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**PubMed:** ("colorectal cancer"[Mesh] OR "colon cancer" OR "rectal cancer" OR "CRC" OR "colorectal neoplasms" OR "colorectal adenocarcinoma") AND ("chemotoxicity"[Mesh] OR "chemotherapy" OR "chemotherapeutic agents" OR "antineoplastic agents") AND ("risk factors"[Mesh] OR "predictive models" OR "prognostic factors" OR "response prediction") AND (English[lang] AND "adult"[MeSH])

**Cochrane Library:**

#1 MeSH descriptor: [Colorectal Neoplasms] explode all trees

#2 MeSH descriptor: [Chemotoxicity] explode all trees

#3 MeSH descriptor: [Risk Factors] explode all trees

#4 (#1 AND #2 AND #3)

**Web of Science:**

TI=("colorectal cancer" OR "CRC" OR "colorectal neoplasms" OR "colorectal adenocarcinoma") AND TI=("chemotoxicity" OR "chemotherapy" OR "chemotherapeutic agents" OR "antineoplastic agents") AND TI=("risk factors" OR "predictive models" OR "prognostic factors" OR "response prediction")

**CINAHL:**

(AB ((MH "Colorectal Neoplasms+") OR "colorectal cancer" OR "CRC" OR "colorectal neoplasms" OR "colorectal adenocarcinoma") AND AB ((MH "Chemotoxicity+") OR "chemotoxicity" OR "chemotherapy" OR "chemotherapeutic agents" OR "antineoplastic agents") AND AB ((MH "Risk Factors+") OR "risk factors" OR "predictive models" OR "prognostic factors" OR "response prediction"))

**EMBASE:**

('colorectal neoplasm'/exp/mj OR 'colorectal cancer'/mj OR 'CRC'/mj OR 'colorectal neoplasms'/mj OR 'colorectal adenocarcinoma'/mj) AND ('chemotoxicity'/exp/mj OR 'chemotherapy'/mj OR 'chemotherapeutic agents'/mj OR 'antineoplastic agents'/mj) AND ('risk factors'/exp/mj OR 'predictive models'/mj OR 'prognostic factors'/mj OR 'response prediction'/mj) AND ([article]/lim OR [article in press]/lim) AND [english]/lim AND ([embase]/lim OR [embase classic]/lim)

**PsycINFO:**

ab("colorectal cancer" OR "CRC" OR "colorectal neoplasms" OR "colorectal adenocarcinoma") AND ab("chemotoxicity" OR "chemotherapy" OR "chemotherapeutic agents" OR "antineoplastic agents") AND ab("risk factors" OR "predictive models" OR "prognostic factors" OR "response prediction")

### Supplementary Table 2. Quality Assessment by Critical Appraisal Skills Program (CASP) Checklist for Studies Included for Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (N =30)

Author(s), Year.	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	Final Quality (L/M/H)
<b>Observational Cohort Studies reviewed by the CASP Cohort Study Checklist 12 Qs</b>													
Ali et al. (2016)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Antonio et al. (2018)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	H
Aparicio et al. (2016)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Backshall et al. (2011)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Barret et al. (2011)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Beukers et al. (2021)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Breton et al. (2021)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Brown et al. (2022)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Cespedes Feliciano et al. (2017)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Decoster et al. (2018)*	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	H
Feliu et al. (2022)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	H
Folprecht et al. (2008)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Gallois et al. (2019)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Garg et al. (2012)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Grimes, C. (2022)*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Hochster et al. (2007)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Jung et al. (2015)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Karabulut et al. (2022)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Li et al. (2021)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Looijaard et al. (2020)*	Y	Y	Y	?	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Okada et al. (2017)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Retornaz et al. (2020)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Sastre et al. (2012)	Y	Y	N	Y	?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Seymour et al. (2011)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Stein et al. (2016)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Tominga et al. (2016)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Tsuchihashi et al. (2018)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Watanabe et al. (2018)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	H
Yamada et al. (2013)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	H
<b>Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) reviewed by the CASP RCT Checklist 11 Qs</b>													
Osterlund et al. (2007)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Not applicable	H

Note. Responses: Yes (Y), Can't tell (?), No (N). Article Quality Rating: High (H); Medium (M); Low (L). Using an arbitrary threshold, we evaluated an article as "high" quality if it met at least 80% of the checklist criteria (e.g., 10 of 12 questions in each study), "low" quality if it met 50% or less of the criteria, and "medium" quality if it met > 50% and < 80% of the criteria.

CASP checklist for cohort studies: Question (Q) 1 (Clear Aims/Research Questions), Q 2 (Study design & recruitment), Q 3 (Exposure accurately measured), Q 4 (Outcomes accurately measured), Q 5 (Identified confounders), Q 6 (Appropriate subject follow-up), Q 7 (Clear results), Q 8 (How precise are the results), Q 9 (Reliability of the results), Q 10 (Generalizability), Q 11 (Results fit with other available evidence), Q 12 (Clinical Implications)

CASP checklist for RCT studies: Q 1 (Clear Aims/Research Questions), Q 2 (Study design & recruitment, randomization), Q 3 (All participants accounted for at its conclusion), Q 4 (Blinding), Q 5 (Group homogeneity), Q 6 (Treatment equity), Q 7 (Clear results), Q 8 (Precision of the estimate of the intervention effect), Q 9 (Benefits versus Harms), Q 10 (Generalizability to local population), Q 11 (Additional value of the current intervention compared to the existing interventions).

\*5 studies were excluded from meta-analyses due to unavailable chemotoxicity prevalence data or data that was not comparable for inclusion.

**Supplementary Table 3. Detailed characteristics of Studies included for Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (N =30)**

Authors/year/ Country	Samples N/Sex/Age/Race/Stages/ Primary Chemotherapy/ Study Design	Time points of measuring toxicity /Measures/Prevalences of chemotoxicity	Significant Risk factors of chemotoxicity	Others
Ali et al. (2016)/ Canada and France	N= 138 patients with CRC (colon only 70%)  F (50%) Race no data reported (80 Canadian and 58 French)  Stages: Mixed, I (1.5%), II (6%), III (20%), IV (72.5%)  Mean age: 61.5 ( $\pm$ 10.3: 28-87)  5-FU-based agents (95%) /Prospective longitudinal study	After each cycle up to 12 cycles/ CTCAE/ After 12 cycles of chemotherapy data -Overall moderate-to-severe toxicity (45.3%). -Non-hematological toxicity (38.7%): GI toxicity (20%), neuropathy (13%) -Hematological toxicity (3.6%): anemia (1.4%), neutropenia (2.2%).  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	Low body mass is a significant predictor of toxicity and neuropathy in patients administered FOLFOX-based regimens.  (no AOR was computed).	31.2% of patients who experienced chemotoxicity delayed chemotherapy or reduced doses of chemotherapy.
Antonio et al. (2018)/ Spain	N= 193 CRC (colon only 74%)  F (32%), Race (no data reported) Mean age: 80 ( $\pm$ 5: 75-89) Stages: II (28%) III (72%).  5-FU single or combined with other agents (50%), capecitabine single or combined with other agents (50%)/ Prospective study	After completion of chemotherapy/CTCAE  -Non-hematological toxicity moderate- to-severe (24.3%): fatigue (8.1%), anorexia (2.7%), diarrhea (9.5%), stomatitis (2.7%), neuropathy (8.1%). -Hematological toxicity moderate-to- severe (5.4%): neutropenia (5.4%)  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	Age, sex, cancer site, tumor stage, social support, geriatric status, and weight loss were not associated with toxicity. Comprehensive geriatric assessment-based classification was significantly associated with chemotoxicity prevalence.	Among the multi-variate analysis, the chemotoxicity was the only significant predictor of incompletion of the chemotoxicity: 7.2 times higher risk of chemotherapy incompletion in patients reporting moderate-to-severe toxicity.
Aparicio et al. (2016) /France	N= 271 mCRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (42.4%) Race (no data reported) Stage: IV	After receiving at least one dose of chemotherapy. The median time of onset of moderate- to-severe toxicity was 6-7months of 5- FU primary-based chemotherapy versus 2 months mixed with irinotecan/CTCAE/  Moderate-to-severe toxicity (65%).	No data of ORs or risk factors.	Even though mild chemotoxicity, the prevalence of mild chemotoxicity is high and needs to be managed.

	<p>Mean age: 80 (<math>\pm 5</math>; range 85-92), All <math>\geq 75</math> y.o.)</p> <p>5-FU based agents (single or combined with other regimens)/ Prospective study</p>	<p>-Non-hematological (53%): nausea (4%), vomiting (4%), diarrhea (14%), thromboembolic events (6%), mucositis (1.5%), cardiotoxicity (1.5%).</p> <p>-Hematological (24%): anemia (3%), neutropenia (22%).</p> <p><u>Mild toxicity (34.3%).</u></p> <p>-Non-hematological (43%): nausea (46%), vomiting (31%), diarrhea (36%), thromboembolic event (2%), mucositis (23.5%), cardiac toxicity (0%)</p> <p>-Hematological (35%): anemia (82%), neutropenia (33%).</p>		
Backshall et al. (2011)/ United Kingdom	<p>N=52 mCRC Colon only (73%), rectal (14%).</p> <p>F (35%) Race (no data reported) Stages: locally advanced or metastatic colorectal cancer.</p> <p>Capecitabine (100%)/ Prospective study</p>	<p>During the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of chemotherapy/ CTCAE /</p> <p>Moderate-to-severe toxicity (11%): -Non-hematological toxicity: fatigue (2%), hand-foot syndrome (11%), diarrhea (9%), nausea/vomiting (2%).</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity (10%)</p> <p><u>Mild toxicity</u></p> <p>-Non-hematological toxicity (25%): fatigue and diarrhea (25%), hand-foot syndrome (11%), nausea/vomiting (9%).</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity (17%): anemia 13%, abnormal lipid panel 4%</p>	<p>Serum metabolites of lipid profiles. Higher levels of low-density lipoprotein-derived lipids, including polyunsaturated fatty acids and choline phospholipids, predicted higher-grade toxicity over the treatment period.</p>	<p>Diarrhea was the most significant factor in treatment discontinuation.</p> <p>Even though the patients reported low-level severity, 25% reported fatigue and diarrhea, which should not be ignored for management.</p>
Barret et al. (2011)/ France	<p>N=114 mCRC (Colon only 70%)</p> <p>F (31.6%), Race (no data reported) Stages: Metastatic (100%).</p> <p>Mean age: 65 (<math>\pm 15</math>: 22-92)</p> <p>5-FU single or combined with other agents (100%) / Prospective study</p>	<p>During the 2 months following chemotherapy /CTCAE</p> <p>-Non-hematological toxicities moderate-to-severe (22.3%): GI toxicity (28.7%), neuropathy (85.5%) (8.1%).</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe (38.3%).</p>	<p>Malnutritional status measured by albumin, weight loss Predicted overall GI and hematological toxicity, but not peripheral neuropathy AOR: 13.5 (1.1–169.3) Albumin biomarker was included.</p>	<p>Risk factors of chemotoxicity might be different per types of hematological and non-hematological toxicity.</p>

