

Figure S1 Risk of bias summary of the included studies according to the modified Newcastle-Ottawa Scale.

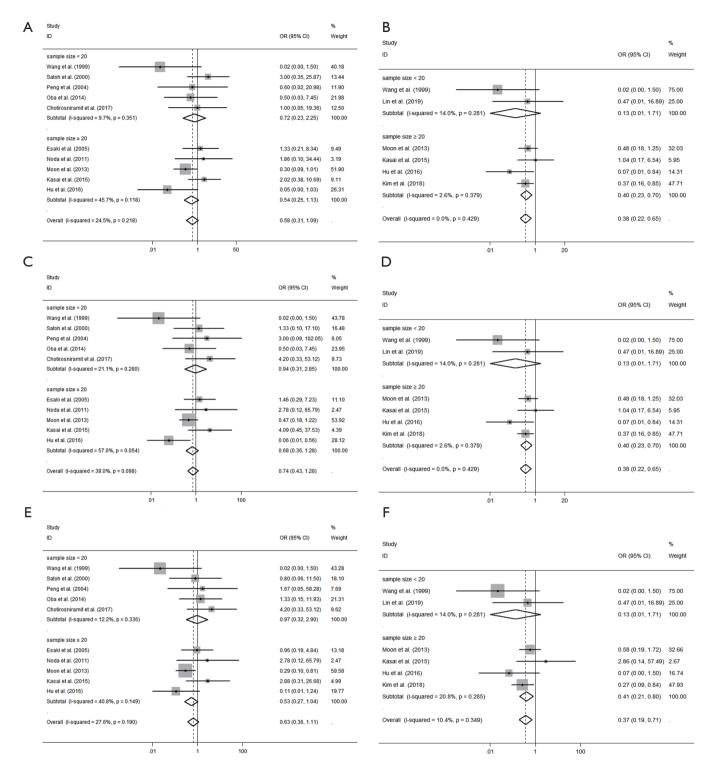


Figure S2 Forest plots of subgroup analysis according to overall sample size (<20 vs. ≥20) for overall survival and recurrence-free survival. (A) Forest plot of OR of 1-year overall survival; (B) forest plot of OR of 1-year recurrence-free survival; (C) forest plot of OR of 3-year overall survival; (D) forest plot of OR of 3-year recurrence-free survival; (E) forest plot of OR of 5-year overall survival; (F) forest plot of OR of 5-year recurrence-free survival.

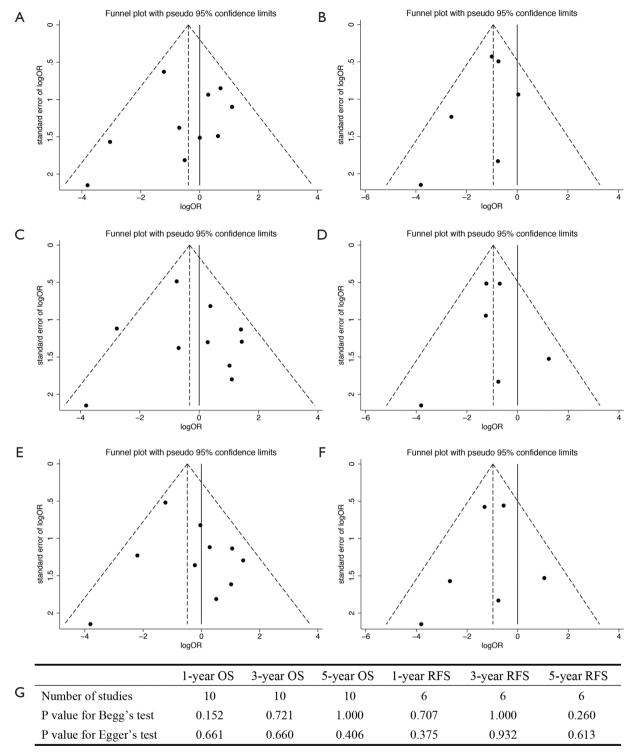


Figure S3 Publication bias of the included studies for overall survival and recurrence-free survival. (A) Funnel plot of 1-year overall survival; (B) funnel plot of 1-year recurrence-free survival; (C) funnel plot of 3-year overall survival; (D) funnel plot of 3-year recurrence-free survival; (E) funnel plot of 5-year overall survival; (F) funnel plot of 5-year recurrence-free survival; (B) quantitative assessment for publication bias.

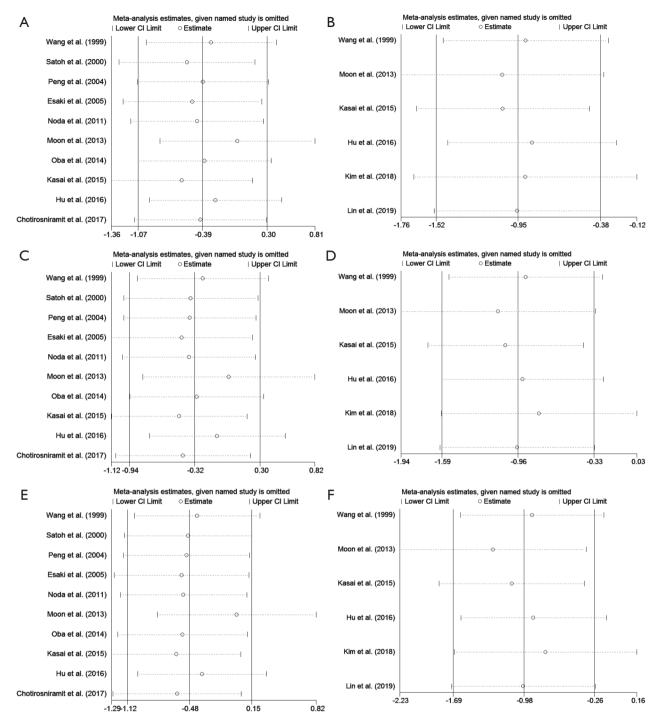


Figure S4 Sensitivity analysis for the evaluation of potential heterogeneity of all the outcomes. (A) sensitivity analysis of 1-year overall survival; (B) sensitivity analysis of 1-year recurrence-free survival; (C) sensitivity analysis of 3-year overall survival; (D) sensitivity analysis of 3-year recurrence-free survival; (E) sensitivity analysis of 5-year overall survival; (F) sensitivity analysis of 5-year recurrence-free survival.