



# Comparison of efficacy and safety of bevacizumab biosimilar and original bevacizumab in non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Background:** Bevacizumab (Avastin<sup>®</sup>), a monoclonal antibody targeting vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)-A, is widely used in treating a variety of malignant tumors. Several biosimilars of bevacizumab have been developed and marketed with the expiration of bevacizumab's patent. The objective of this study was to collate available data from head-to-head randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and evaluate the efficacy and safety of biosimilar bevacizumab compared with the bevacizumab (Avastin<sup>®</sup>) in patients with non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

**Methods:** Literature search of Web of Science, PubMed, Cochrane Library, EMBASE, and ClinicalTrials.gov was performed from inception until October 15, 2021. The efficacy outcome indicators were objective response rate (ORR), progression-free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS). The occurrence of adverse events (AEs) was evaluated for safety outcome.

**Results:** Ten RCTs recruiting 6,416 patients with non-squamous NSCLC were included. All RCTs studies included the biosimilar bevacizumab group as the experimental group and the original bevacizumab group as the control group. The patients in the experimental group and control group received the same dose and duration of chemotherapy combined with carboplatin and paclitaxel. The results of meta-analysis showed that there were no significant differences in ORR [risk ratio (RR): 0.97, 95% confidence interval (95% CI): 0.93–1.02, P=0.841, I<sup>2</sup>=0], PFS (RR: 1.04, 95% CI: 0.98–1.10, P=0.235, I<sup>2</sup>=0) and OS (RR: 1.05, 95% CI: 1.00–1.10, P=0.692, I<sup>2</sup>=0) between the biomarker and original groups. The P values of ORR, PFS and OS were 0.533, 0.970 and 0.916 respectively as shown by Egger's test, suggesting that there was no publication bias. Subgroup analysis showed no significant differences in ORR, PFS, and OS between the Chinese and multicenter trials. The pooled incidence rate of AEs between two groups was similar, and there was also no significant difference between the two groups.

**Discussion:** This is the first study to independently report biosimilar bevacizumab in a meta-analysis on NSCLC treatment. The results showed that biosimilar bevacizumab had similar efficacy and safety compared with the original bevacizumab.

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## Introduction

Lung cancer is currently the most common cause of cancer-related death worldwide. Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) is the most dominant histological subtype of all primary lung cancer, accounting for 85% of all cases (1-3). The 5-year survival rate for lung cancer varies from 4% to 17% (4), and the unsatisfactory prognosis for NSCLC is strongly associated with frequent recurrence, lymph node metastasis, and distant metastasis. Therefore, to explore a set of effective and cheap treatment has always been the goal of researchers and clinicians (5).

Angiogenesis is an important feature in tumor pathogenesis and targeting angiogenesis has always been a hot topic in the research and development of anti-tumor drugs. Vascular endothelial growth factors (VEGFs), especially VEGF-A, is one of the key factors promoting tumor angiogenesis. Previous studies have shown that VEGF contributed to abnormal hematopoiesis, inhibited activated T cells, and promoted immunosuppressive cells by activating vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) (6-9). Therefore, targeting VEGF/VEGFR is considered to be an effective anti-tumor method.

Bevacizumab is a humanized monoclonal antibody synthesized by recombinant DNA technology, which is the first anti-tumor angiogenesis drug targeting VEGF in the world. By binding to VEGF, bevacizumab can inhibit the combination of VEGF and VEGFR, block VEGF/VEGFR pathway, and inhibit the growth of tumor cells (10). Bevacizumab, an important anti-angiogenesis drug, has been approved for use in a variety of solid tumors, including NSCLC, metastatic colon cancer, recurrent glioblastoma, metastatic renal cell carcinoma, and ovarian cancer (11-15). Multiple RCTs have confirmed that bevacizumab combined with chemotherapy was relayed with better OS and PFS compared to using chemotherapy alone (16-18). Despite these benefits, patients' access to bevacizumab may be limited due to high cost of the drug and health insurance restrictions (19).

Biosimilar, a biological agent similar to the approved original drug, has strong similarity to the approved original drug in terms of quality, safety and efficacy (20). In a sense, biosimilars are becoming an alternative to expensive original drugs because of their low cost and similar efficacy. Biosimilars have important economic and social benefits such as reducing medical expenses, increasing access to drugs and improving medical service level (21,22). To date, at least 7 types of biosimilar bevacizumab have been

approved in different countries, of which two (Mvasi<sup>TM</sup> and Zirabev<sup>TM</sup>) have been approved by European Medicines Agency (EMA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA). These drugs have been approved for the following indications: metastatic colorectal cancer; advanced, recurrent, or metastatic NSCLC; glioblastoma recurrence; metastatic renal cell carcinoma; persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer and ophthalmology (23,24).

Although the approval of biosimilars is accelerating, many clinicians are still unfamiliar with the concept of biosimilars, which hinders the development and application of biosimilars. In addition, the lack of data on the efficacy and safety of biosimilars compared with the original drugs further exacerbates this situation. Therefore, objective and systematic evidence is required to promote the application of biosimilars (25).

To our knowledge, there is no meta-analysis on NSCLC comparing the efficacy and safety of biosimilar bevacizumab with the original drug. Therefore, we aimed to conduct a systematic literature review and meta-analysis of published RCTs and compare the efficacy and safety of biosimilar bevacizumab with the original drug. We present the following article in accordance with the PRISMA reporting checklist (available at <https://tcr.amegroups.com/article/view/10.21037/tcr-22-71/rc>) (26).

## Methods

A protocol of this review is under assessment of the PROSPERO registration No. CRD42021276991 (<https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/>). Title registered for the protocol: Comparison of efficacy and safety of bevacizumab biosimilar and original bevacizumab in non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis.

### *Data source and literature search*

The Web of Science, PubMed, Cochrane Library, EMBASE, and ClinicalTrials.gov electronic databases were searched until 15 October 2021 to identify eligible articles using a comprehensive search strategy with relevant keywords and medical subject headings (MeSH). Additional search was conducted on ClinicalTrials.gov to reduce potential publication bias and identify ongoing trials and extended studies. Titles and abstracts were distinguished by using the following search terms to sort out relevant texts: “biosimilar\*”, “Follow-on Biologics”, “Biologics, Subsequent Entry”, “bevacizumab”, “Avastin”, “Mvasi”, “Non-Small-Cell Lung

Carcinoma\*”, and “Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer”.

### **Study eligibility and selection**

All RCTs comparing the efficacy and safety of biosimilar bevacizumab and the original drug in NSCLC were selected and evaluated for inclusion in the study.

The inclusion criteria were as follows:

- (I) Randomized, controlled, double-blind trials; biosimilar bevacizumab used as the experimental group and original bevacizumab as controlled group;
- (II) Designed to treat patients with NSCLC;
- (III) Included at least 30 participants;
- (IV) Detailed results of treatment-related response rates, free-of-attack rates, discontinuation and adverse event (AE) reports.

The exclusion criteria were as follows:

- (I) Not RCTs;
- (II) For treatment of other diseases rather than NSCLC;
- (III) Did not report detailed data to evaluate the efficacy and safety;
- (IV) Conference abstracts, editorials, letters, and reviews;
- (V) Previous studies using the same data as a more recent study.

Two reviewers independently searched and screened eligible articles by title, abstract, and/or full text. Any inconsistencies or uncertainties were resolved by consensus.

### **Data extraction and quality assessment**

Two reviewers (Xiao and Zhang) independently extracted the following data from the abstractions, forms, tables, primary texts, and supplementary appendixes: first author, year of publication, phase of the trial, areas of trial conducted, mean age and male/female ratio, therapeutic regimens, main outcomes, details of withdrawals and serious AEs related to treatments, the most common AEs, analysis principle, and ClinicalTrials.gov identifier. Cochrane Collaboration’s tool were used to assess the quality of included trials (27). Bias risk of each study was classified as high, low, or unclear based on random sequence generation, assignment hiding, outcome participant and person blindness, outcome assessment blindness, outcome data incomplete, selective reporting, etc. The literature search and subsequent article evaluation were carried out independently by two reviewers (Xiao and Zhang), and any disagreement was determined by a third reviewer (Sun).

