

### Additional file 3: Forest plots of subgroup analyses for cohort studies

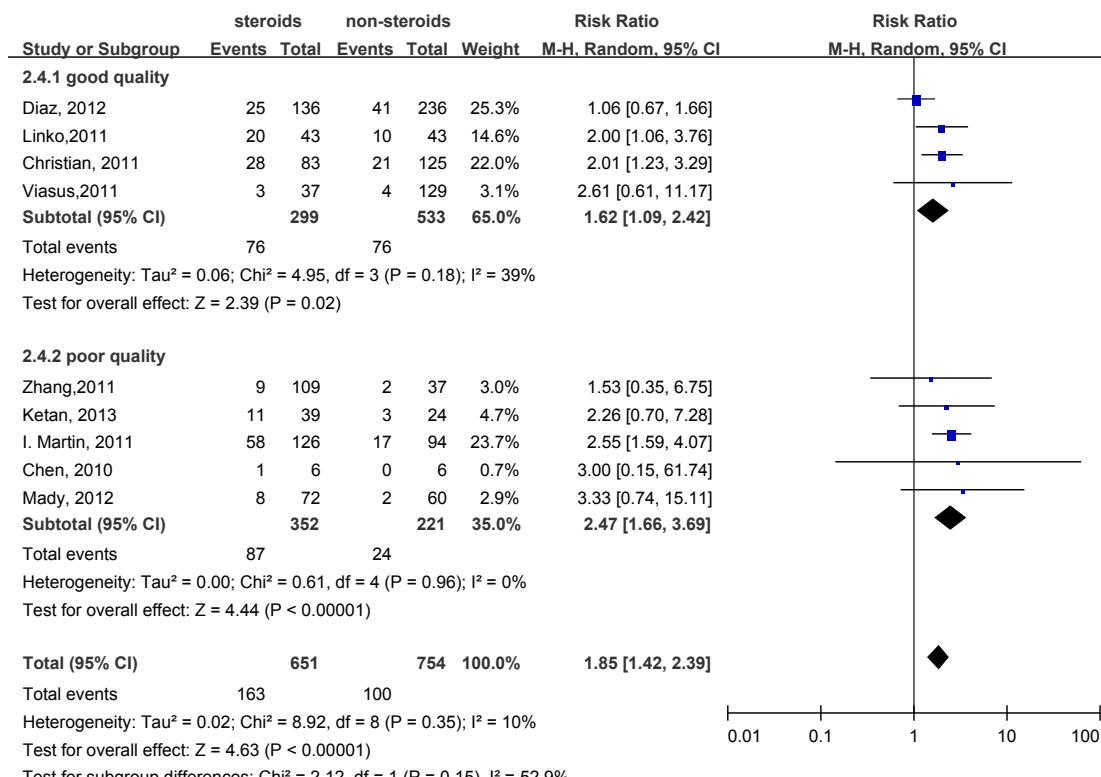
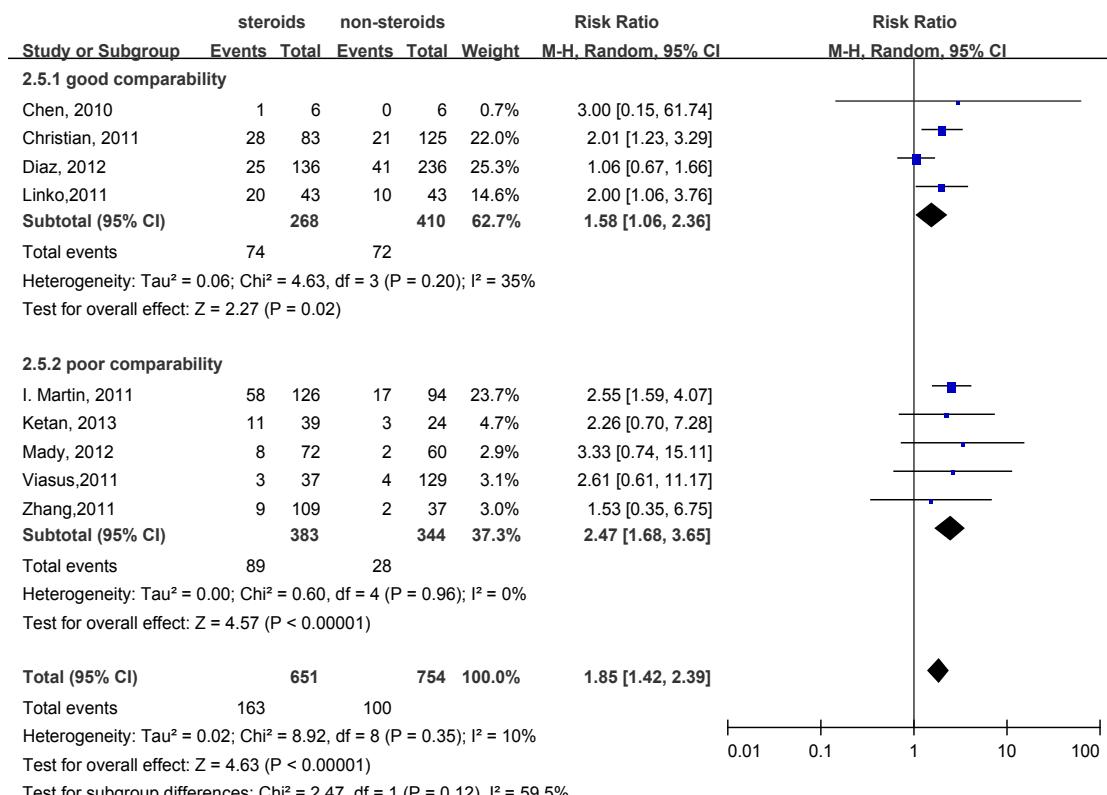
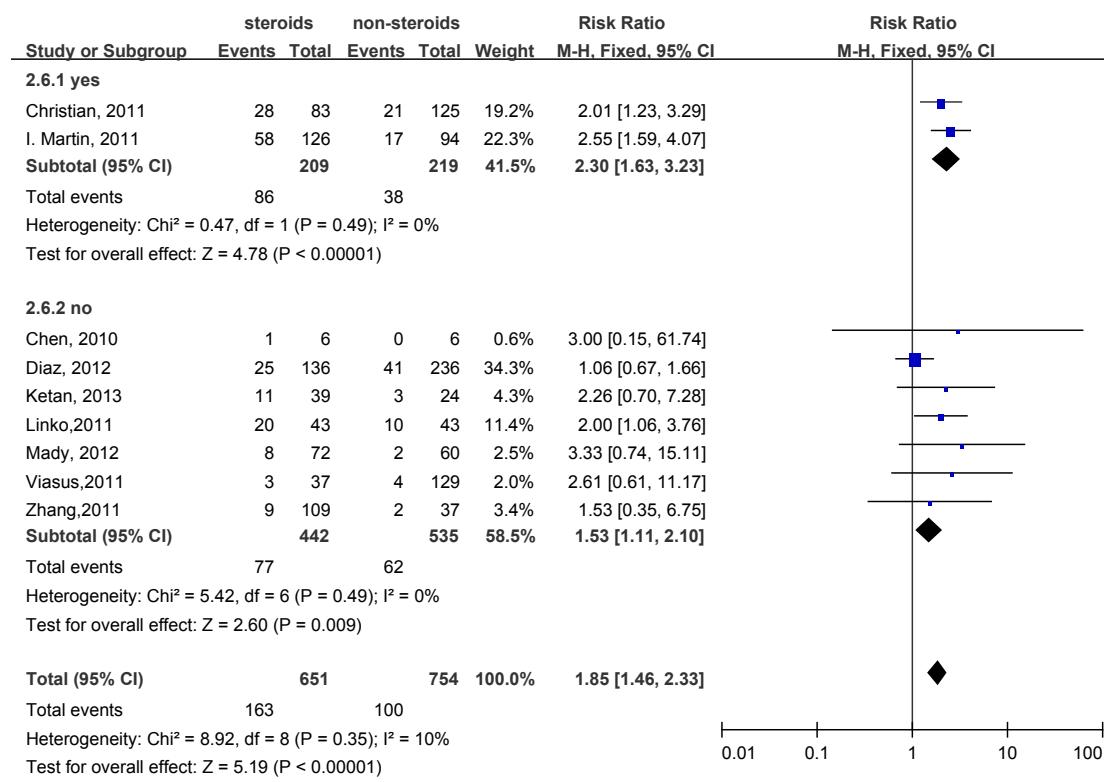


Figure A. Effect of corticosteroid on influenza A (H1N1) cases in subgroups with different study qualities



**Figure B.** Effect of corticosteroid on influenza A (H1N1) cases in subgroup studies with poor and good comparability in terms of age and antiviral treatment



**Figure C.** Effect of corticosteroid on influenza A (H1N1) cases in subgroups with and without suspected and /or probable cases