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5 37 **Design:** Systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies
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10 39 Mellitus (DM) or Metabolic syndrome (MetS) and kidney stone disease (KSD).

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13 40 **Objective:** To examine the association between chronic
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15 41 hyperglycaemia, in the form of DM and IGT in the context of MetS, and KSD.

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18 42 **Setting:** Population based observational studies.

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20 43 **Participants:** Patients with and without chronic hyperglycaemic states
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25 45 **Main Outcome Measures:** English language articles from January
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27 46 2001-June 2018 reporting on observational studies. Exclusions: no
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30 47 comparator group or fewer than 100 patients. Both unadjusted and adjusted
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32 48 (where reported) values were identified and used for meta-analysis. Bias was
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35 49 assessed using Newcastle-Ottawa scale.

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37 50 **Results:** 2340 articles were screened with 13 studies included for
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40 51 meta-analysis, 7 DM (3 cohort) and 6 MetS. 5 of the MetS studies provided
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42 52 data on IGT alone. These included: DM, n=28,329; MetS, n=31,767; IGT,
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44 53 n=12,770. Controls: DM, n=589,791; MetS, n=178,050; IGT, n=293,852
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50 55 Adjusted risk for DM cohort studies, RR=1.23 (0.94-1.51) (p<0.001).

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52 56 Adjusted Odds ratios for: DM cross-sectional/case-control studies, OR=1.32
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54 57 (1.21-1.43) (p<0.001); IGT, OR=1.26 (0.92-1.58) (p<0.0001) and MetS,
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6 60 nor IGT and MetS. There was a moderate risk of publication bias. Statistical
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8 61 heterogeneity was significant in adjusted DM cohort values and adjusted IGT
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10 62 XS/CaCo, but non-significant for DM XS/CaCo.

13 63 **Conclusion:** Chronic hyperglycaemia increases the risk of developing
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15 64 kidney stone disease. In the context of the diabetes pandemic, this will
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18 65 increase the burden of stone related morbidity and mortality.

20 66 **Trial registration:** PROSPERO registration number CRD42018093382.
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30 70 **Strengths and Limitations of This Study**

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32 71 • Largest systematic review and meta-analysis examining the risk of
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34 72 chronic hyperglycaemic states and kidney stone disease (KSD), with
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37 73 bias analysis.
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40 74 • Only observational studies available
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42 75 • Meta-analysis of Cohort studies examining Diabetes Mellitus
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45 76 demonstrates an increased risk of KSD of of 1.23 (0.94-1.51) (p<0.001)
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9 Kidney stone disease (KSD) is a painful and costly condition[1] where
10 85 precipitates of normal urinary solutes aggregate to form stones of varying
11 sizes and compositions[2]. Incidence of acute urolithiasis is rising
12 86 worldwide[3-6], with corresponding rises in surgical treatment rates[7] and
13 morbidity[8,9] although mortality has declined[8,10]. 5-year recurrence rates
14 87 have been reported as high as 50%[11]. Long term problems associated with
15 recurrent KSD are decreased quality of life, missed work days[12], disabling
16 88 pain, need for repeated operations, complications including infection and
17 acute kidney injury[13,14], as well as long term increased risk of developing
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32 94 Patients with Diabetes mellitus (DM)[16] and metabolic syndrome
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35 96 seemingly in parallel with KSD[19]. There is overlap between the two
36 97 conditions, with impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), or pre-diabetes being one
37 98 of the five components of the 'metabolic syndrome'[20]. Although the
38 99 pathophysiology with respect to KSD is yet to be definitively described,
39 100 patients with either MetS or DM have been shown to have increased urinary
40 101 acidification and produce more uric acid stones than controls. Notably, with
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8 107 analysis[25], or else their heterogeneity/ sensitivity analyses were
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11 108 limited[23,24]. Given the overlap between the two conditions we aimed to
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13 109 perform a systematic review and meta-analysis of the existing literature on
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15 110 both DM and MetS with complete sensitivity, bias and heterogeneity
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32 116 Population – Chronic hyperglycaemics (diabetes mellitus, impaired glucose
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39 119 Comparator – Those without hyperglycaemia (DM/IGT) or metabolic
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41 120 syndrome, respectively
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44 121 Outcome – Kidney stone disease (KSD) – all compositions
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47 122 Study design – Systematic review and meta-analysis of published
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49 123 observational studies (cohort, case control and cross-sectional)
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10 131 4) All articles reporting on risk of developing kidney stone disease in
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12 132 patients with metabolic syndrome in comparison to general
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16 134 5) Risk in risk ratio (RR), hazard ratio (HR), odds ratio (OR) or prevalence
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44 145 guidelines[26]. The search strategy was conducted to find relevant studies
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48 147 (2018), CINAHL (1990-June 2018), Clinicaltrials.gov, Google Scholar and
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50 148 individual urologic, renal, metabolic and epidemiologic journals. The review
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52 149 was registered prospectively with PROSPERO, ID number: CRD42018093382.
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20 157 fit the inclusion criteria were included for full review. Each reviewer
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23 158 independently selected studies for inclusion in the review [see fig. 1]. If there
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25 159 was disagreement, PR and BKS made final decision on inclusion.
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34 162 publication, type of study, sample size, age, country, male:female ratio,
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44 166 mechanism – hyperglycaemia and insulin resistance).
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53 169 presented as RR and OR respectively. Unadjusted and adjusted risk values were
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51 188 Statistical analyses and figures were generated in R (R foundation for statistical
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58 190 Role of the funding source

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16 196 *Figure 1. PRISMA flow diagram for article selection*19 20 Contributorship

22 198 PR and RG came up with the initial idea. RG and AA performed the search, with PR
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24 199 and BS resolving inclusion disputes. RG extracted the data, performed the analyses and
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27 200 wrote the manuscript, with PR, BS and PC helping edit.
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29 30 Patient and Public Involvement

31 32 Patients/the public were not involved in this review article.
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36 37 Evidence Synthesis

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39 205 Fifteen studies were included in the systematic review from an initial
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46 208 studies, 7 examining diabetes mellitus (DM) and 6 examining impaired
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54 211 Demographics of included studies56 212 Diabetes Mellitus

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22 221 table 1. DM and KSD ascertainment ranged from the patient reporting the
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27 223 Overall there were 618,120 patients, of which 28,329 (4.6%) had DM.
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29 224 These figures include 17,577 patients with DM in cohort studies with 348,036
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31 225 controls [see table 2] and 10,752 patients with DM in case-control or cross-
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33 226 sectional studies with 241,755 control [see table 3]. In the cohort studies,
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35 227 1312 (7.5%) of patients with DM developed KSD compared to 11,516 (3.3%)
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37 228 of controls. In the case-control and cross-sectional studies, 1097 (10.2%) of
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DM	Study	Study type	Country	Sample	Controls	Metabolic syndrome definition	Diabetes Mellitus ascertainment	KSD ascertainment	M:F (%)	Mean age
Cohort	Taylor et al. 2005	Prospective Cohort	USA	NHS I (1980-2000: 20 year f/u) + II (1991-2001: 20 year f/u) (female nurses), HPFS participants (1986-2000: 14 year f/u) (male health professionals) – ‘diabetics’, those with known KSD excluded	NHS I + II, HPFS participants - non-diabetics	N/A	Biennial health questionnaire with supplementary questionnaire on symptoms, diagnostic tests and treatment - DM Diagnosis corroborated by medical record review. T1 (≥2 episodes of ketonuria/ketoacidosis) and T2 included.	Biennial health questionnaire and medical record review for corroboration - incident stone with pain/haematuria	NHS: Entirely Female HPFS: Entirely Male	NHS I: 48.6; NHS II: 37.6; HPFS: 60.9
	Chen et al. 2012	Retrospective Cohort	Taiwan	National Health Insurance system database - prospectively maintained - patients with DM (T1 + T2) (2000-2007: 7 years f/u). Known KSD excluded at start.	Without DM and excluding patients who developed DM in Follow-up period	N/A	At least 3 outpatient visits for DM from 2000-2002 with corresponding health insurance records; ICD-9-CM 250; A-code A181. T1 + T2 included	Health insurance records; ICD9-CM 592; A-code A352, excluding bladder stones. Only new stones included	50:50	N/A
	Akoudad et al. 2010	Prospective Cohort	USA	ARIC study participants: Visit 3 (1993-1995) to 2005 with incident KSD (patient reported physician diagnosis of KSD at baseline excluded). F/U – mean 10.8 years.	Without Incident KSD	N/A	Receiving diabetic medication, OGTT with FPG>110mg/dL, FPG>126mg/dL, patient reported physician diagnosis. Unclear T1/T2 differentiation.	ICD 9 codes: 592, 592.0, 592.1, 592.9, 274.11 on discharge summaries	42:58	60.0 ± 5.7 (calculated)
CaCo	Lieske et al. 2006	Case control	USA	Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota residents with electronically documented KSD - random sample of results of electronic medical record search of Mayo clinic and Olmsted clinic databases (Original search n>7000)	Patients without electronic documentation of KSD, matched for age, sex and calendar year of stone	N/A	Electronic medical records using codes: ICD9 codes 250, 357.2, 362.0, 366.41, 648.0 (gestational DM), 648.8, 790.2, 791.5, 962.3. No clear differentiation between T1 + T2.	Electronic medical records using codes: ICD9-CM 592, 594, 275.11 with case review	62: 38	45.0±18
	Davarci et al. 2011	Case control	Turkey	Hospital outpatients with urolithiasis attending Single centre between 2008-2009, T1DM excluded	Without urolithiasis	N/A	Receiving diabetic medication, OGTT with FPG>110mg/dL, FPG>126mg/dL. T1 excluded	USS, AXR, patient reported	47.5:52.5	49.0±10
XS	Meydan et al. 2003	Cross-sectional with matching	Turkey	Diabetic hospital attendees, unclear if inpatients or outpatients	Non-diabetic hospital attendees, unclear if inpatients or outpatients - matched for age	N/A	Unclear how defined. Included both T1 and T2.	History of KSD, XR/USS – if any positive confirmed with IVU	Cases: 30:70 Controls: 21:79	Cases: 57±10 Controls: 56±9
	Taylor et al. 2005	Cross-sectional	USA	Baseline characteristics: NHS I (1980) + II (1991) (female nurses), HPFS participants (1986) (male health professionals) - diabetics	Baseline characteristics: NHS I + II, HPFS participants - non-diabetics	N/A	Biennial health questionnaire with supplementary questionnaire on symptoms, diagnostic tests and treatment - DM Diagnosis corroborated by medical record review	Biennial health questionnaire and medical record review for corroboration - kidney stone history	22:78	NHS I: 48.6; NHS II: 37.6; HPFS: 60.9
	Akoudad et al. 2010	Cross-sectional	USA	ARIC study participants: Visit 3 (1993-1995), patient reported physician diagnosis of KSD	Without KSD	N/A	Receiving diabetic medication, OGTT with FPG>110mg/dL, FPG>126mg/dL, patient reported physician diagnosis	Patient reported physician diagnosis	44:56 (calculated)	60.0 ± 5.7 (calculated)
	Weinberg et al. 2013	Cross-sectional	USA	NHANES participants 2007-2010 with T2DM	Without DM	N/A	Self-reported history of DM, use of glucose-lowering medications (insulin or oral hypoglycemics), and self-reported diabetic comorbidities. T2 only.	Patient reported answer to: "have you ever had a kidney stone?"	N/A	N/A

