

Supplementary Fig. 1. Network plot. (A) The nodes indicate the type of intervention or treatment method, and edges indicate direct comparison between intervention or treatment method. The size of nodes is proportional to the number of patients included and the width of the edges is proportional to the amount of information available (1/standard error of treatment effect²). This figure is produced using STATA software. (B) The nodes indicate the type of intervention or treatment method, and edges indicate direct comparison between intervention or treatment method. The size of nodes is proportional to the number of patients included and the width of the edges is proportional to the amount of information available (number of studies directly compared). This figure is produced using R software (netmeta package).