		(No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)		
Beukers et al. (2021) / Netherlands	N = 97 colon only cancer (100%) F (52%) Race (no data reported) Stages: II (22.7%), III (77.3%).  Mean age: 77.2 (±4.8: range 70-85, all ≥ 70 y.o.).  Capecitabine (100%) /Retrospective study	25% frail/Moderate-to-severe toxicity (CTCAE) 3-6 months after chemotherapy.  Moderate-to-severe toxicity (48%) -Non-hematological GI, including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (30%), hand-foot syndrome (20%), other including fatigue, rash, and mucositis (1.4%). -Hematological (5%).	In multivariable analyses, female sex (AOR 2.33, 0.87-6.24) tumor stage II (AOR 4.84, 1.31-17.51), postoperative complications (AOR 3.8, 1.37-10.53), and frailty status (AOR 4.21, 1.04-17.17).  no specific biomarkers	No sensitivity and specificity of the prediction regression model.
		(No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)		
Breton et al. (2021) / France	N = 2,190 MCRC (colon only 75%). F (38.4%) Race (no data reported) Stage II (22.7%), III (77.3%).  Mean age: 66.8 (±8: range 58.9-75.01)  5-FU single or combined with other agents (100%) Prospective study	Toxicity was defined as the occurrence of grade III toxicity within 3 months after initiation of Chemotherapy/ CTCAE  Moderate-to-severe toxicity (52.2%). -Non-hematological toxicity (45.3%): GI toxicity (15.0%), including diarrhea (6%), nausea-vomiting (4%), mucositis (3.4%), indigestion/abdominal pain (3.6%), and appetite loss (1.1%); fever (0.5%); thrombosis (2.6%); infection (3.0%); respiratory-cardio-renal disorders, fatigue and psychological problems, HEENT disorders, musculoskeletal disorders (all less than <1.0%). -Hematological toxicity (19.9%): neutropenia (13.2%), leukocytosis (high WBC, 4.6%), liver enzyme elevation (0.4%)	Prognostic factors for an early grade III toxicity (ET3) in multivariate analysis were an ECOG performance status, Tri therapy versus monotherapy, alkaline phosphatase > 300 UI/l, and no primary tumor resection.  Age, sex, performance status, BMI, CEA, CA19-9, liver panels, Creatinine, Hb, WBC, Platelet.	Overall survival in patients without early toxicity was significantly longer than that in patients with toxicity (13% higher rates of mortality). No measure of frailty, <u>The onset of early toxicity may require dose adjustments (Relative Dose Intensity)</u> . However, this can inhibit the efficacy of cancer treatments. Thus, determining the predictors of severe early toxicity can influence the treatment choice and allow the optimization of supportive care from the beginning of the treatment.
		(No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)		

Feliu et al. (2022) / Spain	<p>N= 215 CRC (no data on colon or rectal cancers)</p> <p>F (32%) Race (no data reported) Stages: I-III (51%), IV (49%)</p> <p>Mean age: 78 (<math>\pm</math>4.9; range 70-90, all <math>\geq</math> 70 y.o.)</p> <p>5-FU based agents (37%), capecitabine (77%)/ Prospective study, one-time measure</p>	<p>At 6 months post-chemotherapy initiation/CTCAE/</p> <p>-Overall moderate-to-severe toxicity (54%). -Non-hematologic toxicity moderate-to-severe (28%): fatigue (12%), diarrhea (10%). -Hematologic toxicity moderate-to-severe (17%): neutropenia (8%) and anemia (6%).</p> <p>-22% death due to chemotoxicity combined with cancer progression. -16% unplanned hospitalization due to toxicity primarily, febrile neutropenia and sepsis, and diarrhea.</p>	<p>Risk factors: <u>Frailty (75%)</u>, Factors related to the development of moderate-to-severe toxicity were IADL <math>\leq</math> 7, creatinine clearance <math>\leq</math> 50 mL/min, unintentional weight loss during the treatments <math>\geq</math> 5%</p> <p>Weight loss B: 0.71 (SE 0.3), HR 2.01 (1.14-4.21) IADL B: 0.46 (0.3), HR 1.29 (1.01-2.31) Creatinine clearance rate <math>&lt;</math>50/min B: 0.63 (0.3) HR 1.89 (1.06-3.38)</p>	<p>A combination of geriatric and clinical characteristics can better predict the risk of severe chemotoxicity. These measures should start before the initiation of chemotherapy and should be kept over time, with frequent patient reevaluation, instead of treating after experiencing chemotoxicity.</p>
<u>Mild overall chemotoxicity (66%)</u>				
Folprecht et al. (2008) /UK.	<p>N= 2,691 CRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)</p> <p>F (33%) Race (no data reported) Stages: IV (50%)</p> <p>Mean age: 70 (<math>\pm</math>5; range 18-79)</p> <p>5-FU-based agents and 50% oxaliplatin/ Prospective study</p>	<p>During the first month of the treatment/CTCAE/</p> <p>Moderate-to-severe overall toxicity (average 28%). -Non-hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe: diarrhea (20.5%), vomiting (9.6%), nausea (11.3%), neuropathy (1%), thrombosis (4.9%), hepatic toxicity (4.6%). -Hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe: leukopenia (16.9%), neutropenia (28.9%).</p> <p>(No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)</p>	<p>Age differences were unrelated to toxicity (cut off = 70 years old). white blood cell count (<math>\leq</math> 10 <math>\nu</math> &gt; 10 <math>\times</math> 10<sup>9</sup>/L), level of alkaline phosphatase (<math>\leq</math> 300 <math>\nu</math> &gt; 300 U/L), and lactate dehydrogenase level (<math>\leq</math> 250 <math>\nu</math> &gt; 250 U/L) were associated with overall toxicity.</p>	<p>No risk factors were tested. Chronological age might not be a sensitive predictor of chemotoxicity.</p>
Gallois et al. (2019) /France	<p>N=168 mCRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)</p> <p>F (44%), Race (no data reported) Stages: Metastatic (100%).</p>	<p>During the chemotherapy (from start to 2 months)/CTCAE/</p> <p>Moderate-to-severe overall toxicity (26%): nausea/vomiting (15%), diarrhea (8%), mucositis (4%), hand-</p>	<p>In multivariate analysis, malnutrition and functional status were significantly associated with chemotherapy-related grade =&gt; clinical toxicities</p>	<p>Age itself was not a significant factor in chemotoxicity. Either functional status or nutritional status were</p>

	Mean age: 75 ( $\pm 5$ : 70-92) 5-FU single or combined with other agents (96%)/ Prospective study	foot skin reactions (0.6%, and alopecia (4%).	(malnutrition AOR 3.7; 1.7-8.4). Included biomarkers such as lymphocytes, Hb, albumin, but no variable of geriatric assessment.	significant factors of chemotoxicity.
Garg et al. (2012)/ Australia	N= 173 patients with CRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (43%) Race (no data reported) Stages: II (15%), III (85%)  Mean age: 63 ( $\pm 5$ :54-72)  5-FU-based agents (100%) /Prospective longitudinal study	At the end of the first month of the chemotherapy (Weekly follow-up)/CTCAE/  -Overall moderate-to-severe toxicity (46%). -Non-hematological toxicity (33%): GI toxicity (50.6%), diarrhea (11%), mucositis/stomatitis (12%), -Hematological toxicity (62%): neutropenia (55%), leukopenia (12%), thrombopenia (2%)  <u>Mild toxicity</u> -Non-hematological toxicity: diarrhea (83%), mucositis (58%). -Hematological toxicity: neutropenia (43%), leukopenia (40%)	Blood markers, complete blood counts, and telomere length from blood were used. Used Beta coefficient data. Multivariate analysis showed that hematological toxicity was predicted by short telomere length, high platelet lymphocyte ratio (PLR), and low neutrophil count ( $R^2=0.38$ , $P<0.0006$ ) at baseline. In contrast, mucositis was predicted by younger age, short telomere length, and high PLR ( $R^2=0.34$ , $P<0.001$ ).	Age itself was not associated with telomere length. Younger age was associated with more toxicity and the need to consider telomere length and biological aging compared to chronological age.
Hochster et al. (2007) /USA	N= 55 CRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (47.3%) Race (White 93%, Black 7%) Stages III and IV Mean age: 81 ( $\pm 4$ ; range 75-90, all $\geq 75$ y.o.).  Leucovorin chemotherapy/ Prospective study	Anytime from baseline to completion of chemotherapy/CTCAE/  Moderate-to-severe overall toxicity (average 55%) -Non-hematological toxicity diarrhea (25%), fatigue (14.3%), nausea (10.7%), and all other GI toxicities (35.7%). -Hematological toxicity neutropenia (5.4%).  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	Age was associated with specifically GI toxicity (age older than 85 years old was at highest risk). ECOG performance status, Race was not a significant factor for chemotoxicity. No relationship tests were examined. Biomarkers: CEA, liver panel, Creatine.	Further suggestions of age-related factors, including age-related biomarkers and functional status, are suggested.
Jung et al.(2015) / South Korea	N= 229 patients Colon only cancer (100%)	During the 12 cycles of chemotherapy (biweekly)/CTCAE/	Recorded moderate-to-severe adverse events (45%)	BMI was a confounder (associated with muscle mass), but this can be

	<p>F (58.5%) Race (no data reported) Stages: I (0.9%), II (2.2%), III (74.6%), IV (22.3%).</p> <p>Mean age 61 (<math>\pm 3</math>: 53-67)</p> <p>5-FU based agents (100%)/ Prospective study</p>	<p>Baseline muscle mass was assessed by measuring the cross-sectional area of the psoas muscle at the level of the fourth lumbar vertebra on computed tomography image (psoas muscle mass index)</p> <p>(No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)</p>	<p>experienced) included neuropathy, neutropenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, mucositis, and liver function abnormalities. moderate-to-severe neutropenia (40% reported) was the most prevalent toxicity. (no data available for individual toxicity prevalence)</p> <p>Psoas muscle mass measured by CT was used to predict chemotoxicity. Moderate-to-severe toxicities (AOR=1.56, 95 % CI=1.05–2.38 per 1 standard deviation decrease in the psoas muscle)</p>	<p>controversial as BMI was positively associated with higher chemotherapy dose absorption rate with increased toxicity. Thus, multiple nutritional factors need to be considered in chemotherapy prediction models. (no data available for individual toxicity prevalence)</p>
Karabulut et al. (2022)/Turkey	<p>N=137 mCRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)</p> <p>F (61%) Race (no data reported) Stages: Metastatic cancer (100%).</p> <p>Mean age:62 (<math>\pm 8</math>: 18-83)</p> <p>5-FU single or combined with other agents (100%)/ Prospective study</p>	<p>After the first line of the chemotherapy cycle/CTCAE/</p> <p>-Non-hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe (43%): GI toxicity (15.5%), diarrhea (10%), nausea/vomiting (14%), constipation (3%), neuropathy (14%).</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe (45%): leucopenia (35%), anemia (30%).</p>	<p>Nutrition Albumin, BMI, weight loss</p> <p>Biomarkers (CEA, CA19-9, albumin)</p> <p>Moderate/severe malnutrition was associated with more cytopenia, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, and neuropathy (<math>p &lt; 0.05</math> for all parameters). No data of OR.</p>	<p>In mCRC patients, moderate/severe malnutrition is associated with worse non-hematological toxicities.</p>
Li et al. (2021)/China	<p>N= 233 patients with CRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)</p> <p>F (34%) Race: no data reported (233 Chinese)</p>	<p>From first to 8 cycles, follow up at each cycle/CTCAE/ After 8 cycles of chemotherapy data</p> <p>-Overall moderate-to-severe toxicity (35%).</p> <p>-Non-hematological toxicity (40%): nausea/vomiting (35%), hand-foot</p>	<p>Age (AOR 1.15; 1.03-1.35, <math>p=.035</math>), WBC increased change (AOR 0.53; 0.26-0.87, <math>p=.036</math>) and nausea. Age was associated with neutropenia (AOR 0.96; 0.93-0.99, <math>p=.025</math>), and</p>	<p>Baseline low values of WBC, neutrophil, RBC, hemoglobin, and PLT were associated with higher toxicity (more specific to hematological toxicity).</p>

