

**Supplemental Fig. S6.** Funnel plot of all the included studies in the meta-analysis (assessing the publication bias) of the main outcomes assessed (A) haemoglobin A1c (HbA1c; 24 weeks), (B) fasting glucose (24 weeks), (C) HbA1c <7% (24 weeks), (D) HbA1c <6.5% (24 weeks), (E) total adverse events, (F) severe adverse events, (G) total hypoglycaemic episodes, (H) body weight. SE, standard error; MD, mean difference; OR, odds ratio.