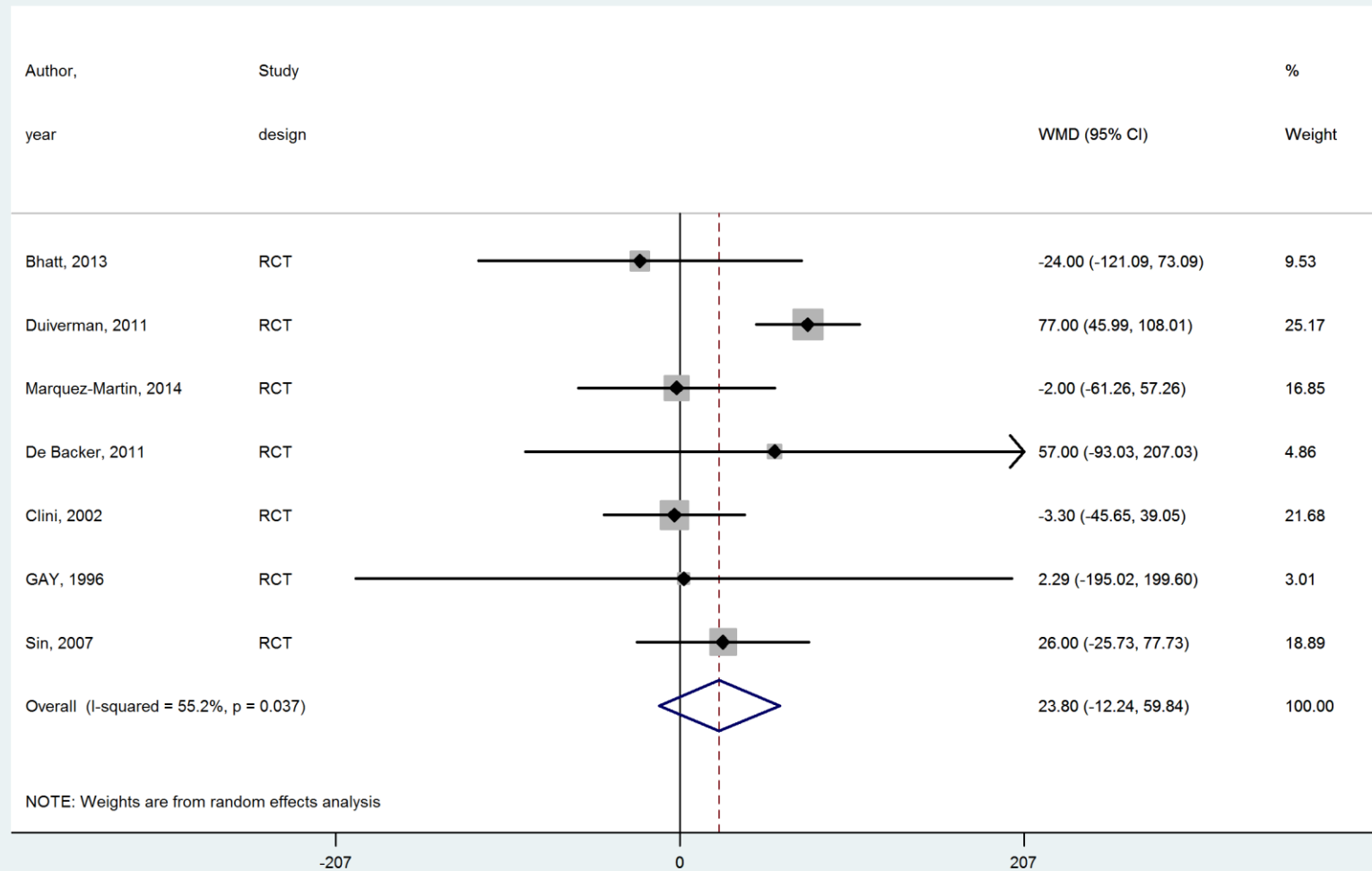


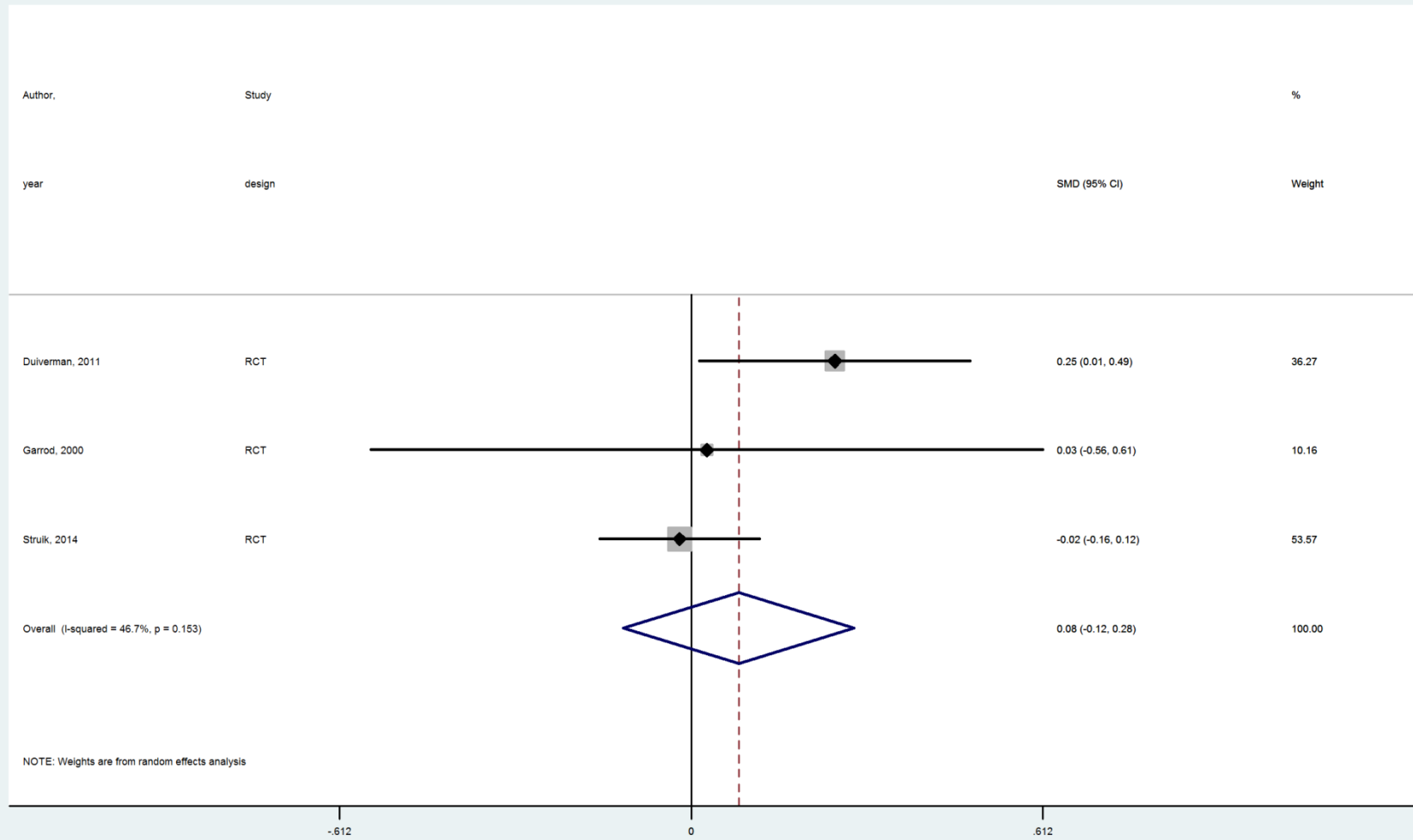
Appendix H. Figures

Figure H.1. 6 Minute Walk Test-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