	<p>Stages: Mixed (no accurate data)</p> <p>Mean age: 58 (<math>\pm</math>10.5: 28-87)</p> <p>Capecitabine (100%)/ Prospective longitudinal study</p>	<p>syndrome (20%), abdominal pain (5%), diarrhea (5%), constipation (3%)</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity (25%), including anemia, neutropenia, and thrombocytopenia.</p> <p>(No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)</p>	<p>anemia (AOR 1.04; 1.01-1.09, <math>p = .023</math>).</p> <p>Weight (AOR 0.89; 0.80-0.97, <math>p = .017</math> with hand-foot syndrome), (AOR 0.92; 0.84-0.98, <math>p = .034</math>) with nausea.</p> <p>Baseline hemoglobin albumin, and CRP were associated with anemia toxicity.</p> <p>Weight, BMI, Albumin, platelet, RBC, Hb, WBC, and CRP were included.</p>	<p>High CRP, PLR, and lymphocyte at baseline were associated with GI toxicity and non-hematological toxicity. Chemotherapy leads to altered inflammatory response, <u>and inactive immune function regeneration function</u> contributes to the susceptibility to chemotoxicity.</p>
Okada et al. (2017)/Japan	<p>N=108 mCRC (75% colon only)</p> <p>F (56%)</p> <p>Race (no data reported)</p> <p>Stages: (no data reported)</p> <p>Mean age: 65 (<math>\pm</math>9: 34-83).</p> <p>5-FU single or combined with other agents (100%)/ Retrospective study</p>	<p>After 6 months of chemotherapy cycle/CTCAE/</p> <p>-Non-hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe (57%): no individual symptoms were reported.</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe (45%): no individual symptoms were reported.</p>	<p>Albumin, WBC, neutrophil, CRP, CEA, CA19-9, BUN/Cr.</p> <p>No Data of OR</p> <p>Based on the nutritional status measured albumin levels at 6 months after chemotherapy were associated with overall toxicity.</p>	<p>Baseline nutritional status was associated with future chemotherapy toxicity, which also was associated with poor overall survival and PFS.</p>
Osterlund et al. (2007)/ Finland	<p>N=150 mCRC Colon only (60%)</p> <p>F (49%)</p> <p>Race (no data reported)</p> <p>Stage: Mixed II-IV</p> <p>Mean age 60 (31-75).</p> <p>5-FU based agents (100%)/ RCT</p> <p>(Lactobacillus injection n = 52 group versus control group n = 98)</p>	<p>During chemotherapy from 2 to 6 months/CTCAE/</p> <p>After 6 months of chemotherapy data:</p> <p>-Moderate-to-severe overall toxicity (58%).</p> <p>-Non-hematological toxicity (40%): stomatitis (41%), diarrhea (37%).</p> <p>GI toxicity (51%).</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity (18%): neutropenia (16%), hand-foot syndrome (2%)</p> <p><u>Mild overall toxicity (65%).</u>-Non-hematological toxicity (80%): diarrhea (75%), hand-foot syndrome (90%).</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity (70%).</p>	<p>Gut microbiome status (but no direct measures modulated by the probiotics intervention.</p>	<p>Patients who received <i>Lactobacillus</i> had less grade 3 or 4 diarrhea (22 vs 37%, <math>P=0.027</math>), reported less abdominal discomfort, needed less hospital care, and had fewer chemotherapy dose reductions due to bowel toxicity. However, lactobacillus was not associated with overall toxicity or hematological toxicity.</p>

Retornaz et al. (2020) / France	<p>N=97 colon cancer</p> <p>F (51%)</p> <p>Race (White European)</p> <p>Stage: II-III (46.2%), IV (53.8%)</p> <p>Mean age: 79 (<math>\pm 4.5</math>; range 70-90) (all <math>\geq 70</math> y.o.)</p> <p>5-FU based agents (70%)/</p> <p>Longitudinal Prospective study, repeated measures</p>	<p>At 3, 6, 9, 12 months post-chemotherapy/CTCAE/</p> <p>Moderate-to-severe toxicity (50% experienced during the first 500 days).</p> <p>-Non-hematologic toxicity (44%): fatigue (64%), neuropathy (44%) and GI symptoms (40% average: nausea 43%, diarrhea 34.0%).</p> <p>-Hematologic toxicity (34%): neutropenia (27%), high WBC (21%), low PLT (20%), and anemia (36%)</p> <p><u>Mild chemotoxicity</u> (66% average over the 500 days follow-up post chemotherapy initiation).</p>	<p>Frailty (65%), Metastatic status, polychemotherapy, impaired grip strength, increased C-reactive protein and alkaline phosphatase levels, decreased lymphocyte count, and hypoalbuminemia (nutritional status).</p> <p>Albumin AOR 3.94, polychemotherapy AOR 2.06</p> <p>Grip status AOR 2.18</p> <p>CRP AOR 1.90</p> <p>ECOG-PS AOR 0.43</p>	<p>Multivariate chemo prediction model including geriatric assessment, frailty markers, laboratory data, and oncologic parameters with sensitivity 81.6%, and specificity 71.4%. Limitations include a small sample size and mixed cancer stages.</p> <p>-30% death, with 21% of death due to chemotoxicity.</p>
Sastre et al. (2012) /Spain	<p>N= 66 mCRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)</p> <p>F (42.4%), Race (no data reported), Stage: IV</p> <p>Mean age: 70 (<math>\pm 7</math>; range 70-86), All <math>\geq 70</math> y.o.)</p> <p>Cetuximab plus capecitabine / Prospective study</p>	<p>After 6 weeks of treatments/CTCAE/</p> <p>Moderate-to-severe toxicity:</p> <p>-Non-hematological toxicity: paronychia (15%), rash (28%), neuropathy (21%), diarrhea (16%), respiratory (7.5%), GI toxicity (16%)</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity: thrombosis (3.7%).</p> <p>(No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)</p>	<p>No data on ORs or risk factors.</p>	<p>The majority of chemotoxicity included non-hematological toxicity.</p>
Seymour et al. (2011) /UK	<p>N= 440 mCRC colon (78%), rectum (22%)</p> <p>F (41%)</p> <p>Race (no data reported)</p> <p>Stage: IV</p> <p>Mean age: 74 (<math>\pm 5</math>; range 35-86).</p> <p>5-FU-based agents (50%) versus Capecitabine-based agents (50%)/ Prospective study</p>	<p>After 1-12 weeks of chemotherapy/CTCAE/</p> <p>Non-hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe (52%):</p> <p>nausea (4%), anorexia (4%), stomatitis (2%), diarrhea (10%), fatigue (9%), pain (16%), neuropathy (1%)</p> <p>-Hematological toxicity moderate-to-severe (6%): anemia (3%), neutropenia (3%)</p> <p><u>Mild toxicity (36%)</u></p>	<p>Performance status, WBC, quality of life score at baseline, and overall toxicity were associated with end-point treatment efficacy.</p>	<p>The outcome was treatment efficacy (i.e., response). Efficacy measures are weighed against toxic effects, convenience, and other variables before deciding which treatment is best.</p>

		-Non-hematological toxicity (75%): anorexia (15%), stomatitis (10%), diarrhea (24%), fatigue (39%), pain (19%), neuropathy (8%) -Hematological toxicity (24%): anemia 17%), neutropenia (7%)		
Stein et al. (2016)/German y	N= 1,249 patients with mCRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (45%) Race (no data reported) Stages: Metastasis  Mean age: 74 (± 12:21-99)  Capecitabine (100%)/ Prospective longitudinal study	After each cycle up to 8 cycles/ CTCAE/ After 8 cycles of chemotherapy data data -Overall moderate-to-severe toxicity (37%). -Non-hematological toxicity (55%): nausea (8%), vomiting (6%), diarrhea (12%), pain (12%), fever (0%), mucositis/stomatitis (4%), neuropathy (12%). -Hematological toxicity (23%): anemia (12%), neutropenia (6%), leukopenia (5%), thrombopenia (7%).  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	75 years old age cut-off was used as a risk factor. Severe toxicities occurred rarely without any difference regarding age groups.	This study did not assess functional status; therefore, functional status may be more important than age itself.  To stratify elderly patients to the different treatment intensities, a comprehensive geriatric assessment should be applied.
Tominga et al. (2016)/Japan	N=136 CRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (58%) Race (no data reported) Mean age: 63 (±6: 58-71) Stages: III (100%).  Capecitabine, and 5-FU (95%)/ Retrospective study	After the completion of later-line chemotherapy cycles /CTCAE/  -Non-hematological toxicity moderate- to-severe: Anorexia (17%), diarrhea (7.5%). -Hematological toxicity moderate-to- severe (37%): Neutropenia (52%).  <u>Mild overall chemotoxicity (63%):</u> no individual symptoms were reported.	CRP/albumin ratio was associated with severe chemotoxicity. High levels of the Glasgow Prognostic Score (GPS) and the neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio (NLR) appeared to be associated with the CRP and albumin ratio. CAR≥0.1 (HR: 7.06, 95% CI: 2.51– 19.88, p<0.01) as a significant determinant of severe side effects of AC.	The present study showed that the CAR is a novel and promising inflammation- based score for ≥ grade 3 side effect
Tsuchihashi et al. (2018) /Japan	N=523 mCRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (41%); Race (no data reported) Stage: metastatic (100%)	After the completion of later-line chemotherapy cycles /CTCAE/  Non-hematological toxicity moderate-to- severe(30%):	CEA, BMI, and The Glasgow Prognostic Score (GPS) were proposed as an objective indicator reflecting a patient's systemic nutritional and inflammatory	Unique chemotoxicity is more likely for liver dysfunction and skin issues, not primarily with GI toxicity.

	Mean age: 63 ( $\pm$ 9: 55-85)  Regorafenib, trifluridine/tipiracil/ Retrospective study	fatigue (3%), anorexia (6%), hand footskin reaction (20%), liver dysfunction (10%), skin disorder (4%). -Hematological toxicity moderate-to- severe (22%): neutropenia (11%), anemia (12%).	status, but these risk factors were not tested with chemotoxicity.	
Watanabe et al. (2018)/Canada	N= 371 patients with CRC (no data of colon or rectum cancers).  F (49%) Race (no data reported) Stages: III (100%)  Mean age: 64 ( $\pm$ 5: 60-89)  5-FU-based agents (59%) or capecitabine (41%)/ Prospective longitudinal (two-time points)	Baseline and at 12 weeks after chemotherapy. Monthly follow up/CTCAE After chemotherapy data -Overall moderate-to-severe toxicity (78%) -Non-hematological toxicity (45%): GI toxicity (80%), neuropathy (80%). -Hematological toxicity (40%): anemia, neutropenia, and thrombocytopenia.  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	Age ( $\geq$ 70) (OR 3.30; 95% CI 1.17–9.37; P = 0.025), pre-treatment anemia (OR 23.18; 95% CI 6.36–84.48; P < 0.001), female sex (OR 5.13; 95% CI 2.08–12.68; P < 0.001). GI toxicities were less likely to occur among tumors at the distal area versus the proximal area (OR 0.38; 95% CI 0.15– 0.99; P = 0.047). Also included comorbidities and ECOG PS.	Authors suggested the use of relative factors of chemotoxicity in cancer treatment decision-making, specifically for older adults.
Yamada et al. (2013)/Japan	N= 512 mCRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (36%) Race (no data reported) Stages: IV (100%) Mean age: 63 ( $\pm$ 5; range 33-79).  5-FU-based agents (50%) and oxaliplatin (50%)/ Prospective study	After the first line of chemotherapy /CTCAE/  -Non-hematological toxicity moderate- to-severe: anorexia (6%), diarrhea (12%), GI sepsis including obstruction or constriction, and GI perforation (9%). -Hematological toxicity moderate-to- severe: leucopenia (10%), neutropenia (43%)  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	No data on ORs or risk factors.	Critical findings of high prevalence and severity of GI toxicity.
<b>Not Included in Meta-Analyses</b>				
Gallois et al. (2019) /France	N=168 mCRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (44%) Race (no data reported)	During the chemotherapy (from start to 2 months)/CTCAE/  Moderate-to-severe overall chemotoxicity (26%):	In multivariate analysis, malnutrition was significantly associated with chemotherapy-related grade => clinical toxicities	Age itself was not a significant factor in chemotoxicity. Either functional status or nutritional status were

