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Appendix 9 Compilation of risk of bias

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Studies with low, moderate or high risk of bias have been included in the report. Studies with unacceptably high risk of bias have been excluded (Appendix 3).

1 Traffic light graphs

Metformin

Studies: [1-4]

		Risk of bias						
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Overall
Study	Telagareddy 2024	<div>-</div>	<div>X</div>	<div>-</div>	<div>+</div>	<div>X</div>	<div>+</div>	<div>X</div>
	Wen 2022, Cao 2023	<div>+</div>	<div>-</div>	<div>+</div>	<div>+</div>	<div>+</div>	<div>+</div>	<div>-</div>
	Dilimuliati 2024	<div>+</div>	<div>-</div>	<div>+</div>	<div>-</div>	<div>+</div>	<div>-</div>	<div>-</div>

D1: Bias arising from the randomization process

D2: Bias due to deviations from intended intervention

D3: Bias due to missing outcome data

D4: Bias in measurement of the outcomes

D5: Bias in selection of the reported results

D6: Conflict of interests

Judgement

X






















 High

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 Moderate

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 Low

		Risk of bias						
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Overall
Study	Telagareddy 2024							
	Wen 2022, Cao 2023							
	Dilimuliati 2024							

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Judgement

 High

 Moderate

 Low

GLP-1 analogues

Studies: [5-20]

	Risk of bias						
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Overall
Elkind-Hirsch 2008	-	-	X	-	-	-	X
Elkind-Hirsch 2021	+	-	X	+	+	-	X
Elkind-Hirsch 2022	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Frössing 2018a, Frössing 2018b, Nylander 2017a, Nylander 2017b	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Gan 2023	-	X	+	+	-	+	X
Li 2022	X	-	+	+	X	+	X
Liao 2023	X	X	-	-	X	+	X
Liu 2017	X	X	-	-	X	+	X
Ma 2021	X	X	X	-	+	+	X
Tao 2021	-	X	X	-	-	+	X
Wen 2023	+	-	+	-	-	+	-
Xing 2023	-	-	X	-	-	+	X
Zhang 2023	+	-	X	-	+	+	X
Zheng 2017	-	X	X	-	-	+	X

Study

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D3: Bias due to missing outcome data
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D5: Bias in selection of the reported results
D6: Conflict of interests