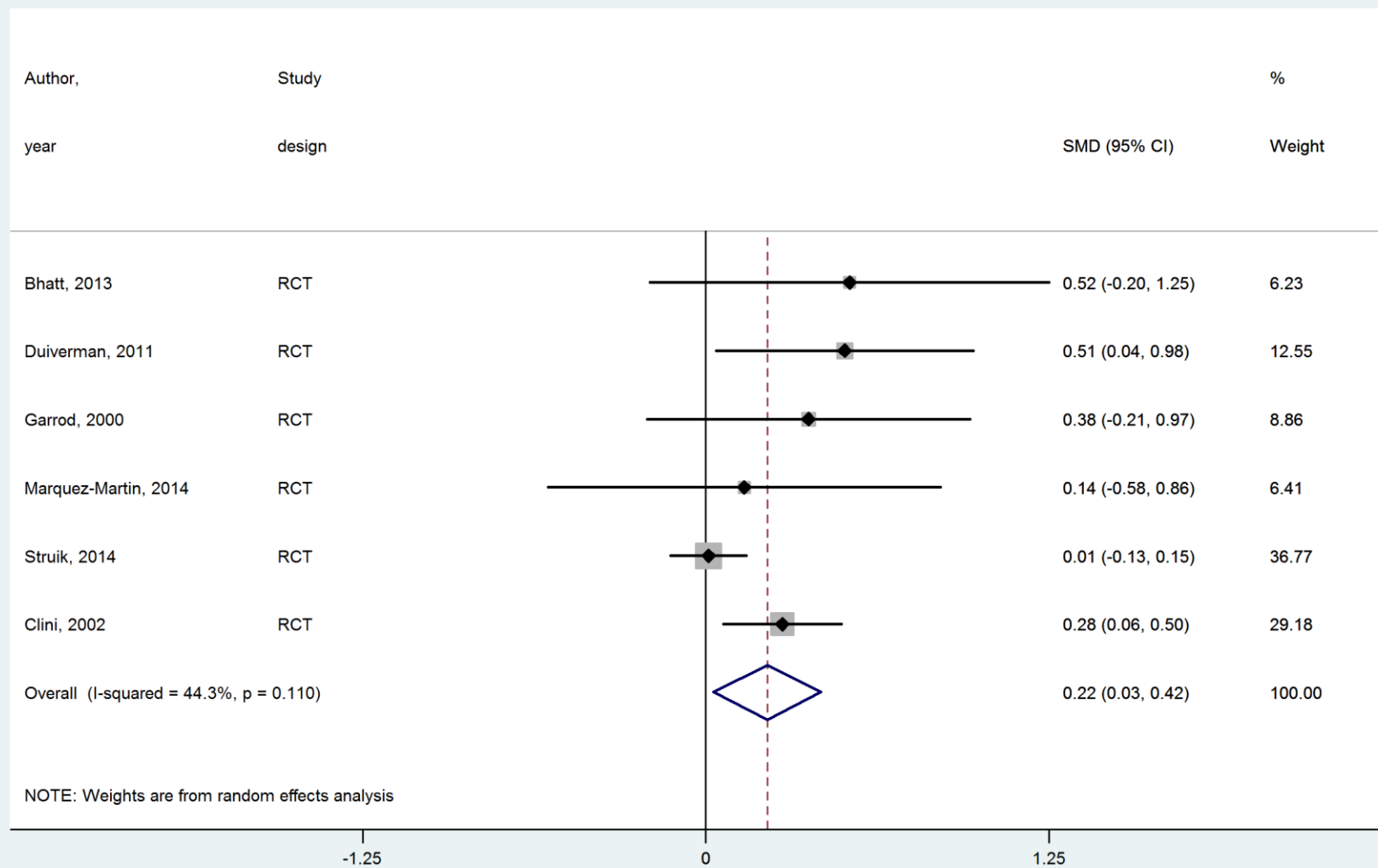
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Figure H.2. Activities of Daily Living-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