	Stages: Metastatic (100%).  Mean age: 75 (±5: 70-92)  5-FU single or combined with other agents (96%)/ Prospective study	nausea/vomiting (15%), diarrhea (8%), mucositis (4%), hand-foot skin reactions (0.6%, and alopecia (4%).	(malnutrition AOR 3.7; 1.7-8.4). Included biomarkers such as lymphocytes, Hb, and albumin, but no variable of geriatric assessment.	significant factors of chemotoxicity.
Decoster et al. (2018)/ Belgium	N=252 mCRC (colon only 75%)  F (38%) Race (no data reported) Stages: Metastatic (100%).  Mean age: 77 (±5: 69-91).  5-FU single or combined with other agents or capecitabine single or combined with other agents. / Prospective study	5-6 months after chemotherapy/physician evaluation/  Moderate-to-severe toxicity: GI toxicity (13.6%), Cardiac toxicity (3.2%), and Vascular toxicity (35%).  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	ECOG-PS (Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group-Performance status), geriatric assessment panels, fall history, comorbidities Nutritional status, ADL status were included. However, only ECOG-PS significantly predicted chemotoxicity (no OR data). No biomarkers added.	A higher risk of severe chemotoxicity was also associated with progression-free survival (PFS).
Djedi and Bouzid (2012)/Algeria	N=66 CRC patients (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (47%) Race (no data reported) Stages (no data reported)  Mean age: 71 (±6; range 65-81, all ≥ 65 y.o.)  5-FU based agents (100%)/ Prospective study	Unknown time point post-chemotherapy /PROCTCAE/  Moderate-to-severe toxicity (50%). -Non-hematological toxicity: neuropathy (5%), diarrhea (5%). -Hematological toxicity: neutropenia (1%), anemia (6%).  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	According to univariate and multivariate analyses, age (≤ 70 y.o.), geriatric assessment, anemia, and number of drugs used (mono vs poly-chemotherapy) were identified to be risk factors significantly associated with chemo-toxicity. Beta or OR are not available. No biomarkers	There is no report of the sensitivity or specificity of the prediction model.
Cespedes Feliciano et al. (2017)/USA	N= 533 patients Colon only cancer (100%)  F (55.4%); Race White 61%, Black 8.8%, Hispanic/Latinx (13.15), Asian/Pacific Islander (16.2%), mixed races (0.7%) Stages: II (13.8%), III (86.2%).	Between the first cycle initiation to the end of the first cycle (6 days-90 days after the date of initiation of chemotherapy)/Used ICD9 code EMR review/  Moderate-to-severe toxicity:	Muscle mass using clinically-acquired computed tomography (CT) scan to experience toxicities had twice the risk of adverse outcomes on FOLFOX: odds ratios (OR) and 95% Confidence Intervals	Lower muscle mass is associated with greater toxicity and poor chemotherapy adherence on FOLFOX. Many chemotherapy drugs are dosed on BSA; treatment may be better

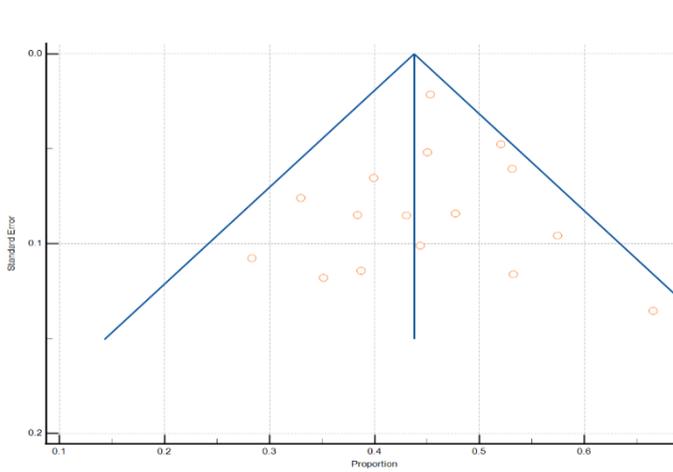
	Mean age 58.7(±11:46-60)	-Non-hematological toxicity (no data reported) -Hematological toxicity (33%).	(95%CI) were OR=2.34 (95%CI: 1.04, 5.24; p-trend=0.03)	individualized if muscle mass is considered.
	5-FU-based agents (100%)/ Prospective study	(No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)		
Grimes, C. (2022) / USA	N=89 CRC (no data on colon or rectum cancers)  F (58.4%) Race (White 52.8%, Black 34.8%, others 12.3%); Stage: III (100%).  Mean age: 62 (no range) 5-FU single or combined with other agents (100%)/ Retrospective study	Incidence was examined after chemotherapy/no grading was used/  Moderate-to-severe chemotoxicity: -Non-hematological toxicity: diarrhea (6.7%), nausea (5.6%), loss of appetite with dehydration (4.5%), thrombosis (3.4%), neuropathy (3.3%). -Hematological toxicity (5.5%): leukocytosis (1.1%), Hospital admission due to toxicity (15.7%).	The primary risk factor was sarcopenia. Sarcopenia (measured with the CT scan), age, sex, and race were not associated with chemotoxicity.	African-American patients were less likely to receive adjuvant chemotherapy or continuous cancer treatments compared to Whites. Other measures, such as functional, cognitive, and nutritional frailty, may be associated with chemotoxicity.
Looijaard et al. (2020) / Netherlands	N= 53 patients Colon only cancer (100%)  F (45.4%) Race White 61%, Black 8.8%, Hispanic/Latinx (13.15), Asian/Pacific Islander (16.2%), mixed races (0.7%) Stages: II (1.9%), III (98.1%).  Mean age 70.9(±4: 67.5-73.5)  5-FU-based agents (50%) or capecitabine based (50%)/ Prospective study	After completion of chemotherapy/ Severe dose-limiting toxicity occurred in 52.8% of patients receiving chemotherapy.  Dose-limiting toxicity was defined as chemotherapy toxicity that led to a dose reduction or early discontinuation.  (No available data of mild toxicity prevalence)	After Bonferroni correction, no CT-based body composition measures were significantly associated with dose-limiting toxicity.	Future directions are suggested for a meta-analysis to elucidate the value of CT-based body composition measures to predict adverse outcomes in patients with CRC.

Note: ADL: activities of daily living; AOC: adjusted odds ratio; B: unstandardized beta coefficient; BMI: body mass index; BSA: body surface area; BUN/Cr: blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio; CA 19-9: cancer antigen 19-9; CAR: C-reactive protein and albumin ratio; CEA: carcinoembryonic antigen; CI: confidence interval; CRC: colorectal cancer; CRP: c-reactive protein; CT: computed tomography; CTCAE: common terminology criteria for adverse events; ECOG: eastern cooperative oncology group; ECOG-PS: eastern cooperative oncology group – performance score; EMR: electronic medical record; ET3: early grade III toxicity ; 5-FU: 5-Flouracil; FOLFOX: folinic acid, fluorouracil, and oxaliplatin; GI: gastrointestinal; GSP: glasgow prognostic score; Hb: hemoglobin; HEENT: head, eyes, ears, nose and throat; HR: hazard ratio; IADL: instrumental activities of daily living; ICD 9: international classification of diseases, ninth revision; mCRC: metastatic colorectal cancer; NLR: neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio; OR: odds ratio; PFS: progression free survival; PLR: platelet lymphocyte ratio; PLT: platelet count test; PRO-CTCAE: patient reported outcome – common terminology criteria for adverse events; RBC: red blood cell; SE: standard error; WBC: white blood cell.

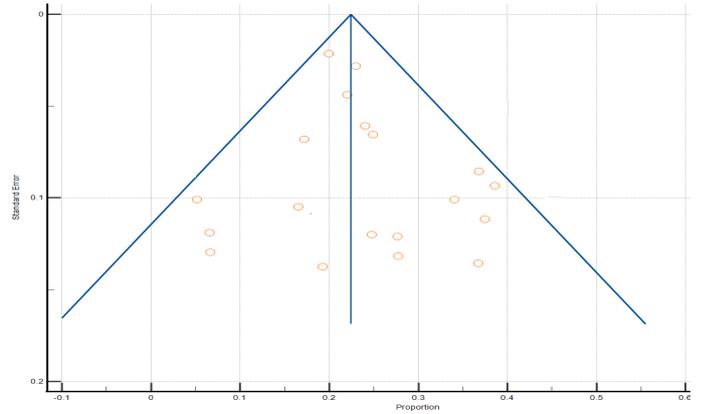
### Supplementary Figures

#### Supplementary Figure 1. Funnel Plots for Asymmetry Tests: Subgroups of Prevalences of Chemotoxicities.

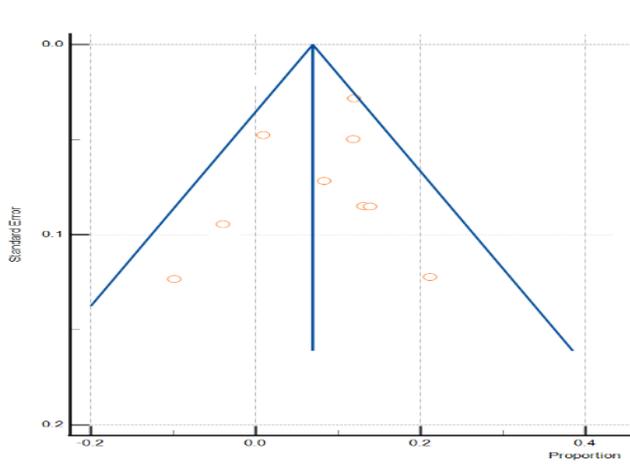
##### A. Funnel Plot for Prevalence of Moderate-to-Severe Chemotoxicity