Judgement
X High
- Moderate
+ Low

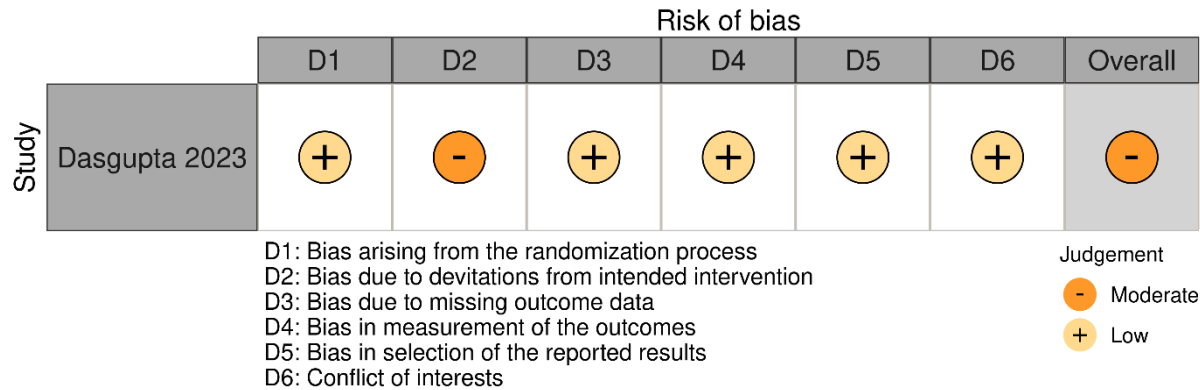
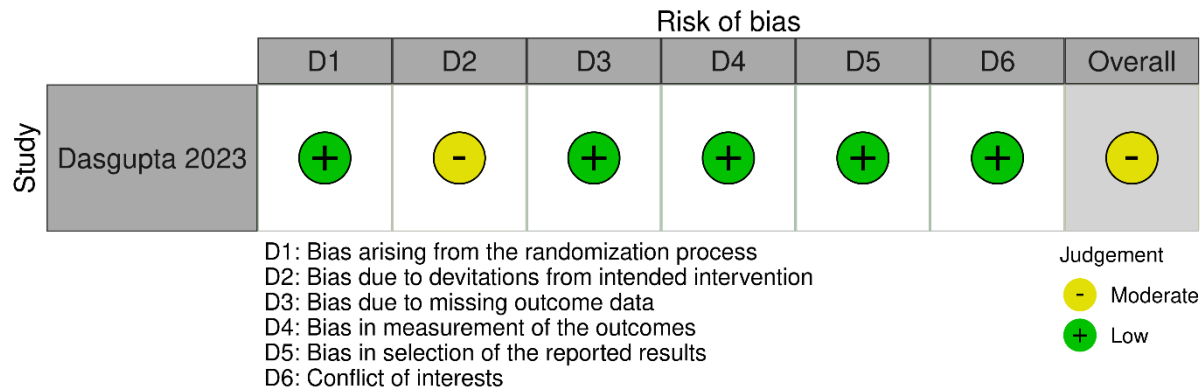
	Risk of bias						
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Overall
Elkind-Hirsch 2008	-	-	X	-	-	-	X
Elkind-Hirsch 2021	+	-	X	+	+	-	X
Elkind-Hirsch 2022	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Frössing 2018a, Frössing 2018b, Nylander 2017a, Nylander 2017b	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Gan 2023	-	X	+	+	-	+	X
Li 2022	X	-	+	+	X	+	X
Liao 2023	X	X	-	-	X	+	X
Liu 2017	X	X	-	-	X	+	X
Ma 2021	X	X	X	-	+	+	X
Tao 2021	-	X	X	-	-	+	X
Wen 2023	+	-	+	-	-	+	-
Xing 2023	-	-	X	-	-	+	X
Zhang 2023	+	-	X	-	+	+	X
Zheng 2017	-	X	X	-	-	+	X

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 D2: Bias due to deviations from intended intervention
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Judgement
 X High
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Combined contraceptive pills

Study: [21]
























2 Traffic light graph for RCTs with other interventions

Studies: [1] [2] [4]

Study	Risk of bias						
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Overall
	Cao 2023	-	-	+	X	+	X
	Dilimulati 2024	+	-	+	-	+	-
	Wen 2022	+	-	+	+	+	-

D1: Bias arising from the randomization process
 D2: Bias due to deviations from intended intervention
 D3: Bias due to missing outcome data
 D4: Bias in measurement of the outcomes
 D5: Bias in selection of the reported results
 D6: Conflict of interests

Judgement
 X High
 - Moderate
 + Low

		Risk of bias						
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Overall
Study	Cao 2023							
	Dilimulati 2024							
	Wen 2022							

D1: Bias arising from the randomization process

D2: Bias due to deviations from intended intervention


D3: Bias due to missing outcome data


D4: Bias in measurement of the outcomes


D5: Bias in selection of the reported results

D6: Conflict of interests

Judgement

 High

 Moderate

 Low

3 Traffic light graph for non-randomised studies

Studies: [22] [23] [24] [12] [25].

		Risk of bias									
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Overall	
Study	Chen 2020	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	
	Chen 2021	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	
	Kumarendran 2021	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	
	Liao 2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	
	Park 2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	
		D1: Bias due to confounding D2: Bias in selection of participants into the study D3: Bias in classification of interventions D4: Bias due to deviations from intended interventions D5: Bias due to missing data D6: Bias in measurement of outcomes D7: Bias in selection of the reported result D8: Conflict of interests								Judgement - Moderate + Low	

		Risk of bias									
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Overall	
Study	Chen 2020	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	
	Chen 2021	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	
	Kumarendran 2021	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	
	Liao 2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	
	Park 2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	
		D1: Bias due to confounding D2: Bias in selection of participants into the study D3: Bias in classification of interventions D4: Bias due to deviations from intended interventions D5: Bias due to missing data D6: Bias in measurement of outcomes D7: Bias in selection of the reported result D8: Conflict of interests								Judgement - Moderate + Low	

Visualisations made using Robvis [26].

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