

## **Efficacy**

### ***Randomised controlled trials***

**Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started**

***Pulmonary tuberculosis***

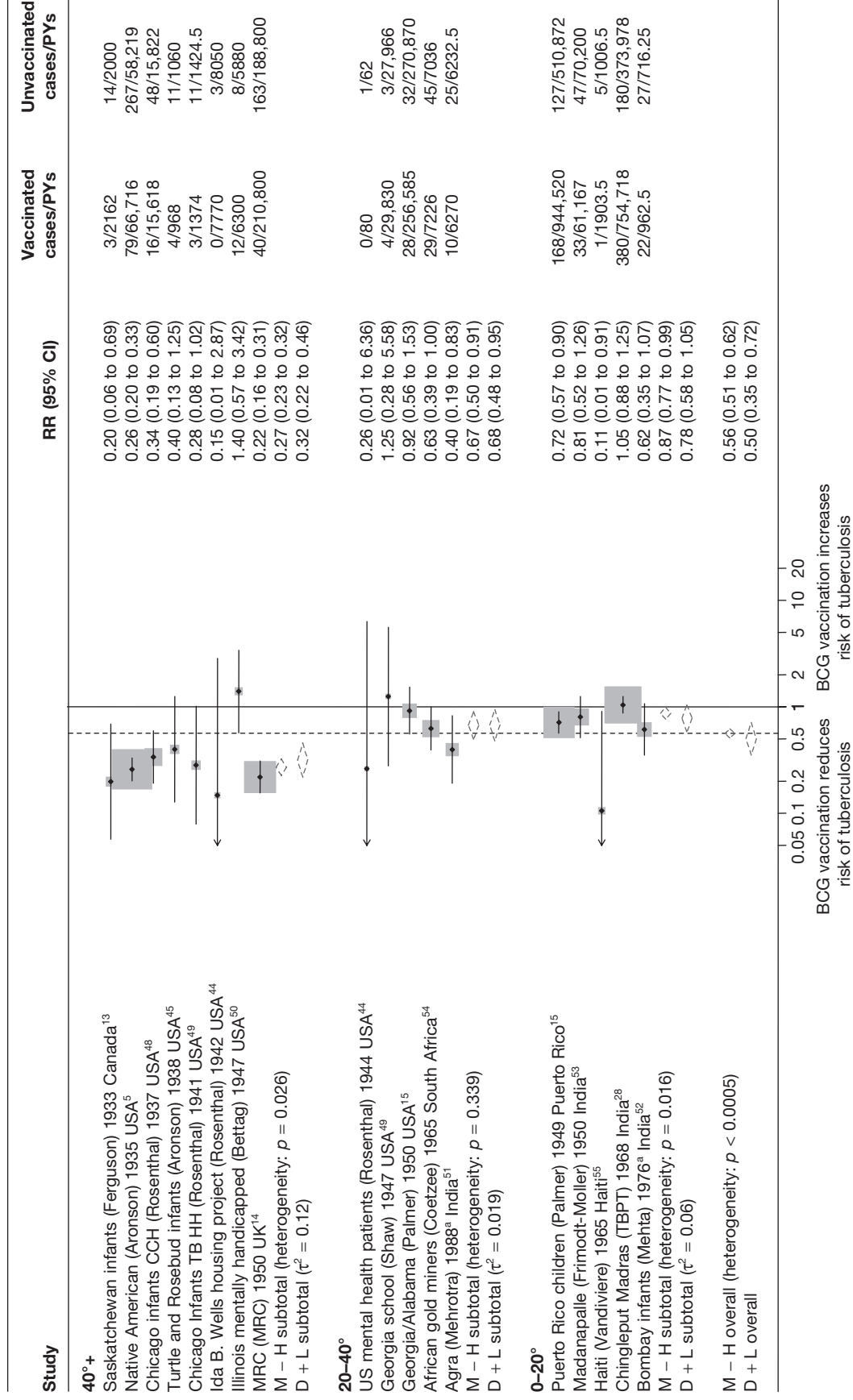
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***All tuberculosis disease outcomes***

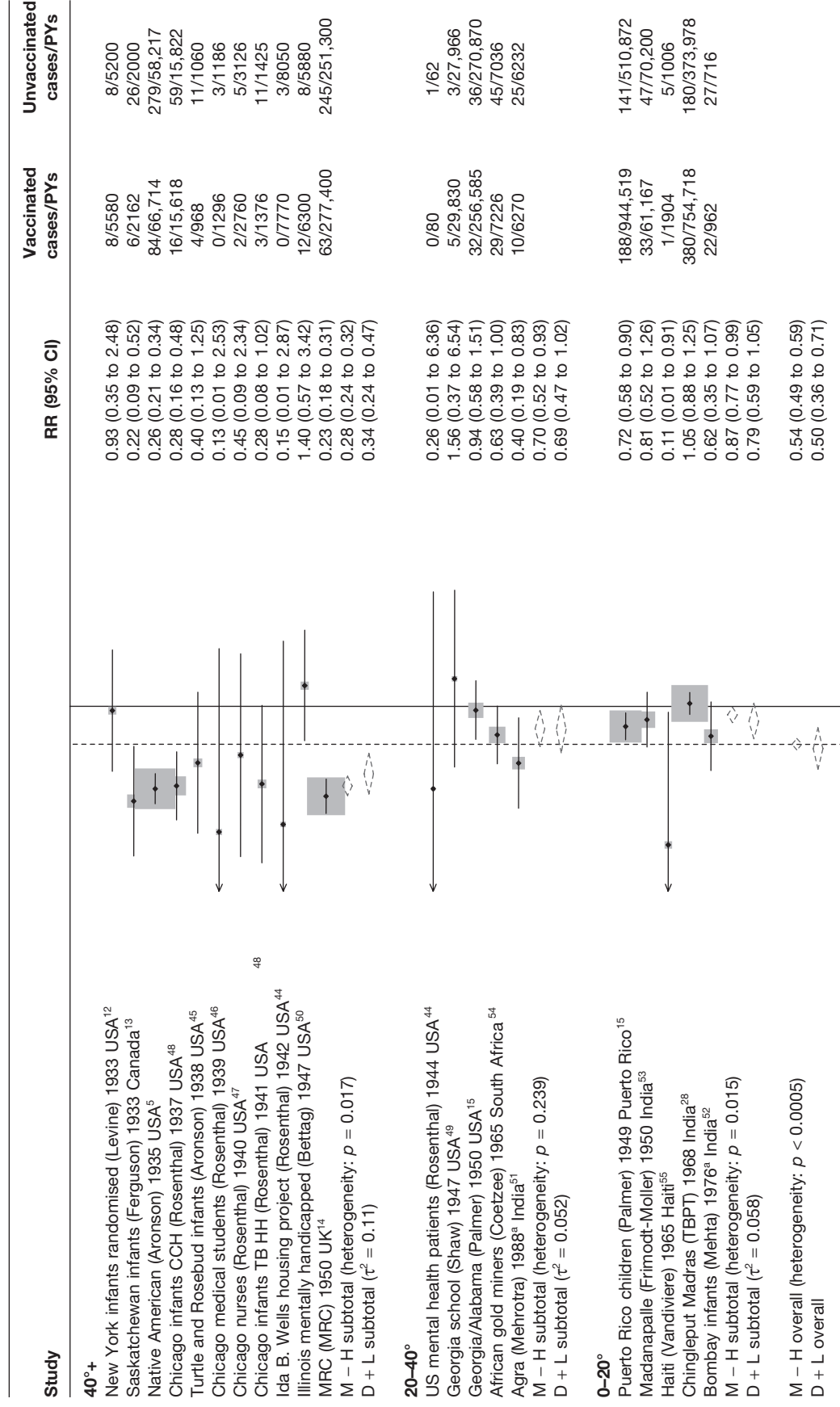
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***Combined tuberculosis meningitis and/or miliary tuberculosis***

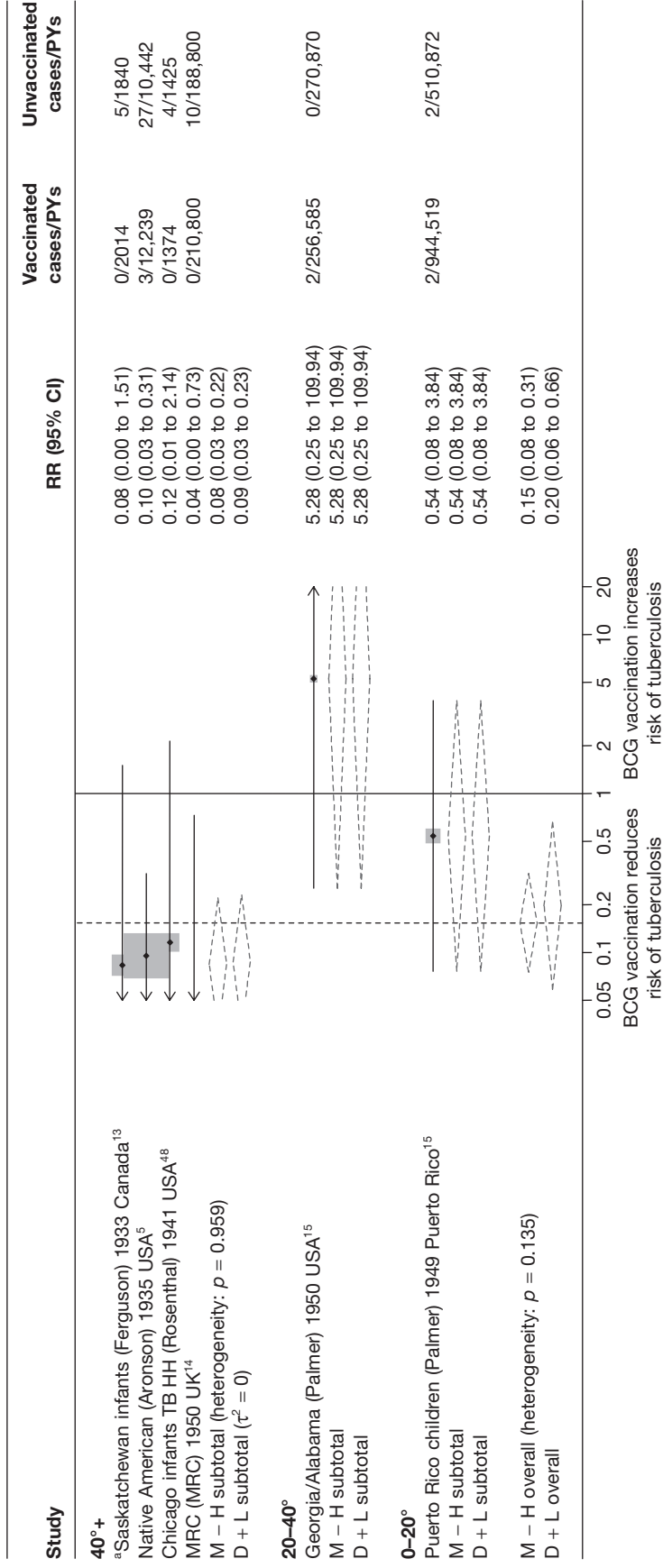
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**FIGURE 121** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of pulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. CCH, Cook County Hospital; D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M - H, Mantel-Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households; TBPT, Tuberculosis Prevention Trial.



**FIGURE 122** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of all tuberculosis disease outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. CCH, Cook County Hospital; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel method; M-L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households; TBPT, Tuberculosis Prevention Trial.



**FIGURE 123** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of tuberculosis meningitis and/or military tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, The outcome is military tuberculosis only. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.

## **Meningitis tuberculosis**

***Unstratified analyses are ordered by year trial started***

See *Figure 124*.

***Stratified analysis by 10° latitude, ordered by year study started***

See *Figure 125*.

***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***

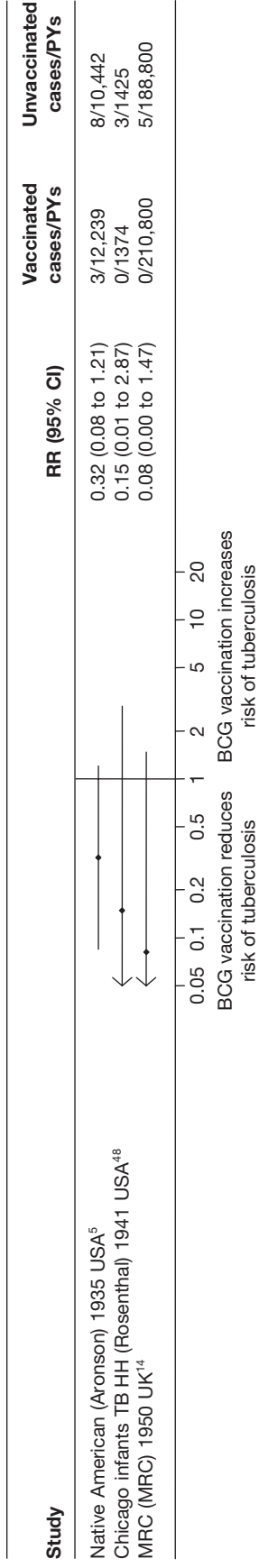
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***Stratified analysis by age at vaccination, ordered by year study started***

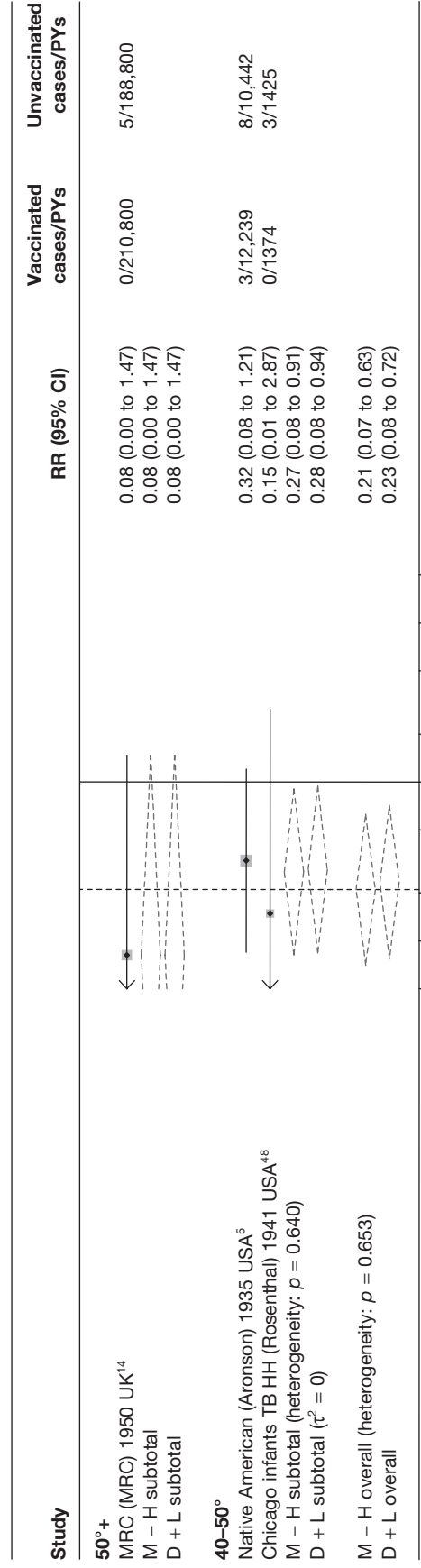
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***Stratified analysis by risk of diagnostic detection bias, ordered by year study started***

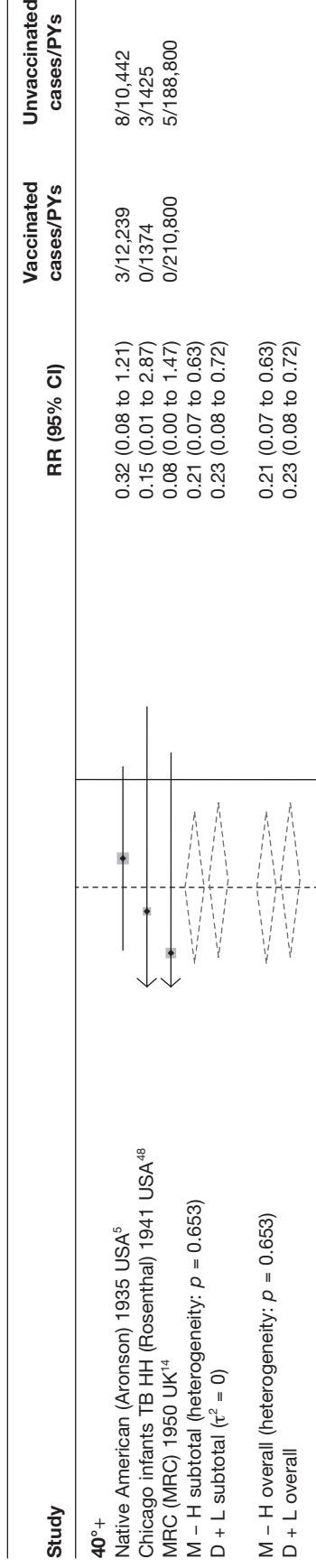
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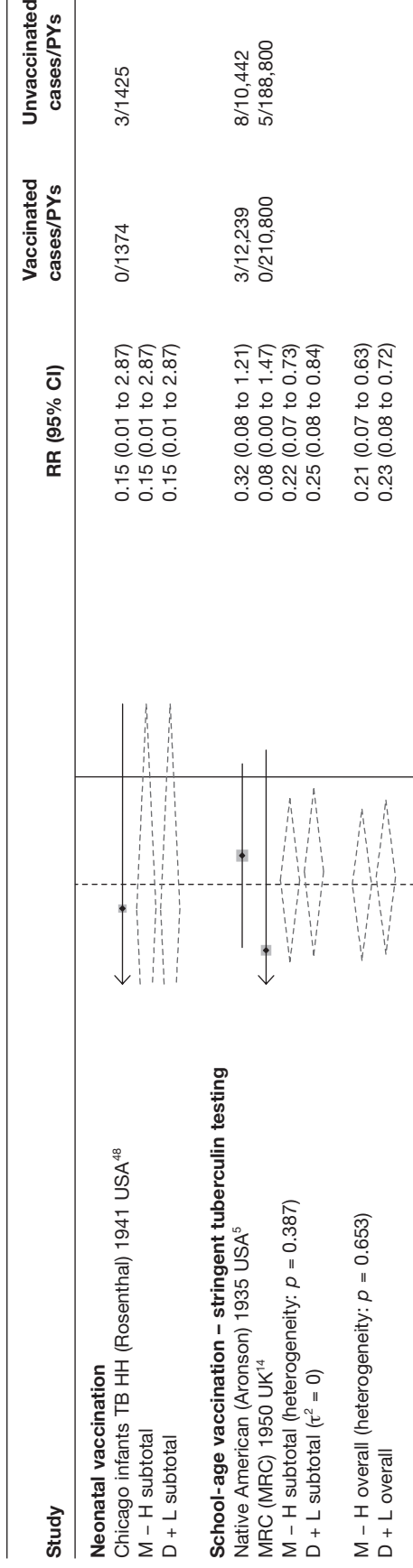
**FIGURE 124** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of tuberculosis meningitis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see *Table 3*) in RCTs ordered by year of study start. TB HH, tuberculosis household.



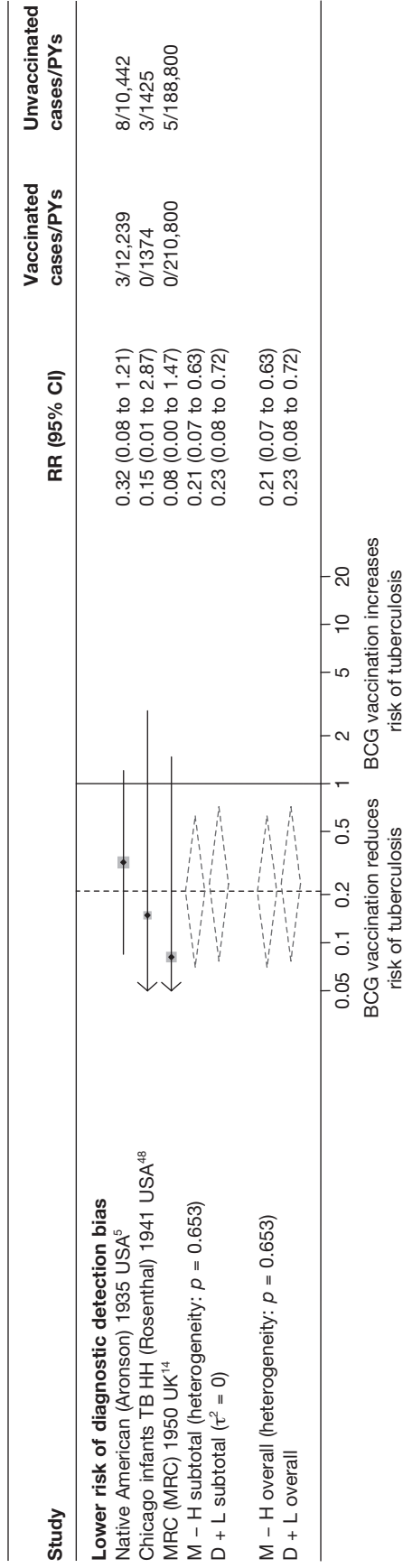
**FIGURE 125** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of tuberculosis meningitis and/or military tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see *Table 3*) in RCTs, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M–H, Mantel–Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis household.



**FIGURE 126** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of tuberculosis meningitis and/or military tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RTCs, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M – H, Mantel–Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.



**FIGURE 127** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of tuberculosis meningitis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RTCs, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M – H, Mantel–Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.



**FIGURE 128** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of tuberculosis meningitis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by risk of diagnostic detection bias<sup>a</sup> and ordered by year of study start. a. Diagnostic detection bias occurs if the assessor of BCG outcome is not blinded to vaccination status. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M - H, Mantel-Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.



## **Miliary tuberculosis**

***Unstratified analyses are ordered by year trial started***

See *Figure 129*.

***Stratified analysis by 10° latitude, ordered by year study started***

See *Figure 130*.

***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***

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***Stratified analysis by age at vaccination, ordered by year study started***

See *Figure 132*.