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XS	Rendina et al. 2008	Cross-sectional	Italy	Single centre inpatients between 2004-2005 - those with MetS or IGT. Exclusions: acute/chronic renal failure, abnormal renal anatomy, hyperthyroidism, hyperparathyroidism, treatment for osteoporosis, metabolic bone disorders, neoplasia	Those without MetS or IGT	American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: 3 or more of: 1) Waist circumference >102cm in men, >88cm in women. 2) fasting serum triglycerides >1.7mmol/L or treatment. 3) fasting serum HDL <1.03mmol/L in men, <1.30mmol/L in women or treatment. 4) Systolic >130mmHg or Diastolic >85mmHg or treatment. 5) fasting serum glucose >5.6mmol/L or treatment	Fasting serum glucose >5.6mmol/L or treatment	Questionnaire re: symptoms of renal colic and Ultrasonography	49:51	63.8 ± 15.8
	West et al. 2008	Cross-sectional	USA	NHANES III participants (1988-1994) - those with metabolic syndrome/impaired glucose tolerance	2 or fewer MetS traits/no MetS traits	American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute as per Rendina et al.	Fasting serum glucose >5.6mmol/L or treatment	Self report of physician diagnosis	48:52	58.8 ± 17.1
	Jeong et al. 2011	Cross-sectional	South Korea	Single centre - health promotion patients - those with IGT or MetS	Unclear - ?Those without MetS or IGT	NCEP ATP III; American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute - 3 or more of: Systolic >130mmHg, Diastolic >85mmHg, random blood glucose >110mg/dL, random serum triglycerides >150mg/dL, random serum HDL <40mg/dL in men or <50mg/dL in women, obese range waist circumference	Fasting blood glucose >110mg/dL	Radiological records (ultrasound and CT)	60:40	50.0 ± 10.4
	Jung et al. 2011	Cross-sectional	South Korea	Single Centre - patients recruited to health promotion centre to undergo metabolic + KSD screen - study group - those with impaired glucose tolerance and those with metabolic syndrome	Unclear - ?Patients without impaired glucose tolerance or metabolic syndrome	NCEP ATP III - 3 or more of: Systolic >130mmHg, Diastolic >85mmHg, random blood glucose >110mg/dL, random serum triglycerides >150mg/dL, random serum HDL <40mg/dL in men or <50mg/dL in women, obese range waist circumference	Fasting blood glucose >110mg/dL	Ultrasonography	55:45	44.9 ± 11.5
	Kim et al. 2012	Cross-sectional	South Korea	Single centre - health promotion patients - those with IGT or MetS	Unclear - ?Those without MetS or IGT	NCEP ATP III; American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute - 3 or more of: Systolic >130mmHg, Diastolic >85mmHg, random blood glucose >110mg/dL, random serum triglycerides >150mg/dL, random serum HDL <40mg/dL in men or <50mg/dL in	Fasting blood glucose >110mg/dL	Ultrasonography	58:42	42.3 ± 8.4
	Lee et al. 2016	Cross-sectional	Taiwan	Single centre - men undergoing free health screening - those with MetS/DM	Unclear - ?Those without MetS or DM	3 of the 5 following criteria: patients were defined as having MtS by the presence of at least three of five of the following criteria: waist circumference (WC) 90cm, high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol 540 mg/dL, triglyceride (TG) 150 mg/dL, blood pressure (BP) 130/85 mm Hg or diagnosed hypertension on therapy and fasting blood glucose (FBG) 4100 mg/dL or have a diagnosis of T2DM.	T2DM - fasting BGL >126mg/dL	(a) characteristic clinical findings diagnosed by a physician with available medical records; (b) evidence of kidney stones from ultrasonography judged by an investigator (urologist); (c) operative history of stones removal from kidney.	100:0	55.6 ± 4.6

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234 Table 1. Study demographics. F/U=follow up, T1= Type 1 diabetes mellitus, T2=Type 2 diabetes mellitus

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<i>Cohort</i>	<i>Study</i>	<i>Baseline DM, n</i>	<i>Controls, n</i>	<i>With DM, person-years</i>	<i>Without DM, person-years</i>	<i>DM with KSD, n (% of DM)</i>	<i>Control with KSD, n (% of No DM)</i>	<i>Study Reported Unadjusted Risk (95% CI)</i>	<i>Study Reported Adjusted Risk (95% CI)</i>	<i>Adjusted For</i>
DM	<i>Taylor et al. 2005: NHS I (younger female)</i>	1,409	93,758	65,566	1,371,080	109 (7.7%)	1578 (1.7%)	RR 1.45 (1.20-1.77)	RR 1.29 (1.05-1.58)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	<i>Taylor et al. 2005: NHS II (older female)</i>	891	101,877	12,291	824,076	40 (4.5%)	1491 (1.5%)	RR 1.86 (1.36-2.56)	RR 1.60 (1.16-2.21)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	<i>Taylor et al. 2005: HFPS (male)</i>	1391	46,062	21,676	450,984	44 (3.2%)	1426 (3.1%)	RR 0.76 (1.56-1.03)	RR 0.81 (0.59-1.09)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	<i>Chen et al. 2012</i>	12,257	96,781	75,975	607,842	1,096 (8.9%)	6950 (7.2%)	HR 1.22 (1.15-1.30)	HR 1.18 (1.10-1.27)	Age, Sex, Occupation, urbanisation, income and UTIs
	<i>Akoudad et al. 2010</i>	1,629	9,558	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	HR 1.98 (1.20-3.28)	Age, Sex, Race, waist circumference, hypertension, triglyceride level, uric acid, gallstones
	Total	17,577	348,036	253,365	3,253,982	1289 (8.1%)	11445 (3.4%)			

239 Table 2. DM Cohort studies.

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DM	Study	Study population (DM), n	Controls, n	DM with KSD, n (% of DM)	Control with KSD, n (% of No DM)	Study Reported Unadjusted Risk (95% CI)	Study Reported Adjusted Risk (95% CI)	Adjusted For
CaCo	Lieske et al. 2006	3,561	3561	335 (9.4%)	268 (7.5%)	OR 1.29 (1.09-1.53)	OR 1.22 (1.03-1.46)	Age, Sex, year of diagnosis, DM, hypertension and obesity
	Davarci et al. 2011	23	177	14 (17.5%)	66 (37.3%)	RR 1.63 (1.12-2.39)	N/A	N/A
XS	Meydan et al. 2003	321	115	84 (26.2%)	14 (12.2%)	OR 2.5 (1.39-4.71) (calculated)	N/A	N/A
	Taylor et al. 2005: NHS I (younger female)	1,473	74,266	64 (4.3%)	2029 (2.7%)	RR 1.55 (1.20-1.99)	RR 1.38 (1.06-1.79)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	Taylor et al. 2005: NHS II (older female)	949	94,485	58 (6.1%)	3093 (3.3%)	RR 1.84 (1.41-2.41)	RR 1.67 (1.28-2.20)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	Taylor et al. 2005: HFPS (male)	1,568	47,737	177 (11.3%)	4002 (8.4%)	RR 1.21 (1.03-1.42)	RR 1.31 (1.11-1.54)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	Akoudad et al. 2010	1,812	10,349	183 (18.8%)	1629 (14.6%)	N/A	PR 1.27 (1.08-1.49)	Age, Sex, Race, Region, waist circumference, triglycerides, hypertension, uric acid, gallstones
Weinberg et al. 2013	1,045 (estimated)	11,065 (estimated)	182 (17.1%) (estimated)	884 (8.0%) (estimated)	OR 2.44 (1.84-3.25)	OR 1.76 (1.33-2.32)	Age, Sex, Race, Smoking history, BMI	
	Sub Total	10,752	241,755	1097 (10.2%)	11985 (5.0%)			
IGT in context of MetS		Impaired Glucose tolerance (IGT) only n (% of Total)		IGT with KSD, n (% of IGT)				
XS	Rendina et al. 2008	317 (14.9%)	1815 (calculated estimate)	43 (13.6%)	177 (8.7%) (calculated estimate)	N/A	Male: OR 1.1 (0.5-2.4) Female: OR 1.1 (0.3-1.8)	Age, waist circumference, high serum triglycerides, low serum HDL, hypertension
	West et al. 2008	1260 (8.5%)	7268 (calculated estimate)	17 (1.3%)	71 (1.0%)	OR 1.39 (0.81-2.36) (calculated)	OR 1.27 (0.77-2.10) (One metabolic syndrome component)	Sex, race, socioeconomic status, gout, thiazide use, allopurinol use
	Jeong et al. 2011	6929 (19.9%) (Quintile 5 - ≥104mg/dL)	13,700 (Quintile 1 - ≤85mg/dL)	211 (3.0%)	240 (1.8%)	OR 1.57 (1.26-1.95)	OR 1.09 (0.87-1.37)	Age, sex, metabolic syndrome components, MetS status
	Jung et al. 2011	4192 (10.3%)	28,692 (calculated estimate)	102 (2.4%)	450 (1.6%) (calculated estimate)	1.26 (1.12-1.42)	OR 1.30 (1.03-1.64)	Age, GFR, serum urate, phosphorous and calcium
	Kim et al. 2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Male: OR 1.18 (1.10-1.26) Female: OR 1.26 (1.12-1.42)	Male: OR 1.03 (0.97-1.11) Female: OR 1.02 (0.90-1.16)	Age, serum creatinine, serum urate, past medical history of KSD
	Lee et al. 2016	72 (11.3%) (DM)	622	14 (19.4%)	71 (11.7%)	OR 1.87 (0.99-3.53) (calculated)	N/A	N/A
	Sub Total	12770 (6.1%)	52,097	387 (3.2%)	1009 (1.9%)			
	Total	23,522	293,852	1484 (6.3%)	12,994 (4.4%)			

249 Table 3. DM and IGT case-control and cross-sectional studies.

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MetS	Study	Total participants, n	Metabolic Syndrome, n (% of total)	Controls, n	Metabolic Syndrome with KSD, n (% of MetS)	Control with KSD, n (%)	Study Reported Unadjusted Risk (95% CI)	Study Reported Adjusted Risk (95% CI)	Adjusted For
XS	<i>Rendina et al. 2008</i>	2132	725 (34.0%)	1407	112 (15.4%)	108 (7.7%)	OR 2.2 (1.7-2.9)	OR 2.0 (1.3-3.0)	Age, sex, history of KSD
	<i>West et al. 2008</i>	14,870	4952 (33.3%)	9,921	628 (12.7%)	363 (3.7%)	OR 2.13 (1.74-2.62)	OR 1.52 (1.22-1.89)	Sex, race, socioeconomic status, gout, thiazide use, allopurinol use
	<i>Jeong et al. 2011</i>	34,895	4602* (13.2%)	30,293	177 (3.8%)	662 (2.2%)	OR 1.71 (1.45-2.03)	1.25 (1.03-1.50)	Sex, race, socioeconomic status, gout, thiazide use, allopurinol use
	<i>Jung et al. 2011</i>	40,687	7803 (19.2%)	32,884	166 (2.1%)	443 (1.3%)	N/A	OR 1.36 (1.13-1.64)	Age, GFR, serum urate, phosphorous and calcium
	<i>Kim et al. 2012</i>	116,536	13416 (11.5%)	103,120	1129 (8.4%)	5978 (5.8%)	OR 1.33 (1.24-1.44)	OR 1.11 (1.03-1.20)	Age, serum creatinine, serum urate, past medical history of KSD
	<i>Lee et al. 2016</i>	694	269 (42.1%)	425	46 (17.1%)	39 (9.2%)	N/A	OR 1.83 (1.14-2.93)	Age
	Total	209,814	31,767 (15.1%)	178,050	2258 (7.1%)	7593 (4.3%)			

253 Table 4. MetS cross-sectional studies. *=discrepancy between text and table.

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11 258 which five provided data on chronic hyperglycaemia (IGT/DM)[36-39,41]. All12
13 259 the studies were cross-sectional. These took place in Italy, South Korea,14
15 260 Taiwan and USA. The samples ranged from hospital inpatients to16
17 261 representative population based studies, which were representative of target18
19 262 populations [see table 1].20
21 263 The male to female ratio and mean age for each study is detailed in22
23 264 table 1. MetS and KSD ascertainment ranged from the patient reported24
25 265 diagnosis to ICD codes in medical records.26
27 266 Overall there were 209,817 patients, of whom 31,767 (17.8%) had28
29 267 MetS, 12,770 (6.1%) had IGT only [see table 4]. 2258 (7.1%) of those with30
31 268 MetS had KSD, compared to 7593 (4.3%) of controls. 387 (3.2%) of those with32
33 269 IGT had KSD compared to 1009 (1.9%) of controls [see table 3]. Unfortunately34
35 270 control population had to be calculated from the OR for some of the36
37 271 studies[36-38], therefore the figures for IGT are estimates. Study reported38
39 272 risk is detailed in table 3 and 4.40
41 273 Meta-Analysis42
43 274 Tests for overall unadjusted effect in those with DM demonstrated44
45 275 significantly higher risk of KSD (RR=1.66 (95% CI: 1.27-2.18, p<0.001).46
47 276 Subgroup analyses by study type demonstrated significantly higher risk of48
49 277 KSD in patients with DM in cohort studies in both unadjusted (1.36, 95% CI:50
51 278 1.11-1.60, p<0.001) [see fig. 1] and adjusted risk (RR=1.23, 95% CI: 0.94-1.51,

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6 280 cross-sectional/case-control studies in both unadjusted (OR=1.49, 95% CI:
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8 281 1.09-1.89, p<0.0001) and adjusted risk (OR=1.32, 95% CI: 1.21-1.43, p<0.001)
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10 282 [see fig. 3]. IGT in the context of MetS demonstrated significantly increased
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12 283 risk in both unadjusted (OR=1.25, 95% CI: 1.16-1.54, p<0.0001) and adjusted
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14 284 risk (OR=1.26, 95% CI: 0.94-1.58) [see fig. 3]. Combining DM case-control and
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16 285 cross-sectional studies with IGT demonstrated significantly increased risk in
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18 286 both unadjusted (OR=1.38, 95% CI: 1.18-1.59, p<0.0001) and adjusted risk
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20 287 (OR=1.32, 95% CI: 1.17-1.49, p<0.0001).

