


Figure 27 Dose-response meta-analysis of citrus fruit intake and bladder cancer, per 1serving /day

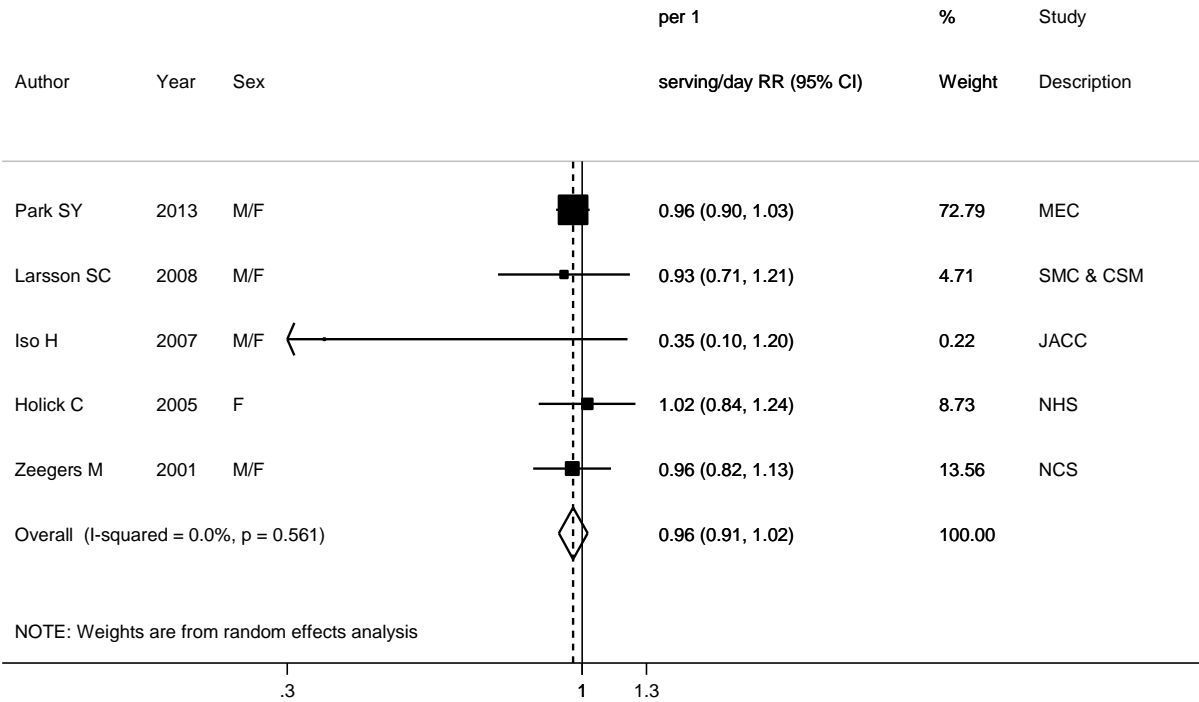
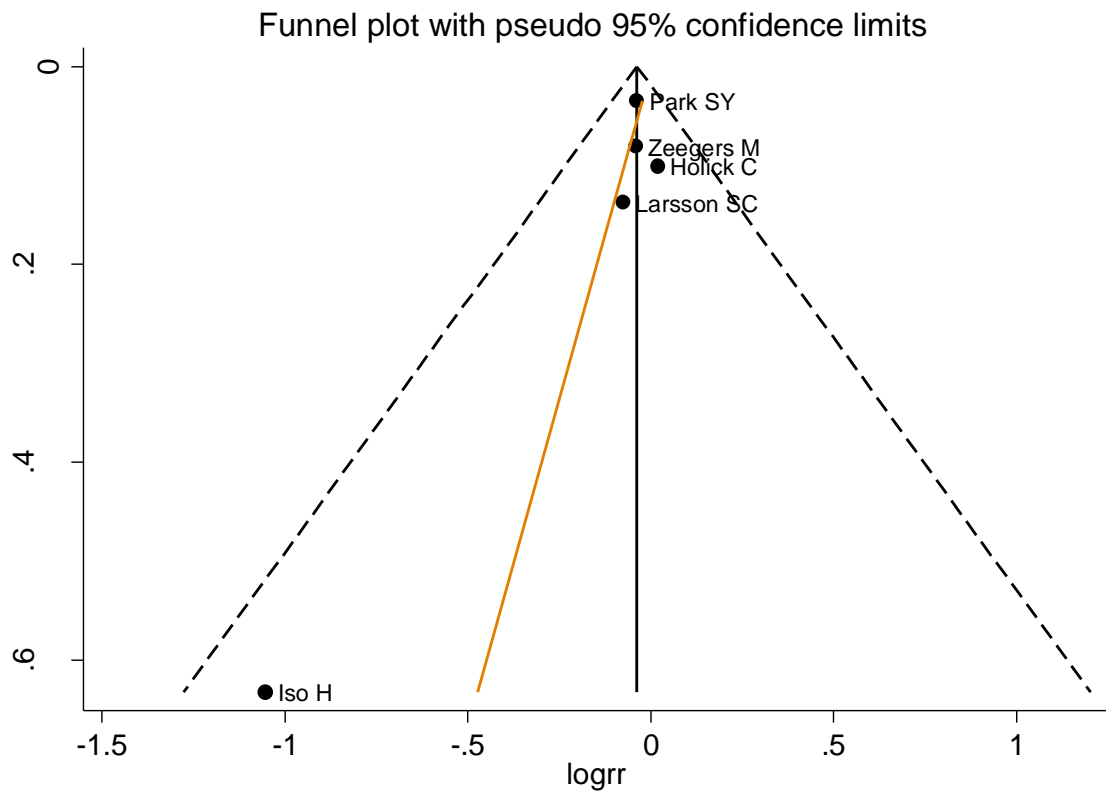
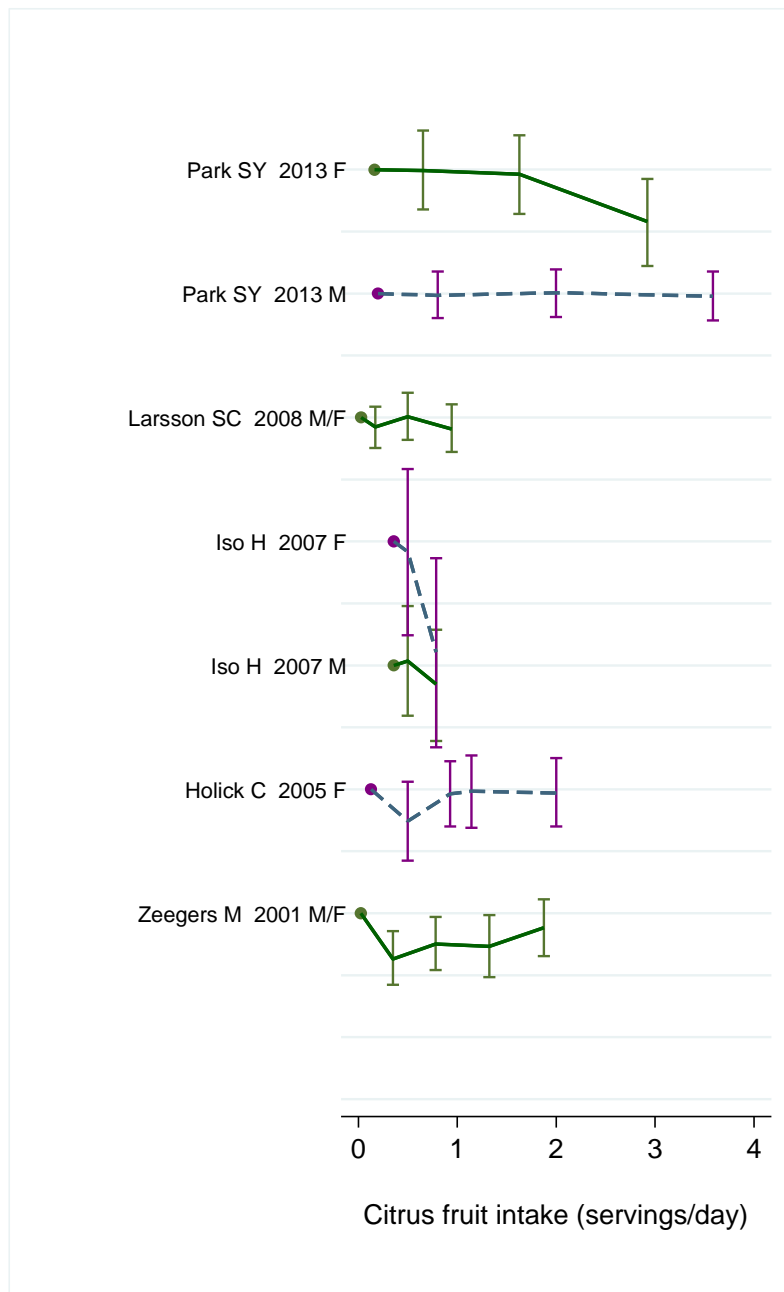


Figure 28 Funnel plot of citrus fruit and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.68$

Figure 29 Dose-response graph of citrus fruit intake and bladder cancer



2.5.1 Total meat

Methods

Seven studies from 6 articles were identified. Three studies from two articles were identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was 100g/day. Servings were rescaled to grams assuming that 1 serving of meat was equivalent to 120g. Total meat included red meats, processed meats and poultry. In one study in non-smokers at study enrollment (Lumbreras, 2008), the results were adjusted by smoking status (never or former smoker). Two studies were adjusted by smoking status (Mills, 1991; Nagano, 2000) and the remaining by smoking status and pack-years.

Main results

The summary RR per 100g/day increase of total meat intake was 1.01 (95% CI: 0.82-1.26, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.70, n=5). It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status.

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.70.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating meat to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A meta-analysis of four cohort studies (Wang, 2012) reported a non-significant association of meat intake and bladder cancer (RR = 1.17, 95% CI = 0.83–1.50) when comparing the highest with the lowest category of meat intake. The summary estimate for the same comparison from 7 case-control studies was 0.98 (95% CI= 0.69-1.28).

Table 28 Studies on total meat identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------------|---------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|--|
| Larsson SC, 2009 | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 1.05 | 0.71 | 1.55 | ≥ 1.5 servings/day vs. ≤ 2 servings/week |
| Lumbreras B, 2008 | Europe | Gen Air nested with EPIC | 118 | - | M/F (slow acetylators) | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 180 vs. 32g/day |
| | | | | | M/F (rapid acetylators) | 3.5 | 1.2 | 9.7 | |

Table 29 Overall evidence on total meat and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|---|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | 4 studies were identified and found a non-significant association between total meat and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Three new cohort studies reported on total meat and bladder cancer and with the exception of the study on individuals with NAT2 rapid genotype (rapid acetylators), all showed a non-significant association. |

Table 30 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of total meat and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 5 |
| Cases (n) | | 813 |
| Increment unit | | Per 100g/day |
| RR (95% CI) | | 1.01 (0.82-1.26) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=0\%$, $p=0.70$ |

* No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 31 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of total meat intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-------------|------|---------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| BLA97160 | Larsson SC | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/d | |
| BLA97166 | Lumbreras B | 2008 | Nested case-control study | Gen Air nested with EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA10545 | Sakauchi F | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) | M/F | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Identified in the 2005 SLR, relationship not quantified, only reported in the text that meat intake was not related to bladder cancer mortality |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA01090 | Mills P | 1991 | Prospective cohort study | Adventists Health Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | | Only high versus low results |

Figure 30 Highest versus lowest forest plot of total meat intake and bladder cancer

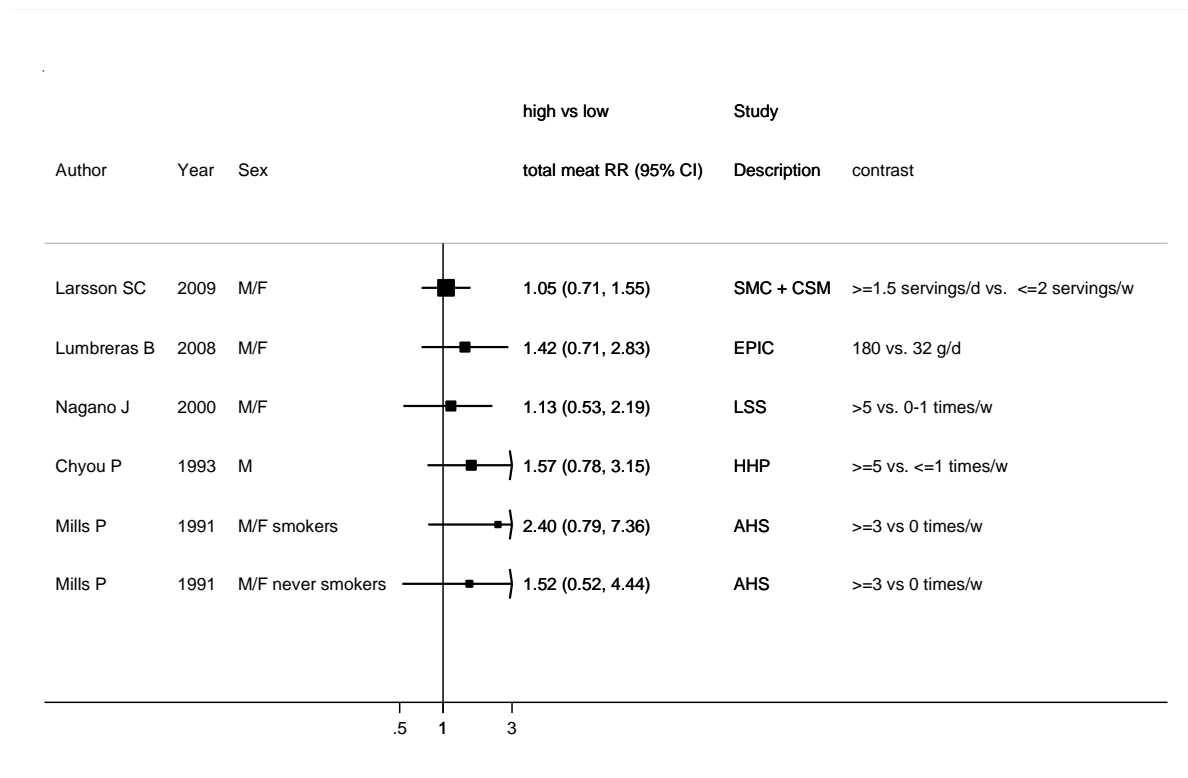


Figure 31 Dose-response meta-analysis of total meat intake and bladder cancer, per 100g /day

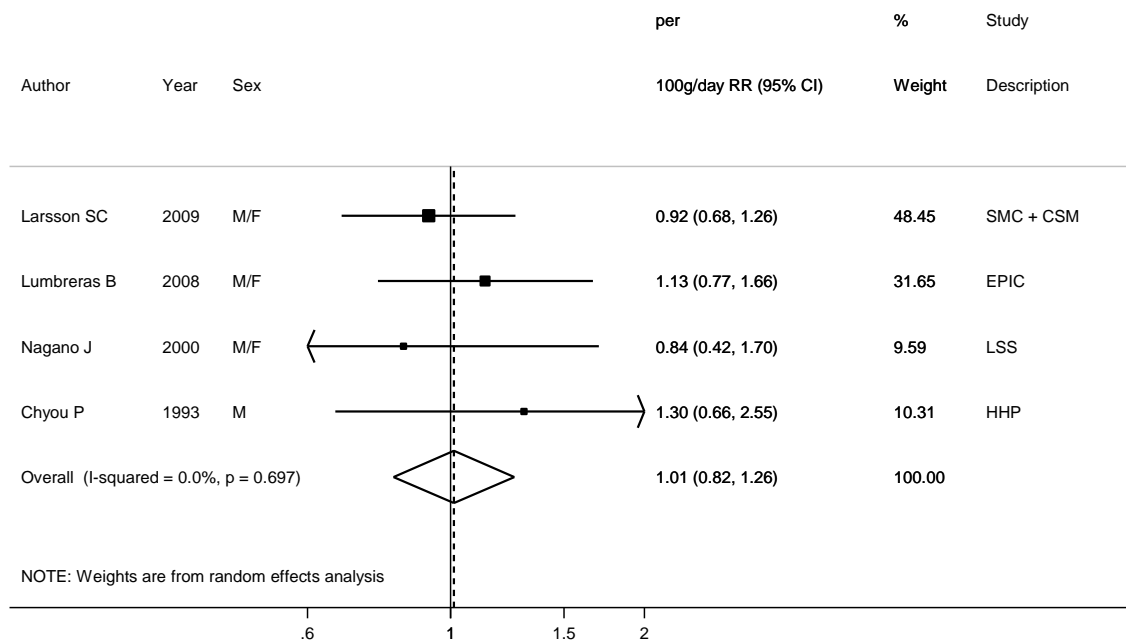
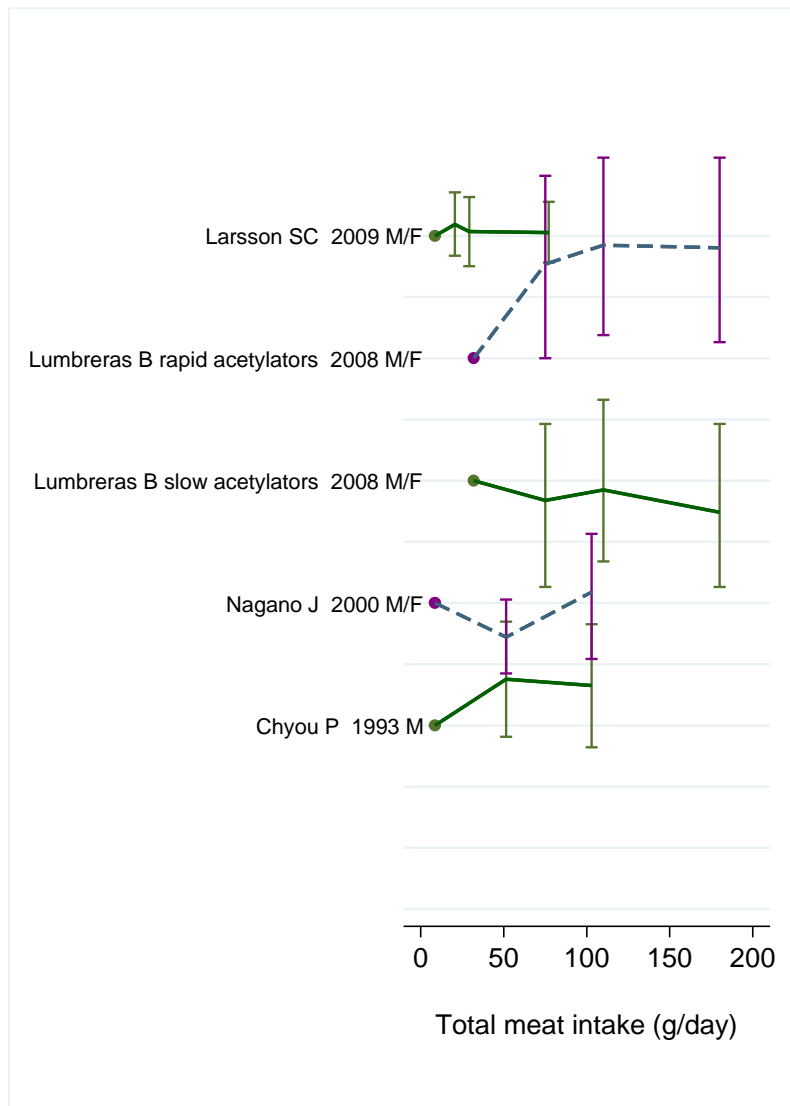


Figure 32 Dose-response graph of total meat intake and bladder cancer



2.5.1.2 Processed meat

Methods

Eight studies from 8 articles were identified; six studies from 5 articles were identified in the CUP. One updated publication of the JACC study was also identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was 50g/day; 1 serving of processed meat was approximated to 50g of meat. In the European and American studies (Michaud, 2006; Ferrucci, 2010; Larson, 2009) processed meat included bacon, sausage, cold cuts, ham, hotdogs and salami. In the Japanese studies it included ham and sausages (Nagano, 2000; Sakauchi, 2004; Iso, 2007) and in a study in Honolulu it included ham, bacon and sausages (Chyou, 1993).

Outcome was incidence of bladder cancer in all studies except one study that investigated urothelial cancer death -including cancers of the bladder, renal pelvis or urethers- (Sakauchi, 2004) and one study on cancers of the lower urinary tract (70 bladder cancer cases out of 83 cases, Chyou, 1993). All results were adjusted for smoking status and dose except one that showed only age-adjusted results (Iso, 2007).

Main results

The summary RR per 50g of processed meat per day was 1.06 (95% CI: 0.92-1.24, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.942, n=8) with no evidence of publication bias, Egger's test, $p=0.51$. It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status. There was no evidence of non-linearity ($p=0.09$).

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.942.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the three studies which reported on ham, bacon and sausage and bladder cancer showed a not significant relationship, no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 32 Studies on processed meat identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|---------------------------|
| Ferrucci LM, 2010 | USA | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | 854 | 7 years | M/F | 1.10 | 0.86 | 1.40 | 22.3 vs. 1.6 g/1000kcal/d |
| Larsson SC, | Sweden | Swedish | 485 | 9.4 | M/F | 1.01 | 0.80 | 1.28 | ≥ 5 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|--|------|-----------|-----|------|------|------|--------------------------------------|
| 2009 | | Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | | years | | | | | servings/week vs. 0-3 servings/month |
| Michaud D, 2006 | USA | NHS | 304 | 22 years | F | 0.81 | 0.40 | 1.63 | ≥5 vs. 0 servings/w |
| | | HPFS | 504 | 16 years | M | 1.09 | 0.71 | 1.69 | |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC study | 118 | 12 years | M | 0.97 | 0.51 | 1.86 | ≥3-4 vs. <1 times/w |
| | | | | | F | 1.36 | 0.52 | 3.59 | |
| Cross, 2007 | USA | NIH-AARP | 1666 | 8.2 years | M/F | 1.16 | 0.98 | 1.38 | 22.6 vs. 1.6 g/1000kcal/d |

Table 33 Overall evidence on processed meat and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | 3 studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between ham, bacon or sausage and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Five new cohort studies reported on processed meat and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 34 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of processed meat and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 3 | 8 |
| Cases (n) | 298 | 2357 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/week | Per 50g/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 1.0 (0.92-1.08) | 1.06 (0.92-1.24) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.45 | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.94 |

* Meta-analysis on ham/bacon/sausage and bladder cancer risk

Table 35 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of processed meat intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-------------|------|--------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| BLA97205 | Ferrucci LM | 2010 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to g/d | |
| BLA97160 | Larsson SC | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA97187 | Cross A | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | No | No | | Superseded by Ferrucci LM, 2010 |
| BLA97213 | Michaud D | 2006 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study and Nurses' Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA10545 | Sakauchi F | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) | M/F | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Superseded by Iso, 2007 |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |

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|----------|----------|------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/ Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
|----------|----------|------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|

Figure 33 Highest versus lowest forest plot of processed meat intake and bladder cancer

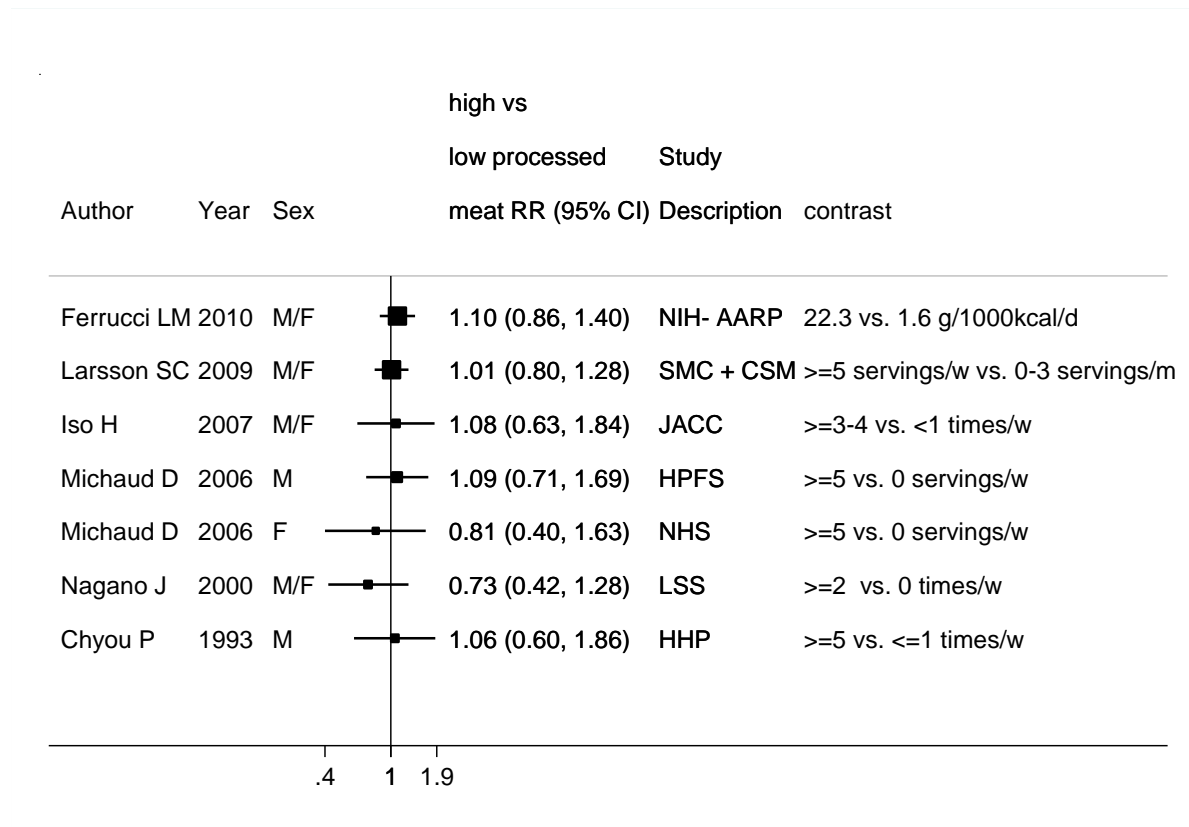


Figure 34 Dose-response meta-analysis of processed meat intake and bladder cancer, per 50g/day

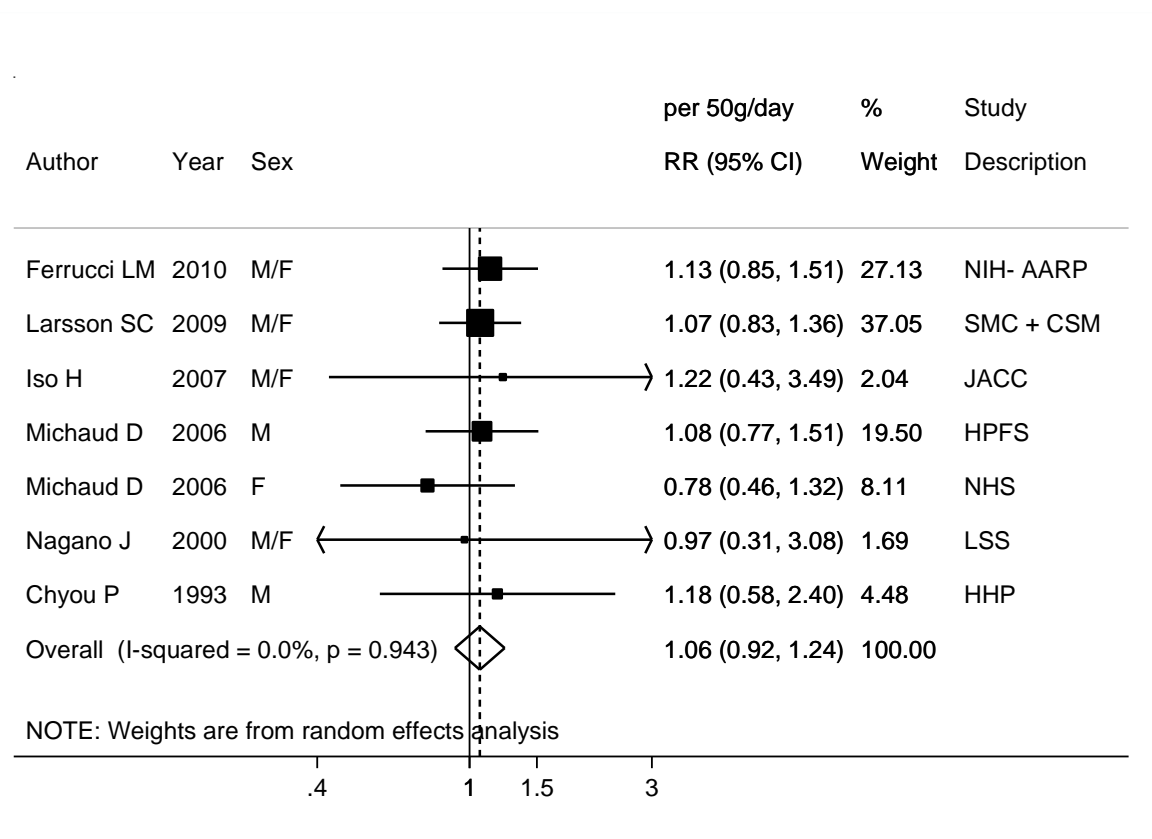
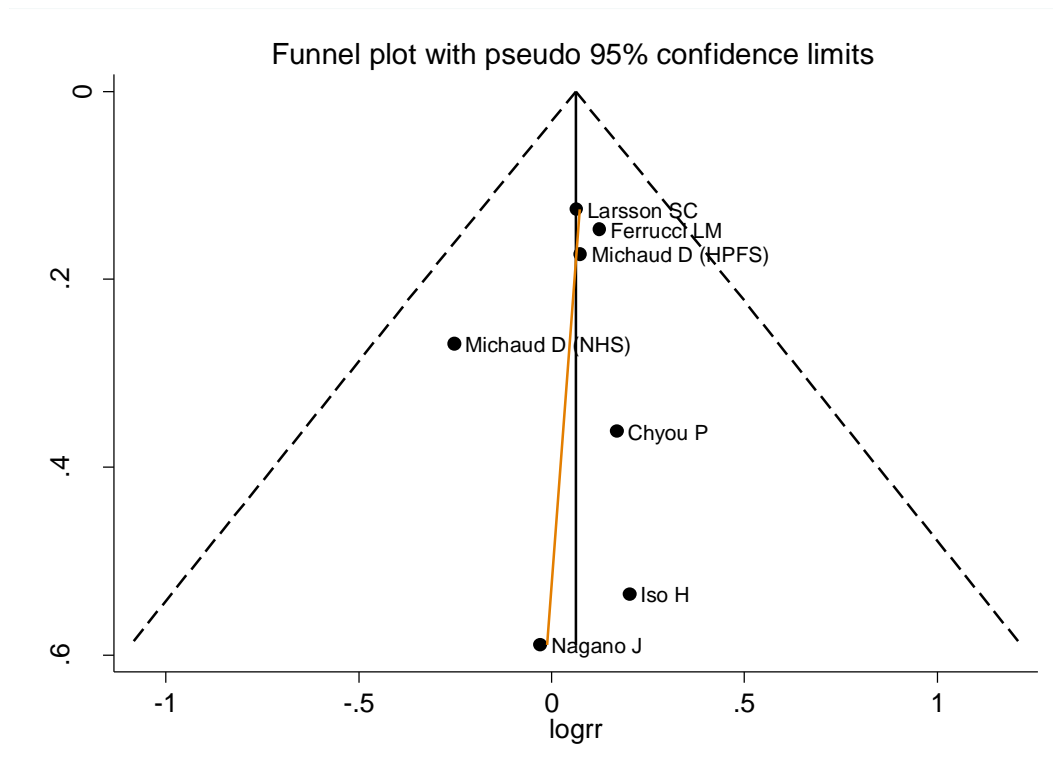
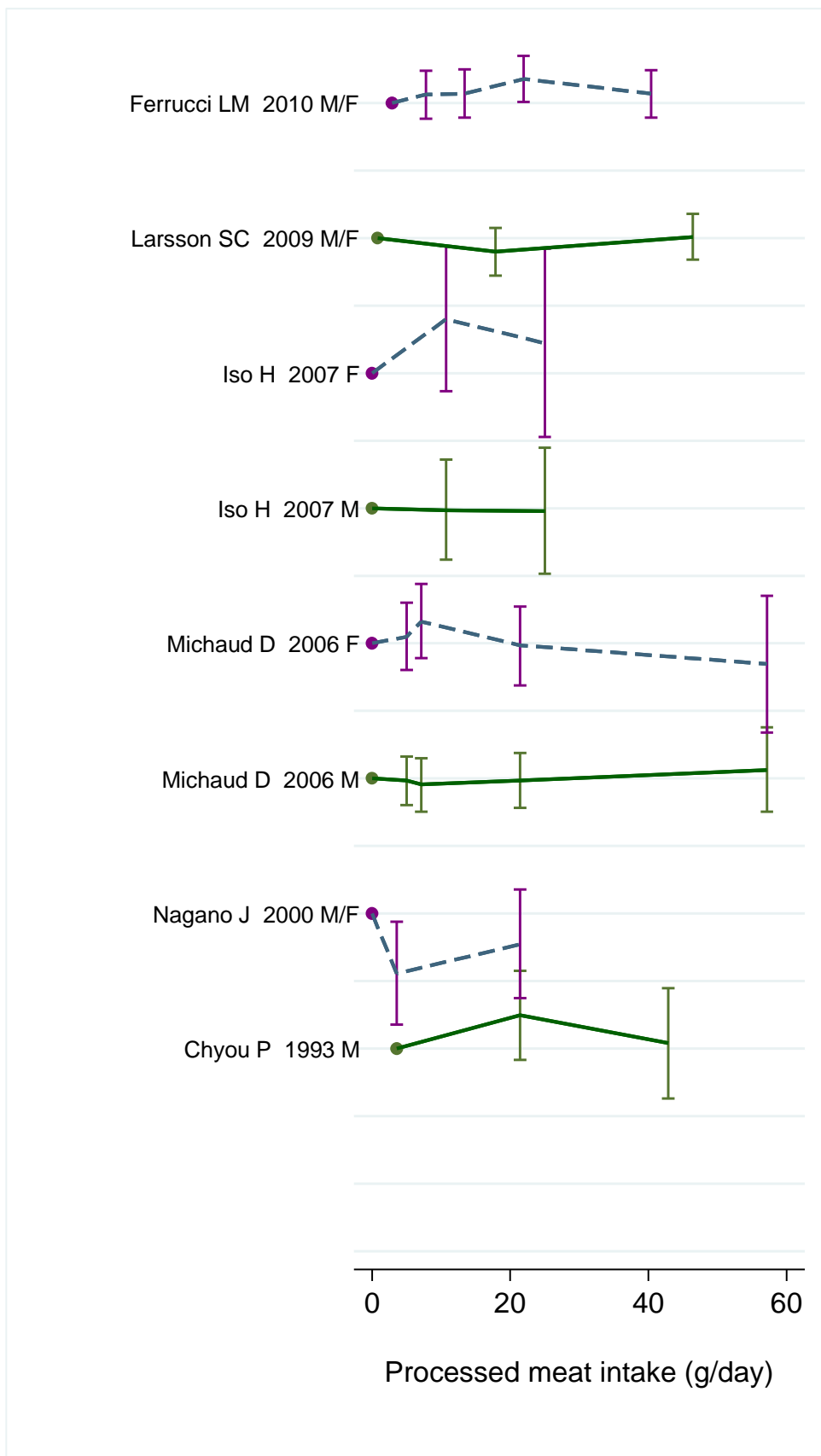


Figure 35 Funnel plot of processed meat intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.51$

Figure 36 Dose-response graph of processed meat intake and bladder cancer



2.5.1.3 Red meat

Methods

Six studies (5 articles) were identified, all of them in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was 100g/day (1 serving of red meat was approximated to 120g of meat). The definition of red meat varies across studies. Red meat included: beef, veal and lamb as main dish (Michaud, 2006), fresh and processed red meats (Ferruci, 2010; Jacszy, 2011) or fresh red meats, hamburgers, meatballs and liver (Larsson, 2009). All studies adjusted results by smoking status, duration and dose.

Main results

The summary RR per 100g increase of red meat per day was 1.02 (95% CI: 0.97-1.06, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.54, n=6). There was no evidence of publication bias, Egger's test $p=0.44$. It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status. The test for non-linearity was non-significant ($p=0.26$).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.54.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

No studies on red meat and bladder cancer were identified in the 2005 SLR.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 36 Studies on red meat identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------------|---------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|---|
| Jakszyn P, 2011 | Europe | EPIC | 1001 | 8.7 years | M/F | 1.15 | 0.90 | 1.45 | 130.63–754.79 vs. 0–57.86 g/day |
| Ferrucci LM, 2010 | USA | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | 854 | 7 years | M/F | 1.22 | 0.96 | 1.54 | 61.6 vs. 9.5 g/1000kcal/d |
| Larsson SC, 2009 | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 1.01 | 0.71 | 1.41 | ≥ 5 servings/week vs. 0-3 servings/month |
| Cross, 2007 | USA | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | 1666 | 8.2 years | M/F | 1.12 | 0.94 | 1.33 | 62.7 vs. 9.8 g/1000kcal/d |

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|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-------------|---|------|------|------|--|
| Michaud D, 2006 | USA | NHS | 304 | 22 years | F | 1.01 | 0.56 | 1.85 | ≥5 servings/week vs. 1-3 servings/month |
| | | HPFS | 504 | 16 years | M | 0.93 | 0.57 | 1.52 | |

Table 37 Overall evidence on red meat and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|---|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | No studies were identified. |
| CUP | Six new cohort studies reported on red meat and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 38 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of red meat and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 6 |
| Cases (n) | | 3148 |
| Increment unit | | Per 100g/day |
| RR (95% CI) | | 1.02 (0.97-1.06) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.54 |

* No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 39 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of red meat intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-------------|------|--------------------------|---|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| BLA97181 | Jakszyn P | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years | |
| BLA97205 | Ferrucci LM | 2010 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to g/d | |
| BLA97160 | Larsson SC | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/d | |
| BLA97187 | Cross A | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | No | No | | Superseded by Ferrucci LM, 2010 |
| BLA97213 | Michaud D | 2006 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study and Nurses' Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |

Figure 37 Highest versus lowest forest plot of red meat intake and bladder cancer

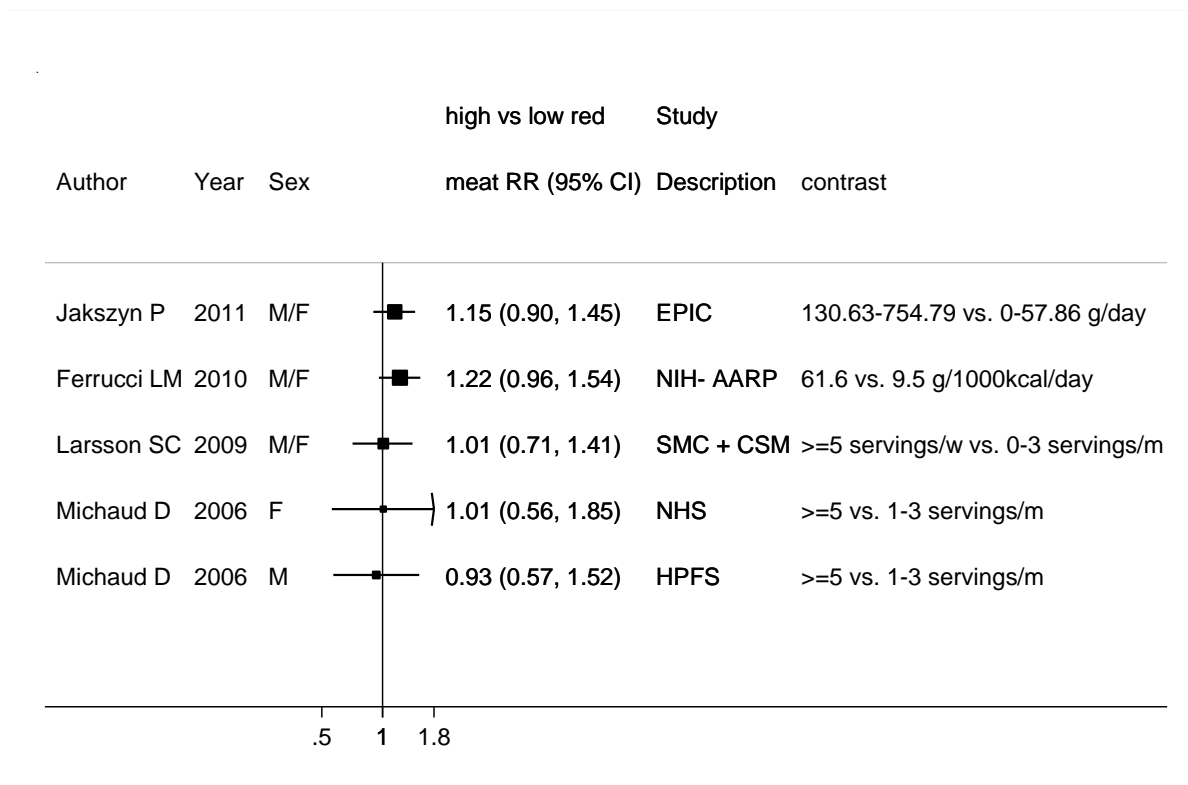


Figure 38 Dose-response meta-analysis of red meat intake and bladder cancer, per 100g /day

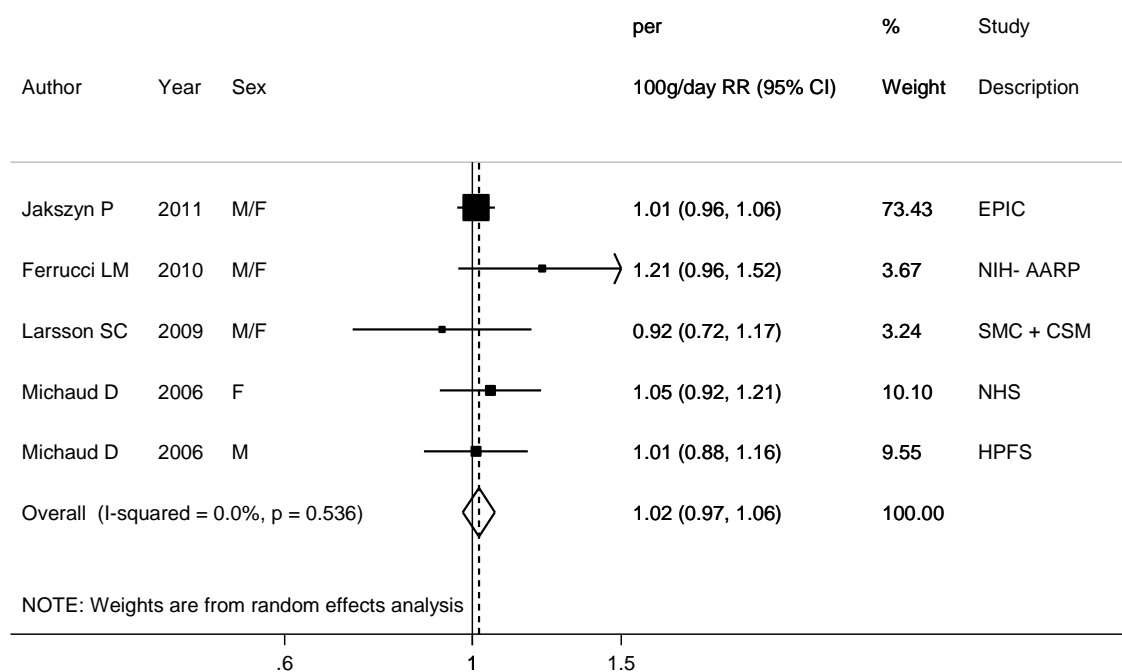
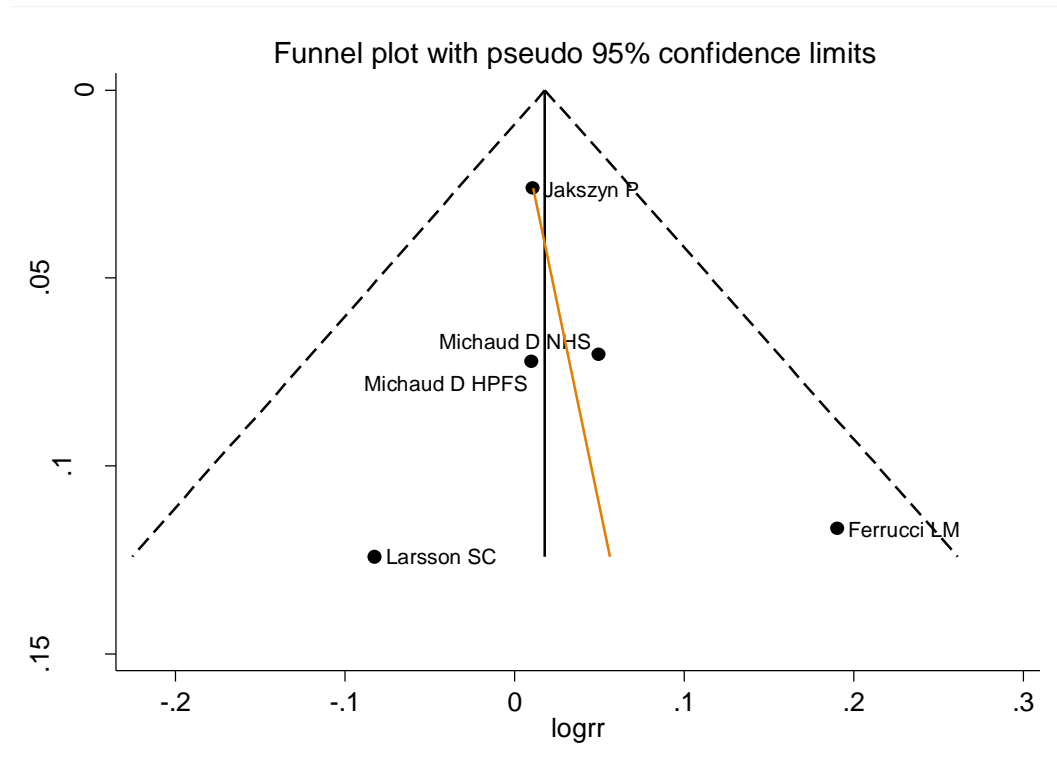
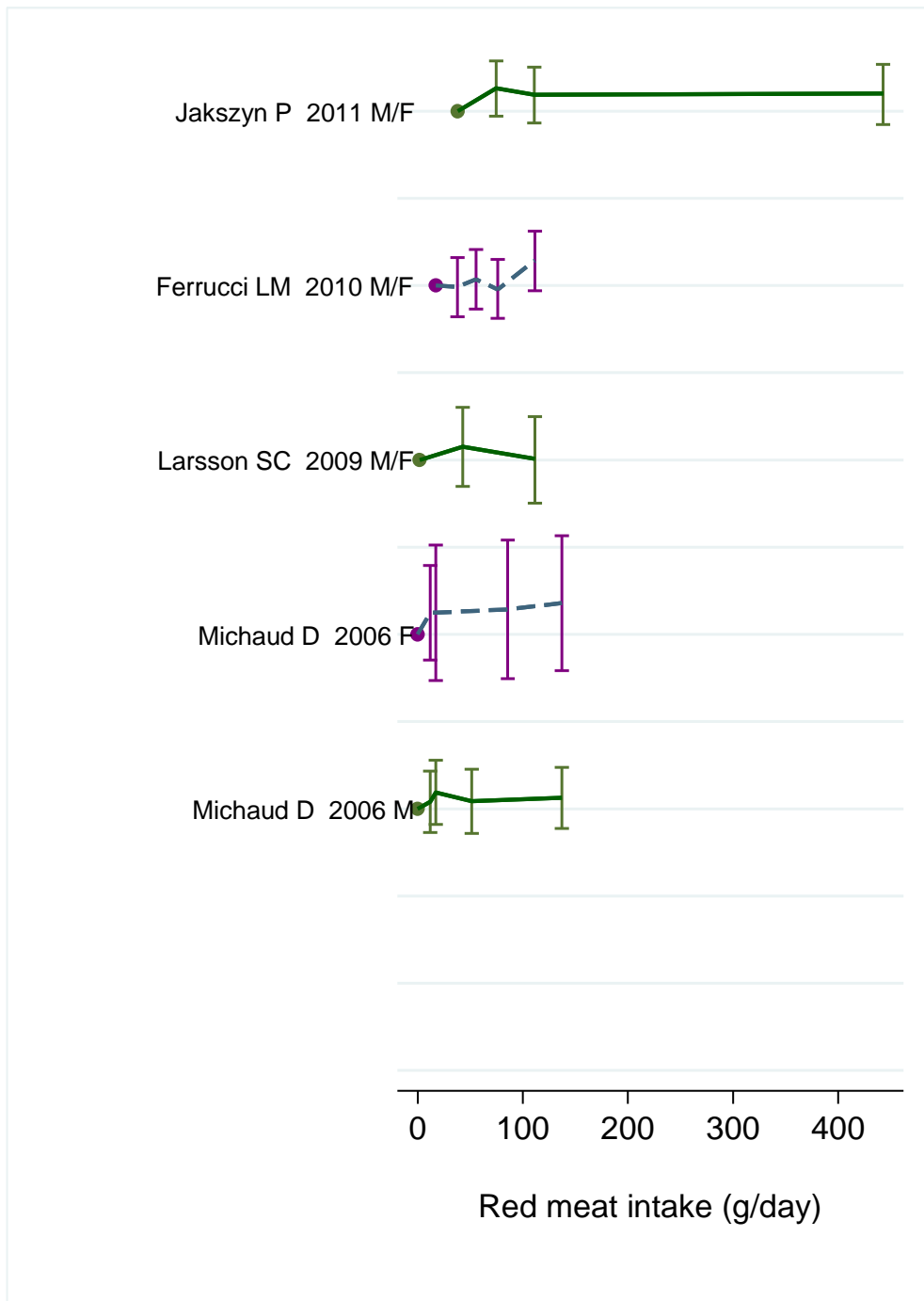


Figure 39 Funnel plot of red meat intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.44$

Figure 40 Dose-response graph of red meat intake and bladder cancer



2.5.1.4 Poultry

Methods

Five cohort studies (three articles) were identified in the CUP. Two other cohort studies had been identified in the 2005 SLR for the Second Expert Report. The Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) has three articles. Overall, there are data from five distinct cohort studies.

The unit used in the dose-response analysis was 100g/day; 1 serving of poultry was considered equivalent to 120g of white meat. Two studies were on intake of chicken (Nagano, 2000; Iso, 2007), two studies on chicken and poultry (Larsson, 2009; Daniel, 2011), including processed poultry in one of them (Daniel, 2011). In one study, relative risks were reported separately for chicken with or without skin (Michaud, 2006). Only results of chicken with skin were used (for comparability with other studies).

