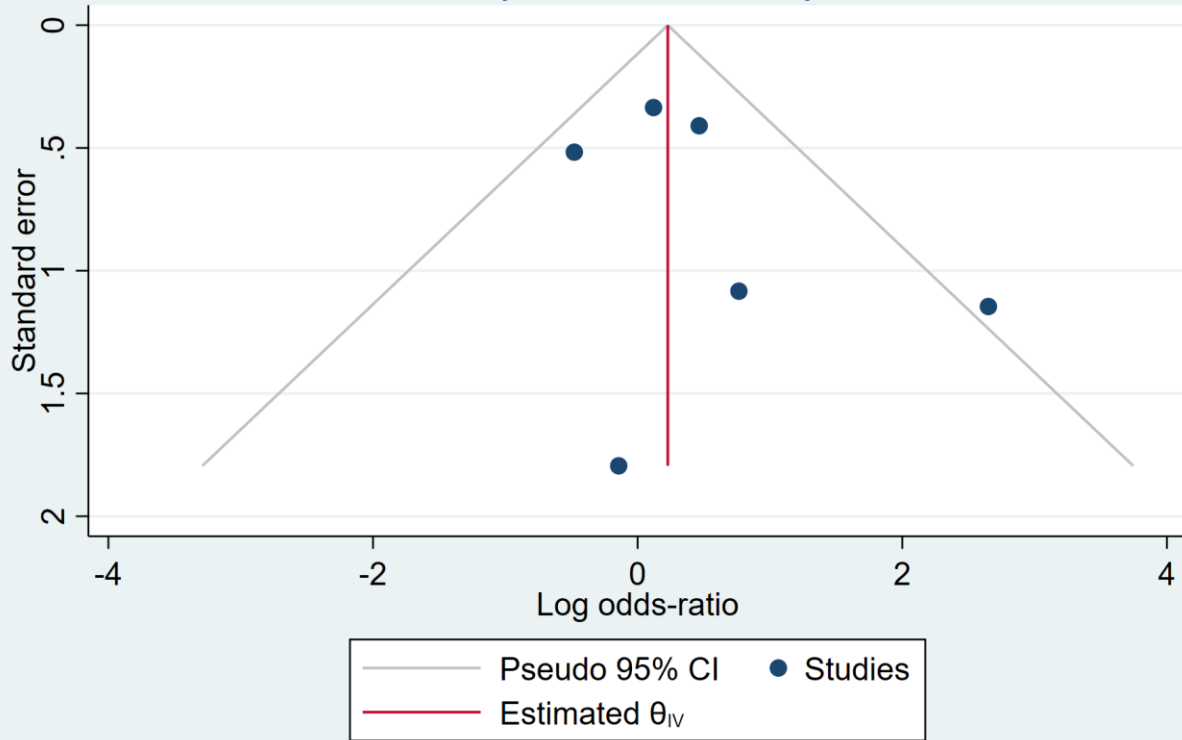


	Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Other bias
Alexander, G., et al.	+			+	+	+	
Aung, M.N., et al.	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Bonino, F., et al.		+	+	+		+	
Chan, H.L., et al.	+			+	+	+	
Chien, R.N., et al.		+	+	+	+	+	
Hann, H.W., et al.	+	+	+		+	+	
Hom, X., et al.	+	+		+			+
Jonas, M., et al.	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Kuo, A., et al.	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Kwak, M.S., et al.	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Lee, J.M., et al.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Murray, K.F., et al.	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Perrillo, R.P., et al.	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Wu, I.C., et al.		+	+	+	+	+	
Wu, Z., et al.	+	+	+	+		+	
Zhao, Q., et al.		+	+	+	+	+	