25 288 Cross-sectional studies examining MetS also demonstrated
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27 289 significantly increased risk of KSD in both unadjusted (OR=1.74, 95% CI: 1.45-
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29 290 2.04, p<0.0001) and adjusted (OR=1.35, 95% CI: 1.16-1.54, p<0.0001) [see fig.
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8 304 There was significant statistical heterogeneity between DM case-
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10 305 control/cross-sectional studies in unadjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.258$, Cochran's
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12 306 $Q=104.67$, $p<0.0001$, $I^2=93.2\%$), however there this was non-significant for
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14 307 adjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.00$, Cochran's $Q=6.46$, $p=0.26$, $I^2=0.0\%$).

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17 308 There was non-significant statistical heterogeneity between IGT cross-
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19 309 sectional studies for unadjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.003$, Cochran's $Q=7.18$, $p=0.30$,
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21 310 $I^2=21.6\%$), however this was significant for adjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.086$,
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23 311 Cochran's $Q=62.21$, $p<0.0001$, $I^2=92.7\%$).

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25 312 Combination of cross-sectional IGT studies with cross-sectional/case-
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27 313 control DM studies demonstrated significant heterogeneity for both
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29 314 unadjusted ($\text{Tau}^2=0.11$, Cochran's $Q=160.10$, $p<0.0001$, $I^2=91.2\%$) and
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31 315 adjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.044$, Cochran's $Q=75.4$, $p<0.001$, $I^2=81.2\%$). However,
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33 316 there was no statistical difference between subgroups for either unadjusted
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35 317 ($I^2=0\%$, $p=0.54$) or adjusted risk ($I^2=0\%$, $p=0.60$).

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39 319 sectional studies for both unadjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.092$, Cochran's $Q=26.08$,
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41 320 $p<0.0001$, $I^2=79.5\%$), and adjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.034$, Cochran's $Q=22.71$,
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10 329 without IGT (SE=2.21). Inclusion of IGT with DM demonstrated 6 missing
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13 330 studies (SE=2.75) (see fig. 5). The analysis demonstrated lack of negative
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20 333 Egger's regression demonstrated no significant results for: DM
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25 335 $p=0.88$).

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30 337 *Figure 5. Funnel plot - DM with IGT. Black dots = included studies, white dots =*
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35 339 *Figure 6. Funnel plot - Metabolic syndrome. Black dots = included studies,*
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48 344 quality assessment scale [see tables 5-7]. Broadly taking in all studies there
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51 345 were no sample size calculations or demonstrable levels of response. None of
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53 346 the cohort studies provided CONSORT diagrams nor did they provide loss to
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DM/MetS	Cohort	Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale			
	Study	Selection (4 stars total)	Comparability (2 stars total)	Outcome (3 stars total)	Total (out of 9)
DM	<i>Taylor et al. 2005</i>	***	**	**	7
	<i>Akoudad et al. 2010</i>	****	**	***	9
	<i>Chen et al. 2012</i>	***	**	***	8

349 Table 5. Bias analysis of Cohort studies

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DM/MetS	Cross-sectional	Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale			
	Study	Selection (5 stars total)	Comparability (2 stars total)	Outcome (3 stars total)	Total (out of 10)
DM	<i>Meydan et al. 2003</i>	0	0	**	2
	<i>Taylor et al. 2005</i>	**	**	**	6
	<i>Akoudad et al. 2010</i>	***	**	**	7
	<i>Weinberg et al. 2013</i>	***	**	**	7
MetS	<i>Rendina et al. 2008</i>	***	*	***	7
	<i>West et al. 2008</i>	****	**	**	8
	<i>Jeong et al. 2011</i>	***	**	***	8
	<i>Kim et al. 2012</i>	***	**	***	8
	<i>Lee et al. 2016</i>	**	*	***	6

356 Table 6. Bias analysis of cross-sectional studies

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DM/MetS	Case-control	Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale			
	Study	Selection (4 stars total)	Comparability (2 stars total)	Exposure (3 stars total)	Total (out of 9)
DM	<i>Lieske et al. 2006</i>	****	**	**	8
	<i>Davarci et al. 2011</i>	*	*	***	5

358 Table 7. Bias analysis of case-control studies.

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10 362 In this review and meta-analysis diabetes mellitus (DM) carried a
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12 363 significantly increased risk of developing kidney stone disease (KSD) in cohort
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16 365 demonstrate significantly increased likelihood of having KSD in those who
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18 366 have DM with a moderate risk of bias. Impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) in the
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20 367 context of metabolic syndrome (MetS) carries a similar likelihood to DM in
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22 368 cross-sectional studies.

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24 369 MetS carries a similar likelihood to DM and IGT in the context of MetS,
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26 370 with little difference between each in terms of adjusted odds ratios, again
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28 371 with a moderate risk of bias.

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30 372 This is the first systematic review and meta-analysis to examine DM
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32 373 and MetS together. The results are highly significant although are limited by
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34 374 heterogeneity. The results for DM are likely to be reflective of the true
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36 375 situation given that there were no missing studies identified on 'trim and fill'
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38 376 analysis. The situation for IGT and MetS may not be reflective given some
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40 377 negative studies were identified, and therefore there is a risk of publication
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24 391 isolation or in combination with other MetS components, nor was it clear
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30 394 risks falsely lowering the risk associated with IGT due to the comparisons with
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51 403 and case-control) ranged from hospital attendees in a single centre to large
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17 411 demonstrating few missing studies (mostly for MetS) and leave-one-out
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22 413 The pathophysiology for KSD in both DM and MetS is similar, both
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24 414 have been linked to increased uric acid stone formation, whilst calcium stone
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29 416 The increased risk of KSD in DM is thought to be secondary to two factors,
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32 417 glycaemic control[43-47] (common to both types 1 & 2 and impaired glucose
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37 419 adjusted odds ratios in this study for DM (OR=1.32, 95% CI: 1.21-1.43), IGT
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40 420 (OR=1.26, 95% CI: 0.94-1.58) and MetS (OR=1.35, 95% CI: 1.16-1.54) were all
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42 421 similar, potentially reflecting the common pathophysiology.

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44 422 The rise in prevalence of DM and MetS is well documented and is now
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47 423 perceived as a global pandemic[9,18]. KSD prevalence has risen in
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52 425 morbidity and absolute mortality associated with KSD has increased, perhaps
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54 426 due to the pandemic of DM/MetS[19], although age standardized mortality
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15 434 In this review, those with impaired glucose tolerance (pre-diabetes)
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23 437 publication bias and the real situation may be that the likelihood of KSD in
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25 438 IGT is lower than DM. Indeed, The NHANES III cross-sectional study[35]
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28 439 demonstrated with increasingly poor glycaemic control led to increasing
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30 440 likelihood of KSD as determined by fasting plasma glucose and glycosylated
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33 441 haemoglobin. Given the evidence suggesting those with DM or MetS are at
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35 442 increased risk of developing KSD measures to improve glycaemic control
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37 443 should be examined for their efficacy in KSD prevention in this 'at-risk'
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45 446 proportion of urate stones increases in these related populations[22].