Outcome was incidence of bladder cancer in all studies except one study that investigated urothelial cancer death -including cancers of the bladder, renal pelvis or urethers- (Sakauchi, 2004). All results were adjusted for smoking status and dose except one that showed only age-adjusted results (Iso, 2007).

Main results

The summary RR per 100g of poultry per day was 0.91 (95% CI: 0.81-1.03, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.60, n=7). Egger's test suggested no evidence of publication bias (0.32). There was no evidence of non-linearity ($p=0.13$).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of low heterogeneity, $I^2=33.9\%$, pheterogeneity=0.20.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

Two studies on chicken and bladder cancer risk were identified in the 2005 SLR that provided no evidence of association.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 40 Studies on poultry/chicken intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|------------------|---------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----|----------------------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| Daniel C, 2011 | USA | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | 2296 | 9 years | M/F | | 0.83 | 0.73 | 0.96 | 26.6 vs. 5.3 g/1000kcal/day |
| Larsson SC, 2009 | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | | 0.96 | 0.70 | 1.30 | ≥2 servings/week vs. never |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC study | 118 | 12 years | M | | 1.24 | 0.60 | 2.53 | ≥3-4 vs. <1 times/w |
| | | | | | F | | 0.38 | 0.12 | 1.17 | |
| Michaud D, 2006 | USA | NHS | 304 | 22 years | F | Chicken without skin | 1.66 | 0.94 | 2.95 | ≥5 vs. 0 servings/w |
| | | | | | | Chicken with skin | 1.01 | 0.72 | 1.43 | 2-4 vs. 0 servings/week |
| | | HPFS | 504 | 16 years | M | Chicken without skin | 1.45 | 0.96 | 2.17 | ≥5 vs. 0 servings/w |
| | | | | | | Chicken with skin | 1.10 | 0.86 | 1.41 | 2-4 vs. 0 servings/week |

Table 41 Overall evidence on poultry/chicken and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | Two studies were included in the meta analysis; there was no evidence of association between chicken and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Five new cohort studies reported on poultry/chicken and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

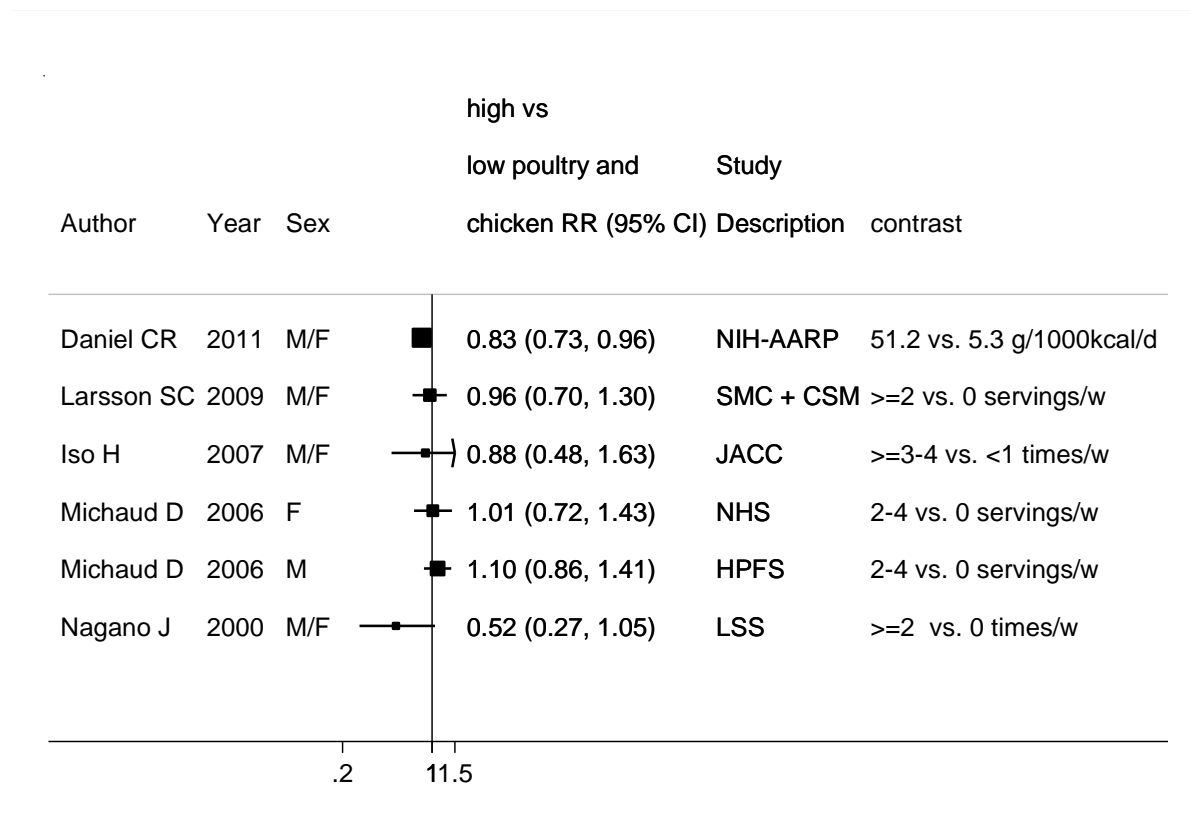
Table 42 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of poultry/chicken and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 2 | 7 |
| Cases (n) | 202 | 3821 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/week | Per 100g/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.92 (0.62-1.37) | 0.91 (0.81-1.03) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=75.6\%$, p=0.04 | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.60 |

Table 43 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of poultry/chicken intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|------|--------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| BLA97205 | Daniel C | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to g/d | |
| BLA97160 | Larsson SC | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA97213 | Michaud D | 2006 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study and Nurses' Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | Reported results on chicken with and without skin separately |
| BLA10545 | Sakauchi F | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) | M/F | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Superseded by Iso, 2007 |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |

Figure 41 Highest versus lowest forest plot of poultry/chicken and bladder cancer



Note: For Michaud 2006 only results of chicken with skin are shown (for comparability with other studies)

Figure 42 Dose-response meta-analysis of poultry/chicken and bladder cancer, per 100g/day

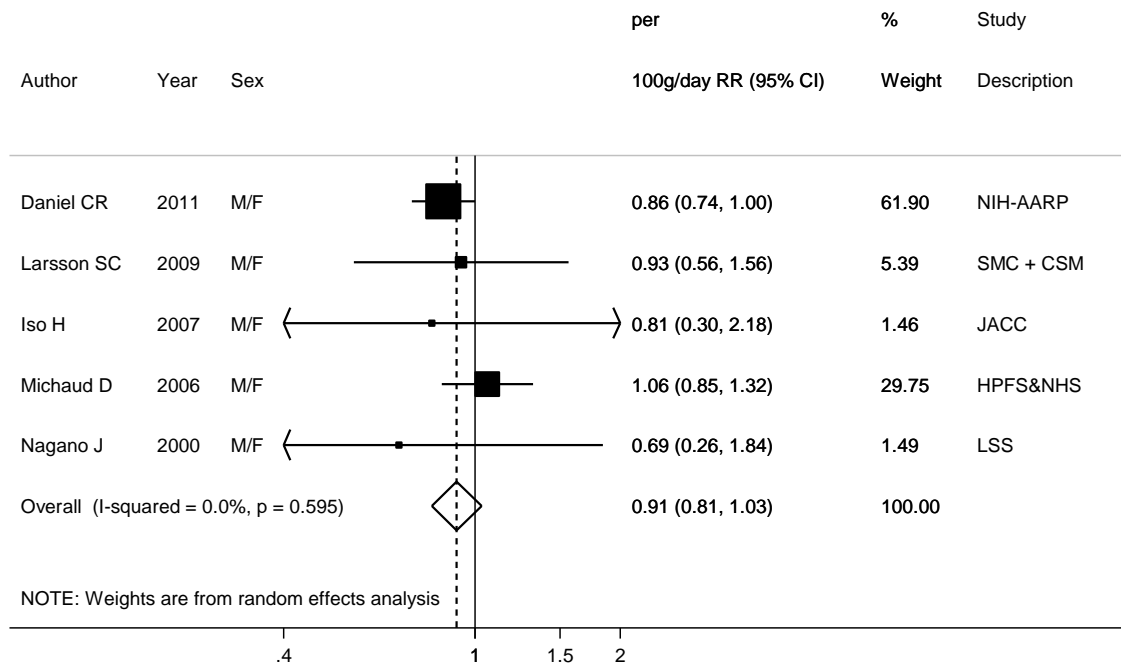
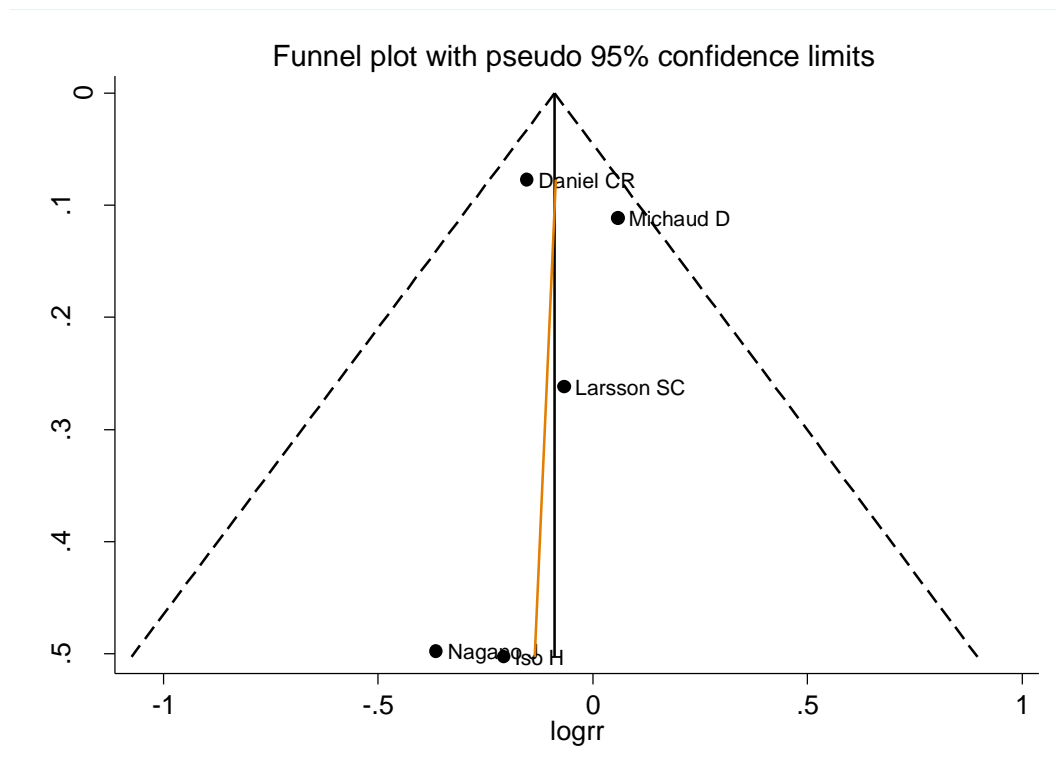
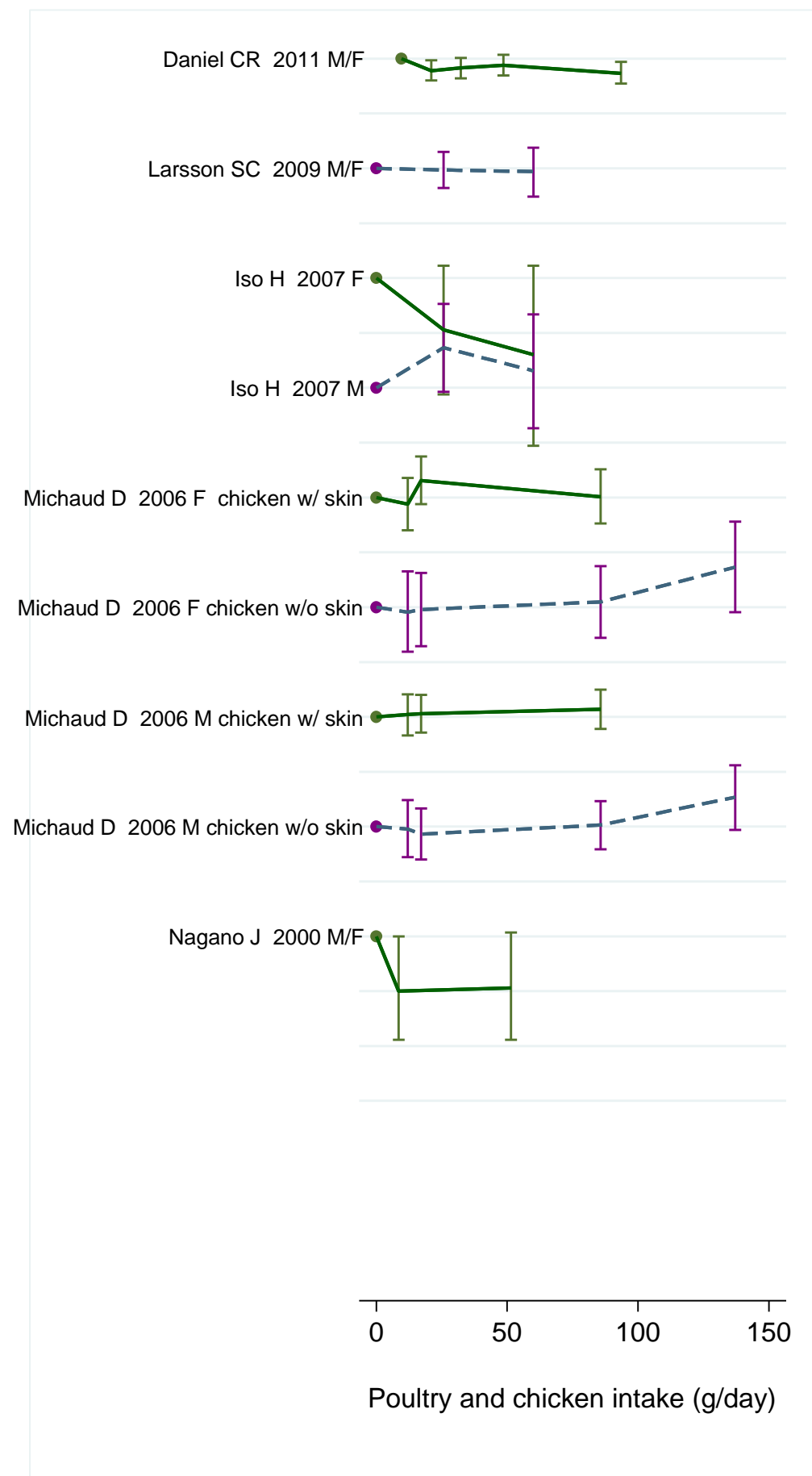


Figure 43 Funnel plot of poultry intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.32$

Figure 44 Dose-response graph of poultry/chicken and bladder cancer



2.5.2 Fish

Methods

Seven studies in total, three studies from two articles identified in the CUP. One updated publication of the JACC study was also identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was 50g/day; 1 serving of fish was considered equivalent to 120g of fish. Fish intake definition included intake of any fish, shellfish or canned tuna (Holick, 2006; Daniel, 2011) or fish –without specification- (Chyou, 1993; Steineck, 1988). In two Japanese studies, fish intake excluded processed or preserved fish, e.g. salted or dried fish, or fish paste (Nagano, 2000; Sakauchi, 2004).

Outcome was incidence of bladder cancer in all studies except one study that investigated urothelial cancer death -including cancers of the bladder, renal pelvis or urethers- (Sakauchi, 2004) and one study on cancers of the lower urinary tract (70 bladder cancer cases out of 83 cases, Chyou, 1993). All results were adjusted for smoking status and dose except one that showed only age-adjusted results (Iso, 2007).

Main results

The summary RR per 50g of fish per day was 1.02 (95% CI: 0.91-1.15, $I^2=47.5\%$, pheterogeneity=0.11, n=5). It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status. There is no evidence of publication bias ($p=0.26$). There was no evidence of non-linearity ($p=0.71$).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=47.5\%$, pheterogeneity=0.11.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating fish to bladder cancer was considered limited-no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A meta-analysis of five cohort and nine case-control studies was found. For the cohort studies the overall estimate of the highest versus lowest analysis was 0.84 95% CI: 0.42-1.26, $I^2=64.8\%$, pheterogeneity=0.02 (Li Z, 2011).

Table 44 Studies on fish intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|----------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| Daniel C, 2011 | USA | NIH-AARP | 2296 | 9 years | M/F | 1.13 | 0.99 | 1.29 | 21.4 vs. 3.6 g/1000kcal/day |

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|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|----------|---|------|------|------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Diet and Health Study | | | | | | | |
| Holick CN, 2006 | USA | NHS | 235 | 18 years | F | 1.33 | 0.74 | 2.40 | ≥1 serving/d vs. ≤1-3 servings/month |
| | | HPFS | 501 | 16 years | M | 0.71 | 0.48 | 1.04 | |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC study | 118 | 12 years | M | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.63 | ≥5 vs. <3 times/w |
| | | | | | F | 0.28 | 0.08 | 0.96 | |

Table 45 Overall evidence on fish and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|---|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | 4 studies were identified and 2 studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between fish and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Four new cohort studies reported on fish and bladder cancer and showed a non-significant association. |

Table 46 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of fish and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 2 | 5 |
| Cases (n) | 184 | 3246 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/week | Per 50g/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.96 (0.87-1.05) | 1.02 (0.91-1.15) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.65 | $I^2=47.5\%$, p=0.11 |

Table 47 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of fish intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|------|--------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| BLA97205 | Daniel C | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to g/d | |
| BLA97151 | Holick CN | 2006 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study and Nurses' Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA10545 | Sakauchi F | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) | M/F | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Superseded by Iso, 2007 |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | Yes | | Identified in the 2005 SLR, not used because of insufficient data |
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to g/day | |
| BLA01325 | Steineck | 1988 | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Twins Cohort | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | Yes | | Only high versus low results |

Figure 45 Highest versus lowest forest plot of fish and bladder cancer

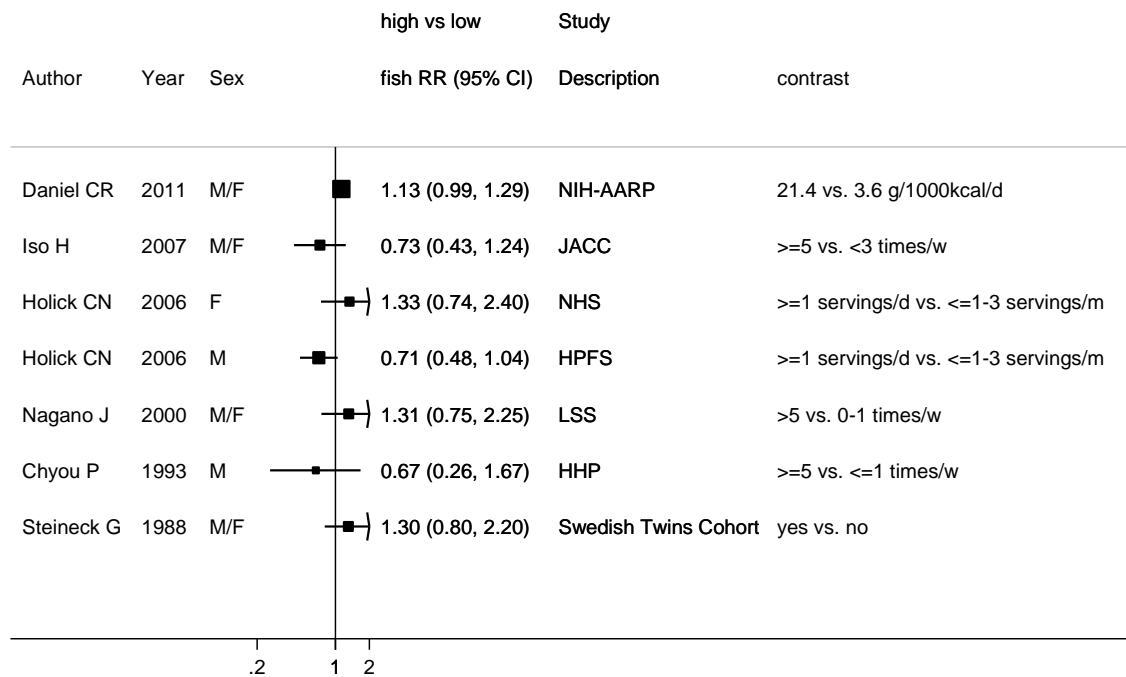


Figure 46 Dose-response meta-analysis of fish and bladder cancer, per 50g/day

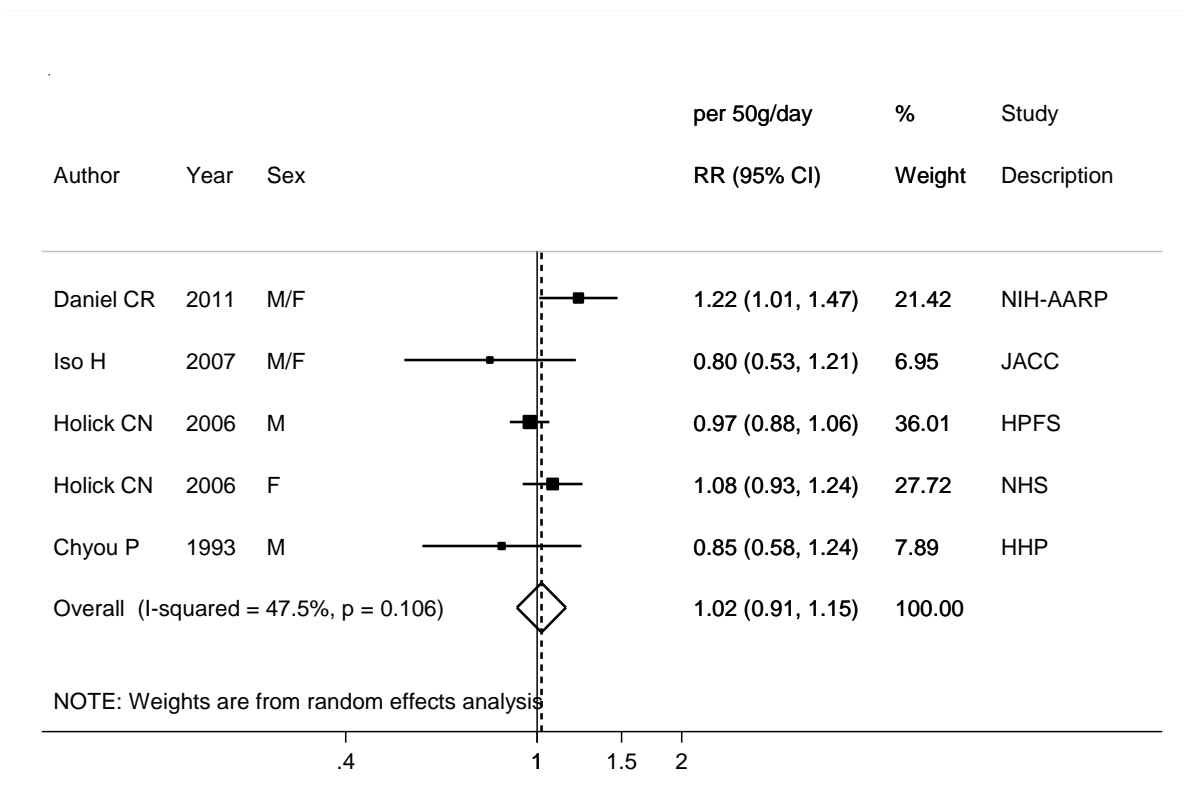
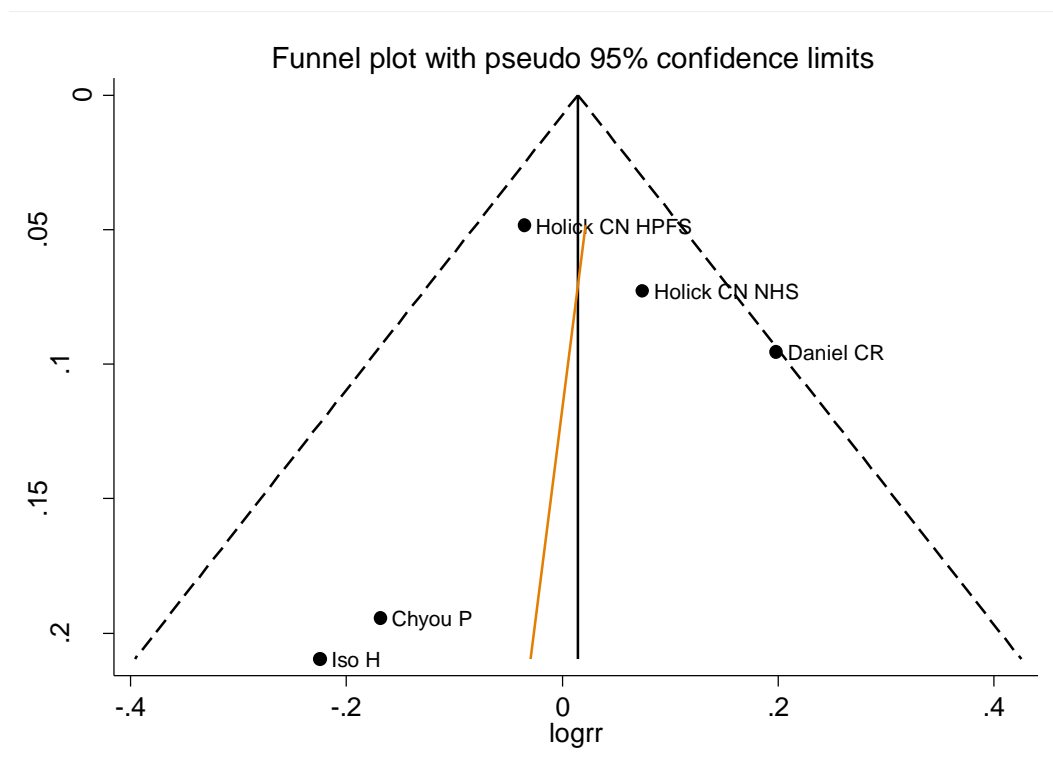


Figure 47 Funnel plot of processed fish intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p = 0.26$

Figure 48 Dose-response graph of fish and bladder cancer



2.7 Milk and dairy products

A total of eleven studies have investigated milk and dairy products in relation to bladder cancer. From these, ten studies reported on milk intake and one study reported on milk and dairy products combined, but not on milk intake (NIH-AARP; Park, 2009). Five out of the eleven studies reported on cheese intake, one study on yoghurt and three on cultured milk or fermented milk products.

The outcome is bladder cancer in all studies except two studies on milk intake that included also cases of cancers of the renal pelvis and urethers (JACC, Sakauchi, 2004; Honolulu Heart Program, Chyou, 1993).

Dairy products

Methods

Four new studies on dairy products that include milk, yogurt and cheese and bladder cancer were identified in the CUP.

The unit used in the dose-response analysis was 400g/day. One study (Park, 2009) reported the intake of dairy foods in servings/1000kcal/day, which were converted to g/day using the average between the median of the fifth and first quintile of dairy products intake for men and women respectively.

Main results

The summary RR per 400g/day of dairy products per day was 0.94 (95% CI: 0.87-1.01, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.45, n=3).

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.45.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR there was no analysis on dairy products and bladder cancer.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 48 Studies on dairy products intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LC I | UC I | Contrast |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|------|------|------|---------------------------------|
| Park Y, 2009 | USA | NIH-ARRP | 1417 men 264 women | 7 years | M | 0.86 | 0.72 | 1.02 | 1.4 vs. 0.2 servings/1000kcal/d |
| | | | | | F | 1.45 | 0.97 | 2.18 | 1.6 vs. 0.2 servings/1000kcal/d |
| Keszei AP, 2009 | Netherlands | Netherlands Cohort Study | 1549 | 16.3 years | M/ F | 1.01 | 0.81 | 1.27 | 556 vs. 73 g/d |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--|-----|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| Larsson, 2008 (a) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/ F | 0.8 7 | 0.6 6 | 1.1 5 | 8.9 vs. 2.6 servings/d |
|-------------------|--------|--|-----|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|

Table 49 Overall evidence on dairy products intake and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|--|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | No study was identified. |
| CUP | Four new cohort studies reported on dairy intake and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 50 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of dairy products intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 3 |
| Cases (n) | | 3451 |
| Increment unit | | Per 400g/day |
| RR (95% CI) | | 0.94 (0.87-1.01) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.45 |

* No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 51 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of dairy products intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|--|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| BLA97216 | Park Y | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-ARRP | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years and number of cases per quintile. Weighted average intake men and women. Conversion to servings/d | |
| BLA97172 | Keszei AP | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Conversion to servings/d | |
| BLA97157 | SC | 2008 (a) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |

Figure 49 Highest versus lowest forest plot of dairy products intake and bladder cancer

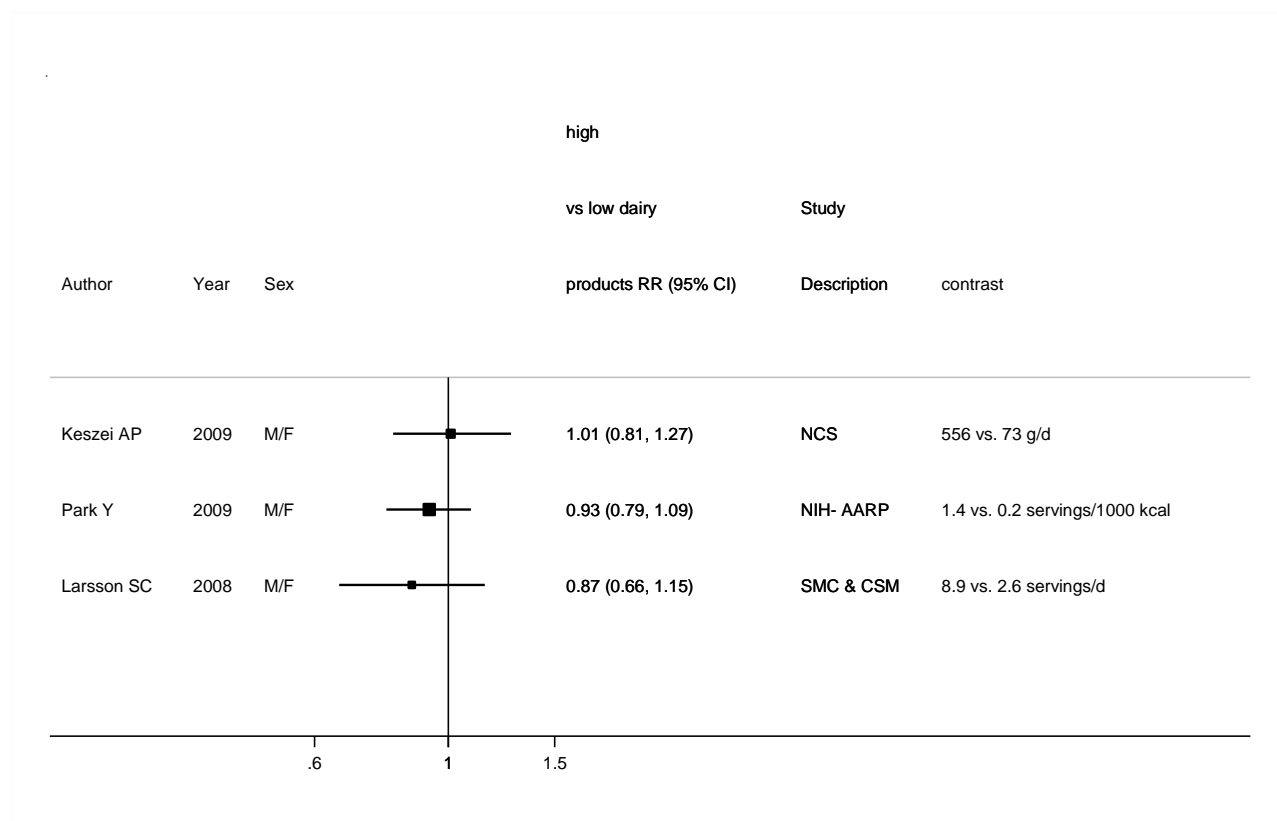


Figure 50 Dose-response meta-analysis of dairy products intake and bladder cancer, per 400g/day

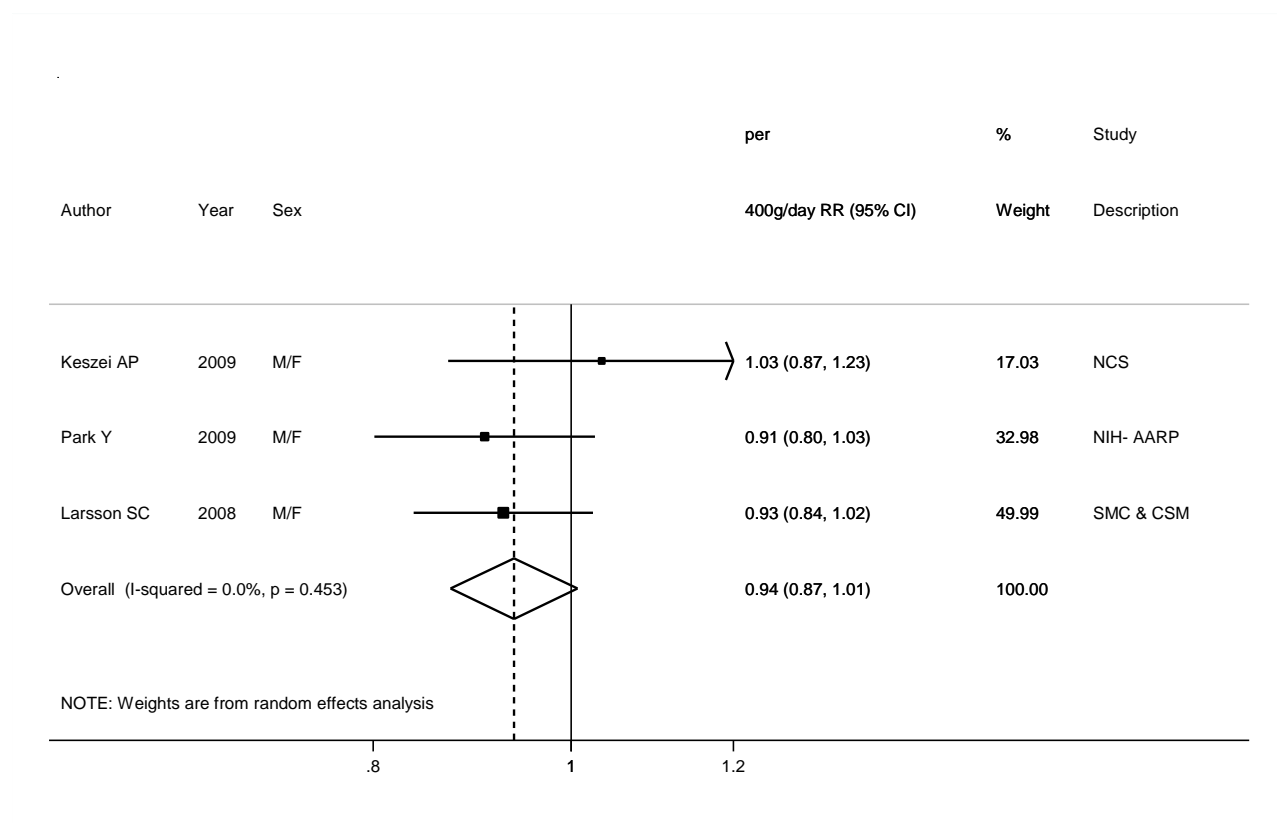
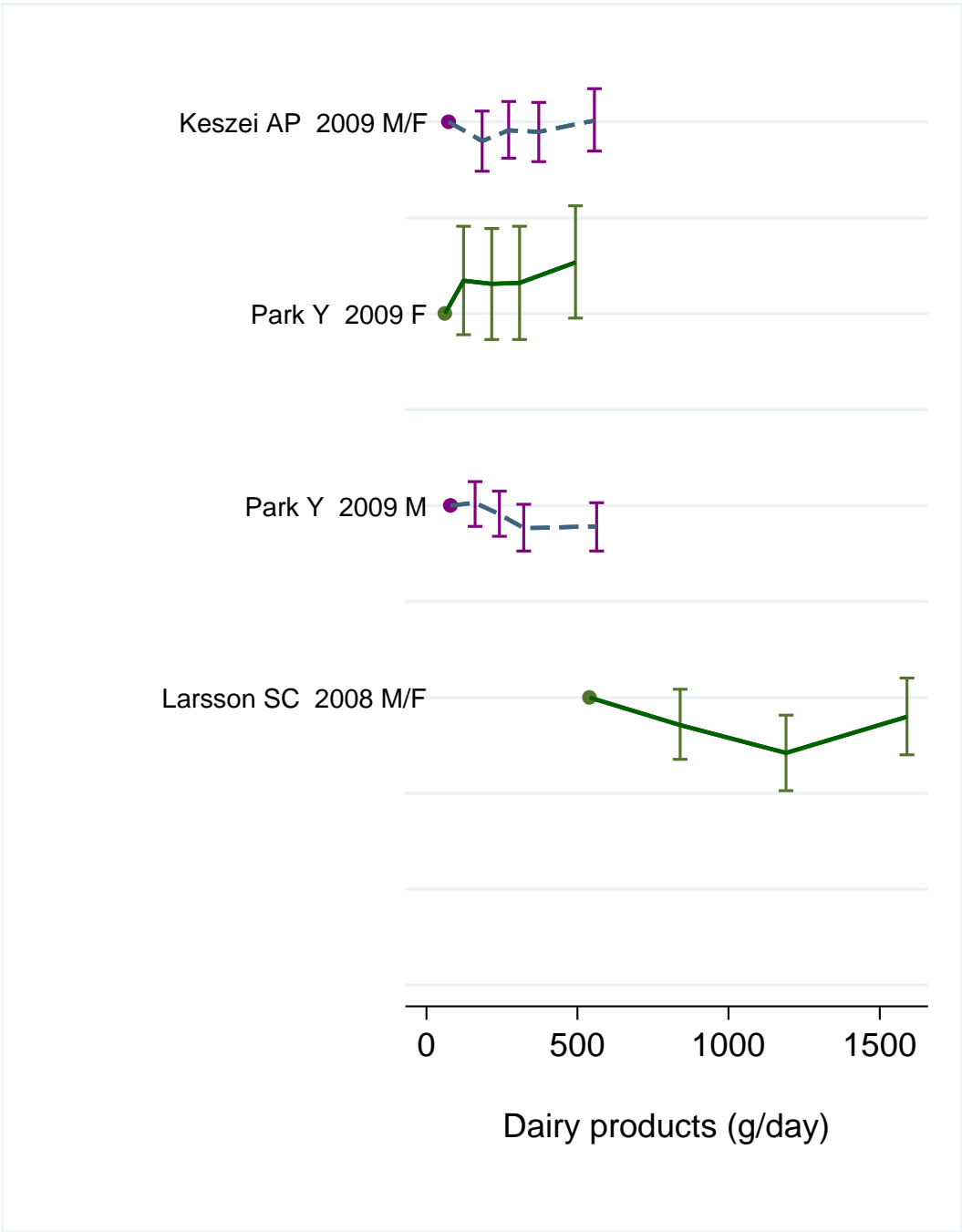


Figure 51 Dose-response graph of dairy intake and bladder cancer



2.7.1 Milk

Methods

Ten studies were identified from which five studies were identified during the CUP. One updated publication of the JACC study was also identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one serving/day. Studies reporting in millilitres of milk were converted to servings, using as conversion unit 200ml equivalent to one serving of milk. One study (Keszei AP, 2009) reported the intake of non-fermented milk products; the other studies reported the intake of milk and milk beverages.

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving of milk per day (200ml) was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.90-1.05, $I^2=38.8\%$, pheterogeneity=0.15, n=7). Egger's test of publication bias was not significant ($p=0.14$) but the funnel plot shows that the two smallest studies (in Asian populations) found stronger inverse relationships than the other studies. The summary RR per 100ml/day of milk was 0.99 (95% CI: 0.95-1.02, $I^2=38.8\%$, pheterogeneity=0.15, n=7). There was no evidence of non-linearity ($p=0.46$).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=38.8\%$, pheterogeneity=0.15.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating milk to bladder cancer was considered limited suggestive of a decrease risk.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A meta-analysis of 19 published case-control and cohort studies reported decreased risk of bladder cancer (OR= 0.84; 95% CI: 0.71-0.97) when comparing the highest with the lowest category of milk intake (Mao, 2011). When the analysis was restricted to the cohort studies the overall RR was 0.88 (0.76-1.0). A significant inverse association was observed in Asian (OR=0.60; 95% CI: 0.40-0.81) but not in North American (OR=0.89; 95% CI: 0.76-1.03), and European studies (OR=1.05; 95% CI: 0.85-1.26). Another meta-analysis including 14 cohort and case-control studies on milk (involving 4879 cases) and 6 studies on dairy products (3087 cases) found no significant association of bladder cancer with milk intake (RR= 0.89, 95% CI 0.77-1.02) and dairy products (RR= 0.95, 95% CI 0.71-1.27) (Li, 2011). An inverse association was detected in Japanese populations (RR= 0.56, 95% CI 0.40-0.80).

Table 52 Studies on milk intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|--------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| Ros MM, 2011 | Europe | EPIC | 513 | 9.3 years | M/F | 1.04 | 0.83 | 1.31 | Men ≥ 226 vs. <45 ml/d |

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|----------------------|-------------|--|------|---------------|-----|------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Women ≥203 vs. 27 ml/d |
| Keszei AP, 2009 | Netherlands | NCS | 1549 | 16.3 years | M/F | 1.08 | 0.86 | 1.39 | 436 vs. 27 g/d |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC study | 118 | 12 years | M | 0.67 | 0.40 | 1.11 | ≥5 vs. <3 servings/w |
| | | | | | F | 0.63 | 0.28 | 1.41 | |
| Larsson, 2008 (a) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.97 | 0.75 | 1.26 | ≥3.2 vs. <0.2 servings/d |

Table 53 Overall evidence on milk intake and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|---|
| 2005 SLR | 4 studies were included in the meta analysis. One study reported a protective effect of milk on bladder cancer mortality. |
| CUP | Five new cohort studies reported on milk intake and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 54 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of milk intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 4 | 7 |
| Cases (n) | 527 | 3013 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/day | Per 1 serving/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.82 (0.67-0.99) | 0.98 (0.90-1.05) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=57\%$, p=0.07 | $I^2=38.8\%$, p=0.15 |
| Stratified analysis | | |
| Men | | 0.93 (0.81-1.08) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=49.3\%$, p=0.12, n=4 |
| Women | | 0.90 (0.39-2.10) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=31.5\%$, p=0.23, n=2 |

Table 55 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of milk intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| BLA97177 | Ros MM | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Weighted average intake men and women. Conversion to servings/d | |
| BLA97172 | Keszei AP | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Conversion to servings/d | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. | |
| BLA97157 | Larsson SC | 2008(a) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA10545 | Sakauchi F | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) | M/F | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Superseded by Iso H, 2007 |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | No | No | Yes | | Insufficient data |
| BLA02841 | Michaud D | 1999 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | No | | Only reported continuous results |

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|----------|----------|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|--|
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. | |
| BLA01090 | Mills P | 1991 | Prospective cohort study | Adventists Health Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | Insufficient data. Only data on whole milk. |
| BLA01190 | Ursin G | 1990 | Prospective cohort study | Norwegian Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | Yes | | Insufficient data. Adjusted RR and confidence intervals available for male and included in the HvL forest plot |

Figure 52 Highest versus lowest forest plot of milk intake and bladder cancer

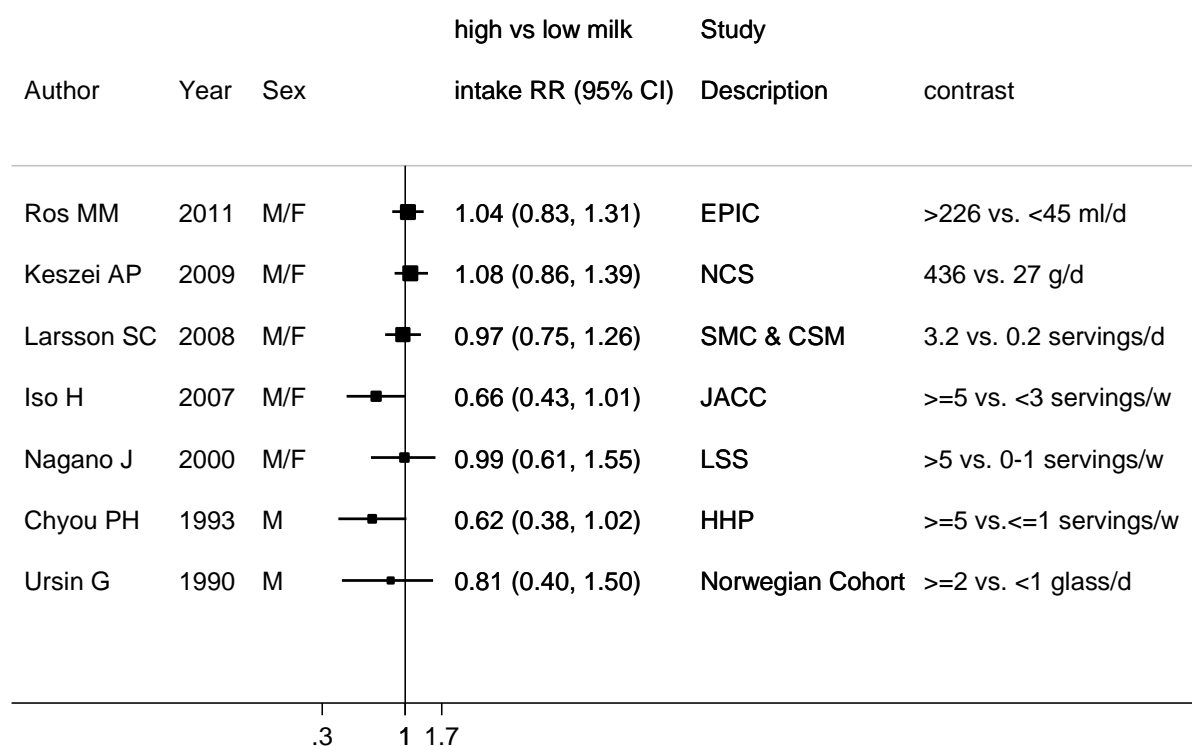


Figure 53 Dose-response meta-analysis of milk intake and bladder cancer, per 1serving/day

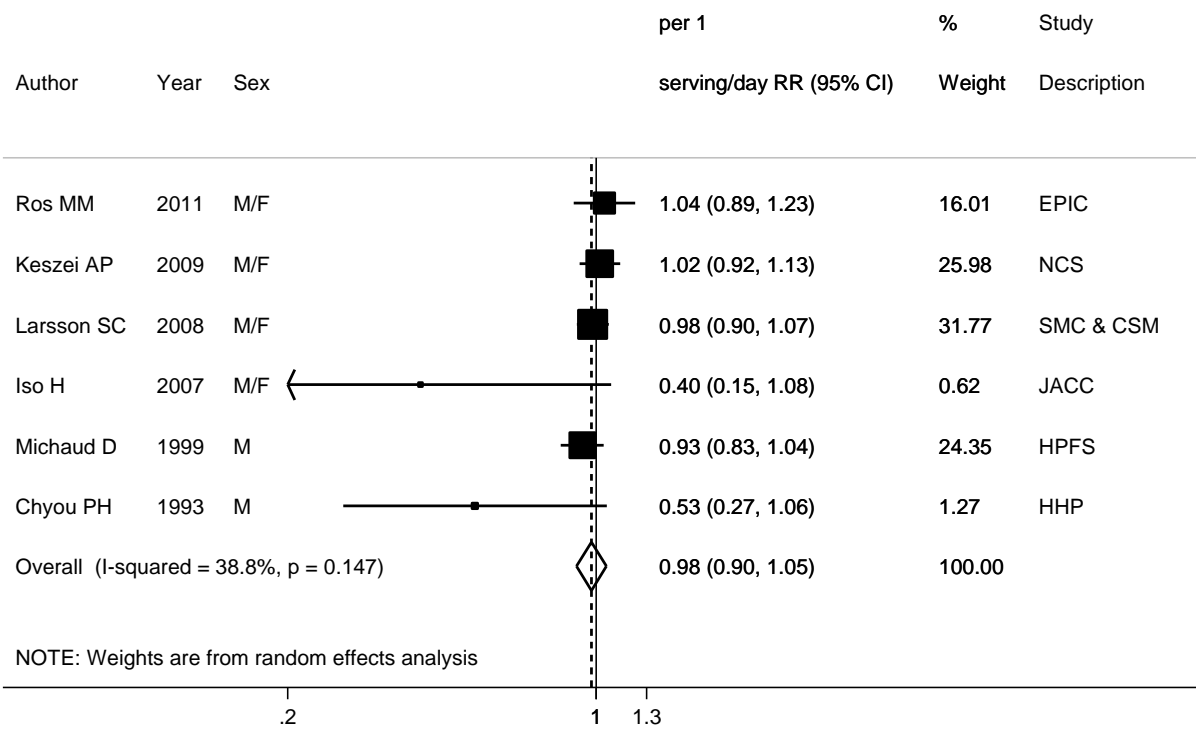
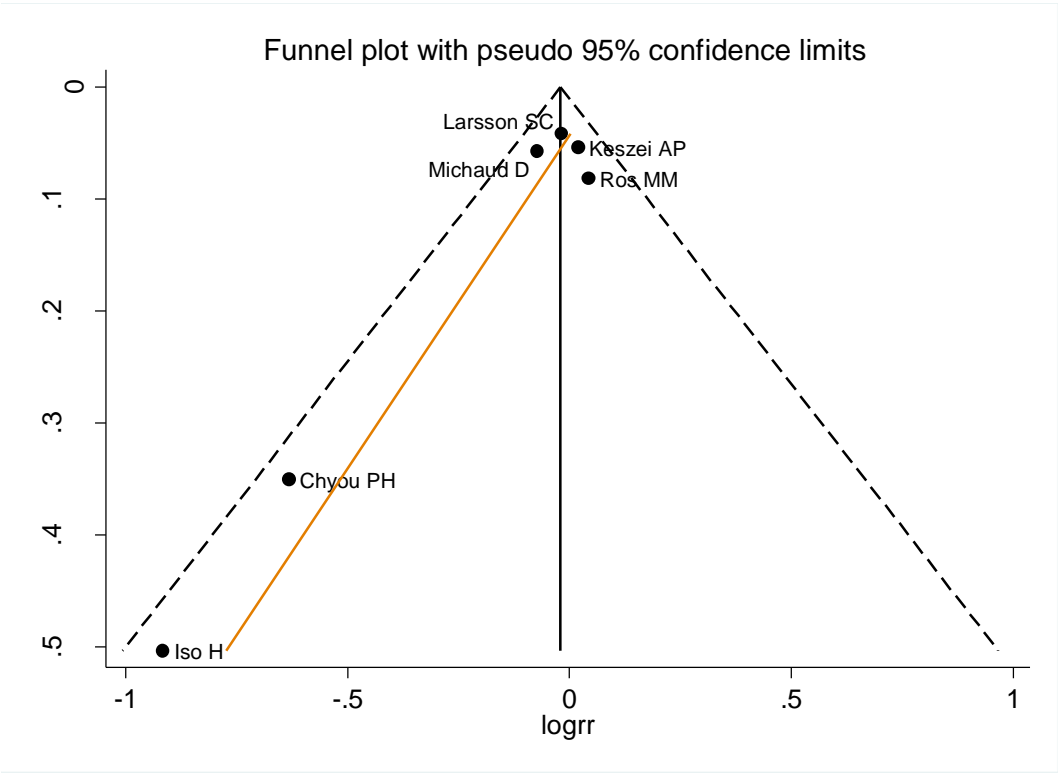