***Stratified analysis by risk of diagnostic detection bias, ordered by year study started***

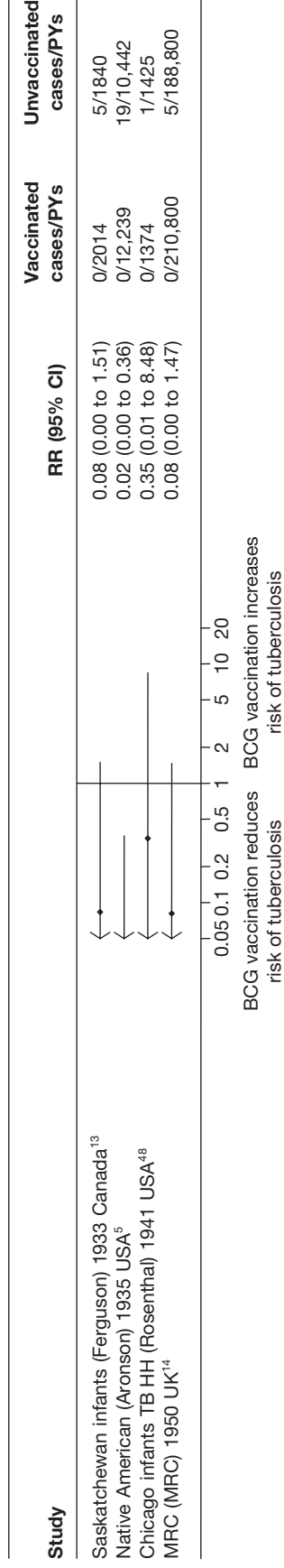
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***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***  
***Extrapulmonary tuberculosis***

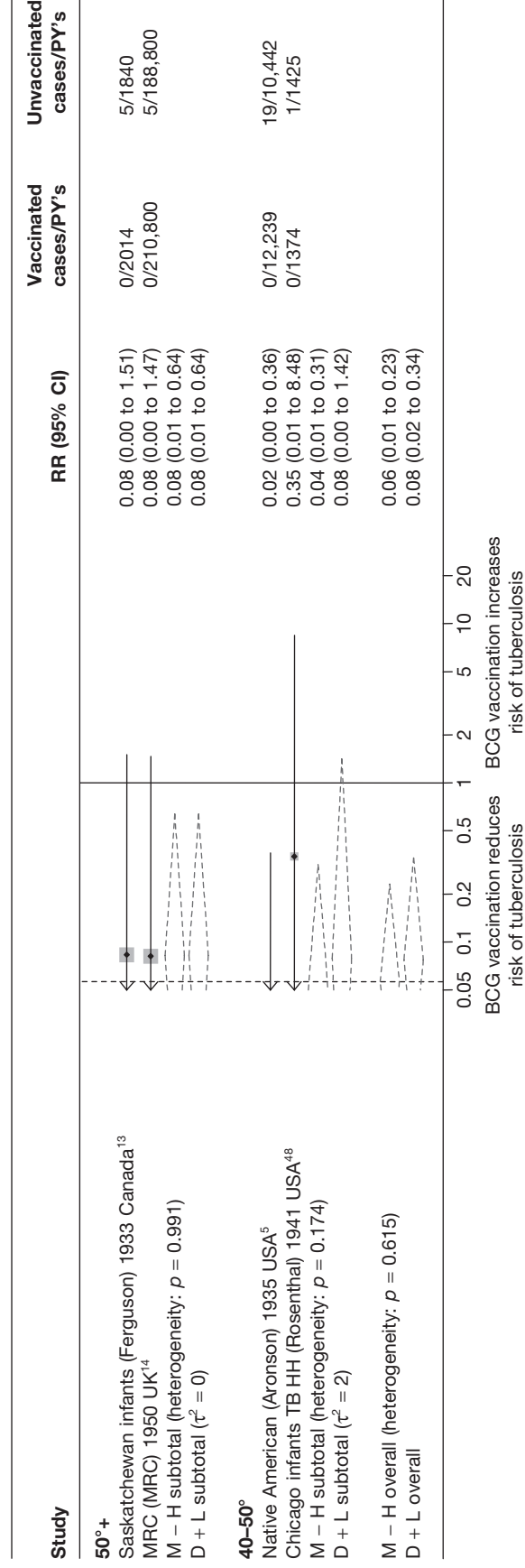
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***Tuberculosis mortality***

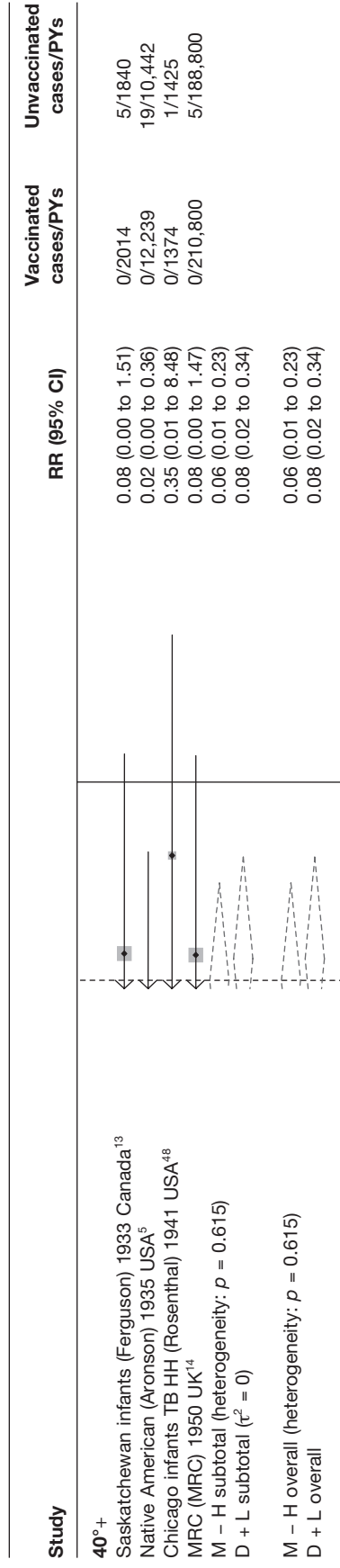
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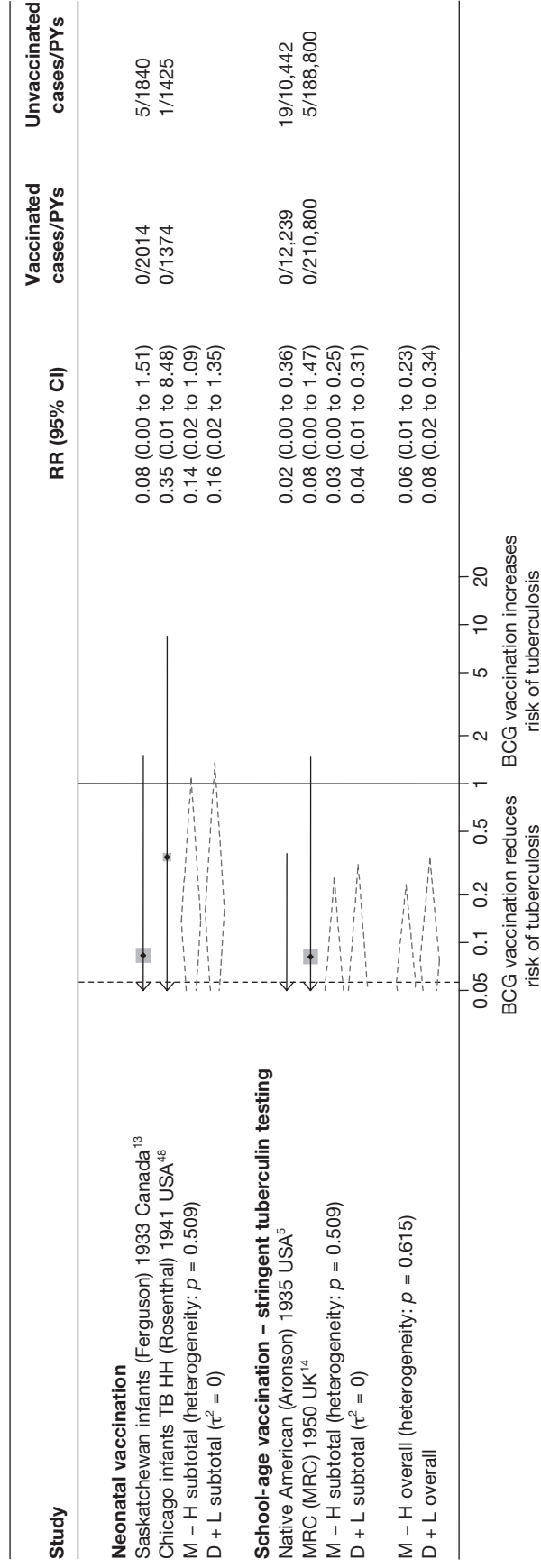
**FIGURE 129** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of miliary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, ordered by year of study start. TB HH, tuberculosis households.



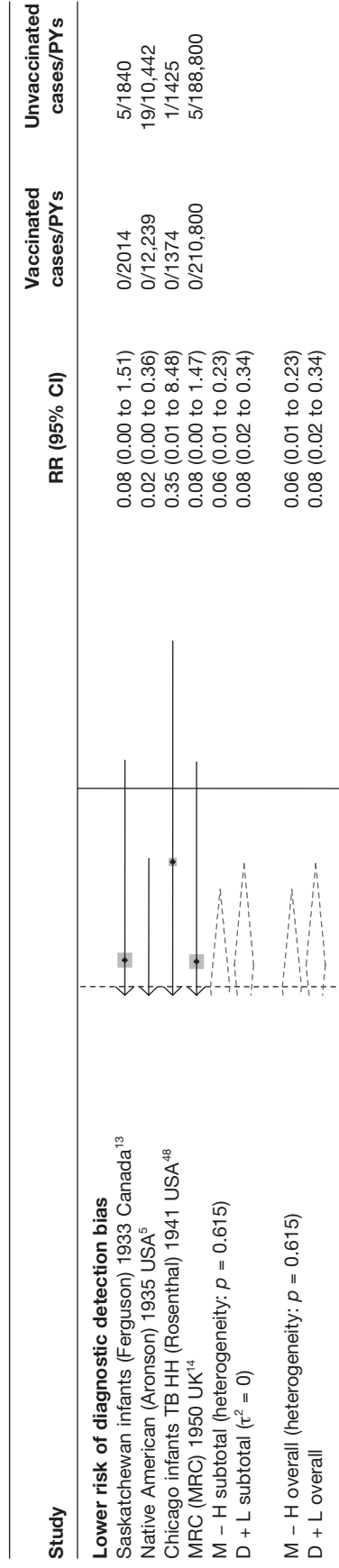
**FIGURE 130** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of miliary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by latitude of study location (10° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M - H, Mantel-Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.



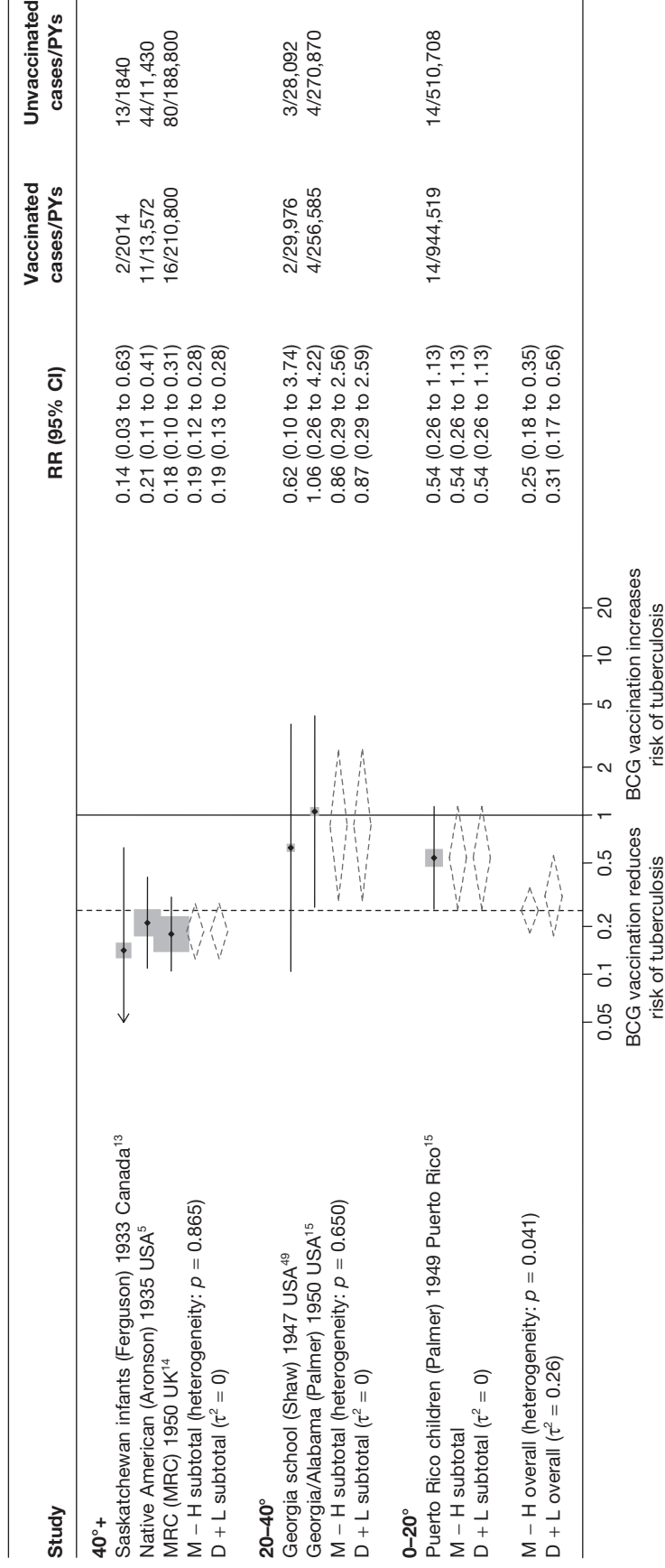
**FIGURE 131** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of miliary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M - H, Mantel-Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.



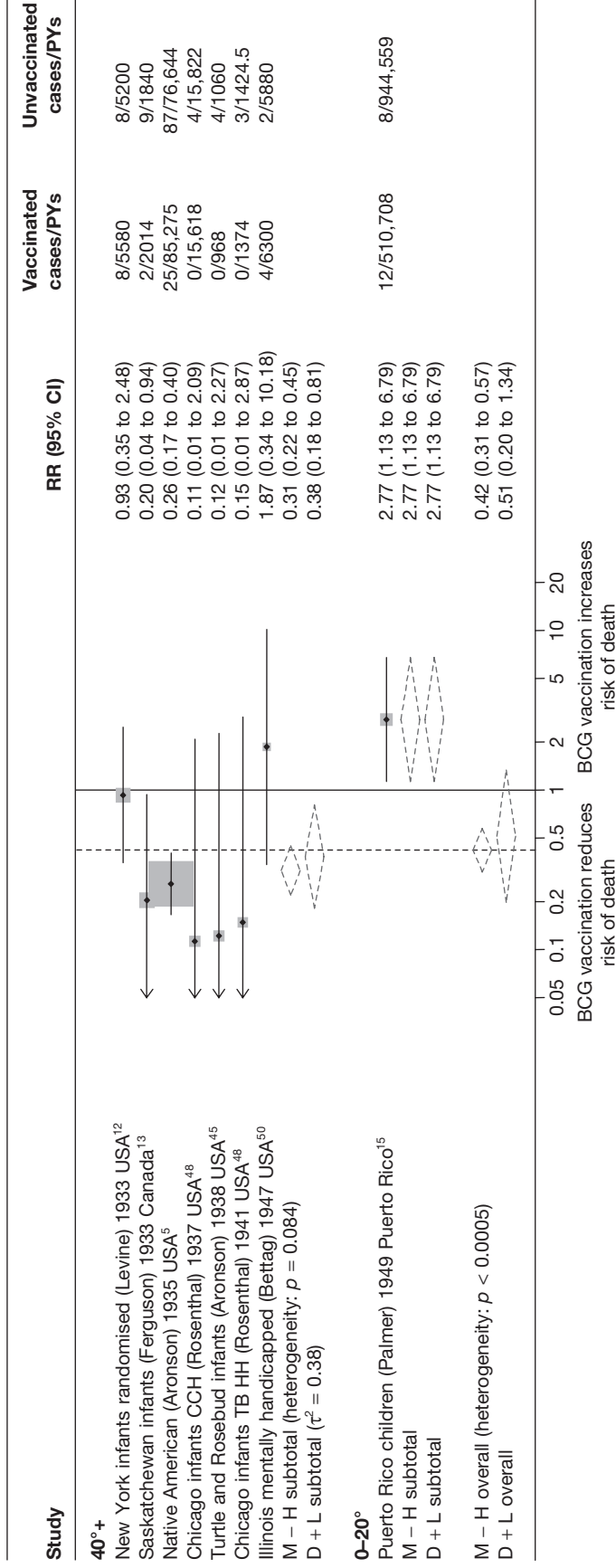
**FIGURE 132** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence military tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M - H, Mantel-Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.



**FIGURE 133** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of military tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by risk of diagnostic detection bias<sup>a</sup> and ordered by year of study start a, Diagnostic detection bias occurs if the assessor of BCG outcome is not blinded to vaccination status. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M - H, Mantel-Haenszel method; M - H, Mantel-Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.



**FIGURE 134** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of extrapulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3) in RCTs, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M - H, Mantel-Haenszel method.



**FIGURE 135** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of tuberculosis mortality among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 3), in RCTs stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. CCH, Cook County Hospital; D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; M – H, Mantel–Haenszel method; TB HH, tuberculosis households.

## **Observational studies**

**Pulmonary tuberculosis**

***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***

***Case-control studies***

See *Figure 136*.

***Cohort studies***

See *Figure 137*.

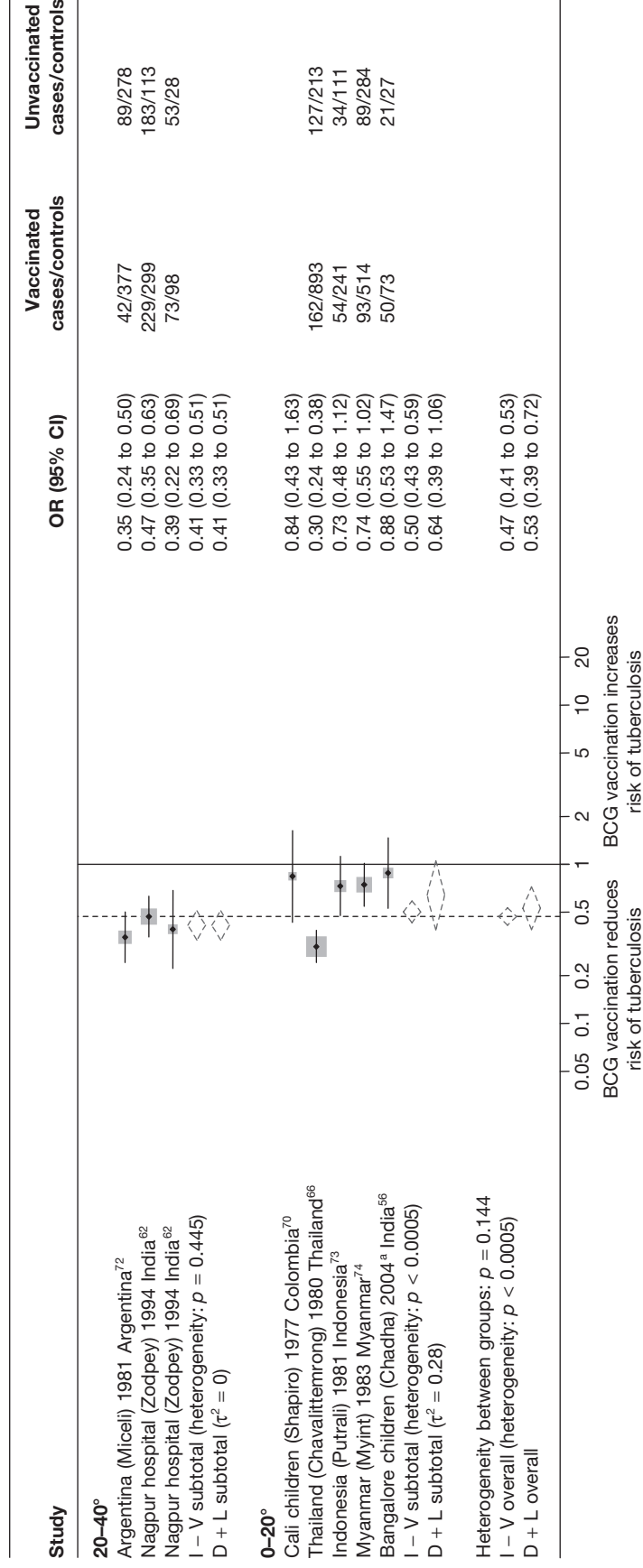
***Case population studies***

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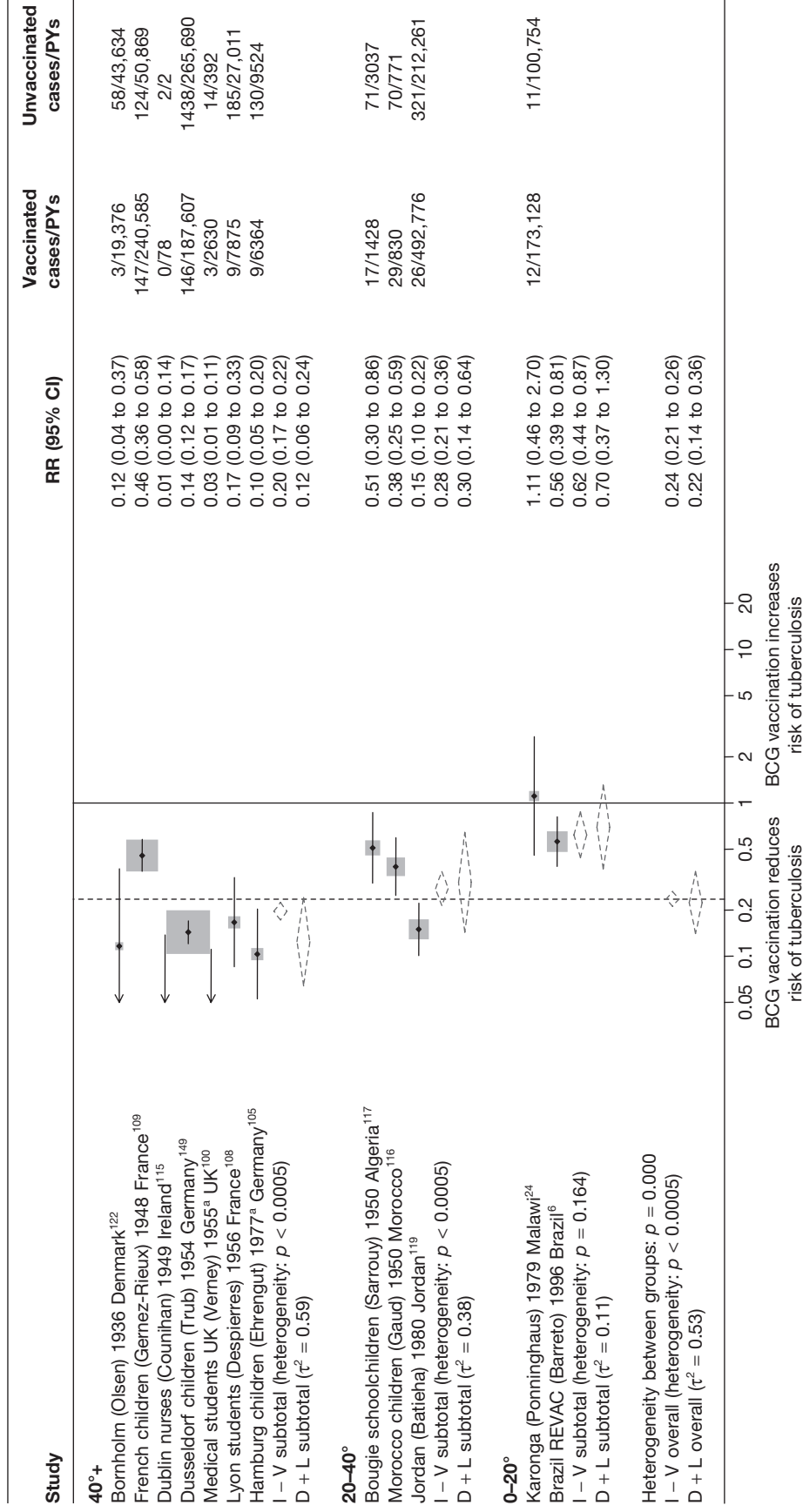
***Cross-sectional studies***

