

Table 5-17. Summary data interpretation by tiers within country¹

Through Tier ²	Relative weight ³ (%)	Country ⁴	Studies added	RR	Confidence interval 90%	P-value effect
1		Greece	KALA	1.92	(1.13, 3.23)	0.02
2	4	Greece	---	1.92	(1.13, 3.23)	0.02
3	6	Greece	TRIC	2.01	(1.42, 2.84)	0.0005
4		Greece	---	2.01	(1.42, 2.84)	0.0005
1		Hong Kong	KOO	1.54	(0.98, 2.43)	0.06
2	16	Hong Kong	LAMT	1.61	(1.25, 2.07)	0.0009
3	14	Hong Kong	LAMW	1.75	(1.39, 2.19)	0.00002
4		Hong Kong	CHAN	1.48	(1.21, 1.81)	0.0008
1		Japan	---	---	---	---
2	30	Japan	AKIB, HIRA(Coh), SHIM, SOBU	1.39	(1.16, 1.66)	0.001
3	23	Japan	---	1.39	(1.16, 1.66)	0.001
4		Japan	INOUE	1.41	(1.18, 1.69)	0.0007
1		United States	FONT	1.28	(1.03, 1.60)	0.03
2	41	United States	BUTL(Coh), CORR, GARF, HUMB, JANE, KABA, WU	1.22	(1.04, 1.42)	0.02
3	43	United States	BROW, BUFF, GARF(Coh)	1.19	(1.04, 1.35)	0.02
4		United States	---	1.19	(1.04, 1.35)	0.02
1		W. Europe	HOLE(Coh), PERS	1.21	(0.79, 1.90)	0.24
2	9	W. Europe	SVEN, LEE	1.17	(0.85, 1.64)	0.22
3	7	W. Europe	---	1.17	(0.85, 1.64)	0.22
4		W. Europe	---	1.17	(0.85, 1.64)	0.22
1		China	---	---	---	---
2	0	China	---	---	---	---
3	7	China	GAO	1.19	(0.87, 1.62)	0.18
4		China	GENG, LIU, WUWI	0.95	(0.81, 1.12)	0.70

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¹Use of Tiers 1 through 2 or Tiers 1 through 3, both shown in boldface, is recommended. Tier 4 is *not* recommended.

²Each line contains the studies in the previous tiers plus those added.

³Percentage of total weight by country for Tiers 1 through 2 or 1 through 3.

⁴Western Europe consists of England, Scotland, and Sweden.