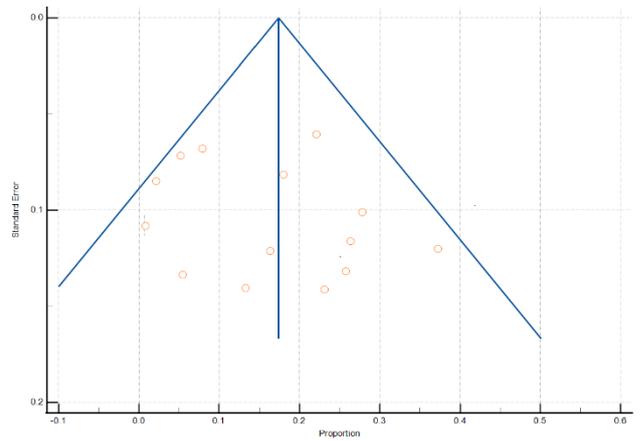
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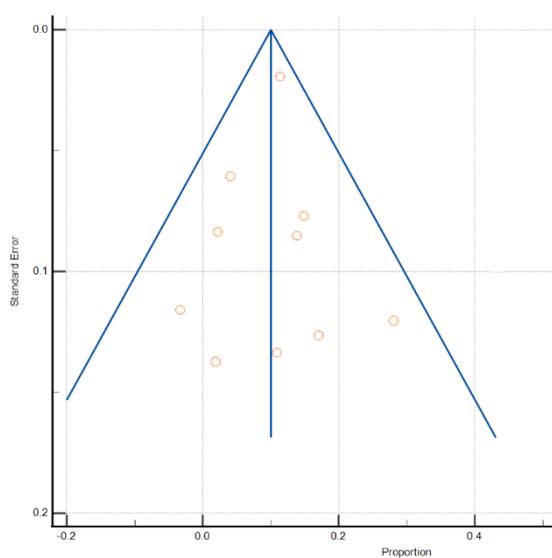
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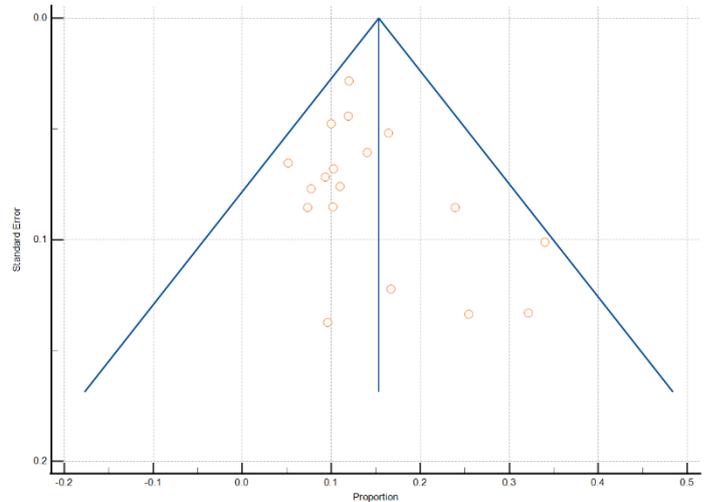
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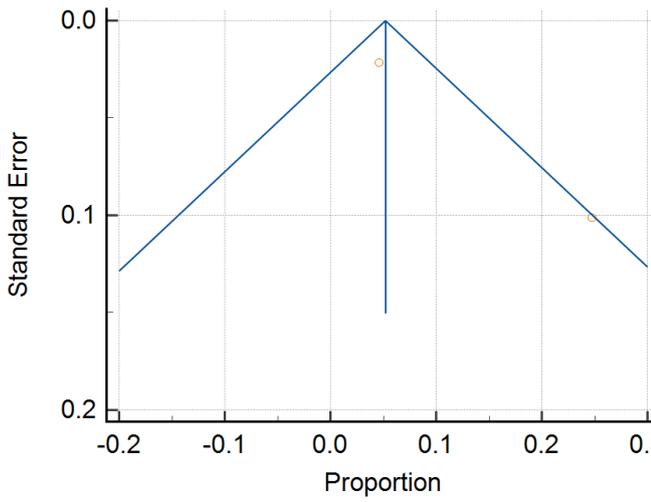
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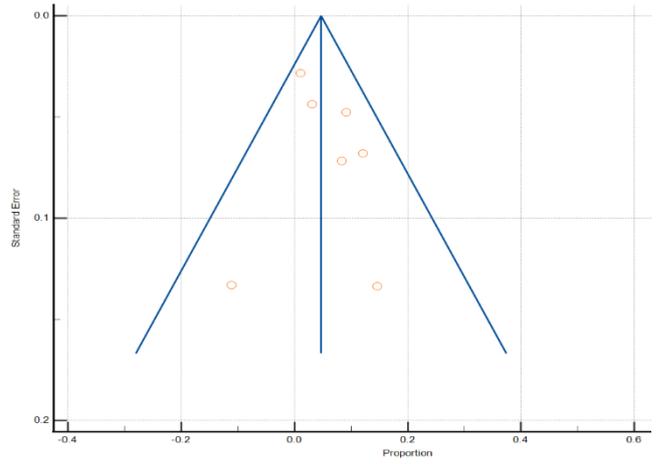
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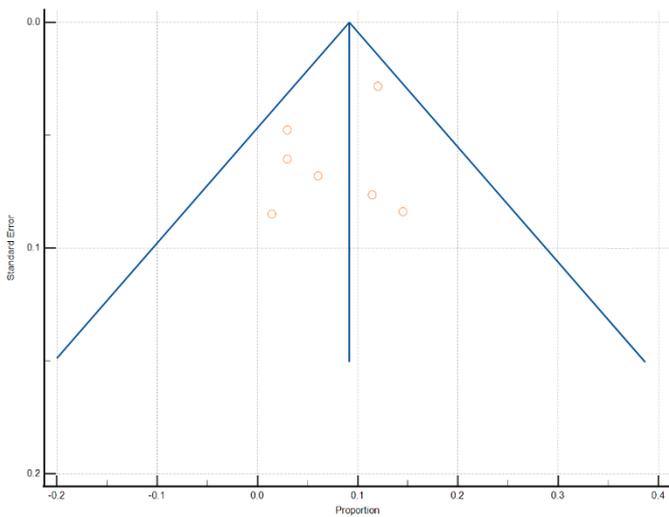
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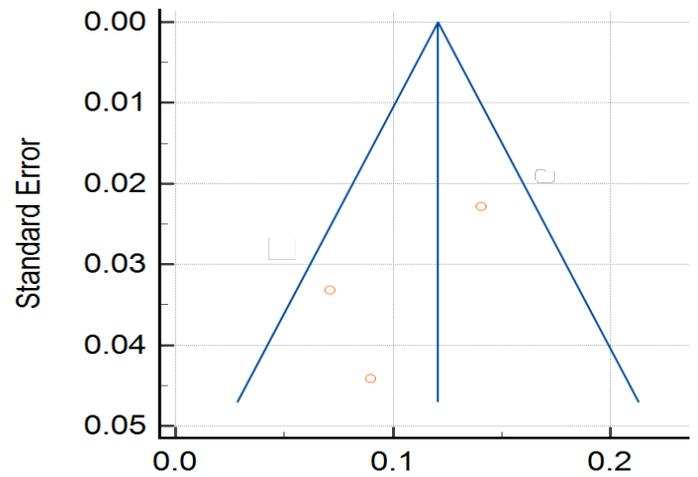
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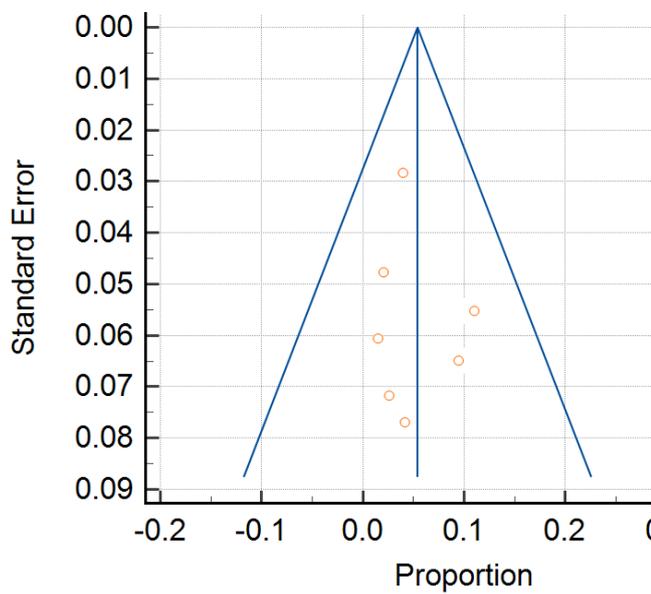
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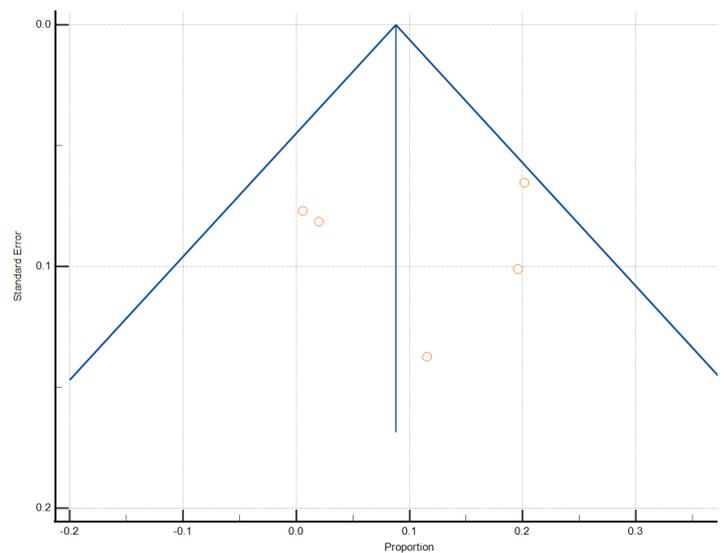
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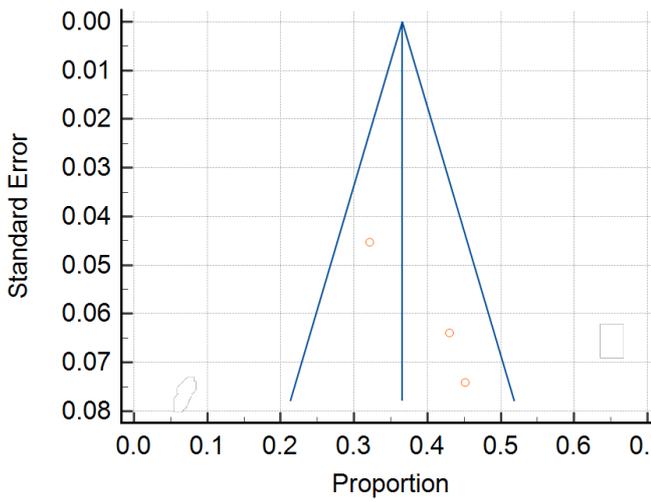
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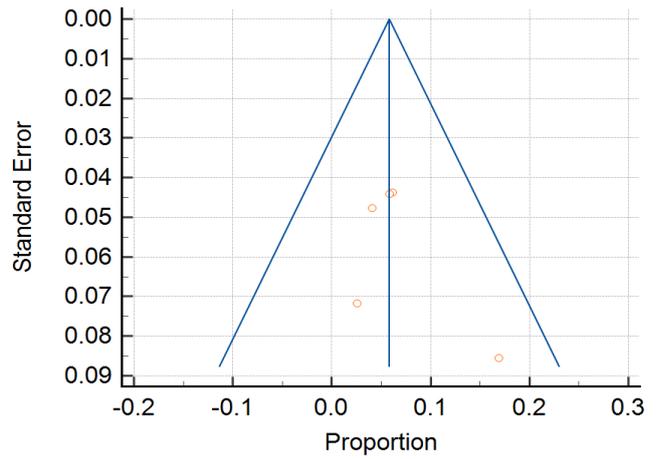
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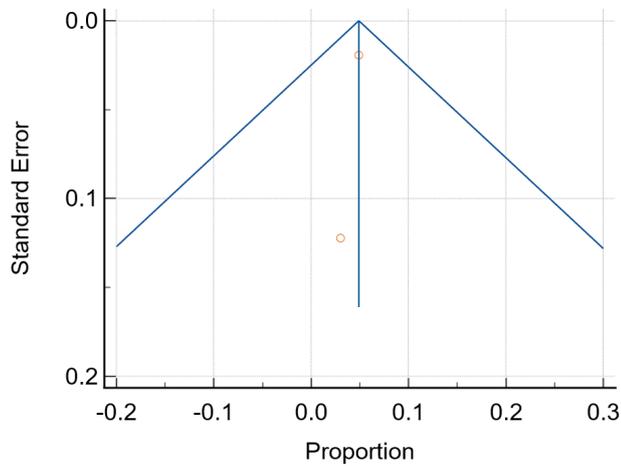
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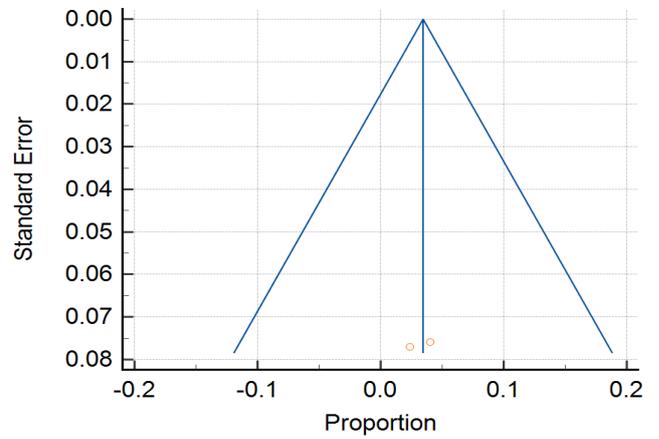
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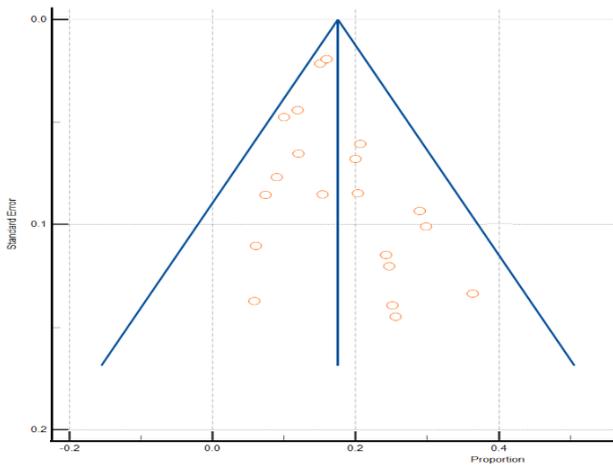
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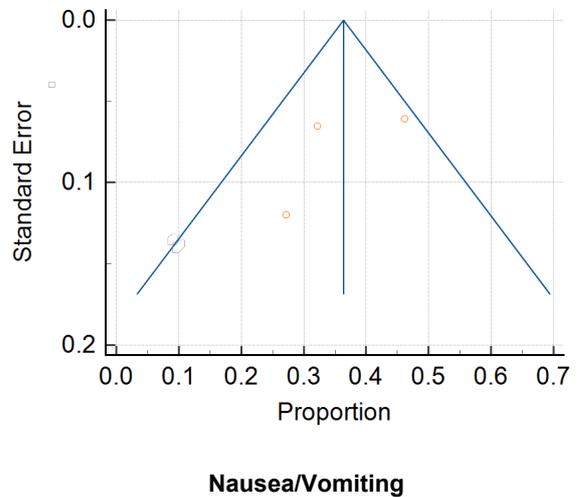
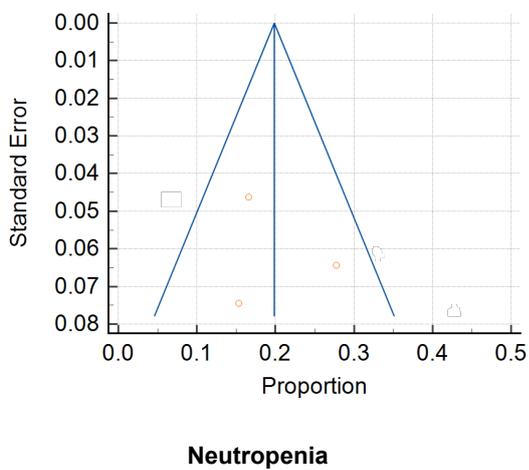
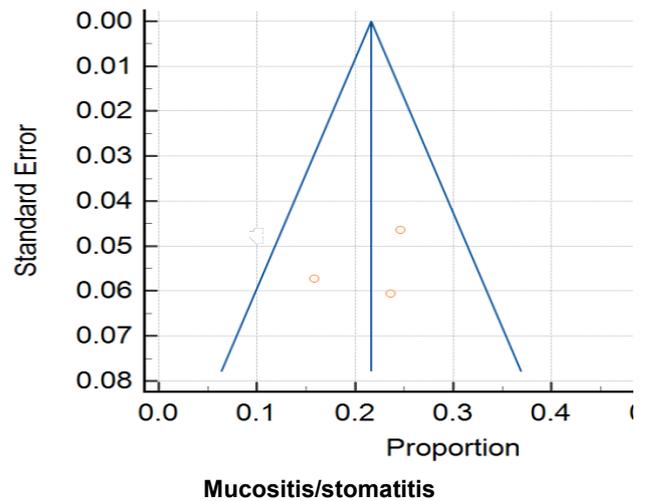
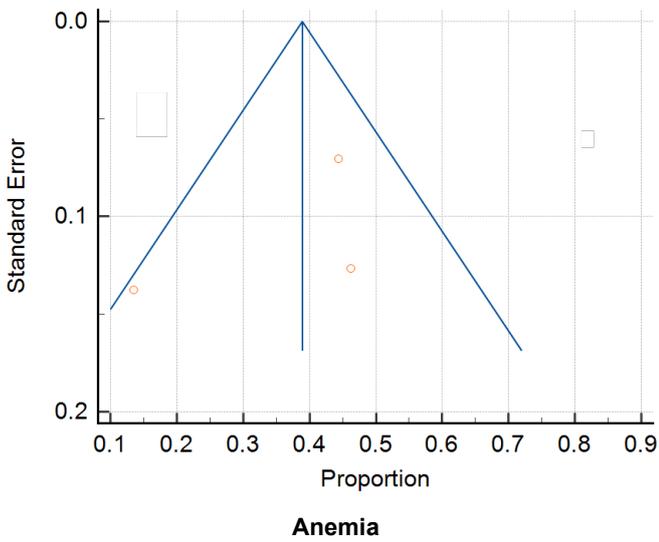
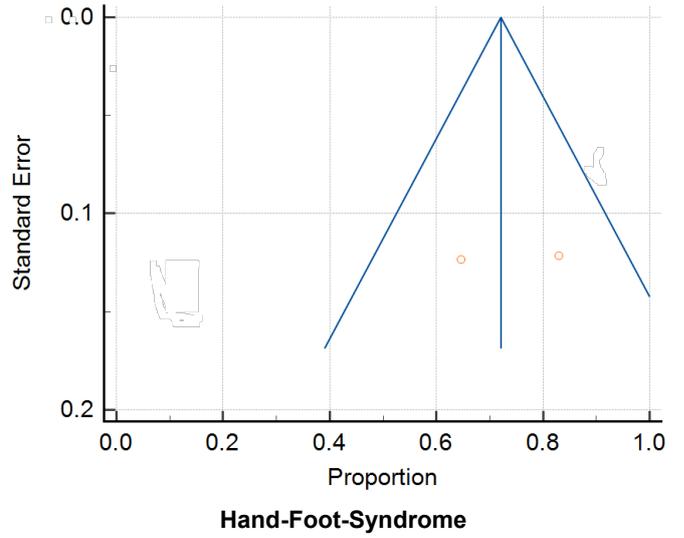
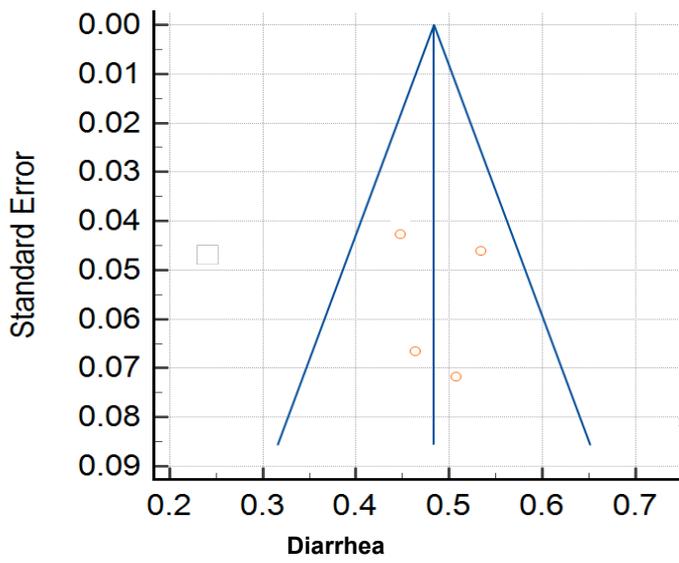