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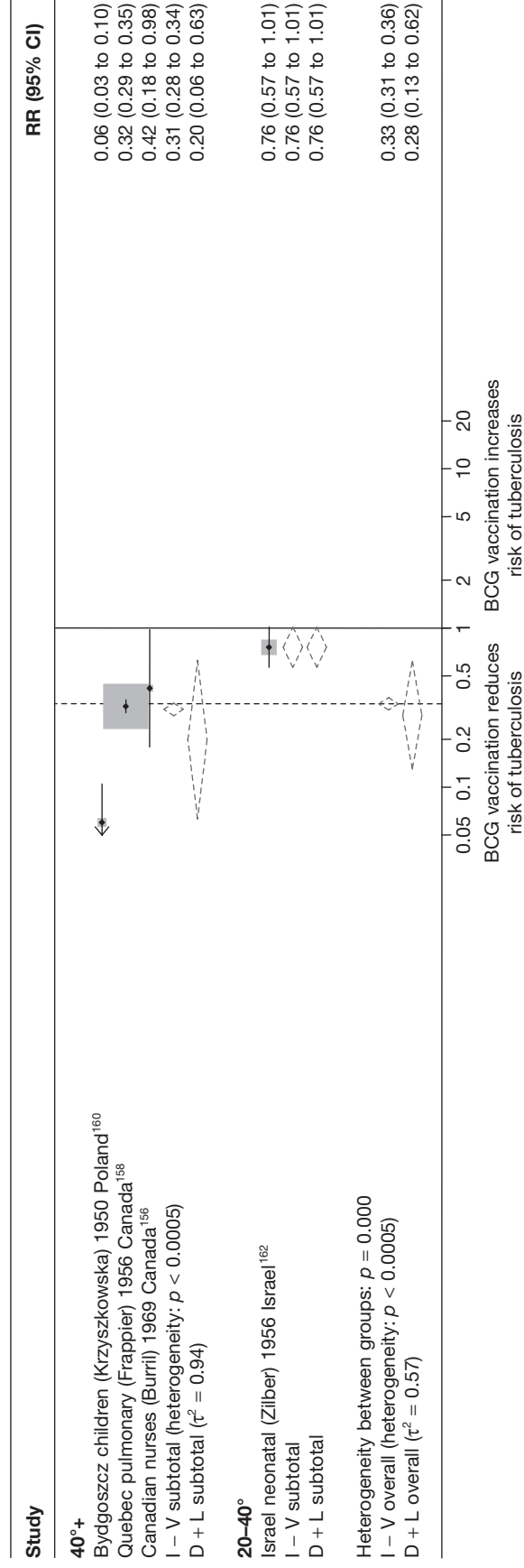




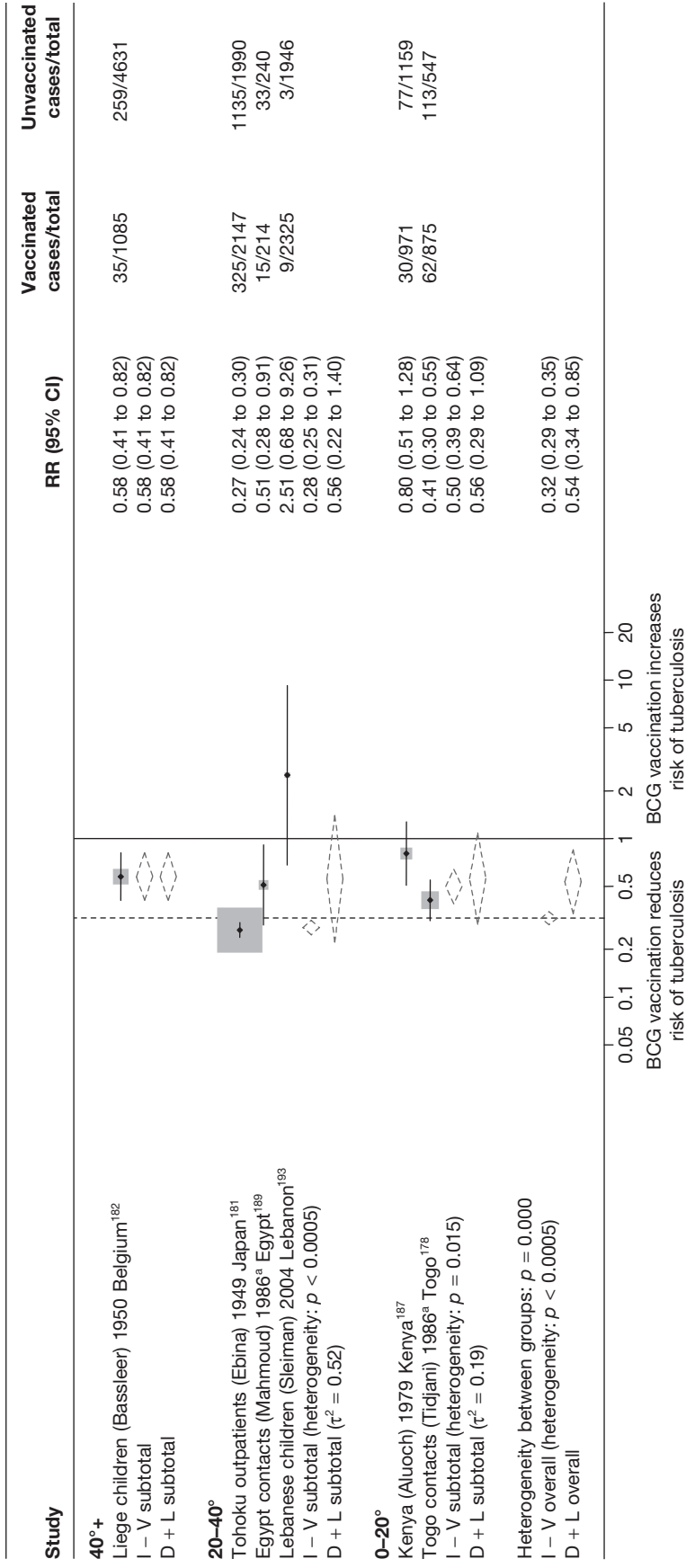
**FIGURE 136** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of pulmonary tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a. Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 137** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of pulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 138** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of pulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 5) in case population studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 139** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of pulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated in cross-sectional studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a. Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

**All tuberculosis disease outcomes**

*Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started*

**Case-control studies**

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**Cohort studies**

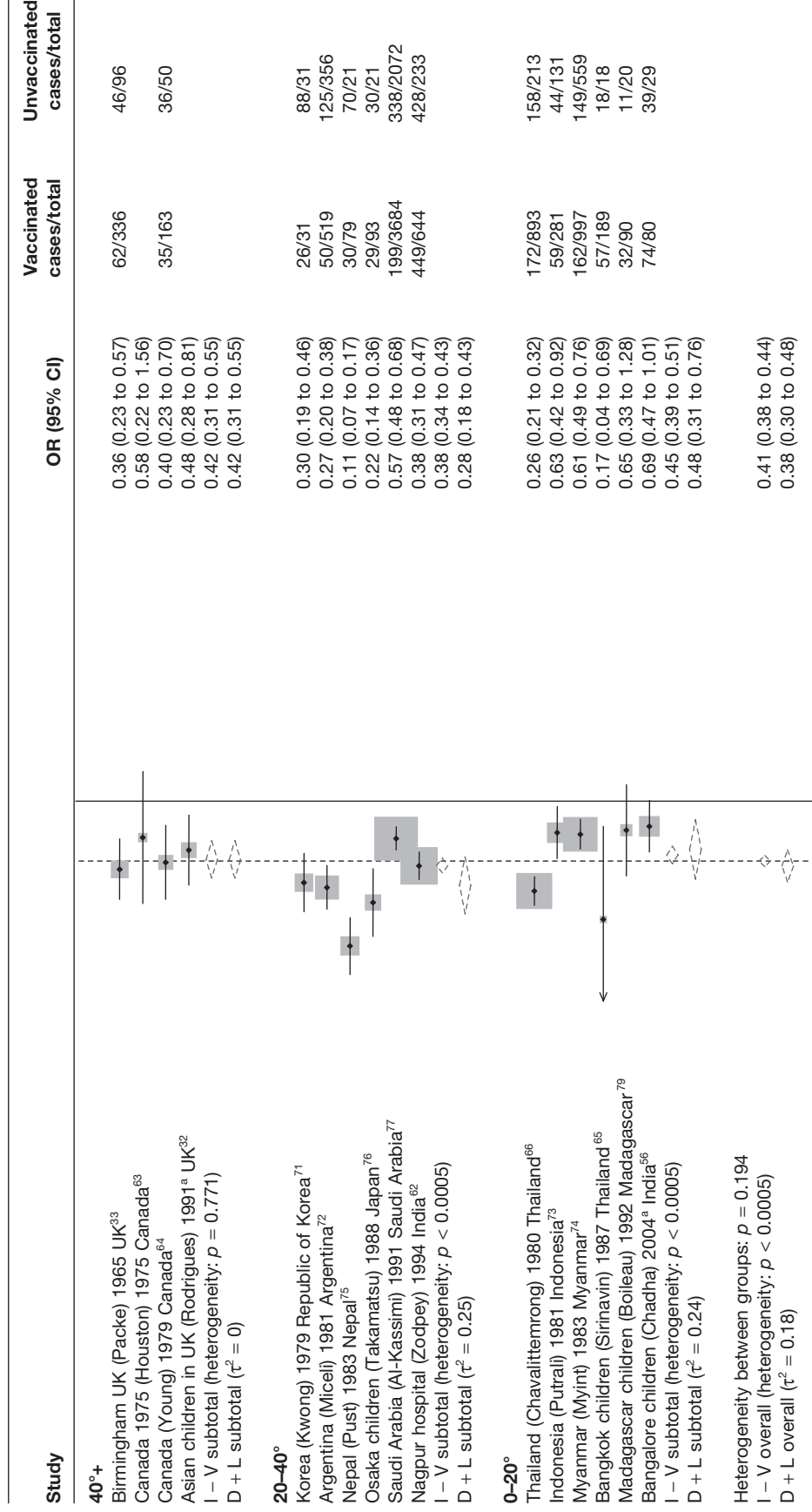
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**Case population studies**

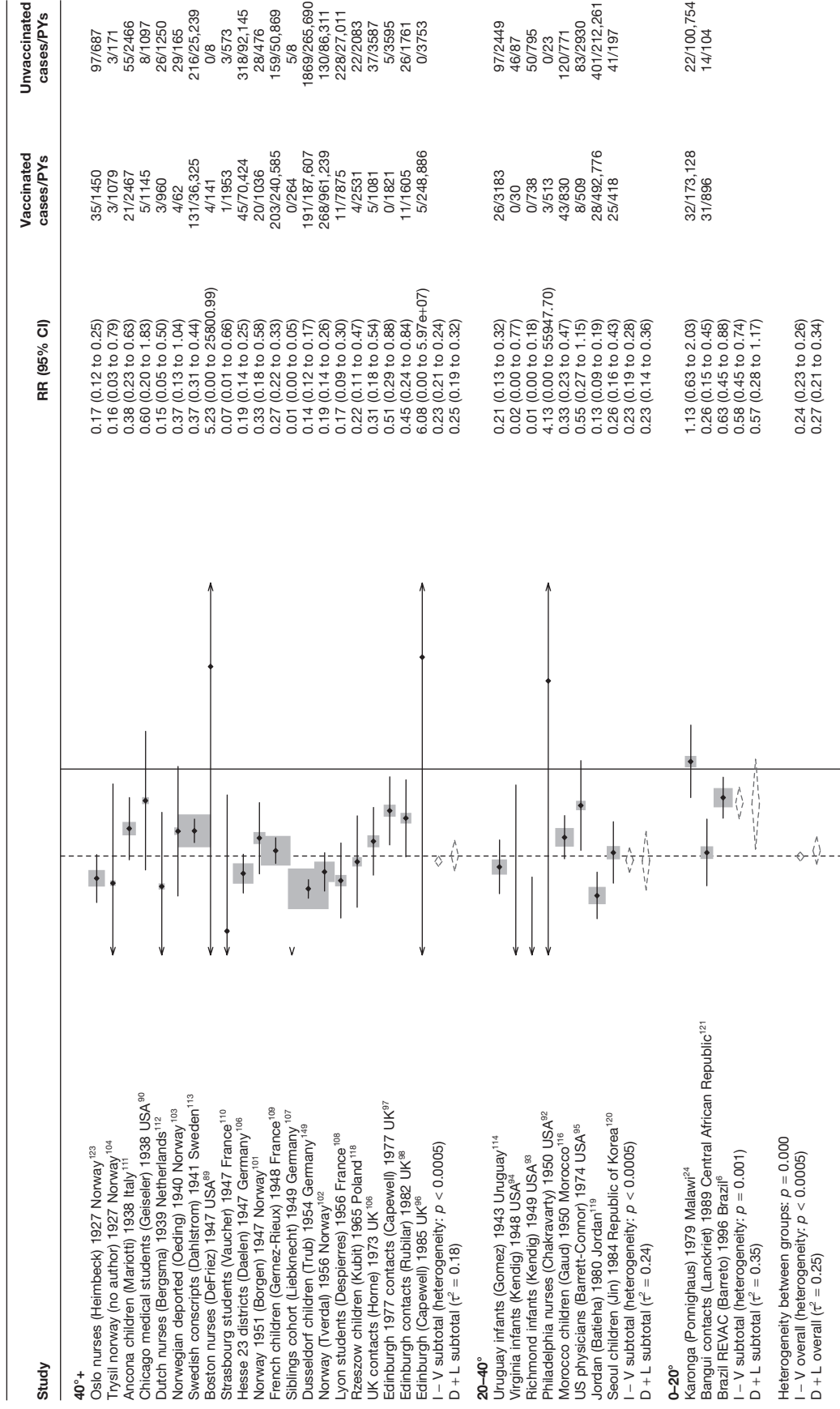
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**Cross-sectional studies**

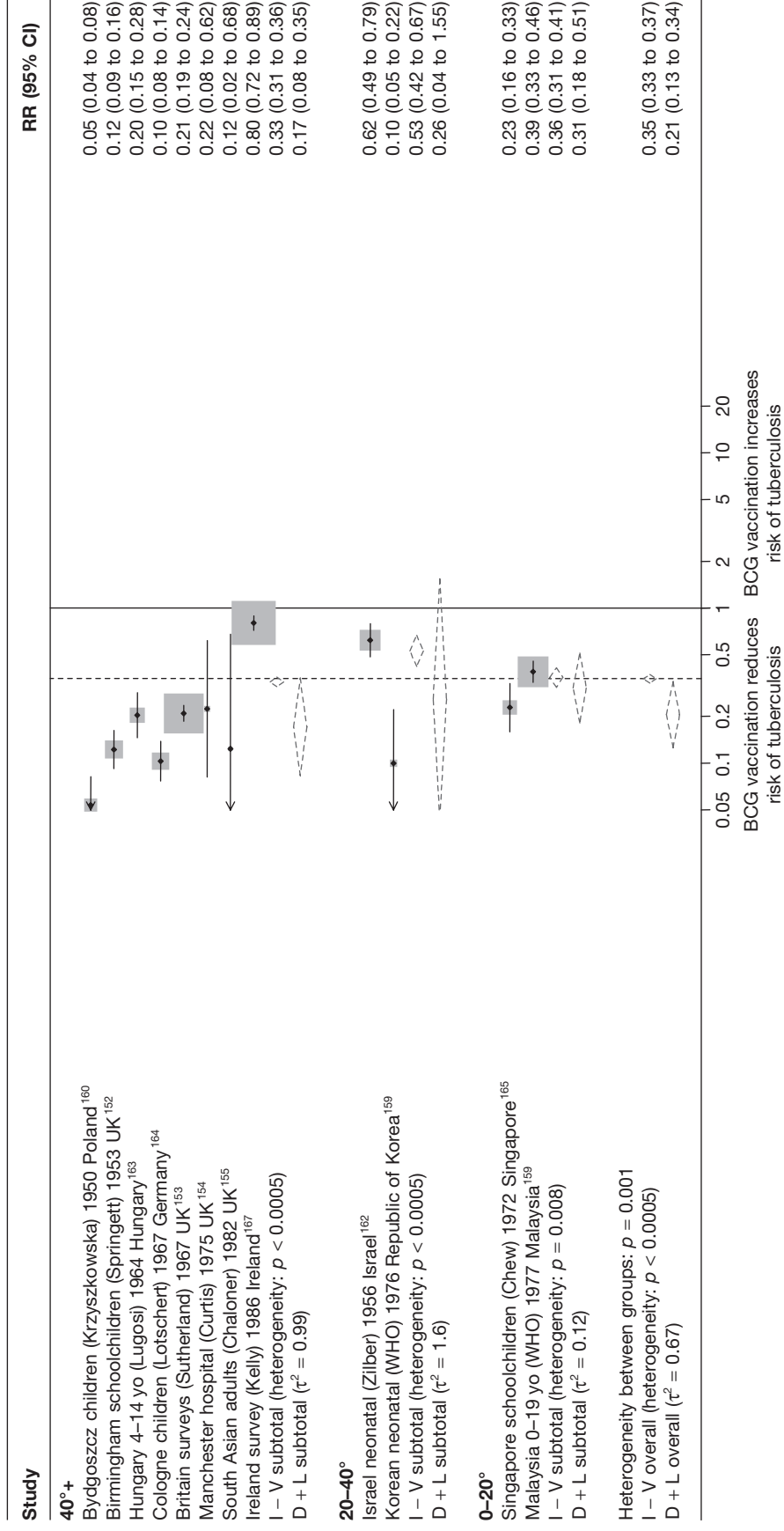
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**FIGURE 140** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of all tuberculosis outcome cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I-V, inverse variance method.

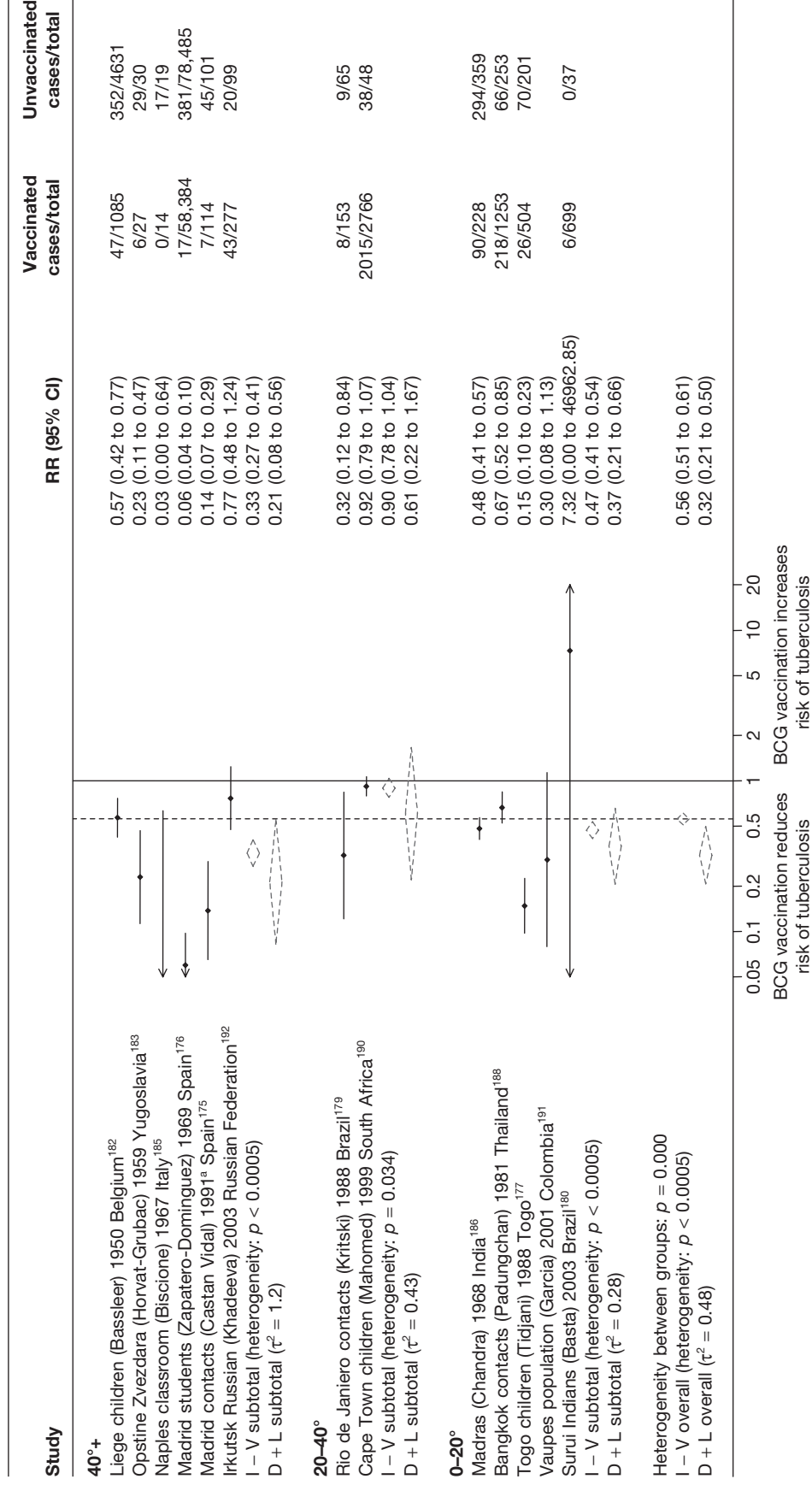


**FIGURE 141** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of all tuberculosis disease outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 142** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of all tuberculosis disease outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 5) in case population studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I–V, inverse variance method.





**FIGURE 143** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of all tuberculosis disease outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

**Combined tuberculosis meningitis and/or miliary tuberculosis**  
***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***  
***Case-control studies***

See *Figure 144*.

