

Dexmedetomidine versus propofol sedation in  
reducing delirium among older adults in the  
ICU: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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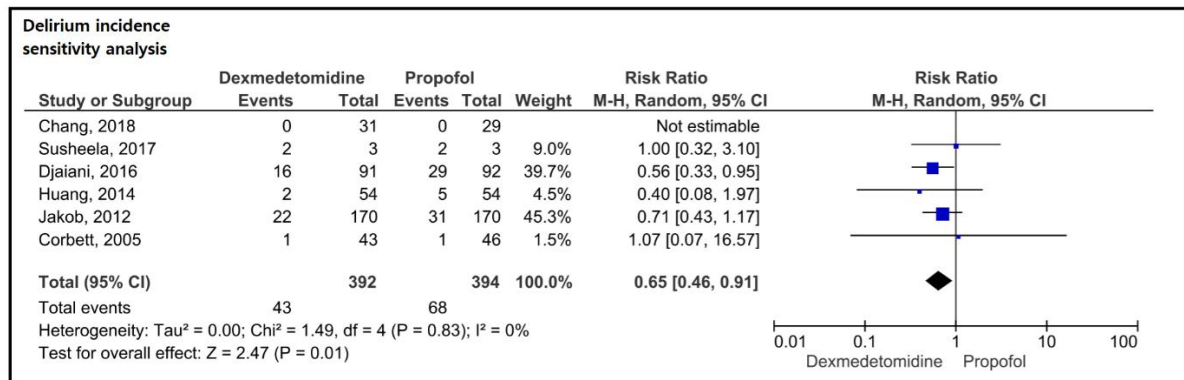
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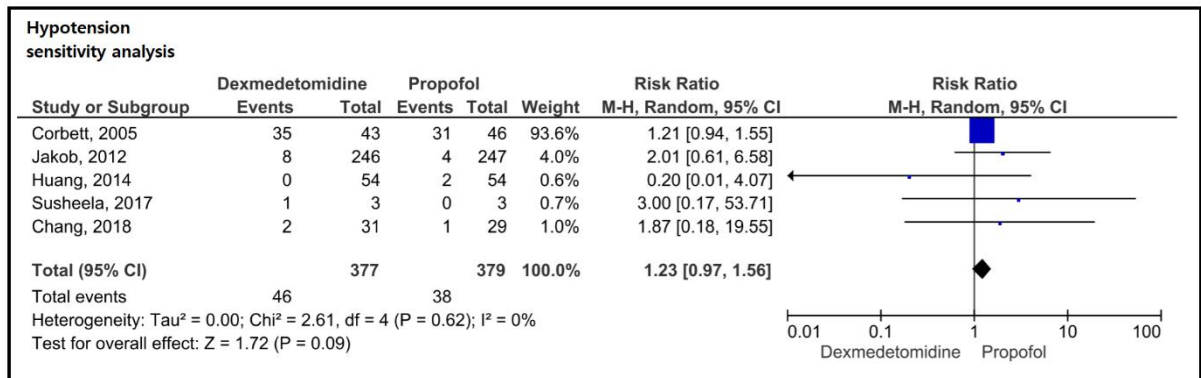
Supplemental figure 1: Search strategy for Ovid Medline

1 exp Dexmedetomidine/  
2 (Dexmedetomidin\* or Precedex or MPV-1440 or MPV 1440 or mpv1440 or  
Cepedex or Demesynt or Dexdomitor or Dexdor or Dexem or Meproxiclida).tw,kf.  
3 Dexmedetomidine.rn.  
4 Propofol/  
5 (Propofol\* or diprivan or propoven or aquafol or disoprivan or disoprofol or  
fresofol or ivofol or refofol).tw,kf.  
6 Propofol.rn.  
7 or/1-6  
8 exp Delirium/  
9 Confusion/  
10 (delir\* or confus\*).tw,kf.  
11 or/8-10  
12 exp specialties, surgical/  
13 exp Surgical Procedures, Operative/  
14 su.fs.  
15 (surg\* or operat\* or postoperativ\*).tw,kf.  
16 exp Intensive Care Units/  
17 Critical Care/  
18 ((intensive or critical) adj2 (care or therap\* or treatment\*)).tw,kf.  
19 (ICU\* or ITU\* or CCU\* or GICU\*).tw,kf.  
20 (critical\* ill\* or sever\* ill\* or serious\* ill\* or at risk patient\* or trauma  
patient\*).tw,kf.  
21 or/12-20  
22 7 and 11 and 21  
23 exp Animals/ not (exp Animals/ and Humans/)  
24 22 not 23  
25 remove duplicates from 24

Supplemental figure 2: Forest plot of the effects of dexmedetomidine and propofol on delirium incidence after exclusion of cohort studies

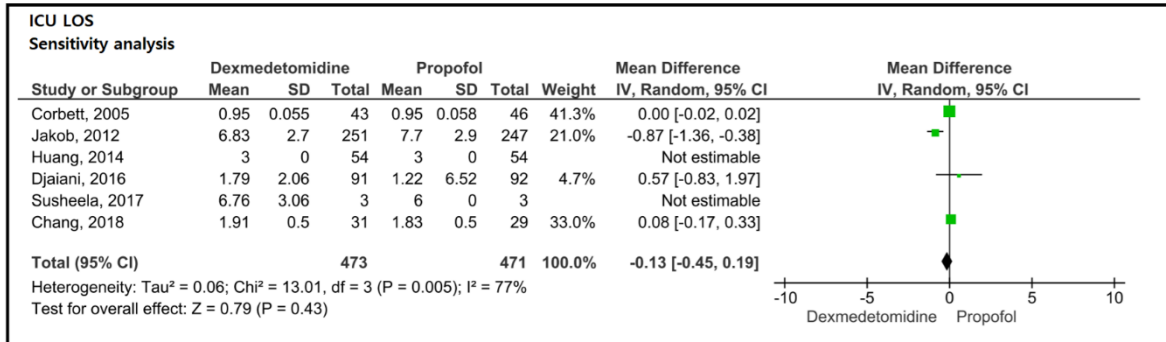


Supplemental figure 3: Forest plot showing the risk of hypotension associated with dexmedetomidine and propofol use after exclusion of cohort studies

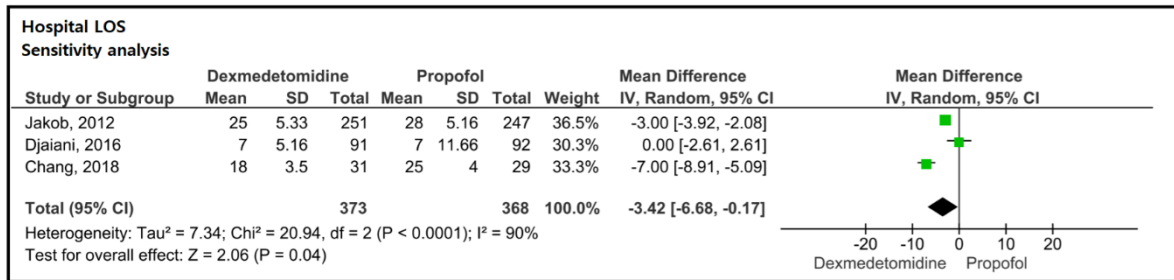


Supplemental figure 4: Forest plot showing the effects of dexmedetomidine on intensive care unit length of stay (A) and hospital length of stay (B) after exclusion of cohort studies

**A**



**B**



Supplemental figure 5: Funnel plot for visual analysis of publication bias