Figure 54 Funnel plot of milk intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.14$

Figure 55 Dose-response graph of milk intake and bladder cancer

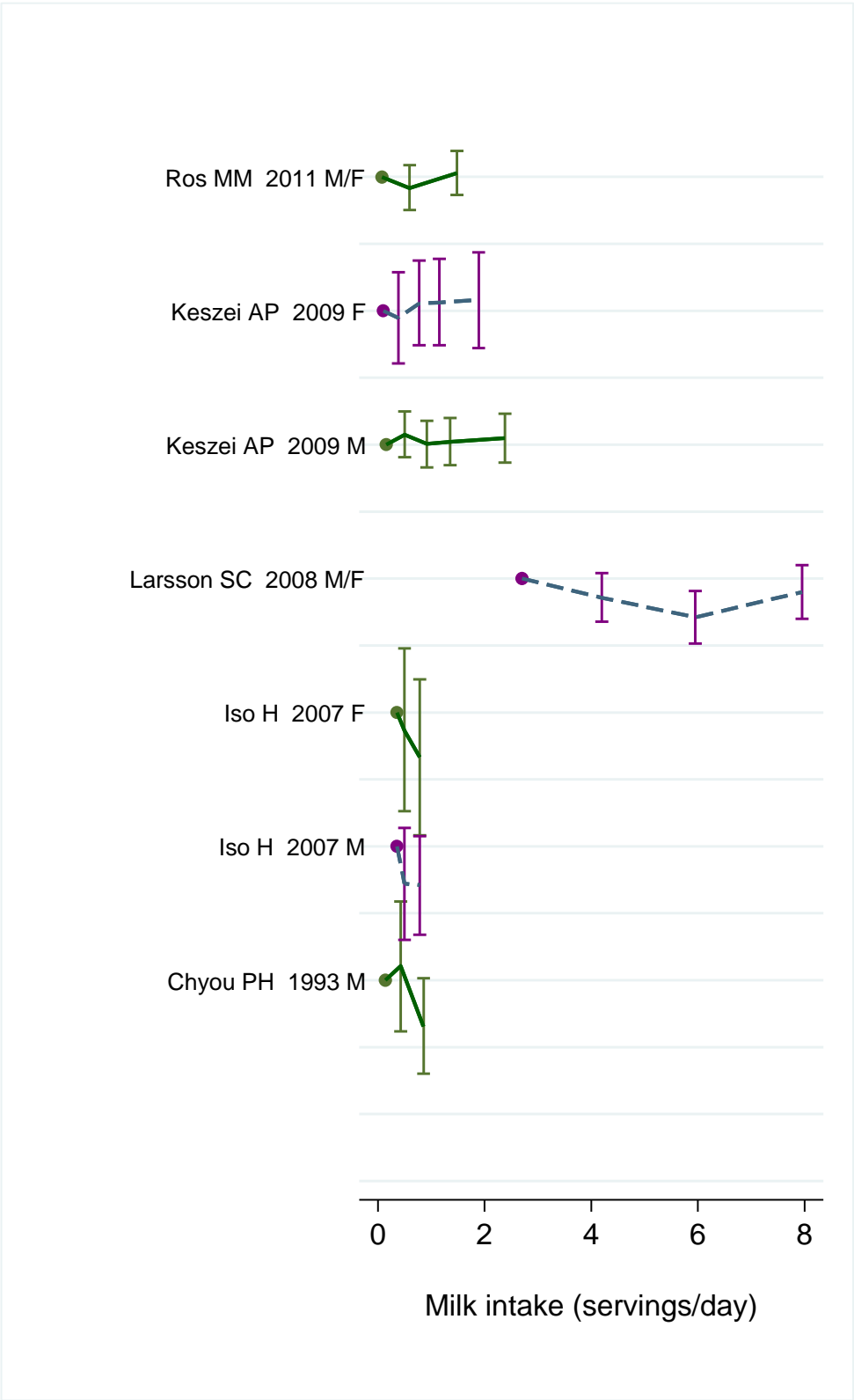
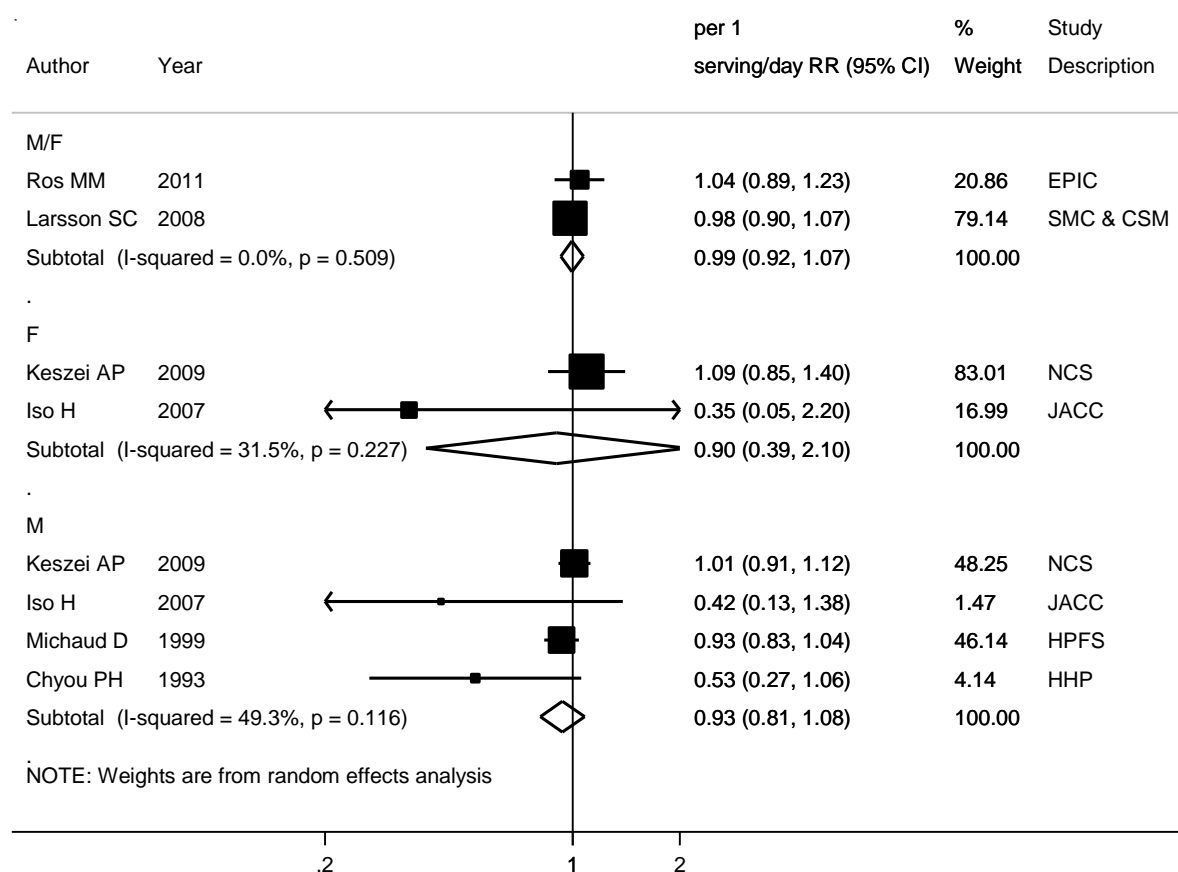


Figure 56 Dose-response meta-analysis of milk intake and bladder cancer, per 1serving/day, stratified by sex



2.7.2 Cheese

Methods

Five studies reported on cheese and bladder cancer (Keszei, 2009; Larsson, 2008a; Iso 2007; Mills, 1991). Four studies were identified in the CUP. One updated publication of the JACC study was also identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one serving/day. Studies reporting in grams per day were converted to servings, using as conversion unit 35g equivalent to one serving of cheese.

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving of cheese per day was 1.02 (95% CI: 0.88-1.18, $I^2=60.6\%$, pheterogeneity=0.08, n=4).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of high heterogeneity ($I^2=60.6\%$, pheterogeneity=0.08).

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the SLR two studies (Sakauchi, 2004; Mills, 1991) found a non-significant association between cheese and bladder cancer.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 56 Studies on cheese intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|------------------------|
| Keszei AP, 2010 | Netherlands | Netherlands Cohort Study | 1549 | 16.3 years | M/F | 1.19 | 0.93 | 1.52 | 56 vs. 1 g/d |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC study | 118 | 12 years | M | 0.26 | 0.04 | 1.88 | >3-4 vs. <1 servings/w |
| | | | | | F | 0.44 | 0.06 | 3.32 | |
| Larsson, 2008(a) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.78 | 0.58 | 1.07 | 6 vs. 1 servings/d |

Table 57 Overall evidence on cheese intake and bladder cancer

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| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | 2 studies were identified, only one study quantified the results. |
| CUP | Three new cohort studies reported on milk intake and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 58 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of cheese intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 4 |
| Cases (n) | | 2152 |
| Increment unit | | Per 1 serving/day |
| RR (95% CI) | | 1.02 (0.88-1.18) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=60.6\%$, $p=0.08$ |

*No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 59 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of cheese intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|--|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| BLA97172 | Keszei AP | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Conversion to servings/d | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/d | |
| BLA97157 | Larsson SC | 2008(a) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | - | |
| BLA10545 | Sakauchi F | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) | M/F | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Superseded by Iso H, 2007 |
| BLA01090 | Mills P | 1991 | Prospective cohort study | Adventists Health Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | Insufficient data |

Figure 57 Highest versus lowest forest plot of cheese intake and bladder cancer

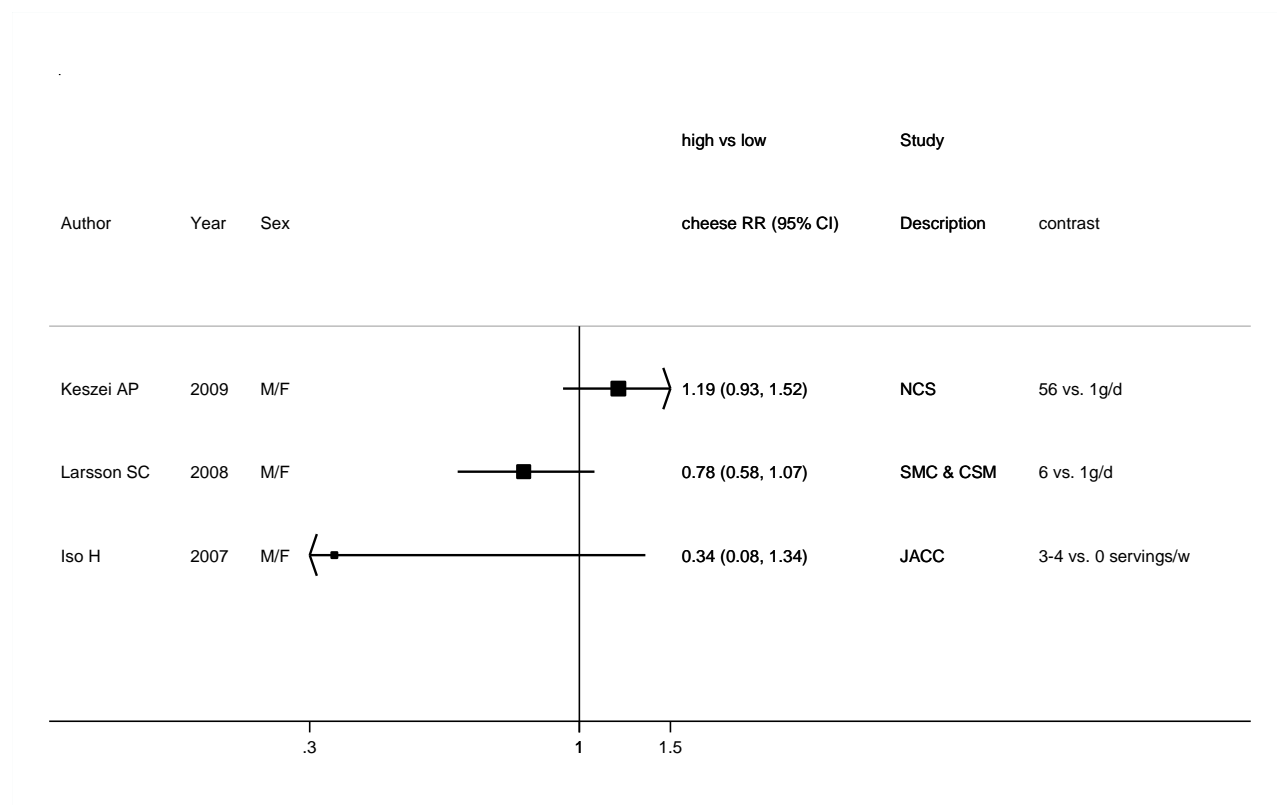


Figure 58 Dose-response meta-analysis of cheese intake and bladder cancer, per 1serving/day

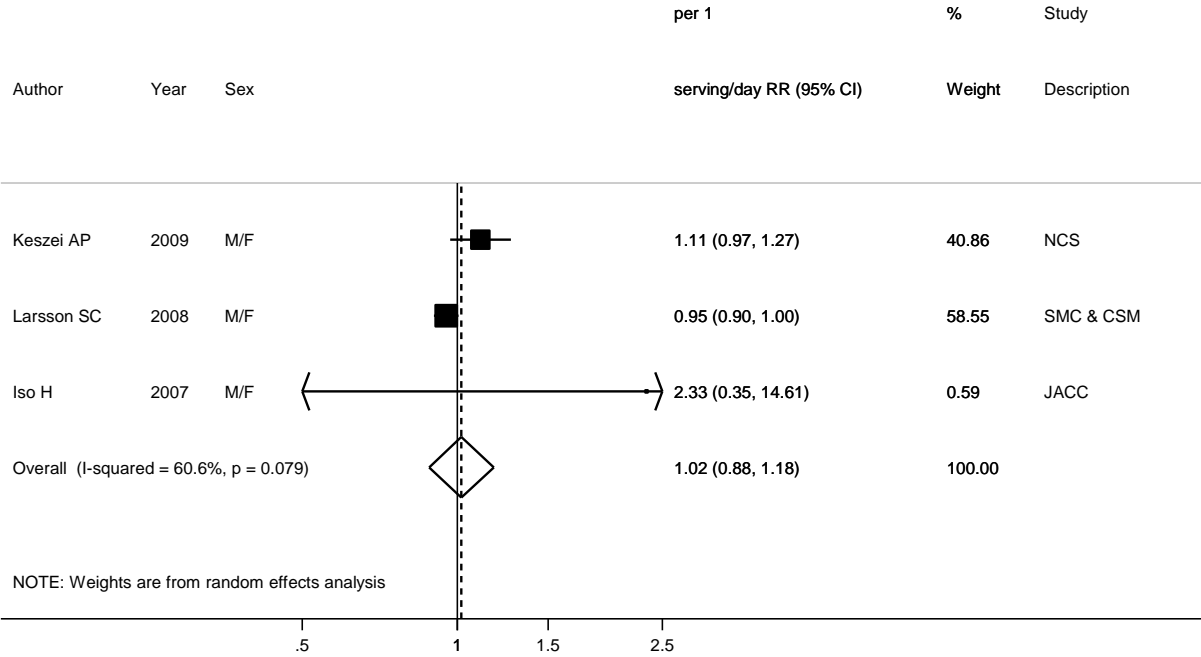
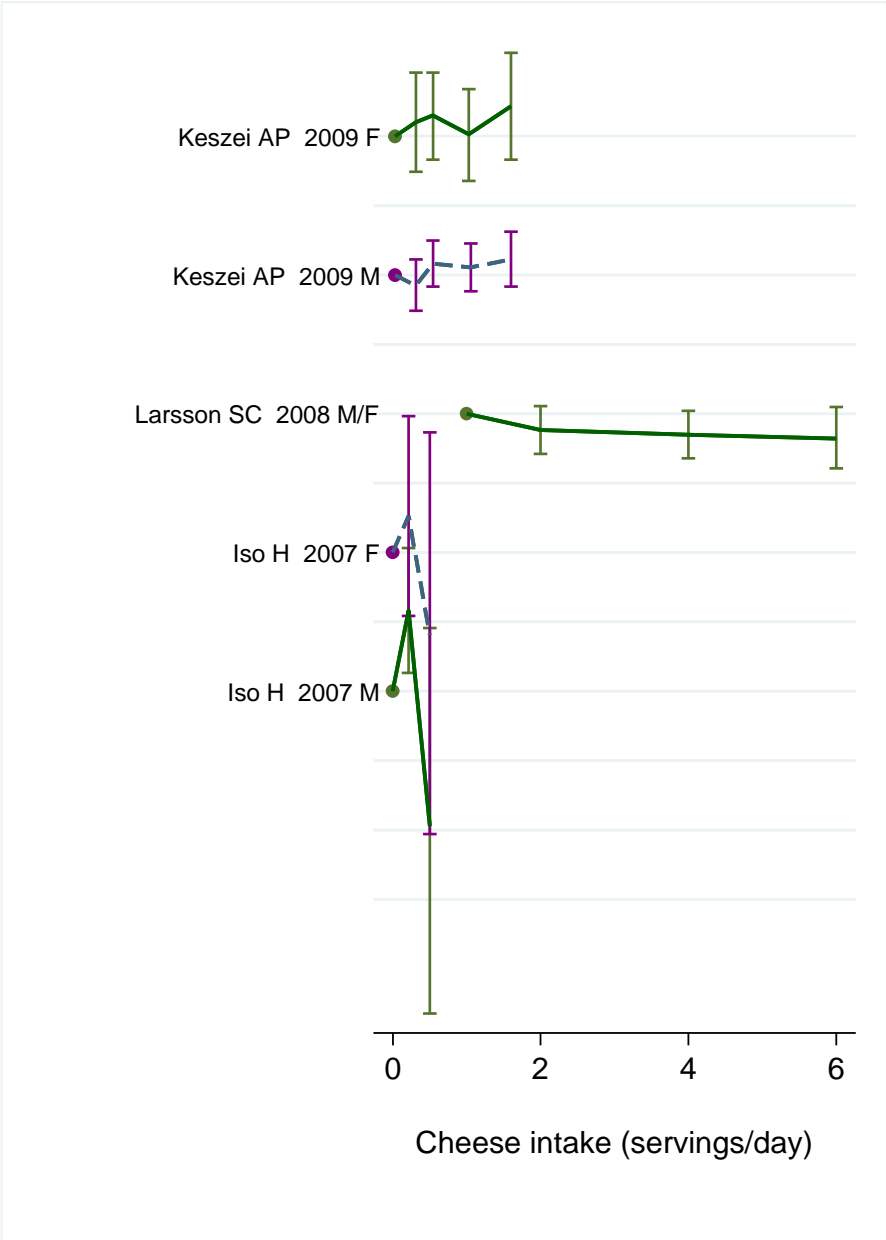


Figure 59 Dose-response graph of cheese intake and bladder cancer



2.7.3 Yoghurt and fermented milk products

Methods

Four studies (three articles) were on yoghurt and fermented milk products and bladder cancer (Keszei, 2009; Larsson, 2008a; Iso 2007). The three studies were identified during the CUP. One updated publication of the JACC study was also identified in the CUP. In this section were included studies that reported results on yoghurt, fermented milk products or cultured milk and bladder cancer risk. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one serving/day. Studies reporting in grams per day were converted to servings, using as conversion unit 200g equivalent to one serving of yoghurt.

Main results

The summary RR per 1 serving of yoghurt and fermented milk products per day was 0.93 (95% CI: 0.75-1.17, $I^2=66.0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.05, n=4).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of high heterogeneity ($I^2=61.5\%$, pheterogeneity=0.07).

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR there was only one cohort study (Sakauchi, 2004) on yoghurt and bladder cancer.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 60 Studies on yoghurt and fermented milk products intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-------------------------------|
| Keszei AP, 2009 | Netherlands | Netherlands Cohort Study | 1549 | 16.3 years | M/F | 0.97 | 0.79 | 1.19 | 248 vs. 0 g/d |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC study | 118 | 12 years | M | 0.36 | 0.05 | 2.65 | ≥ 5 vs. < 3 servings/w |
| | | | | | F | 0.60 | 0.08 | 4.49 | |
| Larsson, 2008(a) | Sweden | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | 485 | 9.4 years | M/F | 0.62 | 0.46 | 0.85 | 2 vs. 0 servings/d |

Table 61 Overall evidence on yoghurt and fermented milk products and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | One study was identified and found non-significant association between yoghurt and bladder cancer. |

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| CUP | Four new cohort studies reported on yoghurt and fermented products and bladder cancer, three showed a non-significant association and one showed a protective effect. |
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Table 62 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of yoghurt and fermented milk products and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 4 |
| Cases (n) | | 2152 |
| Increment unit | | Per 1 serving/day |
| RR (95% CI) | | 0.93 (0.75-1.17) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=66.0\%$, $p=0.05$ |

* No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 63 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of yoghurt and fermented milk products and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|--|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| BLA97172 | Keszei AP | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Conversion to servings/d | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to servings/d | |
| BLA97157 | Larsson SC | 2008(a) | Prospective cohort study | Swedish Mammography Cohort and Cohort of Swedish men | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA10545 | Sakauchi F | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC) | M/F | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Superseded by Iso H, 2007 |

Figure 60 Highest versus lowest forest plot of yoghurt and fermented milk products and bladder cancer

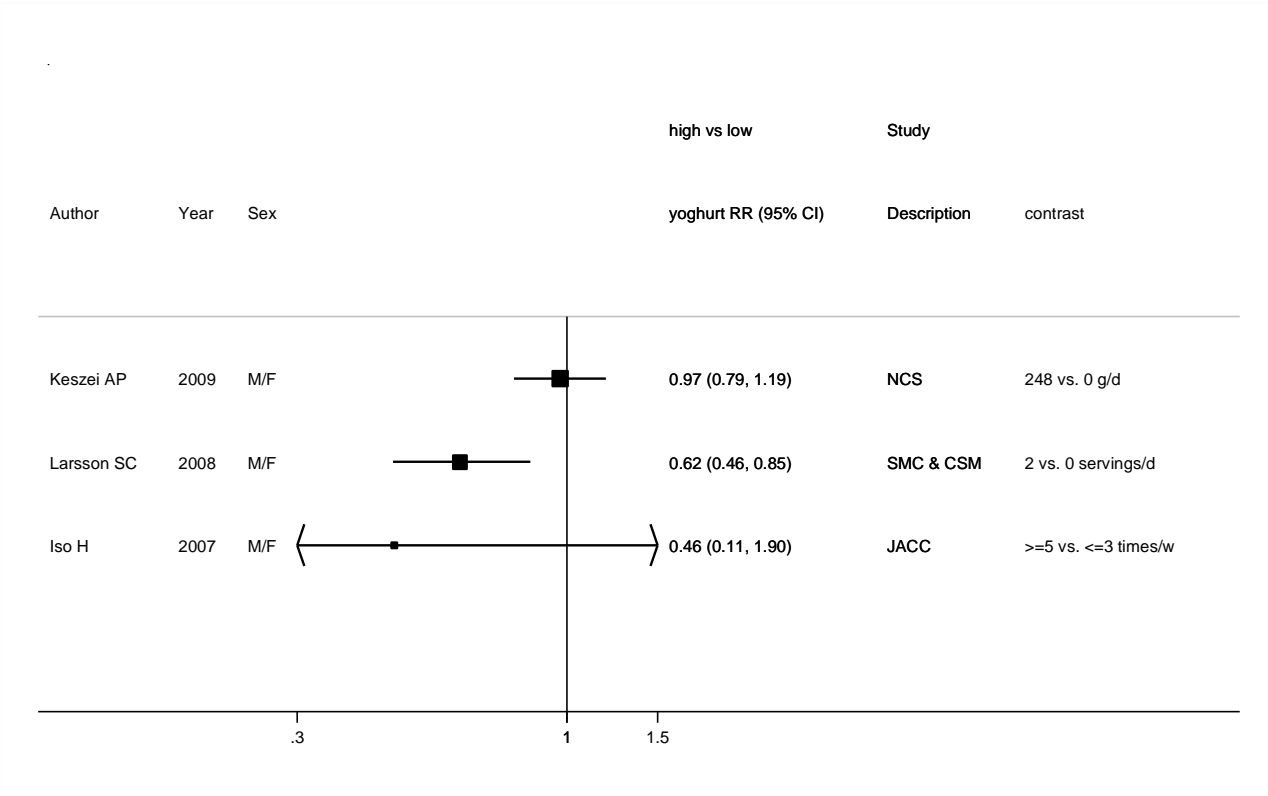


Figure 61 Dose-response meta-analysis of yoghurt and fermented milk products and bladder cancer, per 1serving/day

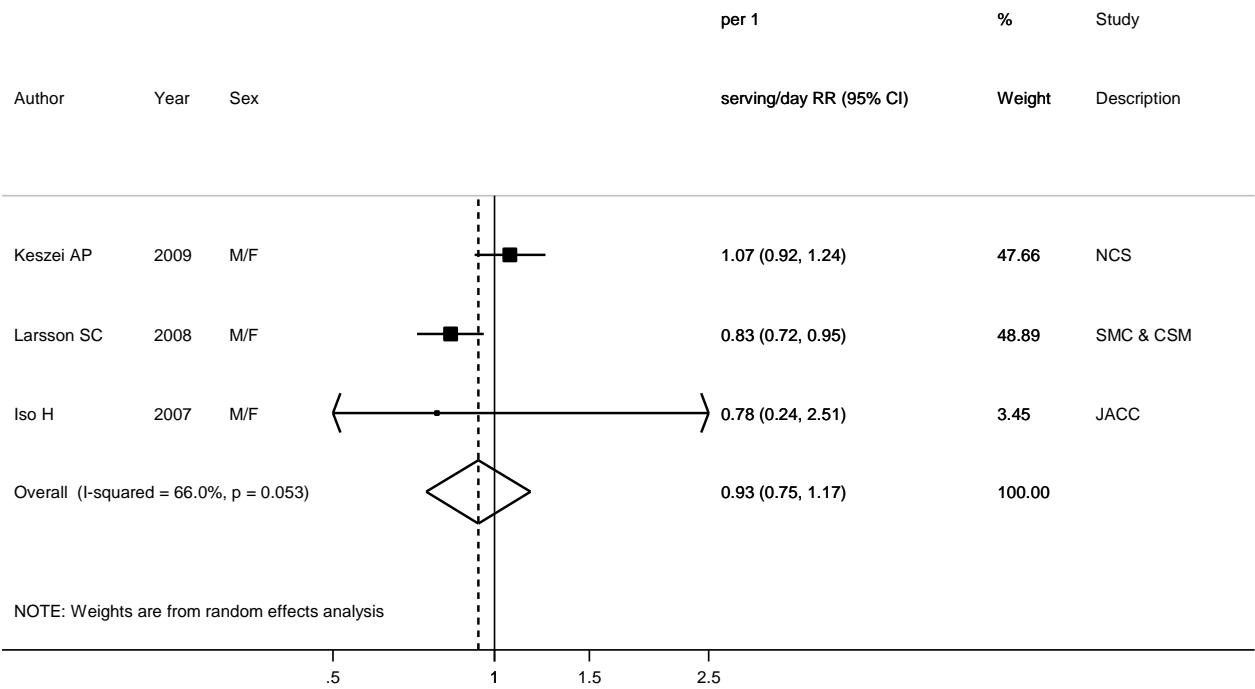
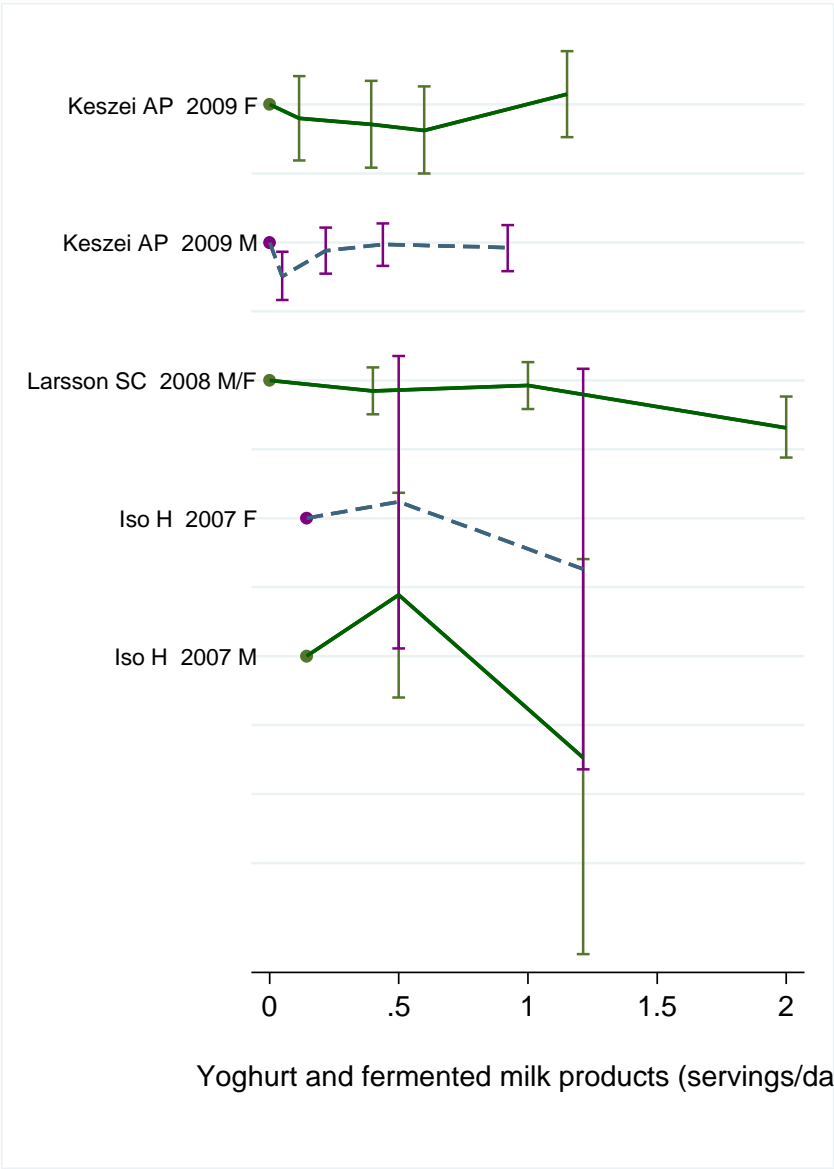


Figure 62 Dose-response graph of yoghurt and fermented milk products and bladder cancer



3 Beverages

3.1 Total fluid intake

Methods

Five studies from six articles were identified. Two studies were identified during the CUP, one was new and another was an updated publication of the HPFS.

Main results

The summary RR per 1000 ml per day was 1.04 (95% CI: 0.96-1.12, $I^2=52.3\%$, pheterogeneity=0.12, n=3).

There was not enough data to do analyses stratified by smoking status. Two studies stratified by smoking status (Ros, 2011; Zhou, 2012) and found a non-significant association.

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=52.3\%$, pheterogeneity=0.12.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the overall result of the meta-analysis showed a non-significant association between fluid intake and bladder cancer, the conclusion was limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 64 Studies on total fluid intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|--------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|--|
| Ros MM, 2011 | Europe | EPIC | 513 | 9.3 years | M/F | 1.12 | 0.86 | 1.45 | Men ≥ 2425 vs. <1735 ml/d Women ≥ 2046 vs. <1438 ml/d |
| | | | | | | 1.01 | 1.0 | 1.02 | Per 100ml |
| Zhou J, 2012 | USA | HPFS | 823 | 22 years | M | 1.02 | 0.79 | 1.32 | >2531 vs. <1290 ml/d |

Table 65 Overall evidence on fluid intake and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|--|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | 3 cohort studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non- |

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| | significant association between fluid intake and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Two studies reported on fluid intake and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

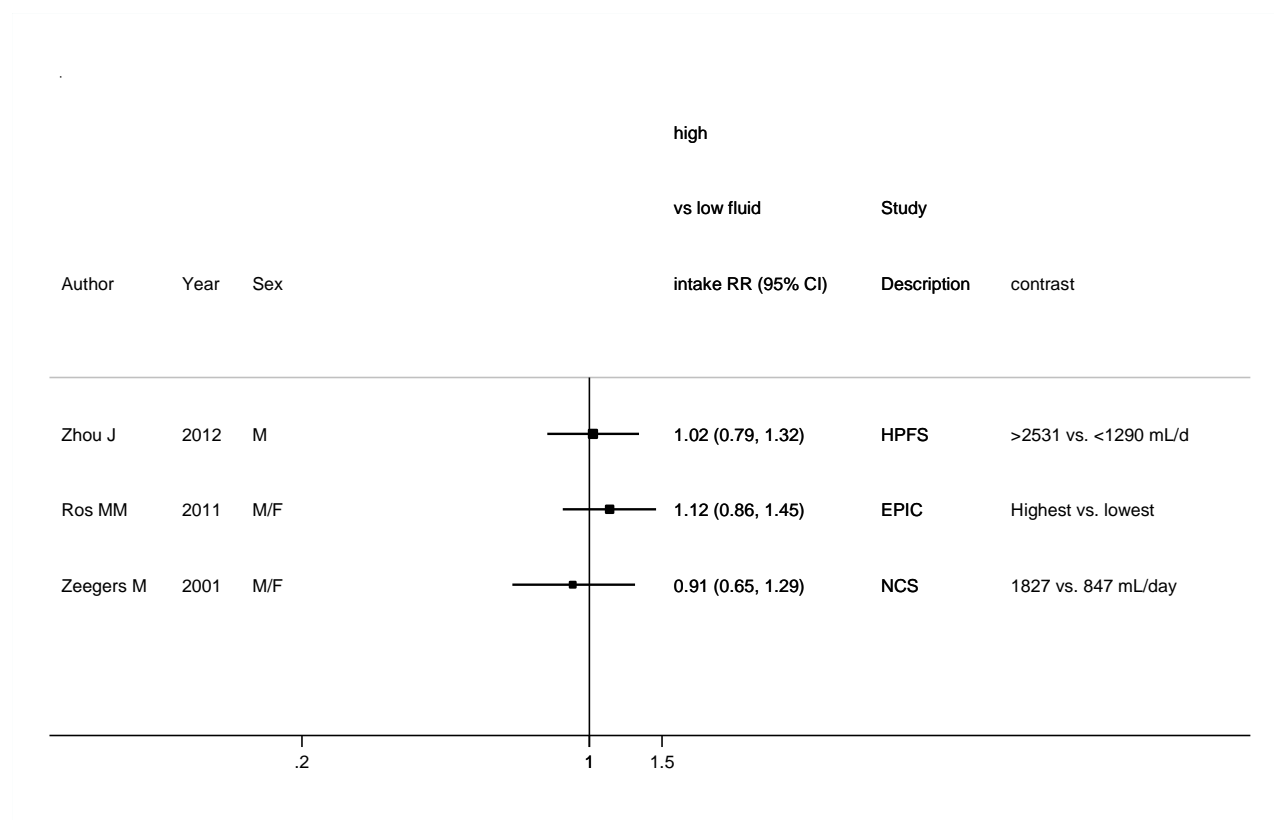
Table 66 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of fluid intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 3 | 3 |
| Cases (n) | 1101 | 1905 |
| Increment unit | Per litre/day | Per 1000ml/d |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.86 (0.68-1.08) | 1.04 (0.96-1.12) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=49.9\%$, p=0.14 | 52.3%, p=0.12 |

Table 67 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of fluid intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| BLA97184 | Zhou J, | 2012 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97177 | Ros MM | 2011 | | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Weighted average intake range for men and women. | |
| BLA00367 | Zeegers M | 2001 | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |
| BLA10670 | Michaud D | 2004 | Prospective cohort study | ATBC Study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | Only results stratified by toenail arsenic level |
| BLA02841 | Michaud D | 1999(b) | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Superseded by Zhou 2012 |
| BLA01090 | Mills P | 1991 | Prospective cohort study | California Seventh-Day Adventists 1976-1982 | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | Insufficient data. |

Figure 63 Highest versus lowest forest plot of fluid intake and bladder cancer



For Ros MM, 2011 the contrast was ≥ 2425 vs. < 1735 ml/d for men and ≥ 2046 vs. < 1438 ml/d for women.

Figure 64 Dose-response meta-analysis of fluid intake and bladder cancer, per 1000ml/day

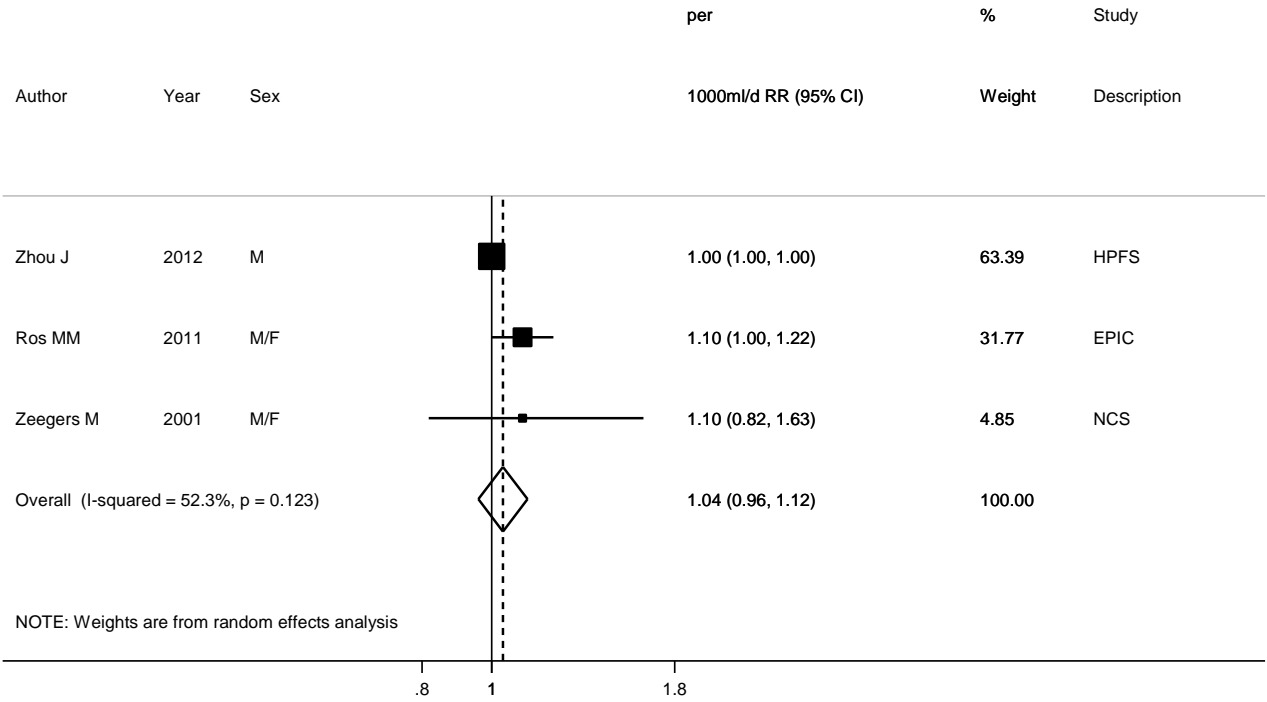
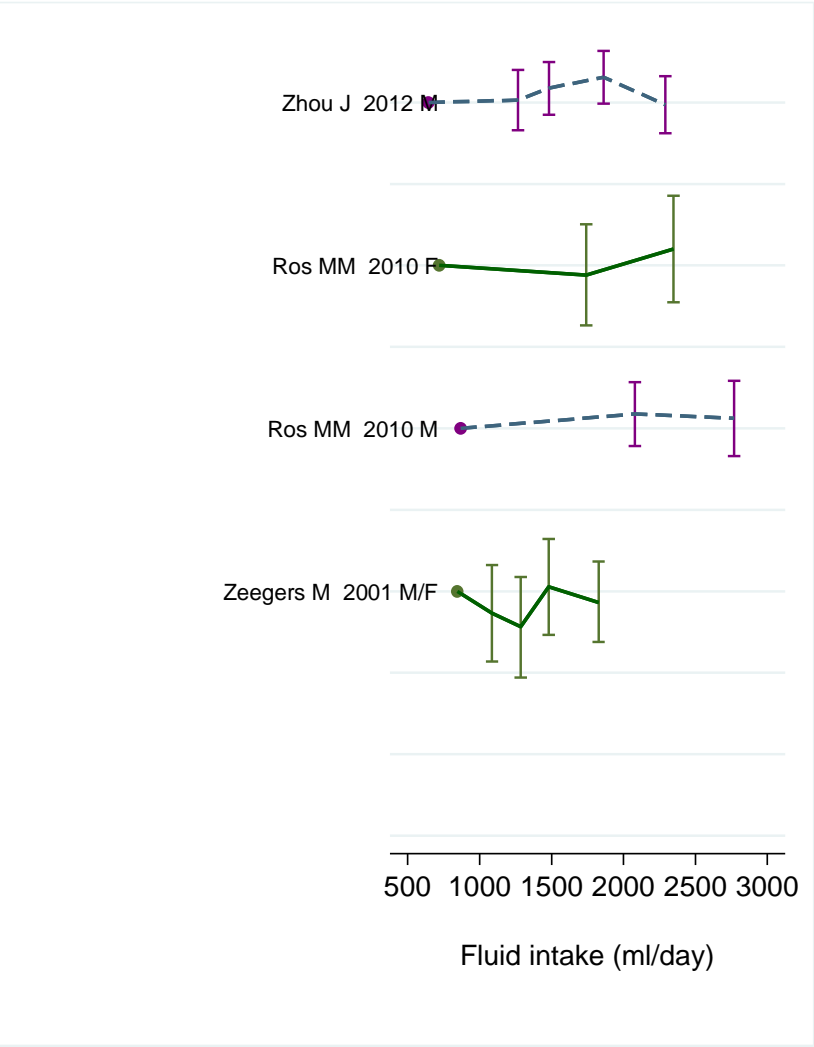


Figure 65 Dose-response graph of fluid intake and bladder cancer



3.6.1 Coffee

Methods

15 articles from 14 studies were identified; three were identified in the CUP. One updated publication of the JACC study was also identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one cup/day. Studies reporting in ml of coffee were converted to cups of coffee, using as conversion unit 200ml equivalent to 1 cup of coffee.

One study was on cancers of the lower urinary tract -70 bladder cancer cases out of 83 cases- (Chyou, 1993). All except four studies (Iso, 2007; Tripathi, 2002; Stenvold, 1994; Snowdon, 1984) adjusted the results by smoking status or smoking duration and dose.

Main results

The summary RR per 1 cup of coffee per day was 1.02 (95% CI: 0.97-1.06, $I^2=34.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.13, n=11).

There was no significant evidence of publication bias with Egger's test, $p=0.09$. Visual inspection of the funnel plot shows that the three smaller studies reported positive associations and that no small study showing negative association was identified. After excluding the two studies with mortality as outcome, the RR was 1.02 (95% CI: 0.98-1.06, $I^2=16.4\%$, pheterogeneity=0.30, n=9).

There was not enough data to do analyses stratified by smoking status. Three studies stratified the analyses by smoking status (Ros, 2010; Kurahashi, 2009; Mills, 1991). In two studies a non-significant association was observed in all strata of smoking status (Ros, 2010; Mills, 1991). In the Japan Public Health Center-based Prospective Study (JPHC, Kurahashi, 2009), coffee consumption was associated with an increased risk of bladder cancer in never- or former-smoking men, with hazard ratios in the highest categories of coffee (one or more cups per day) compared to almost none of 2.24 (95% CI: 1.21–4.16). A non-significant association was observed in smokers. After stratification by sex, the RR per 1 cup of coffee per day was 1.02 (95% CI: 0.98-1.06, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.57, n=5) for men and 0.95 (95% CI: 0.82-1.11, $I^2=76.2\%$, pheterogeneity=0.006, n=4) for women. There was no evidence of non-linearity ($p=0.90$).

Heterogeneity

There was a moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=34.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.13.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating coffee to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A meta-analysis of 23 case-control studies with 7690 cases and 13,507 controls, and 5 cohort studies with 700 cases and 229,099 participants showed a non-significant association between coffee consumption and bladder cancer in cohort studies. The highest versus lowest RR for cohort studies was 1.01(95%CI: 0.69–1.48, 4 vs. 1 cup/day) (Zhou, 2012).

In a meta-analysis of 4 cohort studies the RRs for an increment of 1 cup/day of coffee were 1.04 (95% CI: 1.00–1.09) in men and 0.83 (95% CI: 0.72–0.96) in women (Pelucchi, 2009).

Table 68 Studies on coffee identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|--|
| Ros MM, 2011 | Europe | EPIC | 513 | 9.3 years | M/F | 1.11 | 0.85 | 1.43 | Men ≥ 875 vs. < 429 ml/d Women ≥ 500 vs. < 250 ml/d |
| Kurahashi N, 2009 | Japan | JPHC study | 206 | 12.6 years | M | 1.37 | 0.75 | 2.51 | ≥ 3 cups/day vs. almost none |
| | | | | | F | 0.55 | 0.23 | 1.33 | ≥ 1 cups/day vs. almost none |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC study | 127 | 12 years | M | 1.02 | 0.59 | 1.76 | ≥ 2 /day vs. ≤ 1 -2/m |
| | | | | | F | 0.56 | 0.21 | 1.50 | |

Table 69 Overall evidence on coffee and bladder cancer

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|----------|--|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | 8 cohort studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between coffee and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Three cohort studies reported on coffee and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 70 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of coffee and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 8 | 11 |
| Cases (n) | 1225 | 2098 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 cup/day | Per 1 cup/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 1.01 (0.96-1.07) | 1.02 (0.97-1.06) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=27.1\%$, $p=0.21$ | $I^2=34.1\%$, $p=0.13$, $n=11$ |
| Stratified analysis | | |
| Men | | 1.02 (0.98-1.06) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=0\%$, $p=0.57$, $n=5$ |
| Women | | 0.95 (0.82-1.11) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=76.2\%$, $p<0.01$, $n=4$ |

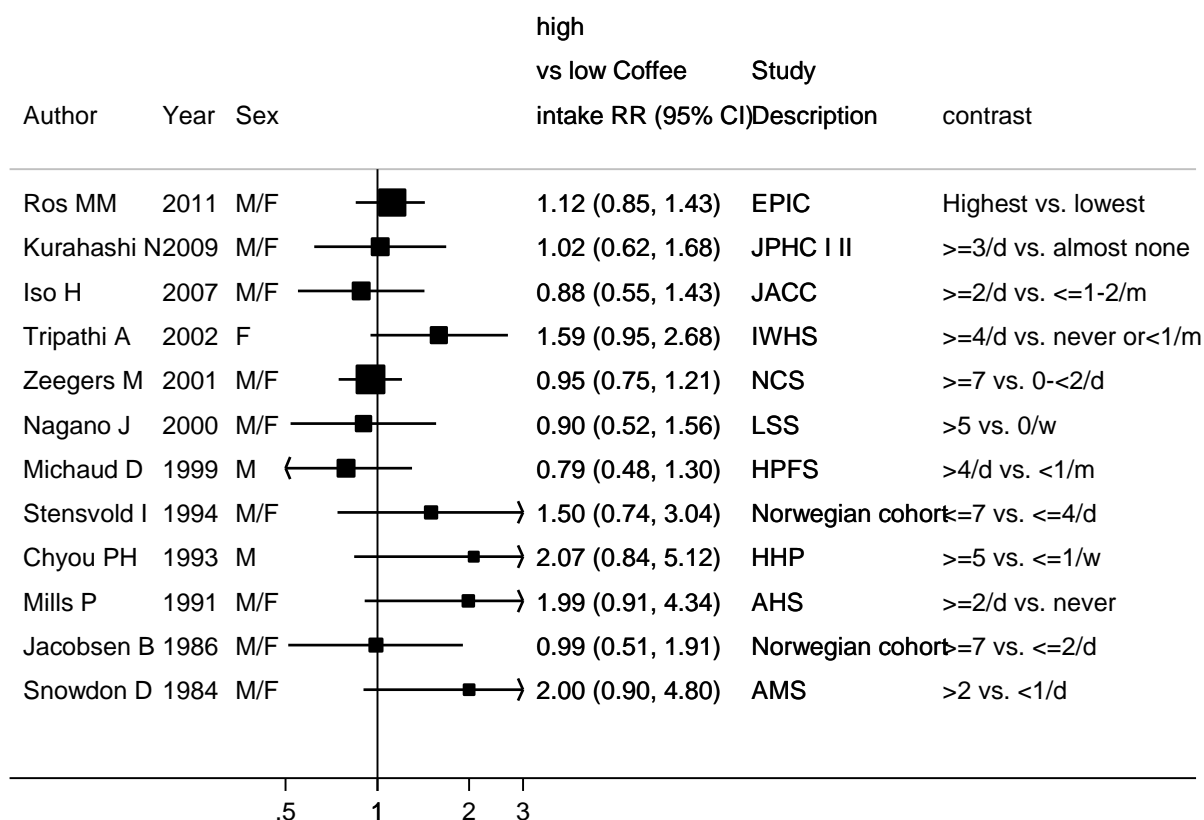
Table 71 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of coffee and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-------------|----------|--------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| BLA97177 | Ros MM | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Weighted average intake range for men and women. Conversion ml to cups/d | |
| BLA97171 | Kurahashi N | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | The Japan Public Health Center-based Prospective Study (JPHC study) | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion cups/week to cups/day | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion cups/week to cups/day | |
| BLA00182 | Tripathi A | 2002 | Prospective cohort study | Iowa Women's Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Convert to cups/day | |
| BLA00367 | Zeegers M | 2001 (a) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | |
| BLA02841 | Michaud D | 1999(b) | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | |
| BLA03167 | Zheng W | 1996 | Prospective | Iowa Women's | F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | Superseded |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|------|--------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|
| | | | cohort study | Health Study | | | | | | | by Tripathi A, 2002 |
| BLA00671 | Stensvold I | 1994 | Prospective cohort study | Cardiovascular Screening Programme Norway | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Confidence intervals. Midpoints | |
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | |
| BLA01090 | Mills P | 1991 | Prospective cohort study | California Seventh-Day Adventists 1976-1982 | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | |
| BLA01525 | Jacobsen B | 1986 | Prospective cohort study | 2cohorts of Norwegian men + spouses/siblings participants in CC study | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | Yes | Confidence intervals | |
| BLA01645 | Whittemore A | 1985 | Prospective cohort study | Follow up of male students from Harvard and female students from Pennsylvania University | M/F | Incidence | No | No | No | | Referred in the text that coffee was not associated with bladder cancer before or after adjusting for smoking |
| BLA10322 | Snowdon D | 1984 | Prospective cohort study | Adventists Mortality study 1960-1980 | M/F | Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA01645 | Whittemore A | 1984 | Prospective cohort study | Follow up of male students from Harvard | M/F | Incidence | No | No | No | | Insufficient data. Referred in |

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| | | | | and female students from Pennsylvania | | | | | | | the text that coffee was not associated with bladder cancer before or after adjusting for smoking |
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Figure 66 Highest versus lowest forest plot of coffee and bladder cancer



For Ros MM, 2011 the contrast was ≥ 875 vs. <429 ml/d for men and ≥ 500 vs. <250 ml/d for women.