***Cohort studies***

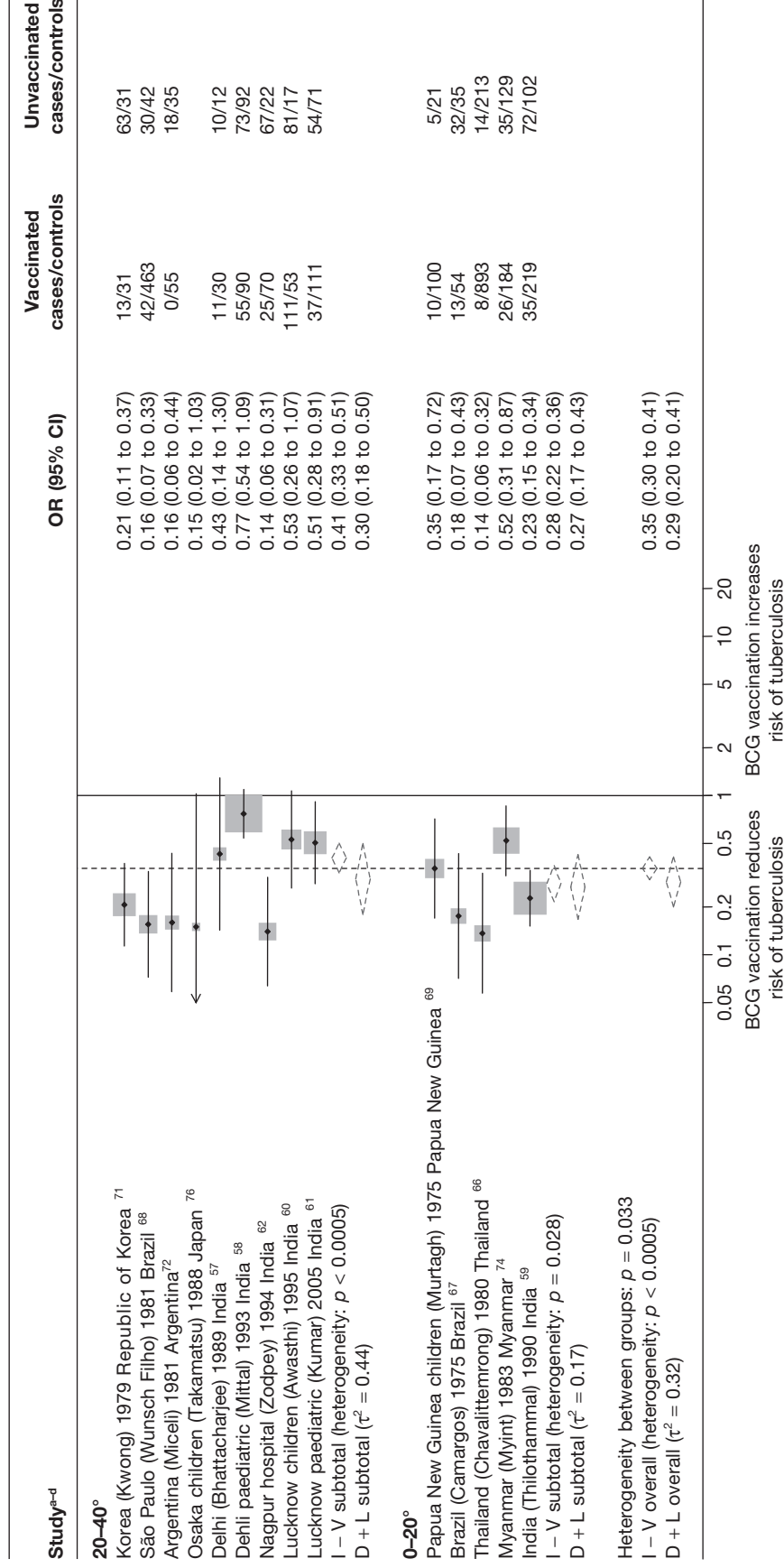
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***Case population studies***

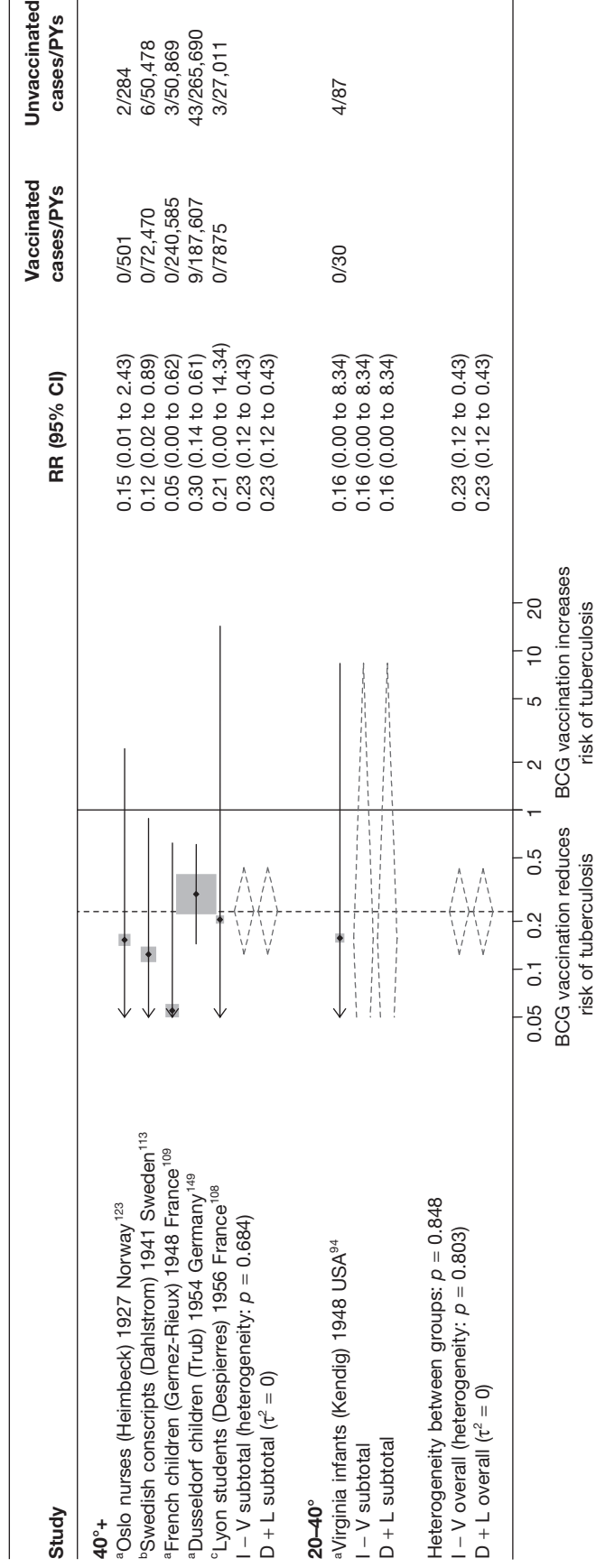
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***Cross-sectional studies***

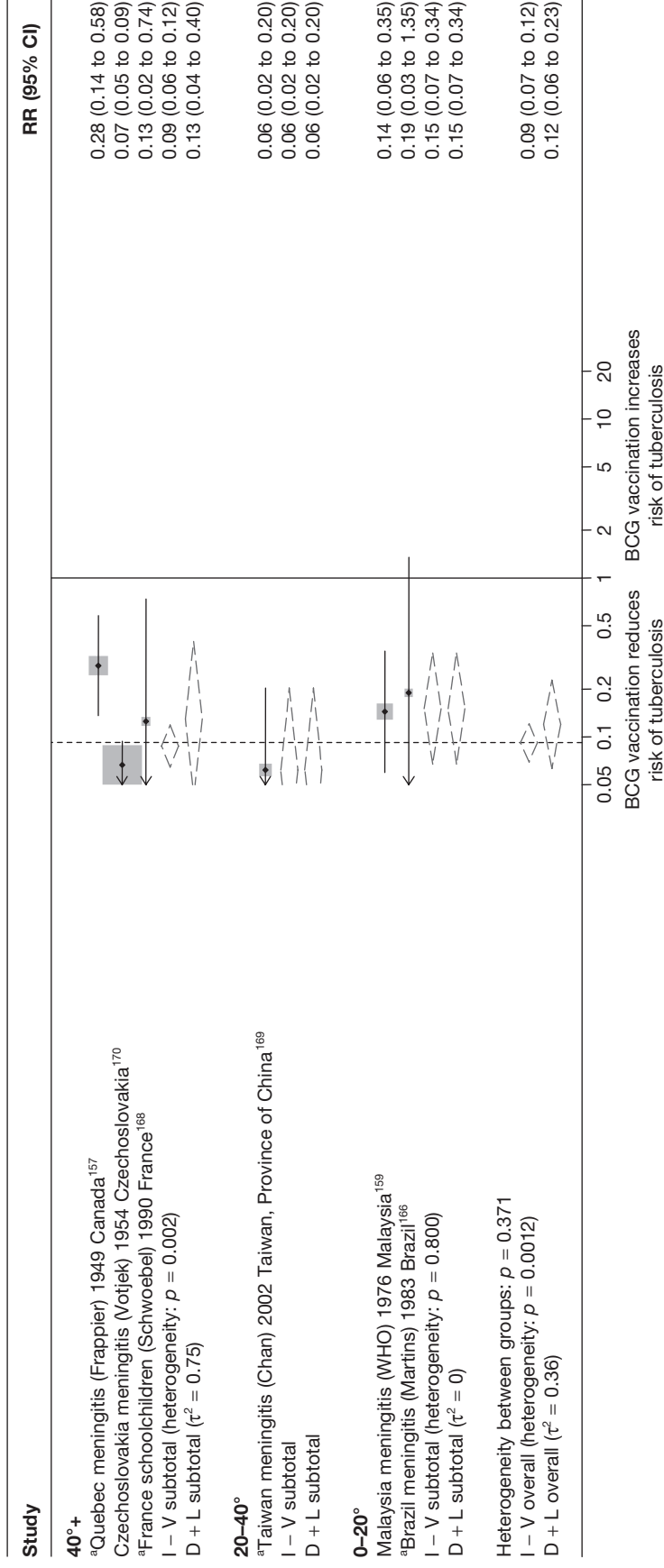
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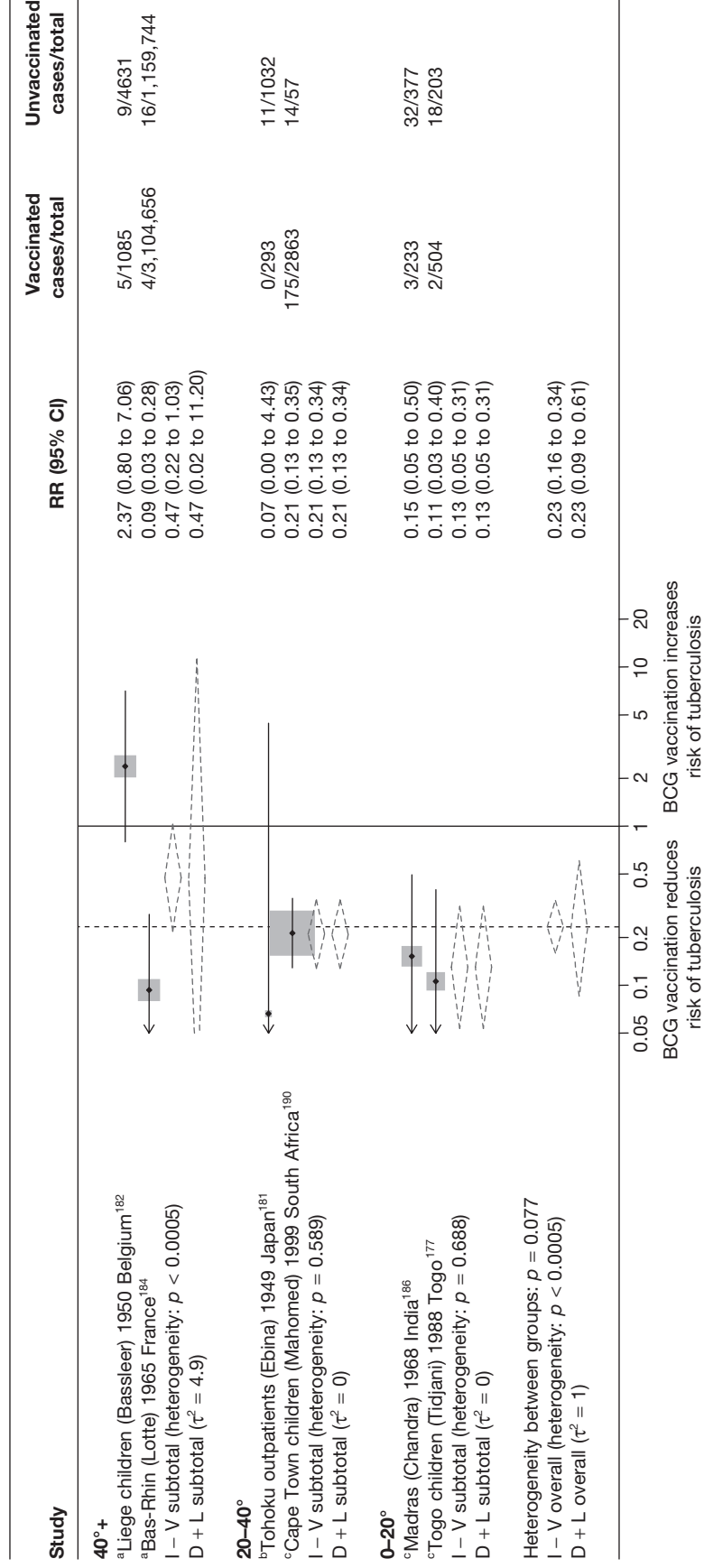
**FIGURE 144** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of meningeal and/or miliary tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available; b, Combined tuberculosis meningitis and miliary tuberculosis outcomes; c, Meningeal tuberculosis outcome only; d, Miliary tuberculosis outcome only. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 145** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of meningial and/or miliary tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Meningeal tuberculosis outcome only; b, Combined tuberculosis meningitis and miliary tuberculosis outcomes; c, Miliary tuberculosis outcome only. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 146** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of meningitis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 5) in case population studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Meningeal tuberculosis outcome only. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I–V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 147** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of meningial and/or miliary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies, stratified by study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a, Meningeal tuberculosis outcome only; b, Miliary tuberculosis outcome only; c, Combined tuberculosis meningitis and miliary tuberculosis outcomes. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.

**Tuberculosis meningitis**

***Case-control studies***

***Unstratified analyses are ordered by year trial started***

See *Figure 148*.

***Stratified analysis by 10° latitude, ordered by year study started***

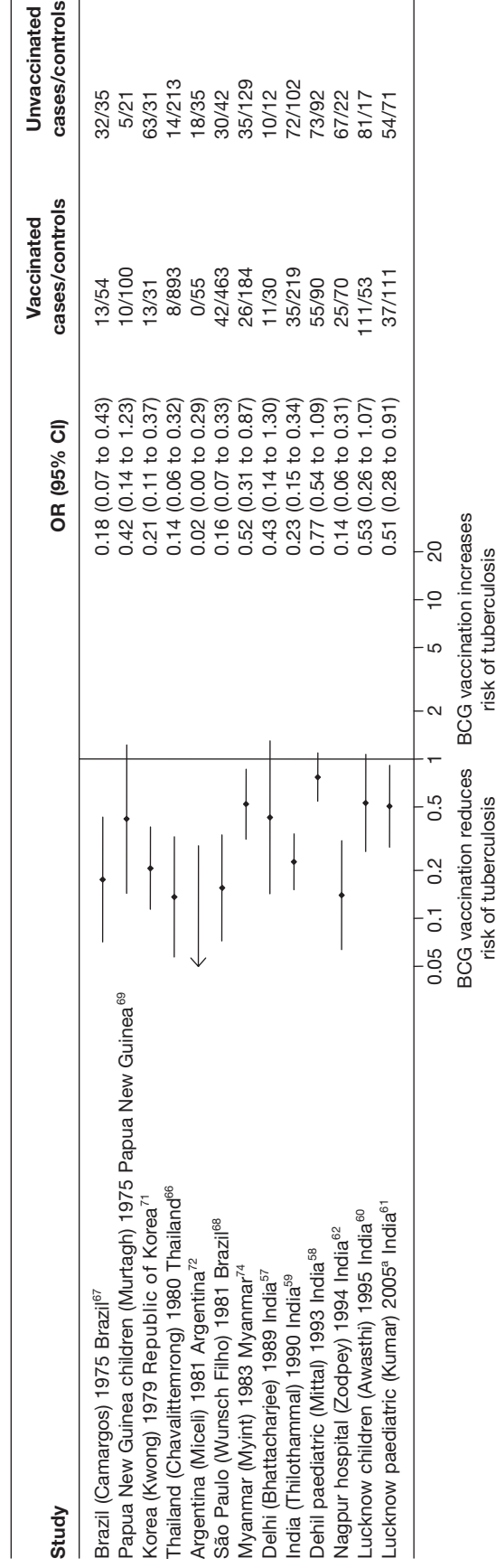
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***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***

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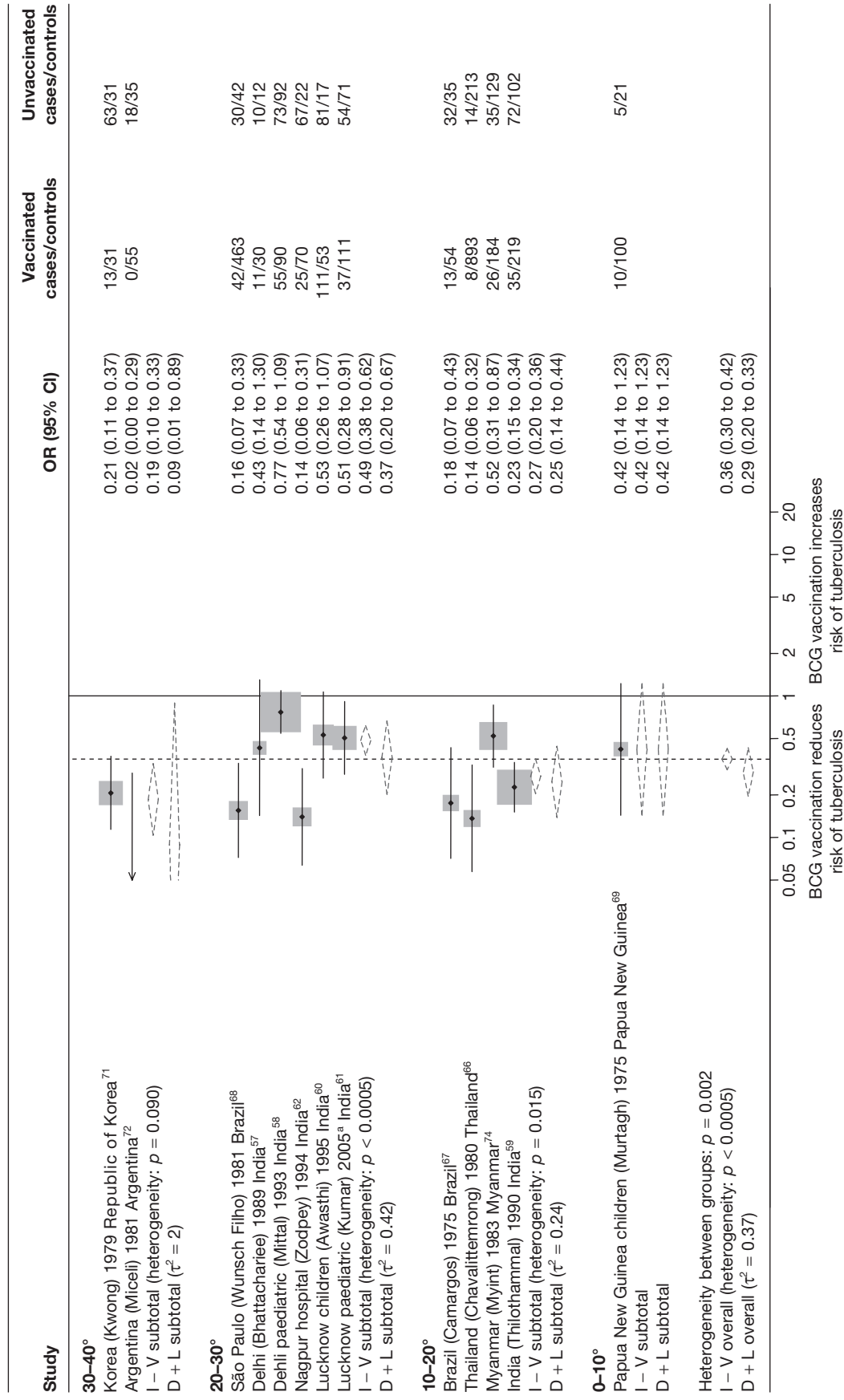
***Stratified analysis by age at vaccination, ordered by year study started***

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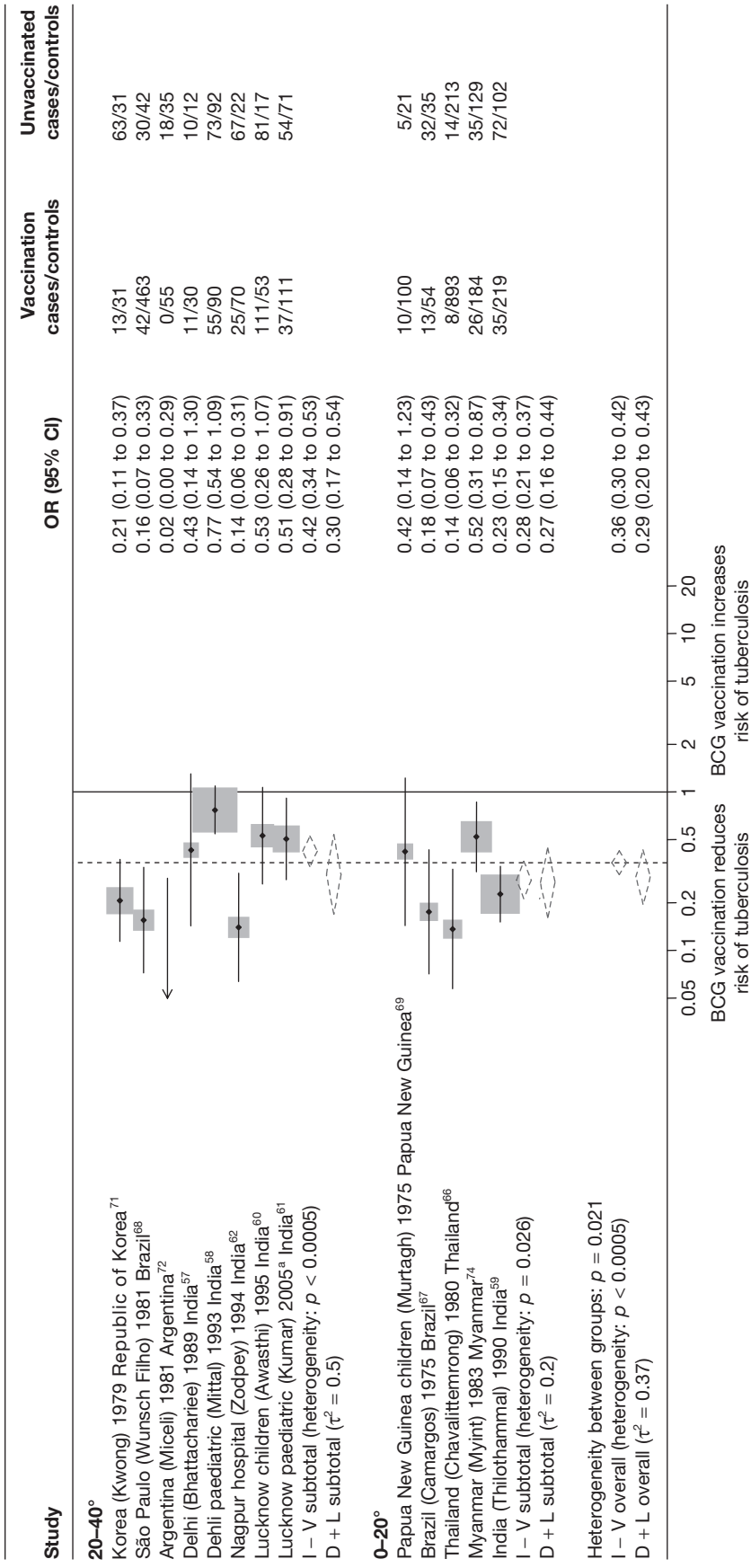


