



Figure 3. Tailored meta-analysis of the Pap test in the NHS using the B2 method.

The dotted line represents the applicable region using interval estimates for the test positive rate r and prevalence p . The bold squares are the included studies under the B2 method and the unfilled triangles are the excluded studies. The grey ‘elliptical region’ represents the confidence region (point estimate in centre) using conventional meta-analysis. The black ellipse is the associated confidence region enclosing the point estimate for tailored meta-analysis.