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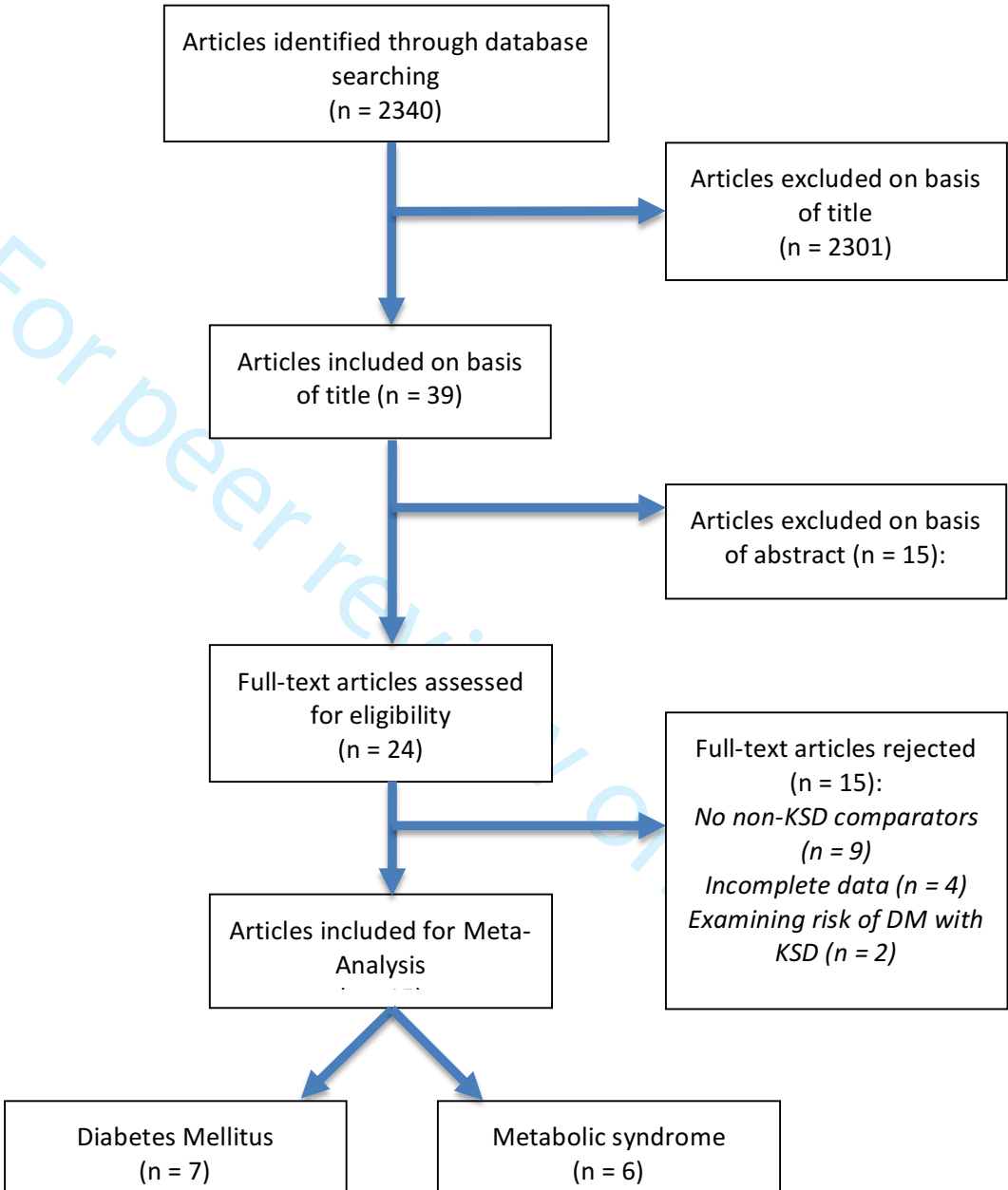
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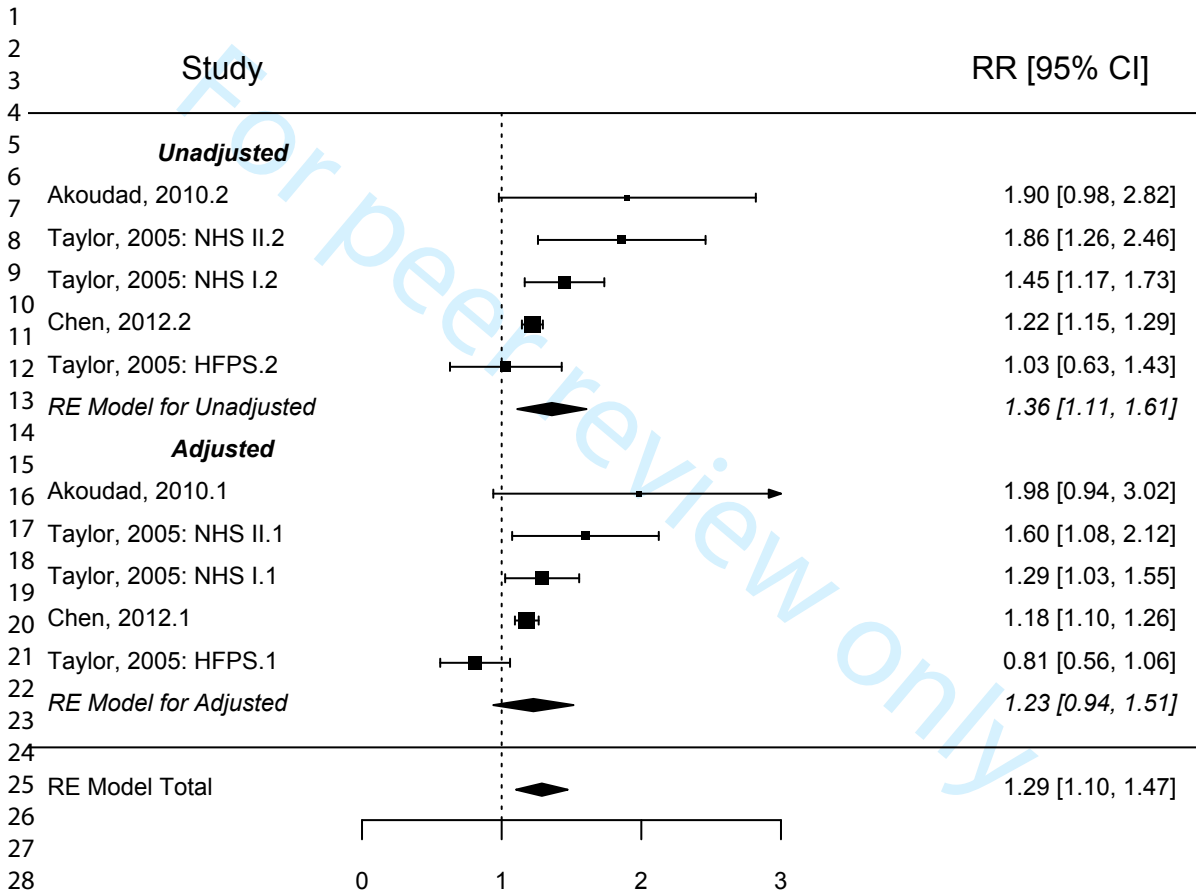
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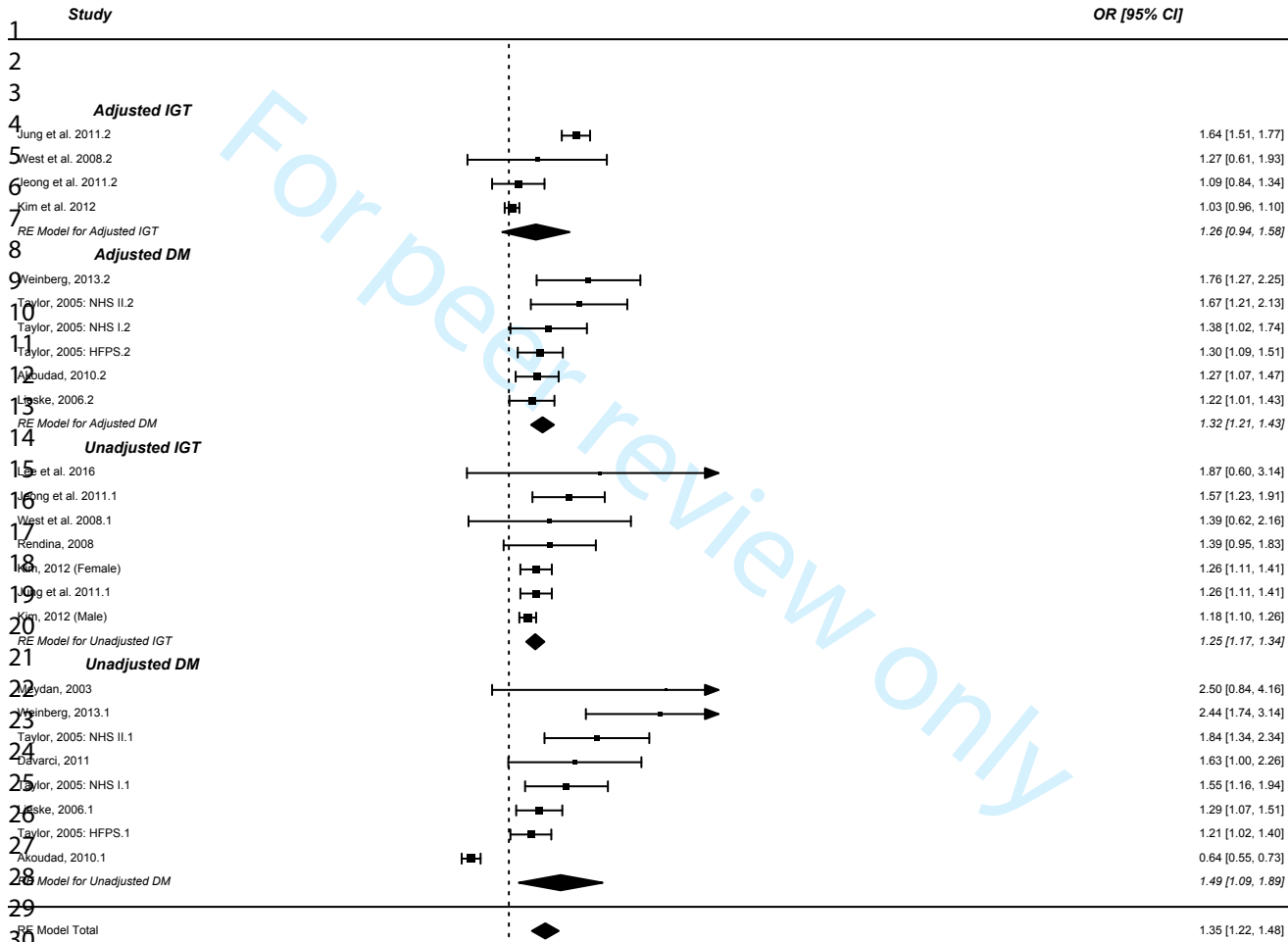
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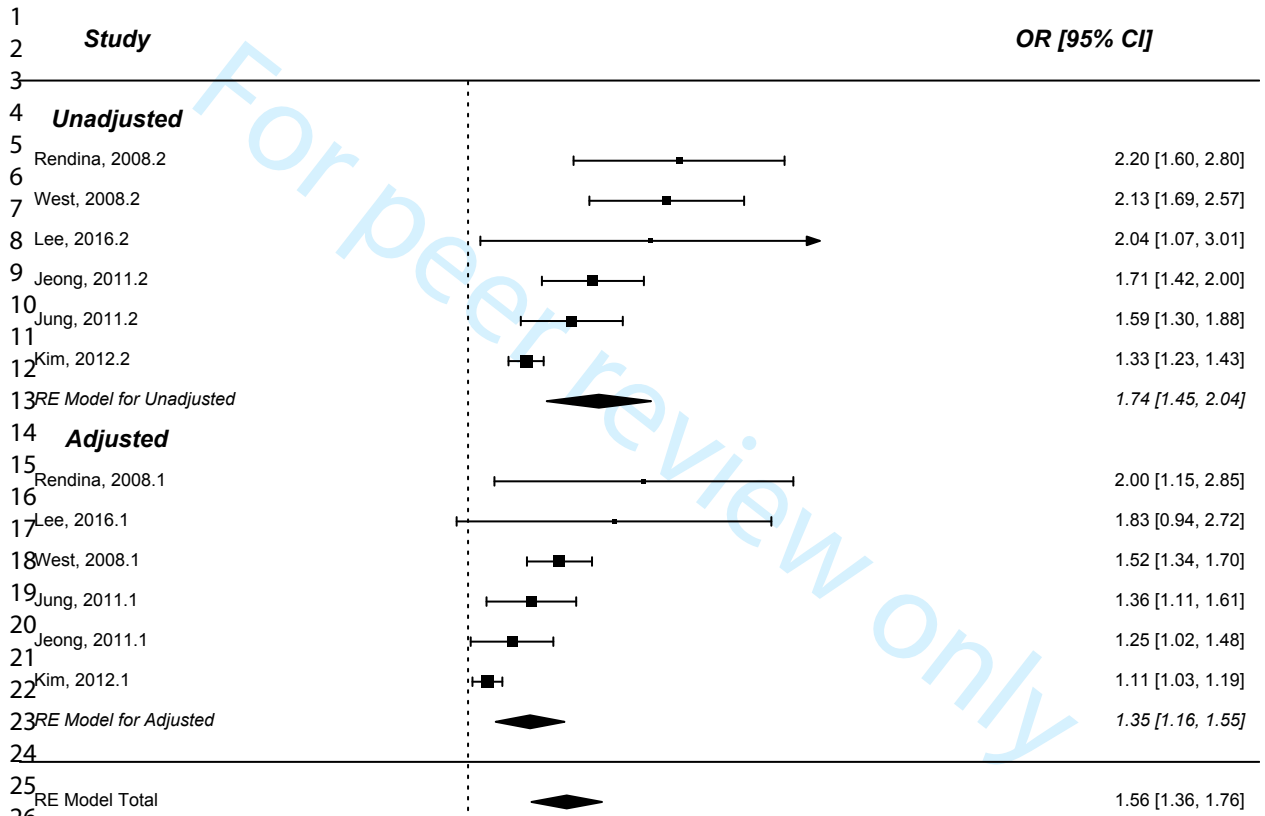
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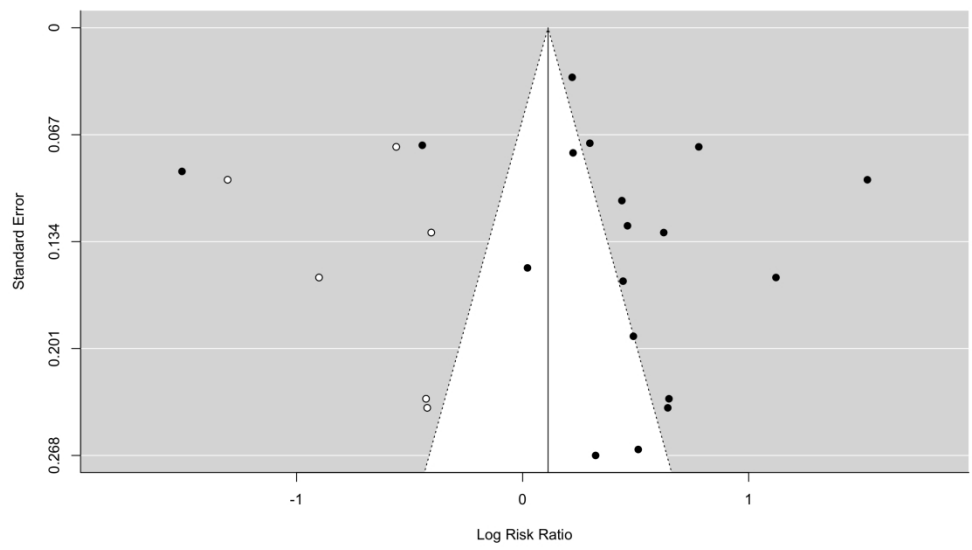




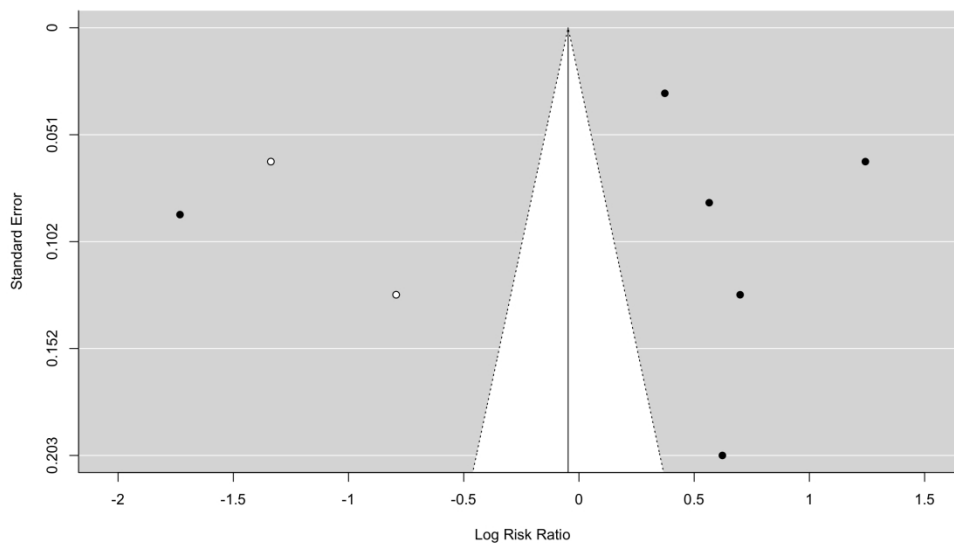




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8 63 (1.21-1.43) ($p<0.001$); IGT, OR=1.26 (0.92-1.58) ($p<0.0001$) and MetS,
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10 64 OR=1.35 (1.16-1.54) ($p<0.0001$).

