



Supplementary information to:

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TOXIC HEAVY METAL CONCENTRATIONS IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PATIENTS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

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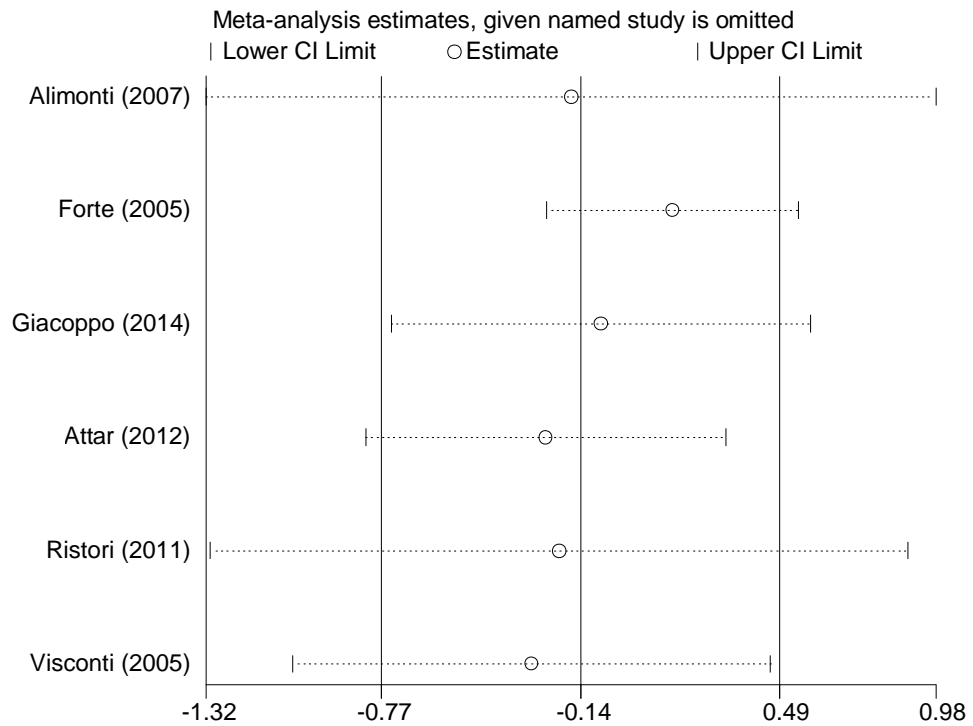
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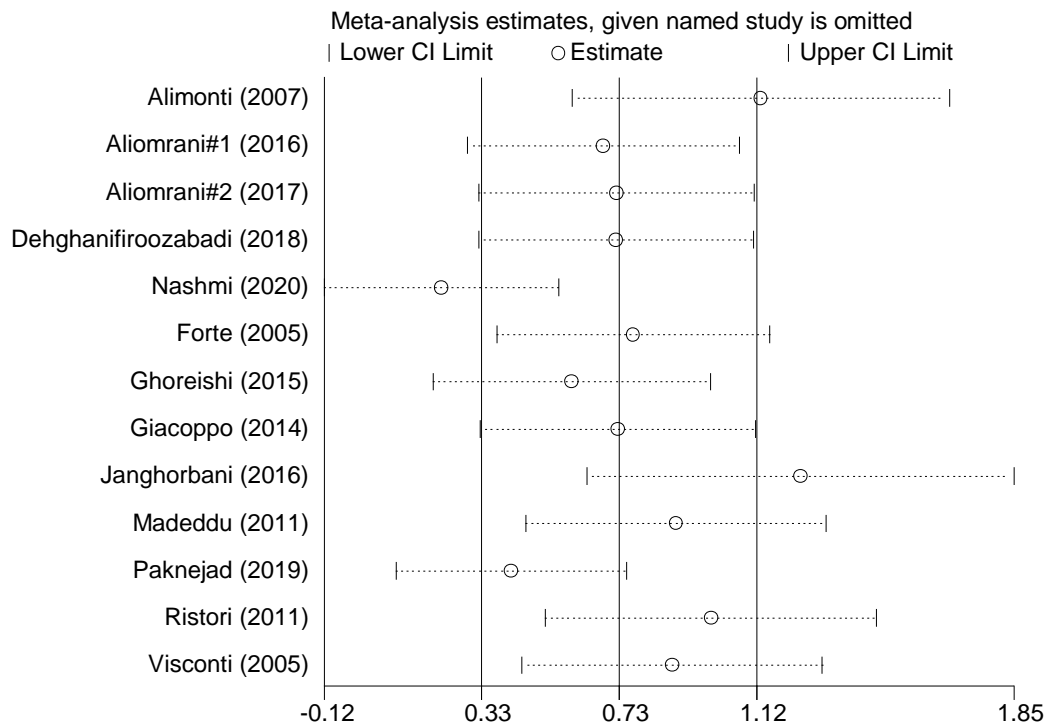
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Supplementary Table 1: Overall quality scores of including studies using Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) tool