Figure 67 Dose-response meta-analysis of coffee and bladder cancer, per 1cup/day

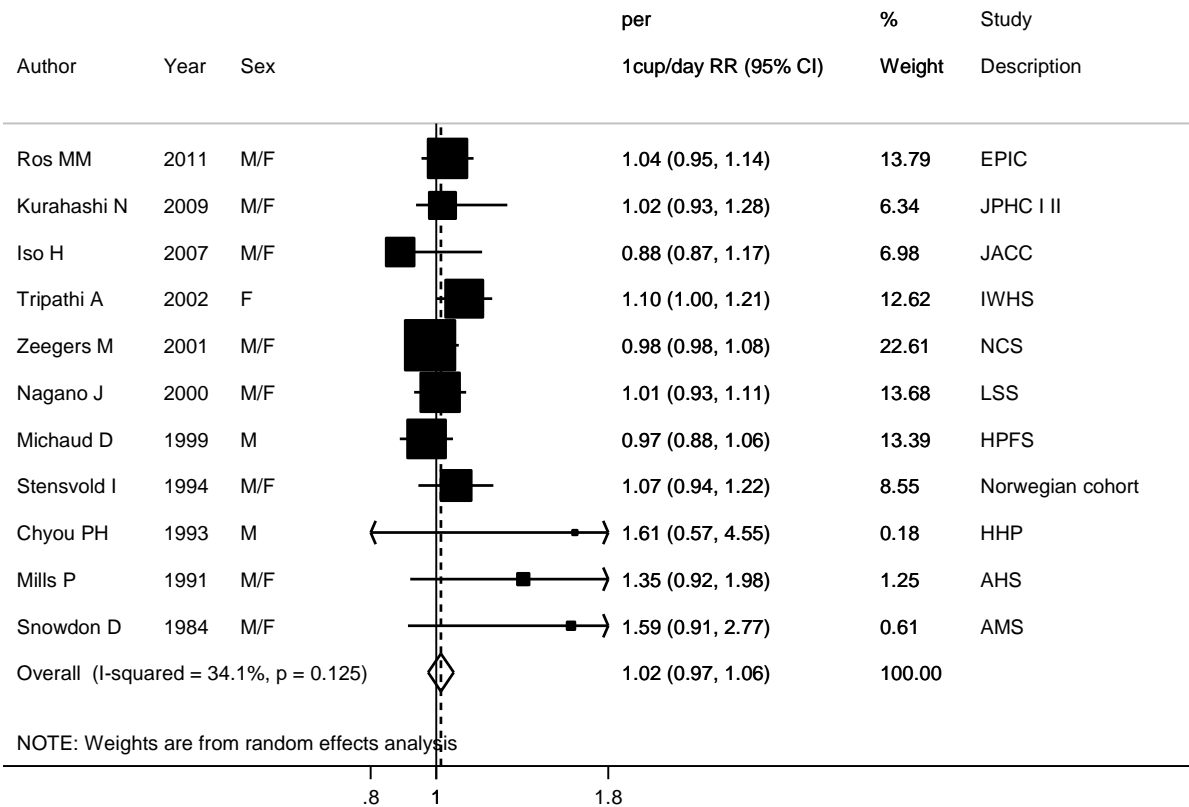
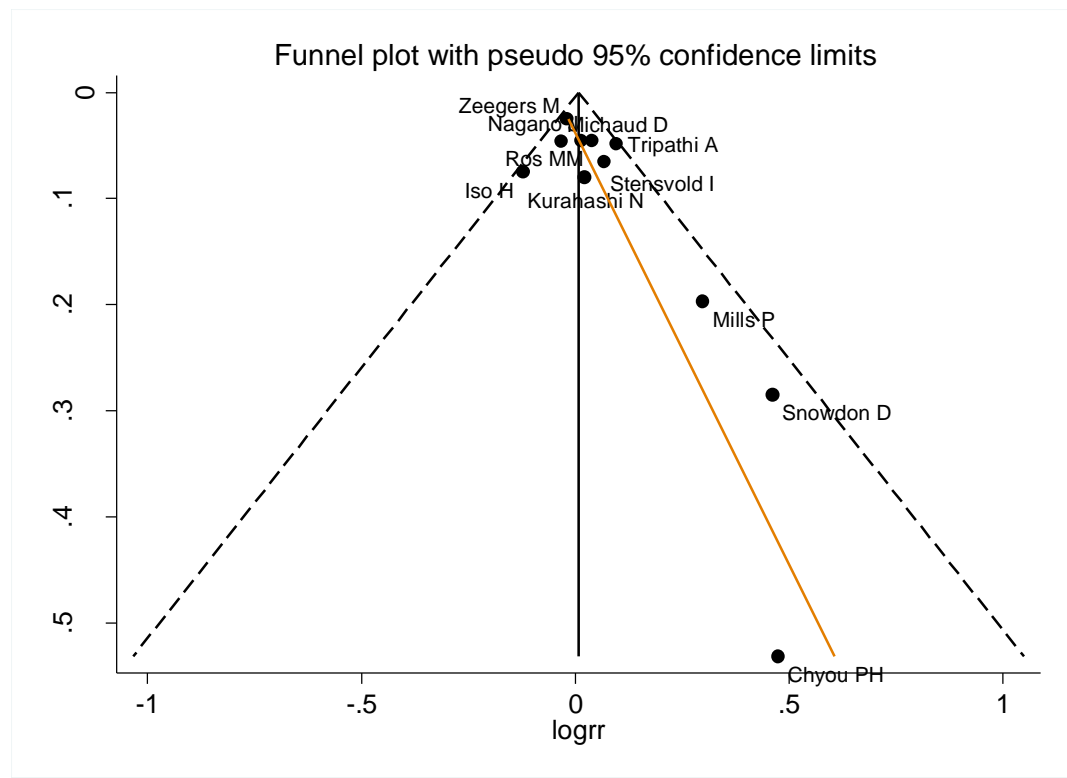


Figure 68 Funnel plot of coffee intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.09$

Figure 69 Dose-response graph of coffee and bladder cancer

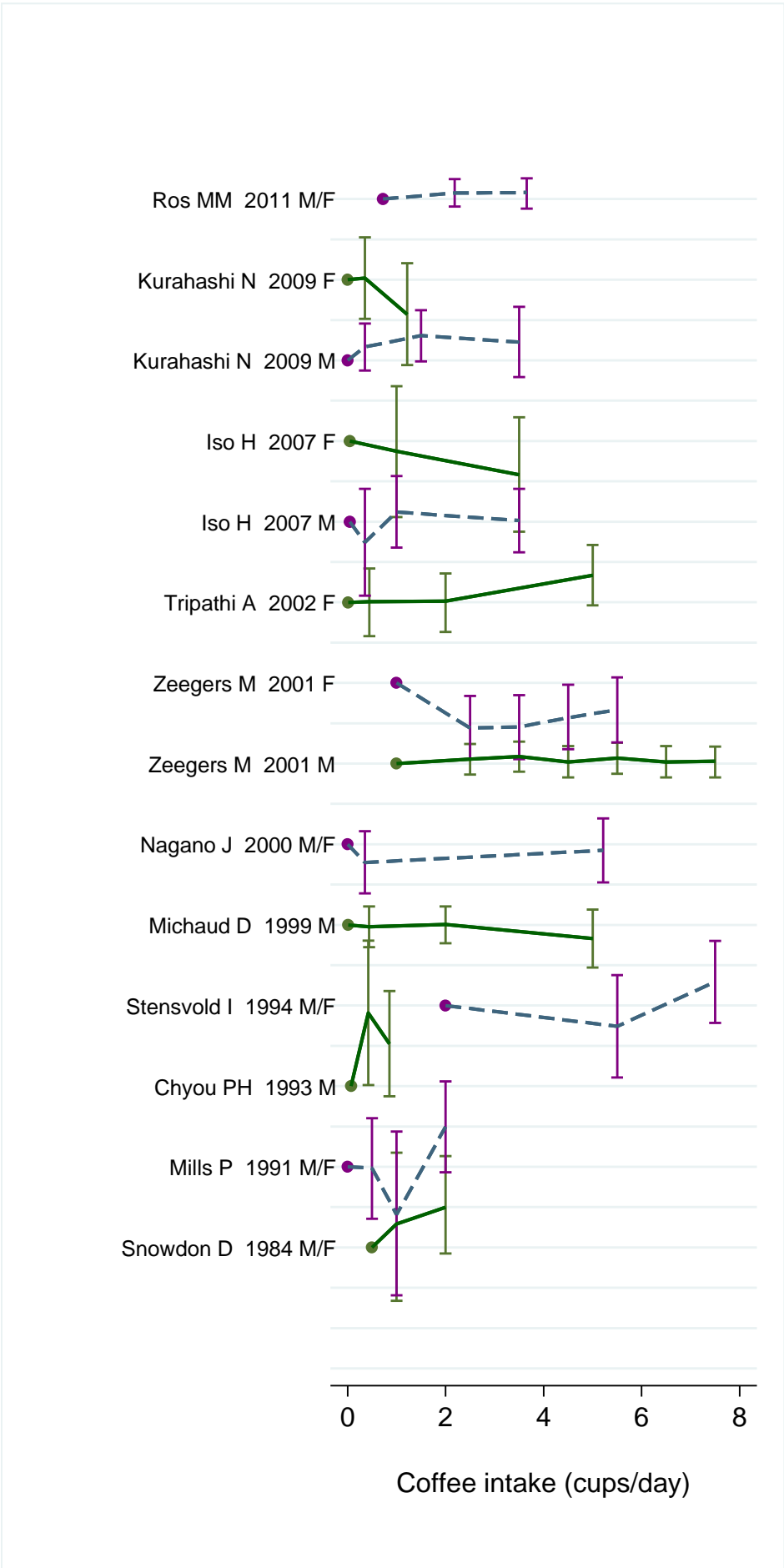
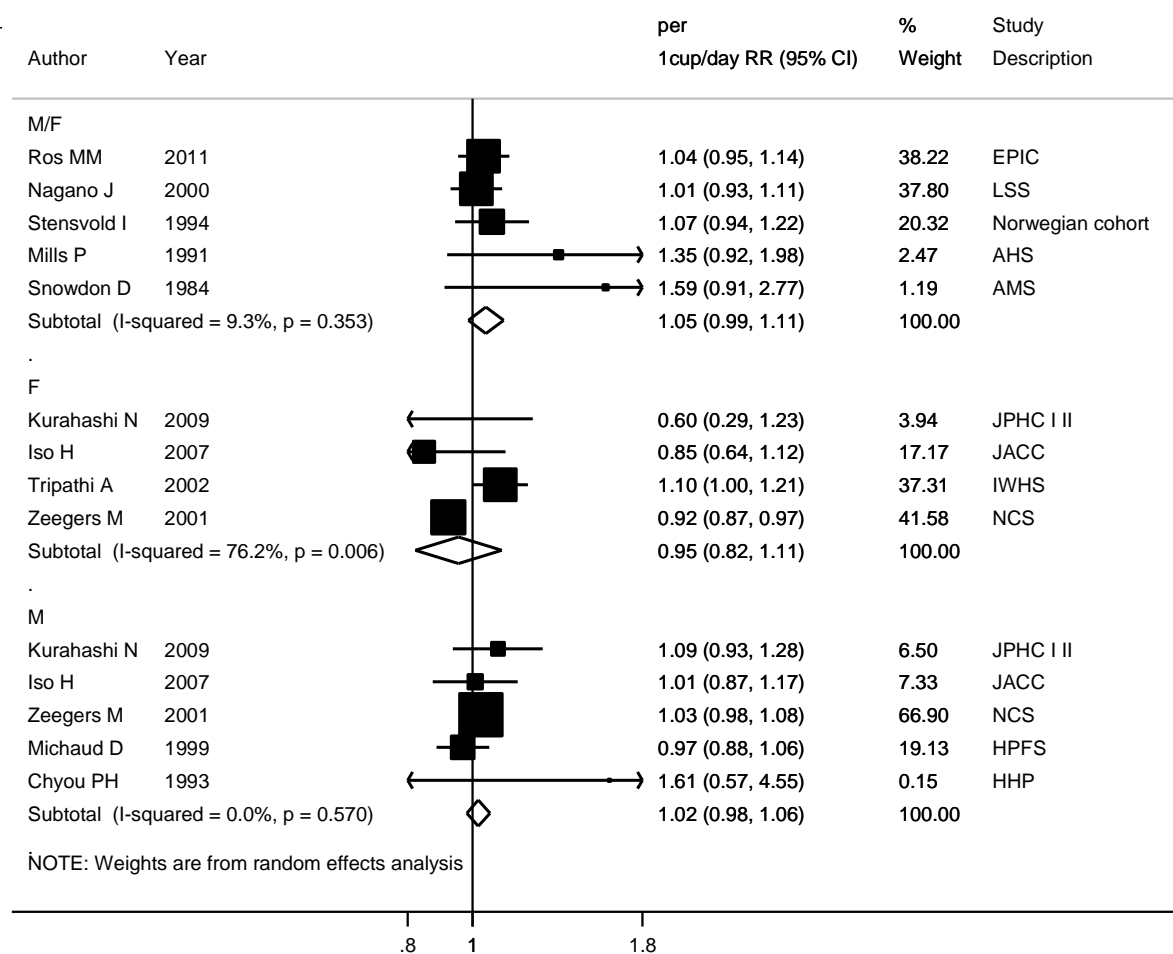


Figure 70 Dose-response meta-analysis of coffee and bladder cancer, per 1cup/day, stratified by sex



3.6.2 Tea

Methods

Four articles from four studies were identified, from which one was identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one cup/day. Studies reporting in ml of tea were converted to cups of tea, using as conversion unit 200ml equivalent to 1 cup of tea.

All except one study (Tripathi, 2002) adjusted the results by smoking status or smoking duration and dose.

Main results

The summary RR per 1 cup of tea per day was 0.94 (95% CI: 0.89-0.98, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.41, n=4). There was not enough data to stratify the analysis by smoking status.

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.41.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating tea to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A meta-analysis of 23 cohort and case control studies was published on tea and bladder cancer risk.

The overall estimate for the cohort studies was (0.94 95% CI:0.78-1.09, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.47, n=6, consumption of tea vs. no consumption of tea) (Qin, 2012).

Table 72 Studies on tea identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|--------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|--|
| Ros MM, 2011 | Europe | EPIC | 513 | 9.3 years | M/F | 0.91 | 0.72 | 1.14 | Men ≥ 200 vs. <12 ml/d Women ≥ 264 vs. <16 ml/d |

Table 73 Overall evidence on tea and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | 3 cohort studies were included in the meta analysis and found a non-significant association between tea and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | One new cohort study reported on tea and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. The meta-analysis shows a significant inverse association |

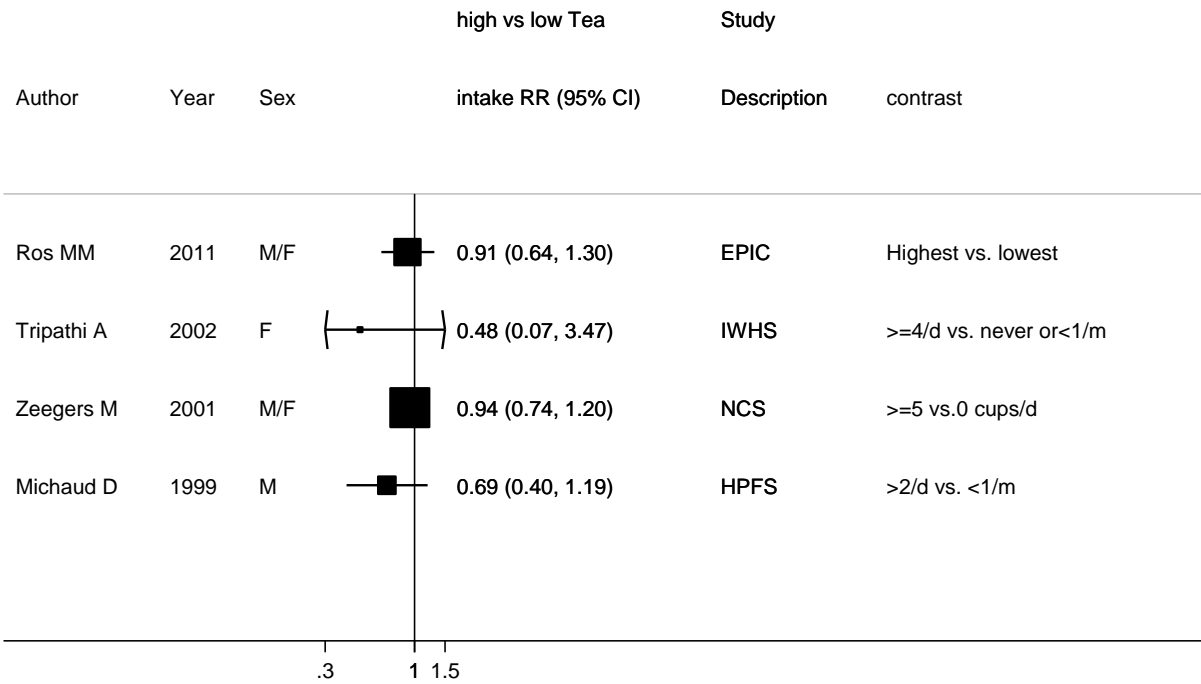
Table 74 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of tea and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 3 | 4 |
| Cases (n) | 933 | 1446 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 cup/day | Per 1 cup/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.95 (0.90-0.99) | 0.94 (0.89-0.98) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.56 | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.41 |

Table 75 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of tea and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| BLA97177 | Ros MM | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Weighted average intake range men and women. Conversion ml to cups/d | |
| BLA00182 | Tripathi A | 2002 | Prospective cohort study | Iowa Women's Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Convert to cups/day | |
| BLA00367 | Zeegers M | 2001(a) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA02841 | Michaud D | 1999(b) | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | |

Figure 71 Highest versus lowest forest plot of tea and bladder cancer



For Ros MM, 2011 the contrast was ≥ 200 vs. <12 ml/d for men and ≥ 264 vs. <16 ml/d for women.

Figure 72 Dose-response meta-analysis of tea and bladder cancer, per 1cup/day

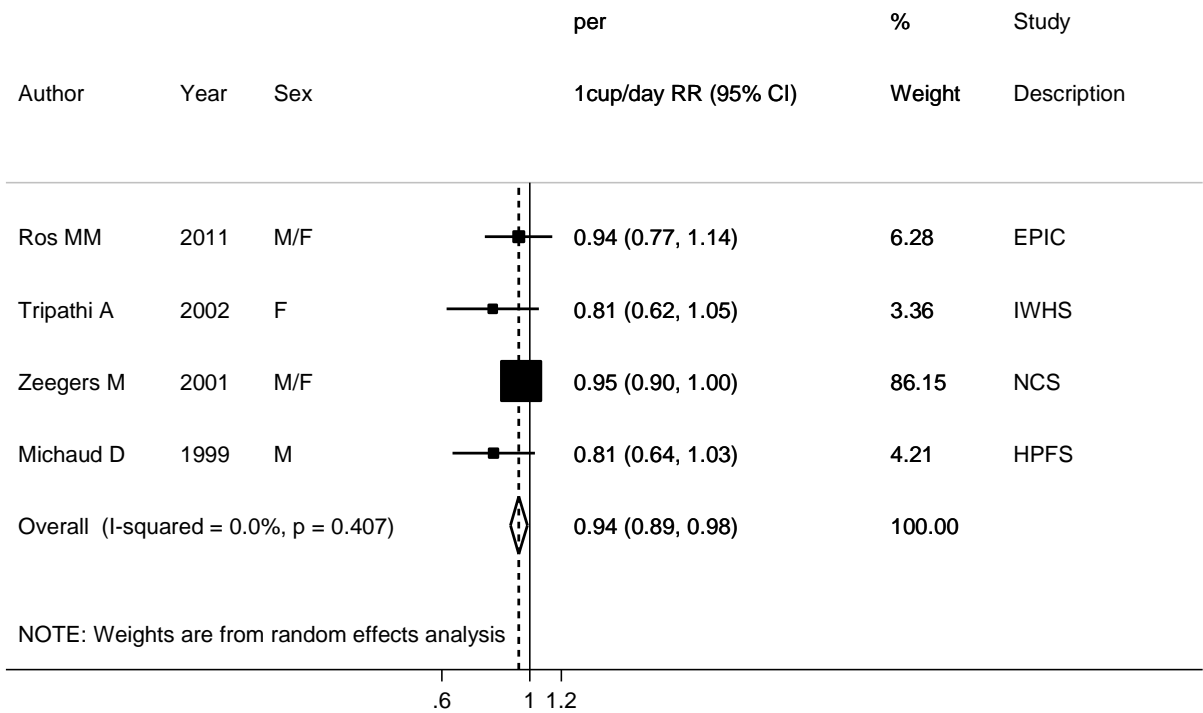
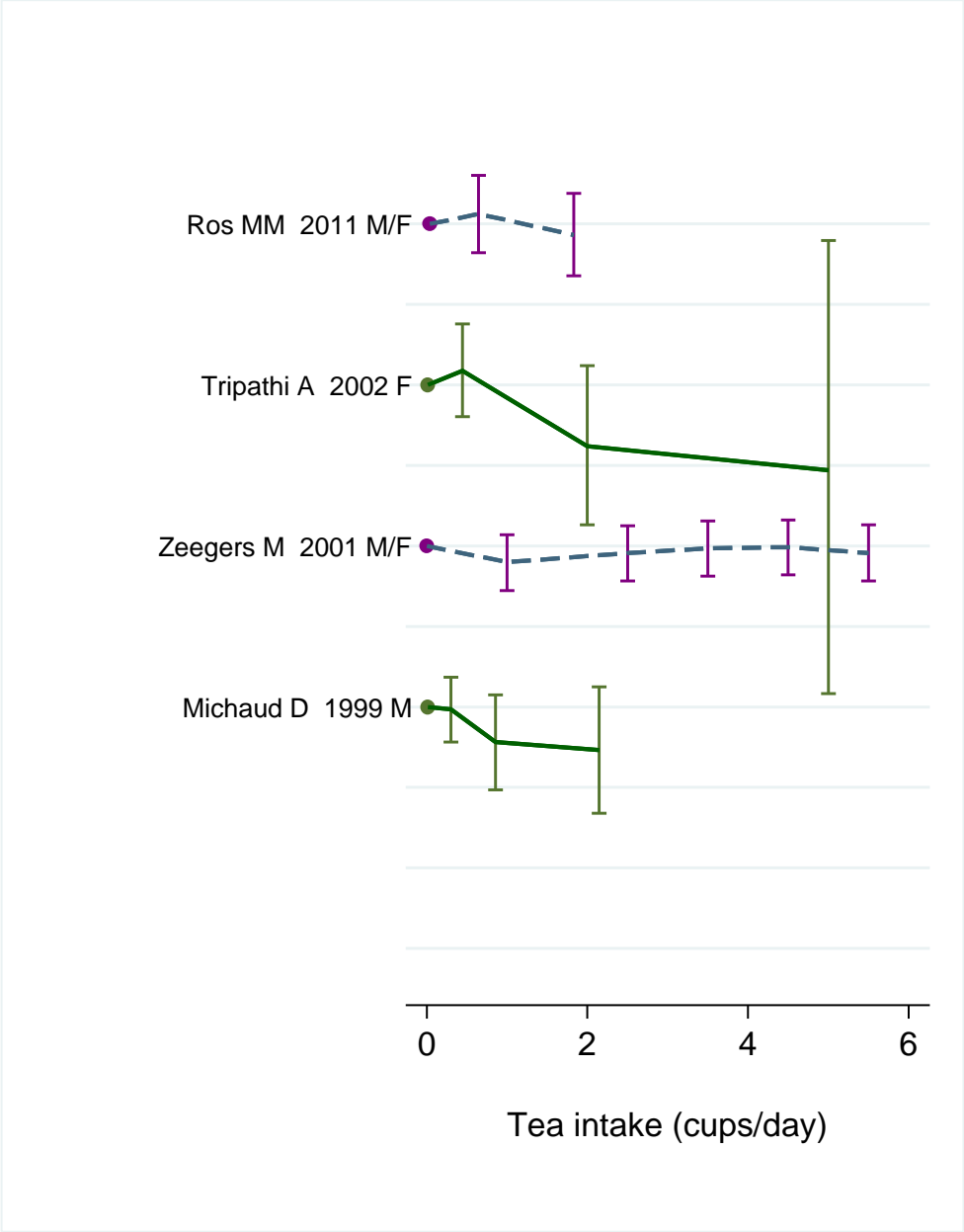


Figure 73 Dose-response graph of tea and bladder cancer



3.6.2.2 Green Tea

Methods

Four articles from four studies, of which two were identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one cup/day. Studies reporting in ml of tea were converted to cups of tea, using as conversion unit 200ml equivalent to 1 cup of tea.

Main results

The summary RR per 1 cup of tea per day was 1.01 (95% CI: 0.73-1.40, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.82, n=3). It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status.

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.82.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating green tea to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 76 Studies on green tea identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|---------------------------------|
| Kurahashi N, 2009 | Japan | JPHC study | 206 | 12.6 years | M | 0.90 | 0.56 | 1.45 | ≥ 5 vs. <1 cups/day |
| | | | | | F | 2.29 | 1.06 | 4.92 | ≥ 5 vs. <3 cups/day |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC Study | 127 | 12 years | M | 1.13 | 0.58 | 1.19 | ≥ 4 /day vs. ≤ 3 -4/w |
| | | | | | F | 0.86 | 0.35 | 2.10 | |

Table 77 Overall evidence on green tea and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|---|
| 2005 SLR | 2 cohort studies were identified; one was on green tea frequency of consumption. Both found a non-significant association between green tea and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Two new cohort studies reported on green tea and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 78 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of green tea and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 3 |
| Cases (n) | | 447 |
| Increment unit | | Per 1 cup/day |
| RR (95% CI) | | 1.01 (0.73-1.40) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | 0%, p=0.82 |

* No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 79 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of green tea and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-------------|------|--------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| BLA97171 | Kurahashi N | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | The Japan Public Health Center-based Prospective Study (JPHC study) | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion cups/week to cups/day | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion cups/week to cups/day | |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2001 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | |
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | Only high vs. low results |

Figure 74 Highest versus lowest forest plot of green tea and bladder cancer

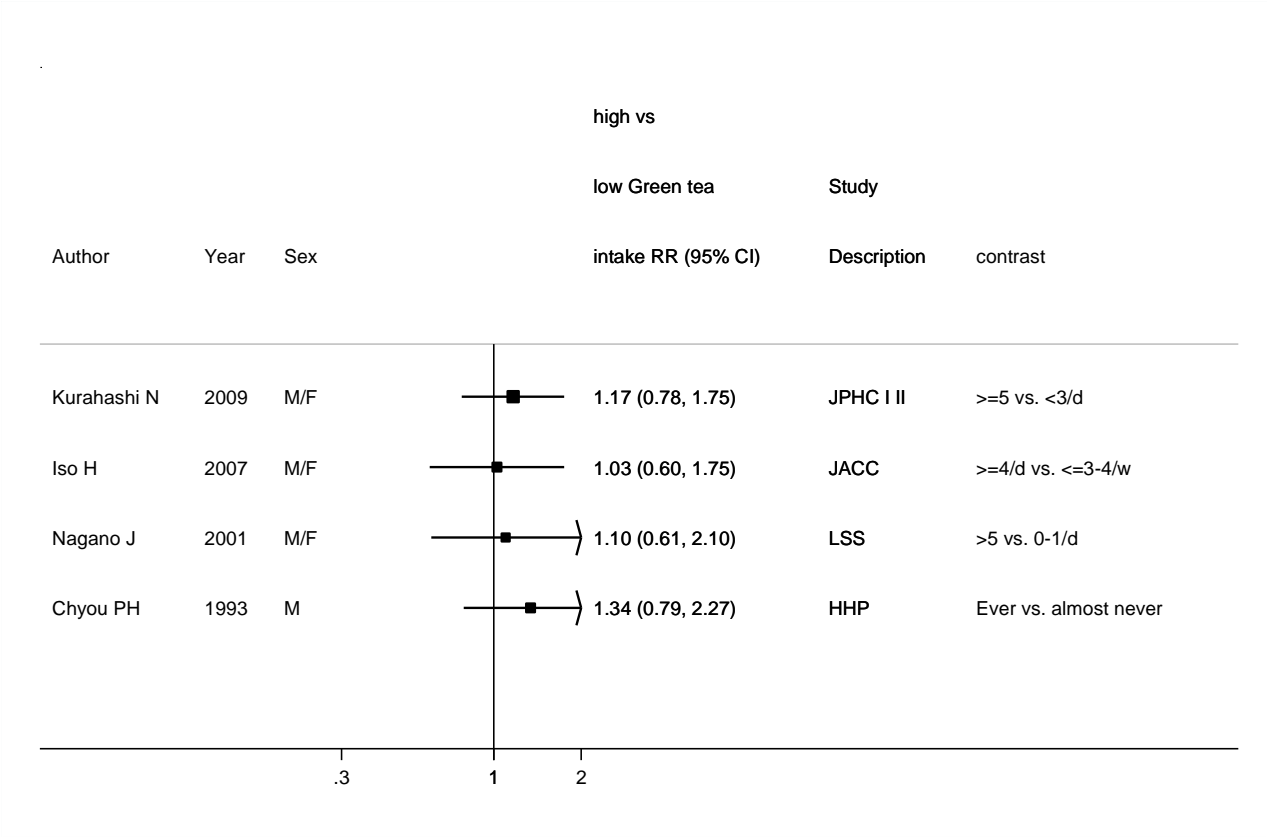


Figure 75 Dose-response meta-analysis of green tea and bladder cancer, per 1cup/day

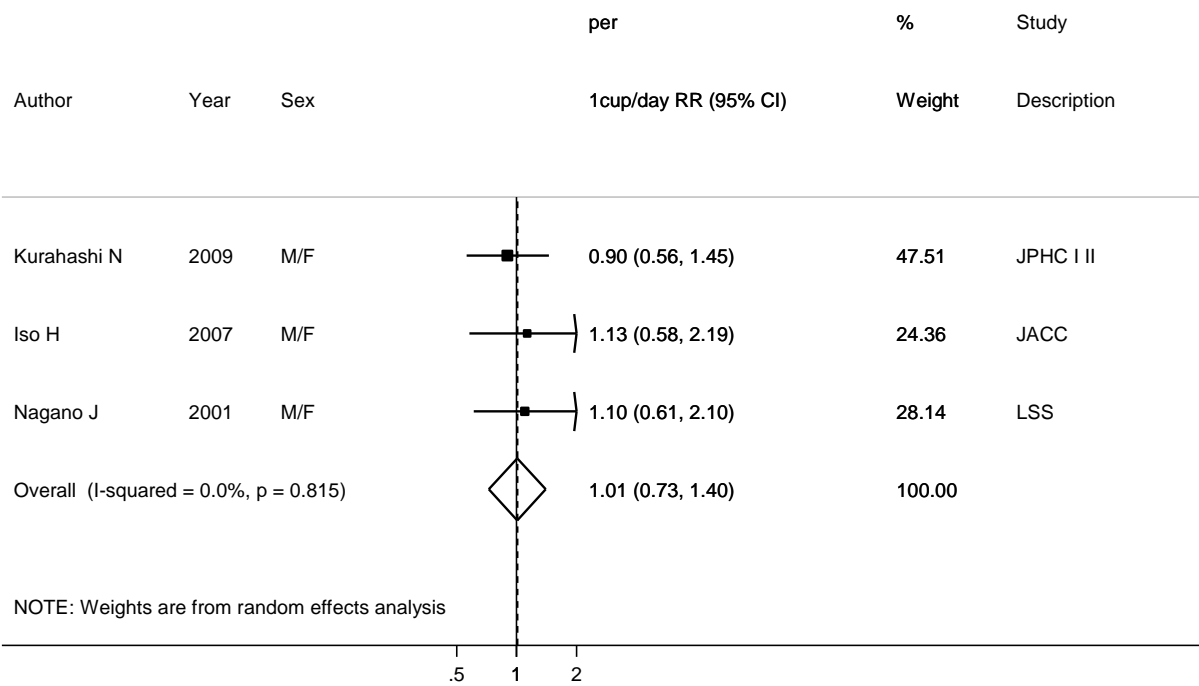
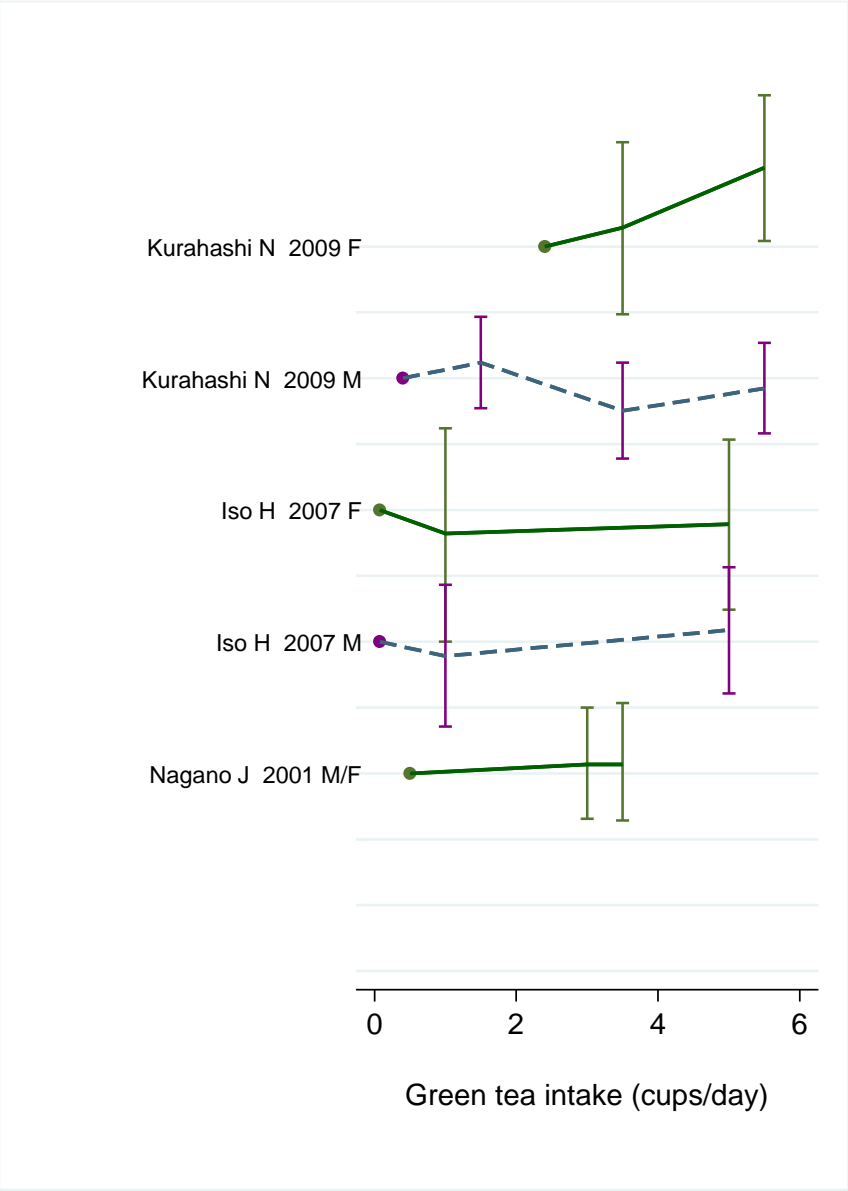


Figure 76 Dose-response graph of green tea and bladder cancer



3.6.2.1 Black Tea

Methods

3 studies, 1 identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was one cup/day. Studies reporting in ml of tea were converted to cups of tea, using as conversion unit 200ml equivalent to 1 cup of tea. From the 3 studies identified, one was of frequency of black tea consumption (use vs. no use), therefore was only possible to conduct a highest versus lowest analysis for black and bladder cancer.

Main results

The summary RR for the highest vs. lowest analysis was 0.98 (95% CI: 0.63-1.50, $I^2=37.3\%$, pheterogeneity=0.20, n=3).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=37.3\%$, pheterogeneity=0.20.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating black tea to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

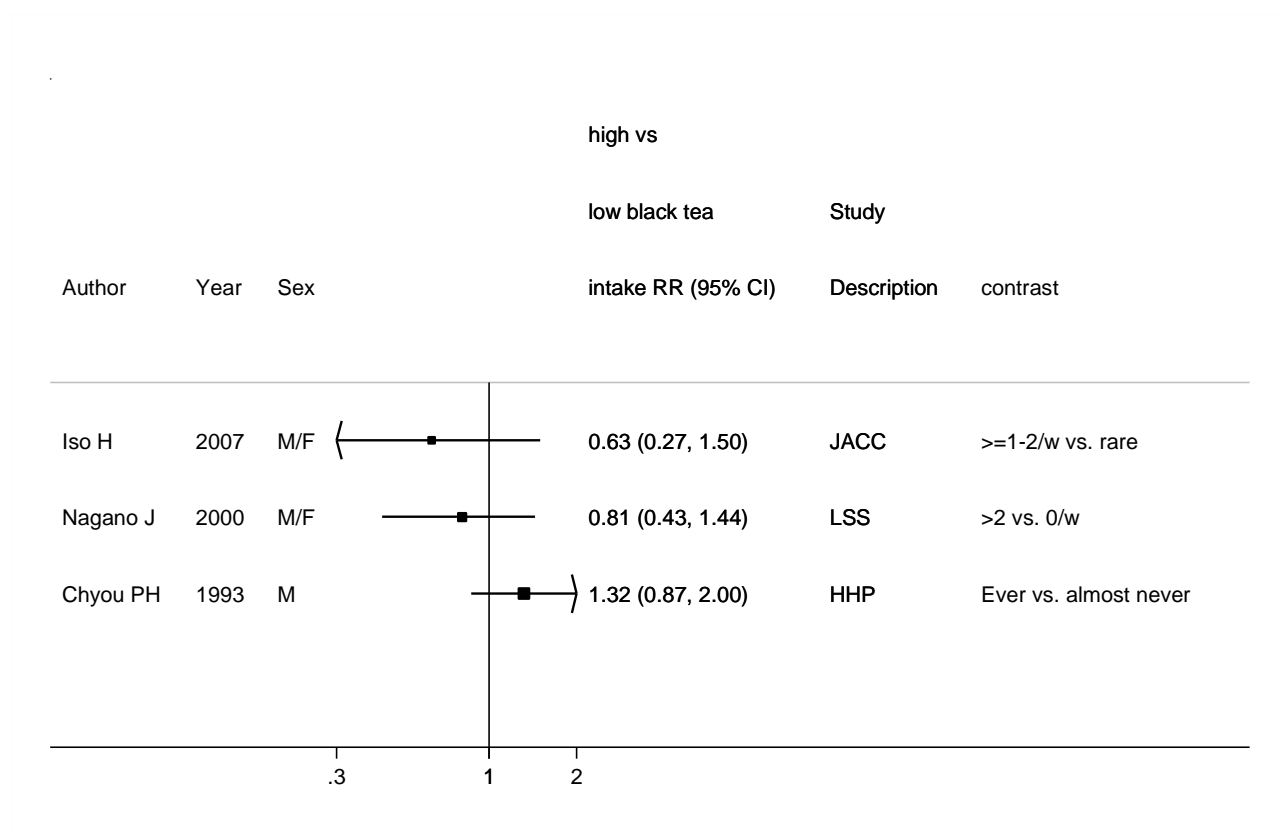
Table 80 Studies on black tea identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC Study | 127 | 12 years | M | 0.23 | 0.06 | 0.95 | $\geq 1-2/w$ vs. rare |
| | | | | | F | 1.20 | 0.40 | 3.56 | |

Table 81 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of black tea and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|----------|------|--------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | No | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion cups/week to cups/day | Insufficient data to conduct dose-response analysis of black tea and bladder cancer |
| BLA02708 | Nagano J | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Life Span Study, atomic bomb survivors, Japan | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | Insufficient data to conduct dose-response analysis of black tea and bladder cancer |
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | No | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints. Conversion to cups/day | Only high vs. low results |

Figure 77 Highest versus lowest forest plot of black tea and bladder cancer



4.1.2.7.1 Arsenic

Methods

Eleven articles from eight studies on arsenic in drinking water and bladder cancer or urinary cancer were identified. Five articles from 3 studies were identified in the CUP. From the eight studies, three studies were on populations from low-risk areas (Europe and United States: Baastrup et al, 2008; Michaud et al, 2004-toenail arsenic, Kurttio et al, 1999), one study was in Mormons in US (Lewis et al, 1999) and the remaining studies were from areas with high exposure to arsenic in Taiwan and Japan. The exposure arsenic in drinking water was based on the measurement of arsenic levels in well water and cumulative exposure was calculated from the duration and amount of water consumed. The study in Mormons (Lewis et al, 1999) and the study in Japan (Tsuda et al, 1995) quantified the risk increase as SMR (expected numbers derived from rates of the general population). Due to the variability in arsenic exposure assessment across studies, it was not possible to conduct meta-analyses.

Main results

The studies in high-risk areas (Chung et al, 2013; Hsu et al, 2011; Chen et al, 2010; Tsuda et al, 1995) reported a significant increased risk of cancers of the bladder or urothelial carcinomas with increasing levels of cumulative exposure to arsenic from drinking water:

No association with risk of bladder cancer was observed in three of the studies in populations with low levels of exposure, arsenic in drinking water (Baastrup et al, 2008; Michaud et al, 2004) or toenail arsenic (Lewis et al, 1990). In the Finnish study (Kurttio et al, 1999), a significant increased risk of bladder cancer was observed in participants with exposure >0.5 µg/L relative to <0.1 µg/L of arsenic in water during the third to nine years prior to diagnosis. Bladder cancer was not related to the daily or the cumulative doses of arsenic, and no association was observed with exposure to arsenic 10 years or more prior to diagnosis.

Relevant information and the highest versus lowest RR (or SMR) for each study are included in the table.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence that in drinking water modifies the risk of bladder cancer was judged as limited suggestive. Arsenic and arsenic compounds are graded Class 1 carcinogens (IARC).

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A meta-analysis of 6 case-control and 2 cohort studies in populations with low-levels of exposure to arsenic in drinking water (<100-200 microg/L) showed no significant relationship with bladder cancer when comparing highest vs. lowest levels of arsenic exposure in never (RR: 0.81; 95% CI: 0.60–1.08) and ever smokers (RR: 1.24; 95% CI: 0.99–1.56), and for all individuals combined (RR=1.11; 95% CI: 0.95–1.30) (Mink P, 2008)*. A previous meta-analysis including 2 cohort and

5 case-control studies from high and low-level arsenic areas found a non-significant dose-response association (slope= 0.004 (in units of per $\mu\text{g/L}$) (95% CI: -0.03, 0.01) (Chu HA, 2006).

*Study funded by the Wood Preservative Science Council (WPSC), Manakin-Sabot, Virginia, a trade association of manufacturers of wood preservatives; some preservatives may contain arsenic.

Table 82 Summary table of results on arsenic and bladder cancer

| Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | Information | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast/ Adjustment* |
|---|------|---|---|-----|-----------------------------------|---|-------|------|--------|--|
| Chung | 2013 | Prospective cohort study 43 deaths | South-western Taiwan cohort 1989-1996 | M/F | Mortality Bladder cancer | High risk area Average arsenic concentration in well water, assessed in 1960 | 7.22 | 0.95 | 55.04 | >.071 vs. <0.05 mg/l |
| *Adjusted for age, sex, education and smoking | | | | | | Duration of well water drinking (years) | 6.22 | 1.32 | 29.37 | >=28 vs. <16 years |
| | | | | | | Cumulative arsenic exposure (µg/l/years) | 7.74 | 0.97 | 61.51 | >=19.5 vs. <9.1 |
| | | | | | | Urinary profile InAs% | 3.53 | 1.16 | 10.77 | >=7.86 vs. <4.22 5 |
| | | | | | | MMA% | 1.77 | 0.72 | 4.36 | >=15.31 VS. <8.34 |
| | | | | | | DMA% | 3.05 | 1.11 | 8.37 | <76.13 vs. >=85.8 |
| | | | | | | PMI | 0.56 | 0.24 | 1.32 | >=2.75 VS. <1.32 |
| | | | | | | SMI | 2.85 | 1.04 | 7.83 | <4.90 vs. >=9.82 |
| Hsu LI | 2011 | Prospective cohort study 41 cases urothelial carcinoma | South-western Taiwan cohort 1989-1996 | M/F | Incidence Urothelial carcinoma | High risk area (mean >100µg/L) Exposure: Cumulative arsenic exposure from well water (mg/L*yr) | 19.31 | 2.46 | 151.24 | 20 vs. 0-9.9 mg/L*yr Adjusted for sex and age |
| Chen CL | 2010 | Prospective cohort study 45 cases urothelial carcinoma | North-eastern Taiwan cohort 1991/1994 - 2006 | M/F | Incidence Urothelial carcinoma | High risk area (mean >100 µg/L) Exposure: Arsenic concentration in well water collected at enrolment (µg/L) | 7.80 | 2.64 | 23.1 | ≥300 vs. <10 µg/L Adjusted for sex and age |
| | | | | | | Exposure: Cumulative arsenic exposure from well water | 12.6 | 3.40 | 46.8 | ≥10000 vs. <400 µg/L Adjusted for |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------|---|--|-----|---|---|-----------------------------|------|-------|--|
| | | | | | | (µg/L*yr) | | | | sex and age |
| Huang YK | 2008 | Prospective cohort study 37 cases urothelial carcinoma | South-western Taiwan cohort 1989-2001 | M/F | Incidence Urothelial carcinoma | High risk area mean >100 µg/L Exposure: Average concentration of arsenic in artesian well water consumed (mg/l) | 6.5 | 0.8 | 53.1 | ≥0.9 vs. 0-0.4 mg/l Adjusted for smoking status |
| | | | | | | Exposure: Cumulative arsenic exposure from well water (mg/L*yr) | 7.9 | 1.7 | 37.9 | >=20 mg/L*y vs. none Adjusted for smoking status |
| Baastrop R | 2008 | Prospective cohort study 214 bladder cancers | Danish cohort Diet, Cancer and Health | M/F | Incidence Bladder cancer | Low risk area (median 0.7 µg/L /) Exposure: Time-weighted average exposure (µg/L) in drinking water | 1.00 | 0.91 | 1.11 | Per µg/L Adjusted for smoking status, duration, intensity and other covariates |
| Michaud D | 2004 | Nested case-control study 280 cases | ATBC study | M | Incidence Bladder cancer | Exposure: toenail arsenic level (µg/g) | 1.13 | 0.70 | 1.81 | >0.161 vs. <0.05 µg/g Adjusted for smoking duration, intensity and other covariates |
| Chiou H | 2001 | Prospective cohort study 11 cases | North-eastern Taiwan cohort 1991/1994 - 1996 | M/F | Incidence Transitional cell carcinoma | High risk area (mean >100 µg/L) Exposure: Arsenic concentration in well water collected at enrolment (µg/L) | 15.1 | 1.7 | 138.5 | >100 vs. 0-10 µg/L Adjusted for smoking and other covariates |
| Lewis D | 1999 | Retrospective cohort study | Cohort of Mormons, Utah, USA | M/F | Mortality for cancer of bladder and other urinary | Low risk area Exposure: Arsenic in water in ppb | SMR* F 1.18 1.10 M | | | Low and high Exposure: <1000 ppb-y >=5000 ppb-y |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------|---------------------------------------|--|-----|---|---|---------------|------|-------|--|
| | | | | | organs | | 0.36 0.95 | | | <1000 ppb-y >=5000 ppb-y |
| Kurtio P | 1999 | Case-cohort study 61 cases | Finland 1981-1995 | M/F | Incidence Bladder cancer | Low risk area (median 0.1 µg /L) Exposure: Concentration of arsenic in water µg /L | 2.44 | 1.11 | 5.37 | ≥0.5 vs. <0.1 µg/L Adjusted for age, sex and smoking status |
| | | | | | | Cumulative arsenic exposure from well water 10 years of more before cancer diagnosis | 1.50 | 0.71 | 3.15 | >=2 vs. <0.5 mg |
| | | | | | | Cumulative arsenic exposure from well water 10 years of more before cancer diagnosis | 0.53 | 0.25 | 1.10 | >=2 vs. <0.5 mg |
| Tsuda T | 1995 | Retrospective cohort study 3 cases | Japan 1959-1992 | M/F | Mortality from cancer of bladder and renal pelvis | High risk area Exposure: Arsenic in water in ppm | SMR* 31.18 | 8.62 | 91.75 | ≥1 ppm |
| Chiou H | 1995 | Prospective cohort study 29 cases | South-western Taiwan cohort 1988-1993 | M/F | Incidence Bladder cancer | High risk area (mean >100 µg/L) Exposure: Average arsenic concentration in well water | 3.3 | 1.00 | 11.1 | ≥0.71 vs. ≤0.05 mg/L Adjusted for age, sex, smoking status |
| | | | | | | Cumulative arsenic exposure from well water (mg/L*yr) | 5.1 | 1.5 | 17.3 | ≥20 mg/L*yr vs. none |

*SMR: Standardized mortality ratio.

5 Dietary constituents

5.4 Alcohol (as ethanol)

Methods

Ten studies were identified, from which two were identified in the CUP. The unit used in the dose-response analysis was 10g/day. One study (Ros, 2011) reported alcohol intake in millilitres per day, which was converted to grams/day using ethanol density as 0.7g/ml and considering an average percentage of ethanol of 12.5%. Another study (Michaud, 1999b) reported the relative risk of bladder cancer per 240 ml of alcohol, which was converted to grams per day considering that one alcoholic drink is equivalent to 200 ml and contains 12.5 g of alcohol. Three studies could not be included in the dose-response meta-analysis. All included studies were on bladder cancer except one study (Chyou, 1993) on cancers of the lower urinary tract cancer (70 bladder cancer cases out of 83 cases in the study). All studies adjusted by smoking status and pack-years or duration and smoking dose.