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25 70 **Conclusion:** Chronic hyperglycaemia increases the risk of developing
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27 71 kidney stone disease. In the context of the diabetes pandemic, this will
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35 74 **Strengths and Limitations of This Study**

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39 76 chronic hyperglycaemic states and kidney stone disease (KSD), with
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45 79 demonstrates an increased risk of KSD of of 1.23 (0.94-1.51) ($p<0.001$)
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47 80 over the general population.
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12 89 sizes and compositions[2]. Incidence of acute urolithiasis is rising
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14 90 worldwide[3-6], with corresponding rises in surgical treatment rates[7] and
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16 91 morbidity[8,9] although mortality has declined[8,10]. 5-year recurrence rates
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38 100 seemingly in parallel with KSD[19]. There is overlap between the two
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42 102 of the five components of the 'metabolic syndrome'[20]. Although the
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46 104 patients with either MetS or DM have been shown to have increased urinary
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49 126 observational studies (cohort, case control and cross-sectional)
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17 137 5) Risk in risk ratio (RR), hazard ratio (HR), odds ratio (OR) or prevalence
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52 151 individual journals including the Journal of Urology, European Urology and
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54 152 Kidney International. The review was registered prospectively with
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23 161 independently selected studies for inclusion in the review [see fig. 1]. If there
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25 162 was disagreement, PR and BKS made final decision on inclusion.
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53 172 presented as RR and OR respectively. Unadjusted and adjusted risk values were
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27 203 RG performed the search, statistical analysis and wrote the manuscript. AA
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29 204 performed the search and reviewed the manuscript. PC, BS and PR edited the manuscript
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32 205 and critiqued the statistical analysis. BS and PR decided whether or not to include studies as
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26 227 table 1. DM and KSD ascertainment ranged from the patient reporting the
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DM	Study	Study type	Country	Sample	Controls	Metabolic syndrome definition	Diabetes Mellitus ascertainment	KSD ascertainment	M:F (%)	Mean age
<i>Cohort</i>	<i>Taylor et al. 2005</i>	Prospective Cohort	USA	NHS I (1980-2000: 20 year f/u) + II (1991-2001: 20 year f/u) (female nurses), HPFS participants (1986-2000: 14 year f/u) (male health professionals) – ‘diabetics’, those with known KSD excluded	NHS I + II, HPFS participants - non-diabetics	N/A	Biennial health questionnaire with supplementary questionnaire on symptoms, diagnostic tests and treatment - DM Diagnosis corroborated by medical record review. T1 (≥2 episodes of ketonuria/ketoacidosis) and T2 included.	Biennial health questionnaire and medical record review for corroboration - incident stone with pain/haematuria	NHS: Entirely Female HPFS: Entirely Male	NHS I: 48.6; NHS II: 37.6; HFPS: 60.9
	<i>Chen et al. 2012</i>	Retrospective Cohort	Taiwan	National Health Insurance system database - prospectively maintained - patients with DM (T1 + T2) (2000-2007: 7	Without DM and excluding patients who developed DM in Follow-	N/A	At least 3 outpatient visits for DM from 2000-2002 with corresponding health insurance records; ICD-9-CM 250; A-code A181. T1 + T2 included	Health insurance records; ICD9-CM 592; A-code A352, excluding bladder stones. Only new stones included	50:50	N/A

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	<i>Akou</i> <i>d et al.</i> <i>2010</i>	Prospective Cohort	USA	ARIC study participants: Visit 3 (1993- 1995) to 2005 with incident KSD (patient reported physician diagnosis of KSD at baseline excluded). F/U – mean 10.8 years.	Without Incident KSD	N/A	Receiving diabetic medication, OGTT with FPG>110mg/dL, FPG>126mg/dL, patient reported physician diagnosis. Unclear T1/T2 differentiation.	ICD 9 codes: 592, 592.0, 592.1, 592.9, 274.11 on discharge summaries	42:58	60.0 ± 5.7 (calculated)
Ca Co	<i>Lieske</i> <i>et al.</i> <i>2006</i>	Case control	USA	Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota residents with electronically documented KSD - random sample of results of electronic medical record search of Mayo	Patients without electronic documentation of KSD, matched for age, sex and calendar year of stone	N/A	Electronic medical records using codes: ICD9 codes 250, 357.2, 362.0, 366.41, 648.0 (gestational DM), 648.8, 790.2, 791.5, 962.3. No clear differentiation between T1 + T2.	Electronic medical records using codes: ICD9-CM 592, 594, 275.11 with case review	62: 38	45.0±1 8

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	<i>Davarci et al. 2011</i>	Case control	Turkey	Hospital outpatients with urolithiasis attending Single centre between 2008-2009, T1DM excluded	Without urolithiasis	N/A		Receiving diabetic medication, OGTT with FPG>110mg/dL, FPG>126mg/dL. T1 excluded	USS, AXR, patient reported	47.5:52.5	49.0±10
XS	<i>Meydan et al. 2003</i>	Cross-sectional with matching	Turkey	Diabetic hospital attendees, unclear if inpatients or outpatients	Non-diabetic hospital attendees, unclear if inpatients or outpatients - matched for age	N/A		Unclear how defined. Included both T1 and T2.	History of KSD, XR/USS – if any positive confirmed with IVU	Cases: 30:70 Controls: 21:79	Cases: 57±10 Controls: 56±9
	<i>Taylor et al. 2005</i>	Cross-sectional	USA	Baseline characteristics: NHS I (1980) + II (1991) (female nurses), HFPS participants	Baseline characteristics: NHS I + II, HFPS participants	N/A		Biennial health questionnaire with supplementary questionnaire on symptoms, diagnostic tests and treatment -	Biennial health questionnaire and medical record review for corroboration -	22:78	NHS I: 48.6; NHS II: 37.6; HFPS: 60.9

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	<i>Akouda et al. 2010</i>	Cross-sectional	USA	ARIC study participants: Visit 3 (1993-1995), patient reported physician diagnosis of KSD	Without KSD	N/A	Receiving diabetic medication, OGTT with FPG>110mg/dL, FPG>126mg/dL, patient reported physician diagnosis	Patient reported physician diagnosis	44:56 (calculated)	60.0 ± 5.7 (calculated)
	<i>Weinberg et al. 2013</i>	Cross-sectional	USA	NHANES participants 2007-2010 with T2DM	Without DM	N/A	Self-reported history of DM, use of glucose-lowering medications (insulin or oral hypoglycemics), and self-reported diabetic comorbidities. T2 only.	Patient reported answer to: "have you ever had a kidney stone?"	N/A	N/A
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<i>Rendina et al. 2008</i>		Cross-sectional	Italy	Single centre inpatients between 2004-2005 - those with MetS or IGT. Exclusions: acute/chronic renal failure, abnormal renal	Those without MetS or IGT	American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: 3 or more of: 1) Waist circumference >102cm in men, >88cm in women. 2) fasting serum triglycerides >1.7mmol/L or treatment. 3) fasting serum HDL <1.03mmol/L in men, <1.30mmol/L in women or	Fasting serum glucose >5.6mmol/L or treatment	Questionnaire re: symptoms of renal colic and Ultrasonography	49:51	63.8 ± 15.8

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<i>West et al. 2008</i>	Cross-sectional	USA	NHANES III participants (1988-1994) - those with metabolic syndrome/impaired glucose tolerance	2 or fewer MetS traits/no MetS traits	American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute as per Rendina et al.	Fasting serum glucose >5.6mmol/L or treatment	Self report of physician diagnosis	48:52	58.8 ± 17.1
<i>Jeong et al. 2011</i>	Cross-sectional	South Korea	Single centre - health promotion patients - those with IGT or MetS	Unclear - ?Those without MetS or IGT	NCEP ATP III; American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute - 3 or more of: Systolic >130mmHg, Diastolic >85mmHg, random blood glucose >110mg/dL, random serum triglycerides >150mg/dL, random serum HDL <40mg/dL in men or <50mg/dL in women, obese range waist circumference	Fasting blood glucose >110mg/dL	Radiological records (ultrasound and CT)	60:40	50.0 ± 10.4

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<i>Jung et al. 2011</i>	Cross-sectional	South Korea	Single Centre - patients recruited to health promotion centre to undergo metabolic + KSD screen - study group - those with impaired glucose tolerance and those with metabolic syndrome	Unclear - ?Patients without impaired glucose tolerance or metabolic syndrome	NCEP ATP III - 3 or more of: Systolic >130mmHg, Diastolic >85mmHg, random blood glucose >110mg/dL, random serum triglycerides >150mg/dL, random serum HDL <40mg/dL in men or <50mg/dL in women, obese range waist circumference	Fasting blood glucose >110mg/dL	Ultrasonography	55:45	44.9 ± 11.5
<i>Kim et al. 2012</i>	Cross-sectional	South Korea	Single centre - health promotion patients - those with IGT or MetS	Unclear - ?Those without MetS or IGT	NCEP ATP III; American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute - 3 or more of: Systolic >130mmHg, Diastolic >85mmHg, random blood glucose >110mg/dL, random serum triglycerides >150mg/dL, random serum HDL <40mg/dL in men or <50mg/dL in	Fasting blood glucose >110mg/dL	Ultrasonography	58:42	42.3 ± 8.4
<i>Lee et al. 2016</i>	Cross-sectional	Taiwan	Single centre - men undergoing free health screening -	Unclear - ?Those without	3 of the 5 following criteria: patients were defined as having MtS by the presence of at least three of five of the following	T2DM - fasting BGL >126mg/dL	(a) characteristic clinical findings diagnosed by a physician with	100:0	55.6 ± 4.6

				those with MetS/DM	MetS or DM	criteria: waist circumference (WC) 90cm, high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol 540 mg/dL, triglyceride (TG) 150 mg/dL, blood pressure (BP) 130/85 mm Hg or diagnosed hypertension on therapy and fasting blood glucose (FBG) 4100 mg/dL or have a diagnosis of T2DM.			available medical records; (b) evidence of kidney stones from ultrasonography judged by an investigator (urologist); (c) operative history of stones removal from kidney.	
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<i>Cohort</i>	<i>Study</i>	<i>Baseline DM, n</i>	<i>Controls, n</i>	<i>With DM, person-years</i>	<i>Without DM, person-years</i>	<i>DM with KSD, n (% of DM)</i>	<i>Control with KSD, n (% of No DM)</i>	<i>Study Reported Unadjusted Risk (95% CI)</i>	<i>Study Reported Adjusted Risk (95% CI)</i>	<i>Adjusted For</i>
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7	DM	<i>Taylor et al. 2005: NHS I (younger female)</i>	1,409	93,758	65,566	1,371,080	109 (7.7%)	1578 (1.7%)	RR 1.45 (1.20-1.77)	RR 1.29 (1.05-1.58)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
8		<i>Taylor et al. 2005: NHS II (older female)</i>	891	101,877	12,291	824,076	40 (4.5%)	1491 (1.5%)	RR 1.86 (1.36-2.56)	RR 1.60 (1.16-2.21)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
9		<i>Taylor et al. 2005: HFPS (male)</i>	1391	46,062	21,676	450,984	44 (3.2%)	1426 (3.1%)	RR 0.76 (1.56-1.03)	RR 0.81 (0.59-1.09)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
10		<i>Chen et al. 2012</i>	12,257	96,781	75,975	607,842	1,096 (8.9%)	6950 (7.2%)	HR 1.22 (1.15-1.30)	HR 1.18 (1.10-1.27)	Age, Sex, Occupation, urbanisation, income and UTIs
11		<i>Akoudad et al. 2010</i>	1,629	9,558	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	HR 1.98 (1.20-3.28)	Age, Sex, Race, waist circumference, hypertension, triglyceride level, uric acid, gallstones
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<i>DM</i>	<i>Study</i>	<i>Study population (DM), n</i>	<i>Controls, n</i>	<i>DM with KSD, n (% of DM)</i>	<i>Control with KSD, n (% of No DM)</i>	<i>Study Reported Unadjusted Risk (95% CI)</i>	<i>Study Reported Adjusted Risk (95% CI)</i>	<i>Adjusted For</i>
CaCo	<i>Lieske et al. 2006</i>	3,561	3561	335 (9.4%)	268 (7.5%)	OR 1.29 (1.09-1.53)	OR 1.22 (1.03-1.46)	Age, Sex, year of diagnosis, DM, hypertension and obesity
	<i>Davarci et al. 2011</i>	23	177	14 (17.5%)	66 (37.3%)	RR 1.63 (1.12-2.39)	N/A	N/A
XS	<i>Meydan et al. 2003</i>	321	115	84 (26.2%)	14 (12.2%)	OR 2.5 (1.39-4.71) (calculated)	N/A	N/A
	<i>Taylor et al. 2005: NHS I (younger female)</i>	1,473	74,266	64 (4.3%)	2029 (2.7%)	RR 1.55 (1.20-1.99)	RR 1.38 (1.06-1.79)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	<i>Taylor et al. 2005: NHS II (older female)</i>	949	94,485	58 (6.1%)	3093 (3.3%)	RR 1.84 (1.41-2.41)	RR 1.67 (1.28-2.20)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	<i>Taylor et al. 2005: HFPS (male)</i>	1,568	47,737	177 (11.3%)	4002 (8.4%)	RR 1.21 (1.03-1.42)	RR 1.31 (1.11-1.54)	Age, BMI, Thiazide use, fluid intake, alcohol use, calcium supplementation and diet
	<i>Akoudad et al. 2010</i>	1,812	10,349	183 (18.8%)	1629 (14.6%)	N/A	PR 1.27 (1.08-1.49)	Age, Sex, Race, Region, waist circumference, triglycerides, hypertension, uric acid, gallstones