**FIGURE 148** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of meningeal tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, ordered by year of study start. a. Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

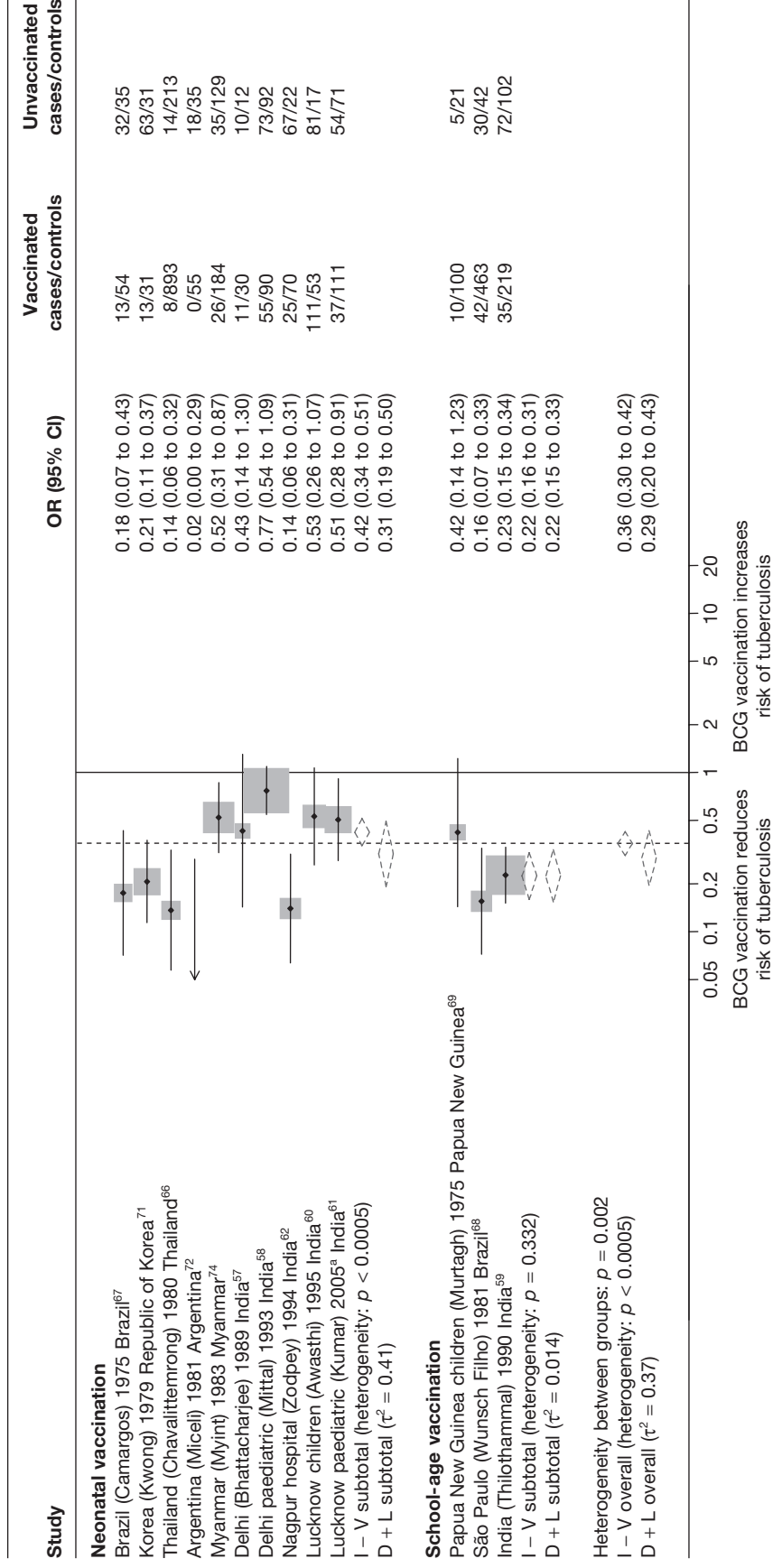




**FIGURE 149** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of meningeal tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by latitude of study location (10° bands), ordered by year of study start. a. Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I–V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 150** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of meningitis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. a. Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 151** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of meningitis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. a, Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

## **Cohort studies**

***Unstratified analyses are ordered by year trial started***

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***Stratified analysis by 10° latitude, ordered by year study started***

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***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***

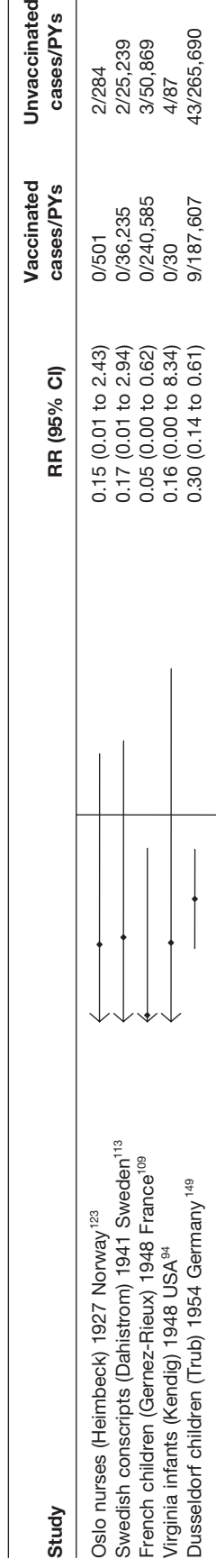
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***Stratified analysis by age at vaccination, ordered by year study started***

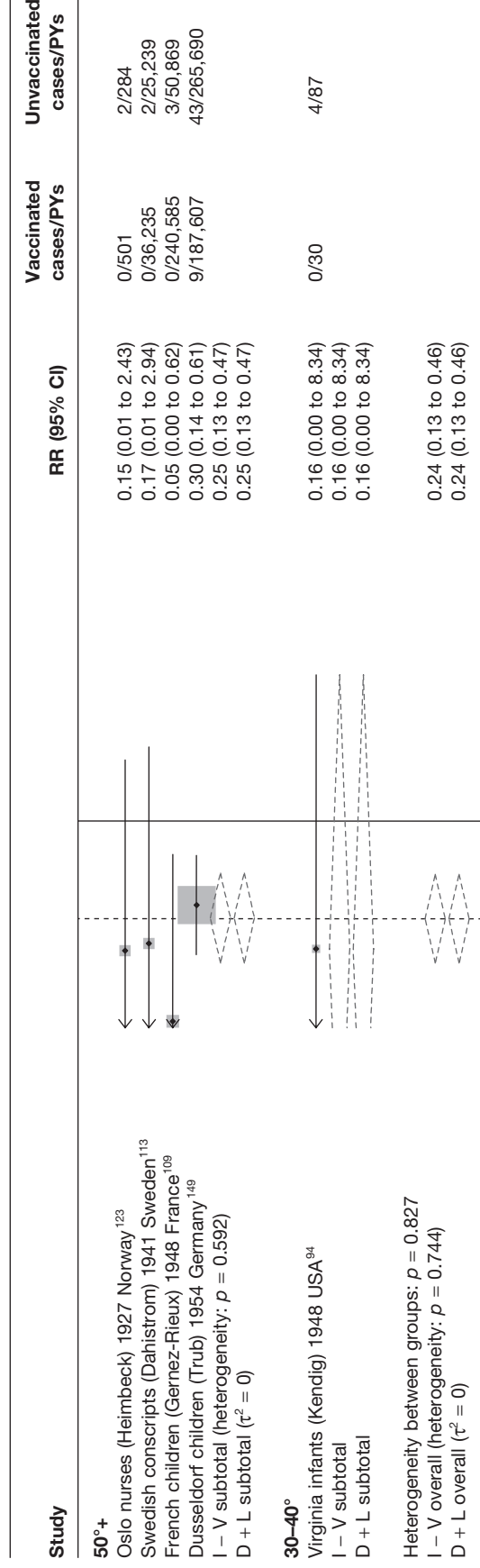
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***Stratified analysis by cohort study design, ordered by year study started***

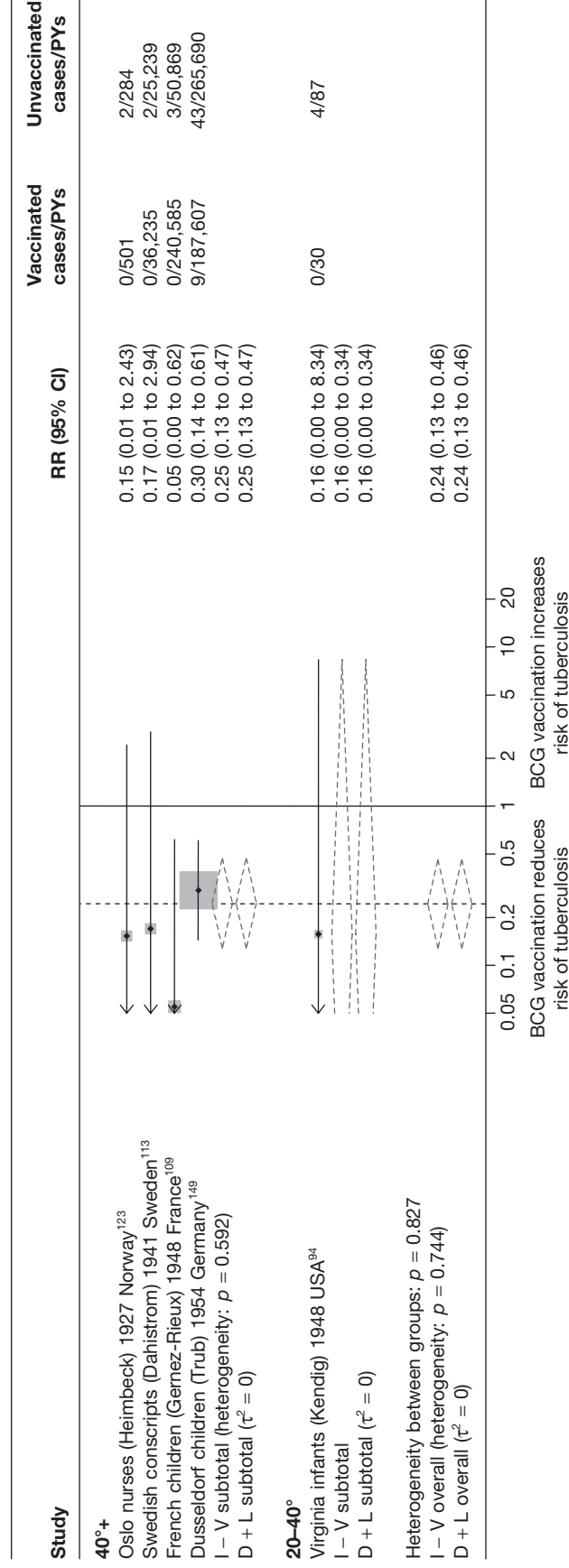
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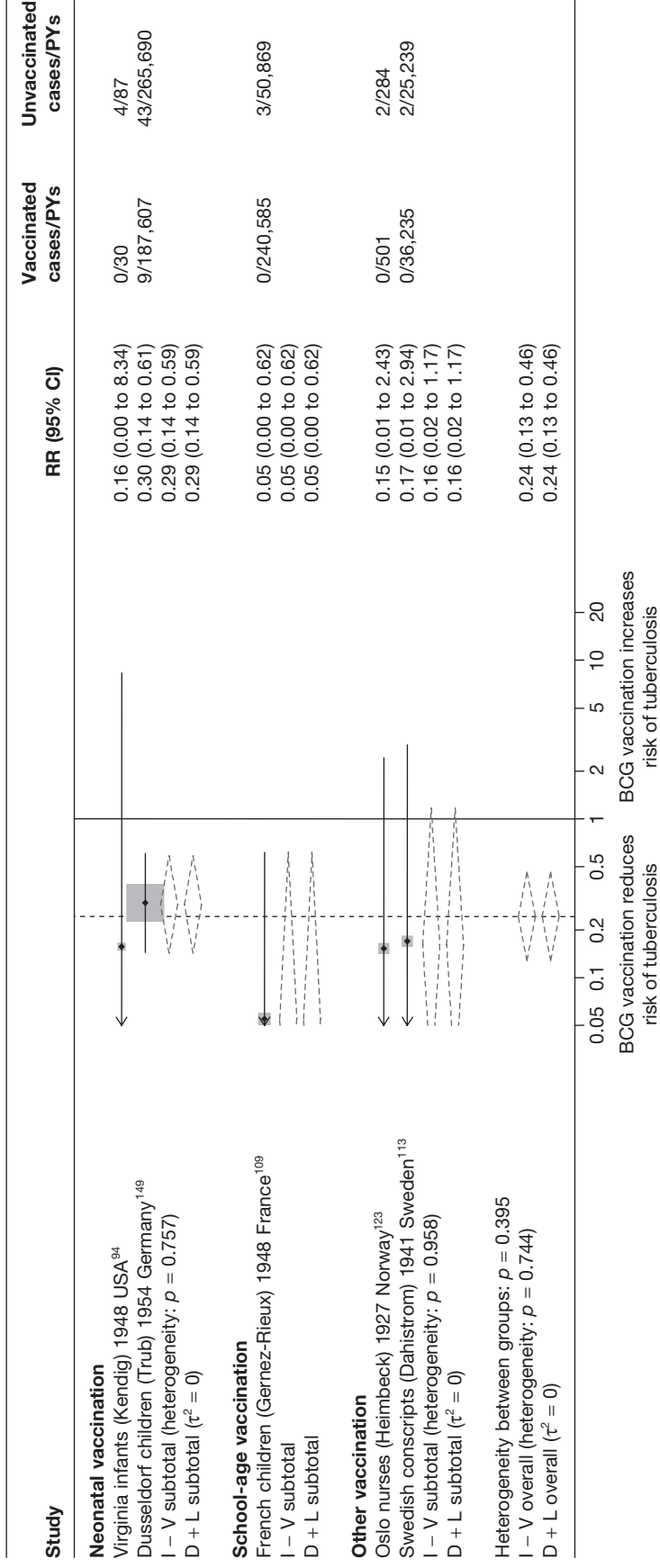
**FIGURE 152** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of meningial tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, ordered by year of study start. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I-V, inverse variance method.



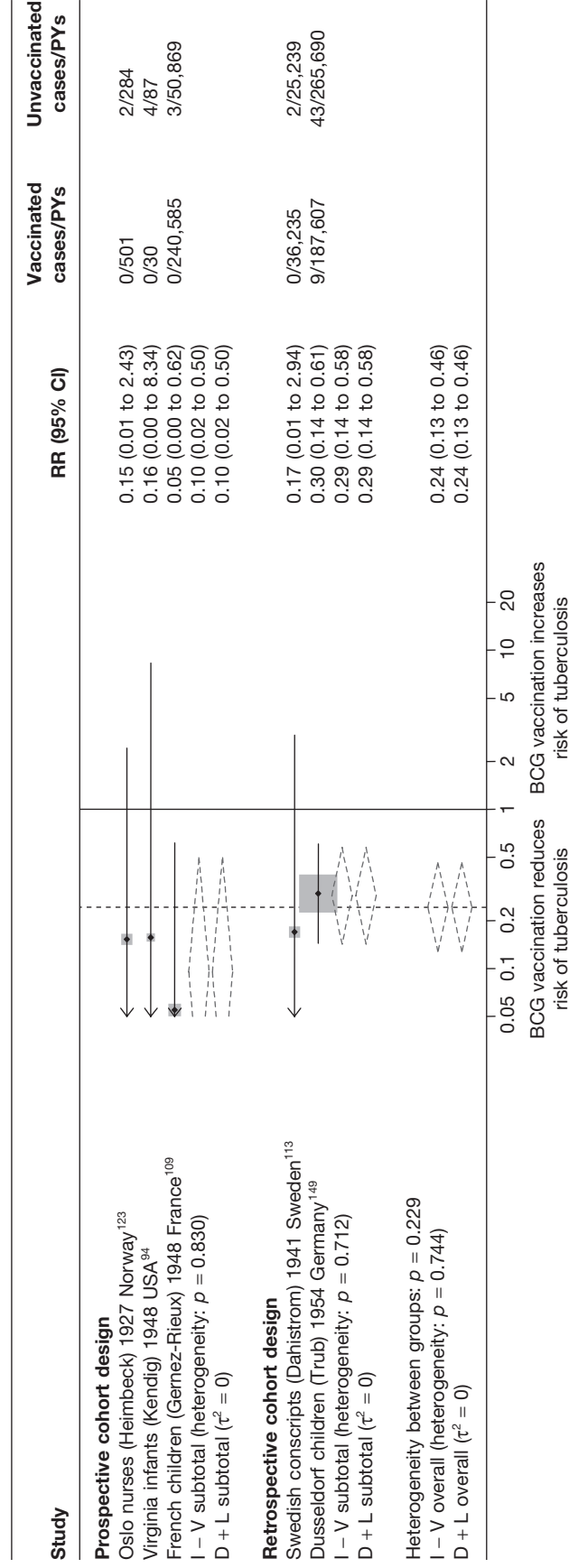
**FIGURE 153** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of meningial tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (10° bands), ordered by year of study start. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I-V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 154** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of meningal tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 155** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of meningal tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 156** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of meningal tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified cohort study design, ordered by year of study start. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I-V, inverse variance method.



**Cross-sectional studies**

***Unstratified analyses are ordered by year trial started***

See *Figure 157*.

***Stratified analysis by 10° latitude, ordered by year study started***

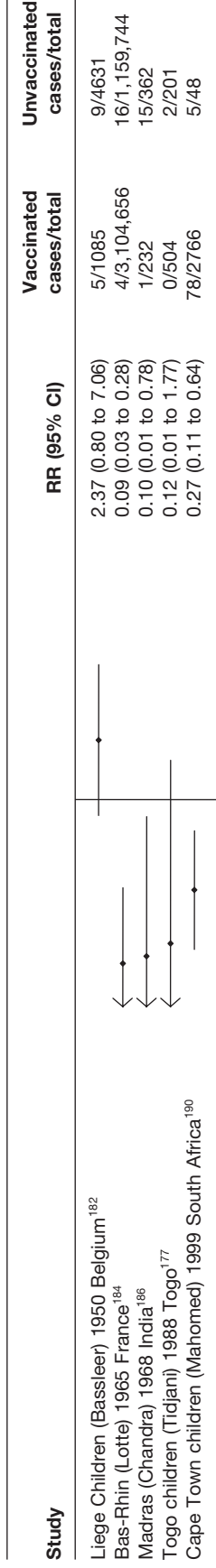
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***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***

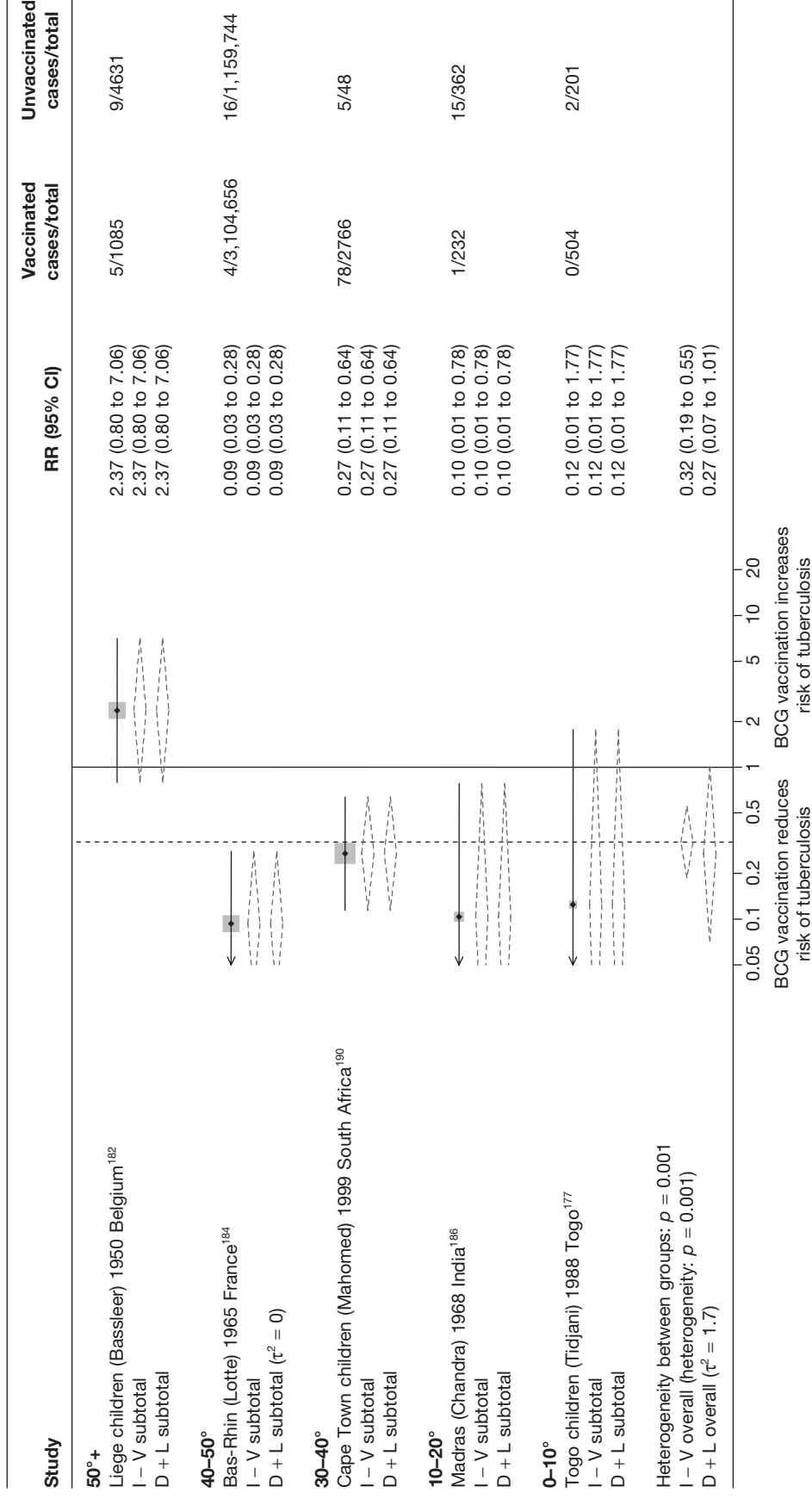
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***Stratified analysis by age at vaccination, ordered by year study started***

