Table S1. The Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) used to assess the quality of the 7 studies included in the meta-analysis.

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| Study | Selection | Comparability | Exposure | Total |
| Chong et al. 2003 | \*\*\* | \*\* | \*\* | 7 |
| Xu et al. 2011 | \*\*\* | \* | \*\* | 6 |
| Liu et al. 2013 | \*\*\* | \* | \*\* | 6 |
| Song et al. 2014 | \*\*\* | \* | \*\* | 6 |
| Deng et al. 2016 | \*\*\* | \*\* | \*\* | 7 |
| Long et al. 2016 | \*\*\* | \*\* | \*\* | 7 |
| Zheng et al. 2017 | \*\*\* | \*\* | \*\* | 7 |