	<i>Weinberg et al. 2013</i>	1,045 (estimated)	11,065 (estimated)	182 (17.1%) (estimated)	884 (8.0%) (estimated)	OR 2.44 (1.84-3.25)	OR 1.76 (1.33-2.32)	Age, Sex, Race, Smoking history, BMI
	Sub Total	10,752	241,755	1097 (10.2%)	11985 (5.0%)			
IGT in context of MetS		Impaired Glucose tolerance (IGT) only n (% of Total)		IGT with KSD, n (% of IGT)				
XS	<i>Rendina et al. 2008</i>	317 (14.9%)	1815 (calculated estimate)	43 (13.6%)	177 (8.7%) (calculated estimate)	N/A	Male: OR 1.1 (0.5-2.4) Female: OR 1.1 (0.3-1.8)	Age, waist circumference, high serum triglycerides, low serum HDL, hypertension
	<i>West et al. 2008</i>	1260 (8.5%)	7268 (calculated estimate)	17 (1.3%)	71 (1.0%)	OR 1.39 (0.81-2.36) (calculated)	OR 1.27 (0.77-2.10) (One metabolic syndrome component)	Sex, race, socioeconomic status, gout, thiazide use, allopurinol use
	<i>Jeong et al. 2011</i>	6929 (19.9%) (Quintile 5 - $\geq 104\text{mg/dL}$)	13,700 (Quintile 1 - $\leq 85\text{mg/dL}$)	211 (3.0%)	240 (1.8%)	OR 1.57 (1.26-1.95)	OR 1.09 (0.87-1.37)	Age, sex, metabolic syndrome components, MetS status

			28,692 (calculate d estimate)	102 (2.4%)	450 (1.6%) (calculate d estimate)	1.26 (1.12- 1.42)	OR 1.30 (1.03- 1.64)	Age, GFR, serum urate, phosphorous and calcium
	<i>Jung et al. 2011</i>	4192 (10.3%)						
	<i>Kim et al. 2012</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Male: OR 1.18 (1.10- 1.26) Female: OR 1.26 (1.12- 1.42)	Male: OR 1.03 (0.97- 1.11) Female: OR 1.02 (0.90- 1.16)	Age, serum creatinine, serum urate, past medical history of KSD
	<i>Lee et al. 2016</i>	72 (11.3%) (DM)	622	14 (19.4%)	71 (11.7%) (calculate d)	OR 1.87 (0.99- 3.53)	N/A	N/A
	Sub Total	12770 (6.1%)	52,097	387 (3.2%)	1009 (1.9%)			
	Total	23,522	293,852	1484 (6.3%)	12,994 (4.4%)			

255 Table 3. DM and IGT case-control and cross-sectional studies.

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MetS	Study	Total participant s, n	Metaboli c Syndom	Control s, n	Metaboli c Syndrom	Contr ol with	Study Reported Unadjuste	Study Reported Adjusted	Adjusted For
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			e, n (% of total)		e with KSD, n (% of MetS)	KSD, n (%)	d Risk (95% CI)	Risk (95% CI)	
XS	<i>Rendina et al. 2008</i>	2132	725 (34.0%)	1407	112 (15.4%)	108 (7.7%)	OR 2.2 (1.7-2.9)	OR 2.0 (1.3-3.0)	Age, sex, history of KSD
	<i>West et al. 2008</i>	14,870	4952 (33.3%)	9,921	628 (12.7%)	363 (3.7%)	OR 2.13 (1.74-2.62)	OR 1.52 (1.22-1.89)	Sex, race, socioeconomic status, gout, thiazide use, allopurinol use
	<i>Jeong et al. 2011</i>	34,895	4602* (13.2%)	30,293	177 (3.8%)	662 (2.2%)	OR 1.71 (1.45-2.03)	1.25 (1.03-1.50)	Sex, race, socioeconomic status, gout, thiazide use, allopurinol use
	<i>Jung et al. 2011</i>	40,687	7803 (19.2%)	32,884	166 (2.1%)	443 (1.3%)	N/A	OR 1.36 (1.13-1.64)	Age, GFR, serum urate, phosphorous and calcium
	<i>Kim et al. 2012</i>	116,536	13416 (11.5%)	103,120	1129 (8.4%)	5978 (5.8%)	OR 1.33 (1.24-1.44)	OR 1.11 (1.03-1.20)	Age, serum creatinine, serum urate, past medical history of KSD
	<i>Lee et al. 2016</i>	694	269 (42.1%)	425	46 (17.1%)	39 (9.2%)	N/A	OR 1.83 (1.14-2.93)	Age
	Total	209,814	31,767 (15.1%)	178,050	2258 (7.1%)	7593 (4.3%)			

259 Table 4. MetS cross-sectional studies. *=discrepancy between text and table.

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9 263 There were six studies[36-41] examining metabolic syndrome, of10
11 264 which five provided data on chronic hyperglycaemia (IGT/DM)[36-39,41]. All12
13 265 the studies were cross-sectional. These took place in Italy, South Korea,14
15 266 Taiwan and USA. The samples ranged from hospital inpatients to16
17 267 representative population based studies, which were representative of target18
19 268 populations [see table 1].20
21 269 The male to female ratio and mean age for each study is detailed in22
23 270 table 1. MetS and KSD ascertainment ranged from the patient reported24
25 271 diagnosis to ICD codes in medical records.26
27 272 Overall there were 209,817 patients, of whom 31,767 (17.8%) had28
29 273 MetS, 12,770 (6.1%) had IGT only [see table 4]. 2258 (7.1%) of those with30
31 274 MetS had KSD, compared to 7593 (4.3%) of controls. 387 (3.2%) of those with32
33 275 IGT had KSD compared to 1009 (1.9%) of controls [see table 3]. Unfortunately34
35 276 control population had to be calculated from the OR for some of the36
37 277 studies[36-38], therefore the figures for IGT are estimates. Study reported38
39 278 risk is detailed in table 3 and 4.40
41 279 Meta-Analysis42
43 280 Tests for overall unadjusted effect in those with DM demonstrated44
45 281 significantly higher risk of KSD (RR=1.66 (95% CI: 1.27-2.18, p<0.001).46
47 282 Subgroup analyses by study type demonstrated significantly higher risk of48
49 283 KSD in patients with DM in cohort studies in both unadjusted (1.36, 95% CI:

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3 284 1.11-1.60, $p < 0.001$) [see fig. 1] and adjusted risk (RR=1.23, 95% CI: 0.94-1.51,
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6 285 $p < 0.001$) [see fig. 2]. Significantly increased risk was also demonstrated in
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8 286 cross-sectional/case-control studies in both unadjusted (OR=1.49, 95% CI:
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13 288 [see fig. 3]. IGT in the context of MetS demonstrated significantly increased
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15 289 risk in both unadjusted (OR=1.25, 95% CI: 1.16-1.54, $p < 0.0001$) and adjusted
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17 290 risk (OR=1.26, 95% CI: 0.94-1.58) [see fig. 3]. Combining DM case-control and
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19 291 cross-sectional studies with IGT demonstrated significantly increased risk in
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21 292 both unadjusted (OR=1.38, 95% CI: 1.18-1.59, $p < 0.0001$) and adjusted risk
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23 293 (OR=1.32, 95% CI: 1.17-1.49, $p < 0.0001$).

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27 294 Cross-sectional studies examining MetS also demonstrated
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29 295 significantly increased risk of KSD in both unadjusted (OR=1.74, 95% CI: 1.45-
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31 296 2.04, $p < 0.0001$) and adjusted (OR=1.35, 95% CI: 1.16-1.54, $p < 0.0001$) [see fig.
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49 302 *Figure 4. Forest Plot analysis – Metabolic syndrome (cross-sectional)*

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54 304 *Heterogeneity and Sensitivity Analysis*

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8 308 $I^2=62.3\%$), however there was significant heterogeneity when risk was
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11 309 adjusted ($\text{Tau}^2=0.070$, Cochran's $Q=13.70$, $p=0.008$, $I^2=80.2\%$).

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13 310 There was significant statistical heterogeneity between DM case-
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15 311 control/cross-sectional studies in unadjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.258$, Cochran's
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17 312 $Q=104.67$, $p<0.0001$, $I^2=93.2\%$), however there this was non-significant for
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19 313 adjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.00$, Cochran's $Q=6.46$, $p=0.26$, $I^2=0.0\%$).

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23 314 There was non-significant statistical heterogeneity between IGT cross-
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25 315 sectional studies for unadjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.003$, Cochran's $Q=7.18$, $p=0.30$,
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27 316 $I^2=21.6\%$), however this was significant for adjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.086$,
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29 317 Cochran's $Q=62.21$, $p<0.0001$, $I^2=92.7\%$).

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32 318 Combination of cross-sectional IGT studies with cross-sectional/case-
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35 319 control DM studies demonstrated significant heterogeneity for both
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37 320 unadjusted ($\text{Tau}^2=0.11$, Cochran's $Q=160.10$, $p<0.0001$, $I^2=91.2\%$) and
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39 321 adjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.044$, Cochran's $Q=75.4$, $p<0.001$, $I^2=81.2\%$). However,
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41 322 there was no statistical difference between subgroups for either unadjusted
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43 323 ($I^2=0\%$, $p=0.54$) or adjusted risk ($I^2=0\%$, $p=0.60$).

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47 324 There was significant statistical heterogeneity between MetS cross-
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49 325 sectional studies for both unadjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.092$, Cochran's $Q=26.08$,
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51 326 $p<0.0001$, $I^2=79.5\%$), and adjusted risk ($\text{Tau}^2=0.034$, Cochran's $Q=22.71$,
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53 327 $p<0.001$, $I^2=72.7\%$).

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8 332 Leave one out analysis did not identify any studies that significantly
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10 333 changed the RR or OR for DM with and without IGT inclusion, nor for MetS.

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13 334 Trim and fill analysis did not demonstrate any missing studies for DM
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15 335 without IGT (SE=2.21). Inclusion of IGT with DM demonstrated 6 missing
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17 336 studies (SE=2.75) (see fig. 5). The analysis demonstrated lack of negative
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19 337 studies. Trim and fill analysis of MetS demonstrated 2 missing studies
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21 338 (SE=1.78) [see fig. 6], both negative.

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25 339 Egger's regression demonstrated no significant results for: DM
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27 340 without IGT ($z=0.81$, $p=0.42$), DM with IGT ($z=0.85$, $p=0.40$) or MetS ($z=0.15$,
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29 341 $p=0.88$).