Main results

The summary RR per 10g of ethanol per day was 0.97 (95% CI: 0.91-1.04, $I^2=44.6\%$, pheterogeneity=0.09, n=7) with evidence of publication bias (p Egger's test =0.02). The smaller study reported a stronger positive association compared to the other studies. It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status. After stratification by sex, the RR was 1.01 (95% CI: 0.94-1.08, $I^2=30.2\%$, pheterogeneity=0.24, n=3) for men and 1.02 (95% CI: 0.74-1.41, $I^2=63.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.07, n=3) for women. There was no evidence of non-linearity (p=0.99).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=44.6\%$, pheterogeneity=0.09.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating alcohol to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A meta-analysis of 19 cohort and case-control studies was published and showed a non-significant association between alcohol intake and bladder cancer, the overall estimate for cohort studies was (OR = 0.99, 95% CI 0.85–1.14, $I^2=17.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.30, n=6) (Mao, 2010). Another meta-analysis of 16 case-control and 3 cohort studies, including a total of 11 219 cases of bladder compared moderate alcohol drinkers (<3 drinks per/day) with non-drinkers and the overall estimate was 1.07 (95% CI 0.85–1.36) among cohort studies and 0.99 (95% CI 0.89–1.09) among case-control studies. All the data on heavy drinkers were from case-control studies (RR = 1.02, 95% CI 0.78–1.33, ≥ 3 drinks/day vs. non-drinkers) (Pelucchi 2012).

Table 83 Studies on alcohol intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|---|
| Ros MM, 2011 | Europe | EPIC | 513 | 9.3 years | M/F | 0.93 | 0.73 | 1.17 | Men ≥ 437 vs. < 171 ml/d Women ≥ 131 vs. 30 ml/d |
| Allen, 2009 | United Kingdom | Million Women Study | 928 | 7.2 years | F | 0.93 | 0.82 | 1.05 | Per 10g/d |
| | | | | | | 1.02 | 0.92 | 1.14 | ≥ 15 vs. ≤ 2 drinks/w |

Table 84 Overall evidence on alcohol intake and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|--|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | 4 studies were included in the meta analysis. Overall, no significant association between alcohol and bladder cancer was observed. |
| CUP | Two new cohort studies reported on alcohol intake and bladder cancer and showed no significant association. |

Table 85 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of alcohol intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 4 | 7 |
| Cases (n) | 980 | 2673 |
| Increment unit | Per 1 serving/day | Per 10g/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 1.00 (0.94-1.06) | 0.97 (0.91-1.04) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=21.3\%$, p=0.28 | $I^2=44.6\%$, p=0.09 |
| Stratified analysis | | |
| Men | | 1.01 (0.94-1.08) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=30.2\%$, p=0.24, n=3 |
| Women | | 1.02 (0.74-1.41) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=63.1\%$, p=0.07, n=3 |

Table 86 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of alcohol intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| BLA97177 | Ros MM | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Weighted average intake range men and women. Conversion to g/d | |
| BLA97195 | Allen N | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Million Women Study | F | Incidence/Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA10680 | Djoussé L | 2004 | Retrospective cohort study | Framingham Heart Study | M/F | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints | |
| BLA00182 | Tripathi A | 2002 | Prospective cohort study | IWHS | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA00409 | Zeegers M | 2001(d) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA02841 | Michaud D | 1999 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up Study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | No | | Only reported continuous results. |
| BLA05236 | Murata M | 1996 | Nested case-control study | Chiba Study Centre Japan | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | . | Unadjusted results only (matched by age and sex) |
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints | |
| BLA01090 | Mills P | 1991 | Prospective | California | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | | Only high |

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| | | | cohort study | Seventh-Day Adventists 1976-1982 | | | | | | | vs. low results |
| BLA10422 | Hirayama | 1979 | Prospective cohort study | Japan 1995 | M | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Drinking frequency, not enough information available |

Figure 78 Highest versus lowest forest plot of alcohol and bladder cancer

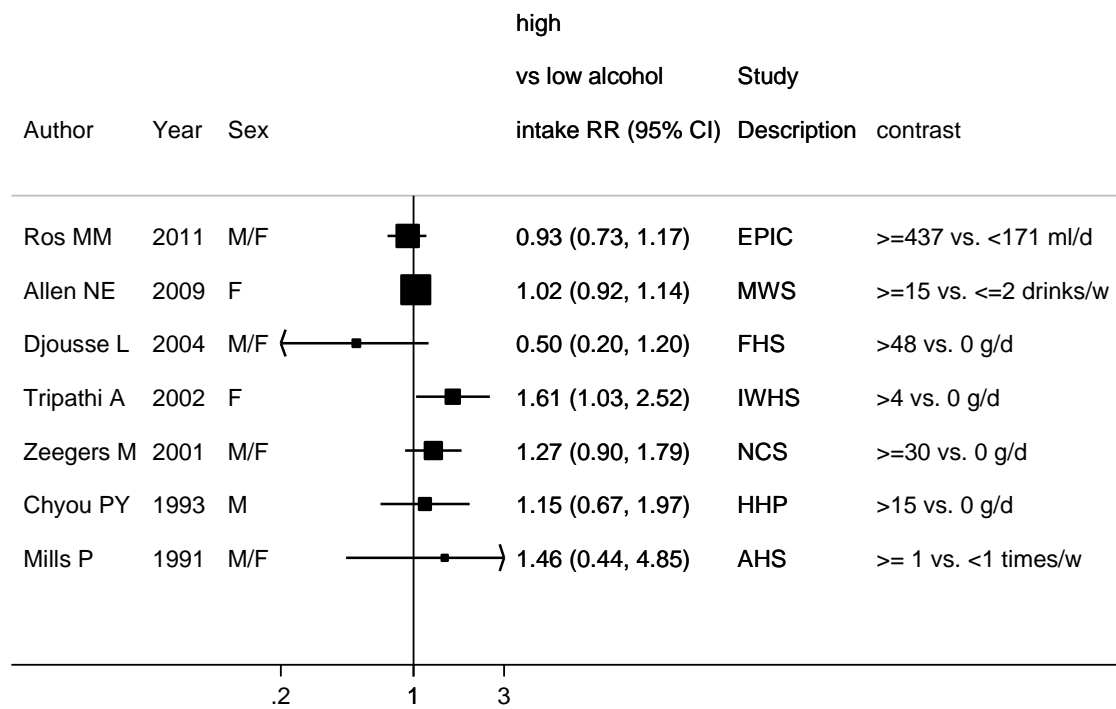


Figure 79 Dose-response meta-analysis of alcohol and bladder cancer, per 10g/day

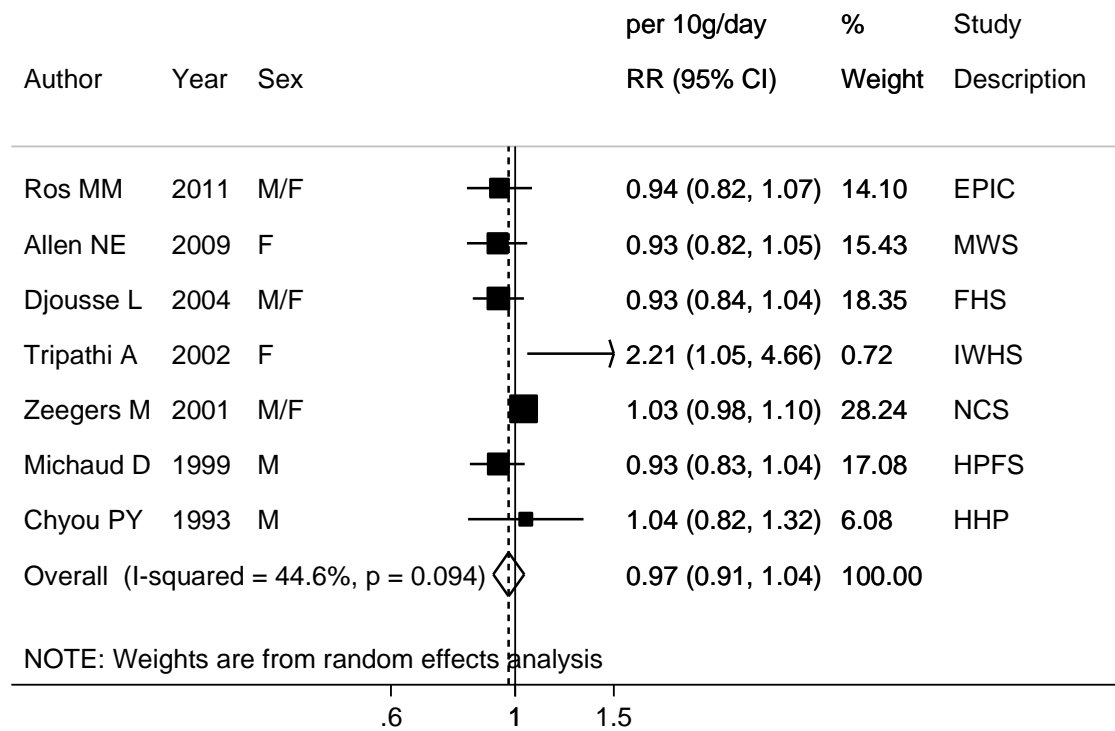
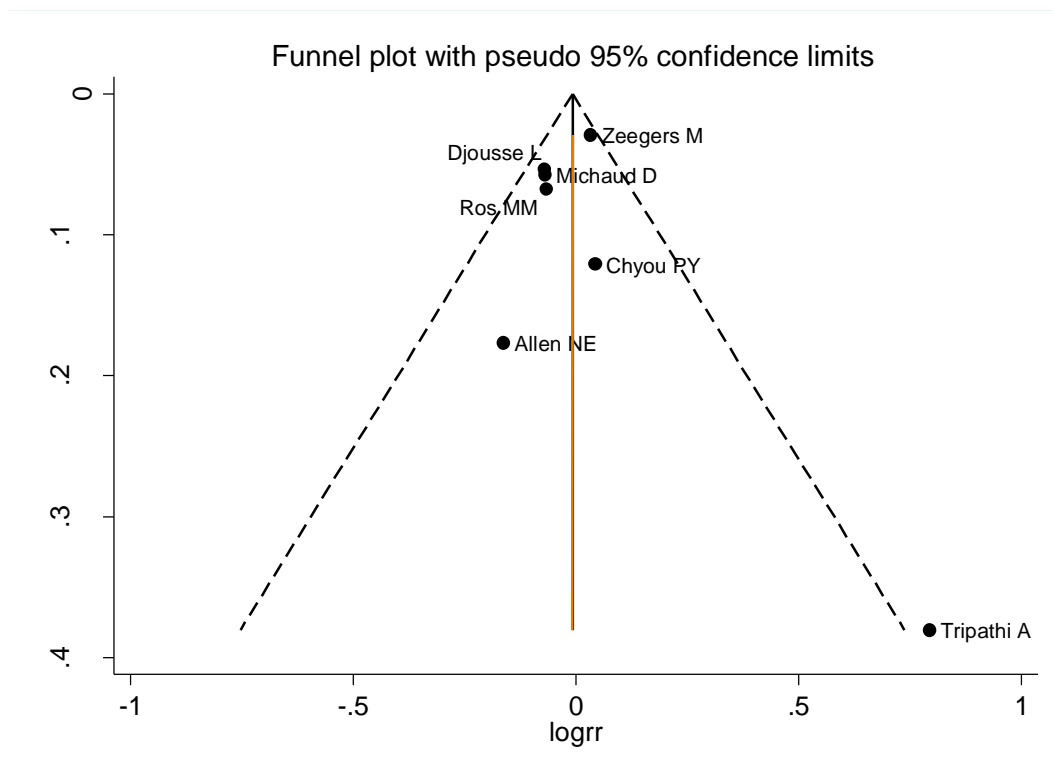


Figure 80 Funnel plot of alcohol intake and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.02$

Figure 81 Dose-response graph of alcohol and bladder cancer

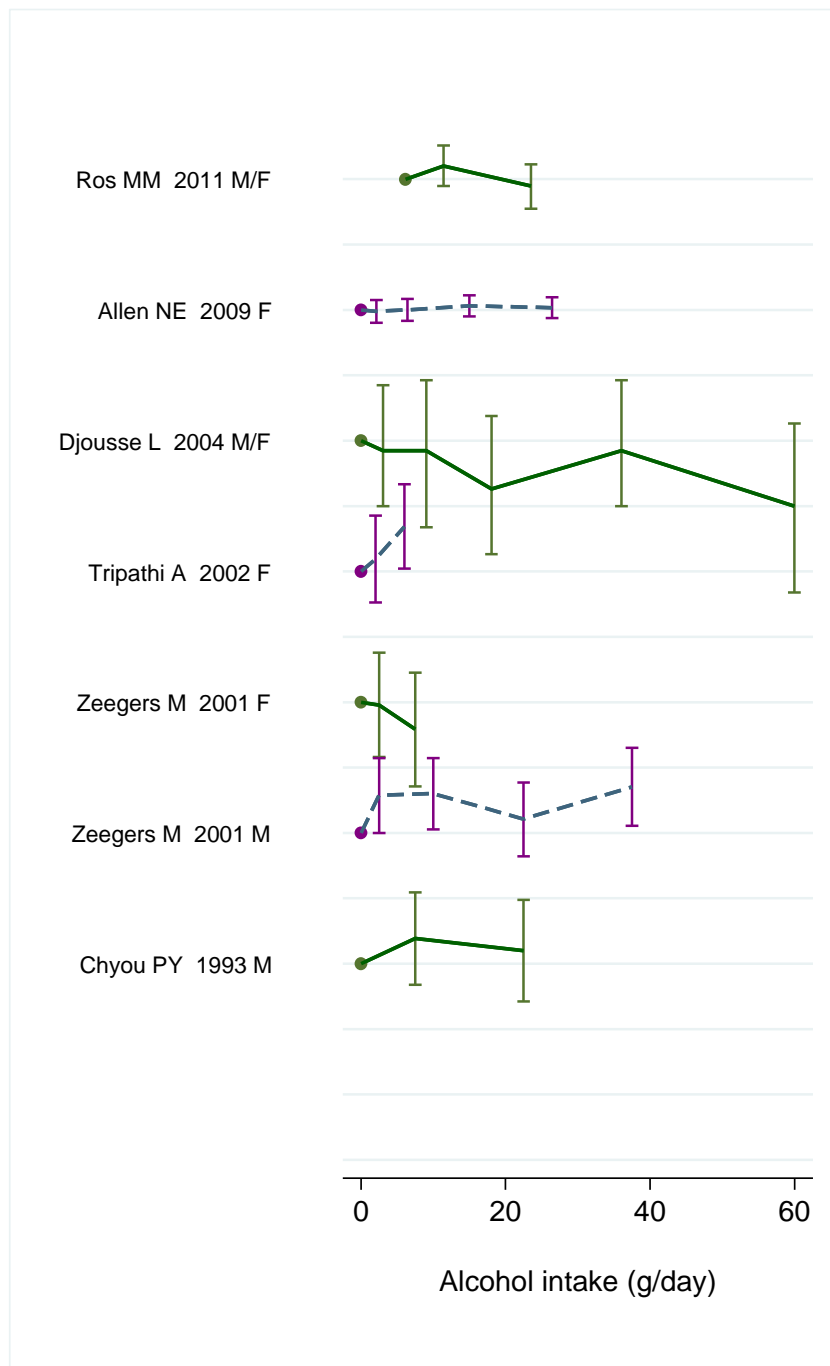
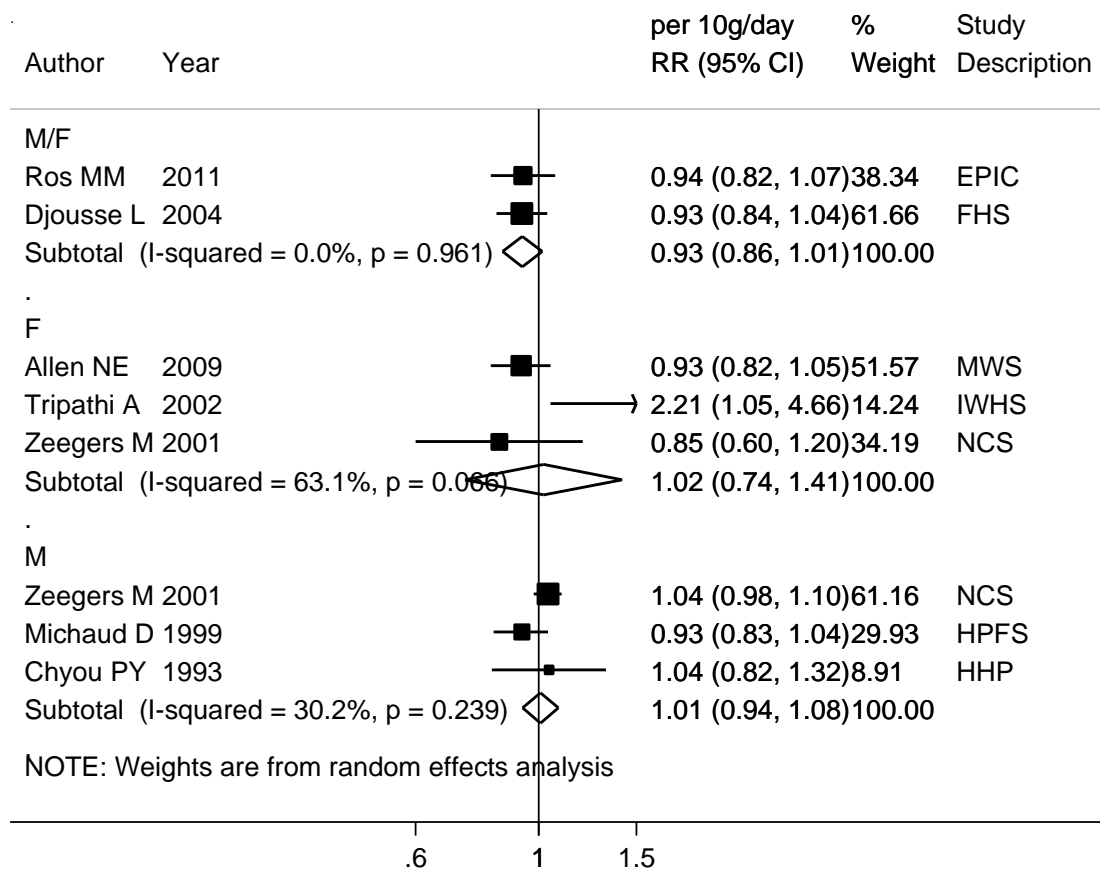


Figure 82 Dose-response meta-analysis of alcohol and bladder cancer, per 10g/day, stratified by sex



5.5.3 Folic acid supplements

Methods

2 studies both identified during the CUP.

Main results

The summary RR per 100 µg/day of folic acid supplements was 0.99 (95% CI: 0.95-1.02, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.49, n=2).

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.49.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

No studies on folic acid supplements and bladder cancer were identified during the 2005 SLR.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

An individual-patient-data meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials that compared folic acid versus placebo reported that folic acid is not related to bladder cancer risk (Vollsett, 2013). The studies included in the analysis were completed before 2011, had scheduled treatment duration of at least 1 year, included at least 500 participants, and recorded data on cancer incidence during the first 5 years of treatment. The summary RR of bladder cancer in the intervention group with folic acid (102 bladder cancer cases, 24 799 participants) compared to placebo (105 bladder cancer cases, 24 8220 participants) was 0.97 (95% CI: 0.68–1.39). The daily doses of folic acid used in the trials ranged from 0.5 mg to 5 mg, except in one trial of a 40 mg daily dose.

Table 87 Studies on folic acid supplements identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|------------------------------------|
| Hotaling J, 2011 | USA | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | 330 | 6 years | M/F | 0.73 | 0.44 | 1.22 | >400.1-1400 µg/d vs. no supplement |
| Roswall N, 2009 | Denmark | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | 322 | 10.6 years | M/F | 1.36 | 0.97 | 1.91 | >83.2-≥150 µg/d vs. no supplement |

Table 88 Overall evidence on folic acid supplements and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|---|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | No study was identified. |
| CUP | Two studies were identified, both studies showed non-significant results. |

Table 89 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of folic acid supplements and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 2 |
| Cases (n) | | 652 |
| Increment unit | | Per 100 µg/day |
| RR (95% CI) | | 0.99 (0.95-1.02) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=0\%$, $p=0.49$ |

* No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 90 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of folic acid supplements and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| BLA97180 | Hotaling J | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. | |
| BLA97168 | Roswall N | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. | |

Figure 83 Highest versus lowest forest plot of folic acid supplements and bladder cancer

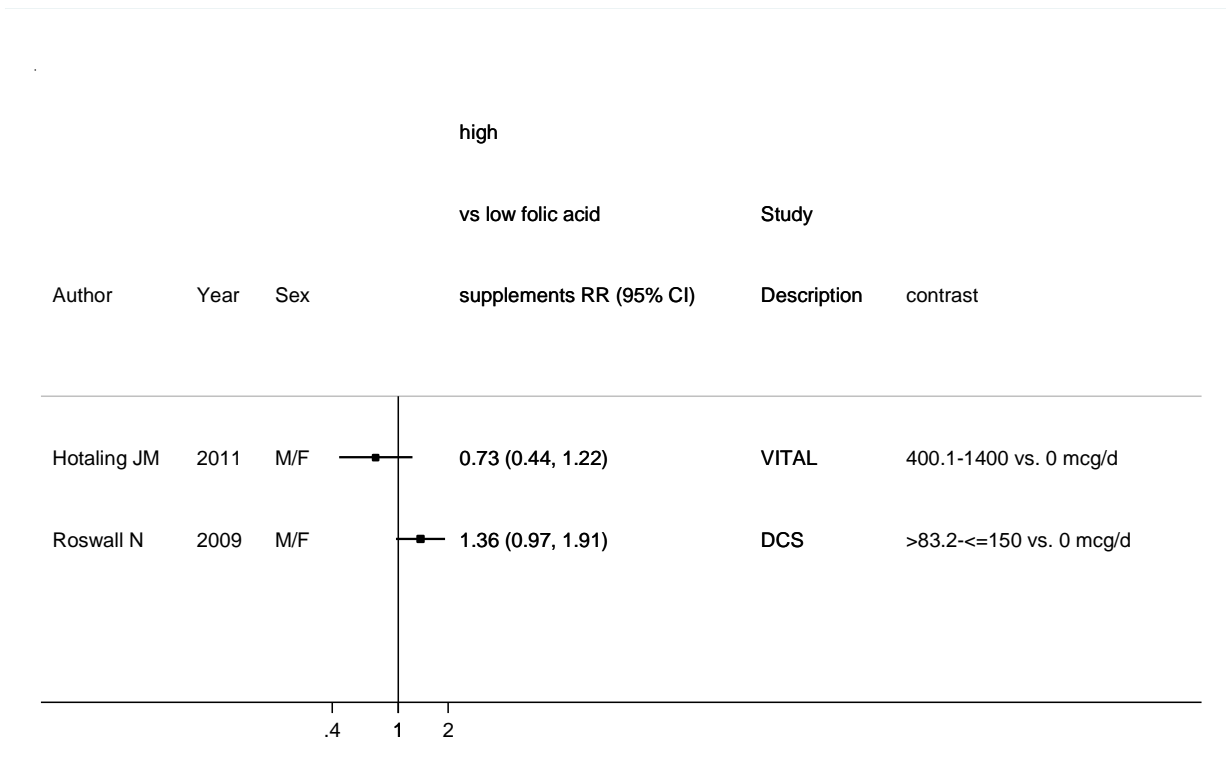


Figure 84 Dose-response meta-analysis of folic acid supplements and bladder cancer, per 100 µg/day

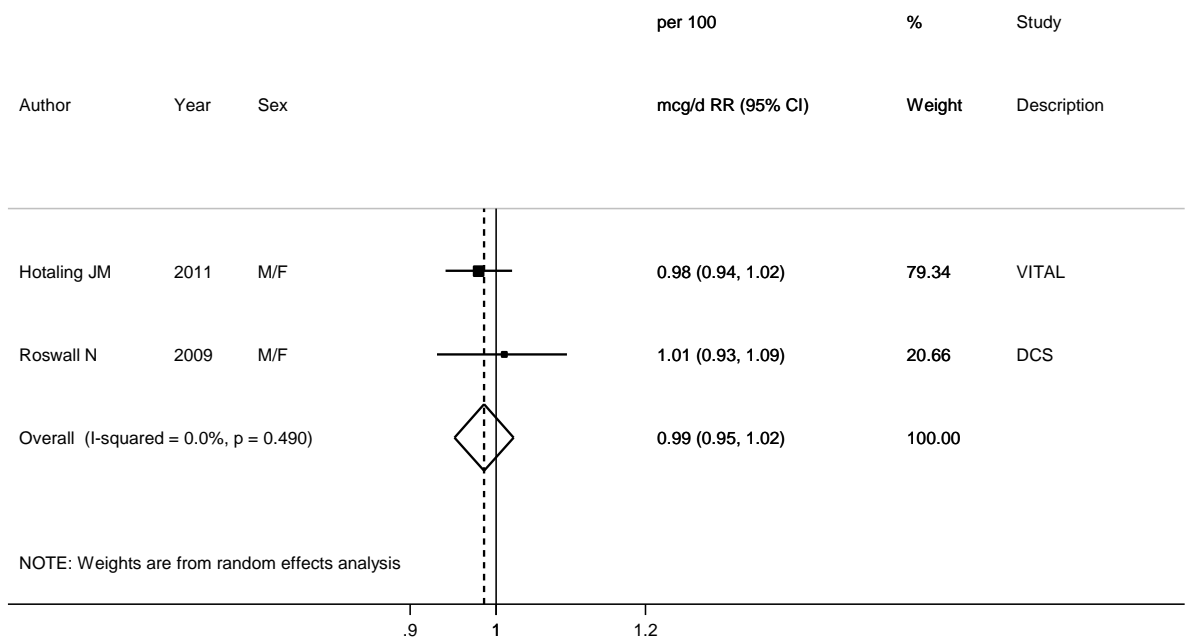
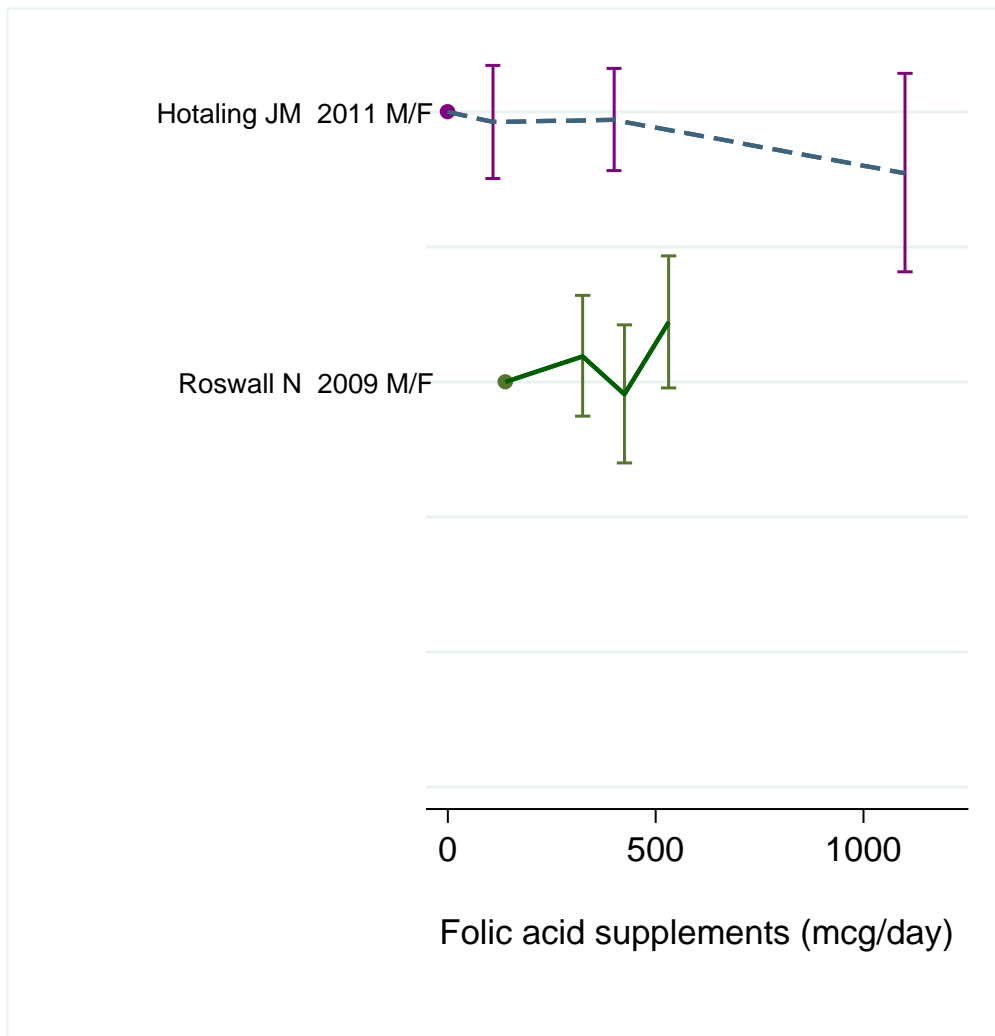


Figure 85 Dose-response graph of folic acid supplements and bladder cancer



5.5.8 Total vitamin C

Methods

Four studies were published; one study was identified during the CUP. The dose response results are presented for an increment of 40 mg/day.

Main results

The summary RR per 40 mg/day of total vitamin C was 1.00 (95% CI: 0.99-1.01, $I^2=21\%$, pheterogeneity=0.28, n=3).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=21\%$, pheterogeneity=0.28.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

There were three studies in total, with two studies on total vitamin C and bladder cancer included in the meta-analysis, which showed a non-significant relationship. The evidence for vitamin C and bladder cancer was considered limited-no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 91 Studies on total vitamin C identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|----------------------|
| Roswall N, 2009 | Denmark | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | 322 | 10.6 years | M/F | 1.23 | 0.87 | 1.75 | >181.5 ≤80.2 mg/d |

Table 92 Overall evidence on total vitamin C and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | Three studies were identified and two studies were included in the meta-analysis, which was non-significant. |
| CUP | One new study was identified and showed non-significant result. |

Table 93 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of total vitamin C and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 2 | 3 |
| Cases (n) | 557 | 879 |
| Increment unit | Per 40mg/day | Per 40mg/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 1.00 (0.99-1.00) | 1.00 (0.99-1.01) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.72 | $I^2=21\%$, p=0.28 |

Table 94 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of total vitamin C and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-----------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| BLA97168 | Roswall N | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years | |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA00432 | Michaud D | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up study | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA00922 | Shibata A | 1992 | Prospective cohort study | Laguna Hills Study USA | M | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | | Insufficient data |

Figure 86 Highest versus lowest forest plot of total vitamin C and bladder cancer

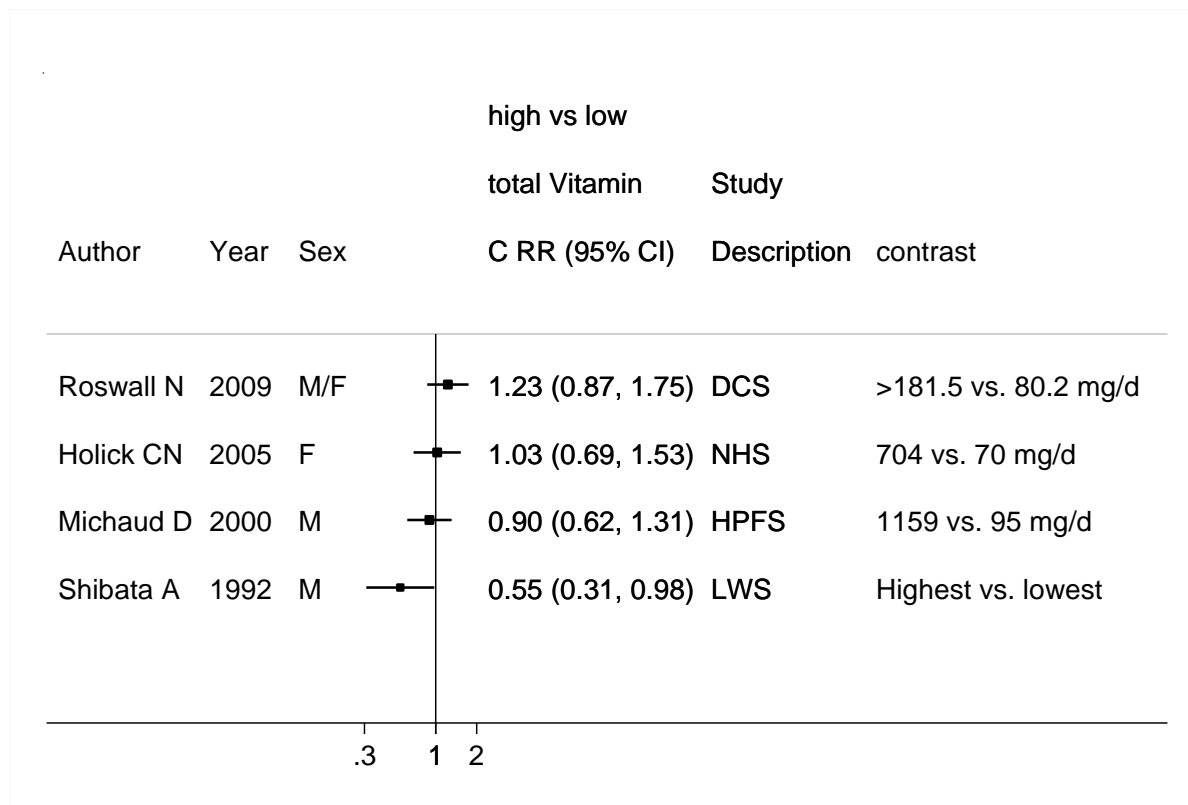


Figure 87 Dose-response meta-analysis of total vitamin C and bladder cancer, per 40mg/day

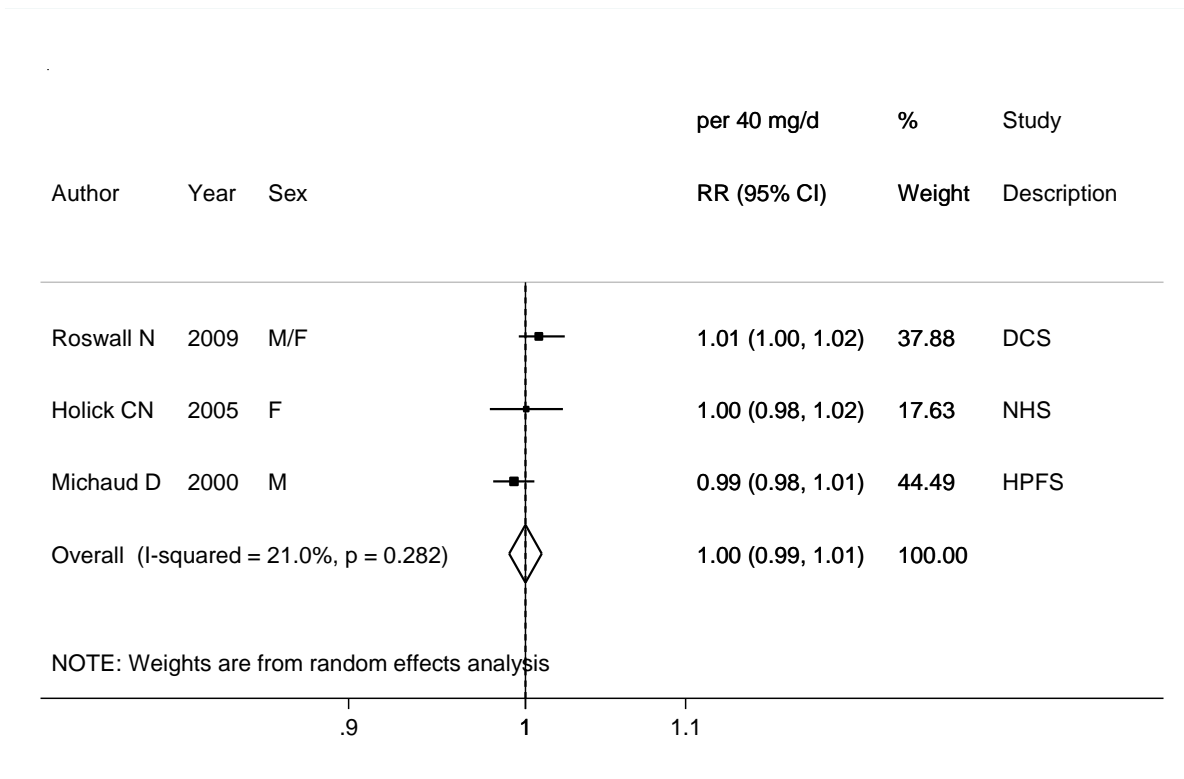
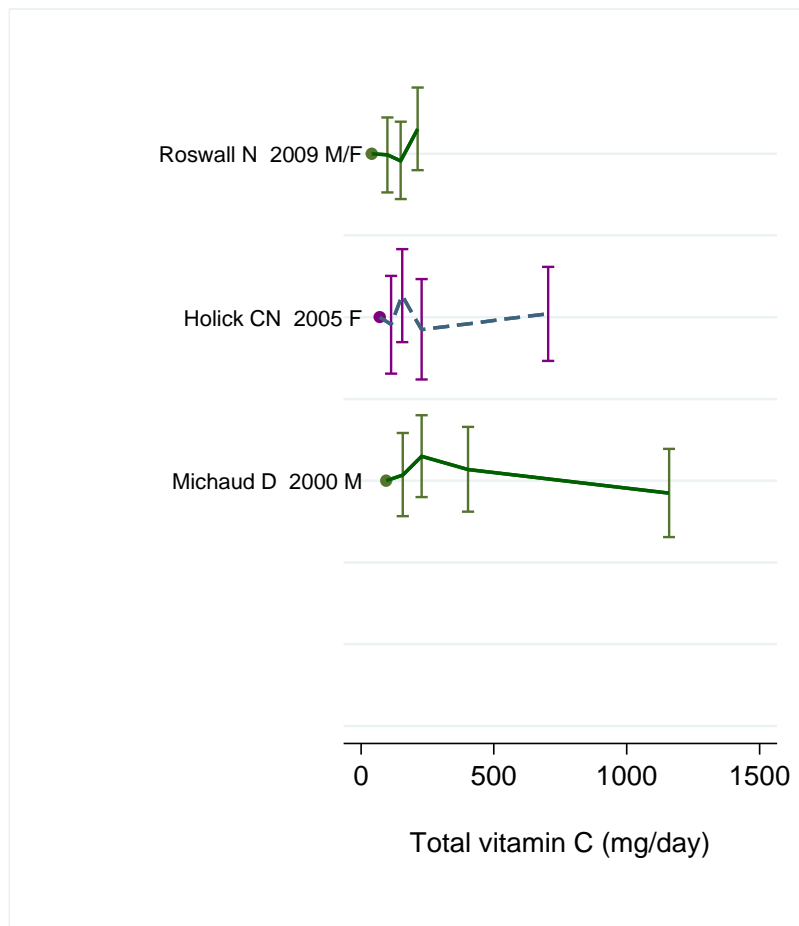


Figure 88 Dose-response graph of total vitamin C and bladder cancer



5.5.9 Dietary vitamin C

Methods

Six studies were published, from which two were identified during the CUP. The dose response results are presented for an increment of 40 mg/day.

Main results

The summary RR per 40 mg/day of dietary vitamin C was 1.02 (95% CI: 0.95-1.10, $I^2=31.8\%$, pheterogeneity=0.21, n=5).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of moderate heterogeneity, $I^2=31.8\%$, pheterogeneity=0.21.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

The summary of three studies on dietary vitamin C and bladder cancer identified in the 2005 SLR showed a non-significant relationship.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 95 Studies on dietary vitamin C identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Ros MM, 2012 | Europe | EPIC | 856 | 8.9 years | M/F | 1.11 | 0.82 | 1.51 | ≥ 143.77 vs. ≤ 73.11 mg/d |
| Roswall N, 2009 | Denmark | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | 322 | 10.6 years | M/F | 0.99 | 0.70 | 1.39 | >120.5 vs. ≤ 62.8 mg/d |

Table 96 Overall evidence on dietary vitamin C and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|--|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | Four studies were identified and three studies were included in the meta-analysis which showed a non-significant association overall |
| CUP | Two new studies were identified, both showed non-significant results. |

Table 97 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of dietary vitamin C and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 3 | 5 |
| Cases (n) | 984 | 2162 |
| Increment unit | Per 40mg/day | Per 40mg/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 1.07 (0.97-1.18) | 1.02 (0.95-1.10) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=19.6\%$, p=0.29 | $I^2=31.8\%$, p=0.21 |

Table 98 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of dietary vitamin C and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| BLA97211 | Ros MM | 2012 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97168 | Roswall N | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years | |
| BLA00335 | Zeegers M | 2001(c) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Estimated RR | |
| BLA00185 | Michaud D | 2002 | Prospective cohort study | ATBC study | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |
| BLA00432 | Michaud D | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | | Insufficient data |
| BLA00922 | Shibata A | 1992 | Prospective cohort study | Laguna Hills Study USA | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |

Figure 89 Highest versus lowest forest plot of dietary vitamin C and bladder cancer

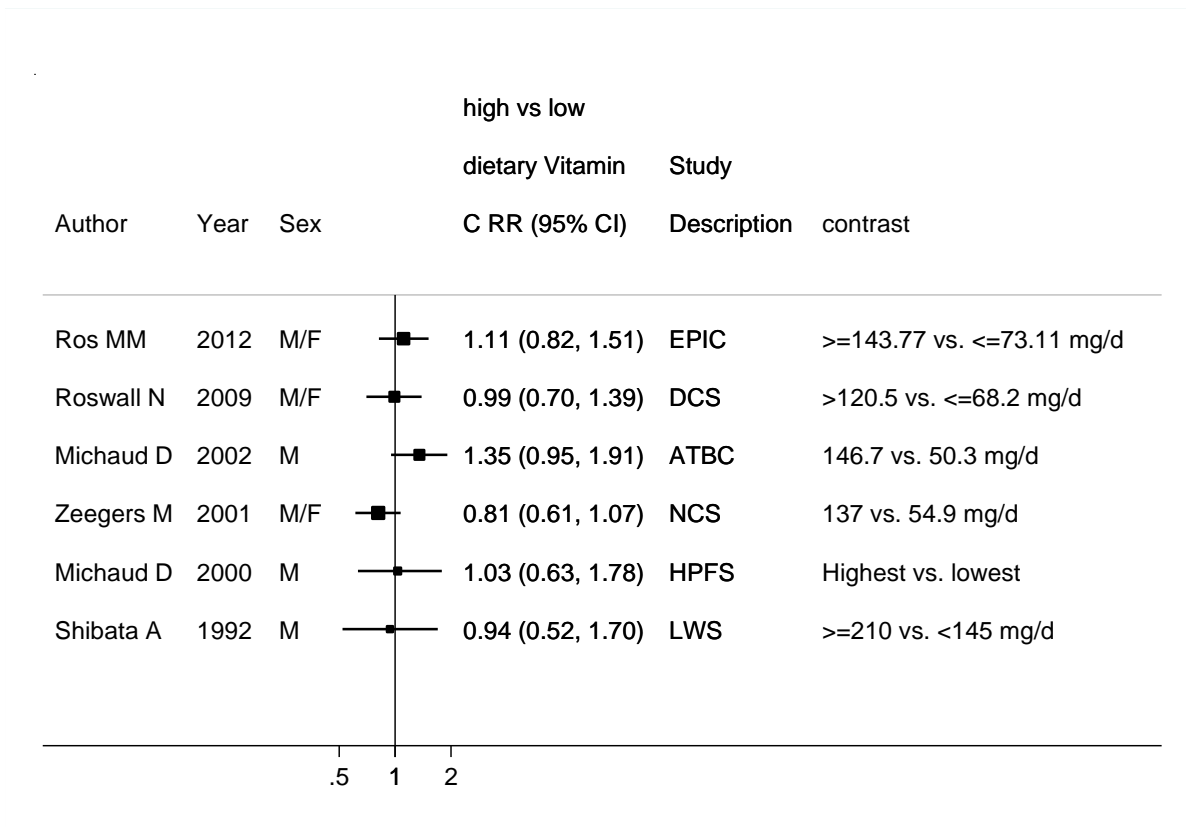


Figure 90 Dose-response meta-analysis of dietary vitamin C and bladder cancer, per 40mg/day

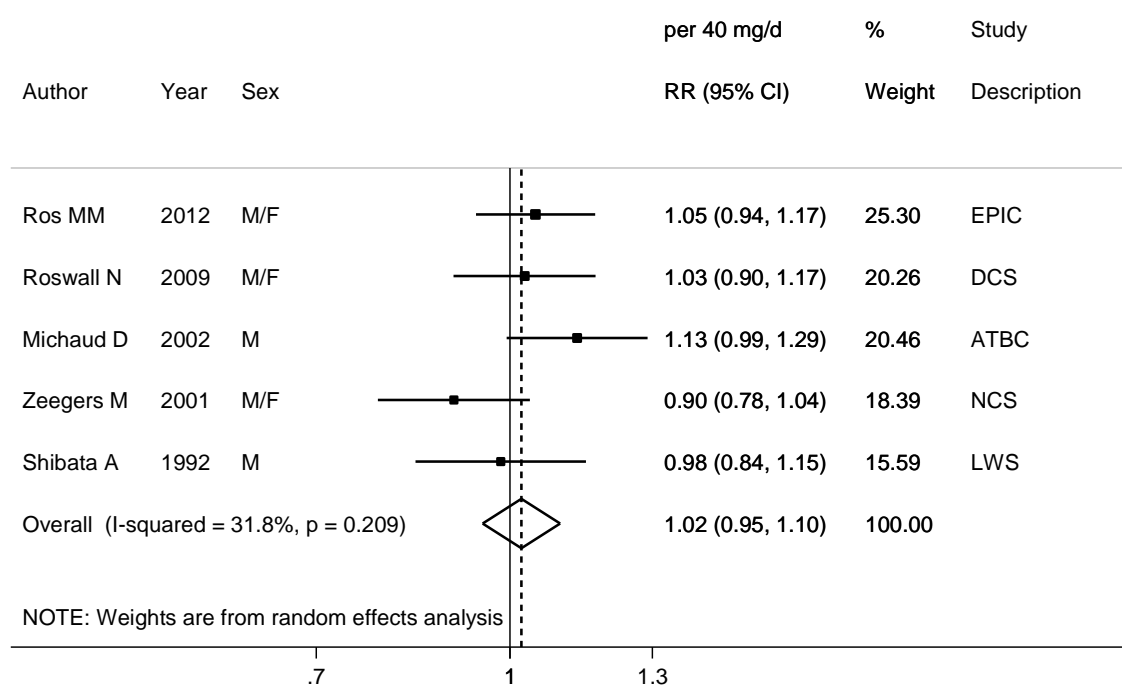
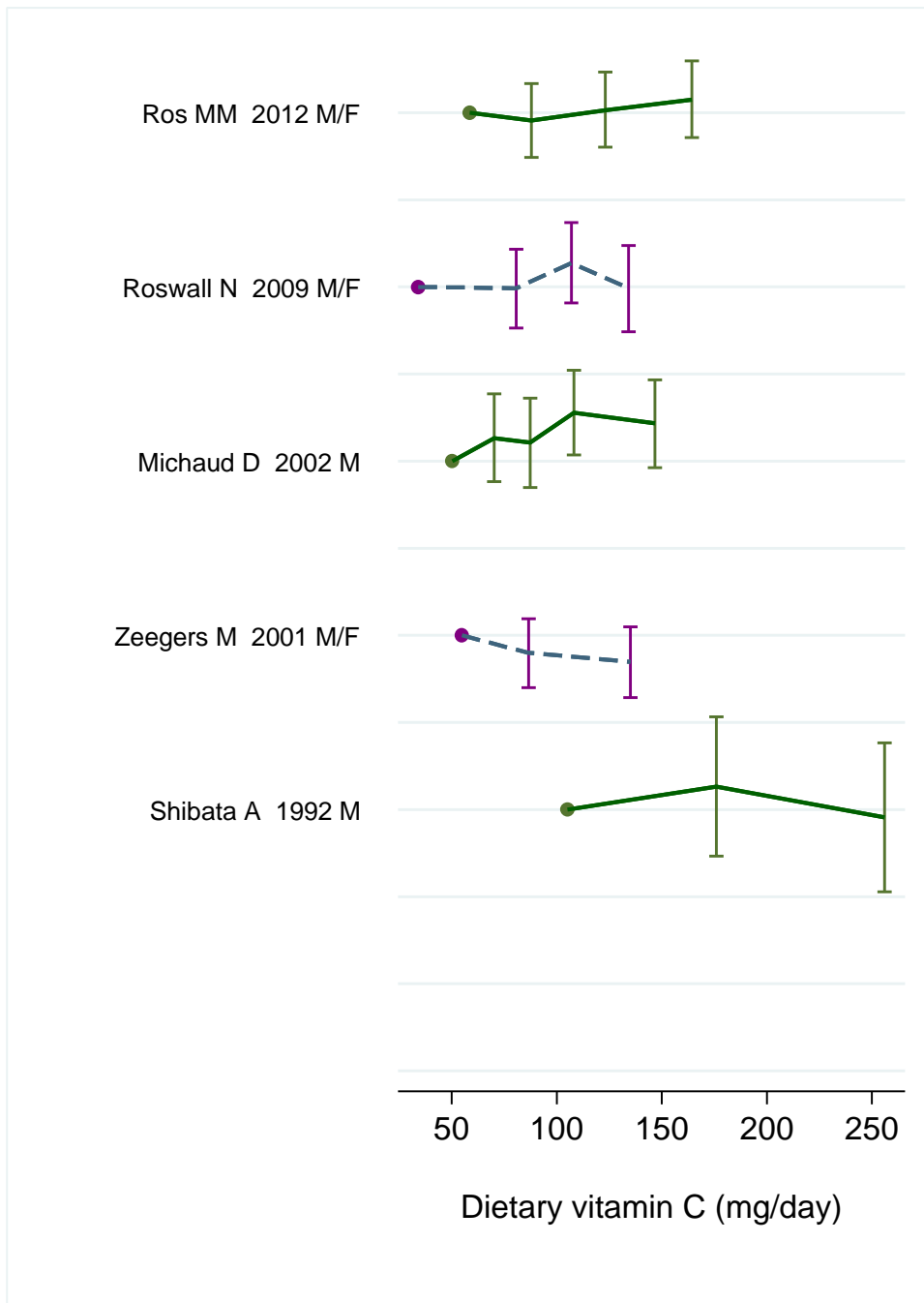


Figure 91 Dose-response graph of dietary vitamin C and bladder cancer



5.5.9 Vitamin C supplements

Methods

Eight studies were identified, three of them during the CUP. Four studies were included in the meta-analysis. The dose response results are presented for an increment of 40 mg/day.