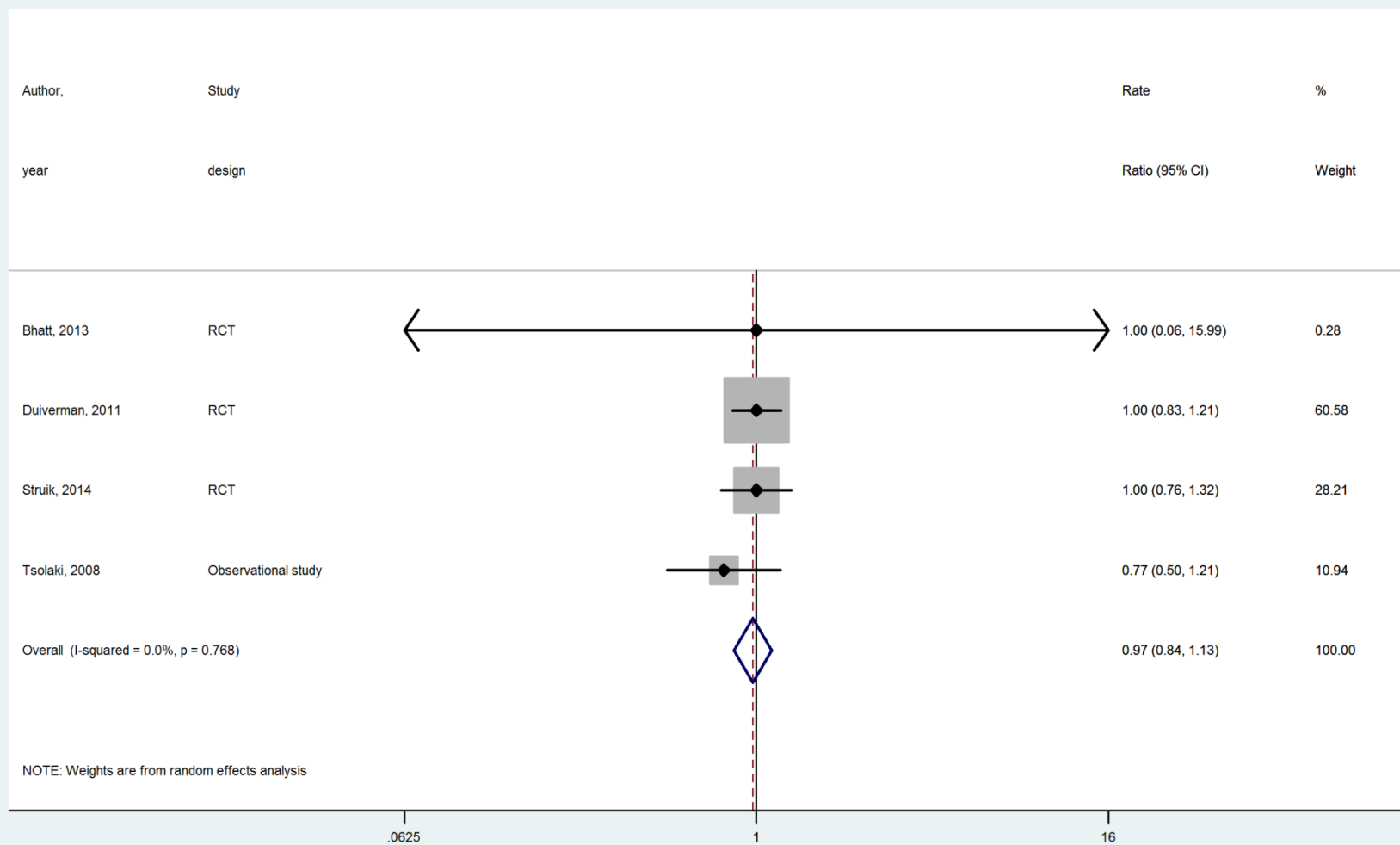
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Figure H.3. Dyspnea-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



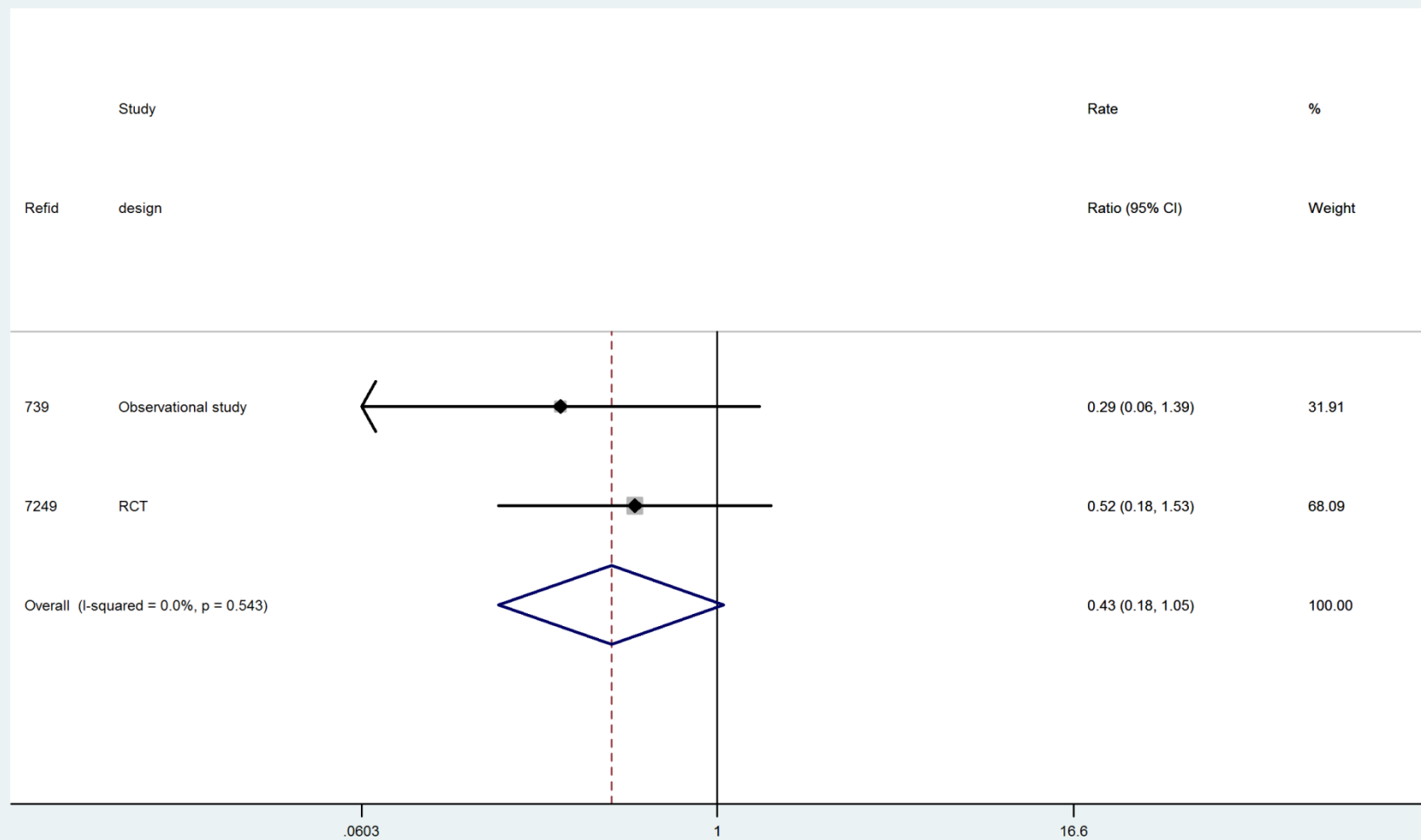
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Figure H.4. Exacerbation-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