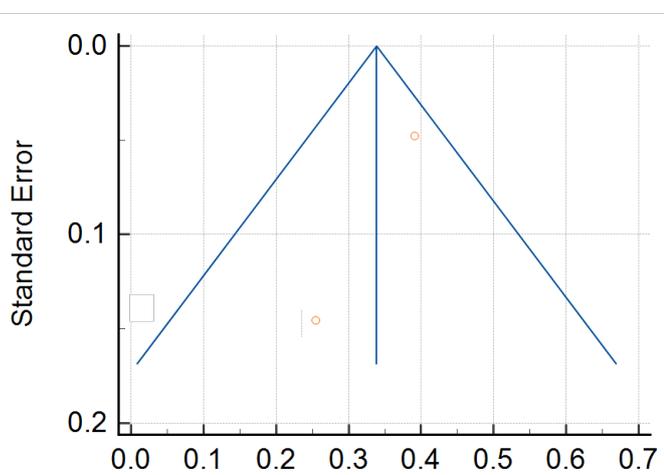
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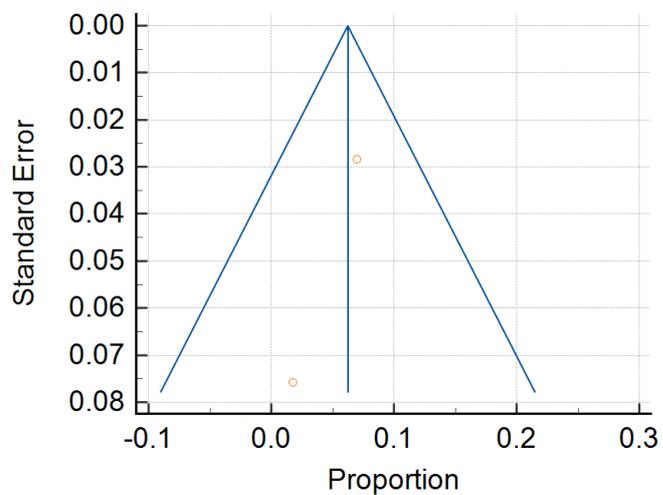
**GI Toxicity**