### **Statistical analysis**

The clinical response was evaluated in terms of treatment effect and AEs. Treatment efficacy was evaluated by using objective response rate (ORR), progression-free survival (PFS), overall survival (OS), and AEs including serious AEs, neutropenia, leukopenia, alopecia, anemia, hypertension, nausea, proteinuria. Statistical heterogeneity was evaluated using Cochran’s Q test, and significant heterogeneity was defined as  $P < 0.10$ . The heterogeneity across studies was considered to be moderate or high if the  $I^2$  statistic was greater than 50%. A pooled RR was calculated in a random effects model using DerSimonian and Laird method if the heterogeneity was significant ( $P < 0.10$ ), otherwise the fixed effects model was chosen, which was based on the Mantel-Haenszel method. We synthesized the summary estimates of risk ratio (RR) and corresponding 95% confidence interval (95% CI). The reported HRs were transferred to RRs, which were used for final meta-analyses after transformation (28). A subgroup analysis was performed based on whether the Chinese experiment or the multicenter experiment. In order to test the robustness of overall effect sizes, one study was omitted each time. Sensitivity analyses were performed to evaluate the influence of each individual study on the overall effect sizes. One single study was considered as having influence on the overall effect size, if the point estimate of the “omitted” analysis lay outside of the 95% CI of the “combined” analysis. Publication bias was evaluated by Egger’s test and significant publication bias was defined as  $P < 0.05$ . All analyses were performed using STATA 12.0 (StataCorp, Texas, USA) and RevMan 5.3.0.

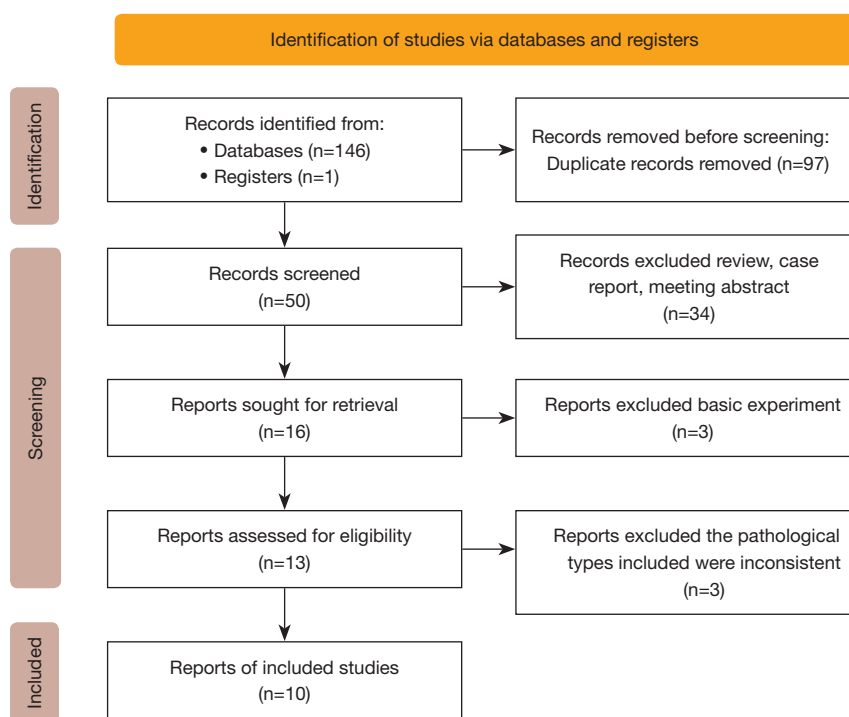
## **Results**

### **Literature search**

According to the pre-set search strategy, a total of 147 results were found, and 97 duplicate references were excluded. After reviewing the full text of the remaining 50 literatures, 10 randomized controlled trials (RCTs) with 6,416 participants were finally included (29-38). The detailed literature selection process was shown in *Figure 1*.

### **Characteristics of included studies**

*Table 1* summarized the basic characteristics of 10 RCTS. All of the studies were phase III clinical trials completed between 2019 and 2021. Three of the studies were



**Figure 1** Flow diagram showing study selection for the meta-analysis.

conducted in China, and the remaining 7 were conducted in multiple countries. A total of 6,416 patients were enrolled, with 3,220 patients receiving bevacizumab biosimilar in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin in the experimental group and 3,188 patients in the control group receiving bevacizumab monoantigen in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin. The mean age of the experimental group was 60.09, and that of the control group was 60.00. The proportion of male in the experimental group was 63.89%, and that in the control group was 62.64%. Biosimilar bevacizumab in all the RCTs were from different brands. The treatment lasted 4–6 cycles in both the experimental group and the control group. In the same RCTs study, patients in the experimental group and the control group received the same chemotherapy regimen and dosage. The patient characteristics were shown in *Table 1*.

#### Quality assessment for included studies

Our bias risk analysis using the Cochrane Collaboration tool showed bias in all the included studies. “Randomization”, “randomization” or “randomization” were mentioned in all the nine studies, and the assignment of concealment schemes and blind evaluation of study outcomes were

clearly specified in the report. A total of eight studies applied blinding to both investigators and subjects. All the included studies reported detailed outcome data. The risk of biased assessment was shown in *Figure 2*.

#### Outcomes measures

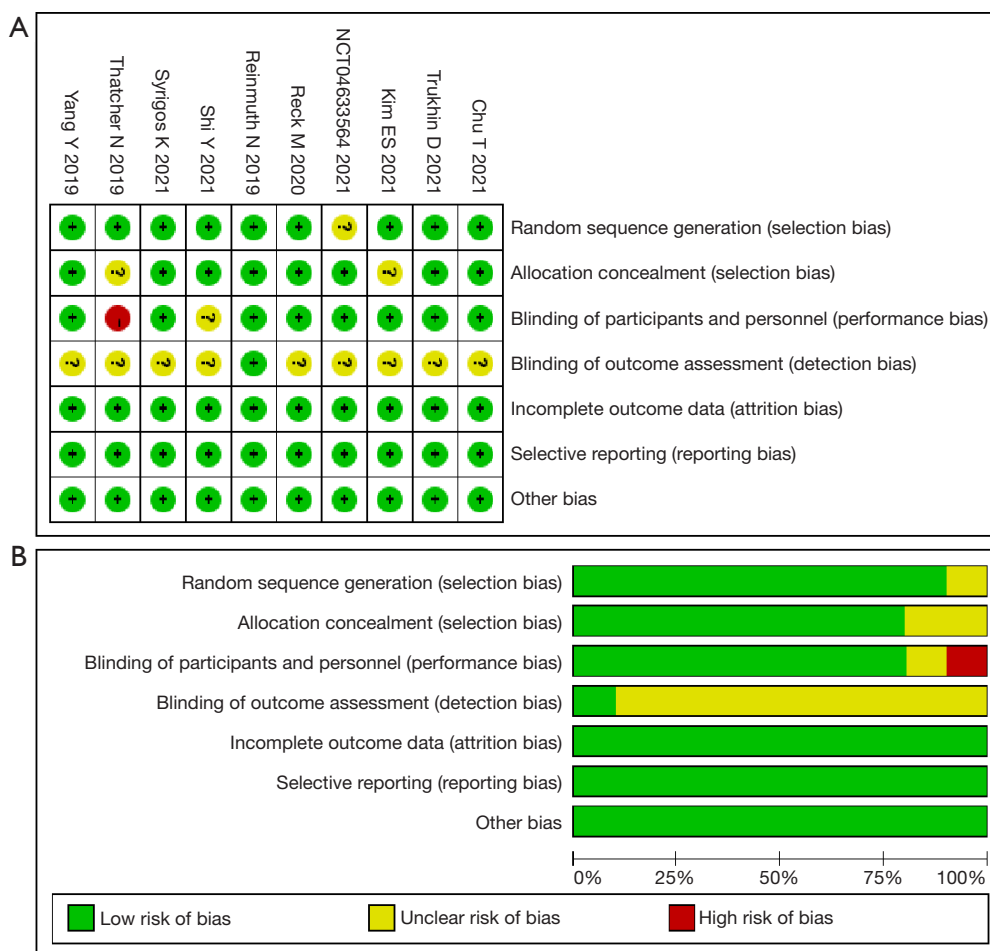
##### Efficacy

The clinical response rates of biosimilars bevacizumab and the original bevacizumab were analyzed according to the China or world multicenter research. A total of ten studies were included to compare the clinical outcomes of biosimilars with those of the original bevacizumab. All of the studies reported the ORR of biosimilar bevacizumab and the original bevacizumab, and 7 studies (29-34,38) reported the PFS and OS. Overall, there was no significant difference in ORR, PFS, or OS between biosimilar bevacizumab and original bevacizumab, whether the Chinese experiment or the multicenter experiment (*Figures 3–5*). All analyses showed low heterogeneity between studies (ORR: RR 0.97, 95% CI: 0.93–1.02,  $P=0.841$ ,  $I^2=0$ ; PFS: RR 1.04, 95% CI: 0.98–1.10,  $P=0.235$ ,  $I^2=0$ ; OS: RR 1.05, 95% CI: 1.00–1.10,  $P=0.692$ ,  $I^2=0$ ) Sensitivity analyses were performed to evaluate the stability of the overall effect size,