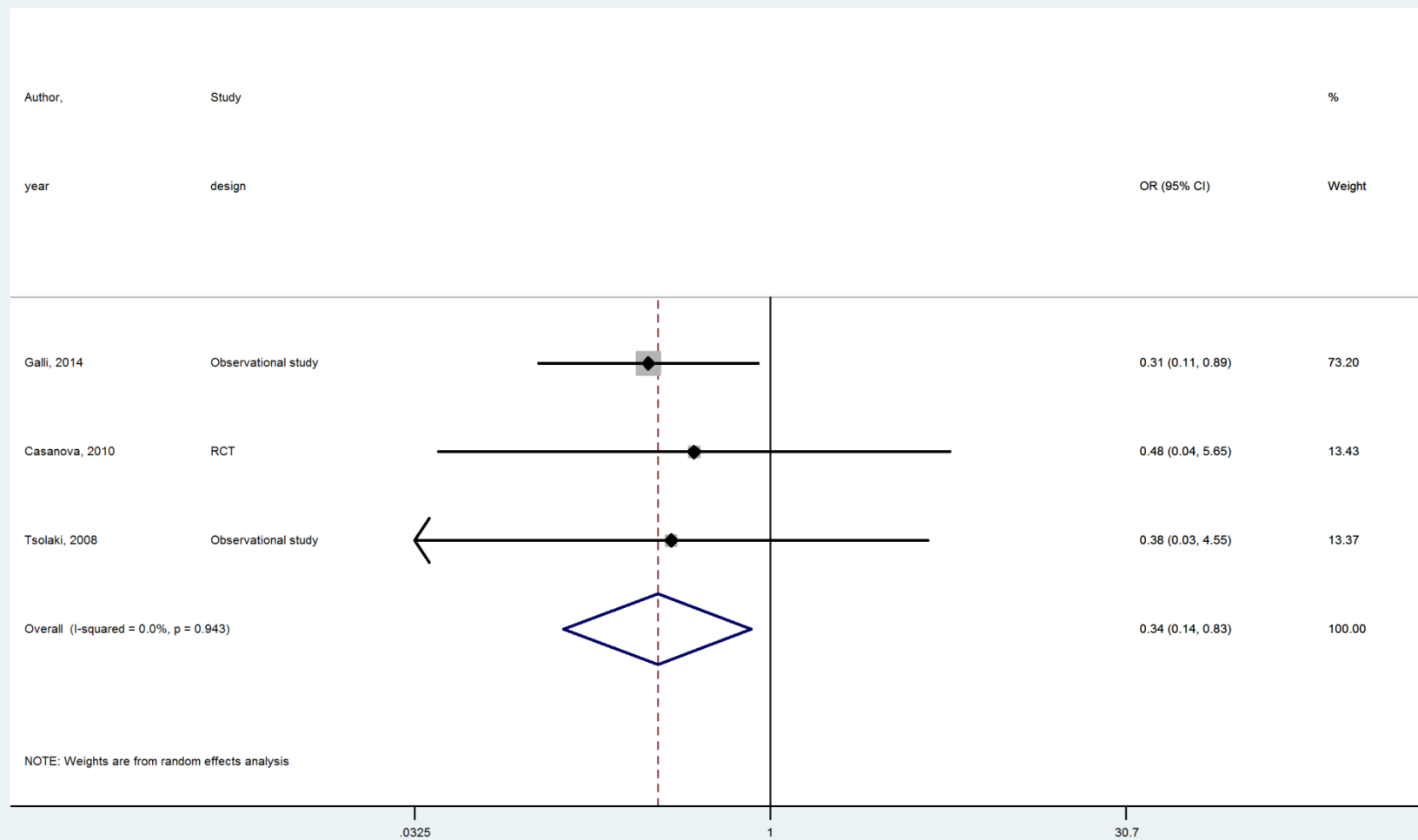
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Figure H.5. ICU admissions-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



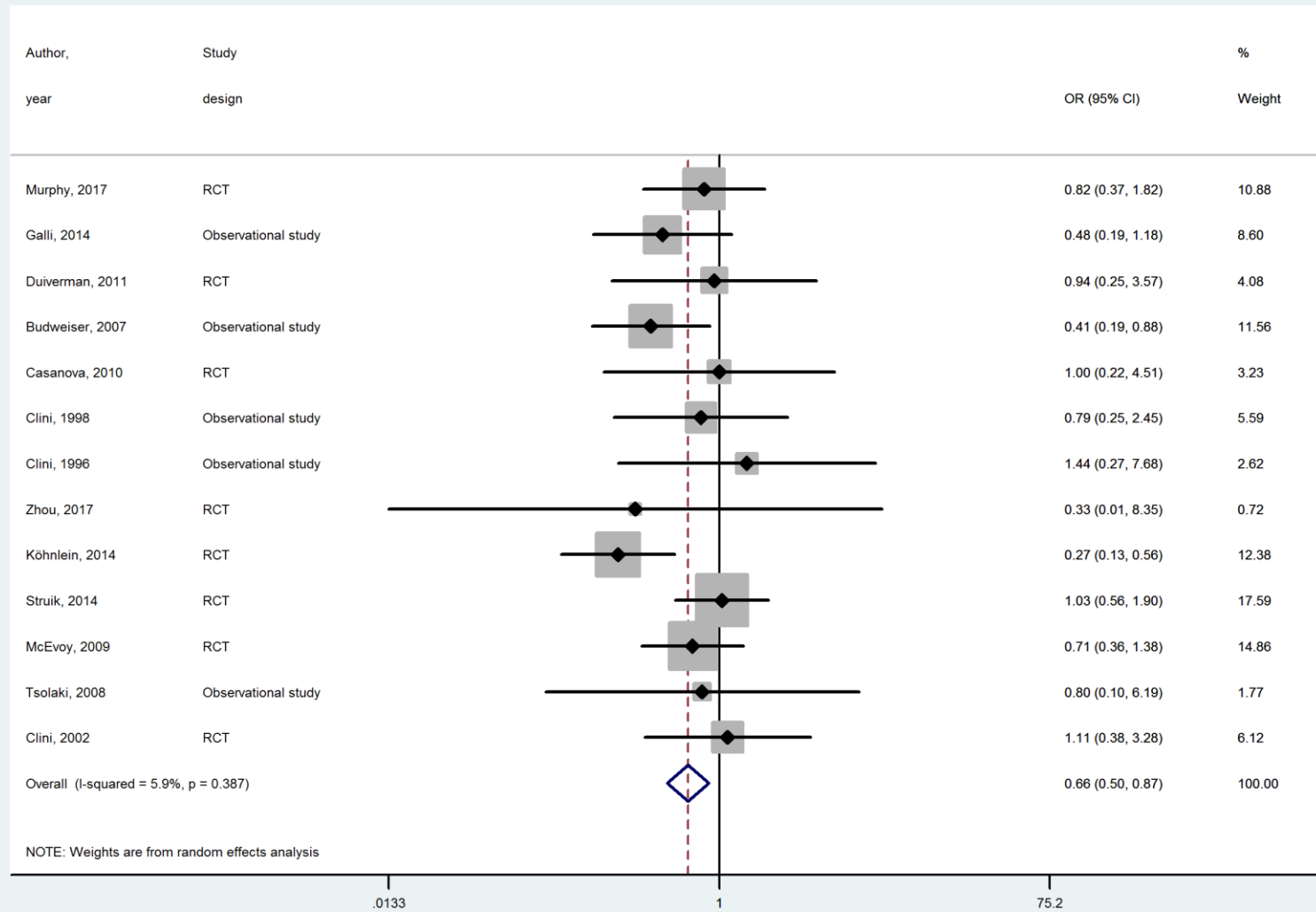
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Figure H.6. Need for Intubation-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