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35 343 *Figure 5. Funnel plot - DM with IGT. Black dots = included studies, white dots =*
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37 344 *missing studies identified on 'trim and fill analysis'.*

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40 345 *Figure 6. Funnel plot - Metabolic syndrome. Black dots = included studies,*
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49 348 Overall there was a moderate risk of bias. All but two studies[29,30]
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51 349 had scores greater than 7 on examination with the Newcastle –Ottawa
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53 350 quality assessment scale [see tables 5-7]. Broadly taking in all studies there
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56 351 were no sample size calculations or demonstrable levels of response. None of
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352 the cohort studies provided CONSORT diagrams nor did they provide loss to
 353 follow-up data in the text.

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DM/MetS	Cohort	Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale			
	Study	Selection (4 stars total)	Comparability (2 stars total)	Outcome (3 stars total)	Total (out of 9)
DM	<i>Taylor et al. 2005</i>	***	**	**	7
	<i>Akoudad et al. 2010</i>	****	**	***	9
	<i>Chen et al. 2012</i>	***	**	***	8

355 *Table 5. Bias analysis of Cohort studies*

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DM/MetS	Cross-sectional	Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale			
	Study	Selection (5 stars total)	Comparability (2 stars total)	Outcome (3 stars total)	Total (out of 10)
DM	<i>Meydan et al. 2003</i>	0	0	**	2
	<i>Taylor et al. 2005</i>	**	**	**	6
	<i>Akoudad et al. 2010</i>	***	**	**	7
	<i>Weinberg et al. 2013</i>	***	**	**	7
MetS	<i>Rendina et al. 2008</i>	***	*	***	7
	<i>West et al. 2008</i>	****	**	**	8
	<i>Jeong et al. 2011</i>	***	**	***	8
	<i>Kim et al. 2012</i>	***	**	***	8
	<i>Lee et al. 2016</i>	**	*	***	6

362 *Table 6. Bias analysis of cross-sectional studies*

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DM/MetS	Case-control	Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale
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	Study	Selection (4 stars total)	Comparability (2 stars total)	Exposure (3 stars total)	Total (out of 9)
DM	<i>Lieske et al. 2006</i>	****	**	**	8
	<i>Davarci et al. 2011</i>	*	*	***	5

364 *Table 7. Bias analysis of case-control studies.*

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366 Discussion

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368 In this review and meta-analysis diabetes mellitus (DM) carried a
 369 significantly increased risk of developing kidney stone disease (KSD) in cohort
 370 studies with a low risk of bias. Cross-sectional and case-control studies also
 371 demonstrate significantly increased likelihood of having KSD in those who
 372 have DM with a moderate risk of bias. Impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) in the
 373 context of metabolic syndrome (MetS) carries a similar likelihood to DM in
 374 cross-sectional studies.

375 MetS carries a similar likelihood to DM and IGT in the context of MetS,
 376 with little difference between each in terms of adjusted odds ratios, again
 377 with a moderate risk of bias.

378 This is the first systematic review and meta-analysis to examine DM
 379 and MetS together. The results are highly significant although are limited by
 380 heterogeneity, despite meta-regression analysis. The results for DM are likely
 381 to be reflective of the true situation given that there were no missing studies
 382 identified on 'trim and fill' analysis. The situation for IGT and MetS may not

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3 383 be reflective given some negative studies were identified, and therefore
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6 384 there is a risk of publication bias.
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8 385 The main strength in this study is the cohort studies examining DM,
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10 386 which have long follow-up periods and demonstrate highly significant results
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13 387 with a low risk of bias, despite suffering from significant statistical
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15 388 heterogeneity. This may be the result of differing adjustments between
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20 390 The case-control and cross-sectional studies examining DM were of
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23 391 variable quality but demonstrated highly significant results, similar to the
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25 392 cohort studies. Direct comparison between cohorts and these studies is
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27 393 difficult due to the differing outcome measure
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30 394 There was no differentiation between Type 1 and Type 2 DM in most
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32 395 studies. It is unclear if type 1 confers the same risk as type 2.
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35 396 It was unclear from the studies whether IGT was considered in
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37 397 isolation or in combination with other MetS components, nor was it clear
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39 398 whether the comparator groups contained those with MetS components,
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41 399 without reaching the required three components needed for diagnosis. This
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43 400 risks falsely lowering the risk associated with IGT due to the comparisons with
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45 401 other potential KSD risk factors.
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49 402 Statistical heterogeneity demonstrated in most of the analyses may
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51 403 be due to ascertainment of KSD, variability in study populations and design
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53 404 and publication bias. There were significant variations in KSD ascertainment
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55 405 from patient reported to medical notes to radiologically proven. Some studies
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57 406 may therefore under-report the true number of stones.
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3 407 Variability in study populations and design (cohort, cross-sectional
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6 408 and case-control) ranged from hospital attendees in a single centre to large
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8 409 regional or national cohort studies. The effect of this variability is somewhat
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10 410 negated by dividing the studies by study design and analyzing each
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15 412 DM cohort study adjusted values although the overall figure was
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17 413 significant the confidence interval includes one, therefore this could
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20 414 represent type 1 error.

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23 415 Publication bias was low in this study with trim and fill analyses
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25 416 demonstrating few missing studies (mostly for MetS) and leave-one-out
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27 417 analysis not demonstrating any significantly heterogenous studies.

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30 418 The most common stone composition in all KSD formers is calcium oxalate, followed
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32 419 closely by calcium phosphate, together comprising around 85% of all stones. Uric acid
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34 420 stones are third, accounting for 12% in men, 7% in women, whilst the far rare cystine stones
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36 421 account for less than 1% in either gender[42]. Both DM and MetS have been linked to
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38 422 increased uric acid stone formation, whilst calcium stone formation remains static,
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40 423 seemingly un-influenced by either DM or MetS[43].

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44 424 The increased risk of KSD in DM is thought to be secondary to two factors, glycaemic
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46 425 control (common to both types 1 & 2 and impaired glucose tolerance) and insulin resistance
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48 426 (as seen in type 2 DM and MetS). Hyperglycaemia has been demonstrated to increase
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50 427 urinary calcium[44,45], phosphorous[44,45], uric acid[46,47] and oxalate[48] secretion.
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52 428 Whereas increased insulin resistance increases renal ammonium secretion[49] and
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54 429 decreased urinary pH[48], which in turn increases urinary calcium and uric acid
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56 430 secretion[50] whilst decreases urinary citrate[51] (an alkalizing agent), compounding urinary
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3 431 acidification. Together these mechanisms lead to increased risk of precipitation and
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6 432 subsequent formation of uric acid stones.

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8 433 Notably, Chung et al.[52] and Weikert[53] in prospective cohort studies
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10 434 demonstrated patients who suffered from KSD were more likely to develop DM over a five
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13 435 year period than those who did not form stones. This muddies the water, giving a ‘chicken
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15 436 and egg’ scenario. It could be that KSD is a symptom of an underlying systemic metabolic
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17 437 disorder, or something intrinsic to KSD formers increases the risk of metabolic
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19 438 derangement. The former is more likely given the evidence for biochemical disruption in
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21 439 urinary excretions prior to stone formation.

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25 440 Metabolic syndrome has been defined multiple times[54], however all definitions
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27 441 are in agreement that it comprises a combination of insulin resistance, hypertension and
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29 442 dyslipidaemia. Insulin resistance in metabolic syndrome is the same mechanism resulting in
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31 443 type 2 diabetes and thus the findings of urinary acidification[55,56], increased risk of uric
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33 444 acid secretion[55] and uric acid stone formation[56] via the pathophysiology described
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35 445 above are the same.

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39 446 In this review a small, albeit non-significant increase in risk suffering from
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41 447 heterogeneity, was associated with MetS versus IGT/DM. This may be attributable to the
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43 448 other components of MetS.

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47 449 There is conflicting evidence about hypertension and a possible link to increased risk
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49 450 of KSD[37] and vice versa[57]. A prospective cohort study by Cappuccio et al.[58]
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51 451 demonstrated a significantly increased crude risk of hypertensives developing KSD than non-
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53 452 hypertensives. However, when observing the difference between stone formers and non-
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55 453 stone formers, the stone formers had no significant difference in blood pressure. It was
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57 454 noted that the hypertensives were significantly heavier, older and had higher BMI's. Madore
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6 456 risk compared to non-hypertensive individuals when age, BMI and electrolyte intake were
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10 458 risk of KSD with hypertension. However on multivariate analysis the effect was rendered
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13 459 non-significant. Perhaps the risk found by Cappuccio was confounded by the presence of
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15 460 metabolic syndrome, which at the time of publication was not defined[20]. Hypertension is
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23 463 Dyslipidaemia, defined as hypercholesterolaemia, low serum high-density
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25 464 lipoprotein and high serum triglycerides[20] has also been associated with increased risk of
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28 465 KSD[60]. However, when adjusted in multivariate analysis the association is lost[60].
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30 466 Moreover, the only demonstrable biochemical abnormality after multivariate analysis is
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33 467 high urinary uric acid. Therefore the risk associated with dyslipidaemia is due to insulin
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37 469 Renal lipotoxicity, defined as lipid accumulation in non-adipose tissues, has been
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40 470 linked to decreased ammonium secretion and therefore lower pH in rat models[61].
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43 471 However, this observation has yet to be reflected in humans. Renal lipotoxicity may
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45 472 represent the end-point of chronic dyslipidaemia.

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47 473 The addition of renal lipotoxicity to insulin resistance may explain the seemingly
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50 474 increased risk of KSD observed in patients with MetS versus IGT. Further studies are
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52 475 required to accurately demonstrate the underlying mechanism.

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54 476 The rise in prevalence of DM and MetS is well documented and is now
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57 477 perceived as a global pandemic[9,18]. KSD prevalence has risen in
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59 478 parallel[3,5,6]. The Global Burden of Disease study[9,10] demonstrated
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3 479 morbidity and absolute mortality associated with KSD has increased, perhaps
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5 480 due to the pandemic of DM/MetS[19], although age standardized mortality
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10 482 countries (HIC), but is attenuated in lower-middle income countries
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13 483 (LMIC)[8,10]. This may be attributable to lack of availability of prompt
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18 485 invasive treatments including nephrectomy[62-64]. Following surgical
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25 488 In this review, those with impaired glucose tolerance (pre-diabetes)
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30 490 cross-sectional/case-control studies, although this may be suffering from
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33 491 publication bias and the real situation may be that the likelihood of KSD in
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35 492 IGT is lower than DM. Indeed, The NHANES III cross-sectional study[35]
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38 493 demonstrated with increasingly poor glycaemic control led to increasing
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40 494 likelihood of KSD as determined by fasting plasma glucose and glycosylated
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45 496 increased risk of developing KSD measures to improve glycaemic control
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48 497 should be examined for their efficacy in KSD prevention in this 'at-risk'
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50 498 population. It should be noted that the stone type in those with DM or MetS
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52 499 is most commonly calcium oxalate, however although still small, the
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54 500 proportion of urate stones increases in these related populations[22,65] .