**Table 1** Clinical information from the eligible trials included in the meta-analysis

Study	Phase	Year	Brand name	Country	N, Exp/ Con	Gender (male) Exp/Con	Age years (mean ± SD) Exp/Con	Combined with chemotherapy or not	Duration (months)	Outcomes measure	Identifier
Chu T <sup>1</sup>	III	2021	QL1101	China	269/266	158 (58.7%)/160 (60.2%)	58.5±8.48/57.8±7.07	Y	22.4	ORR, PFS, OS, DCR, AEs	NCT03169335
Reck M <sup>2</sup>	III	2020	SB8	Multicenter (13 countries)	397/384	252 (66.5%)/256 (66.7%)	60.2±8.95/60.0±9.18	Y	15.2	ORR, PFS, OS, DOR, AEs	NCT02754882
Syrgios K <sup>3</sup>	III	2021	FKB238	Multicenter (NA)	364/367	245 (67.3%)/238 (64.9%)	60.8±8.79/61.1±9.42	Y	4.75	ORR, PFS, OS, AEs	NCT02810457
Reinmuth N <sup>4</sup>	III	2019	PF-06439535	Multicenter (27 countries)	358/361	237 (66.2%)/230 (63.7%)	61.7±10.61/60.8±8.89	Y	6.25	ORR, PFS, OS, DOR, AEs	NCT02364999
Thatcher N <sup>5</sup>	III	2019	ABP 215	Multicenter (17 countries)	328/314	196 (59.8%)/188 (59.9%)	61.6±9.09/61.6±8.88	Y	4.75	ORR, PFS, OS, DOR, AEs	NCT01966003
Shi Y <sup>6</sup>	III	2021	LY01008	China	293/296	177 (60.4%)/175 (59.1%)	58±NA/59±NA	Y	28.4	ORR, PFS, OS, DOR, AEs	NCT03533127
Trukhin D <sup>7</sup>	III	2021	MB02	Multicenter (16 countries)	315/312	193 (61.3%)/190 (60.9%)	60.5±9.02/60.5±9.38	Y	4.5	ORR, PFS, OS, immunogenicity, AEs	NCT03296163
Yang Y <sup>8</sup>	III	2019	IBI305	China	224/226	137 (62.3%)/142 (64.3%)	57.6±8.69/57.2±8.28	Y	18	ORR, PFS, OS, DOR, AEs	NCT02954172
NCT04633564 <sup>9</sup>	III	2021	MYL-14020	Multicenter (NA)	337/334	213 (63.2%)/211 (63.2%)	59.3±9.60/59.2±9.73	Y	4.5	ORR	NCT04633564
Kim ES <sup>10</sup>	III	2021	BI 695502	Multicenter (NA)	335/328	214 (63.9%)/203 (61.9%)	61.2±9.89/61.3±9.22	Y	4.5	ORR, PFS, OS, DOR, AEs	NCT02272413

<sup>1</sup>, paclitaxel (175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 4–6 cycles; <sup>2</sup>, paclitaxel (200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 4–6 cycles; <sup>3</sup>, paclitaxel (200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 4–6 cycles; <sup>4</sup>, paclitaxel (200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 4–6 cycles; <sup>5</sup>, paclitaxel plus carboplatin for 4–6 cycles; <sup>6</sup>, paclitaxel (175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 4–6 cycles; <sup>7</sup>, paclitaxel (200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 6 cycles; <sup>8</sup>, paclitaxel (175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 6 cycles; <sup>9</sup>, paclitaxel (175 or 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 6 cycles; <sup>10</sup>, paclitaxel (200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q21d IV) plus carboplatin (AUC 6 Q21 IV) for 6 cycles. exp, experimental group; con, control group; ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; OS, overall survival; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; AE, adverse event; NA, not available; AUC, area under the receiver operating characteristic curve.



**Figure 2** Risk of bias of the included studies. (A) Risk of bias graph; (B) risk of bias summary.

and no outlier was detected (Figures S1-S3).

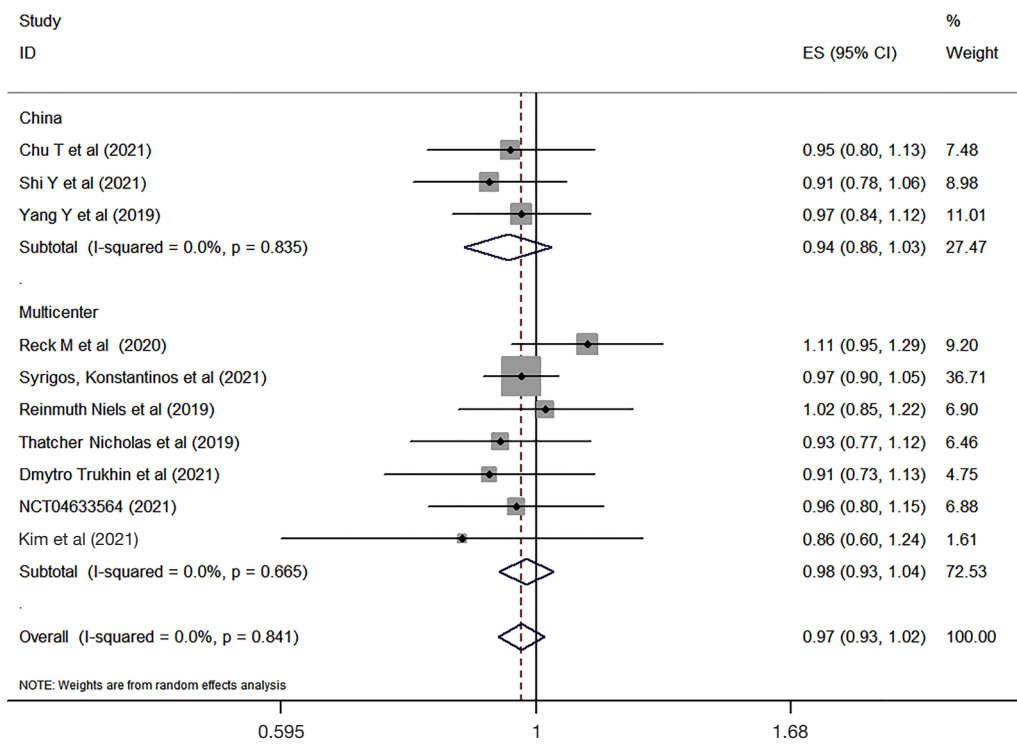
**Safety**

The incidence of AEs in biosimilar bevacizumab and original bevacizumab were analyzed using all the included studies. Overall, there was no significant difference in the incidence of adverse reactions between biosimilar bevacizumab and original bevacizumab. The pooled incidence rate of serious AEs was 0.25 (0.21–0.30) for biosimilar bevacizumab and 0.25 (0.21–0.30) for the original bevacizumab, indicating that there was no difference in the incidence of severe AEs between the two treatments (Figure S4). The heterogeneity between studies was low. For the remaining AEs (including neutropenia, leukopenia, alopecia, anemia, hypertension, nausea, proteinuria), there was no significant difference between