**B. Funnel plot for the prevalence of mild chemotoxicity**





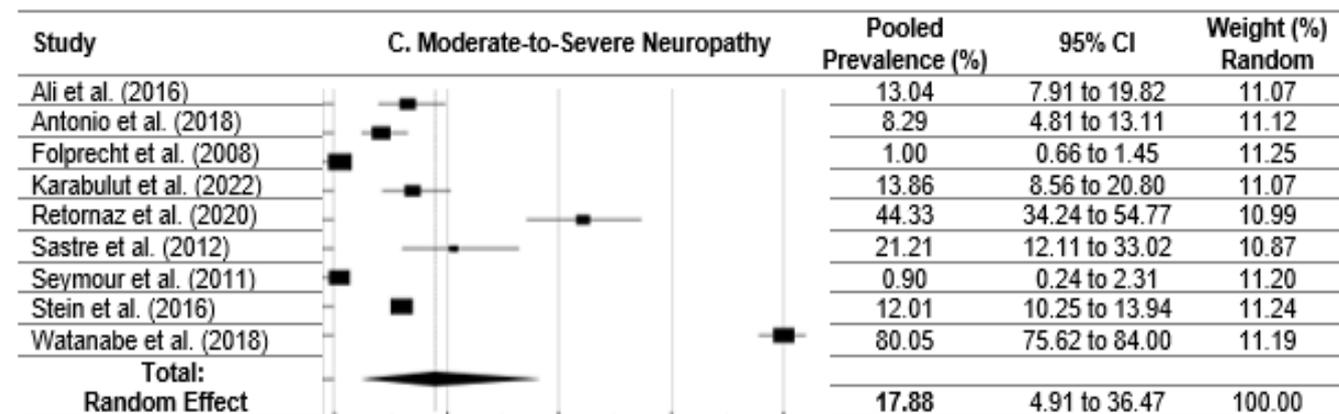
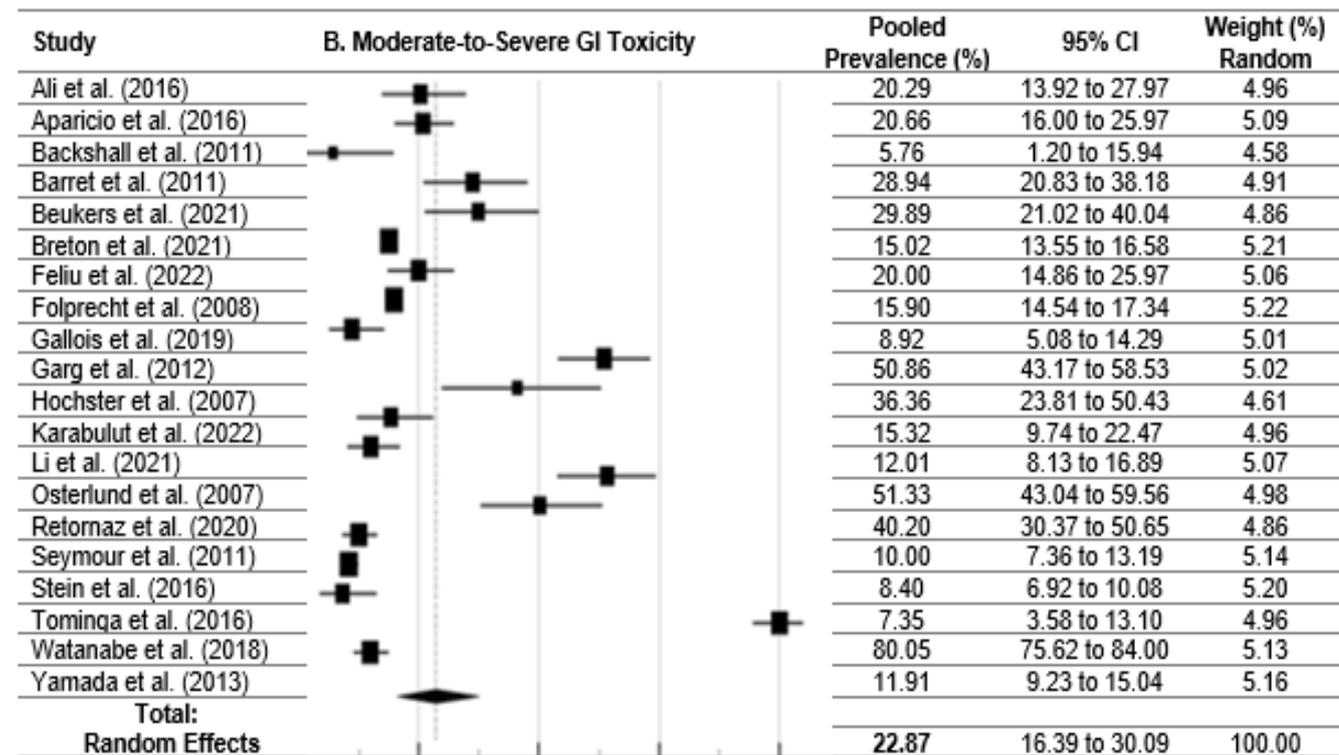
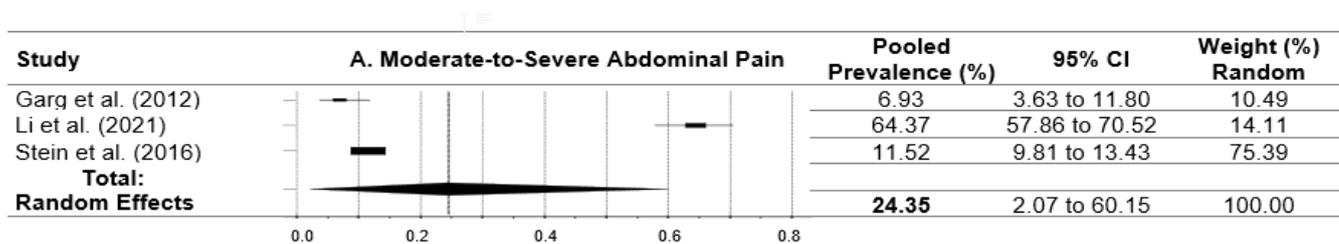
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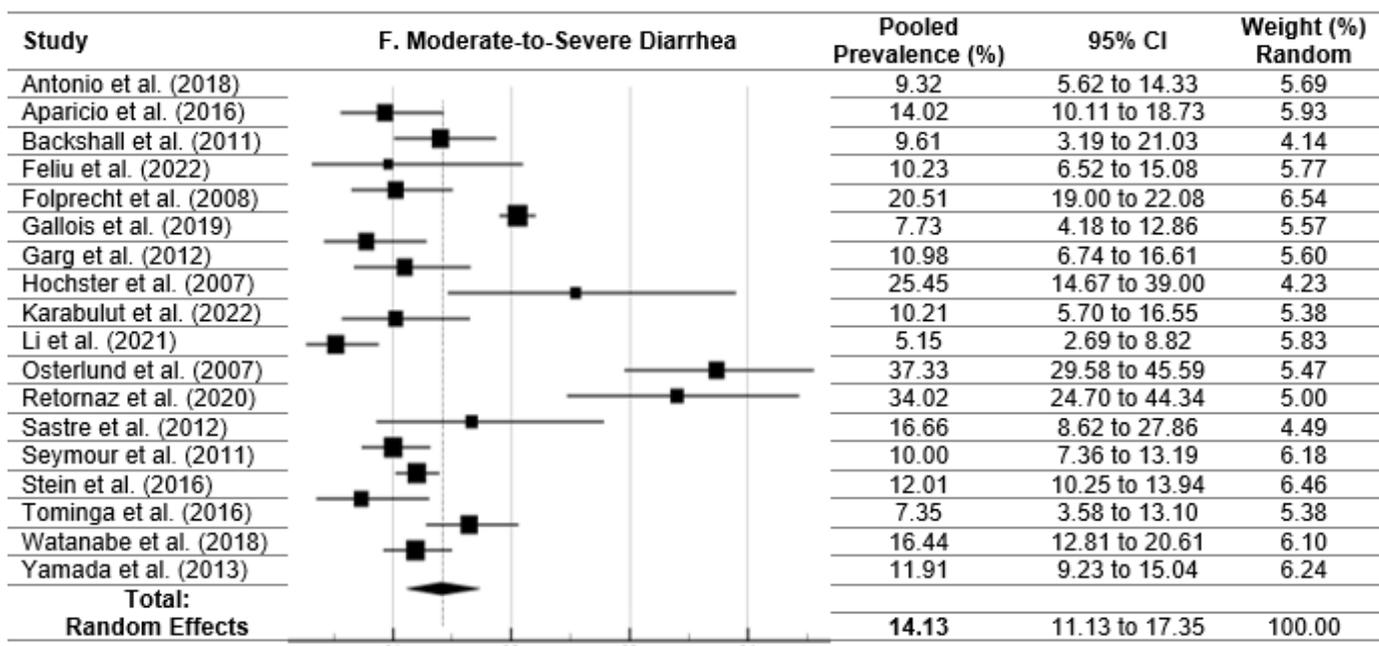
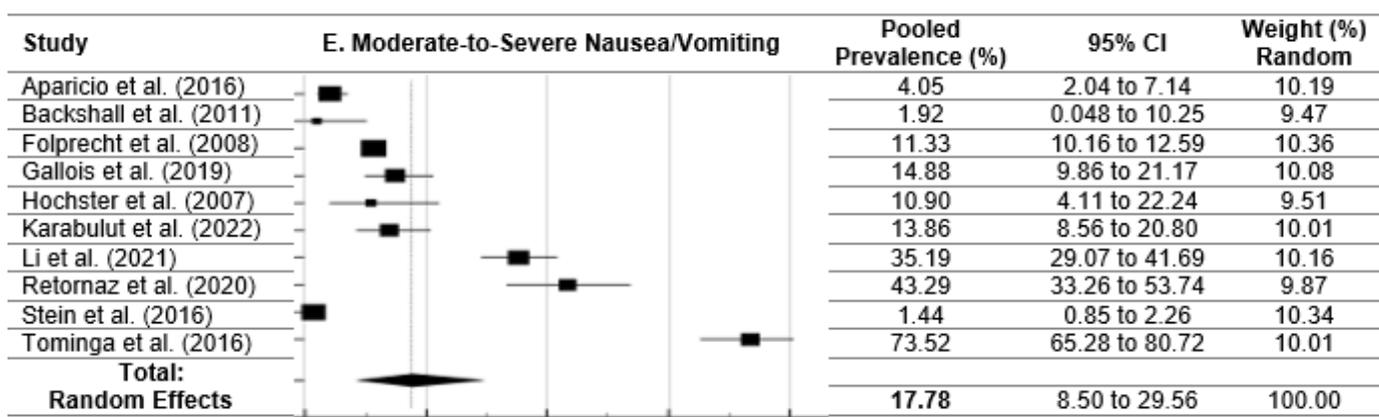
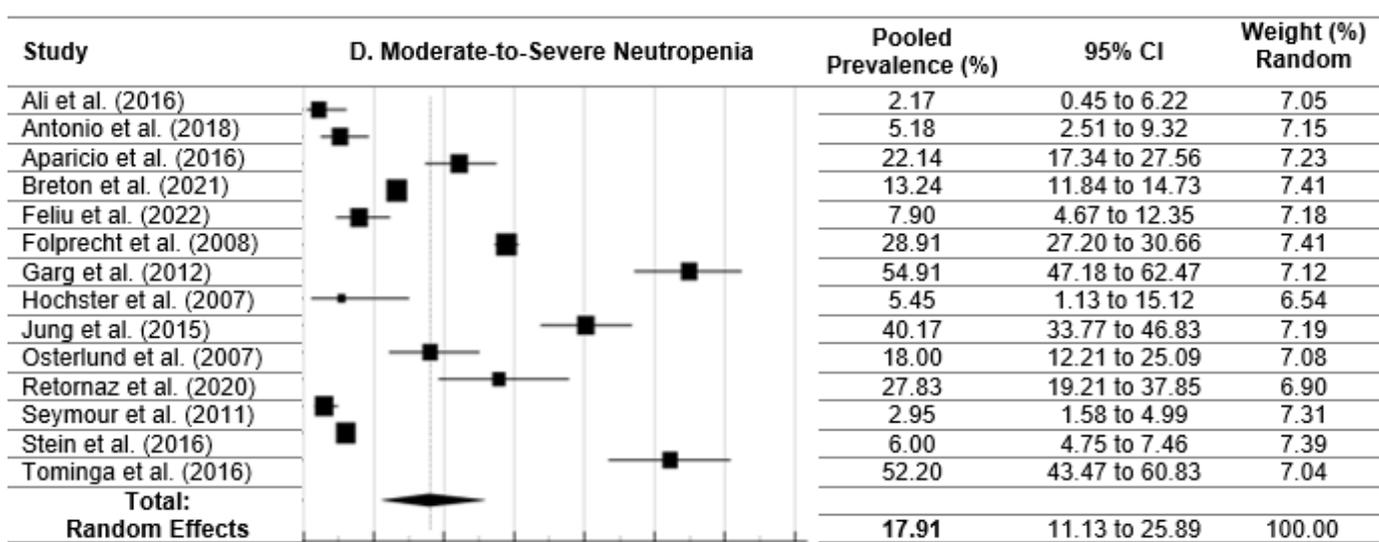