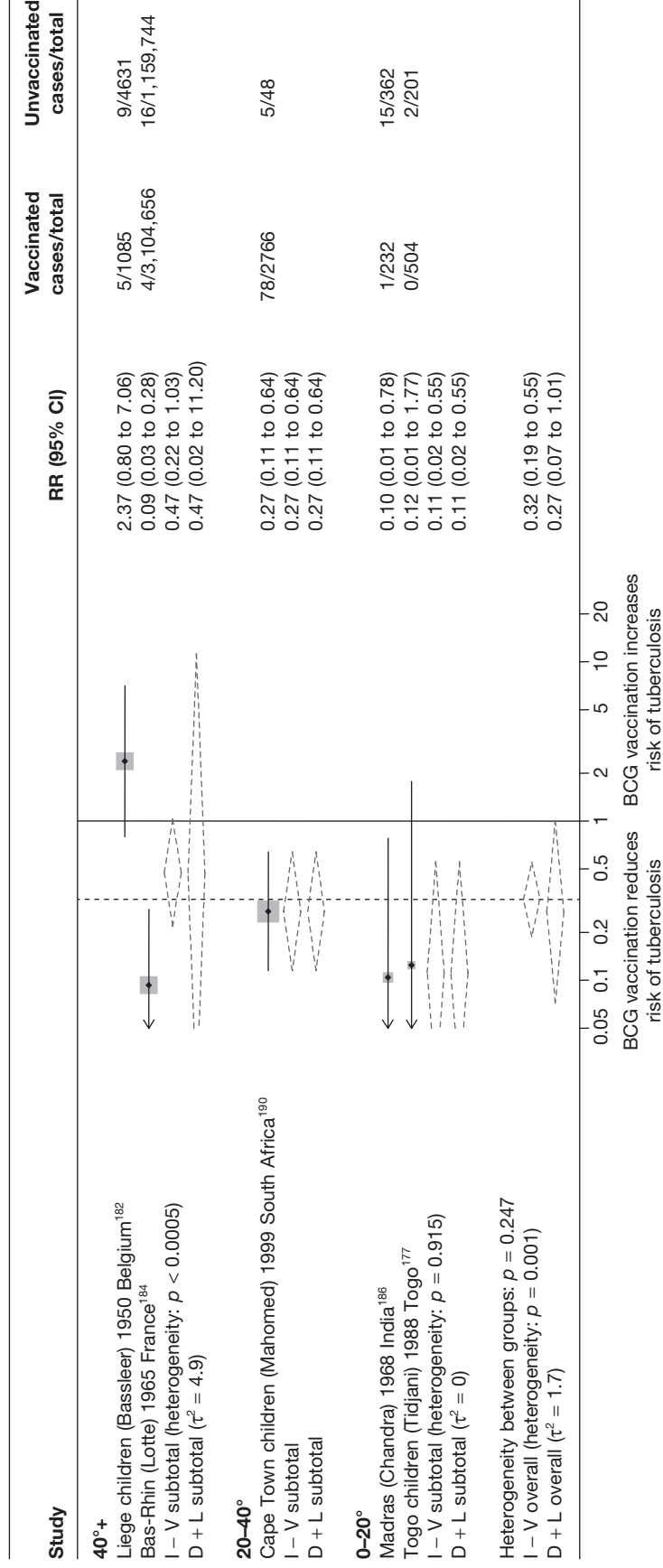
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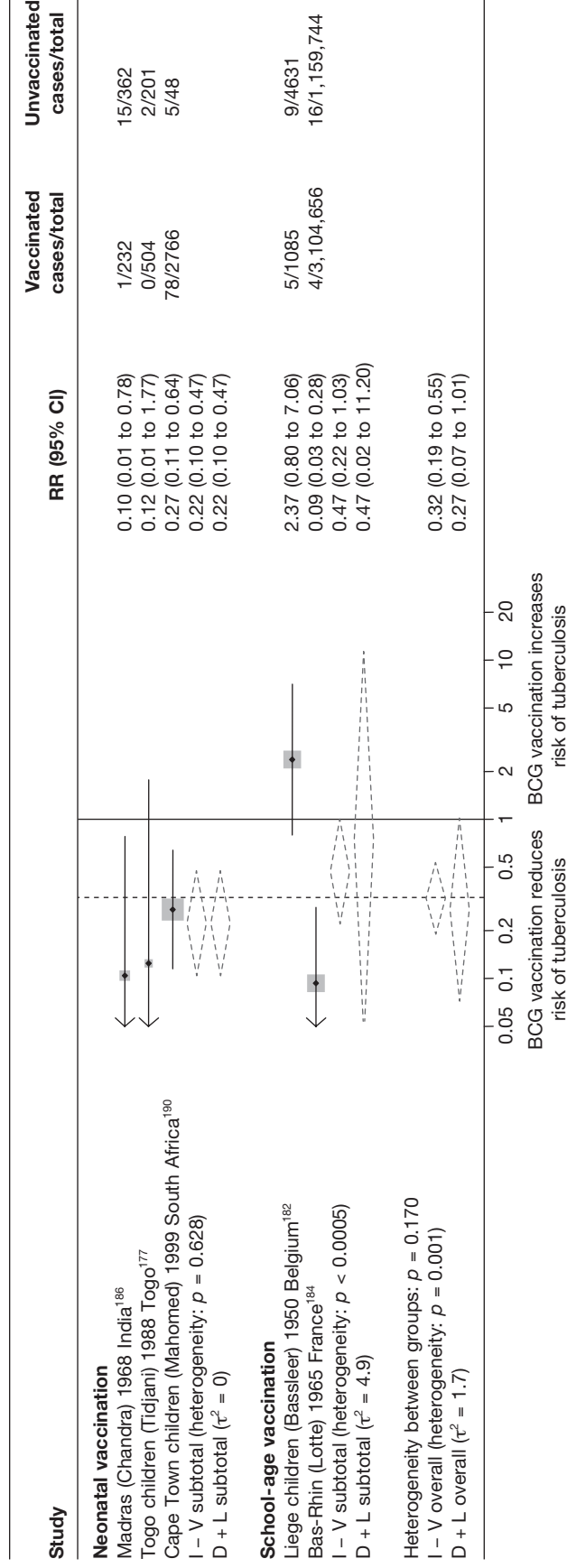
**FIGURE 157** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of meningal tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I–V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 158** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of meningitis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies, stratified by latitude of study location (10° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 159** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of meningitis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I-V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 160** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of meningial tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

**Miliary tuberculosis**

**Case-control studies**

***Unstratified analyses are ordered by year trial started***

See *Figure 161*.

***Stratified analysis by 10° latitude, ordered by year study started***

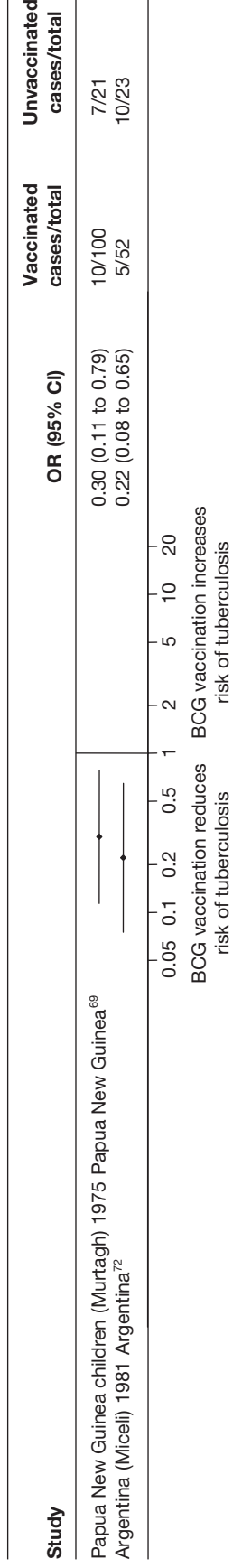
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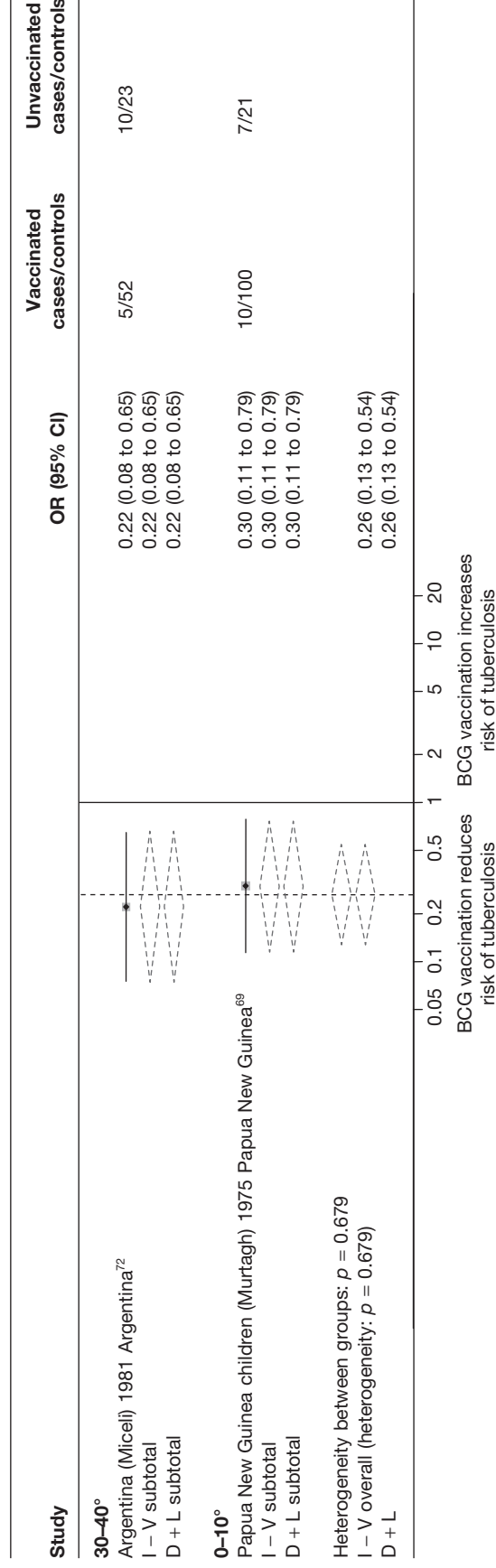
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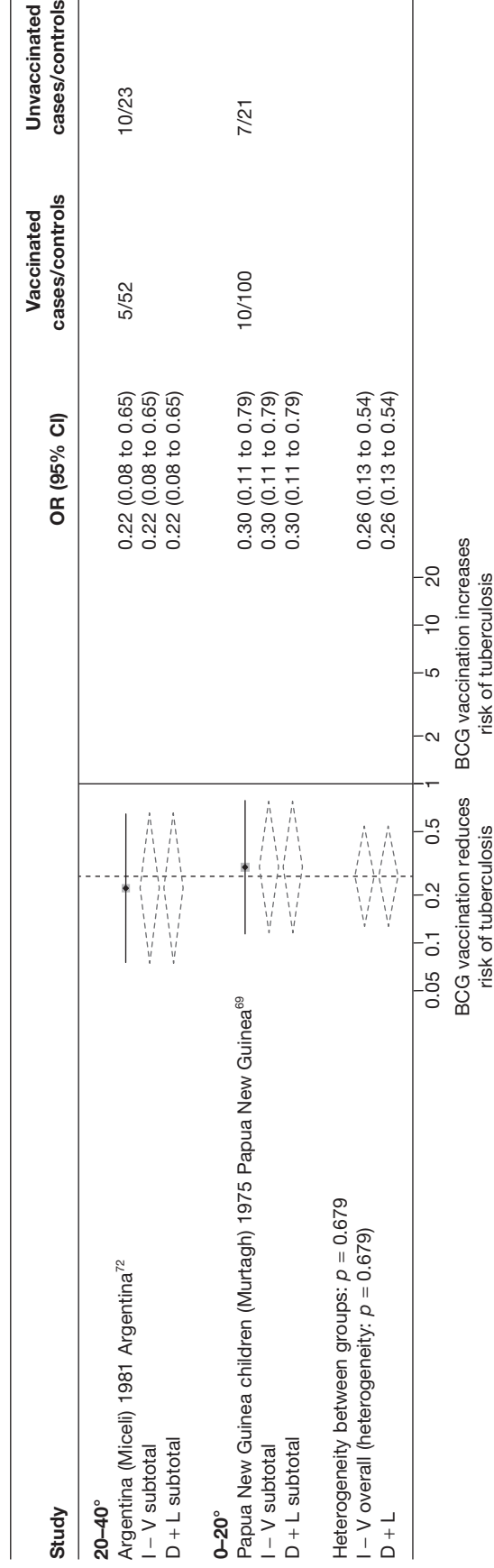
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**FIGURE 161** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of military tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, ordered by year of study start. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I-V, inverse variance method.

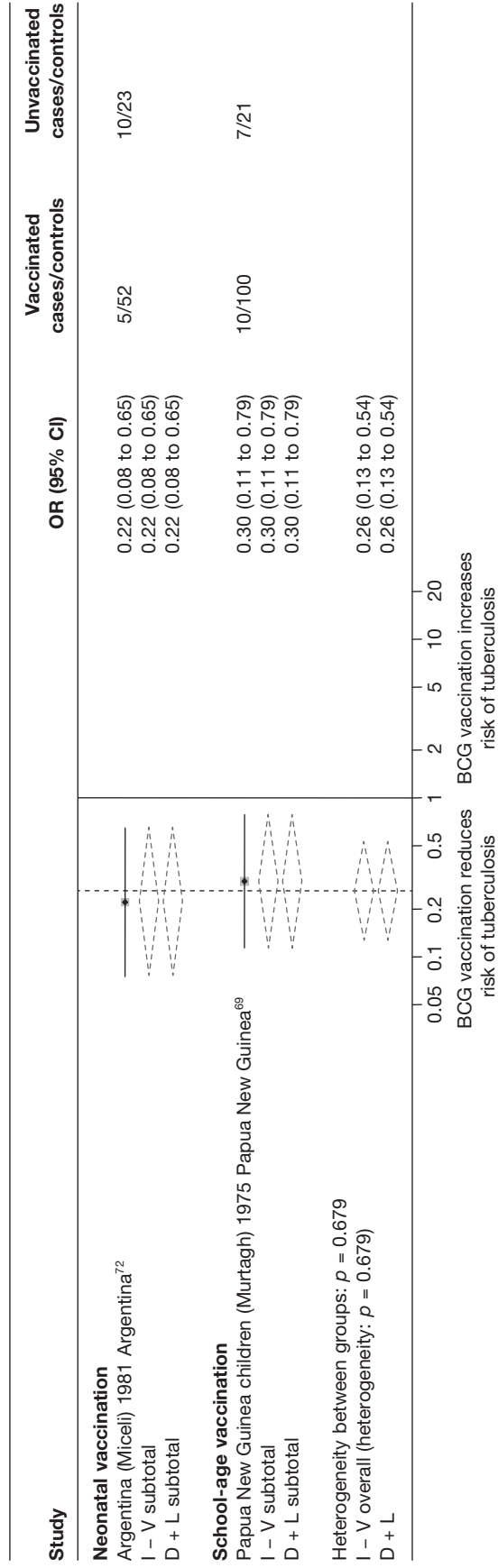


**FIGURE 162** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of military tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by latitude of study location (10° bands), ordered by year of study start. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I-V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 163** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of miliary tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.





**FIGURE 164** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of miliary tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

## **Cohort studies**

***Unstratified analyses are ordered by year trial started***

See *Figure 165*.

***Stratified analysis by 10° latitude, ordered by year study started***

See *Figure 166*.

***Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started***

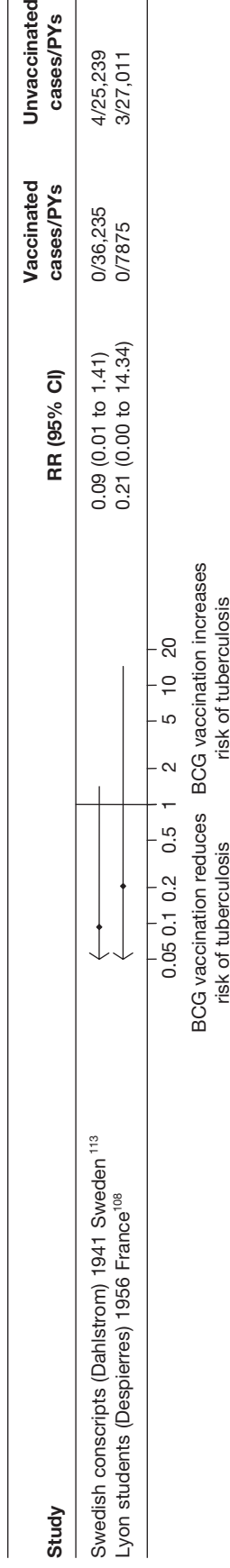
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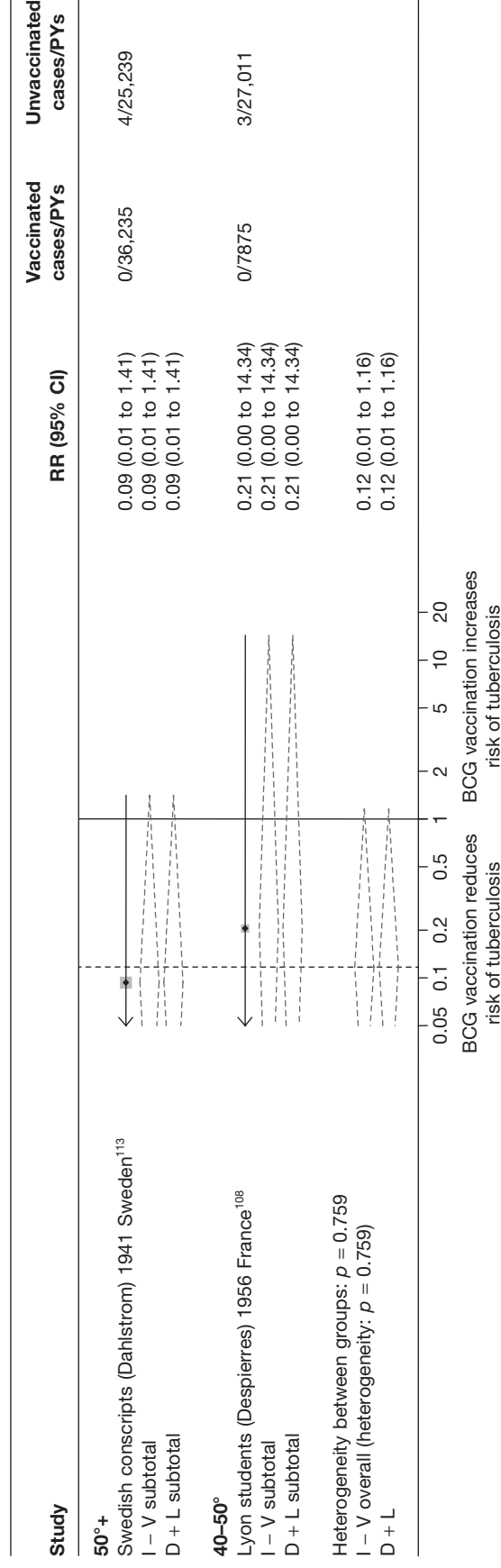
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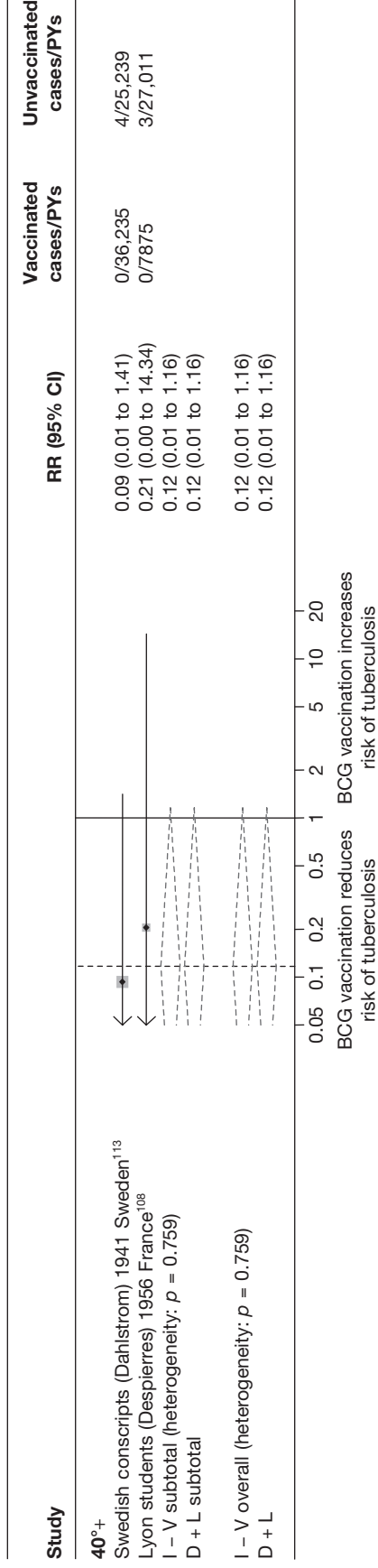
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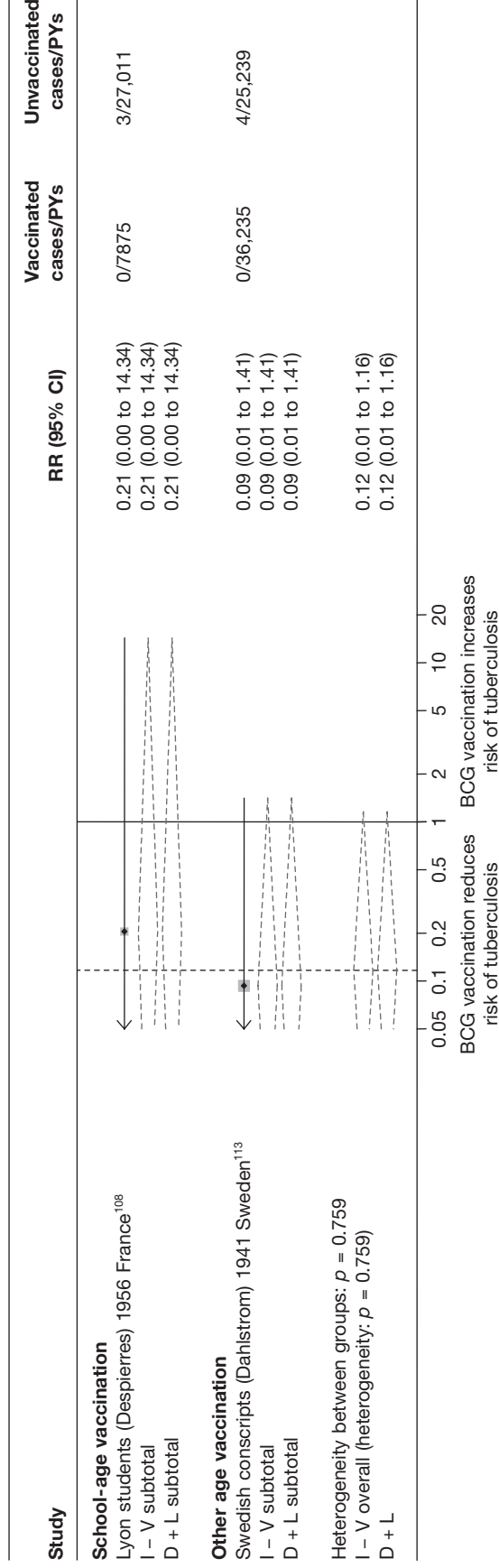
**FIGURE 165** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of miliary tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see *Table 4*) in cohort studies, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



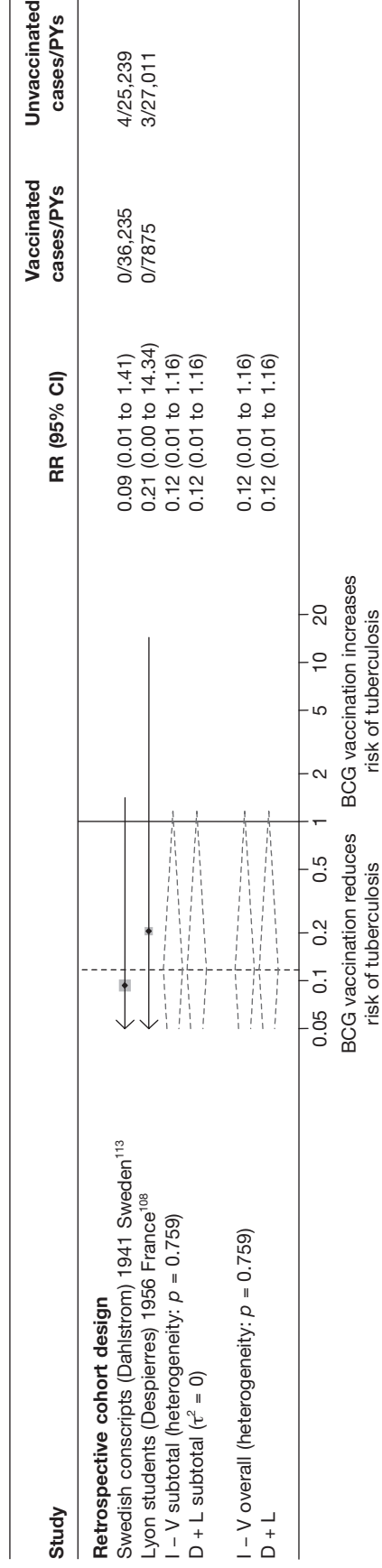
**FIGURE 166** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of miliary tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see *Table 4*) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (10° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 167** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of military tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see *Table 4*) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 168** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of military tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see *Table 4*) in cohort studies, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 169** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of miliary tuberculosis outcomes among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified cohort study design, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

## **Cross-sectional studies**

### ***Unstratified analyses are ordered by year trial started***

See *Figure 170*.