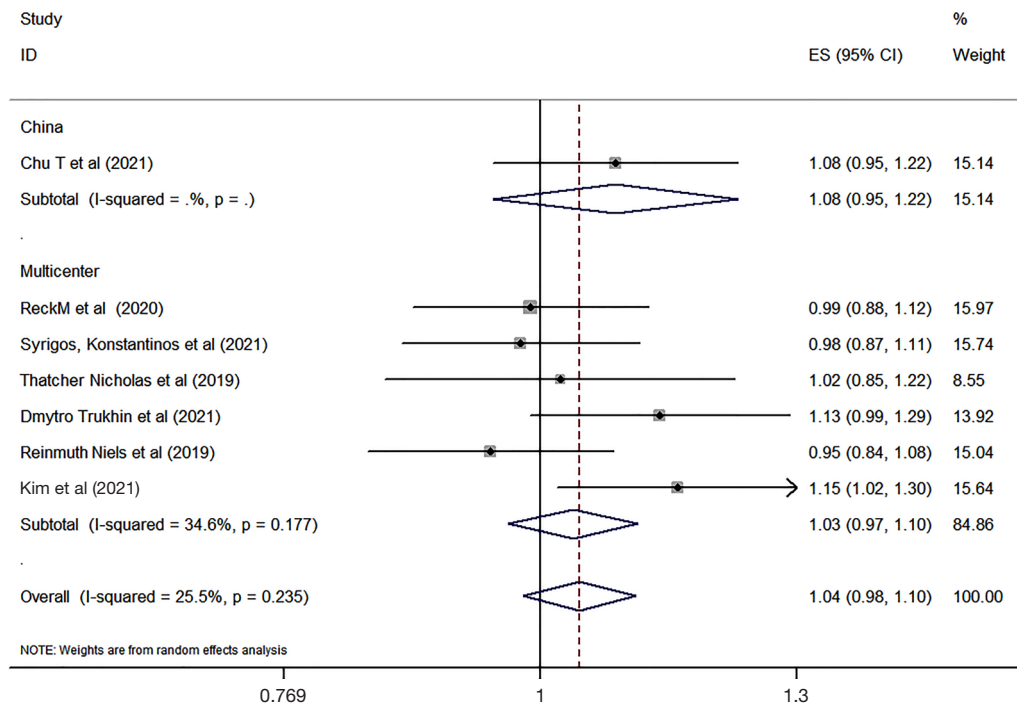
the two groups (Figures S5-S11).

**Discussion**

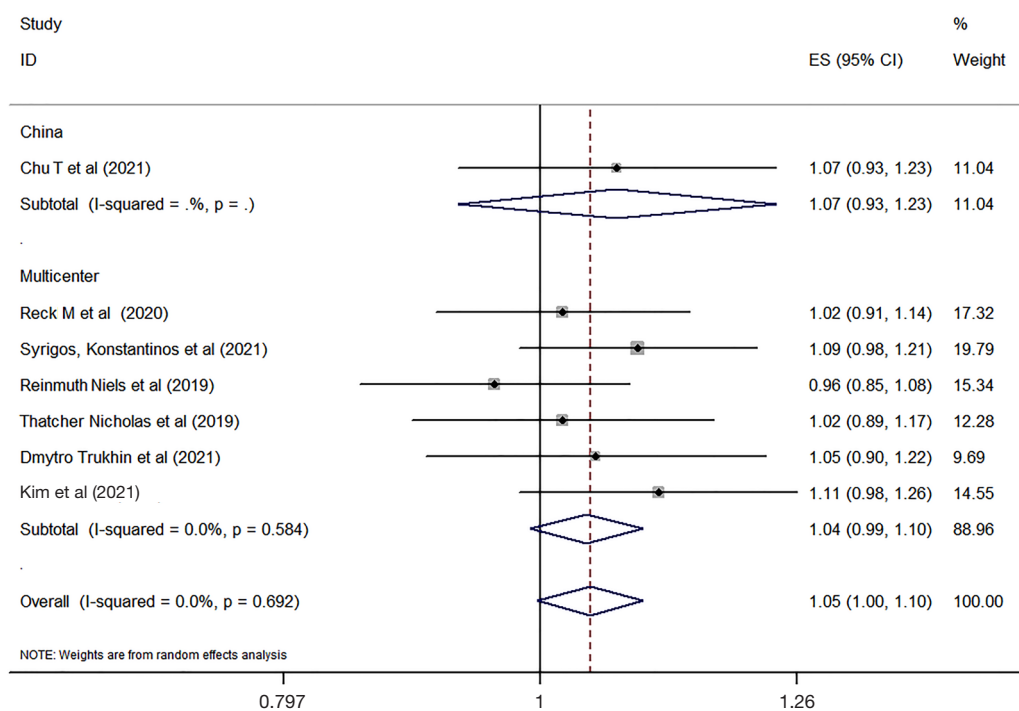
Lung cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related death worldwide, and NSCLC accounts for about 85% of lung cancer cases (39). Antiangiogenic drugs have been proved to be effective in treating malignancy, and bevacizumab is one of the main representatives of antiangiogenic drugs. Since FDA approved bevacizumab for the treatment of non-squamous NSCLC in October 2006, bevacizumab has attracted extensive attention and demonstrated encouraging therapeutic effects (40-42). However, due to the production process and patent protection, the high price of bevacizumab has hindered the application of bevacizumab and the treatment of non-squamous NSCLC to a certain extent (41).



**Figure 3** Forest plot of ORR in patients treated with biosimilar bevacizumab and originator bevacizumab. ES, effect size; ORR, objective response rate.



**Figure 4** Forest plot of PFS in patients treated with biosimilar bevacizumab and originator bevacizumab. ES, effect size; PFS, progression-free survival.



**Figure 5** Forest plot of OS in patients treated with biosimilar bevacizumab and original bevacizumab. ES, effect size; OS, overall survival.

However, the emergence of biocontrol drugs has brought hope to solve this dilemma. Biosimilars are gradually gaining popularity due to their similar efficacy with the original drugs and low price, and they have also been approved by FDA (43). Both American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) have adopted guidelines that encourage cost-effective treatment of cancer (6). In recent years, biosimilar bevacizumab has been developed gradually and achieved good results. Therefore, this study aimed to evaluate the efficacy and safety of biosimilar bevacizumab versus the original drug in patients with non-squamous NSCLC by collating available data from head-to-head RCTs.

In our study, we compared biosimilar bevacizumab and original bevacizumab in combination with paclitaxel plus carboplatin. Ten RCTs were included in our research involving 6,416 NSCLC patients, and the analysis showed no significant difference in efficacy and safety between biosimilar bevacizumab and the original bevacizumab. The quality of the evidence was rated as medium to high. As shown by subgroup analysis, there was no difference in the effects of biosimilars in either Chinese or multicenter studies. The results were proved to be reliable by sensitivity analysis.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first systematic

review comparing the efficacy and safety of biosimilar bevacizumab with the original bevacizumab in the treatment of NSCLC. In a previous meta-analysis conducted by Yang *et al.* (44), a comparison was made between the application of biosimilar bevacizumab and its original drug in multiple cancer types, among which there were only 3 RCTs related to NSCLC. One of the studies was published as a conference paper (45), and the other two articles were included in our study (29,31). In their research, the results showed no significant difference between the biosimilar bevacizumab and its original drugs in efficacy and safety (ORR: RR 0.96, 0.81–1.14; AEs rate: RR 1.01, 0.98–1.03). Our results were consistent with previous research, which proved the effectiveness of our research.

Typically, the primary endpoint of anticancer activity in cancer specific therapies includes PFS or OS, but this might not be sufficiently sensitive to biosimilars compared to the original drug. Therefore, EMA recommended the use of clinical endpoint as the primary measure of efficacy (i.e., ORR is usually used) (46). In our study, ORR was reported in all RCTs studies, and the follow-up time of the study ranged from 4.5 to 28.4 months. We conducted subgroup analysis based on the whether the Chinese experiment or the multicenter experiment, and the analysis results showed



that there was no significantly statistical difference between biosimilars compared with the original drugs in either Chinese or multicenter studies (China RR: 0.94, 0.86–1.03; Multicenter RR: 0.98, 0.93–1.04; total RR: 0.97, 0.93–1.02). Similar results were found in PFS and OS. In terms of PFS and OS data reported by 7 studies, there was no significantly statistical difference between biosimilar bevacizumab and its original drugs.

Previous studies have shown that bevacizumab combined with chemotherapy could cause typical common adverse reactions such as alopecia, peripheral neuropathy, rash, proteinuria, nausea, fatigue, myalgia, bleeding, and hypertension (47). Common and typical AEs reported in all RCTS were included in our study (including neutropenia, leukopenia, alopecia, anemia, hypertension, nausea, proteinuria), and the analysis showed no significant difference in the incidence of adverse reactions between biosimilar bevacizumab and original drugs. The pooled incidence rate of serious AEs was 0.24 (0.19–0.29) for biosimilar bevacizumab and 0.23 (0.18–0.29) for the original bevacizumab. There was a crossover in the incidence of pooling between biosimilar bevacizumab and original drugs, indicating no significant difference between the two groups. Similar results were obtained in other AEs. The incidence of alopecia was the highest in both groups (alopecia: biosimilars: 0.46, 95% CI: 0.44–0.48; original drug: 0.48, 95% CI: 0.45–0.50).