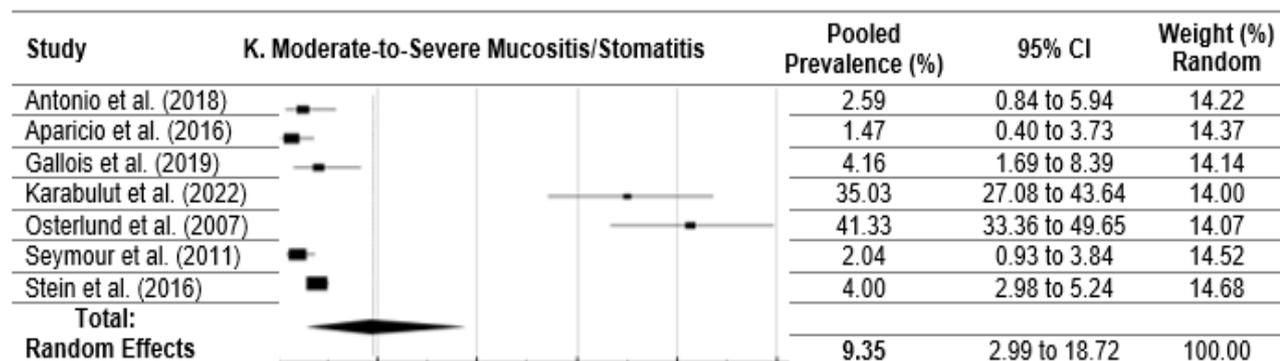
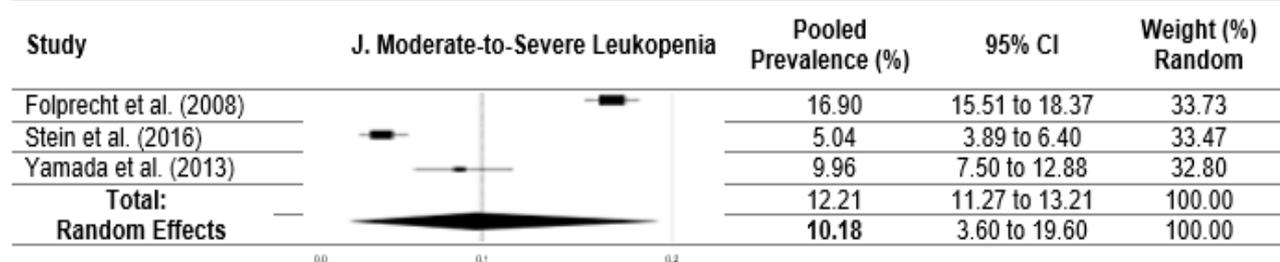
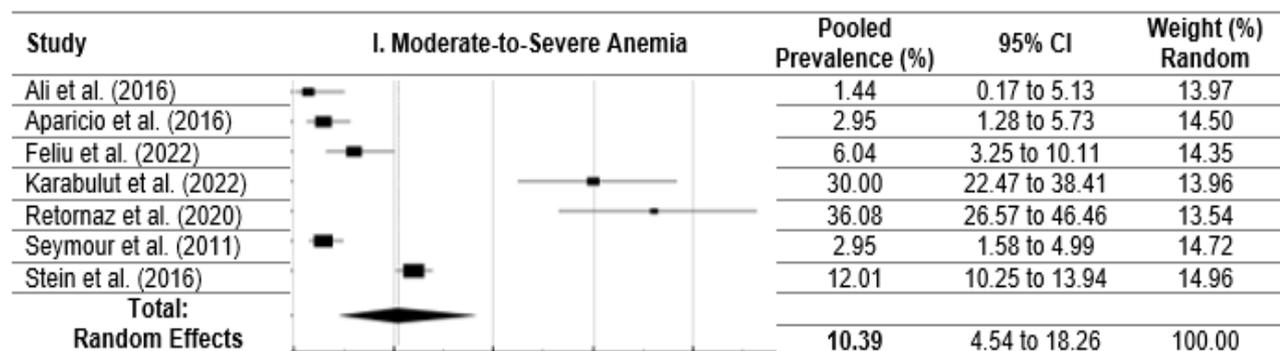
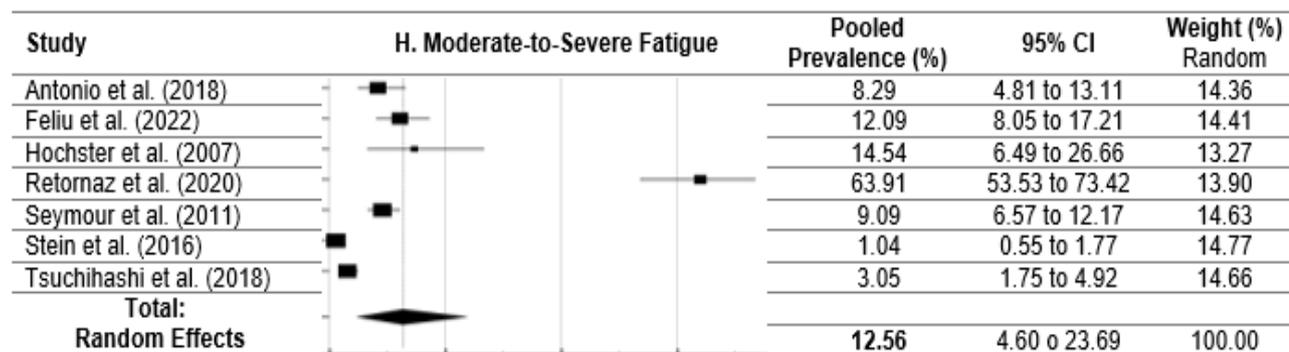
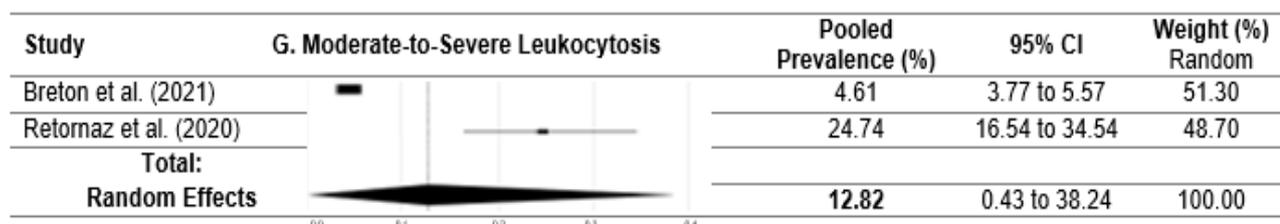
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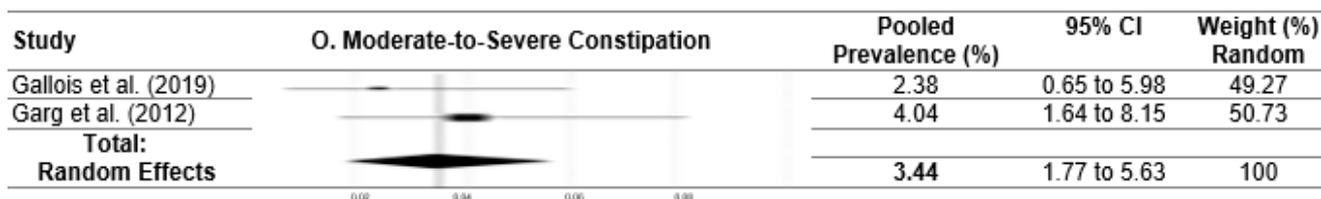
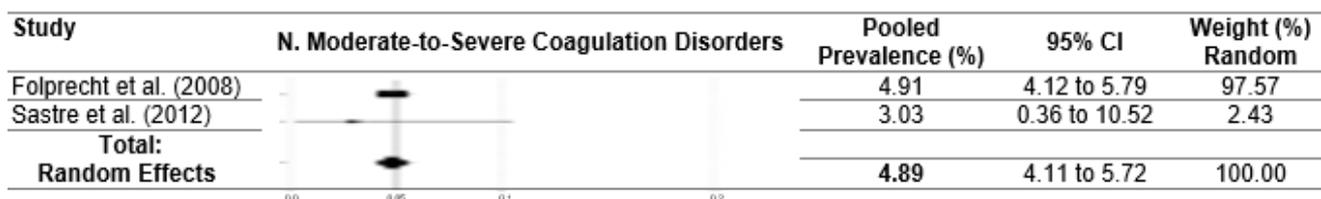
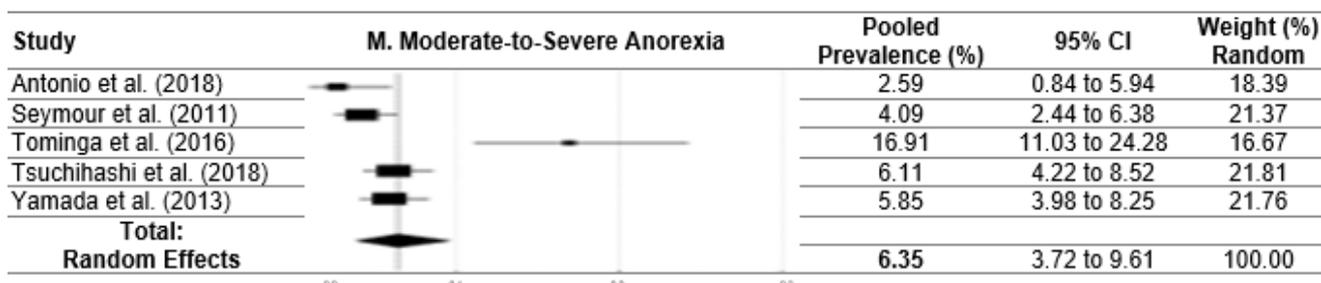
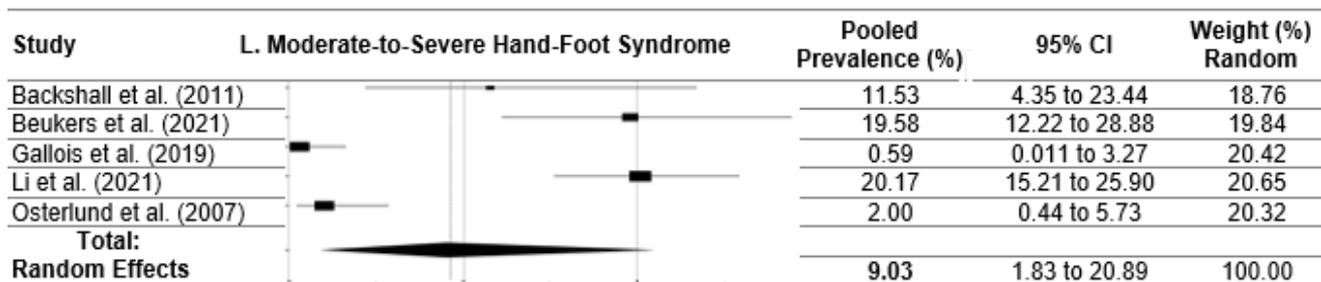
**Supplementary Figure 2.**

**Forest Plots for Pooled Prevalences of Chemotoxicities (Subgroups with Moderate-to-Severe Severity).**









**Supplementary Figure 3.**

**Forest Plots for Pooled Prevalence of Chemotoxicities (Subgroups with Mild Severity)**