Main results

The summary RR per 40 mg/day of vitamin C supplements was 0.99 (95% CI: 0.98-1.00, $I^2=26.9\%$, pheterogeneity=0.25, n=4).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of low heterogeneity, $I^2=26.9\%$, pheterogeneity=0.25.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

Two studies from the five studies identified on vitamin C supplements and bladder cancer were included in the meta-analysis and showed a non-significant relationship.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 99 Studies on vitamin C supplements identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| Hotaling J, 2011 | USA | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | 330 | 6 years | M/F | 0.90 | 0.67 | 1.23 | >322.06-1600 vs. 0 mg/d |
| Roswall N, 2009 | Denmark | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | 322 | 10.6 years | M/F | 1.19 | 0.86 | 1.66 | >34.1- \geq 60 vs. 0 mg/d |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC Study | 91 | 12 years | M | 1.98 | 0.85 | 4.59 | Use vs. no use |

Table 100 Overall evidence on vitamin C supplements and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|---|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | Five studies were identified and two studies were included in the meta-analysis, which showed a non-significant relationship. |
| CUP | Three new studies were identified, all studies showed non-significant results. |

Table 101 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of vitamin C supplements and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 2 | 4 |
| Cases (n) | 389 | 1041 |
| Increment unit | Per 40mg/day | Per 40mg/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.98 (0.95-1.01) | 0.99 (0.98-1.00) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=67.9\%$, p=0.08 | $I^2=26.9\%$, p=0.25 |

Table 102 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of vitamin C supplements and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|---|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| BLA97180 | Hotaling J | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years | |
| BLA97168 | Roswall N | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M | Mortality | No | No | Yes | | Only high versus low results |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No RRs. Reported in the text that vitamin C supplements were not related to bladder cancer risk |
| BLA00179 | Jacobs E | 2002 | Prospective cohort study | Cancer Prevention Study II | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | | Only results on the duration of vitamin C supplementation |
| BLA00335 | Zeegers M | 2001(c) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | Estimated RR | |
| BLA00432 | Michaud D | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up study | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA00922 | Shibata A | 1992 | Prospective cohort study | Laguna Hills Study USA | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |

Figure 92 Highest versus lowest forest plot of vitamin C supplements and bladder cancer

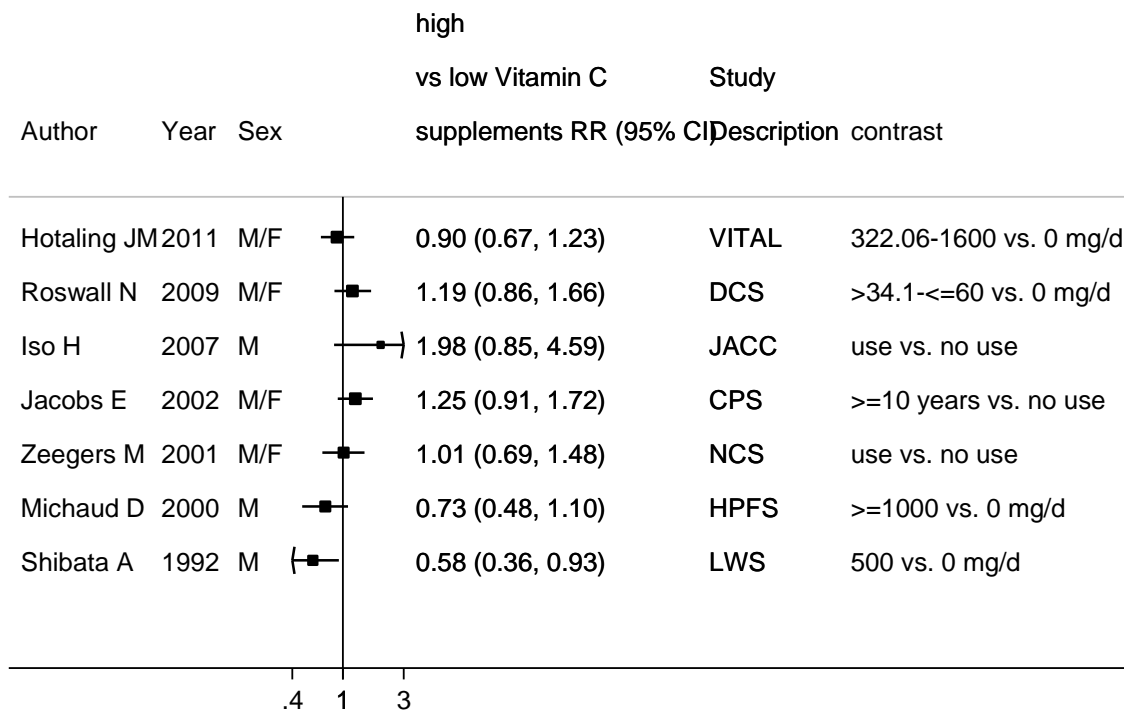


Figure 93 Dose-response meta-analysis of vitamin C supplements and bladder cancer, per 40mg/day

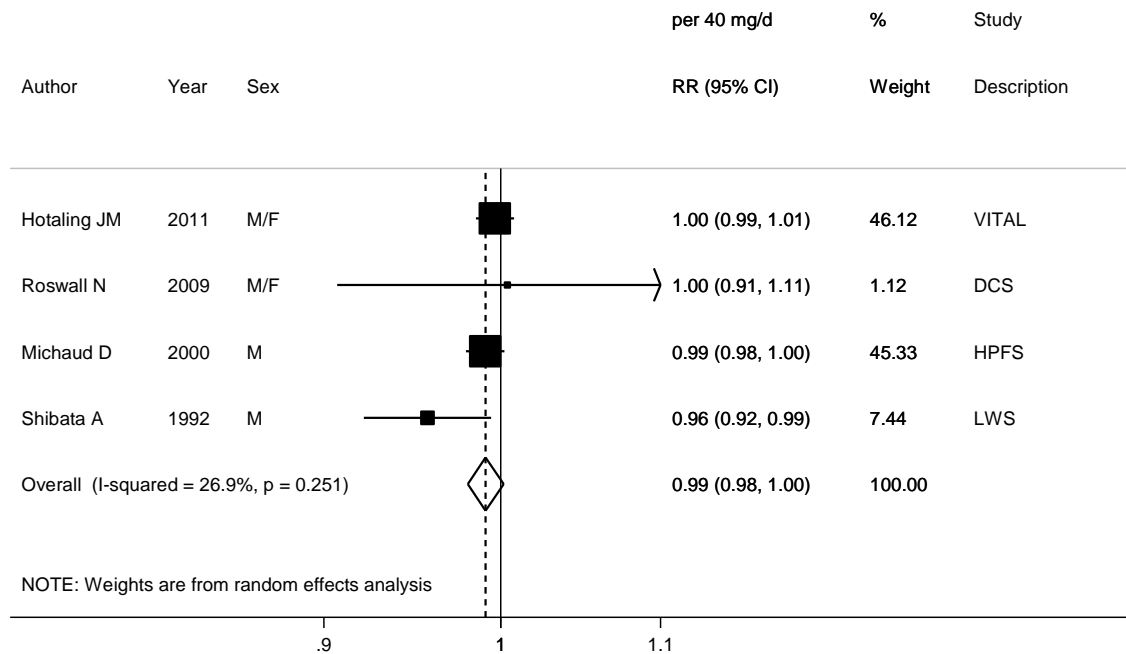
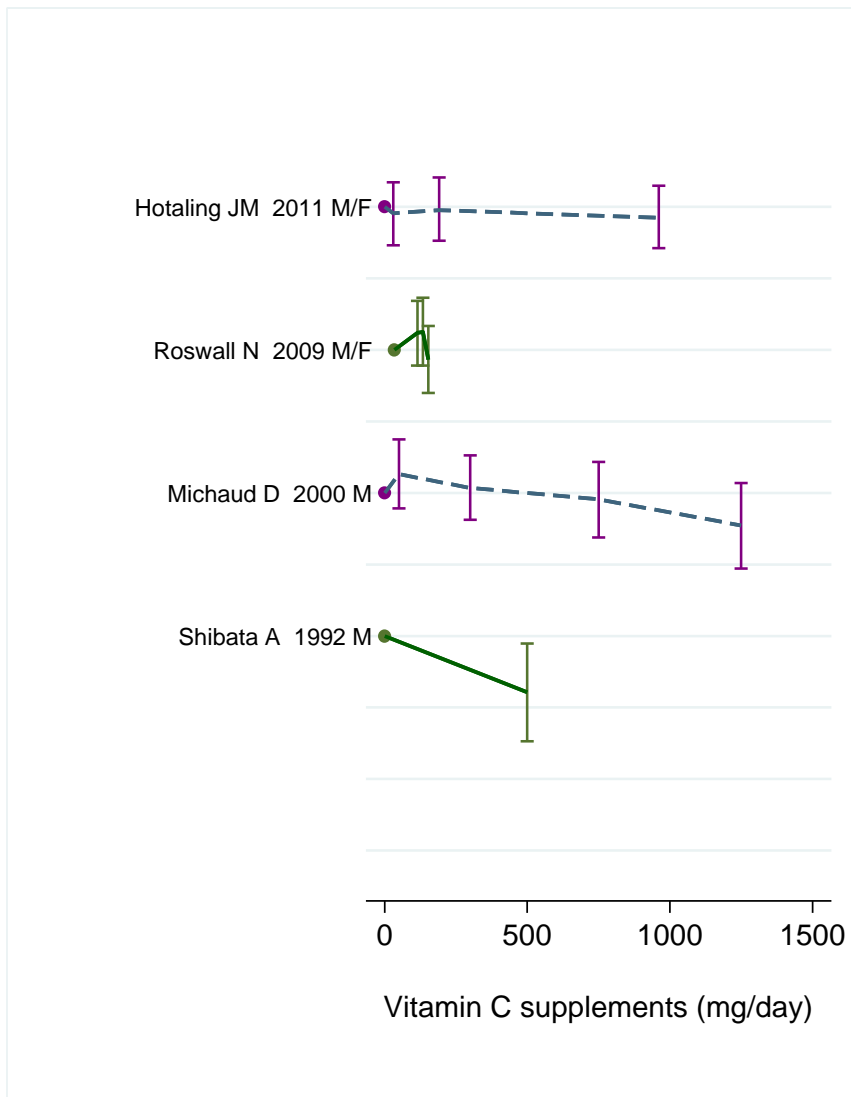


Figure 94 Dose-response graph of vitamin C supplements and bladder cancer



5.5.10 Blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D

Methods

Three studies were identified, all during the CUP. One was on plasma 25-hydroxy vitamin D (Afzal, 2013) and the two others were on serum levels.

All studies were on bladder cancer and all results were adjusted by smoking status, pack-years, and other covariates.

Main results

The summary RR 10nmol/L of blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D was 1.11 (95% CI: 0.92-1.34, $I^2=83\%$, pheterogeneity=0.003, n=3). It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status.

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of high heterogeneity, $I^2=83\%$, pheterogeneity=0.003.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR no studies on blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D and bladder cancer were identified.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 103 Studies on blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Afzal S, 2013 | Denmark | Copenhagen City Heart Study | 112 | 28 years | M/F | 1.28 | 1.06 | 1.54 | Per 50% reduction in plasma 25(OH)D |
| Mondul AM, 2012 | USA | PLCO study | 375 | - | M/F | 0.74 0.85 | 0.29 0.53 | 1.87 1.38 | <25 vs. 50- <75 nmol/L ≥75 vs. 50- <75 nmol/L |
| Mondul AM, 2010 | Finland | ATBC study | 250 | - | M | 1.73 | 1.03 | 2.91 | <25 vs. ≥50 nmol/L |

Table 104 Overall evidence on blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------|---|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | No study was identified. |
| CUP | Three new studies reported on blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D and bladder cancer. Two studies showed that lower 25(OH) D was associated with a statistically significantly increased risk of bladder cancer. |

Table 105 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 3 |
| Cases (n) | | 737 |
| Increment unit | | Per 10 nmol/L |
| RR (95% CI) | | 1.11 (0.92-1.34) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=83\%$, $p<0.01$ |

* No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 106 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-----------|------|---------------------------|---|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| BLA97214 | Afzal S | 2013 | Prospective Cohort Study | Copenhagen City Heart Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | No | | Only continuous results provided |
| BLA97207 | Mondul AM | 2012 | Nested case-control study | Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, and Ovarian (PLCO) Cancer Screening Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA97178 | Mondul AM | 2010 | Nested case-control study | Alpha-Tocopherol, Beta-Carotene Cancer Prevention Study | M | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |

Figure 95 Lowest versus highest forest plot of blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D and bladder cancer

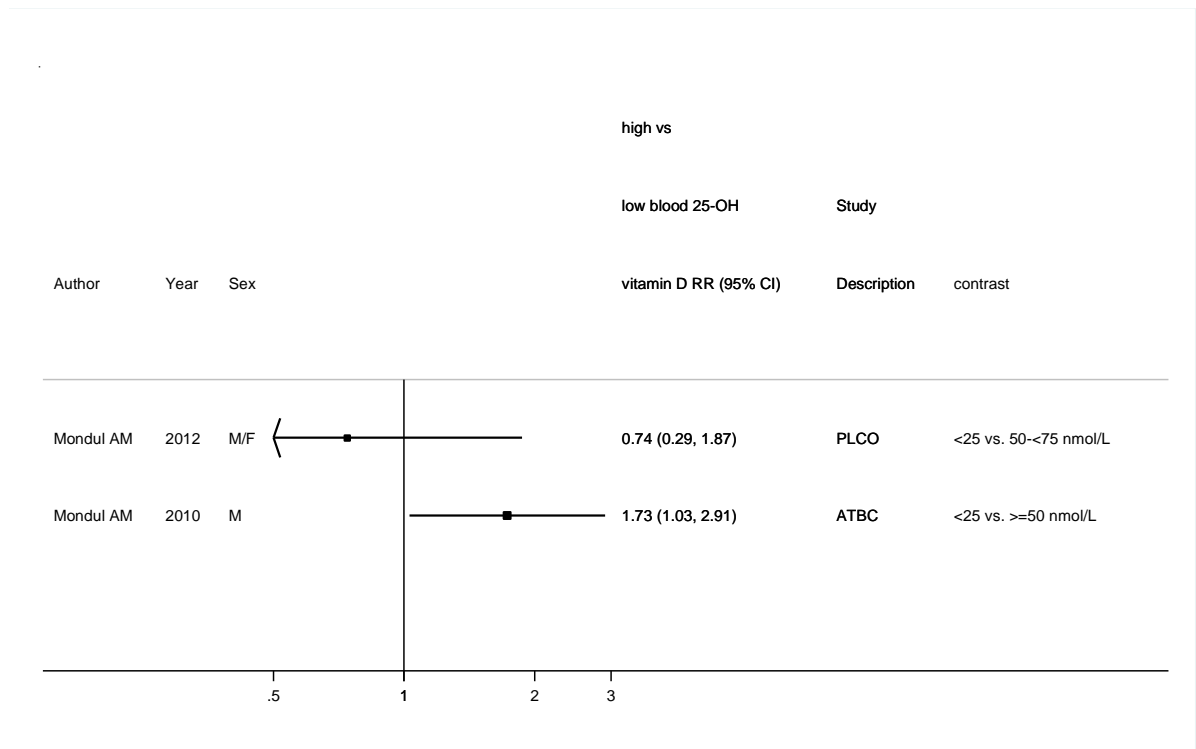
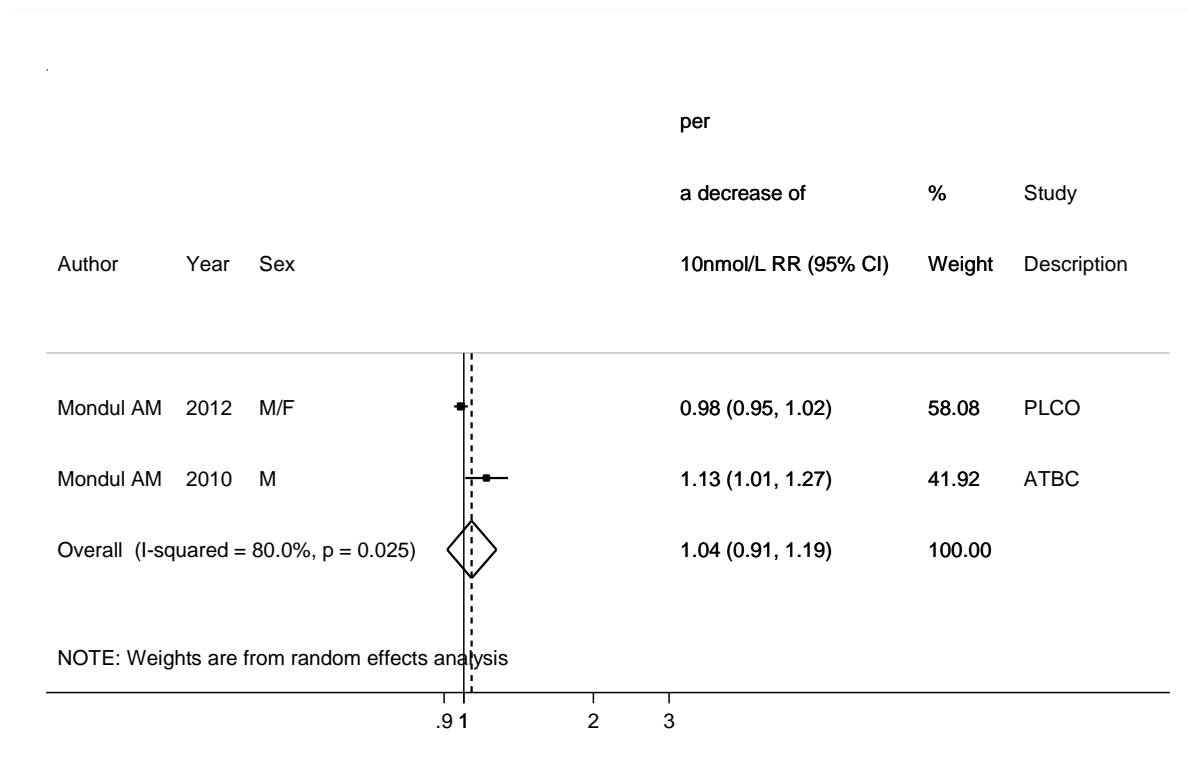


Figure 96 Dose-response meta-analysis of blood 25-hydroxy vitamin D and bladder cancer, per a decrease of 10nmol/L



5.5.11 Vitamin E supplements

Methods

8 studies, 3 were identified during the CUP. Due to the high variability of the units used to assess the vitamin E supplementation only 4 studies could be included in the dose-response meta-analysis. For the dose-response analyses all results were converted to a common scale (IU per day). The dose response results are presented for an increment of 100 IU per day.

Main results

The summary RR per 100 IU/day of vitamin E supplement was 0.99 (95% CI: 0.97-1.01, $I^2=12.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.33, n=4). It was not possible to stratify the analysis by smoking status.

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of low heterogeneity, $I^2=12.1\%$, pheterogeneity=0.33.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating vitamin E supplements use to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 107 Studies on vitamin E supplements identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| Hotaling J, 2011 | USA | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | 330 | 6 years | M/F | 0.95 | 0.70 | 1.29 | 215.1-1000 vs. 0 mg/d |
| Roswall N, 2009 | Denmark | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | 322 | 10.6 years | M/F | 0.97 | 0.66 | 1.44 | >10 vs. 0 mg/d |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC Study | 91 | 12 years | M | 0.75 | 0.18 | 3.06 | Use vs. no use |
| | | | 39 | | F | 0.39 | 0.05 | 2.87 | |

Table 108 Overall evidence on vitamin E supplements and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | Two studies were included in the meta-analysis, which showed a non-significant relationship between vitamin E supplements and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Two new studies could be included in the dose-response meta-analysis; both showed a non-significant relationship between vitamin E supplements and bladder cancer. |

Table 109 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of vitamin E supplements and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 2 | 4 |
| Cases (n) | 389 | 1041 |
| Increment unit | 100 IU/day | Per 100 IU/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 0.95(0.91-1.00) | 0.99 (0.97-1.01) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.39 | $I^2=12.1\%$, p=0.33 |

Table 110 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of vitamin E supplements and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CU H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|---|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| BLA97180 | Hotaling J | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to IU/day | |
| BLA97168 | Roswall N | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Danish Diet, Cancer and Health study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Person-years. Conversion to IU/day | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | No | Yes | | Only high versus low results |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | Identified in the 2005 SLR, relationship not quantified, only reported in the text that vitamin E supplements were not related to bladder cancer risk |
| BLA00179 | Jacobs E | 2002 | Prospective cohort study | Cancer Prevention Study II | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | | Only results on the duration of vitamin E supplementation |
| BLA00335 | Zeegers M | 2001(c) | Prospective cohort study | Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | Estimated RR | |

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|----------|-----------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------|--|
| BLA00432 | Michaud D | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up study | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints. Conversion to IU/day | |
| BLA00922 | Shibata A | 1992 | Prospective cohort study | Laguna Hills Study USA | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Conversion to IU/day | |

Figure 97 Highest versus lowest forest plot of vitamin E supplements and bladder cancer

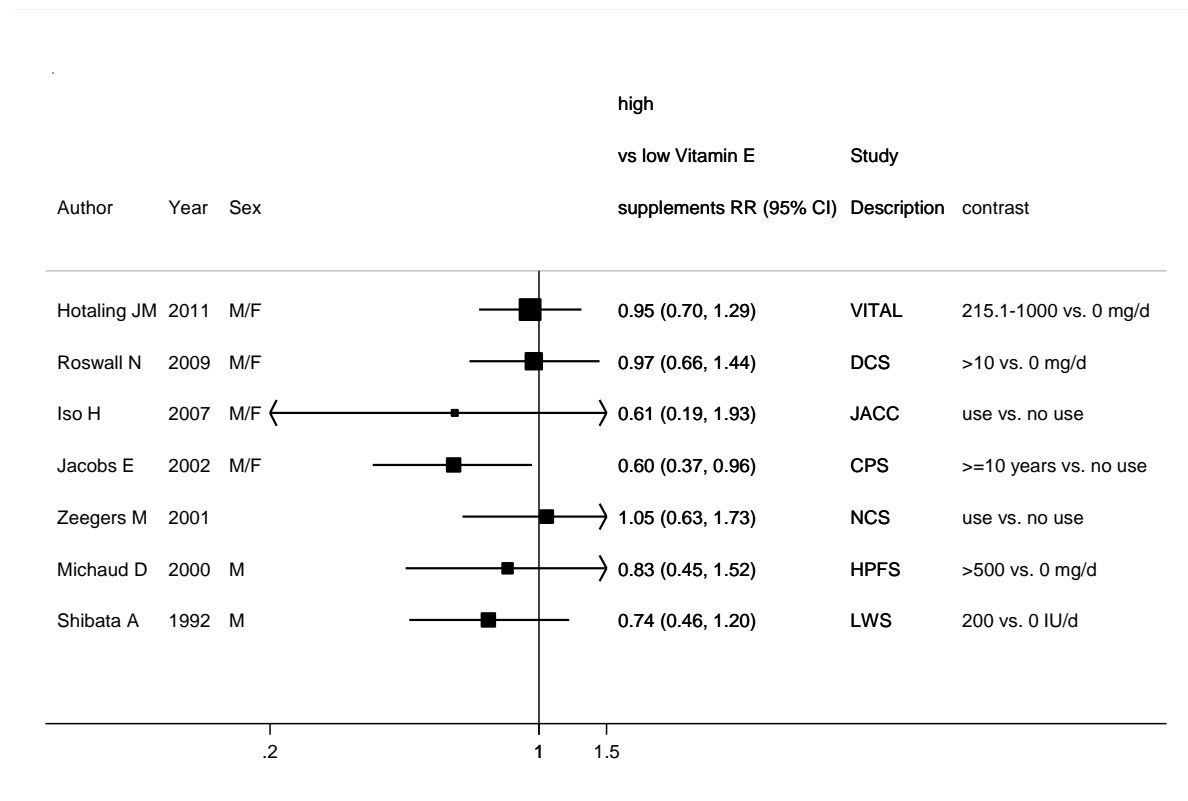


Figure 98 Dose-response meta-analysis of vitamin E supplements and bladder cancer, per 100 IU/day

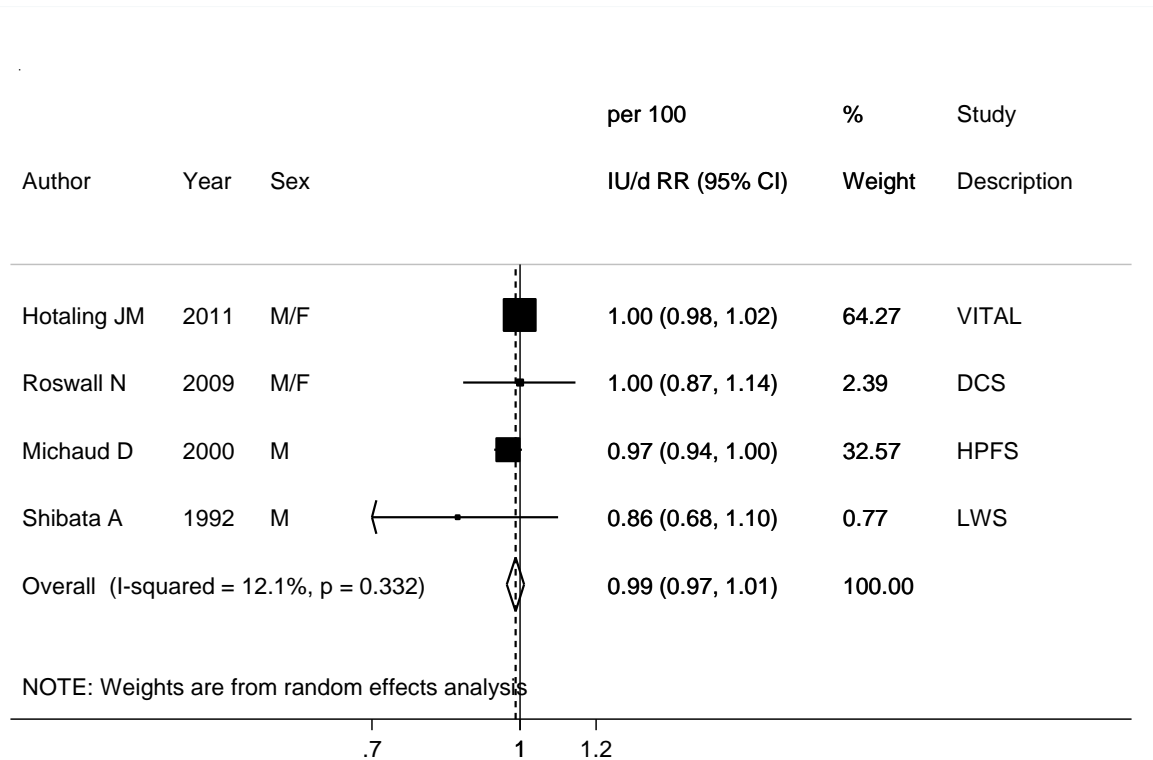
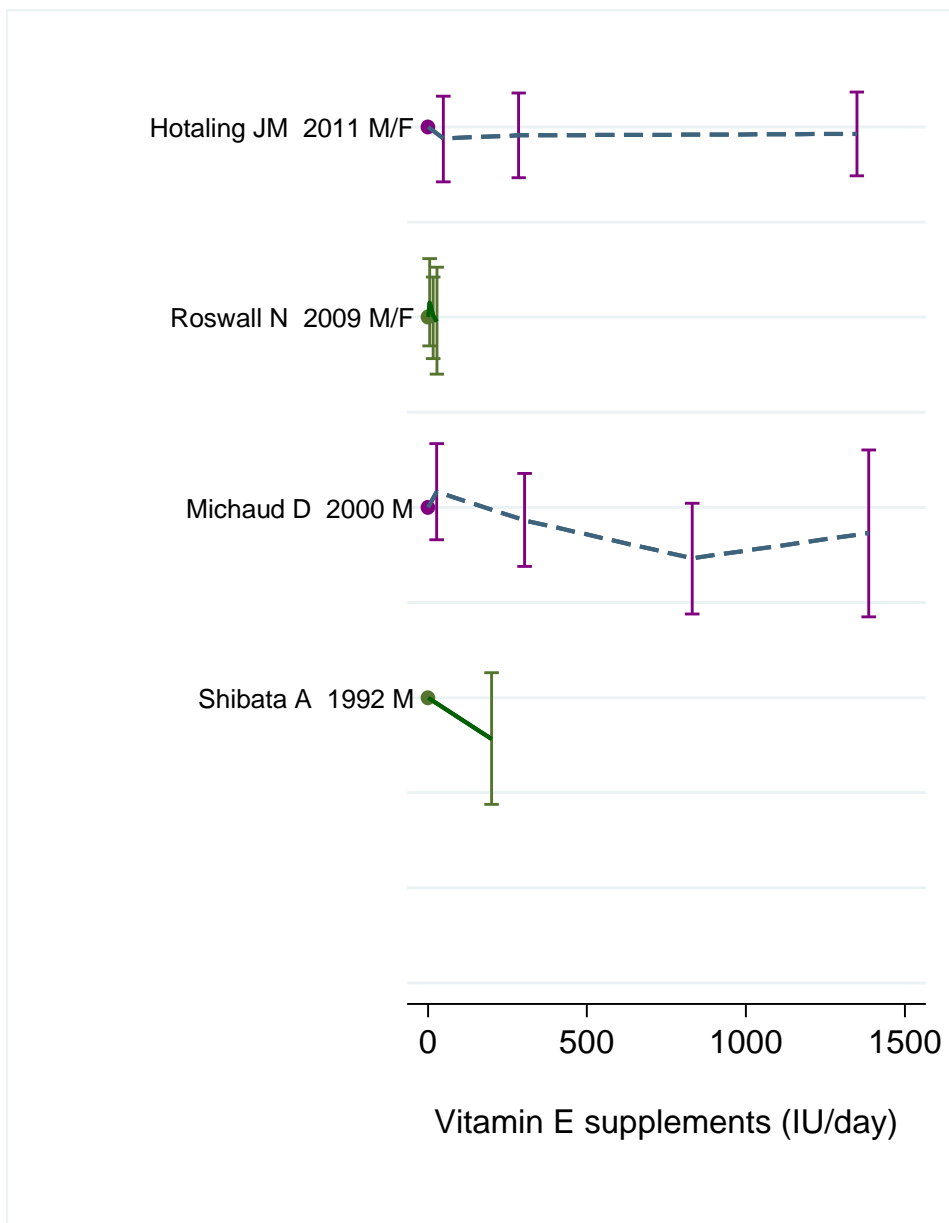


Figure 99 Dose-response graph of vitamin E supplements and bladder cancer



5.5.13 Multivitamins

Methods

Five studies were identified, three of which during the CUP. Due to the high variability of units used to assess multivitamin use, only high versus low analysis could be conducted.

Main results

The overall result of the highest versus lowest analysis was 1.05 (95% CI: 0.78-1.41, $I^2=62.4\%$, pheterogeneity=0.05, n=4).

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating multivitamin use to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 111 Studies on multivitamins identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| Hotaling J, 2011 | USA | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | 330 | 6 years | M/F | 0.98 | 0.76 | 1.28 | >8-10 vs. 0 pills-yrs |
| Neuhouser M, 2009 | USA | Women's Health Initiative | 379 | 8 years | F | 0.83 | 0.65 | 1.06 | Yes vs. no |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC Study | 91 | 12 years | M | 2.08 | 1.15 | 3.75 | Use vs. no use |
| | | | 40 | | F | 1.25 | 0.36 | 4.28 | |

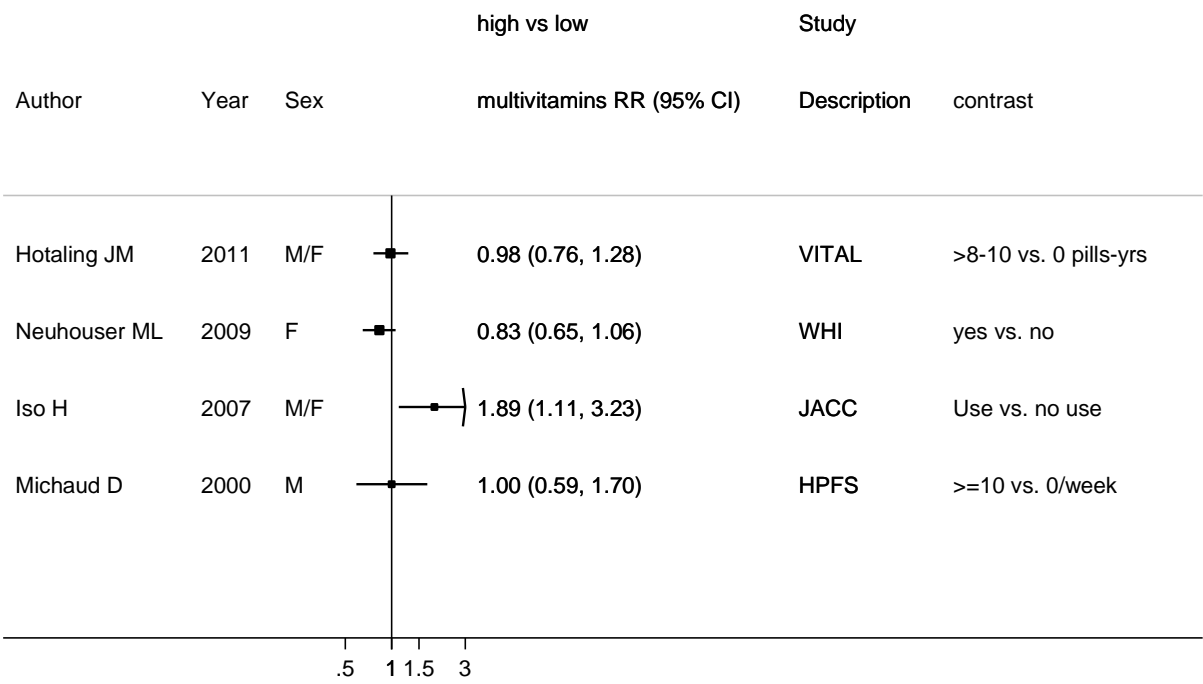
Table 112 Overall evidence on multivitamins and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|---|
| 2005 SLR | Two studies were identified. One mentioned in the text that supplement intake of multivitamins was not related to bladder cancer risk and the other showed a non-significant relationship between multivitamins and bladder cancer. No meta-analysis was conducted in the 2005 SLR. |
| CUP | Three new studies were identified. Only one showed a significant increase risk of bladder cancer for men taking multivitamins. All the other studies showed non-significant results. |

Table 113 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of multivitamins and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-------------|------|--------------------------|---|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---|
| BLA97180 | Hotaling J | 2011 | Prospective cohort study | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | M/F | Incidence | No | No | Yes | | |
| BLA97170 | Neuhouser M | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Women's Health Initiative | F | Incidence | No | No | Yes | | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | No | Yes | | |
| BLA11803 | Holick C | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | Identified in the 2005 SLR, relationship not quantified, only reported in the text that multivitamin use was not related to bladder cancer risk |
| BLA00432 | Michaud D | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | Yes | | |

Figure 100 Highest versus lowest forest plot of multivitamins and bladder cancer



5.6.3 Dietary calcium

Methods

Four studies were identified, 3 of them during the CUP. The dose response results are presented for an increment of 200 mg/day.

Main results

The summary RR per 200 mg/day of dietary calcium was 1.00 (95% CI: 0.97-1.03, $I^2=59.6\%$, pheterogeneity=0.06, n=4).

Heterogeneity

There was evidence of high heterogeneity, $I^2=59.6\%$, pheterogeneity=0.06.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

One study on dietary calcium and bladder cancer was identified in the 2005 SLR and showed non-significant relationship.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 114 Studies on dietary calcium identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|--------------------|
| Allen NE, 2012 | Europe | EPIC study | 1416 | 11.3 years | M/F | 1.24 | 1.01 | 1.52 | 1,197 vs. 732 mg/d |
| | | | | | | 1.03 | 0.98 | 1.07 | Per 300mg/day |
| Park Y, 2009 | USA | NIH-AARP | 1417 | 7 years | M | 0.94 | 0.78 | 1.12 | 1247 vs. 478 mg/d |
| | | | 264 | | F | 1.23 | 0.82 | 1.84 | 1101 vs. 409 mg/d |
| Keszei AP, 2010 | Netherlands | The Netherlands Cohort Study | 1549 | 16.3 years | M/F | 0.97 | 0.76 | 1.24 | 1353 vs. 545 mg/d |

Table 115 Overall evidence on dietary calcium and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|--|
| 2005 SLR | One study was identified and showed a non-significant relationship. |
| CUP | Three new studies were identified; one study showed a significant increase risk of bladder cancer with higher consumption of dietary calcium. A non-significant association was observed in the other studies. |

Table 116 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of dietary calcium and bladder cancer

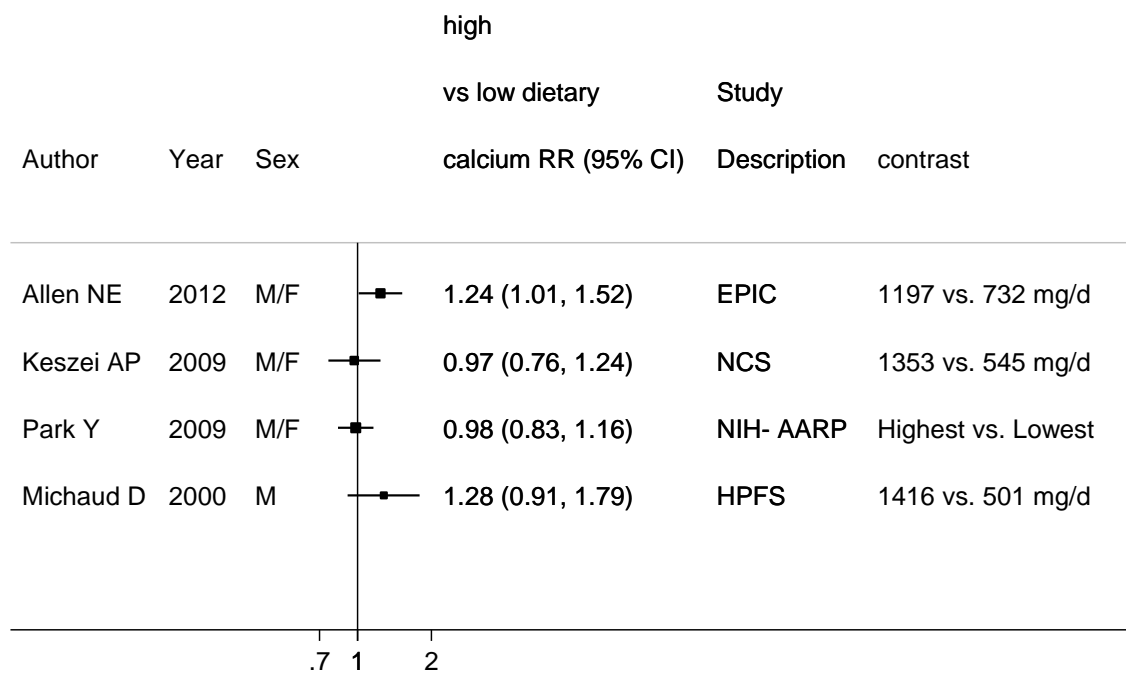
| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR* | CUP |
| Studies (n) | | 4 |
| Cases (n) | | 4966 |
| Increment unit | | Per 200mg/day |
| RR (95% CI) | | 1.00 (0.97-1.03) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | | $I^2=59.6\%$, $p=0.06$ |

* No meta-analysis was conducted in the SLR.

Table 117 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of dietary calcium and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-----------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| BLA97199 | Allen NE | 2012 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA97216 | Park Y | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | NIH-AARP | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |
| BLA97172 | Keszei AP | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | The Netherlands Cohort Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA00432 | Michaud D | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up study | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |

Figure 101 Highest versus lowest forest plot of dietary calcium and bladder cancer



For Park Y, 2009 the contrast was 1247 vs. 478 mg/d for men and 1101 vs. 409 mg/d for women.

Figure 102 Dose-response meta-analysis of dietary calcium and bladder cancer, per 200mg/day

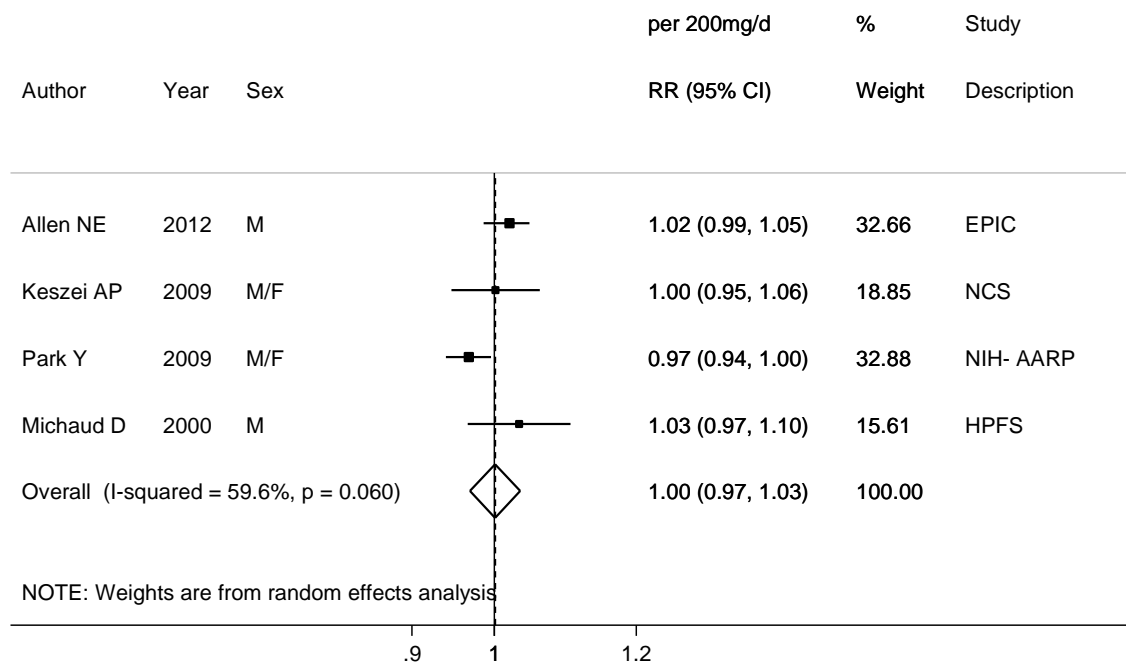
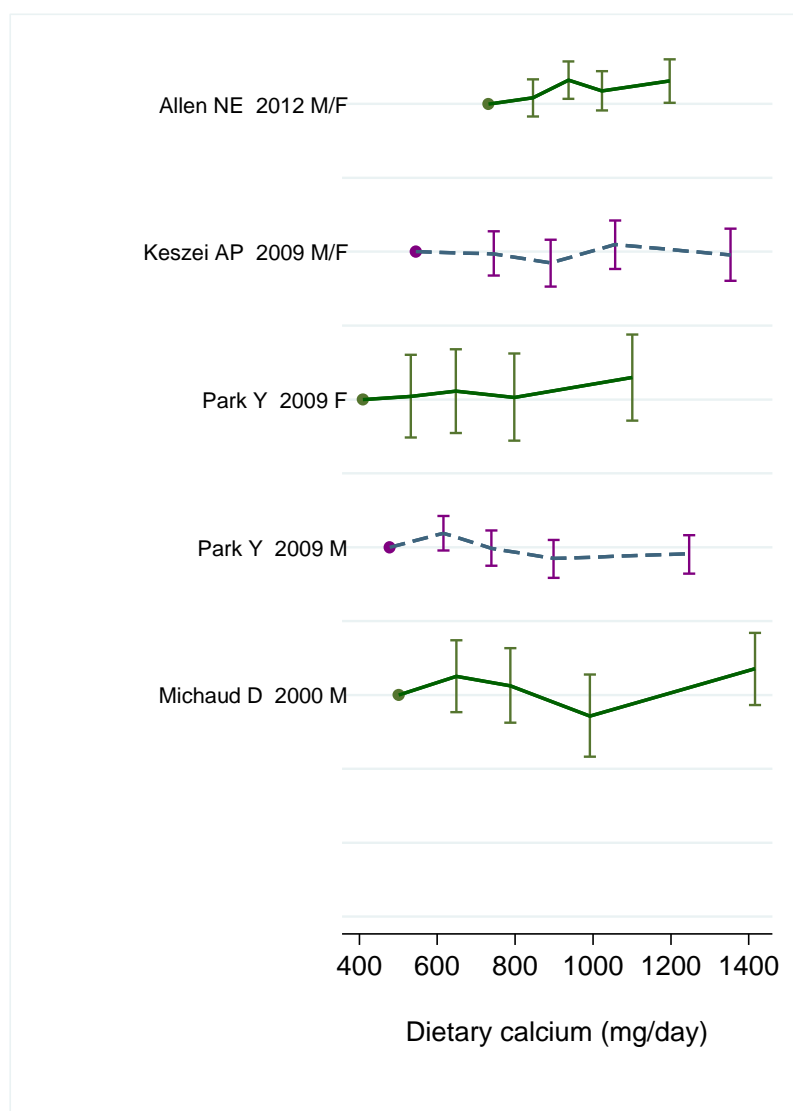


Figure 103 Dose-response graph of dietary calcium and bladder cancer



5.6.3 Calcium supplements

Methods

Only two cohort studies have been identified, both in the CUP. Analyses were conducted to complement the analyses on dietary calcium. Because in one study supplemental calcium was categorized in two levels, it was only possible to conduct high versus low analysis.

One randomised controlled trial was identified. The Women's Health Initiative (WHI) trial of calcium plus vitamin D (Brunner R. 2011).

Main results

The overall result of the highest versus lowest analysis was 0.92 (95% CI: 0.72-1.17, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.48, n=2).

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

No studies on supplemental calcium and bladder cancer were found in the 2005 SLR.

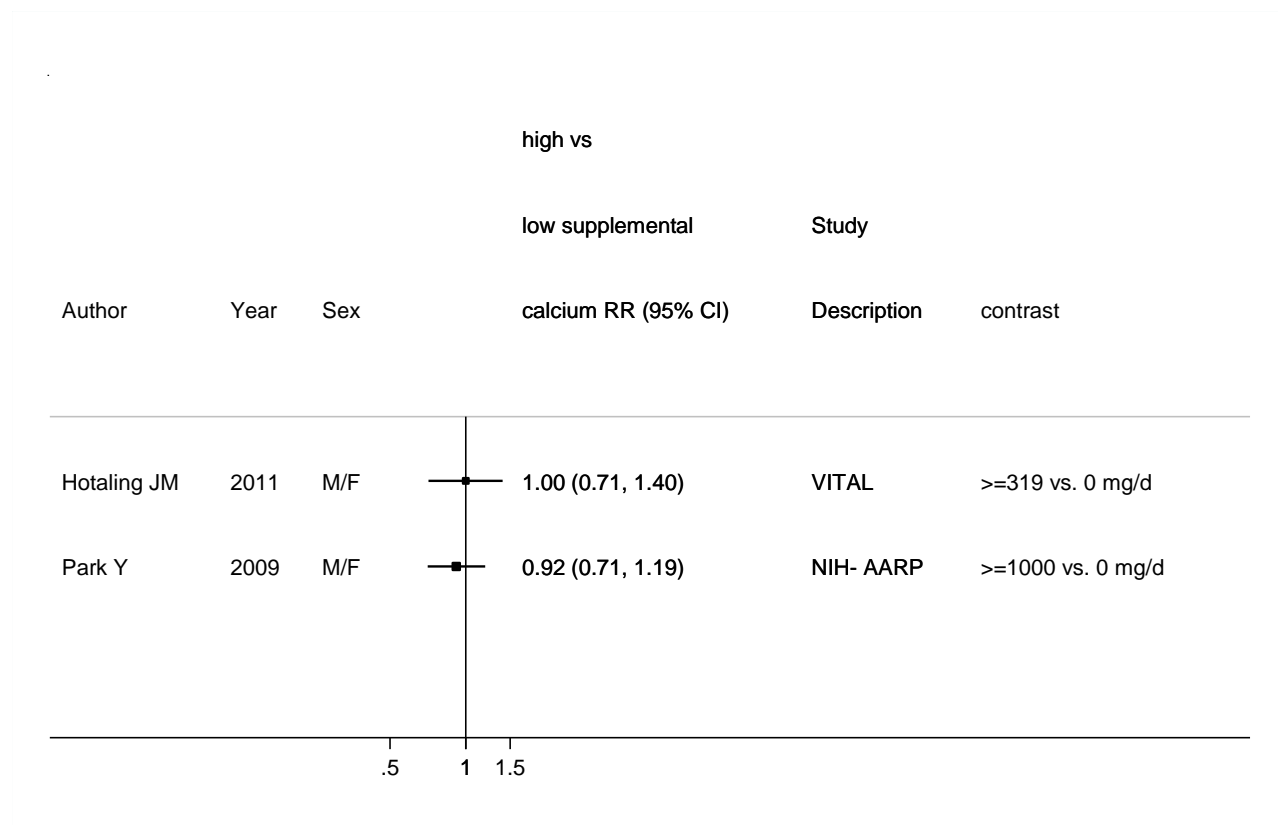
Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 118 Studies on supplemental calcium identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| Hotaling J, 2011 | USA | VITamins And Lifestyle cohort | 330 | 6 years | M/F | 1.00 | 0.71 | 1.40 | ≥ 319 vs. 0 mg/d |
| Park Y, 2009 | USA | NIH-AARP | 1417 | 7 years | M | 0.84 | 0.59 | 1.18 | ≥ 1000 vs. 0mg/d |
| | | | 264 | | F | 1.03 | 0.69 | 1.53 | |

Figure 104 Highest versus lowest forest plot of supplemental calcium and bladder cancer



6 Physical activity

Methods

Twelve studies from 9 articles on physical activity bladder cancer, were identified, from which 8 studies in the CUP. All studies were on recreational physical activity except one on total physical activity (Severson, 1989).

Main results

The wide variability in the methods of assessment of physical activity used did not allow dose-response analyses to be conducted. The highest versus lowest overall RR was 0.94 (95% CI=0.83-1.06, 12 studies).