Unfortunately, there are several limitations in our research. First, some key clinical data (such as OS and PFS) have not been reported in all the included RCTs. Second, the number of clinical trials included in our study was small, which might lead to reduced applicability in different populations and routine clinical settings. Third, all the included studies used biosimilar bevacizumab of different brands, which made it impossible to conduct subgroup analysis based on biosimilars brand. We still need to pay attention to the efficacy and safety of the products from different brands in the future. Finally, the average age of the study population included in the experimental group and the control group was not more than 65 years old. Further studies on the effectiveness and safety of biosimilars in the elderly are needed in the future.

## Conclusions

Biosimilars have attracted more and more attention due to their low price and similar effects with the original drugs. It is extremely important to evaluate the efficacy and safety

of biosimilars and the original drugs. We performed a meta-analysis using the included RCTS to evaluate the equivalence between biosimilar bevacizumab and the original drug. The analysis showed no significant difference in ORR, PFS and OS between biosimilar bevacizumab and the original drug. In terms of safety, pooled incidence rate of serious AEs between biosimilars and the original drug was similar, and there was no significant difference between biosimilar bevacizumab and the original drug. Same results were found in some common adverse reactions (including neutropenia, leukopenia, alopecia, anemia, hypertension, nausea, proteinuria).

In summary, biosimilar bevacizumab are similar to the original drugs in terms of efficacy and safety, and can be considered as a substitute for bevacizumab in the treatment of NSCLC.

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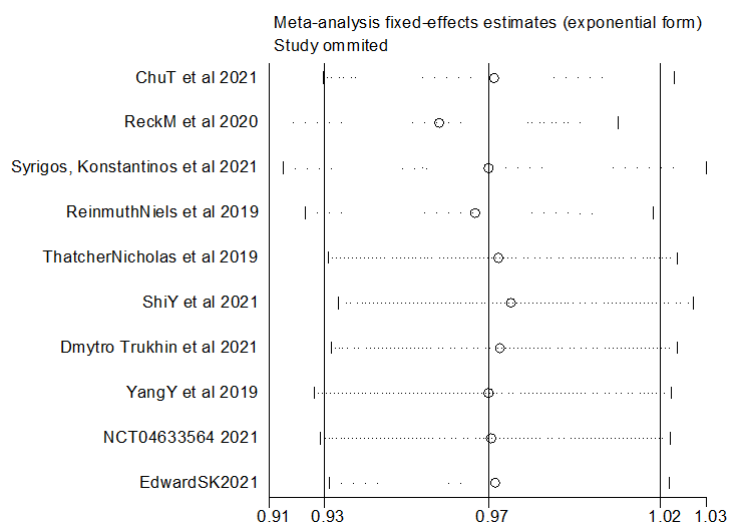


Figure S1 Sensitivity analysis of ORR.

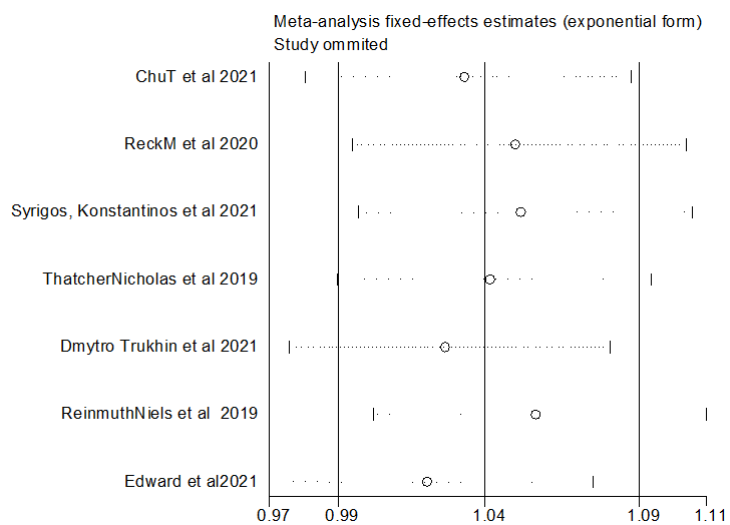
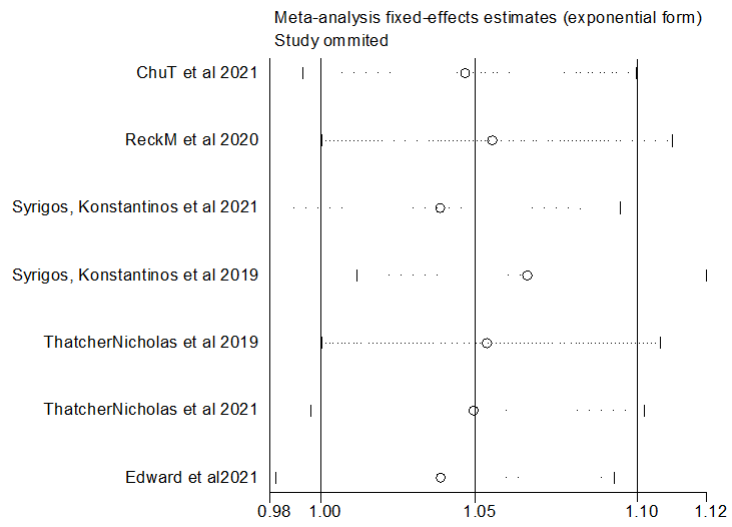
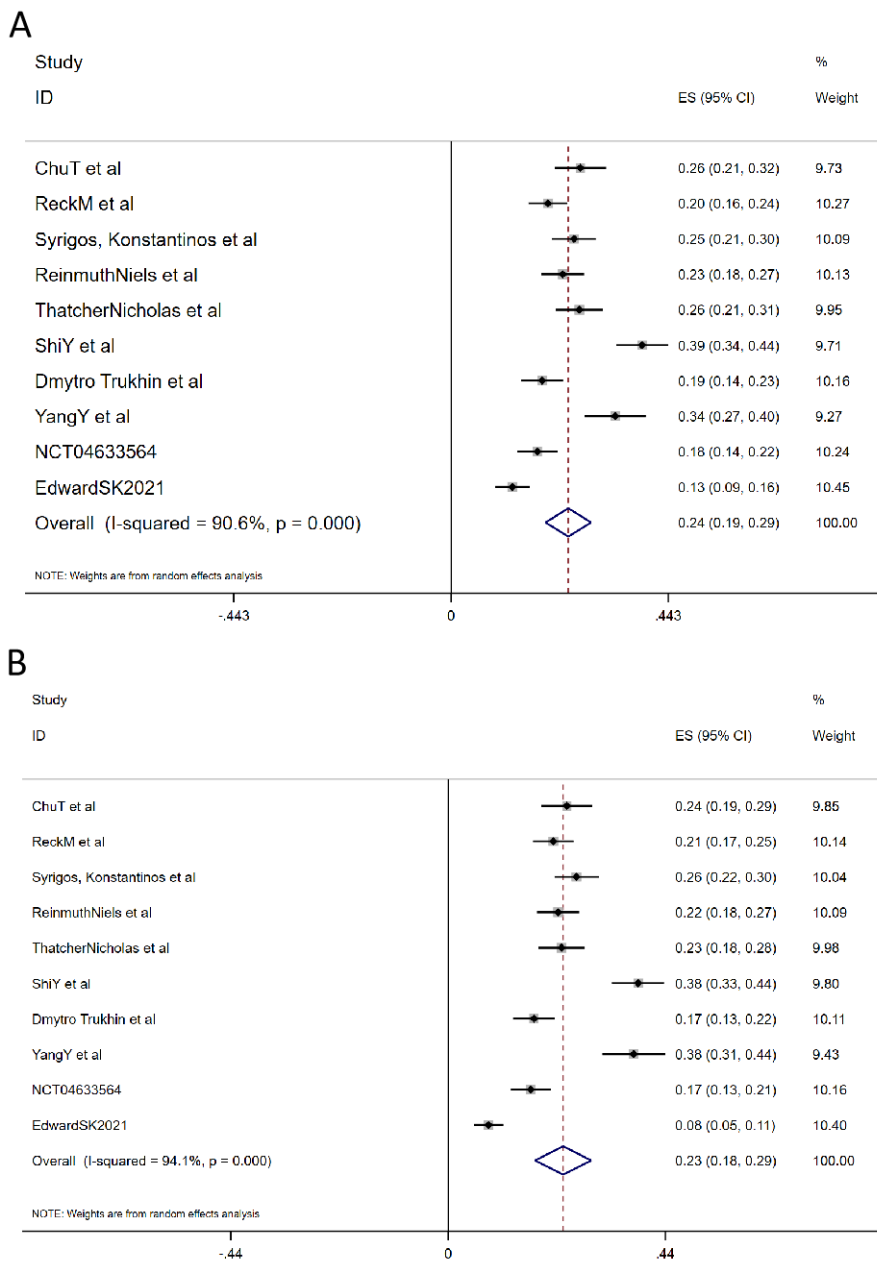