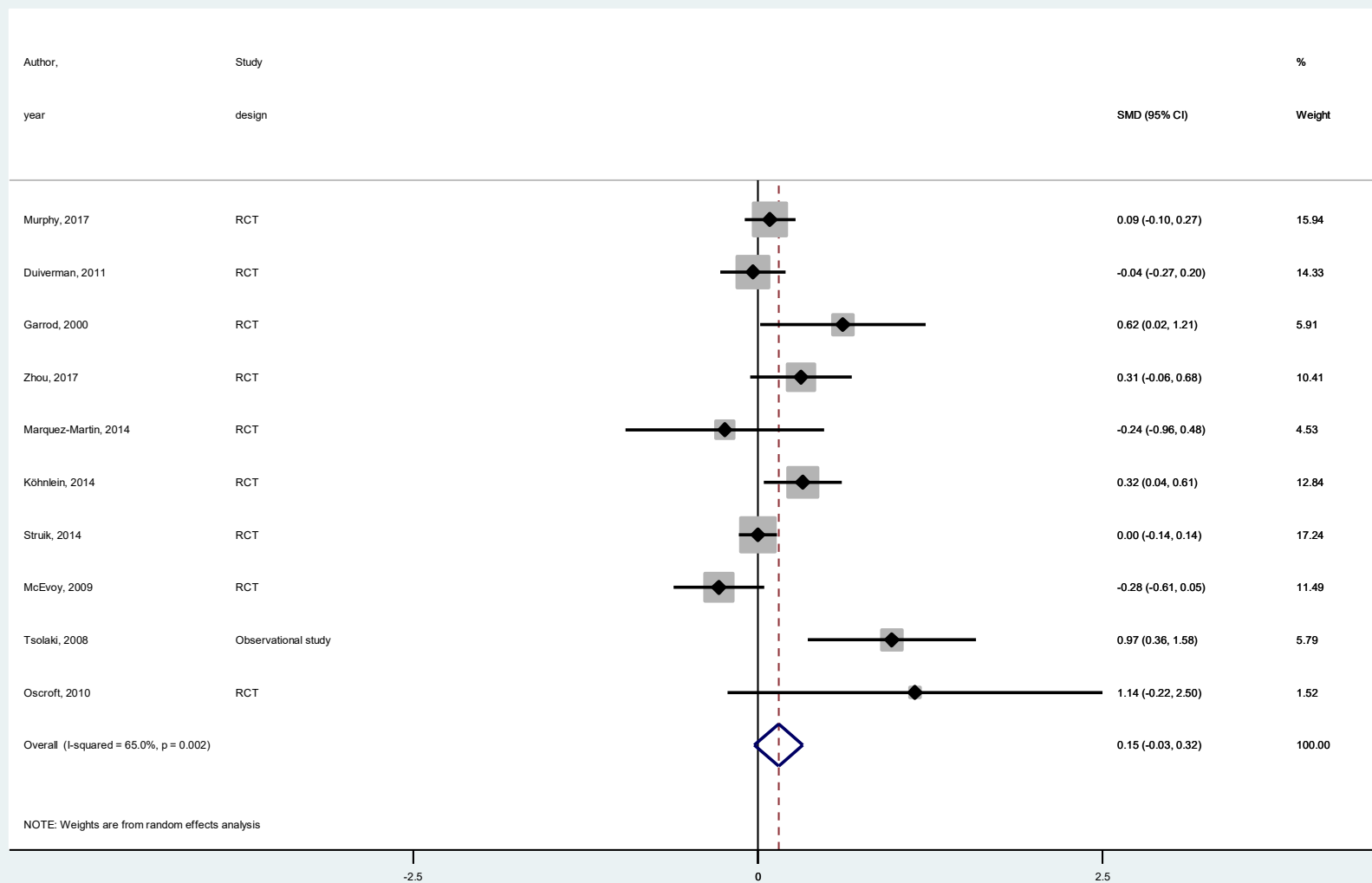
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Figure H.7. Mortality-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