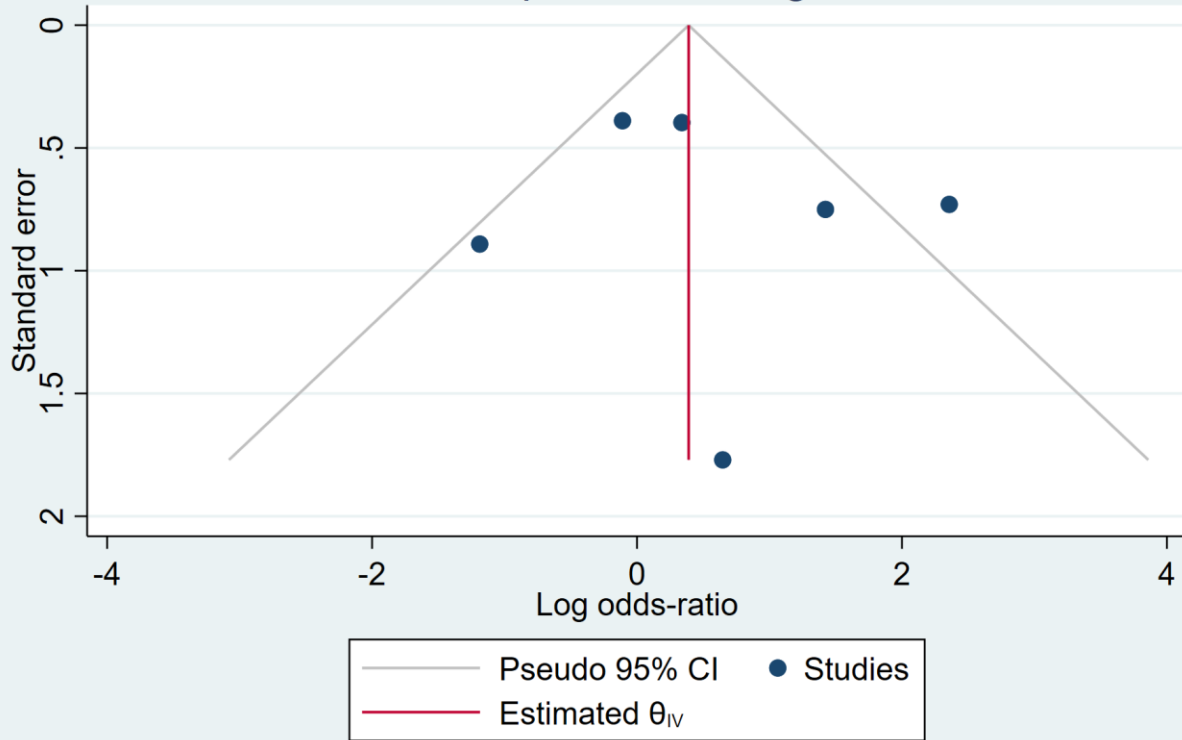
Appendix 1

Funnel plot for viral response



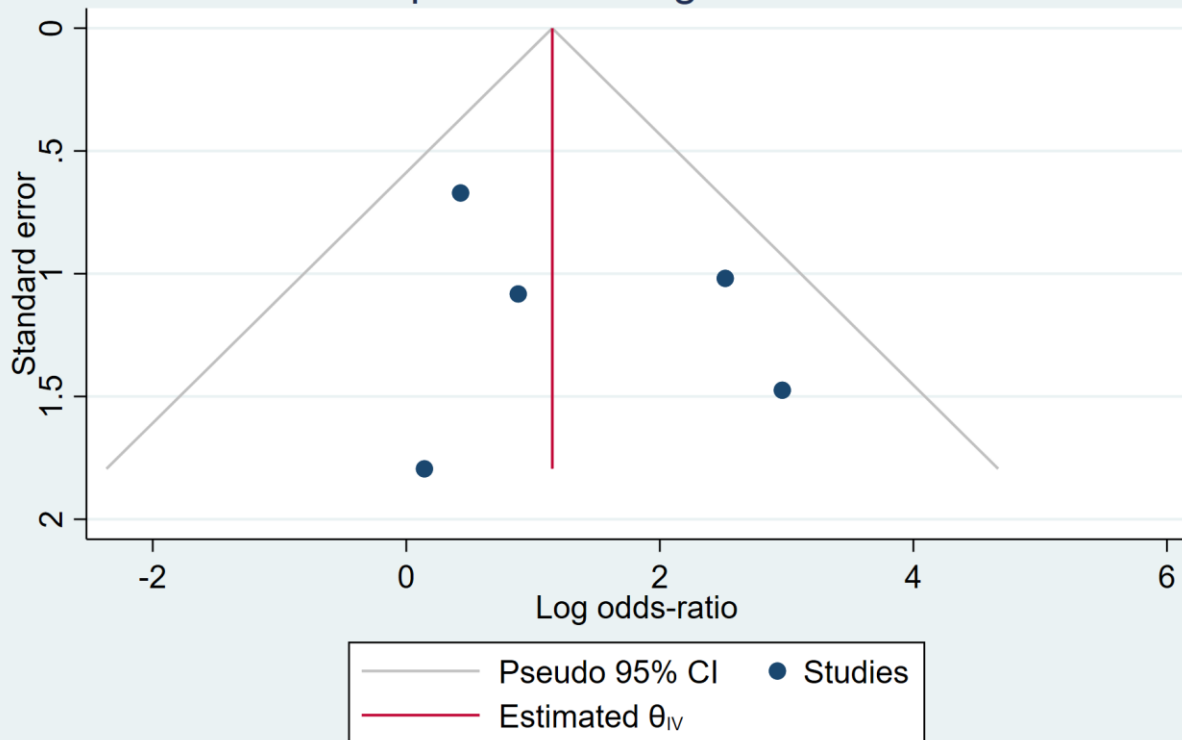
Egger's test: $z=1.09$, $\text{Prob} > |z|= 0.2746$; Begg's test: $z =0.38$, $\text{Prob} > |z|= 0.7071$

Funnel plot for HBeAg loss



Egger's test: $z = 1.01$; Prob $> |z| = 0.3146$; Begg's test: $z = 0.00$; Prob $> |z| = 1.0000$

Funnel plot for HBeAg seroconversion



Egger's test: $z = 0.93$, Prob > $|z| = 0.3537$; Begg's test: $z = -0.24$, Prob > $|z| = 1.0000$