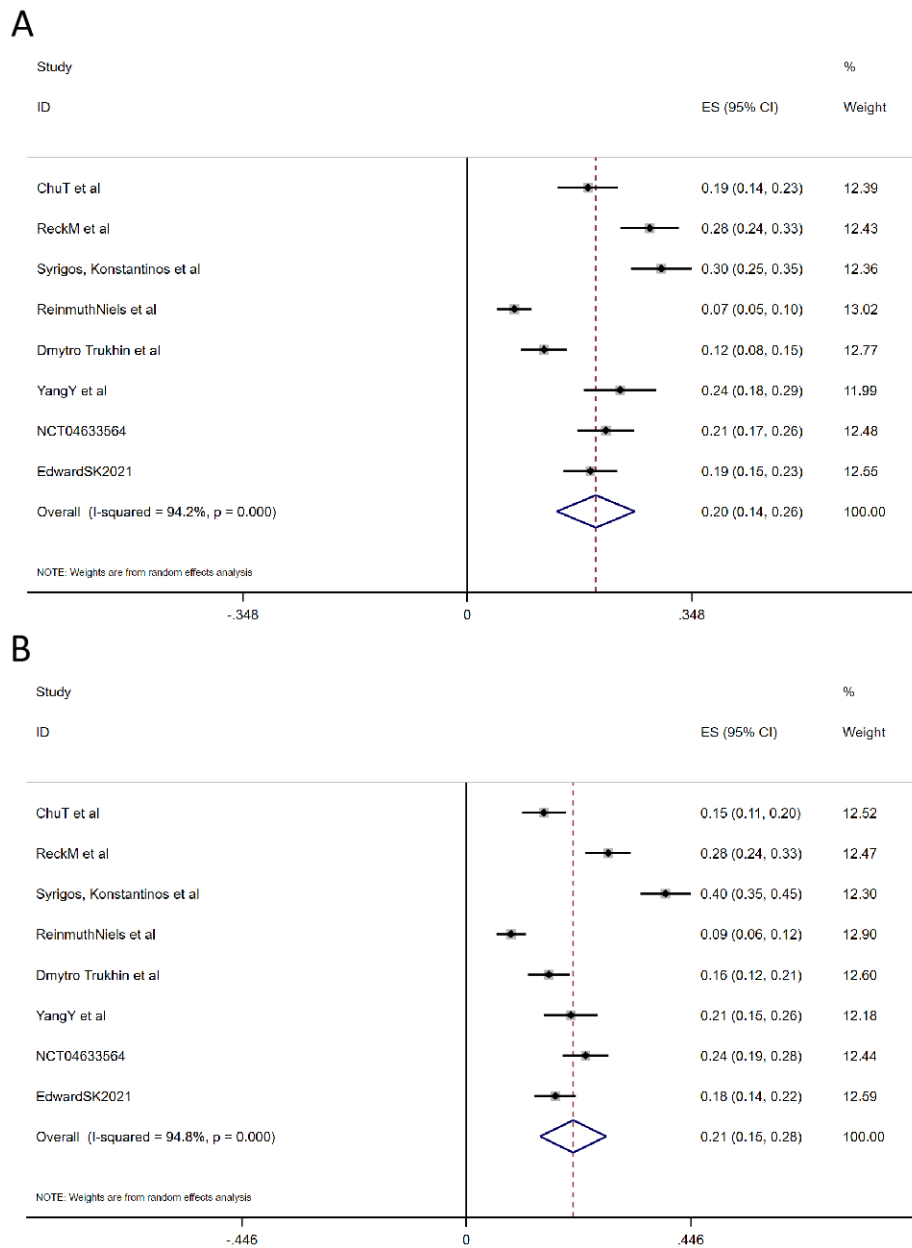
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**Figure S3** Sensitivity analysis of OS.

