Supplementary Table 5. Egger test

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| **Study** | **SE** | ***p* value** | **CI-lower** | **CI-upper** |
| HCC (drinkers vs non-drinkers) | 1.617 | 0.531 | -2.391 | 4.464 |
| cirrhosis (drinkers vs non-drinkers) | 0.289 | 2.366 | -2.621 | 7.923 |
| cirrhosis (high level drinkers vs low level drinkers) | 0.087 | 0.811 | -0.233 | 3.161 |
| HCC (high level drinkers vs low level drinkers) | 0.547 | 0.011 | 0.372 | 2.613 |
| HCC with cirrhosis (drinkers vs non-drinkers) | 3.321 | 0.407 | -11.539 | 5.534 |
| HCC without cirrhosis (drinkers vs non-drinkers) | 1.296 | 0.974 | -2.975 | 2.887 |
| HCC without liver cirrhosis (high level drinkers vs low level drinkers) | 0.874 | 0.342 | -0.977 | 2.681 |
| cirrhosis without HCC (drinkers vs non-drinkers) | 2.738 | 0.801 | -7.96 | 9.465 |
| cirrhosis without HCC (high level drinkers vs low level drinkers) | 1.529 | 0.514 | -2.482 | 4.568 |
| HCC with cirrhosis (high level drinkers vs low level drinkers) | 0.773 | 0.018 | 0.41 | 3.704 |