### ***Stratified analysis by 10° latitude, ordered by year study started***

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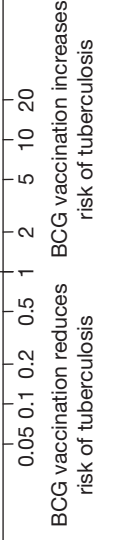
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### ***Stratified analysis by age at vaccination, ordered by year study started***

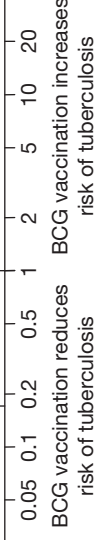
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Study	RR (95% CI)	Vaccinated cases/total	Unvaccinated cases/total
Tohoku outpatients (Ebina) 1949 Japan <sup>181</sup>	0.07 (0.00 to 4.43)	0/293	11/1032
Madras (Chandra) 1968 India <sup>186</sup>	0.19 (0.04 to 0.79)	2/228	17/359
Togo children (Tidjani) 1988 Togo <sup>177</sup>	0.10 (0.02 to 0.47)	2/504	8/201
Cape Town children (Mahomed) 1999 South Africa <sup>180</sup>	0.19 (0.10 to 0.35)	97/2766	9/48

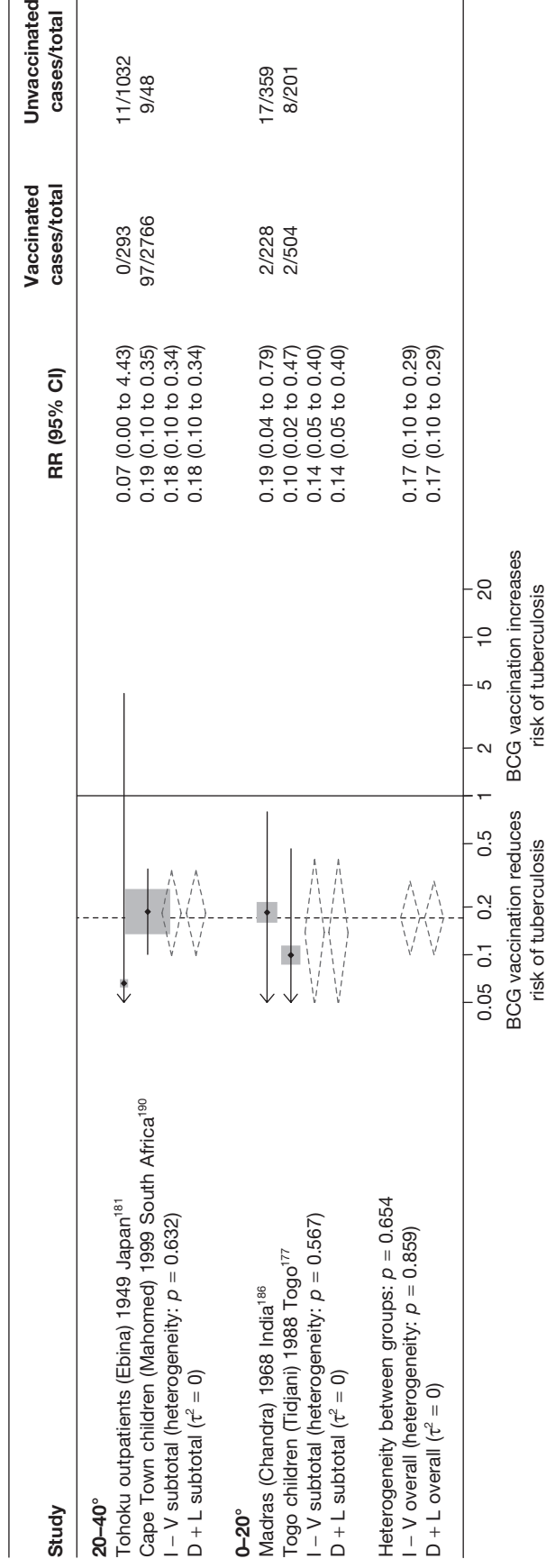


**FIGURE 170** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of miliary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.

Study	RR (95% CI)	Vaccinated cases/total	Unvaccinated cases/total
<b>30–40°</b>			
Tohoku outpatients (Ebina) 1949 Japan <sup>181</sup>	0.07 (0.00 to 4.43)	0/293	11/1032
Cape Town children (Mahomed) 1999 South Africa <sup>180</sup>	0.19 (0.10 to 0.35)	97/2766	9/48
I – V subtotal (heterogeneity: $p = 0.632$ )	0.18 (0.10 to 0.34)		
D + L subtotal ( $\tau^2 = 0$ )	0.18 (0.10 to 0.34)		
<b>10–20°</b>			
Madras (Chandra) 1968 India <sup>186</sup>	0.19 (0.04 to 0.79)	2/228	17/359
I – V subtotal	0.19 (0.04 to 0.79)		
D + L subtotal	0.19 (0.04 to 0.79)		
<b>0–10°</b>			
Togo children (Tidjani) 1988 Togo <sup>177</sup>	0.10 (0.02 to 0.47)	2/504	8/201
I – V subtotal	0.10 (0.02 to 0.47)		
D + L subtotal	0.10 (0.02 to 0.47)		
Heterogeneity between groups: $p = 0.768$			
I – V overall (heterogeneity: $p = 0.859$ )	0.17 (0.10 to 0.29)		
D + L overall ( $\tau^2 = 0$ )	0.17 (0.10 to 0.29)		

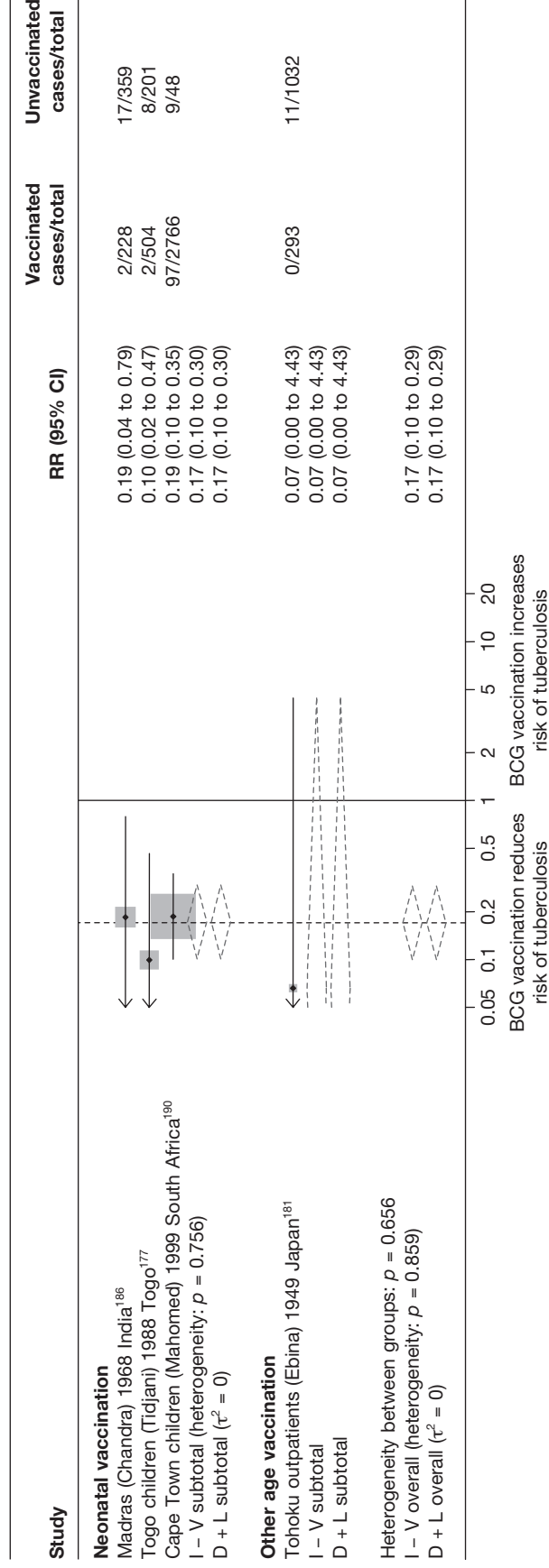


**FIGURE 171** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of miliary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies, stratified by latitude of study location (10° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 172** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of military tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.





**FIGURE 173** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of meningitis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies, stratified by latitude age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. D+L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I-V, inverse variance method.

## **Extrapulmonary tuberculosis**

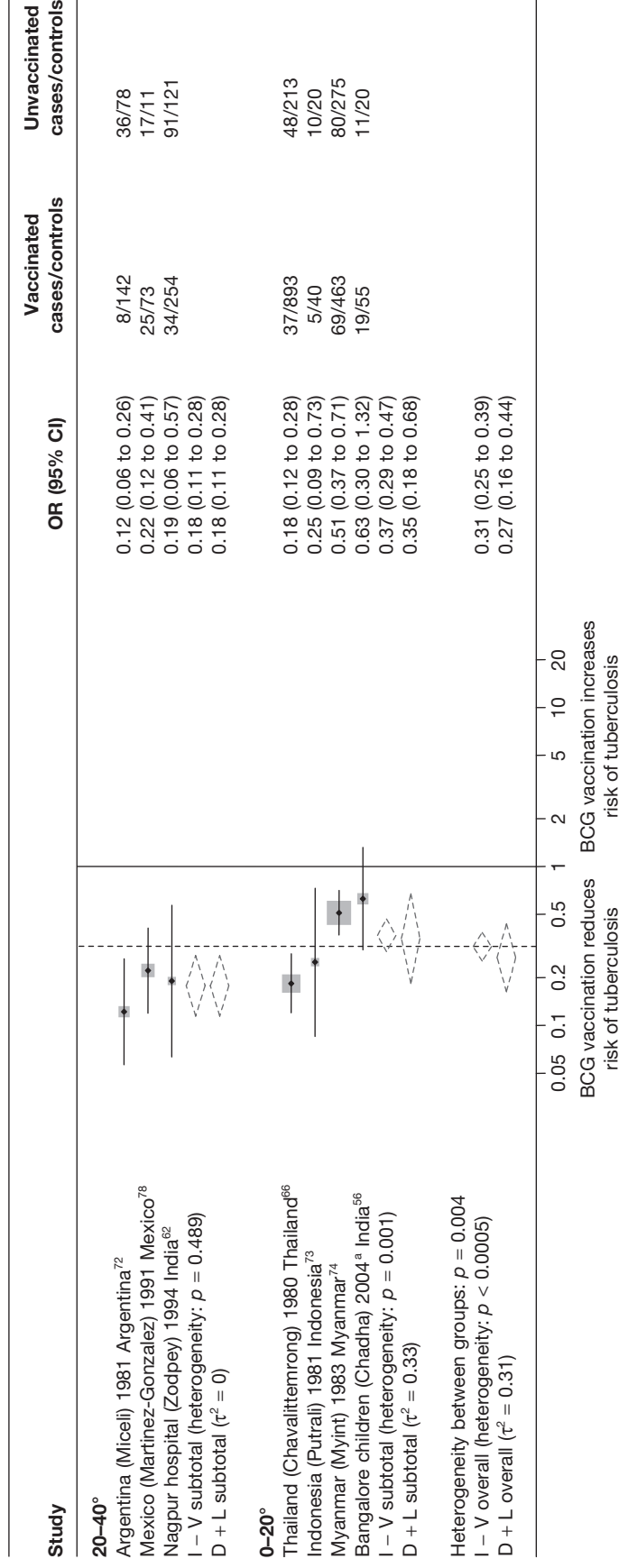
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***Case-control studies***

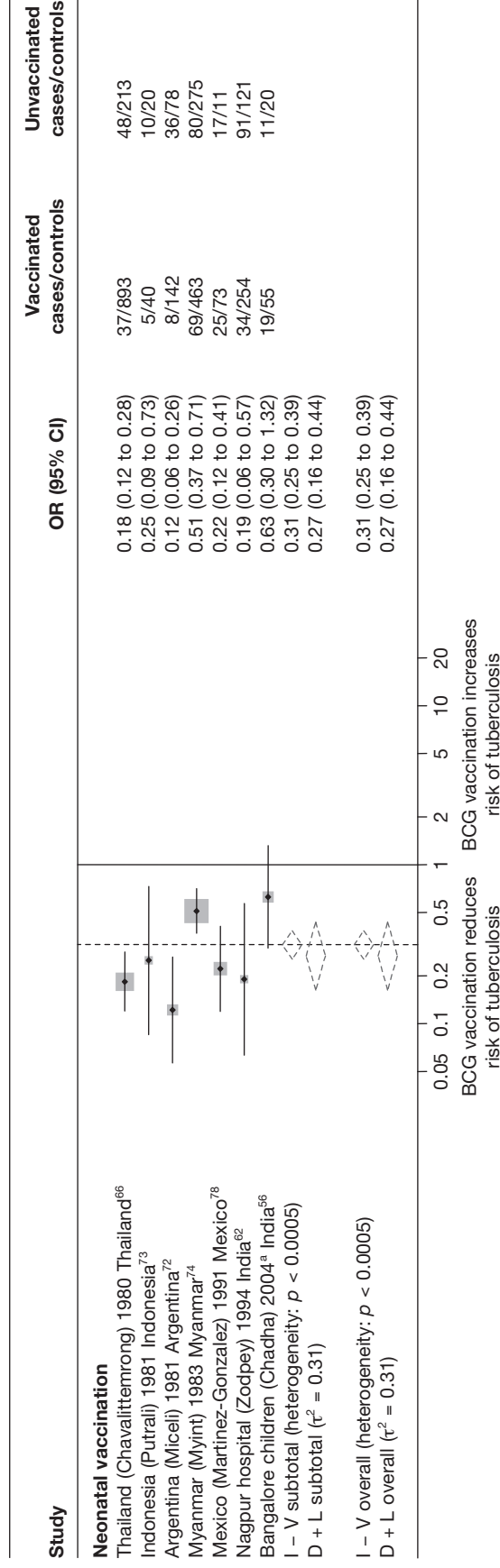
See *Figure 174*.

***Stratified analysis by age at vaccination, ordered by year study started***

See *Figure 175*.



**FIGURE 174** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of extrapulmonary tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I – V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 175** Odds ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the BCG vaccination status of extrapulmonary tuberculosis cases and control subjects in case-control studies, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. a, Date of study publication was used if study start date was not available. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

## **Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started**

### ***Cohort studies***

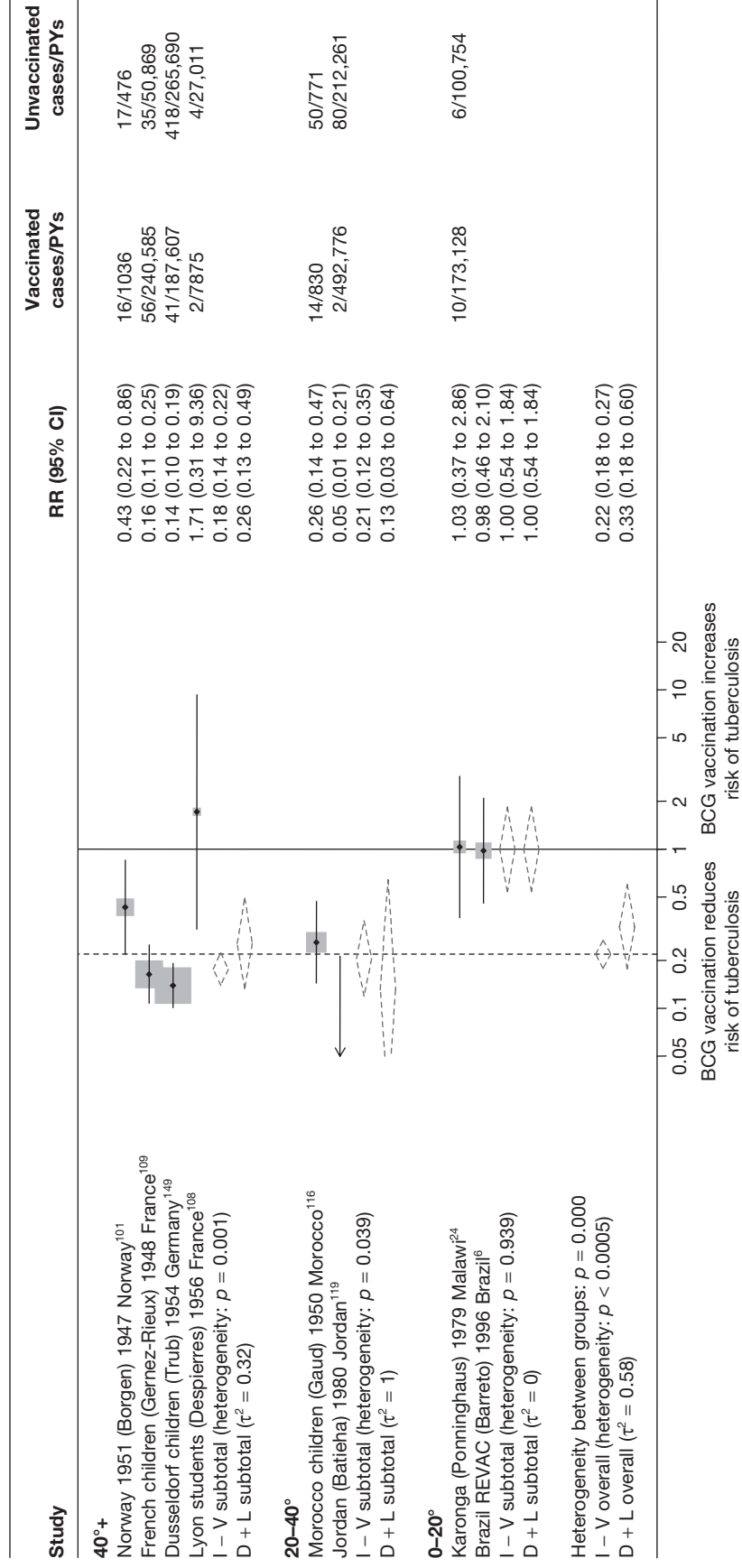
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### ***Case population studies***

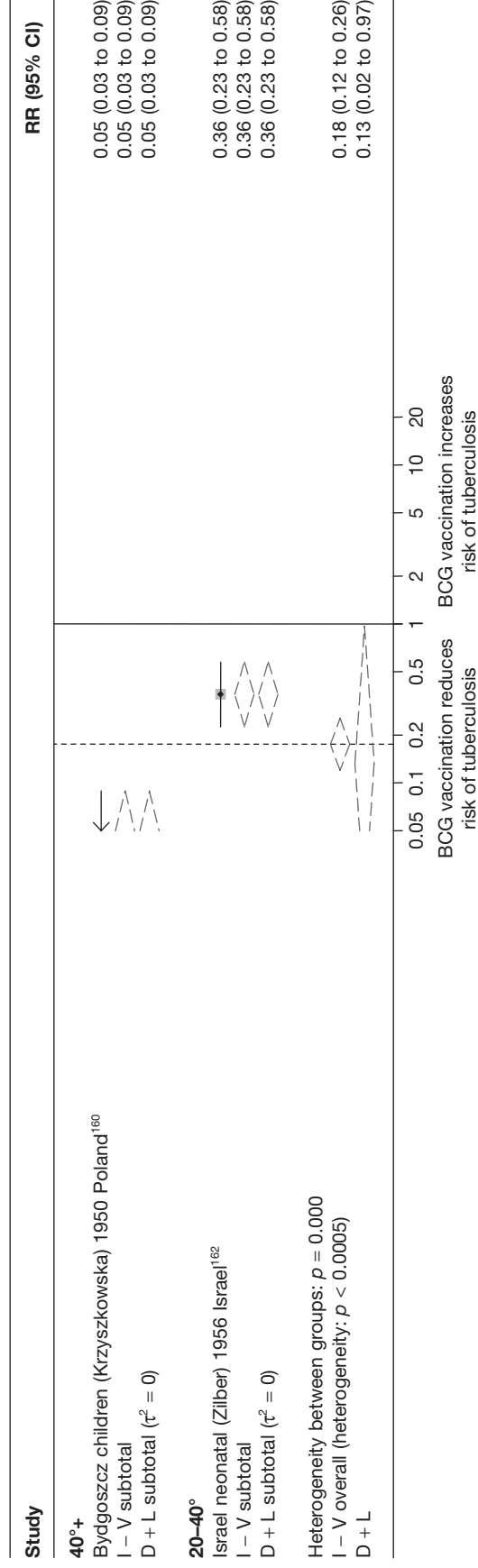
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### ***Cross-sectional studies***