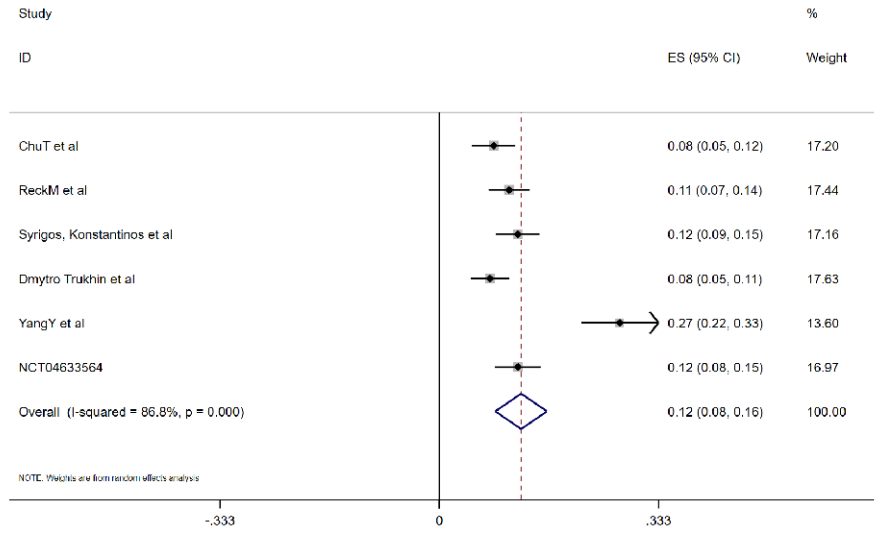


**Figure S4** Incidence of serious AEs for biosimilar bevacizumab (A) and original bevacizumab (B).

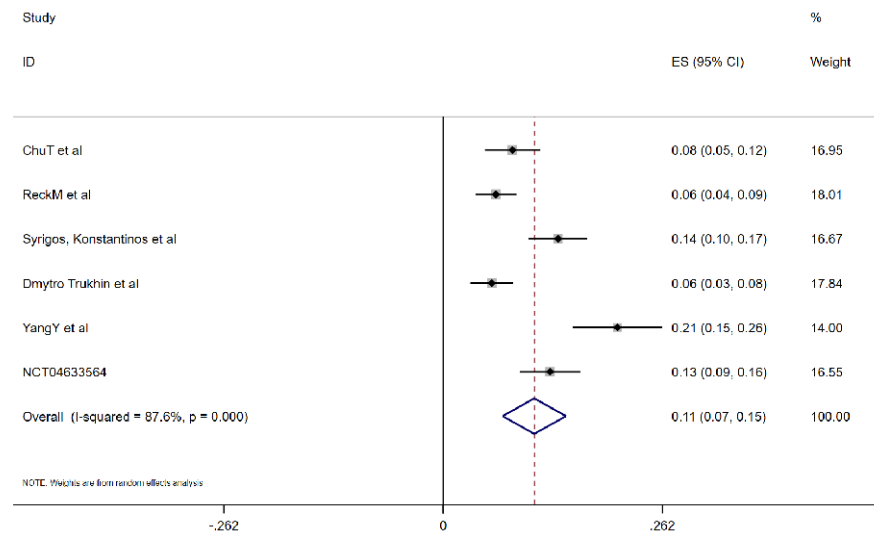


**Figure S5** Incidence of neutropenia for biosimilar bevacizumab (A) and original bevacizumab (B).

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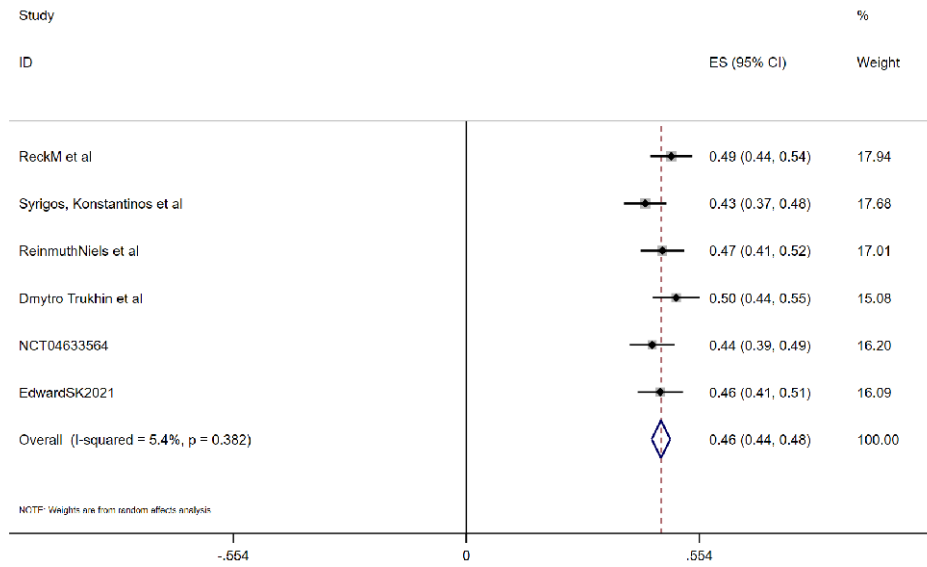
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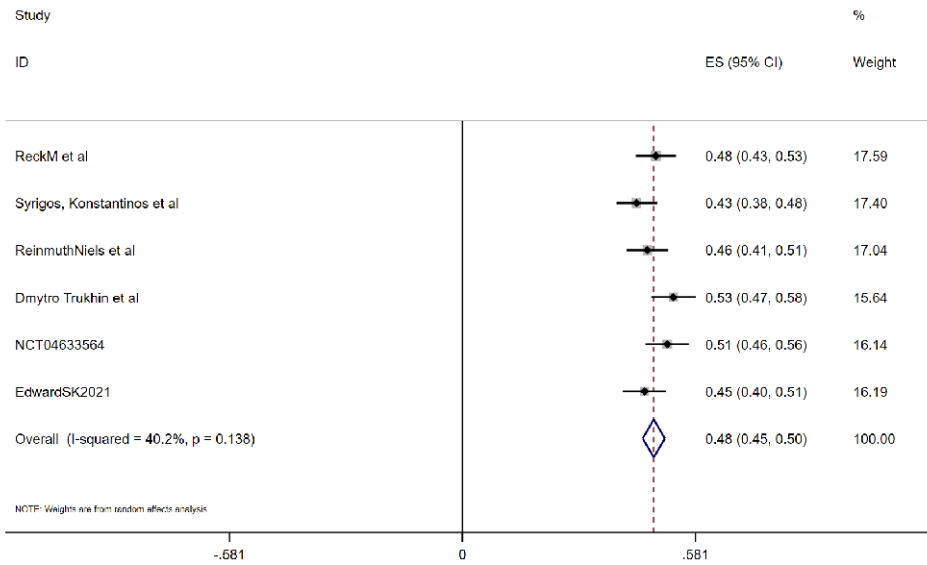
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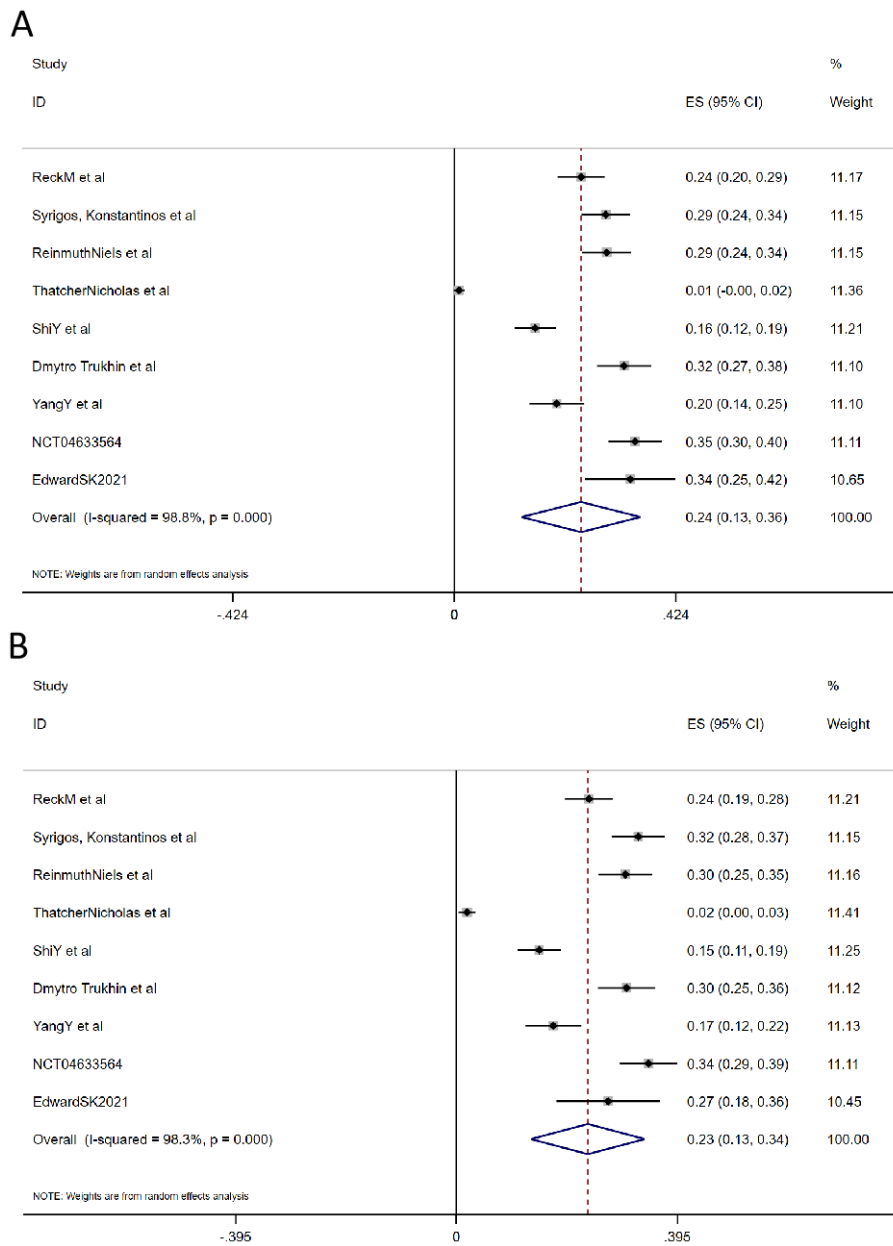
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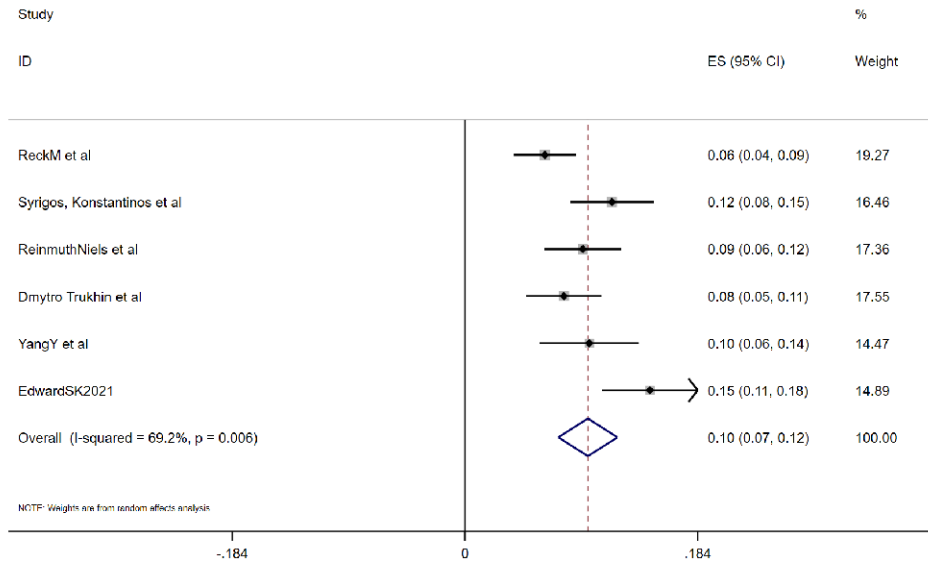