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating physical activity to bladder cancer was considered limited-no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 119 Studies on physical activity identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|--------------------|----------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|---------------------------|
| Batty GD, 2010 (a) | United Kingdom | Whitehall study, London | 78 | 40 years | M | 1.47 | 0.77 | 2.80 | Inactive vs. active |
| Koebnick C, 2008 | USA | NIH- AARP | 1719 | 8 years | M/F | 0.87 | 0.74 | 1.02 | ≥5 vs. 0 times/w |
| Yun YH, 2008 | Korea | Korea National Health Insurance Study | 414 | 6 years | M | 0.94 | 0.77 | 1.15 | Moderate-high vs. low |
| Holick CN, 2007 | USA | NHS + HPFS | 502 men | 16 years | M | 1.01 | 0.76 | 1.34 | > 34 vs. ≤2 MET-h/w |
| | | | 204 women | 26 years | F | 0.91 | 0.58 | 1.41 | >21.7 vs. ≤2 MET-h/w |
| Schnohr P, 2005 | Denmark | The Copenhagen Centre for Prospective Population | 247 | 14 years | M | 0.83 | 0.57 | 1.21 | Vigorous vs. low activity |

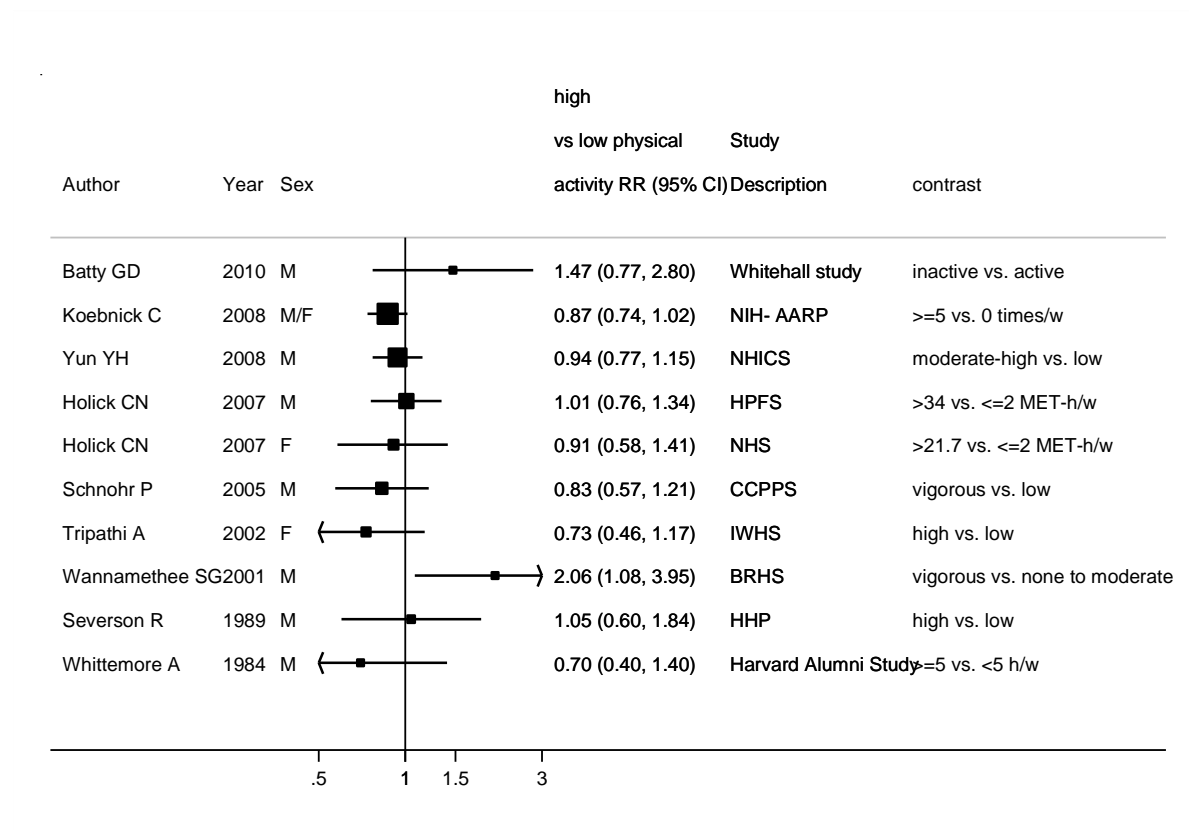
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| | | Studies: Copenhagen City Heart Study, the Copenhagen County Centre of Preventive Medicine and the Copenhagen Male Study | | | | | | | |
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Table 120 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of physical activity and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|--|-----|----------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| BLA97197 | Batty GD | 2010(a) | Prospective cohort study | Whitehall study, London | M | Mortality | No | | Yes | | |
| BLA97161 | Koebnick C | 2008 | Prospective cohort study | NIH- AARP | M/F | Incidence | No | | Yes | | |
| BLA97209 | Yun YH | 2008 | Prospective cohort study | Korea National Health Insurance Study | M | Incidence | No | | Yes | | |
| BLA97156 | Holick CN | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | NHS + HPFS | M/F | Incidence | No | | Yes | | |
| BLA97223 | Schnohr P | 2005 | Prospective cohort study | Copenhagen City Heart Study, the Copenhagen County Centre of Preventive Medicine and the Copenhagen Male Study | M | Incidence | No | | Yes | | |
| BLA00182 | Tripathi A | 2002 | Prospective cohort study | Iowa Women's Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | | Yes | | |
| BLA00319 | Wannamet hee SG | 2001 | Prospective cohort study | British Regional Heart Study | M | Incidence/ Mortality | Yes | | Yes | | |

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|----------|--------------|------|--------------------------|---|---|----------------------|-----|--|-----|--|--|
| BLA03541 | Severson R | 1989 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/ Mortality | Yes | | Yes | | |
| BLA01670 | Whittemore A | 1985 | Prospective cohort study | Follow up of male students from Harvard and Pennsylvania University | M | Incidence/ Mortality | Yes | | Yes | | |

Figure 105 Highest versus lowest forest plot of physical activity and bladder cancer



7 Energy intake

Methods

Five studies identified three of them during the CUP. The dose response results are presented for an increment of 500kcal/day.

Main results

The summary RR per 500 kcal/day of energy intake was 0.99 (95% CI: 0.96-1.04, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.91, n=3).

Heterogeneity

There was no evidence of heterogeneity, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.91.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating energy intake to bladder cancer was considered limited- no conclusion.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 121 Studies on energy intake identified during the CUP

| Author/year | | Study name | Number of cases | Years of follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------------|--------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|------------------------|
| Allen NE, 2012 | Europe | EPIC study | 1416 | 11.3 years | M/F | 1.01 | 0.85 | 1.20 | 2442 vs. 1798 kcal/d |
| | | | | | | 0.99 | 0.95 | 1.04 | Per 500 kcal increase |
| Prentice RL, 2009 | USA | WHI | 99 | 12 years | F | 1.05 | 0.47 | 2.39 | Q4 vs. Q1 |
| Iso H, 2007 | Japan | JACC Study | 89 | 12 years | M | 0.44 | 0.14 | 1.41 | Modified vs. no change |
| | | | 39 | | F | 1.45 | 0.50 | 424 | |

Table 122 Overall evidence on energy intake and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|----------|---|
| 2005 SLR | Two studies were included in the meta-analysis, which showed a non-significant relationship between energy intake and bladder cancer. |
| CUP | Three new studies were identified, all of them showed a non-significant relationship between energy intake and bladder cancer. |

Table 123 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of energy intake and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 2 | 3 |
| Cases (n) | 416 | 1832 |
| Increment unit | Per 500kcal/day | Per 500kcal/day |
| RR (95% CI) | 1.02 (0.93-1.11) | 1.010.99(0.96-1.04) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.96 | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.91 |

Table 124 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of energy intake and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-------------|------|--------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| BLA97199 | Allen NE | 2012 | Prospective cohort study | EPIC study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |
| BLA97194 | Prentice RL | 2009 | Prospective cohort study | Women's Health Initiative Dietary Modification and Observational study | F | Incidence | No | No | Yes | | |
| BLA97203 | Iso H | 2007 | Prospective cohort study | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study (JACC Study) | M/F | Mortality | No | No | Yes | | Only high versus low results |
| BLA00432 | Michaud D | 2000 | Prospective cohort study | Health Professionals Follow-up study | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years | |
| BLA00777 | Chyou PH | 1993 | Prospective cohort study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence/Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Person-years. Midpoints | |

Figure 106 Highest versus lowest forest plot of energy intake and bladder cancer

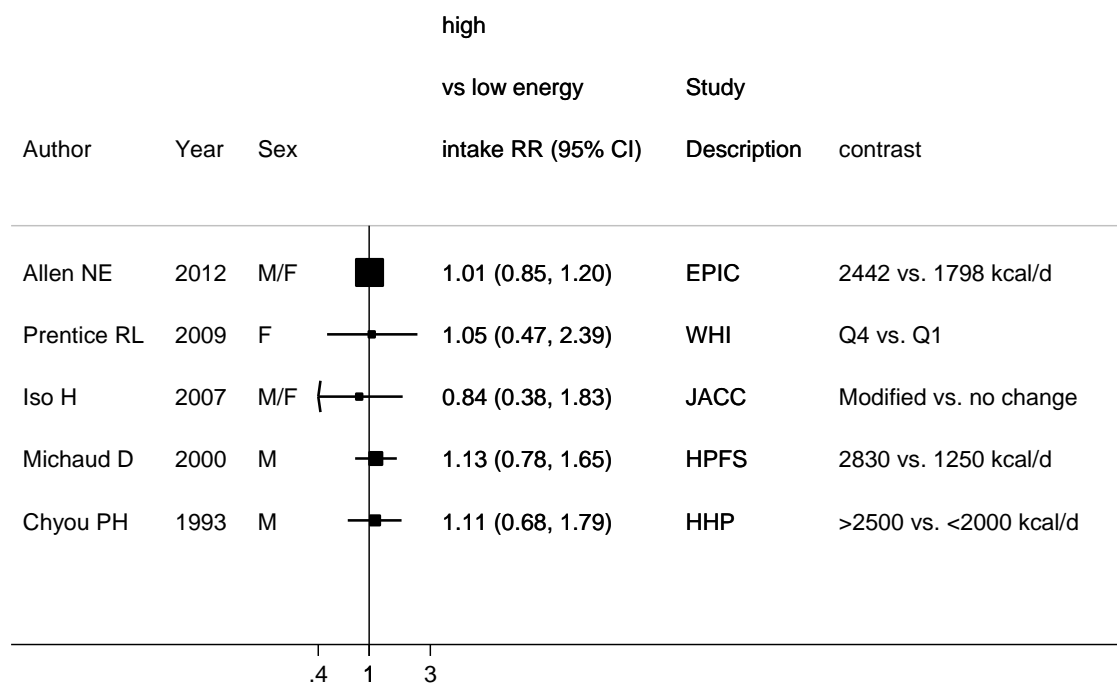


Figure 107 Dose-response meta-analysis of energy intake and bladder cancer, per 500kcal/day

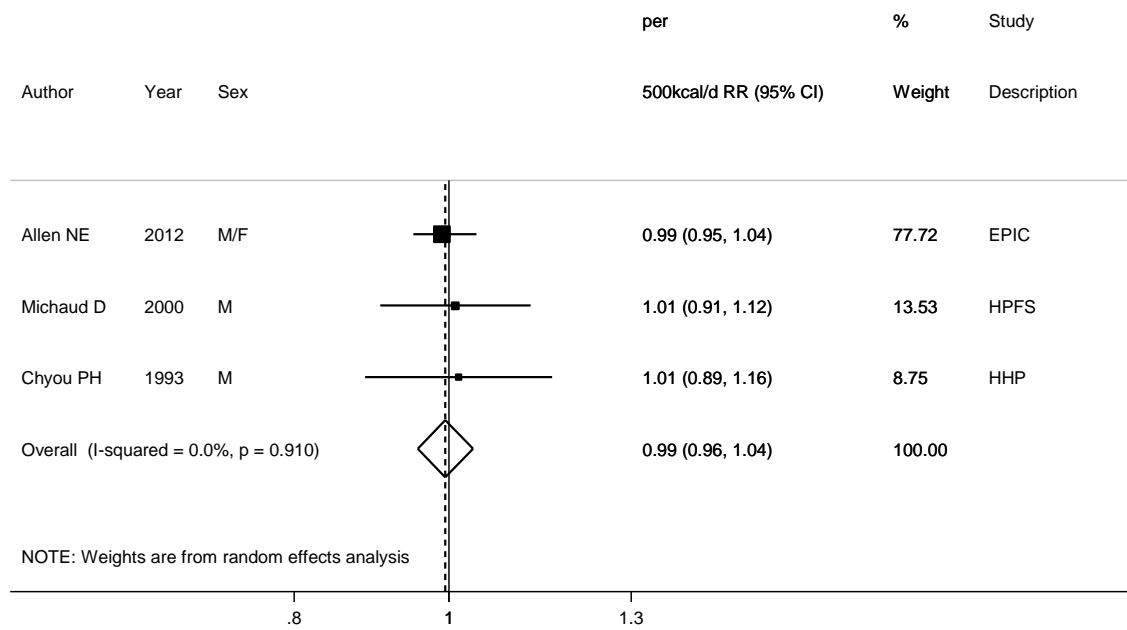
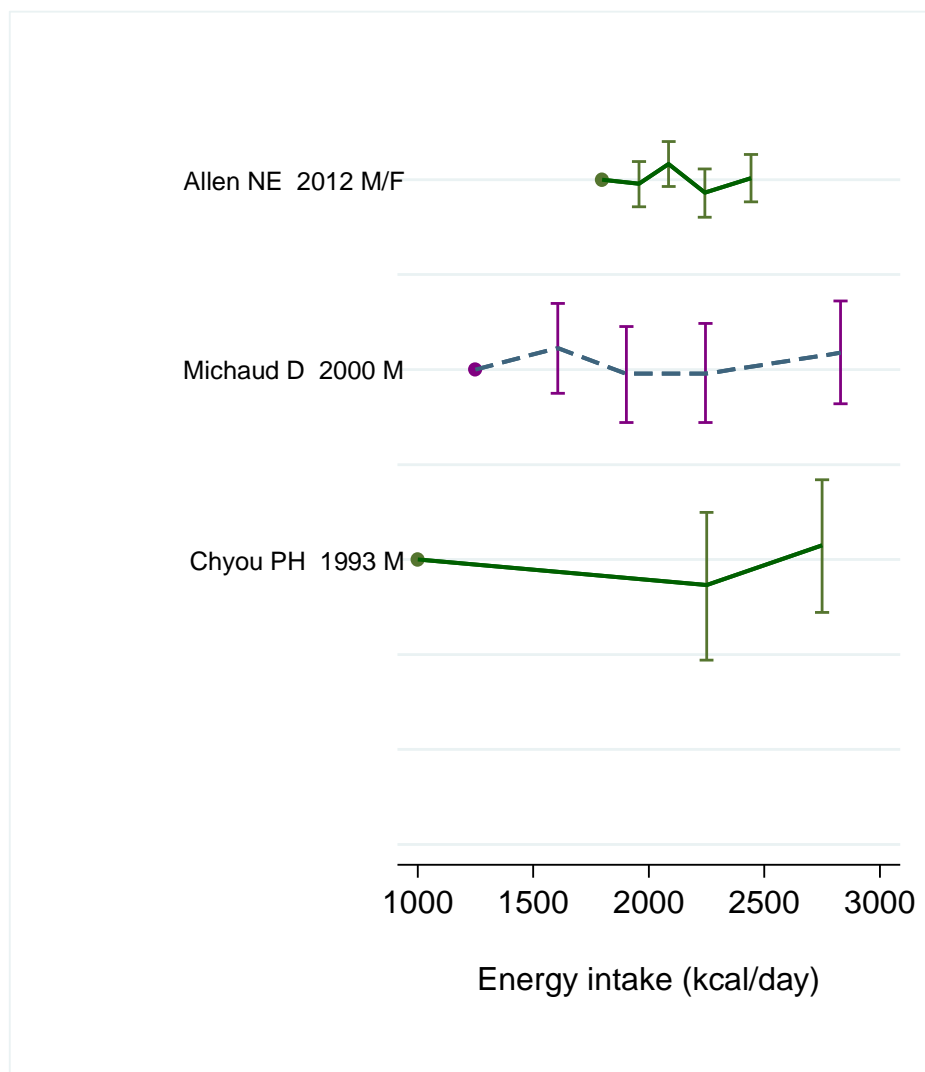


Figure 108 Dose-response graph of energy intake and bladder cancer



8 Anthropometry

8.1.1 BMI

Methods

A total of 22 studies (25 articles) of BMI and bladder cancer were identified, twelve of which in the CUP.

Dose-response analyses and stratified analyses of BMI and bladder cancer risk were conducted per 5 BMI units. The method by Hamling et al, 2008 was used to convert risk estimates when the reference category was not the lowest category. Nonlinear dose-response analyses were conducted using restricted cubic splines (Hamling, 2008).

Main results

The summary RR per 5 BMI units was 1.03 (95% CI: 0.97-1.09, $I^2=55.1\%$, pheterogeneity= $0<0.01$, $n=17$). The results were similar by sex with summary RRs of 1.01 (95% CI: 0.93-1.10, $I^2=50\%$, pheterogeneity= 0.04 , $n=9$) and 1.03 (95% CI: 0.94-1.14, $I^2=50\%$, pheterogeneity= 0.04 , $n=10$), in men and women, respectively.

When stratified by geographic location, the summary RR was 0.97 (95% CI: 0.89-1.05, $I^2=36\%$, pheterogeneity= 0.16 , $n=6$) for European studies, 1.06 (95% CI: 1.00-1.11, $I^2=20\%$, pheterogeneity= 0.27 , $n=8$) for the American studies and 1.20 (95% CI: 1.01-1.42, $I^2=24\%$, pheterogeneity= 0.24 , $n=3$) for the Asian studies. In a sensitivity analysis, including the Asian Pacific Cohort Studies Collaboration in addition to the CUP data the overall summary RR was 1.03 (95% CI: 0.98-1.09, $I^2=52\%$, pheterogeneity= $0<0.01$), while the subgroup analysis of Asian studies showed a summary RR of 1.21 (95% CI: 1.08-1.35, $I^2=1\%$, pheterogeneity= 0.39).

There was a suggestion of a nonlinear association between BMI and bladder cancer, $p_{\text{nonlinearity}}=0.08$. Compared with 20 kg/m^2 as reference, there was a decreased risk for lower BMI and a weak increased risk for higher BMI up to 28 kg/m^2 (visual inspection of the spline model), but not further increase in risk at higher levels of BMI.

Heterogeneity

There was high heterogeneity in the analyses at least partially explained by geographic location of the studies. Asian studies tended to report stronger positive associations. There was indication of publication bias with Egger's test, $p<0.01$.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating body fatness to bladder cancer was considered limited and no conclusion was possible.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A pooled analysis within the Me-Can project (7 cohorts) reported a RR of 1.13 (95% CI: 0.94-1.35) in men and 0.87 (95% CI: 0.58-1.32) in women when comparing the groups of individuals with mean BMI 30.8 with 21.5 (Haggstrom et al, 2011). A pooled analysis of 39

cohort studies within the Asian Pacific Cohort Studies Collaboration found a non-significant association between BMI and bladder cancer mortality and reported a hazard ratio of 0.72 (95% CI: 0.29-1.79) for BMI 30-60 vs. 18.5-24.9 and 1.09 (95% CI: 0.78-1.54) per 5 kg/m² (Parr, 2010).

Table 125 Studies on BMI identified during the CUP

| Author/ year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of Follow- up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast (kg/m ²) |
|----------------------|---------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Andreotti, 2010 | USA | Agricultural Health Study | 148 | 10 years | M | 1.41 1.01 | 0.82 0.96 | 2.41 1.05 | 30-34.9 vs. 18.5- 24.9 Per 1 unit |
| | | | | | F | 0.97 0.93 | 0.32 0.83 | 2.89 1.05 | 30-34.9 vs. 18.5- 24.9 Per 1 unit |
| Prentice, 2009, | USA | Women's Health Initiative | 99 | 12 years | F | 0.74 | 0.34 | 1.6 | Per 10 units |
| Jee, 2008 | Korea | National Health Insurance Corporation Study | 2439 | 10.8 years | M/F | 1.02 0.74 | 0.52 0.27 | 1.97 2.06 | ≥30 vs. 23-24.9 ≥30 vs. 23-24.9 |
| Koebnick, 2008 | USA | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | 1719 | ~7.2 years | M/F | 1.28 | 1.02 | 1.61 | ≥35 vs. 18.5-24.9 |
| Larsson, 2008 (c) | Sweden | Cohort of Swedish Men | 388 | ~8.8 years | M | 0.79 | 0.29 | 2.14 | ≥35 vs. 18.5-24.9 |
| Fujino, 2007 | Japan | Japan Collaborati ve Cohort Study | 117 | ~14 years | M/F | 1.31 1.23 | 0.18 0.16 | 9.53 9.16 | ≥30 vs. 18.5-24 ≥30 vs. 18.5-24 |
| Reeves, 2007 | UK | Million Women's Study | 615 | 5.4 years | F | 1.07 1.09 | 0.88 0.89 | 1.30 1.34 | ≥30 vs. 22.5-24.9 Per 10 units |
| Holick, 2007 | USA | Health Professional 's Follow- up Study | 507 | 16 years | M | 1.01 1.00 | 0.68 0.97 | 1.50 1.03 | ≥30 vs. 18-22.9 Per 1 unit |
| Holick, | USA | Nurses' | 359 | 26 | F | 1.31 | 0.91 | 1.89 | ≥30 vs. |

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|----------------|---------|--|------|------------|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 2007 | | Health Study | | years | | 1.02 | 0.99 | 1.04 | 18-22.9 Per 1 unit |
| Samanic, 2006 | Sweden | Swedish Construction Workers Cohort Study | 2030 | 19 years | M | 0.91 | 0.76 | 1.09 | ≥30 vs. <25 |
| Cantwell, 2006 | USA | Breast Cancer Detection and Demonstration Project | 167 | 15.3 years | F | 0.83 | 0.26 | 2.63 | ≥35 vs. 18.5-<25 |
| Rapp, 2005 | Austria | The Vorarlberg Health Monitoring and Promotion Program | 229 | 9.9 years | M/F | 0.74 1.60 | 0.45 0.76 | 1.22 3.36 | ≥30 vs. 18-24.9 ≥30 vs. 18-24.9 |

Table 126 Overall evidence on BMI and bladder cancer

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | Four nested case-control studies and six cohort studies were identified. One nested case-control study reported an inverse association, and the remaining studies reported no significant association. |
| Continuous Update Project | Of the twelve additional cohort studies identified in the CUP, one reported a significant positive association, while the remaining studies reported no significant association. |

Table 127 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of BMI and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | 5 | 17 |
| Cases (n) | 2149 | 10571 |
| RR (95% CI) | 1.00 (0.98-1.03) | 1.03 (0.97-1.09) |
| Quantity | 5 kg/m ² | 5 kg/m ² |
| Heterogeneity (I ² , p-value) | 43.5, p=0.13 | I ² =55.1%, p<0.01 |
| By sex | | |
| Men | - | 1.01 (0.93-1.10) |
| Heterogeneity (I ² , p-value) | - | I ² =50%, p=0.04, n=9 |
| Women | - | 1.03 (0.94-1.14) |
| Heterogeneity (I ² , p-value) | - | I ² =50%, p=0.04, n=10 |
| By geographic area | | |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Europe | - | 0.97 (0.89-1.05) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | - | $I^2=36\%$, $p=0.16$, $n=6$ |
| North-America | - | 1.06 (1.00-1.11) |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | - | $I^2=20\%$, $p=0.27$, $n=8$ |
| Asia | - | 1.20 (1.01-1.42) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | - | $I^2=24\%$, $p=0.27$, $n=3$ |

Table 128 Inclusion/exclusion table for meta-analysis of BMI and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Sex | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| BLA97196 | Andreotti | 2010 | Prospective cohort | Agricultural Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years, midpoints | |
| BLA97194 | Prentice | 2009 | Prospective cohort | Women's Health Initiative | F | Incidence | No | Yes | No | | Only continuous estimate |
| BLA97189 | Jee | 2008 | Prospective cohort | National Health Insurance Corporation Study, Korea | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Person-years, midpoints, converted RRs | |
| BLA97161 | Koebnick | 2008 | Prospective cohort | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97159 | Larsson | 2008(c) | Prospective cohort | Cohort of Swedish Men | M | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA97212 | Fujino | 2007 | Prospective cohort | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints, converted RRs | |
| BLA97192 | Reeves | 2007 | Prospective cohort | Million Women's Study | F | Incidence/Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints, converted RRs | |
| BLA97155 | Holick | 2007 | Prospective cohort | Health Professional's Follow-up Study | M | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97155 | Holick | 2007 | Prospective cohort | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97186 | Samanic | 2006 | Prospective cohort | Swedish Construction Workers Cohort | M | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints, person-years | |
| BLA97152 | Cantwell | 2006 | Prospective cohort | Breast Cancer Detection Demonstration | F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints, converted RRs | |

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|----------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|--|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | Project follow-up cohort | | | | | | | |
| BLA97220 | Rapp | 2005 | Prospective cohort | The Vorarlberg Health Monitoring and Promotion Program | M/F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA11288 | Batty | 2005 | Prospective cohort | The Whitehall Study | M | Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97149 | Oh | 2005 | Prospective cohort | Korea National Health Insurance Corporation Study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | Overlap with Jee et al, 2008 |
| BLA06932 | Calle | 2003 | Prospective cohort | Cancer Prevention Study 2 | M/F | Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints, person-years | |
| BLA00083 | Nomura | 2003 | Nested case-control study | Honolulu Heart Program | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates |
| BLA00182 | Tripathi | 2002 | Prospective cohort | Iowa Women's Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA00183 | Michaud | 2002(b) | Nested case-control study | Alpha-Tocopherol Beta-Carotene Cancer Prevention Study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates |
| BLA03990 | Hirvonen | 2001 | Prospective cohort | Alpha-Tocopherol Beta-Carotene Cancer Prevention Study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates |
| BLA08832 | Persson-Moschos | 2000 | Nested case-control study | Sweden 1974-1982 | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates |
| BLA02708 | Nagano | 2000 | Prospective cohort | Life Span Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |

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|----------|------------|------|---------------------------|---|-----|-----------|-----|-----|----|--|--|
| BLA02765 | Kurrtio | 1999 | Nested case-control study | Finland 1981-1995 | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates, outcome was kidney cancer |
| BLA10320 | Tulinius | 1997 | Prospective cohort | Icelandic Cardiovascular Risk Factors Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | No | | Continuous estimate, no result for men |
| BLA01645 | Whittemore | 1985 | Nested case-control study | Harvard Pennsylvania Alumni Study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates |
| BLA01670 | Whittemore | 1984 | Nested case-control study | Harvard Pennsylvania Alumni Study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates |

Figure 109 Highest versus lowest forest plot of BMI and bladder cancer

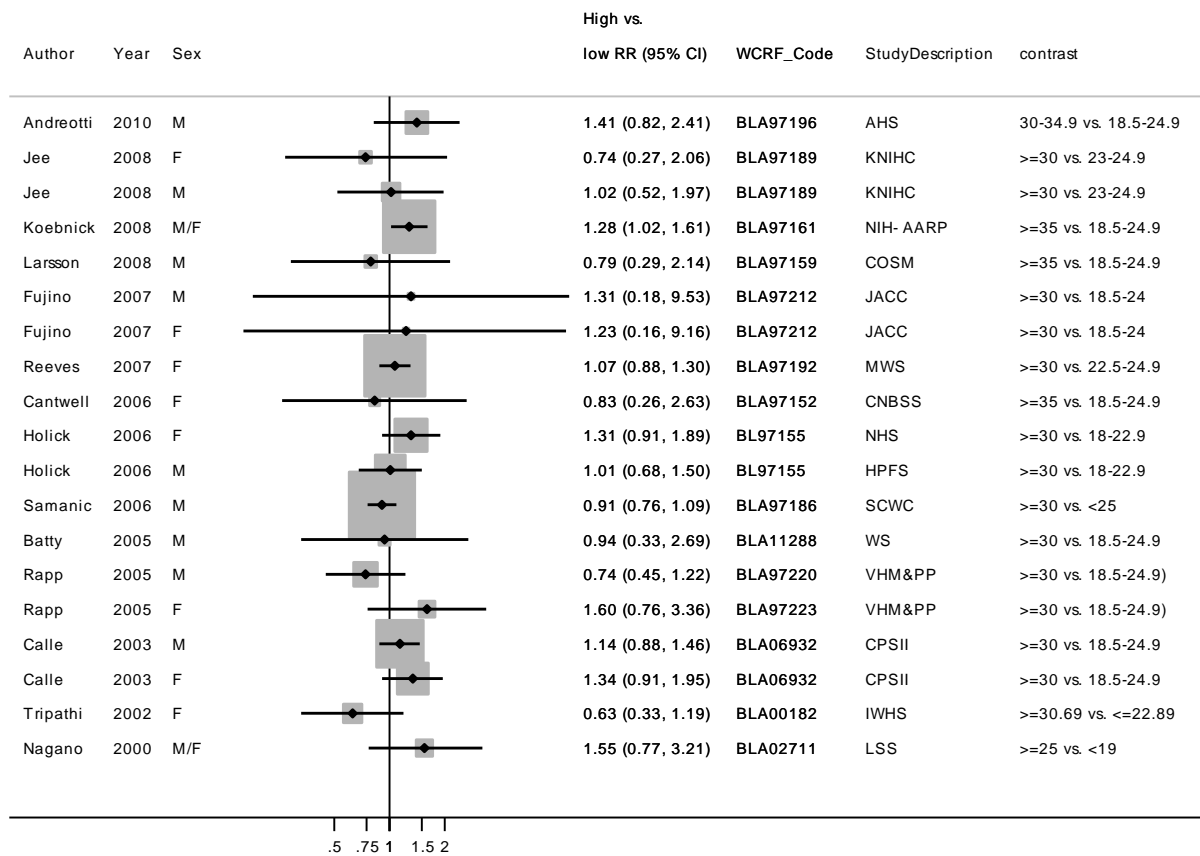


Figure 110 Dose-response meta-analysis of BMI and bladder cancer, per 5 units increase

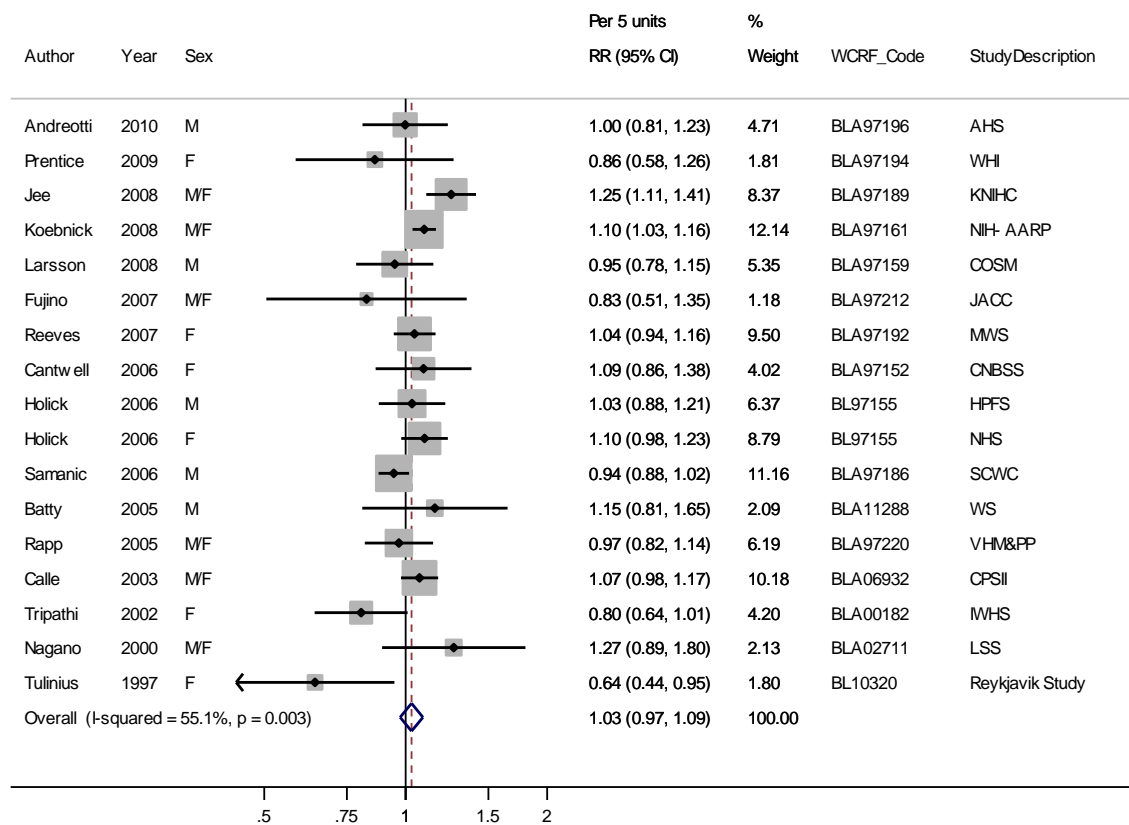


Figure 111 Dose-response meta-analysis of BMI and bladder cancer stratified by sex, per 5 units increase

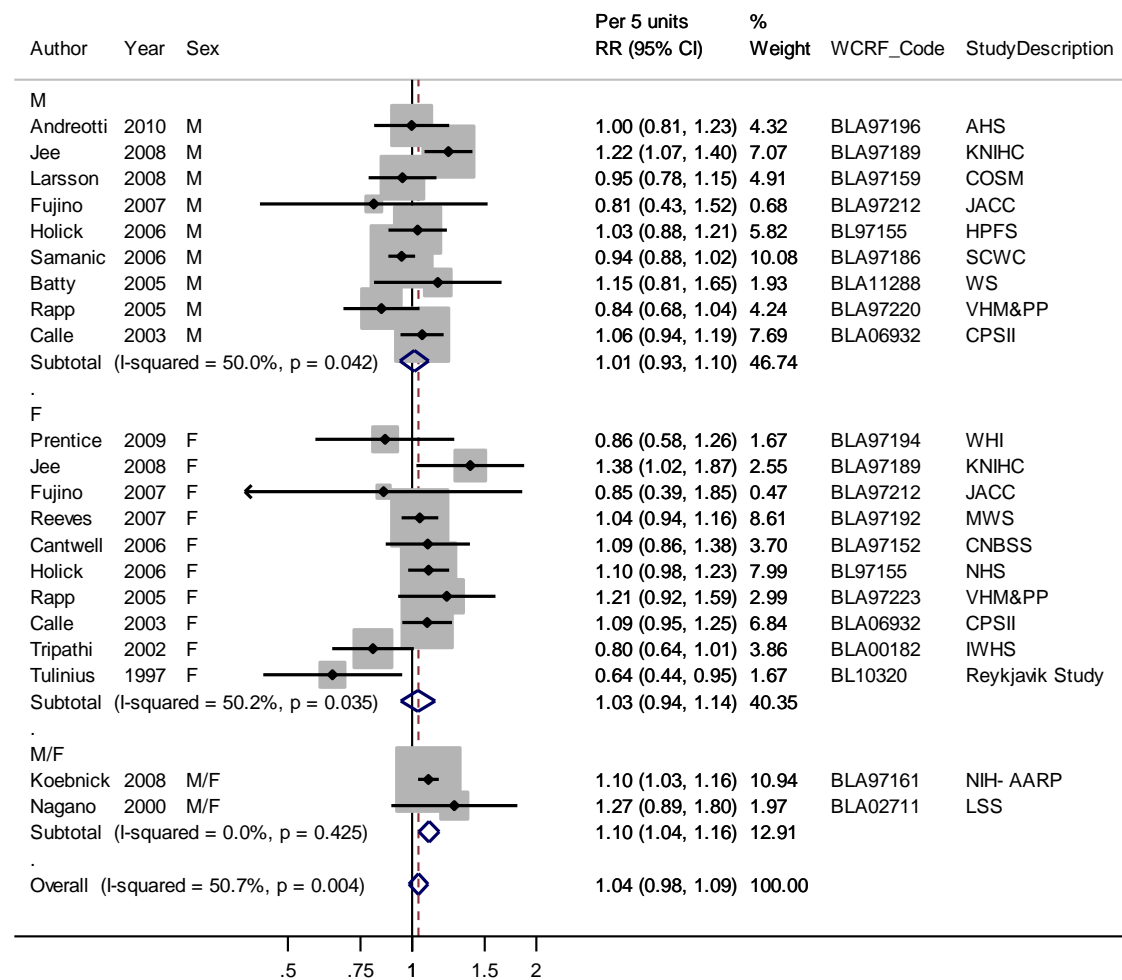


Figure 112 Dose-response meta-analysis of BMI and bladder cancer stratified by outcome, per 5 units increase

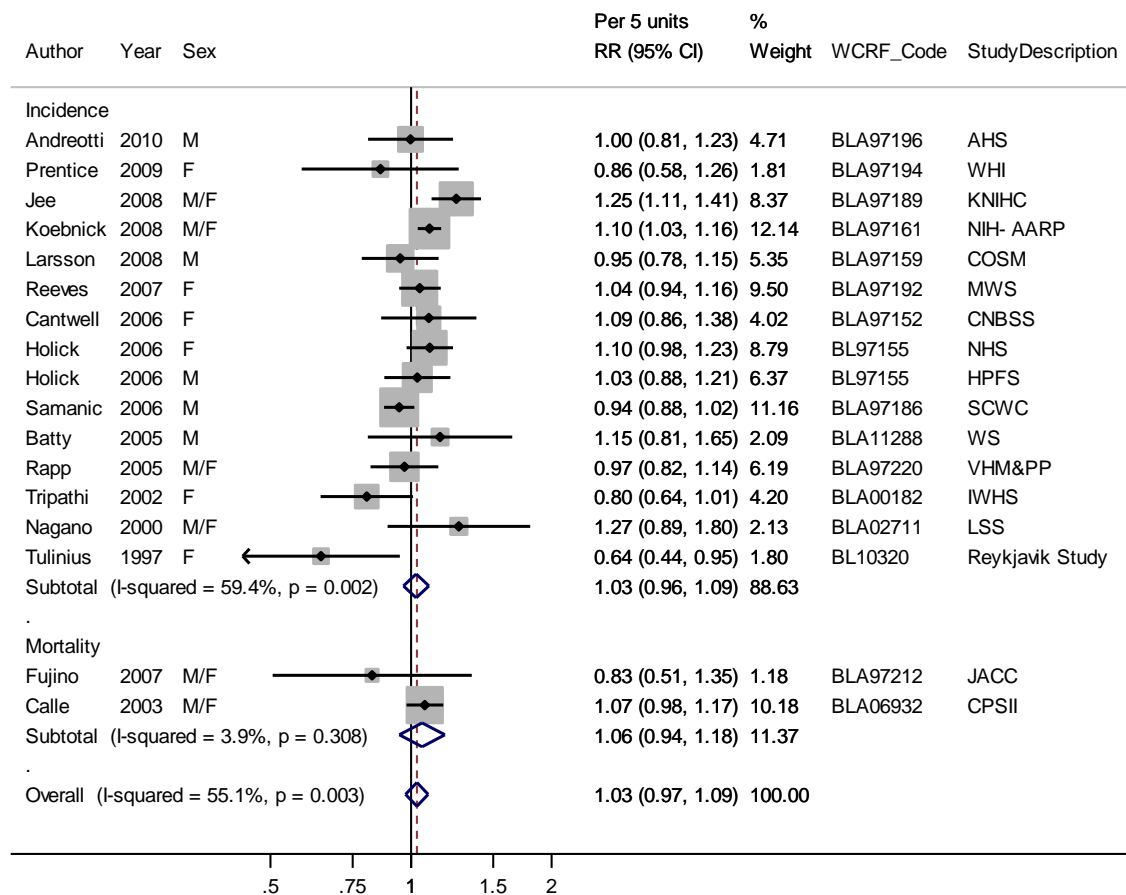


Figure 113 Dose-response meta-analysis of BMI and bladder cancer, stratified by location, per 5 units increase

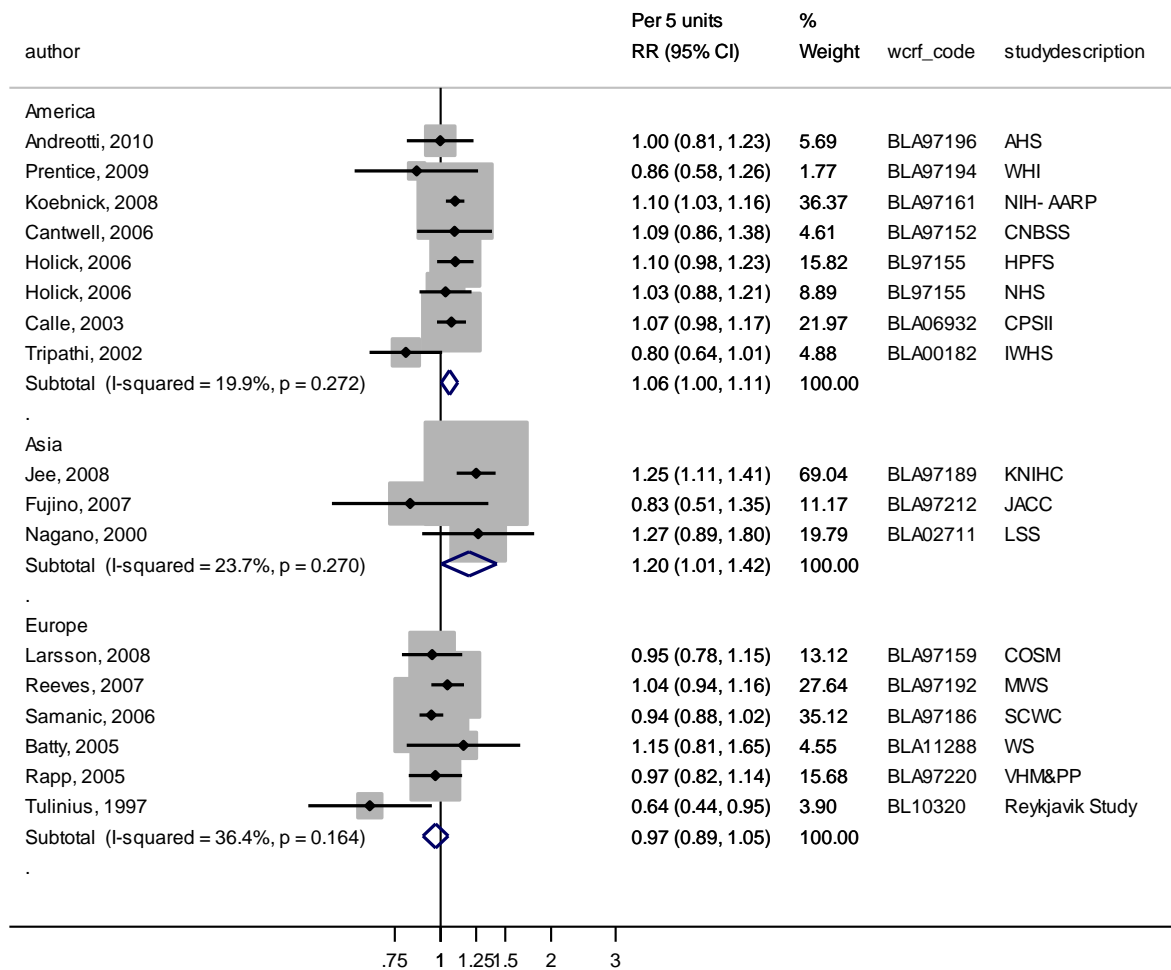
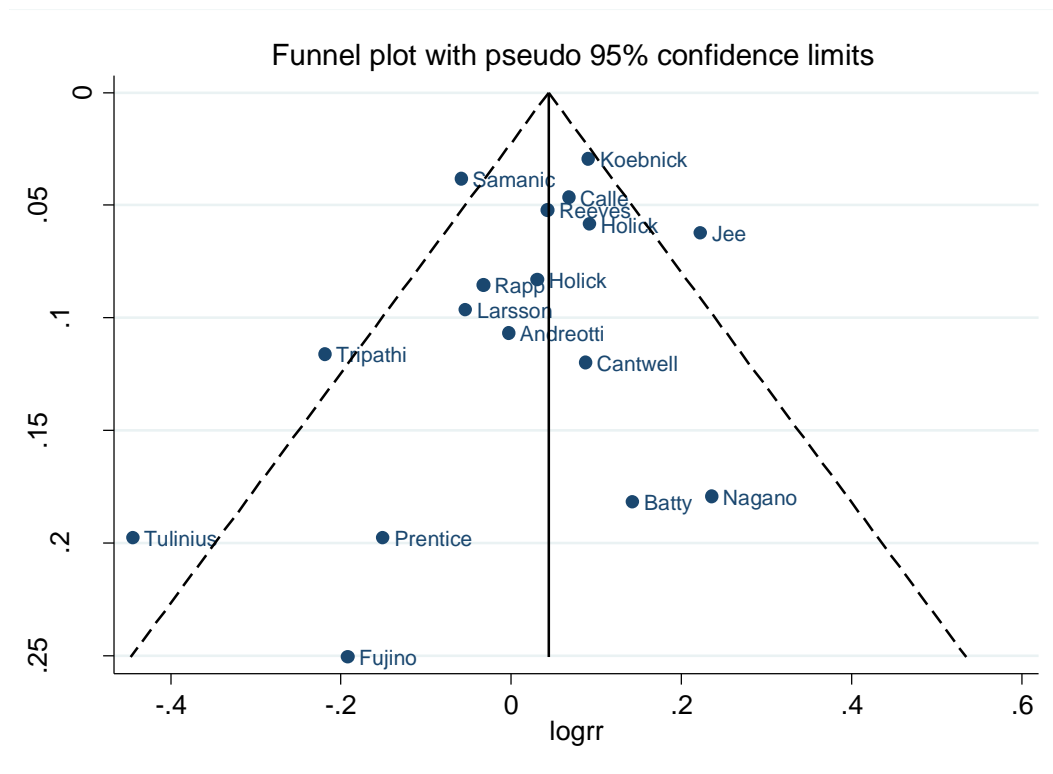


Figure 114 Funnel plot of BMI and bladder cancer



Egger's test, $p < 0.01$

Figure 115 Dose-response graph of BMI and bladder cancer

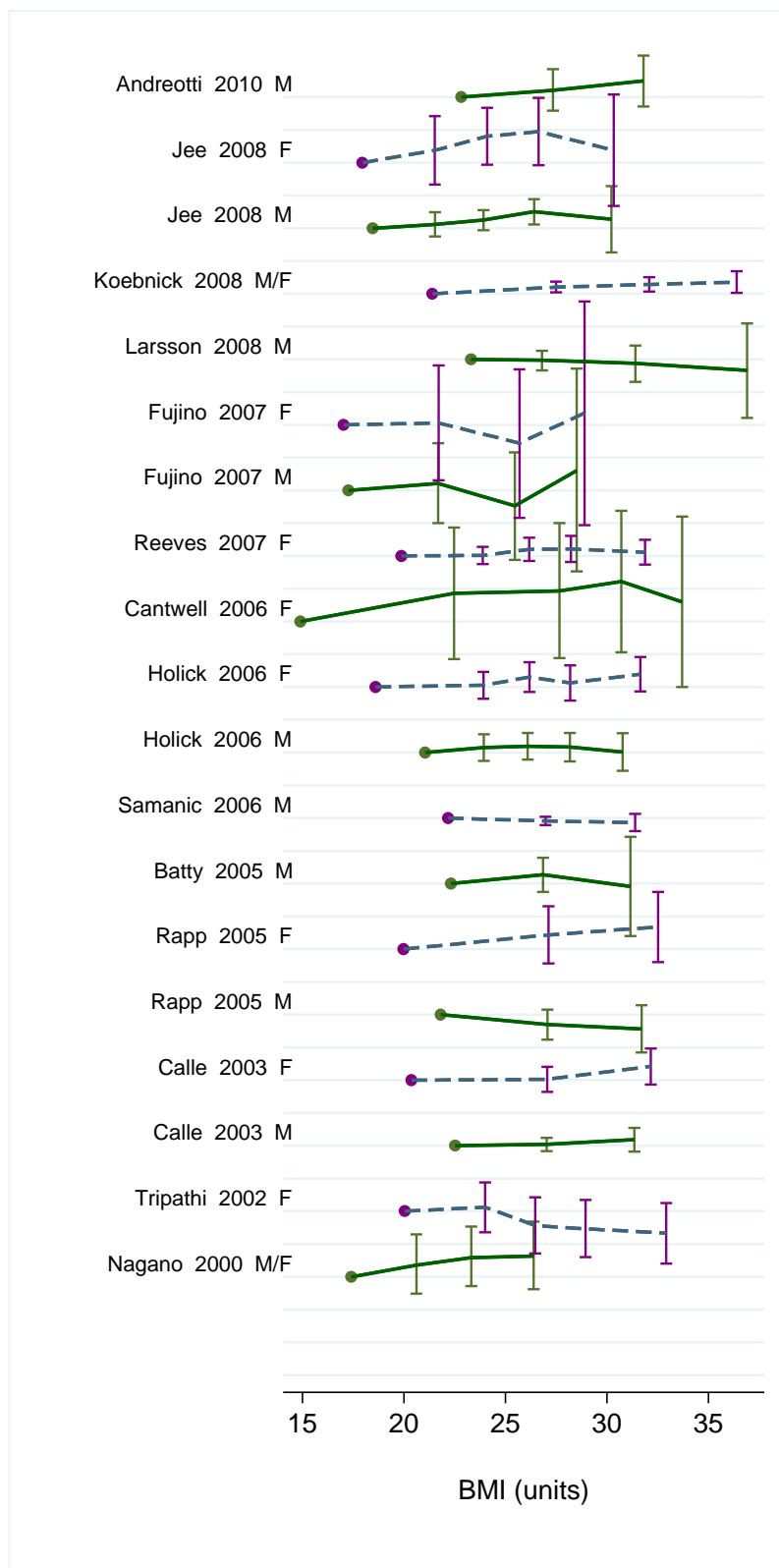


Figure 116 BMI and bladder cancer with the Asian Cohort Collaboration

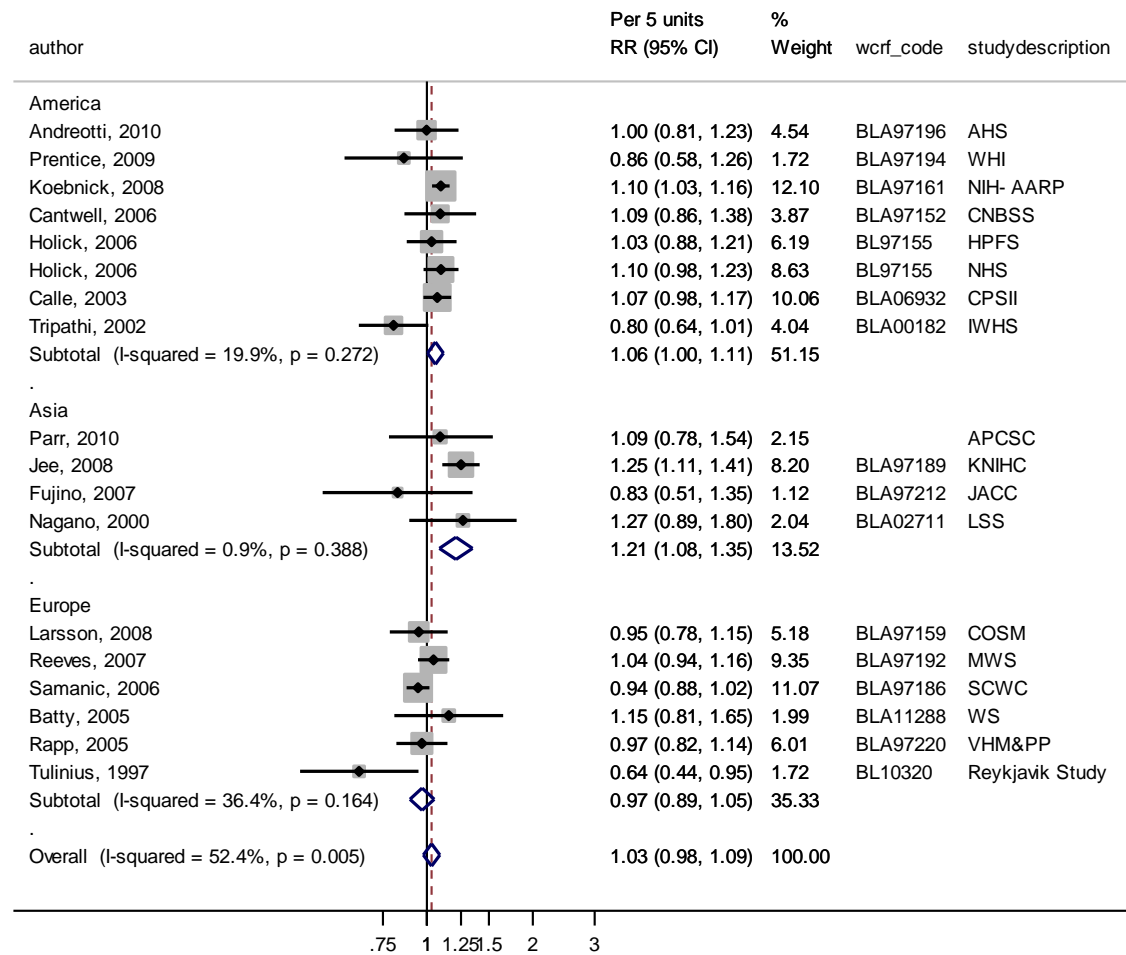
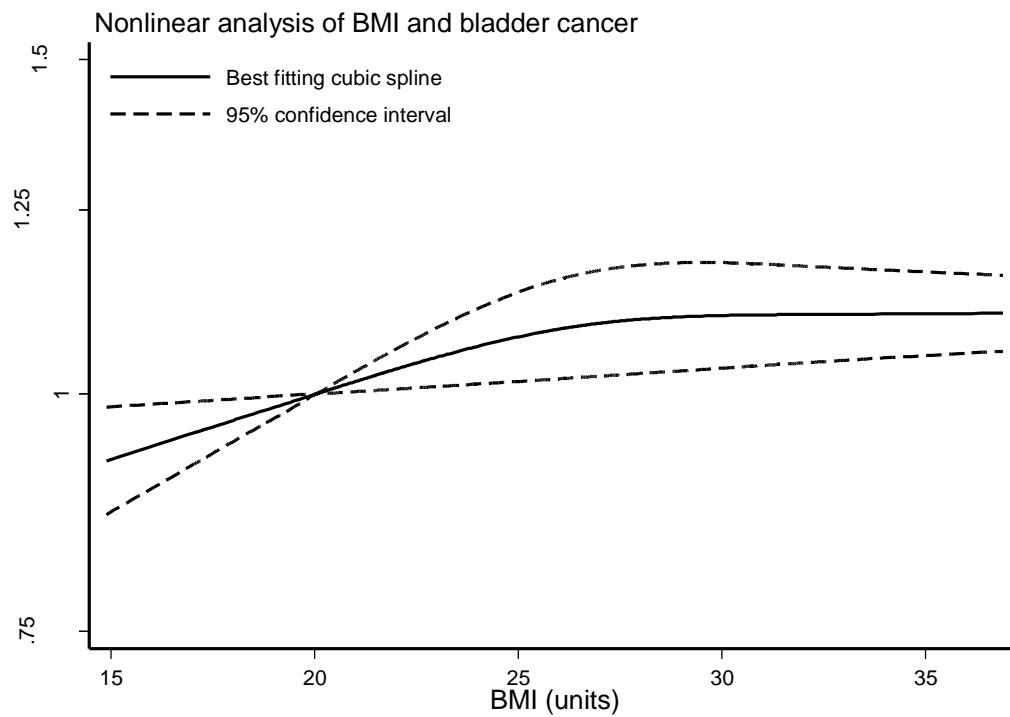