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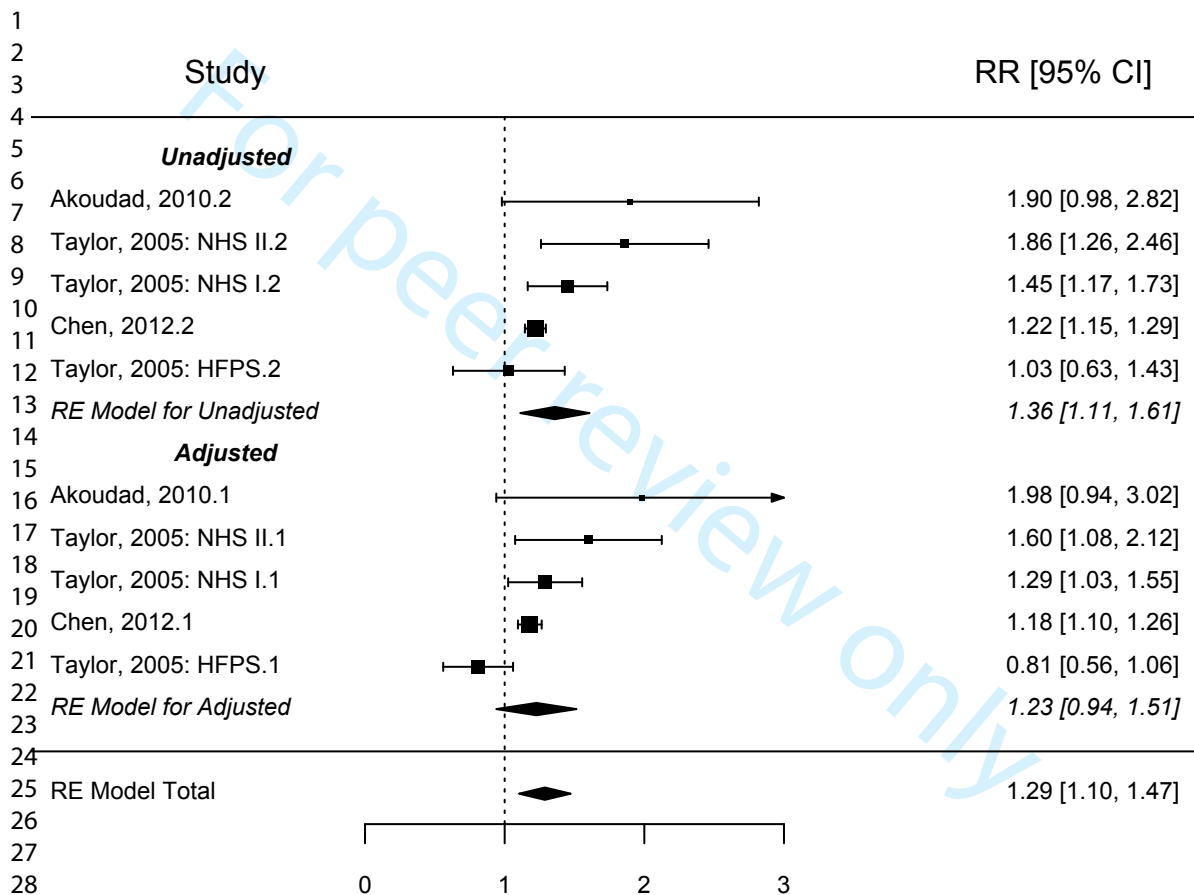
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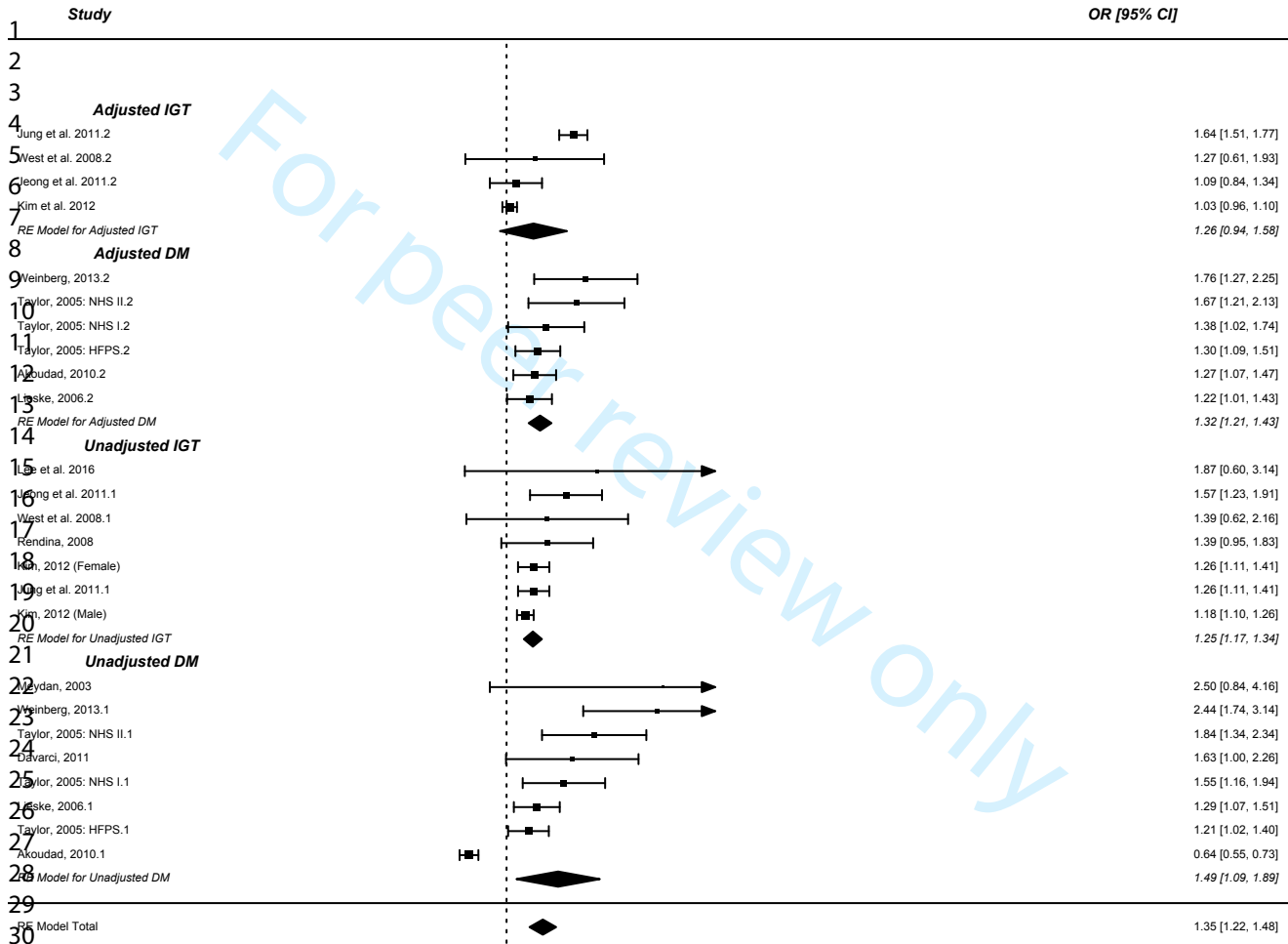
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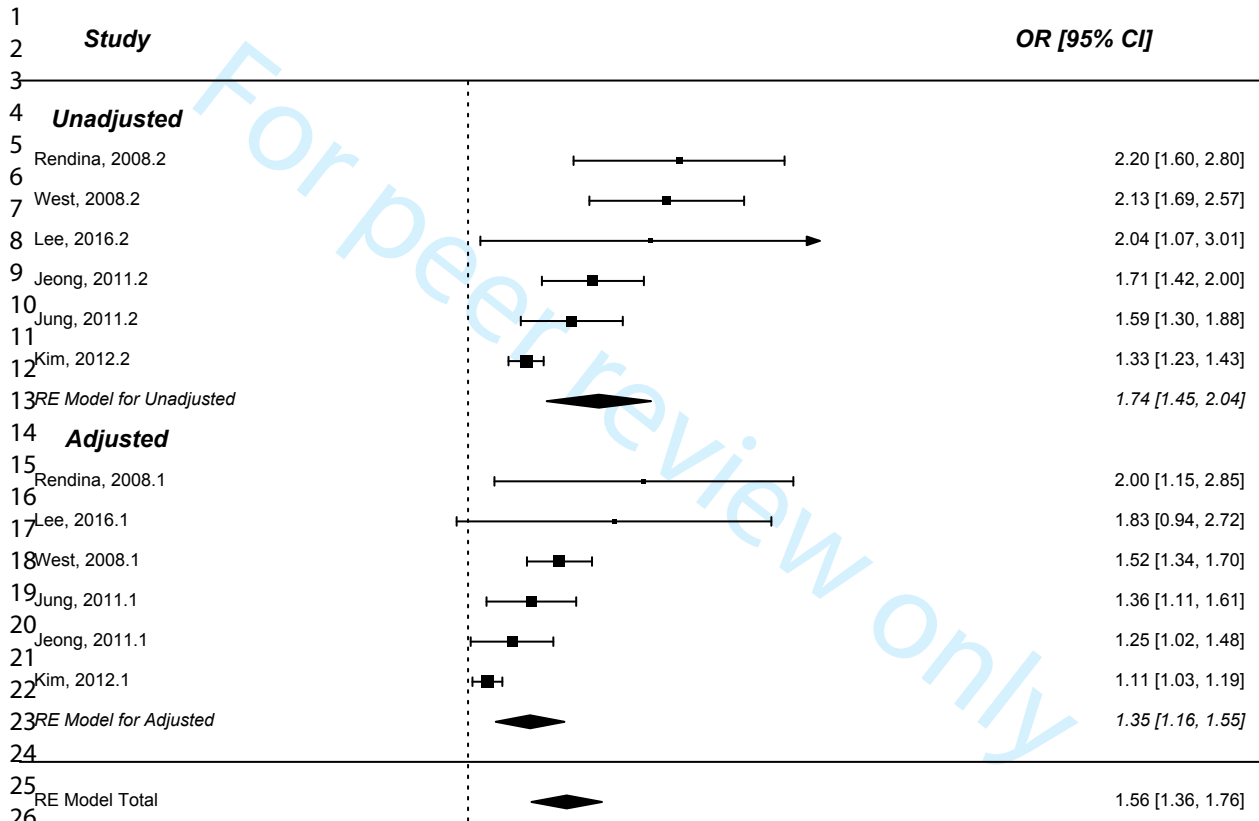
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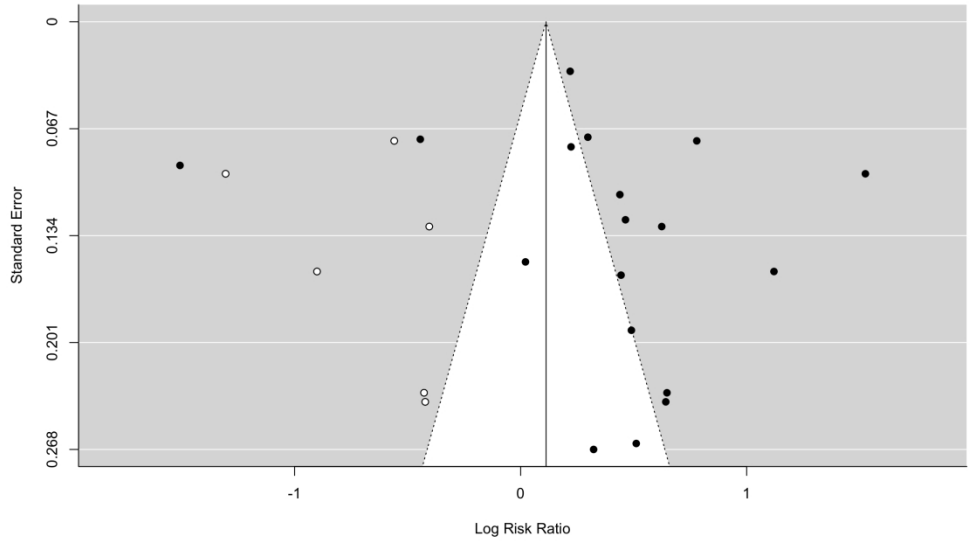
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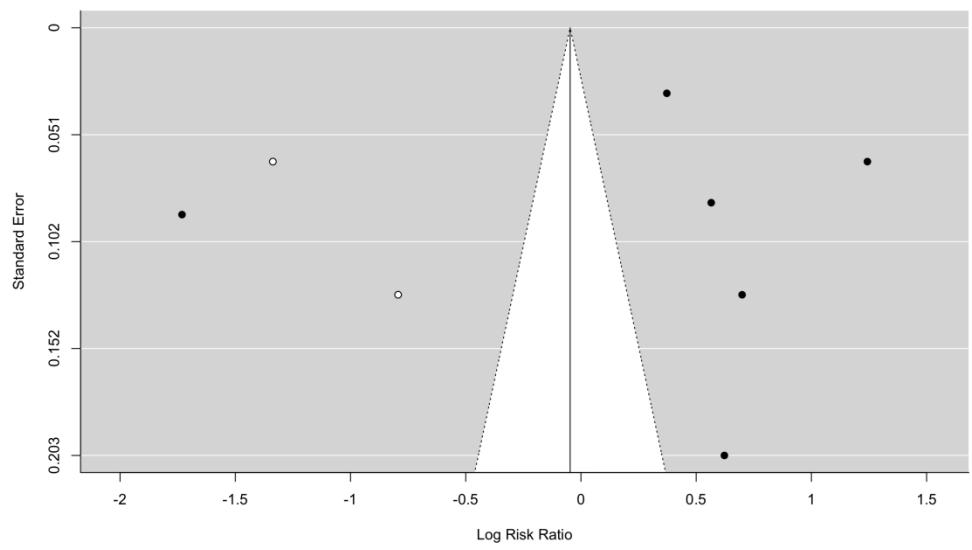






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INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	4
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS).	5
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