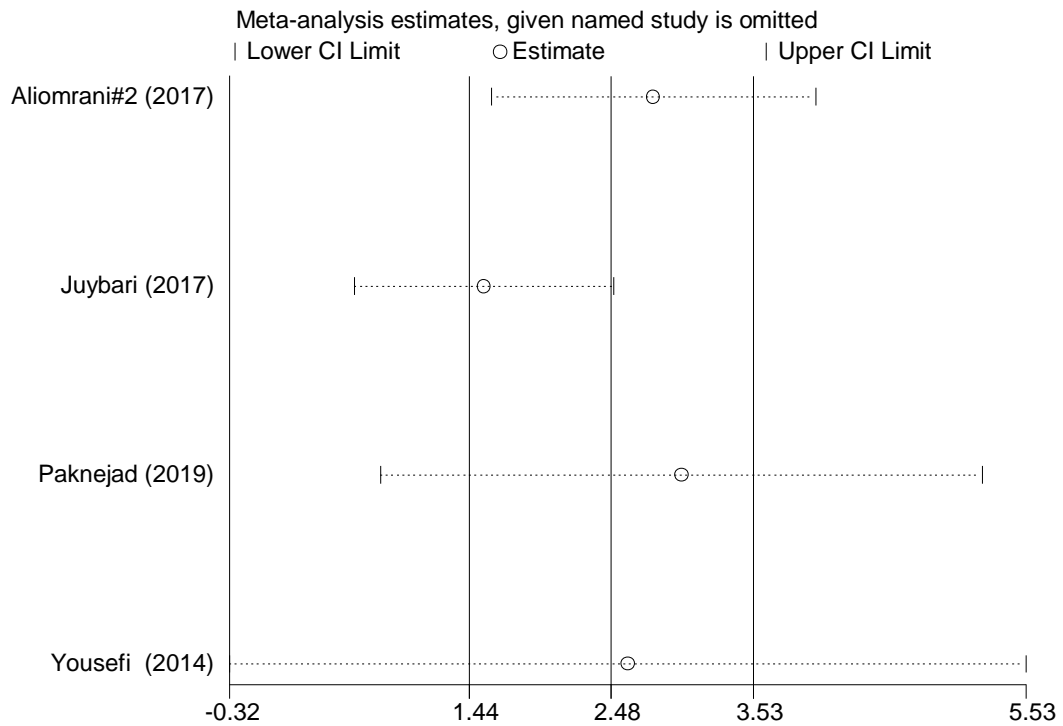
Author name	Study design	Selection	Comparability	Exposure/ outcome	Overall quality assessment score
Alimonti	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Aliomrani, 2016	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Aliomrani, 2017	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Juybari	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Dehghani-firoozabadi	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Nashmi	Case-control	***	*	***	7
Forte	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Ghoreishi	Case-control	***	*	***	7
Giacoppo	Case-control	***	*	***	7
Janghorbani	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Madeddu	Case-control	***	*	***	7
Attar	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Paknejad	Case-control	****	*	***	8
Ristori	Cohort	****	*	***	8
Visconti	Case-control	***	*	***	7
Yousefi	Case-control	****	*	***	8



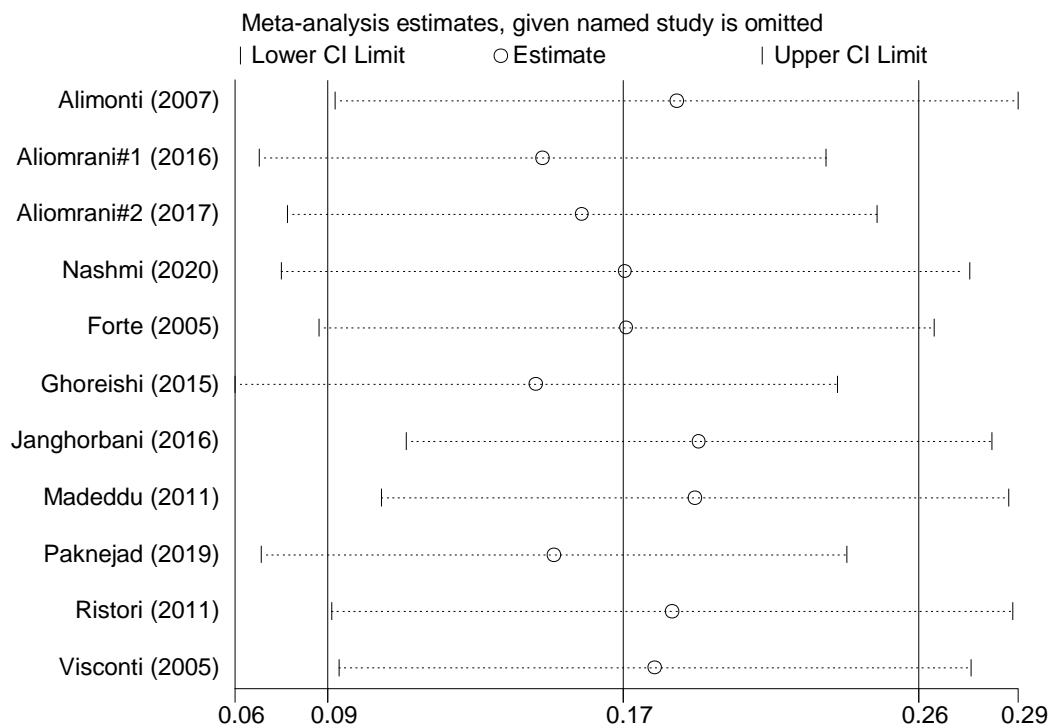
Supplementary Figure 1: Sensitivity analysis findings after excluding each study for mercury (Hg)



Supplementary Figure 2: Sensitivity analysis findings after excluding each study for lead (Pb)



Supplementary Figure 3: Sensitivity analysis findings after excluding each study for Arsenic (As)



Supplementary Figure 4: Sensitivity analysis findings after excluding each study for Cadmium (Cd)