Figure 117 Nonlinear dose-response analysis for BMI and bladder cancer



p for nonlinearity=0.08

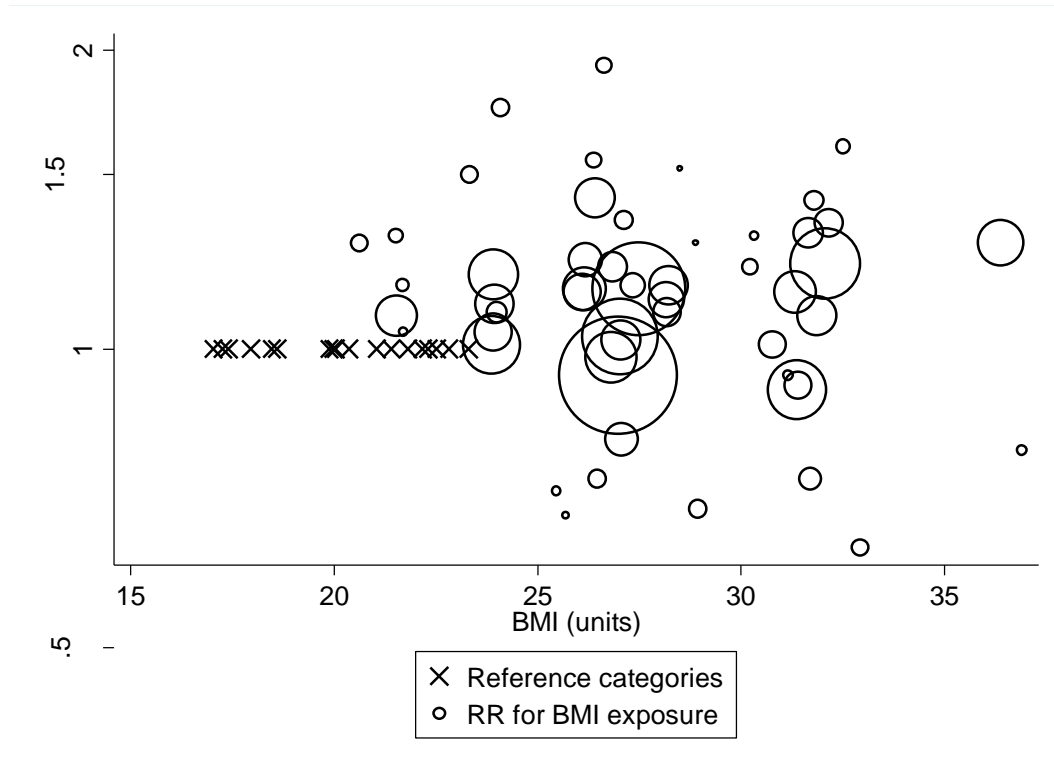


Table 129 Table with BMI values and corresponding RRs (95% CIs) for nonlinear analysis of BMI and bladder cancer

| BMI (Kg/m ²) | RR (95% CI) |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 17.4 | 0.96 (0.93-0.99) |
| 20 | 1.00 |
| 22.5 | 1.04 (1.01-1.07) |
| 25.5 | 1.08 (1.02-1.14) |
| 27.5 | 1.09 (1.02-1.17) |
| 30.2 | 1.10 (1.03-1.17) |
| 32.5 | 1.10 (1.04-1.17) |
| 36.4 | 1.10 (1.05-1.16) |

8.2.1 Waist circumference

Methods

A total of 2 cohort studies of waist circumference and bladder cancer were included in the analysis and one of these was identified in the CUP.

Dose-response analyses of waist circumference and bladder cancer risk were conducted per 10 cm.

Main results

The summary RR per 10 cm was 0.89 (95% CI: 0.79-0.99, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.88).

Heterogeneity

There was no heterogeneity in the analyses, $I^2=0\%$, pheterogeneity=0.88.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating waist circumference to bladder cancer was considered limited and no conclusion was possible.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

No published meta-analyses or pooled analyses were identified.

Table 130 Table of studies on waist circumference identified during the CUP

| Author/ year/ | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|------|------|------|------------------|
| Larsson, 2008 (c) | Sweden | Cohort of Swedish Men | 388 | ~8.8 years | M | 1.00 | 0.72 | 1.39 | 107 vs. 85 cm |

Table 131 Overall evidence on waist circumference and bladder cancer

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| SLR | Summary of evidence |
| 2005 SLR | One study was identified and reported no significant association. |
| Continuous update | One additional study was identified and reported no significant association. The meta-analysis shows a significant inverse association |

Table 132 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of waist circumference and bladder cancer

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | - | 2 |
| Cases (n) | - | 500 |
| RR (95% CI) | - | 0.89 (0.79-0.99) |
| Quantity | - | Per 10 cm |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | - | $I^2=0\%$, p=0.88 |

Table 133 Inclusion/exclusion table of waist circumference and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Subgroup | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|----------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| BLA97159 | Larsson | 2008(c) | Prospective cohort | Cohort of Swedish Men | M | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA00182 | Tripathi | 2002 | Prospective cohort | Iowa Women's Health Study | F | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |

Figure 118 Highest versus lowest fore plot of waist circumference and bladder cancer

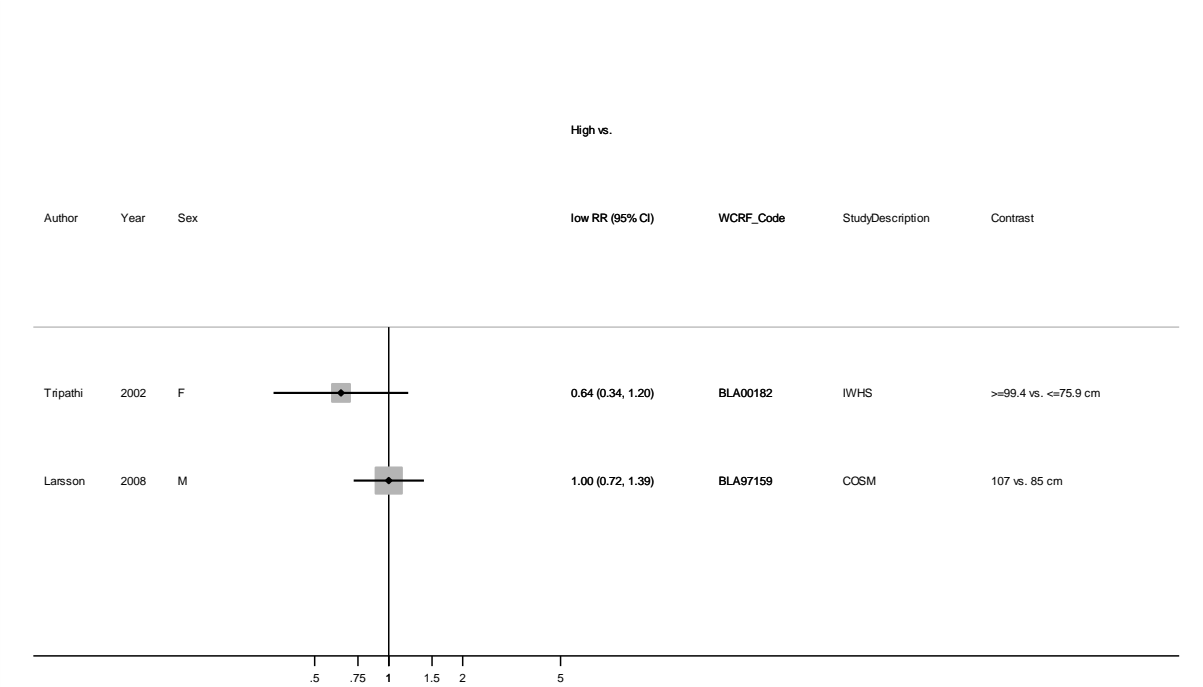


Figure 119 Dose-response meta-analysis of waist circumference and bladder cancer, per 10 cm

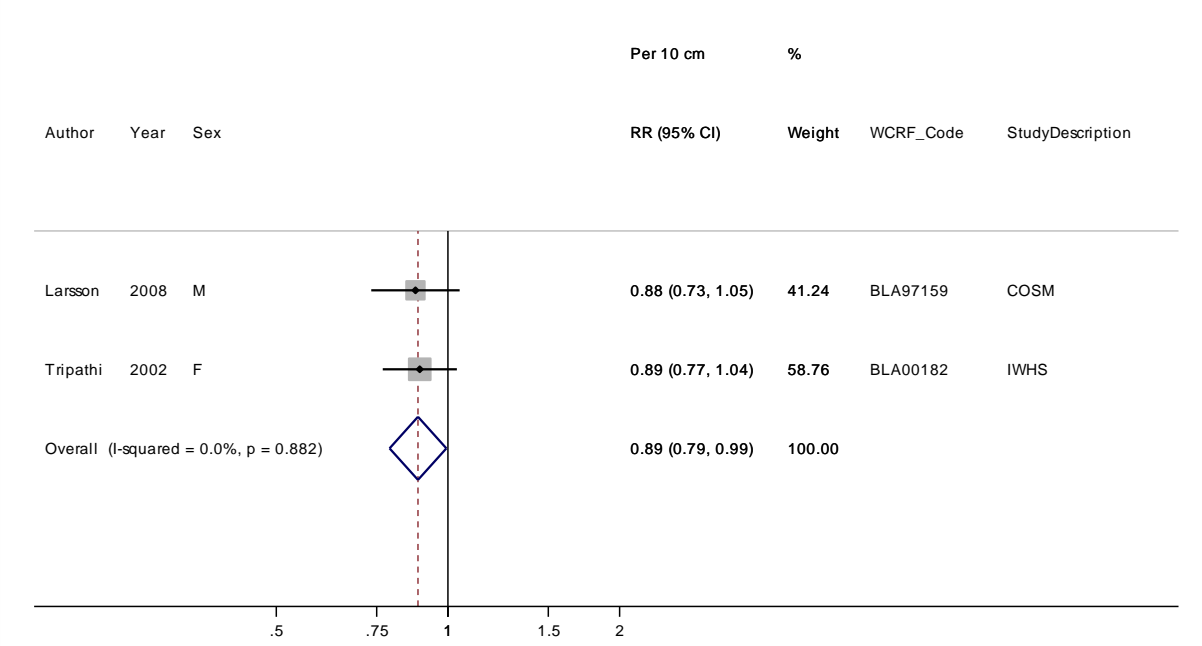
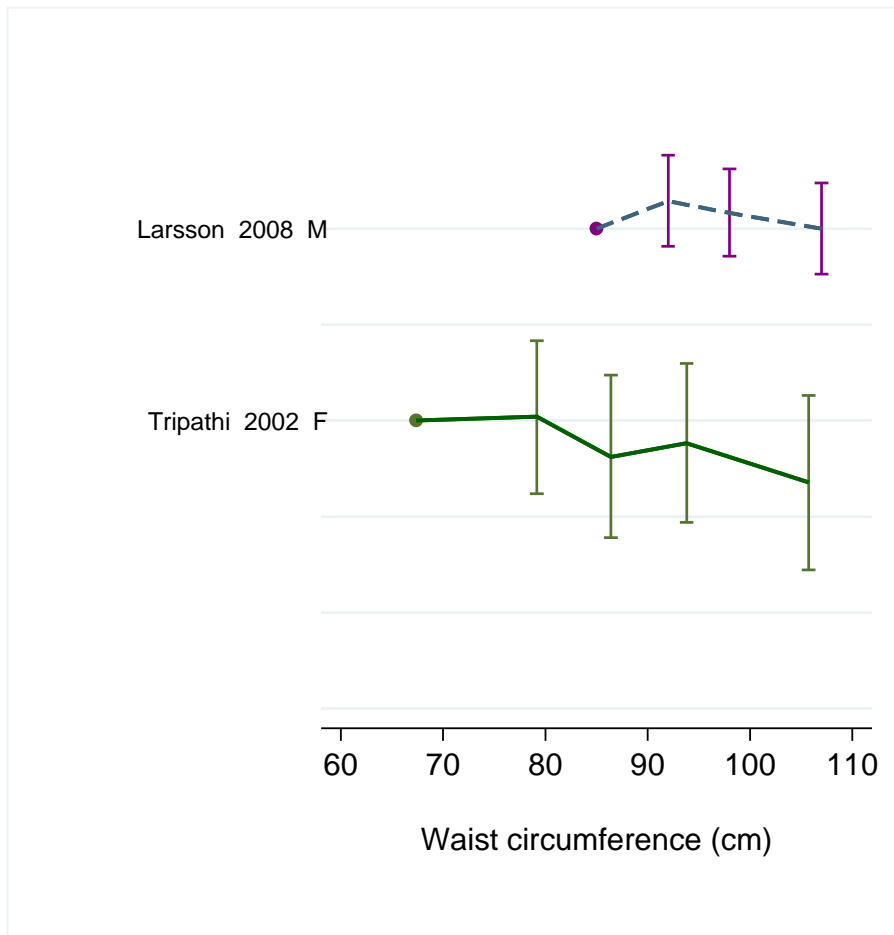


Figure 120 Dose-response graphs of waist circumference and bladder cancer



8.3.1 Height

Methods

A total of 11 studies (10 articles) of height and bladder cancer were identified. Seven studies (6 articles) were identified in the CUP. Dose-response analyses and stratified analyses of height and bladder cancer risk were conducted per 5 cm. Nonlinear dose-response analyses were conducted using restricted cubic splines.

Main results

The summary RR per 5 cm was 0.99 (95% CI: 0.95-1.02, $I^2=6.8\%$, $\text{pheterogeneity}=0.38$).

The results were similar when stratified by sex, summary RR = 0.98 (95% CI: 0.92-1.05, $I^2=27\%$, $\text{pheterogeneity}=0.24$) in men and 1.00 (95% CI: 0.95-1.05, $I^2=0\%$, $\text{pheterogeneity}=0.70$) in women, respectively.

There was evidence of nonlinearity, $p<0.0001$, mainly driven by the results of an Asian study with reference category lower than the other studies. The relative risks estimates from the nonlinear model were not statistically significant.

When the results of the Asian Pacific Cohort Studies Collaboration was included together with the CUP data the summary RR per 5 cm increase in height was 1.02 (95% CI: 0.96-1.08, $I^2=59\%$, $\text{pheterogeneity}=0.01$). A significant positive association emerged in the subgroup of Asian studies, summary RR=1.25 (95% CI: 1.11-1.40, $I^2=0\%$, $\text{pheterogeneity}=0.62$).

Heterogeneity

There was little heterogeneity in the analyses. There was no indication of publication bias with Egger's test, $p=0.10$.

Comparison with the Second Expert Report

In the 2005 SLR the evidence relating height to bladder cancer was considered limited and no conclusion was possible.

Published meta-analyses or pooled analyses

A pooled analysis of 38 Asian cohort studies on height and bladder cancer mortality reported a hazard ratio of 1.31 (95% CI: 1.09-1.58) for men and 1.43 (95% CI: 0.97-2.13) for women for a 6 cm increase in height (Batty, 2010b).

Table 134 Studies on height identified during the CUP

| Author/year | Country | Study name | Number of cases | Years of Follow-up | Sex | RR | LCI | UCI | Contrast |
|-------------------|---------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Kabat, 2013 | USA | Canadian National Breast Screening Study | 158 | 16.2 years | F | 1.05 | 0.81 | 1.36 | Per 10 cm |
| Green, 2011 | UK | Million Women's Study | 1354 | 9.4 years | F | 1.00 | 0.88 | 1.14 | Per 10 cm |
| Larsson, 2008 (c) | Sweden | Cohort of Swedish Men | 388 | ~8.8 years | M | 0.83 | 0.62 | 1.12 | 185 vs. 170 cm |
| Fujino, 2007 | Japan | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study | 117 | ~14 years | M/F | 1.33 1.99 | 0.77 0.74 | 2.30 5.38 | ≥165 vs. <160 cm ≥154 vs. <149 cm |
| Holick, 2007 | USA | Health Professional's Follow-up Study | 507 | 16 years | M | 0.69 0.68 | 0.50 0.45 | 0.95 1.01 | >6.00 vs. ≤5.60 feet Per 1 foot |
| Holick, 2007 | USA | Nurses' Health Study | 359 | 26 years | F | 0.98 0.91 | 0.70 0.54 | 1.37 1.55 | >5.50 vs. ≤5.10 feet Per 1 foot |
| Batty, 2006 | UK | Whitehall Study | 146 | Up to 35 years | M | 1.38 1.06 | 0.78 0.93 | 2.44 1.20 | ≥181.0 vs. <171.0 cm Per 5 cm |

Table 135 Overall evidence on height and bladder cancer

| SLR | Summary of evidence |
|---------------------------|---|
| 2005 SLR | Five studies were identified, of which three reported risk estimates and all found no significant association. ¹ |
| Continuous Update Project | Of the seven additional cohort studies identified in the CUP, one reported a significant negative association, and the remaining studies reported no significant association. |

¹ One of these studies (BLA11601, Song et al, 2003) reported on urinary tract cancers (which includes kidney cancer) and is excluded in the current report.

Table 136 Summary of results of the dose-response meta-analysis of height and bladder

| Bladder cancer | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| | 2005 SLR | CUP |
| Studies (n) | - | 8 |
| Cases (n) | - | 3056 |
| RR (95% CI) | - | 0.99 (0.95-1.02) |
| Quantity | - | 5 cm |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | - | $I^2=6.8\%$, $p=0.38$ |
| By sex | | |
| Men | - | 0.98 (0.92-1.05) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | - | $I^2=27\%$, $p=0.24$ |
| Women | - | 1.00 (0.95-1.05) |
| Heterogeneity (I^2 , p-value) | - | $I^2=0\%$, $p=0.70$ |

Table 137 Inclusion/exclusion table of height and bladder cancer

| WCRF code | Author | Year | Study design | Study name | Subgroup | Cancer outcome | 2005 SLR | CUP dose-response | CUP H vs. L forest plot | Estimated values | Exclusion reason |
|-----------|------------|---------|---------------------------|--|----------|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| BLA97208 | Kabat | 2013 | Prospective cohort | Canadian National Breast Screening Study | F | Incidence | No | Yes | No | | Only continuous estimate |
| BLA97227 | Green | 2011 | Prospective cohort | Million Women's Study | F | Incidence | No | Yes | No | | Only continuous estimate |
| BLA97159 | Larsson | 2008(c) | Prospective cohort | Cohort of Swedish Men | M | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | | |
| BLA97212 | Fujino | 2007 | Prospective cohort | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study | M/F | Mortality | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97155 | Holick | 2007 | Prospective cohort | Health Professional's Follow-up Study | M | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97155 | Holick | 2007 | Prospective cohort | Nurses' Health Study | F | Incidence | No | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA97226 | Batty | 2006 | Prospective cohort | The Whitehall Study | M | Mortality | Yes | Yes | Yes | Midpoints | |
| BLA10320 | Tulinius | 1997 | Prospective cohort | Icelandic Cardiovascular Risk Factor Study | M/F | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates |
| BLA10347 | Leon | 1995 | Prospective cohort | The Whitehall Study | M | Mortality | Yes | No | No | | Overlap with Batty et al, 2006 BLA |
| BLA13608 | Albanes | 1988 | Prospective cohort | National Health And Nutrition Examination Survey I | M | Incidence | Yes | Yes | Yes | | No risk estimates |
| BLA01645 | Whittemore | 1985 | Nested case-control study | Harvard Pennsylvania Alumni Study | M | Incidence | Yes | No | No | | No risk estimates |

Figure 121 Highest versus lowest forest plot of height and bladder cancer

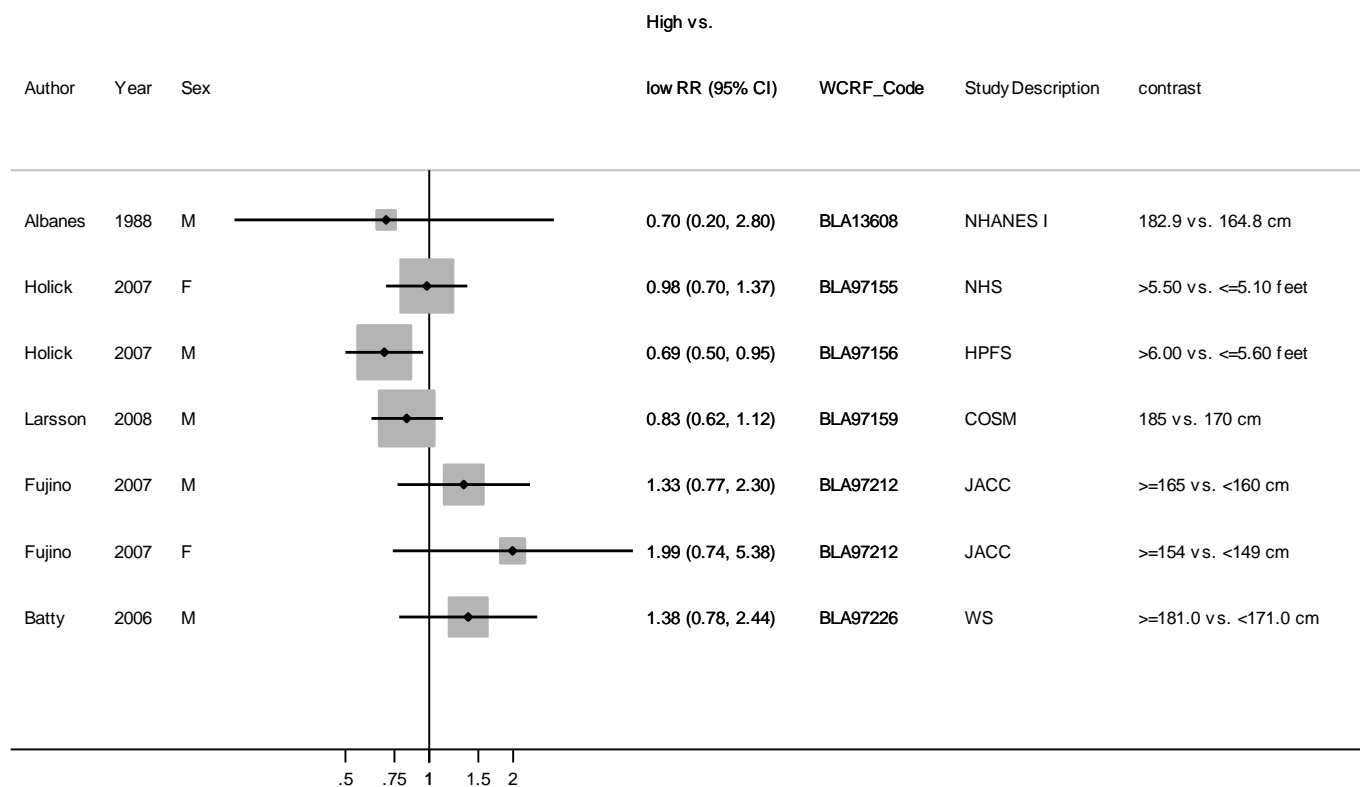


Figure 122 Dose-response meta-analysis of height and bladder cancer, per 5 cm

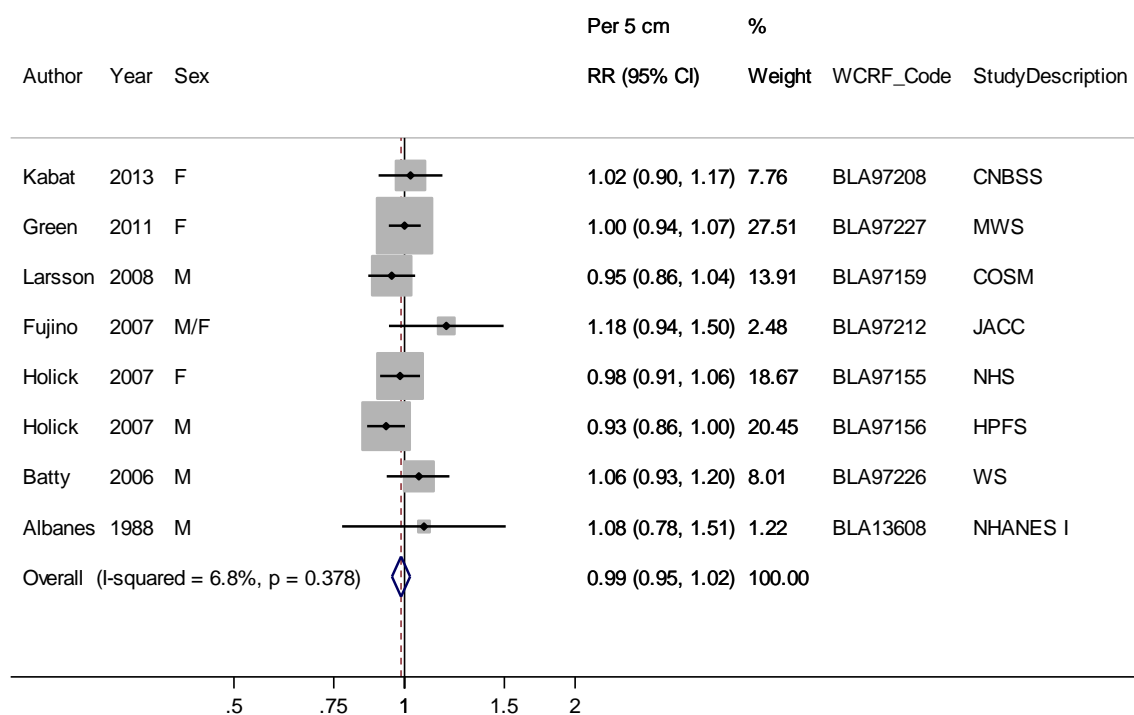


Figure 123 Dose-response meta-analysis of height and bladder cancer stratified by sex, per 5 cm

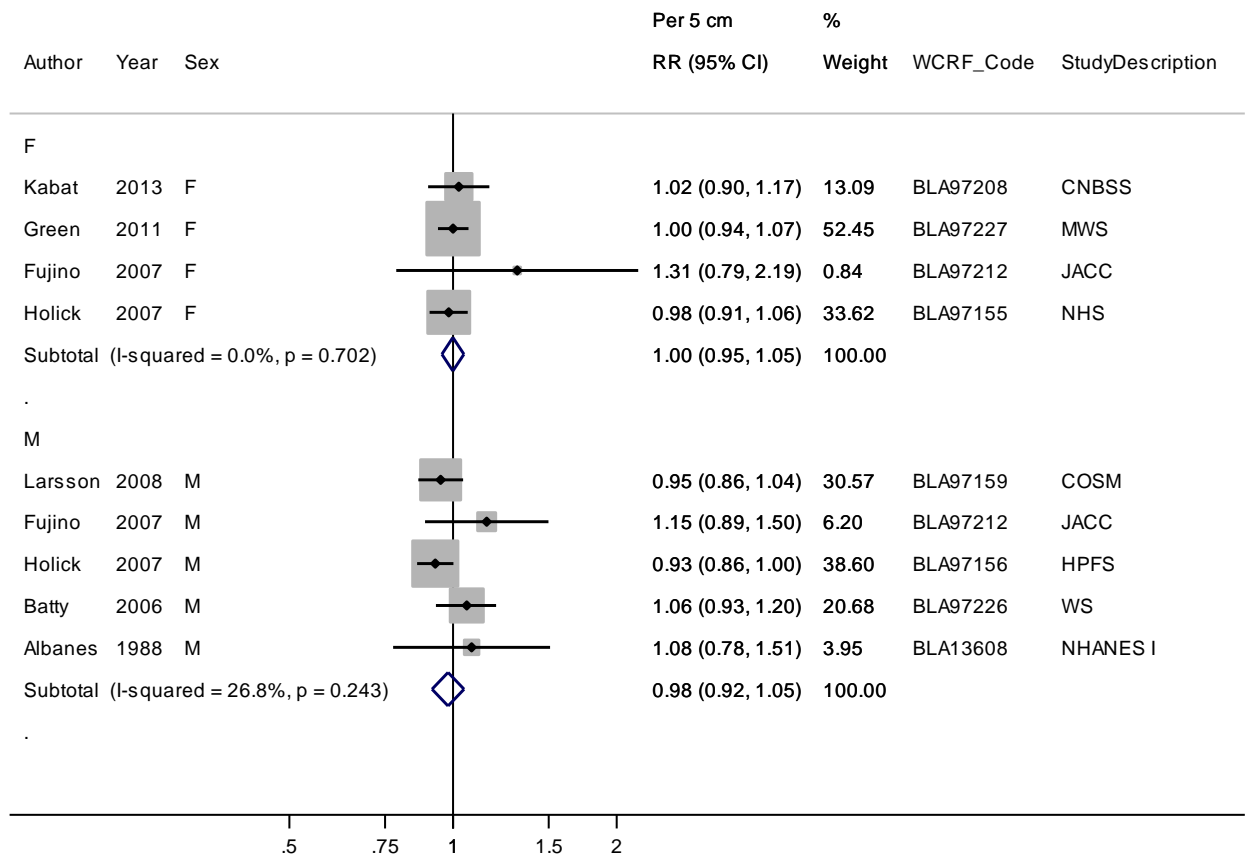
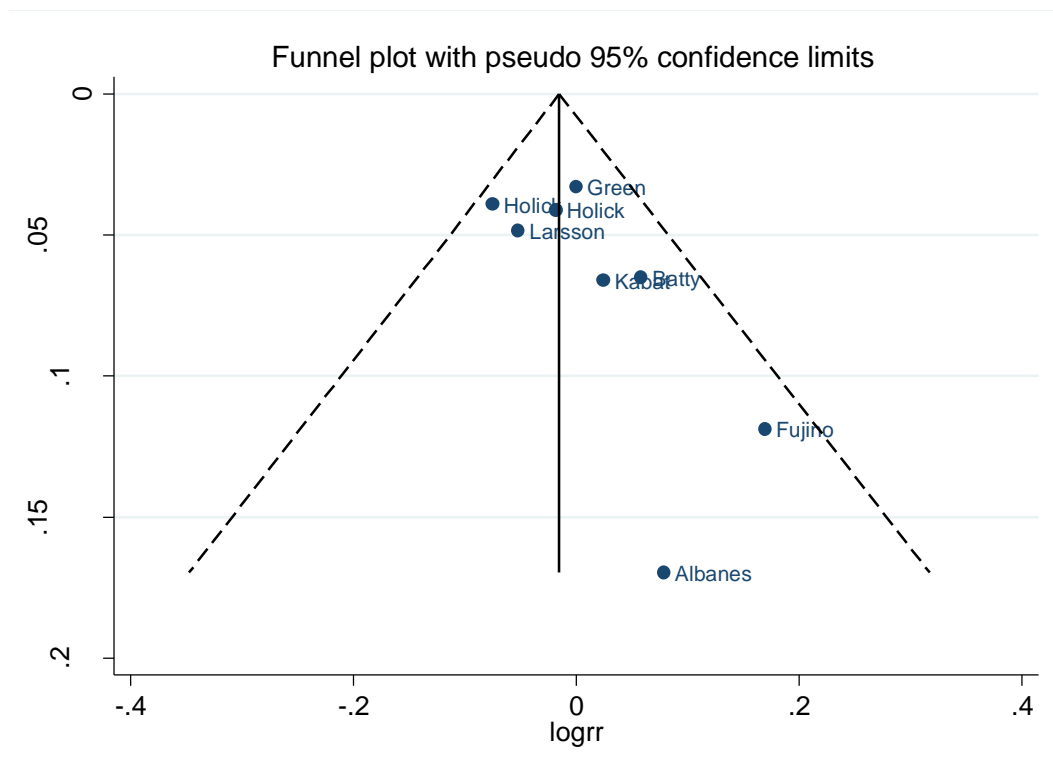


Figure 124 Funnel plot of height and bladder cancer



Egger's test $p=0.10$

Figure 125 Dose-response graphs for height and bladder cancer

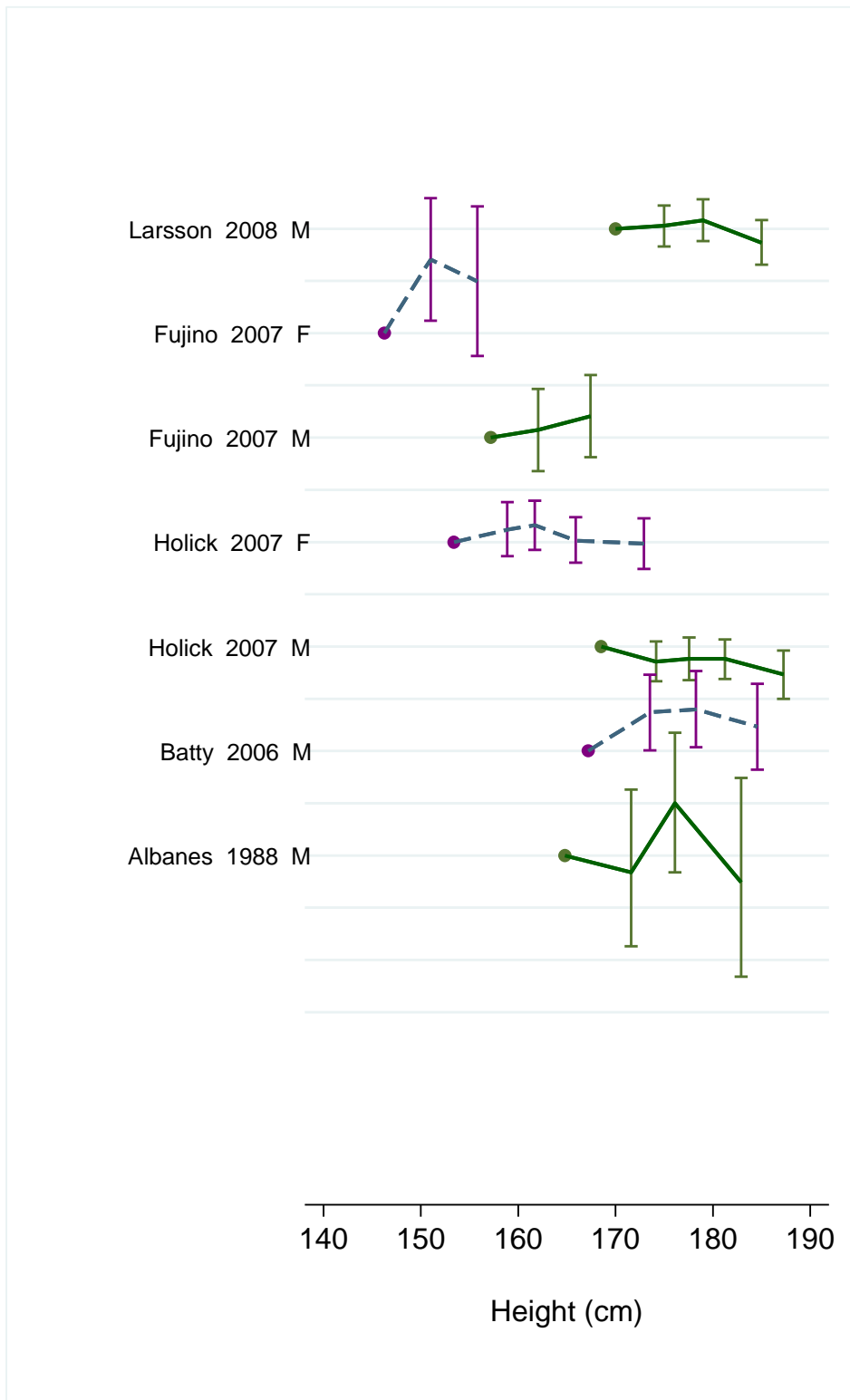


Figure 126 Height and bladder cancer including Asia Pacific Cohort Studies Collaboration

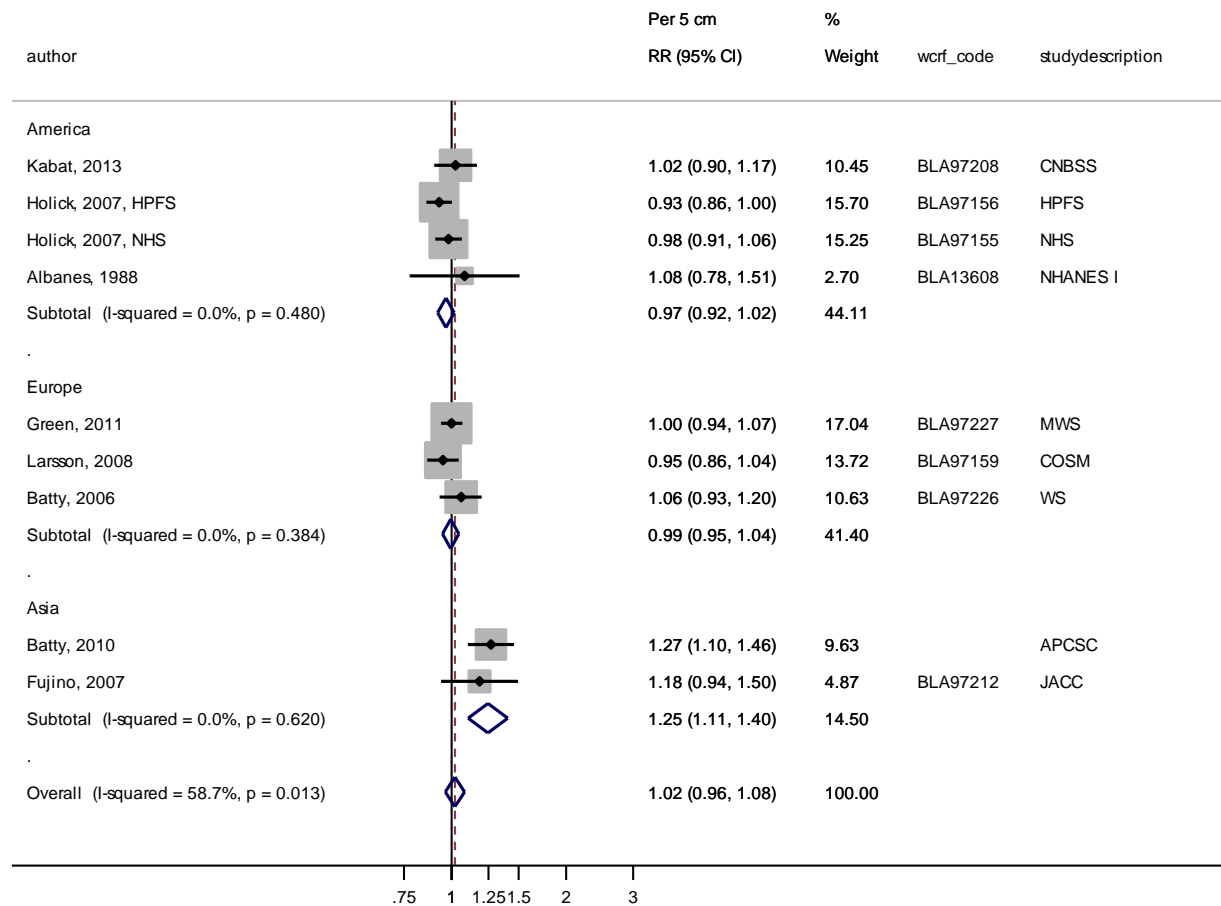
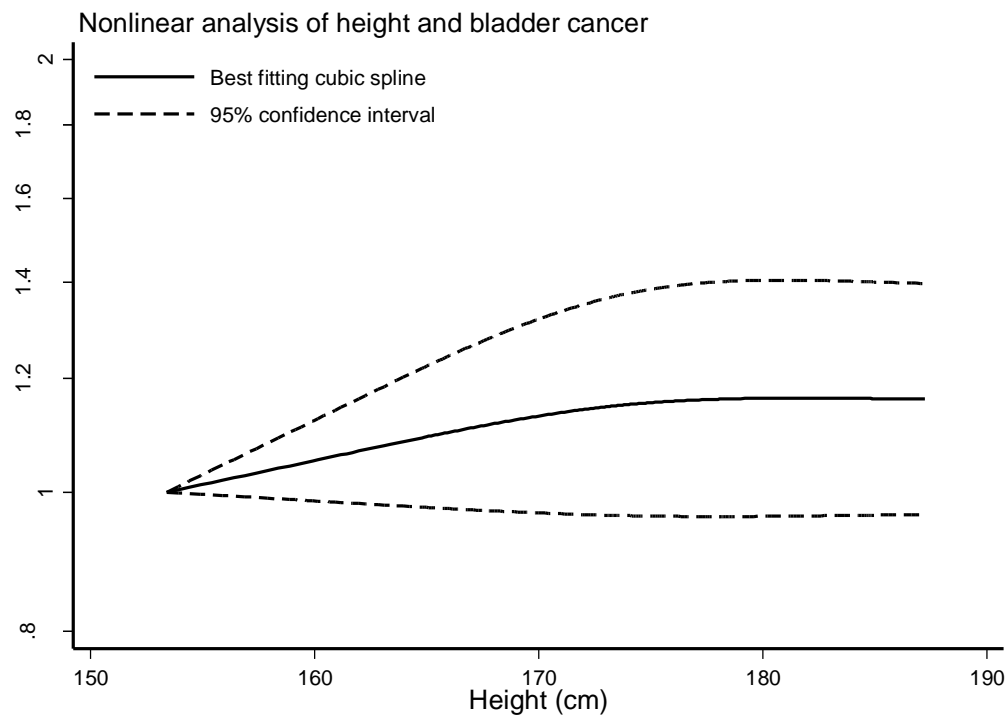


Figure 127 Nonlinear dose-response analysis of height and bladder cancer



$p_{\text{nonlinearity}} < 0.0001$

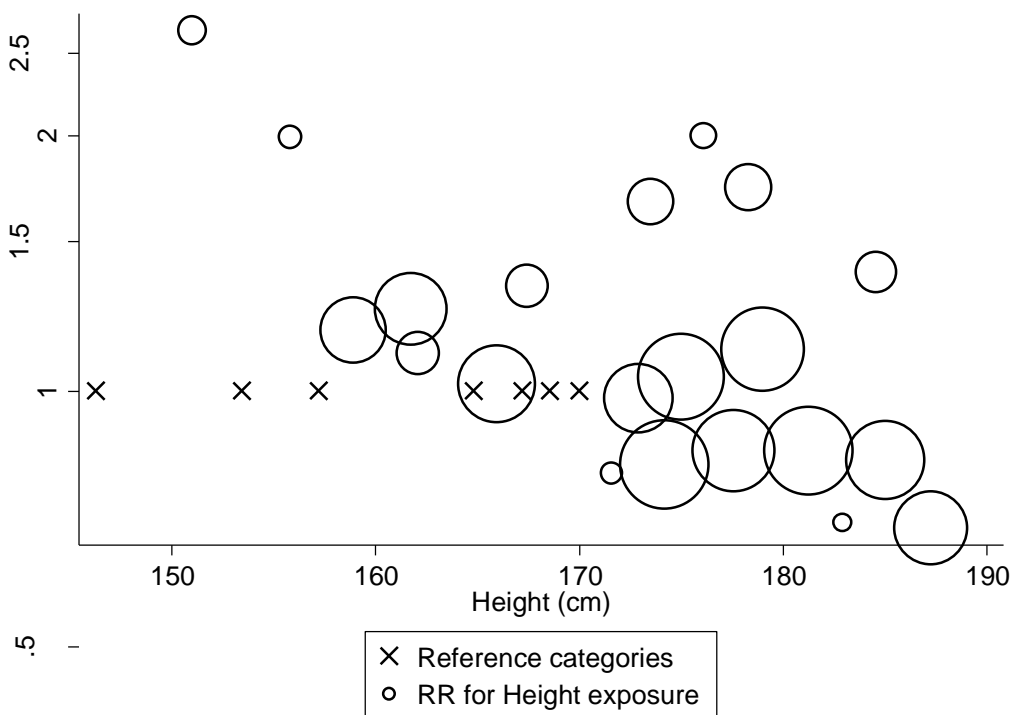


Table 138 Table with height values and corresponding RRs (95% CIs) for nonlinear analysis of height and bladder cancer

| Height (cm) | RR (95% CI) |
|-------------|------------------|
| 153.4 | 1.00 |
| 162 | 1.07 (0.98-1.16) |
| 170 | 1.13 (0.97-1.32) |
| 175 | 1.15 (0.96-1.38) |
| 181 | 1.16 (0.96-1.40) |
| 185 | 1.16 (0.96-1.40) |

Annex. Anthropometric characteristics investigated by each study

Several studies investigated BMI, height and waist circumference. The anthropometric characteristics investigated by each study are indicated with a cross in the list below:

| First author | Year | Study name | BMI | Height | Waist |
|---------------------|--------------|---|-----|--------|-------|
| Kabat | 2013 | Canadian National Breast Screening Study | | x | |
| Andreotti | 2010 | Agricultural Health Study | x | | |
| Prentice | 2009 | Women's Health Initiative | x | | |
| Jee | 2008 | National Health Insurance Corporation Study, Korea | x | | |
| Koebnick | 2008 | NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study | x | | |
| Larsson | 2008(c) | Cohort of Swedish Men | x | x | x |
| Fujino | 2007 | Japan Collaborative Cohort Study | x | x | |
| Green Reeves | 2011 2007 | Million Women's Study | x | x | |
| Holick | 2007 | Health Professional's Follow-up Study Nurses' Health Study | x | x | |
| Samanic | 2006 | Swedish Construction Workers Cohort | x | | |
| Cantwell | 2006 | Breast Cancer Detection Demonstration Project follow-up cohort | x | | |
| Rapp | 2005 | The Vorarlberg Health Monitoring and Promotion Program | x | | |
| Batty | 2005 | The Whitehall Study | x | x | |
| Oh | 2005 | Korea National Health Insurance Corporation Study | x | | |
| Calle | 2003 | Cancer Prevention Study 2 | x | | |
| Nomura | 2003 | Honolulu Heart Program | x | | |
| Tripathi | 2002 | Iowa Women's Health Study | x | | x |
| Michaud | 2002(b) | Alpha-Tocopherol Beta-Carotene Cancer Prevention Study | x | | |
| Hirvonen | 2001 | Alpha-Tocopherol Beta-Carotene Cancer Prevention Study | x | | |
| Persson- Moschos | 2000 | Sweden 1974-1982 | x | | |
| Nagano | 2000 | Life Span Study | x | | |
| Kurtio | 1999 | Finland 1981-1995 | x | | |
| Tulinius | 1997 | Icelandic Cardiovascular Risk Factors Study | x | x | |
| Albanes | 1988 | National Health And Nutrition Examination Survey I | | x | |
| Whittemore | 1985 | Harvard Pennsylvania Alumni Study | x | x | |

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