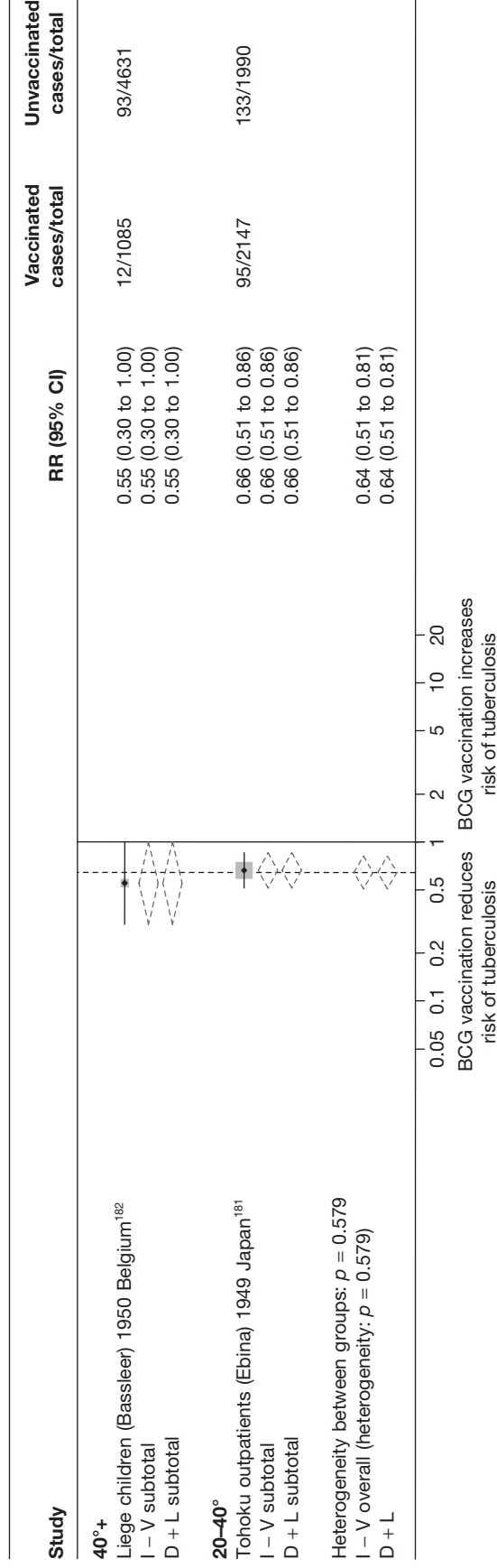
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**FIGURE 176** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of extrapulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 177** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of extrapulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 5) in case population studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

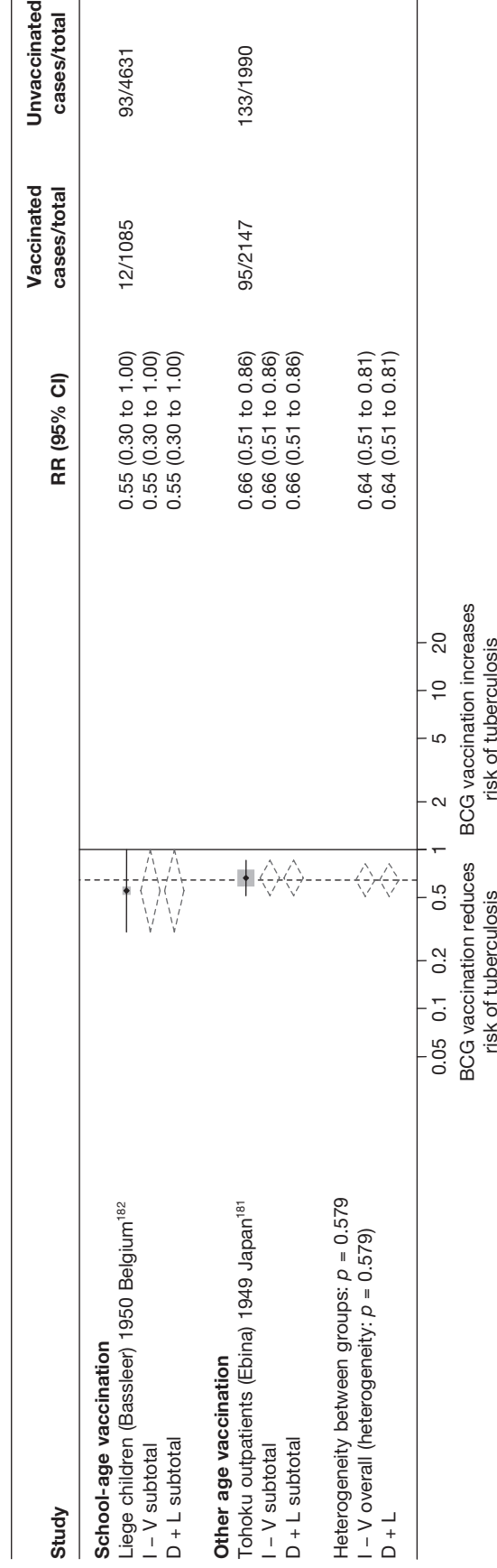


**FIGURE 178** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of extrapulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated in cross-sectional studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**Stratified analysis by age at vaccination, ordered by year  
study started**

See *Figure 179*.



**FIGURE 179** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of extrapulmonary tuberculosis among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated in cross-sectional studies, stratified by age at vaccination, ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

## ***Tuberculosis mortality***

**Stratified analysis by 20° latitude, ordered by year study started**

### ***Cohort studies***

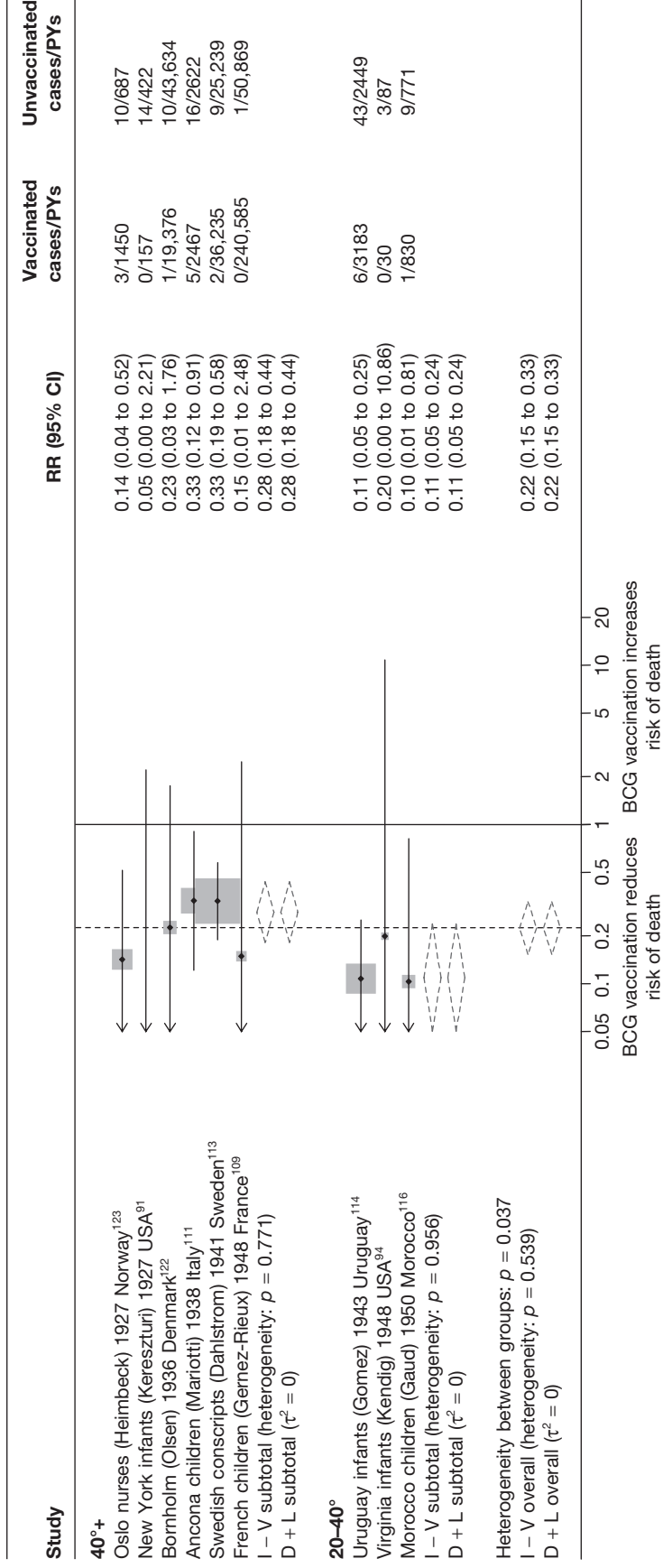
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### ***Cross-sectional studies***

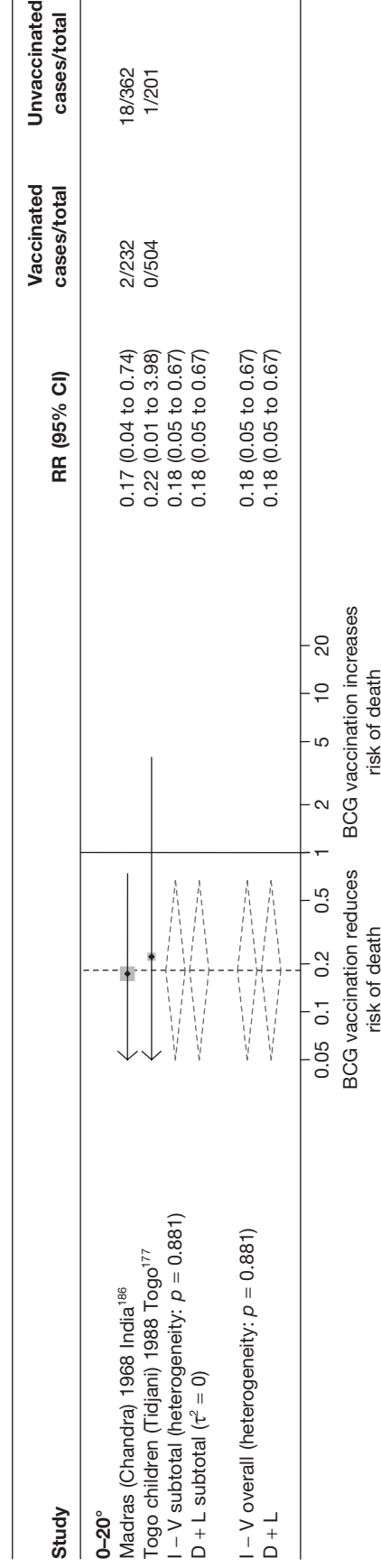
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## **Results by gender and age for all outcomes**

See *Table 33*.



**FIGURE 180** Rate ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the incidence of tuberculosis mortality among BCG vaccinated individuals to that in unvaccinated individuals for the longest duration of follow-up (see Table 4) in cohort studies, stratified by latitude of study location (20° bands), ordered by year of study start. D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.



**FIGURE 181** Risk ratios (with 95% CI) comparing the prevalence of tuberculosis mortality among BCG vaccinated individuals with that in unvaccinated individuals, in cross-sectional studies ordered by year of study start, by latitude of study location (20° bands). D + L, DerSimonian and Laird method; I - V, inverse variance method.

**TABLE 33** Incidence rates for BCG and unvaccinated groups, rate ratios and ratio of rate ratios (RRR) of vaccinated compared with unvaccinated by gender for RCTs

Study	Tuberculosis outcome	Gender	Vaccinated cases/ unvaccinated cases	BCG vaccinated PYs/unvaccinated PYs	Follow-up period	BCG vaccination incidence rate (95% CI) (per 100,000)	Unvaccinated incidence rate (95% CI) (per 100,000)	Rate ratio (95% CI)	RRRs for females vs. males (95% CI)
Chingleput <sup>28</sup>	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Male			15	74	70	1.06	0.92
		Female				37	38	0.97	
Madanapalle <sup>53</sup>		Male	2/8	11,324/12,700	13	17.7 (4.4 to 70.6)	63.0 (31.5 to 126.0)	0.28 (0.06 to 1.32)	0.43 (0.03 to 5.69)
		Female	1/9	11,924/12,946		8.4 (1.2 to 59.5)	69.5 (36.2 to 133.6)	0.12 (0.02 to 0.95)	
Native American <sup>5</sup>	All tuberculosis outcomes	Male	23/31	24,731/23,664	50	93.0 (61.8 to 140.0)	131.0 (92.1 to 186.3)	0.71 (0.41 to 1.22)	0.43 (0.19 to 0.98)
		Female	13/35	29,545/24,138		44.0 (25.5 to 75.8)	145.0 (104.1 to 202.0)	0.30 (0.16 to 0.57)	
Puerto Rico <sup>15</sup>		Male	80/78	453,678/243,250	20	17.6 (14.2 to 22.0)	32.1 (25.7 to 40.0)	0.55 (0.40 to 0.75)	1.67 (1.07 to 2.59)
		Female	106/63	490,881/267,458		21.6 (17.9 to 26.1)	23.6 (18.4 to 30.2)	0.92 (0.67 to 1.25)	

## Case-control studies

**TABLE 34** Odds ratios comparing the BCG vaccination status in cases and control subjects and ratios of ORs by gender, in case-control studies

Study	Tuberculosis outcome	Duration (years)	Gender	OR (95% CI)	Ratio of ORs for females vs. males 95% (CI)
Indonesia <sup>73</sup>	All tuberculosis morbidity outcomes	0-5	Female	0.60 (0.34 to 1.11)	0.93 (0.42 to 2.05)
		0-5	Male	0.64 (0.39 to 1.11)	
Myanmar <sup>74</sup>		0-1	Female	0.71 (0.30 to 1.83)	0.70 (0.45 to 1.10)
		0-1	Male	0.30 (0.13 to 0.79)	
		1-2	Female	0.33 (0.18 to 0.64)	
		1-2	Male	1.00 (0.55 to 1.89)	
		2-3	Female	0.39 (0.20 to 0.79)	
		2-3	Male	0.65 (0.35 to 1.25)	
		3-4	Female	0.67 (0.30 to 1.64)	
		3-4	Male	1.24 (0.59 to 2.76)	
		4-5	Female	0.82 (0.41 to 1.71)	
		4-5	Male	0.63 (0.34 to 1.24)	
Argentina <sup>72</sup>		0-0.5	Female	0.24 (0.03 to 2.47)	0.84 (0.42 to 1.67)
		0-0.5	Male	1.92 (0.12 to 52.84)	
		0.5-1	Female	0.62 (0.18 to 2.63)	
		0.5-1	Male	0.56 (0.20 to 1.76)	
		1-2	Female	0.29 (0.11 to 0.85)	
		1-2	Male	0.37 (0.17 to 0.90)	
		2-3	Female	0.14 (0.03 to 0.70)	
		2-3	Male	0.37 (0.15 to 0.98)	
		3-4	Female	0.03 (0.00 to 0.61)	
		3-4	Male	0.28 (0.10 to 0.91)	
		4-5	Female	0.21 (0.06 to 0.85)	
		4-5	Male	0.11 (0.03 to 0.50)	
		5-6	Female	0.36 (0.12 to 1.25)	
		5-6	Male	0.13 (0.03 to 0.63)	
Asian Children in UK <sup>32</sup>		0-12	Female	0.58 (0.25 to 10.99)	1.41 (0.19 to 10.74)
		0-12	Male	0.41 (0.20 to 0.86)	
Canada <sup>63</sup>		0-18	Female	0.19 (0.10 to 0.41)	0.44 (0.17 to 1.13)
		0-18	Male	0.43 (0.24 to 0.85)	
Nagpur Hospital <sup>62</sup>	Pulmonary tuberculosis	0-12	Female	0.42 (0.21 to 0.82)	1.36 (0.79 to 2.33)
		0-12	Male	0.34 (0.12 to 0.92)	
		0-37	Female	0.56 (0.37 to 0.85)	
		0-37	Male	0.39 (0.25 to 0.61)	
Nagpur Hospital <sup>62</sup>	Tuberculosis meningitis	0-12	Female	0.17 (0.06 to 0.50)	1.70 (0.34 to 8.42)
		0-12	Male	0.10 (0.03 to 0.33)	
Nagpur Hospital <sup>62</sup>	Extrapulmonary tuberculosis	0-30	Female	0.21 (0.13 to 0.33)	1.31 (0.62 to 2.77)
		0-30	Male	0.16 (0.09 to 0.29)	

## Cohort studies

**TABLE 35** Risk ratios comparing the incidence of tuberculosis in BCG vaccinated individuals compared with that in unvaccinated and RRRs by gender, in cohort studies

Study	Potential follow-up period (years)	Gender	Cases in vaccinated/unvaccinated group	Estimated PYs BCG vaccinated group/estimated PYs unvaccinated group	RR (95% CI)	RRRs for females vs. males 95% (CI)
Seoul contacts <sup>120</sup> (all tuberculosis outcomes)	0–1	Female	12/9	124/28	0.30 (0.13 to 0.71)	0.80 (0.40 to 1.82)
	0–1	Male	7/17	97/36	0.15 (0.06 to 0.36)	
	1–2	Female	5/7	86/24	0.20 (0.06 to 0.63)	
	1–2	Male	4/5	84/31	0.30 (0.08 to 1.12)	
	2–3	Female	3/10	77/48	0.19 (0.05 to 0.69)	
	2–3	Male	5/5	78/47	0.60 (0.17 to 2.07)	
	3–4	Female	3/5	70/56	0.48 (0.11 to 2.01)	
	3–4	Male	2/14	75/48	0.09 (0.02 to 0.40)	
	4–5	Female	2/4	61/41	0.34 (0.06 to 1.86)	
	4–5	Male	3/4	54/58	0.81 (0.18 to 3.62)	

## Cross-sectional studies

**TABLE 36** Risk ratios comparing the prevalence of tuberculosis in BCG vaccinated individuals compared with that in unvaccinated and ratios of RRs by gender, in cross-sectional studies

Study	Tuberculosis outcome	Age at outcome (years)	Gender	Cases in vaccinated group/cases in unvaccinated group	Total BCG vaccinated/total unvaccinated	RR (95% CI)	RRRs for females vs. males 95% (CI)
Bangkok Contacts <sup>188</sup>	All tuberculosis disease	0–1	Male	16/5	190/30	0.51 (0.20 to 1.28)	1.54 (0.87 to 2.74)
		0–1	Female	13/2	158/24	0.99 (0.24 to 4.11)	
		1–2	Male	19/13	145/33	0.33 (0.18 to 0.60)	
		1–2	Female	32/5	148/20	0.86 (0.38 to 1.96)	
		2–3	Male	22/6	143/24	0.62 (0.28 to 1.36)	
		2–3	Female	22/4	134/30	1.23 (0.46 to 3.31)	
		3–4	Male	14/6	113/35	0.72 (0.30 to 1.74)	
		2–4	Female	10/9	104/25	0.27 (0.12 to 0.59)	
		4–5	Male	3/8	68/20	0.11 (0.03 to 0.38)	
		4–5	Female	7/2	50/12	0.84 (0.20 to 3.54)	
Togo Contacts <sup>177</sup>	Pulmonary	0–1	Male	4/5	52/31	0.48 (0.14 to 1.64)	1.25 (0.69 to 2.28)
		0–1	Female	3/4	50/27	0.41 (0.10 to 1.68)	
		1–2	Male	4/5	52/31	0.48 (0.14 to 1.64)	
		1–2	Female	4/6	51/49	0.64 (0.19 to 2.13)	
		2–3	Male	1/11	75/37	0.04 (0.01 to 0.33)	
		2–3	Female	7/10	68/45	0.46 (0.19 to 1.13)	
		3–4	Male	1/9	84/38	0.05 (0.01 to 0.38)	
		2–4	Female	1/7	71/40	0.08 (0.01 to 0.63)	
		4–5	Male	5/10	75/42	0.28 (0.10 to 0.76)	
		4–5	Female	5/11	87/56	0.29 (0.11 to 0.80)	
		>5	Male	12/17	90/68	0.53 (0.27 to 1.04)	
		>5	Female	15/18	120/83	0.58 (0.31 to 1.08)	



## Randomised controlled trials

**TABLE 37** Risk ratios comparing the incidence of tuberculosis in BCG vaccinated individuals compared with that in unvaccinated and ratios of RRs by age at vaccination, in RCTs

Study	Age group (years)	Vaccinated cases	Unvaccinated cases	BCG vaccinated PYs	Unvaccinated PYs	BCG vaccination incidence rate (95% CI) (per 100,000)	Unvaccinated incidence rate (95% CI) (per 100,000)	Rate ratio (95% CI)
Chingleput (Madras) <sup>28</sup>	0–4	33	22	220,268	110,280	15.0 (10.7 to 21.1)	19.9 (13.1 to 30.3)	0.75 (0.44 to 1.29)
	5–9	58	38	217,637	108,973	26.6 (20.6 to 34.5)	34.9 (25.4 to 47.9)	0.76 (0.51 to 1.15)
	10–14	80	42	123,820	61,560	64.6 (51.9 to 80.4)	68.2 (50.4 to 92.3)	0.95 (0.65 to 1.38)
	15–24	94	34	81,798	38,960	114.9 (93.9 to 140.7)	87.3 (62.4 to 122.1)	1.32 (0.89 to 1.95)
	25–34	52	20	54,140	26,115	96.0 (73.2 to 126)	76.6 (49.4 to 118.7)	1.25 (0.75 to 2.10)
	>35	63	24	57,055	28,090	110.4 (86.3 to 141.3)	85.4 (57.3 to 127.5)	1.29 (0.81 to 2.07)
Madanapalle <sup>53</sup>	0–4	7	4	22,743	26,449	30.8 (14.7 to 64.6)	15.1 (5.7 to 40.3)	2.04 (0.60 to 6.95)
	5–14	10	13	20,249	21,830	49.4 (26.6 to 91.8)	59.6 (34.6 to 102.6)	0.83 (0.36 to 1.89)
	15–24	5	7	7566	8078	66.1 (27.5 to 158.8)	86.7 (41.3 to 181.8)	0.76 (0.24 to 2.40)
	25–34	6	11	5424	7075	110.6 (49.7 to 246.2)	155.5 (86.1 to 280.7)	0.71 (0.26 to 1.92)
	≥35	5	12	5183	6776	96.5 (40.2 to 231.8)	177.0 (100.6 to 311.8)	0.54 (0.19 to 1.55)