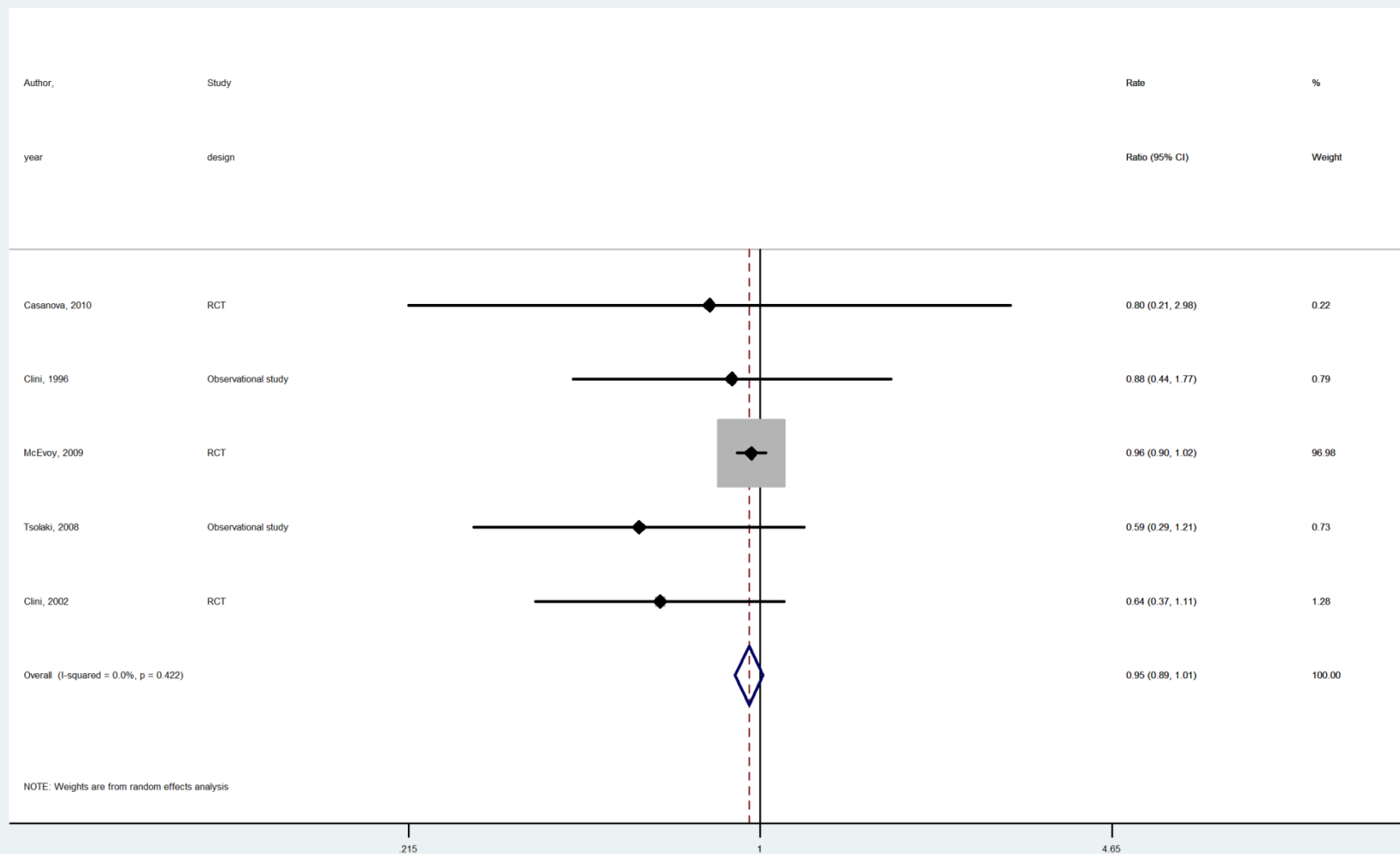
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Figure H.8. Quality of Life-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



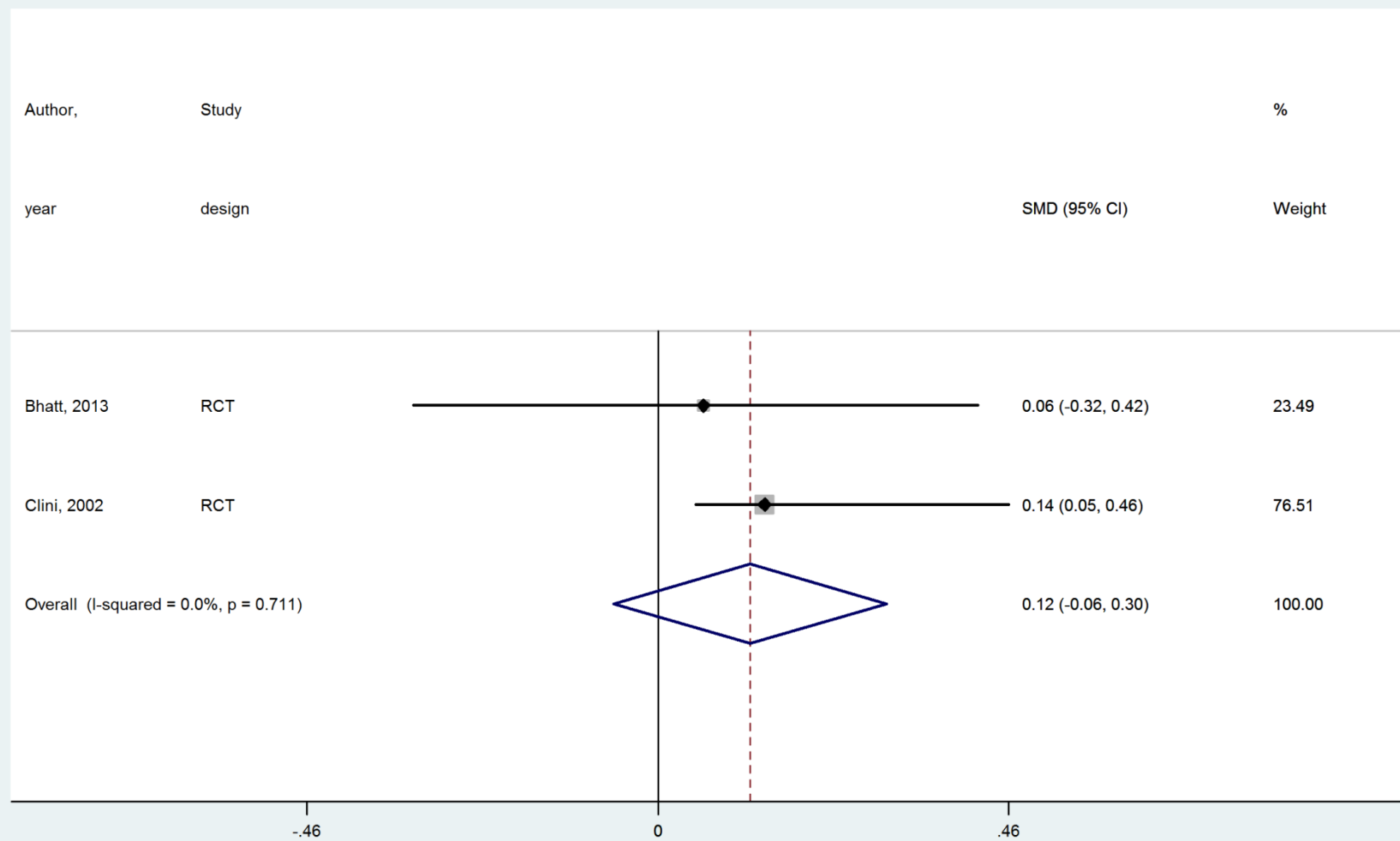
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Figure H.9. Hospital Readmission-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