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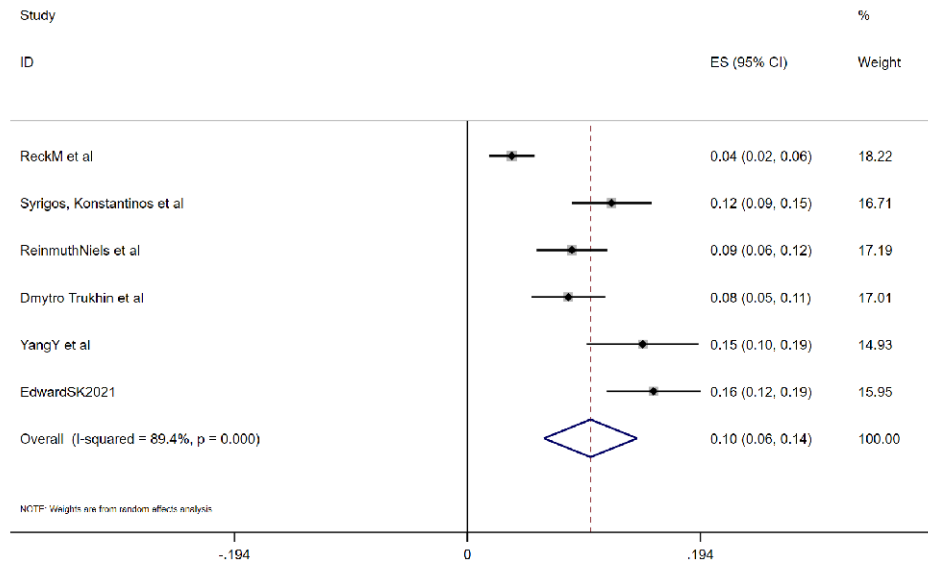


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**A**

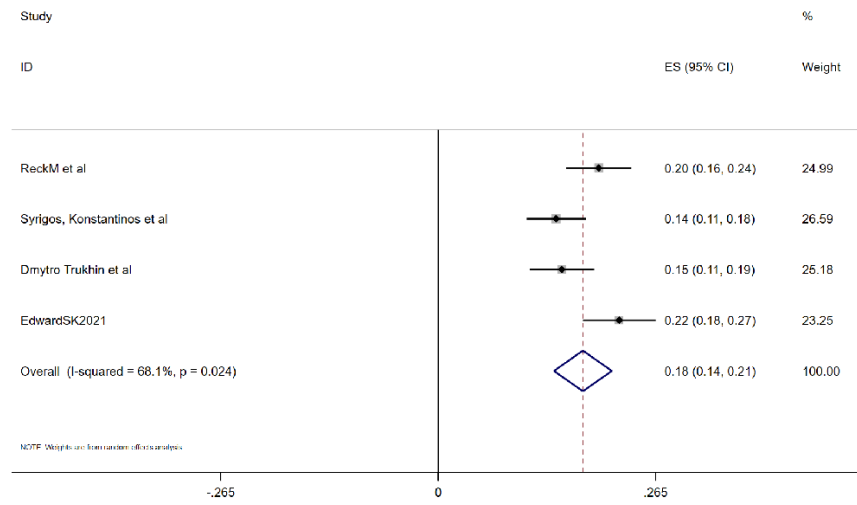


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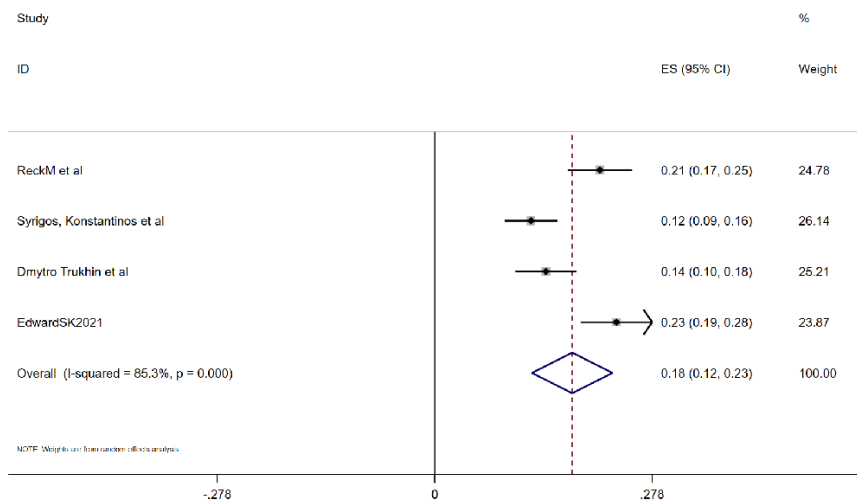


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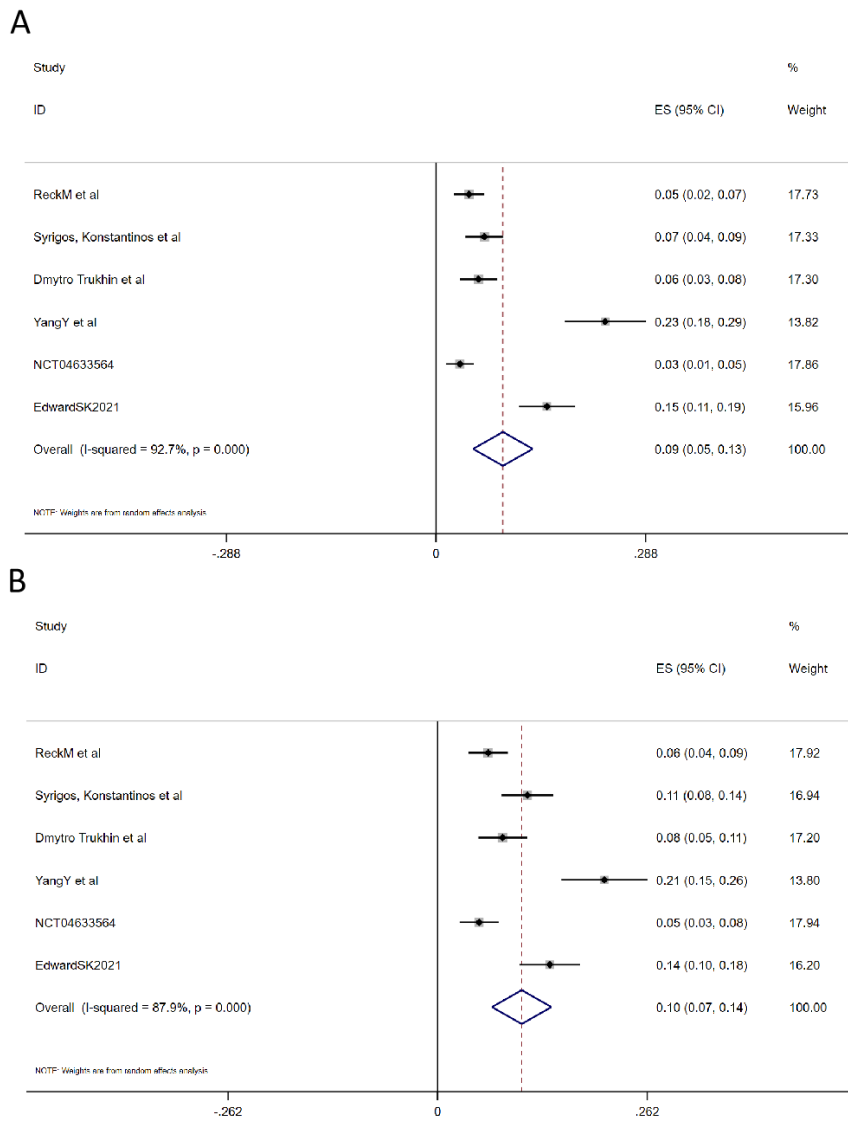
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**Figure S10** Incidence of nausea biosimilar bevacizumab (A) and original bevacizumab (B).



**Figure S11** Incidence of proteinuria biosimilar bevacizumab (A) and original bevacizumab (B).