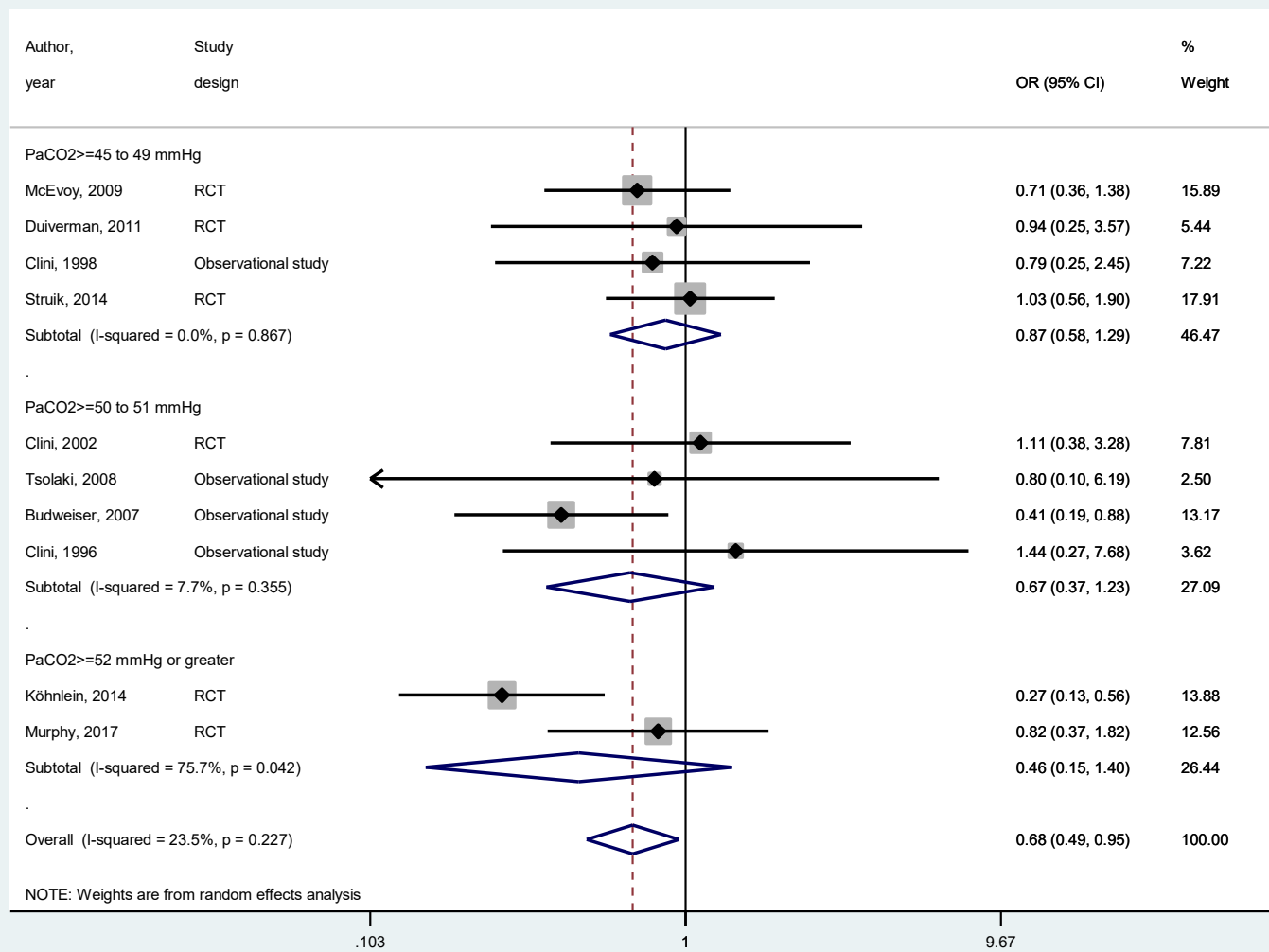
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Figure H.10. Sleep Quality-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



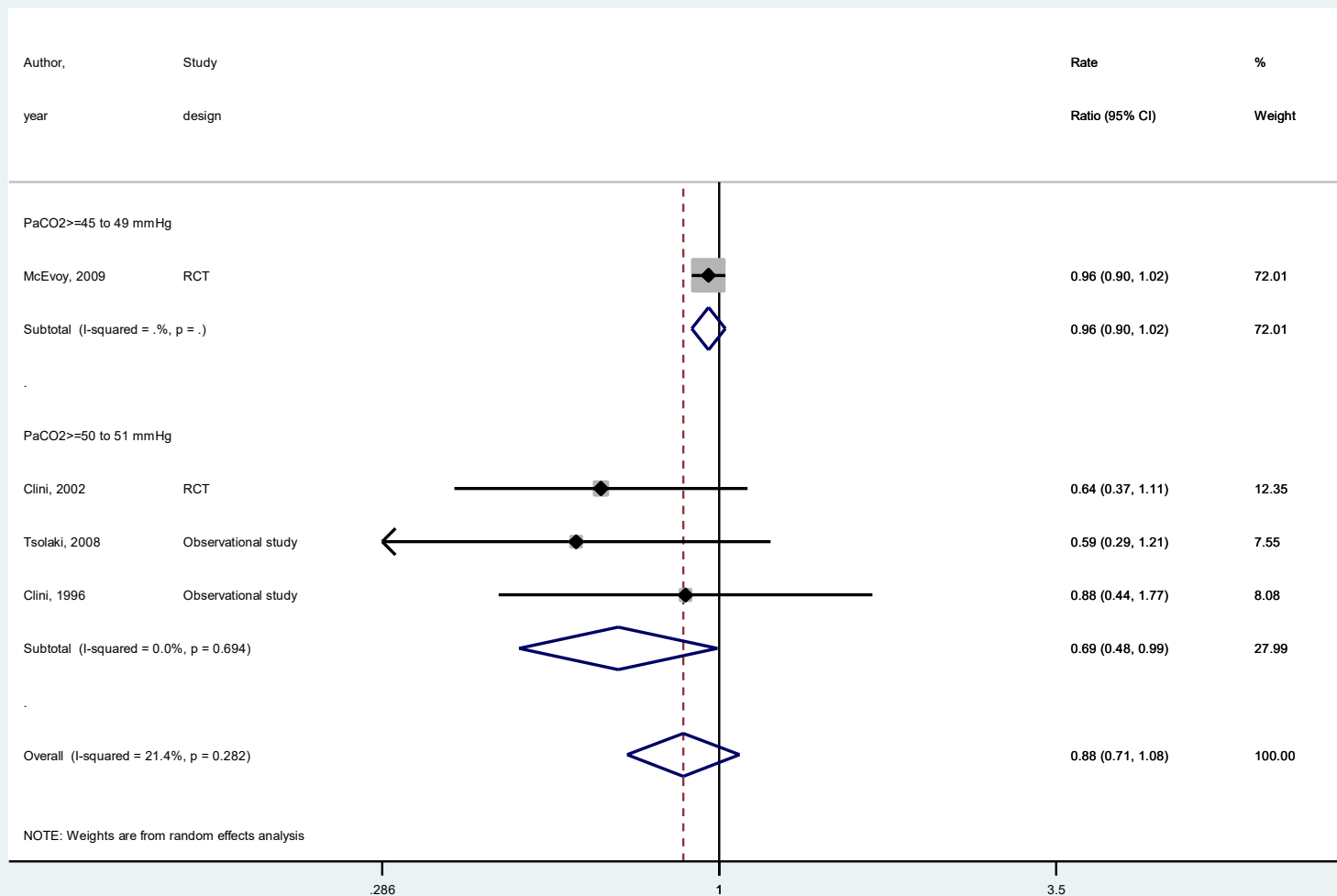
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Figure H.11. Subgroup Analysis: Level of Hypercapnia (PaCO₂) used as an Initiation Criterion for Initiation of NIPPV on Mortality-BPAP



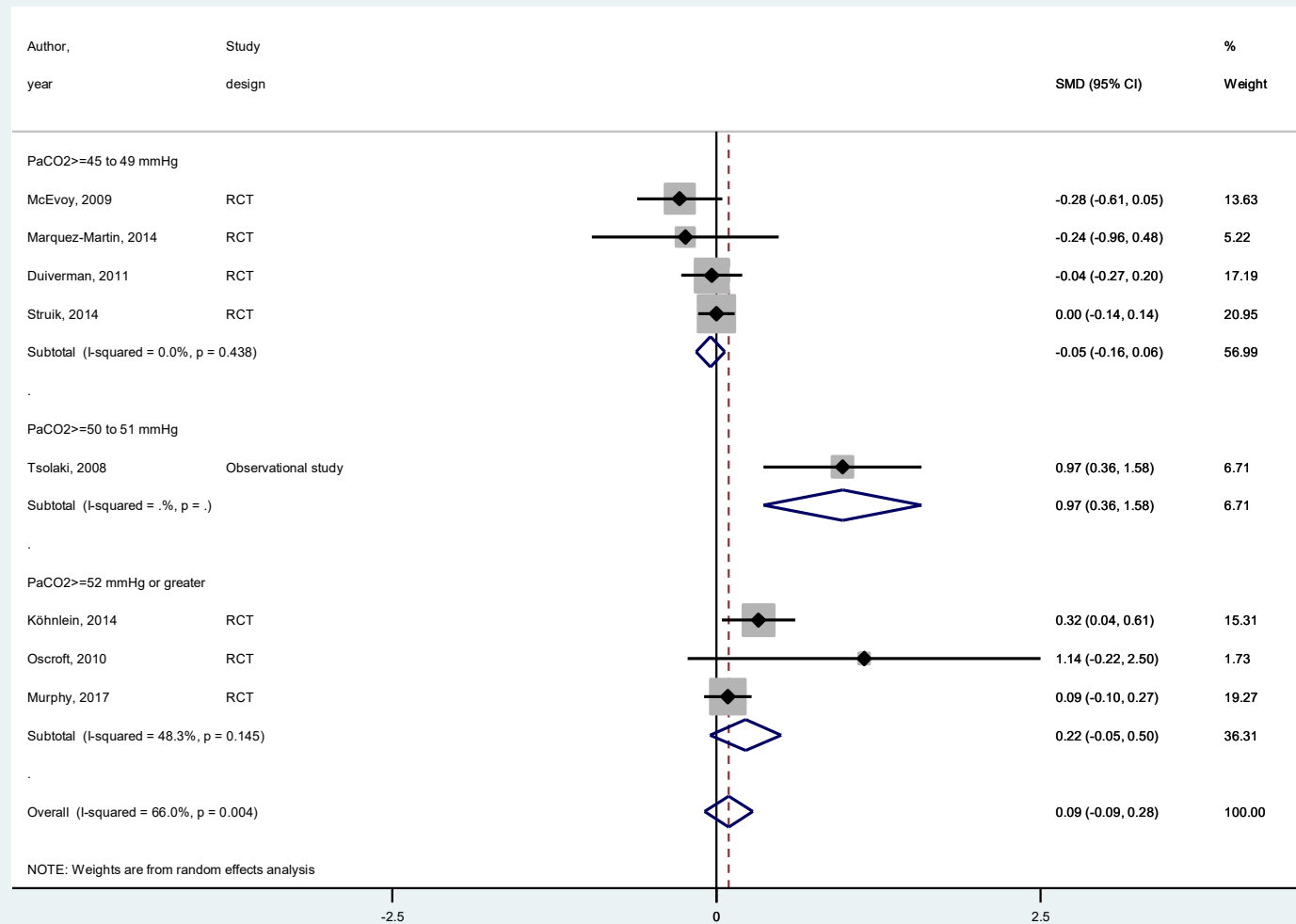
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Figure H.12. Subgroup Analysis: Level of Hypercapnia (PaCO₂) used as an Initiation Criterion for Initiation of NIPPV on Hospital Readmission-BPAP versus No Device in COPD patients



CI: Confidence interval; OR: Odds Ratio RCT: Randomized controlled trial

Figure H.13. Subgroup Analysis: Level of Hypercapnia (PaCO₂) used as an Initiation Criterion for Initiation of NIPPV on Quality of Life-BPAP versus No Device in COPD Patients



CI: Confidence interval; RCT: Randomized controlled trial; SMD: Standardized mean difference