

**Table.1** The summary of the meta-analysis (RCTs and nRCTs) on stents versus non-stents

Outcome	No. of studies	Stents		Non-stents		Heterogeneity		Effect Estimate		Summary	
		Events	Total	Events	Total	<i>P</i>	<i>I</i> <sup>2</sup>	OR (95%)	<i>P</i>		
POPF	RCTs	5	70	322	95	328	0.07	50%	0.65 [0.45, 0.95]	0.02	Similar
	nRCTs	9	34	376	85	453	0.11	39%	0.47[0.31, 0.72]	<0.001	
Postoperative morbidity	RCTs	4	144	299	169	306	0.26	25%	0.75 [0.54, 1.04]	0.08	Similar
	nRCTs	6	84	241	119	323	0.63	0%	0.82[0.57, 1.18]	0.28	
Overall mortality	RCTs	4	7	299	10	306	0.66	0%	0.73 [0.28, 1.88]	0.51	Similar
	nRCTs	8	3	316	7	409	0.44	0%	0.65[0.21, 2.00]	0.45	
Delayed gastric emptying	RCTs	4	33	299	45	306	0.03	66%	0.80 [0.32,2.01]	0.63	Similar
	nRCTs	6	15	240	19	241	0.53	0%	0.80[0.40, 1.61]	0.53	
Intra-abdominal collections	RCTs	4	23	299	24	306	0.64	0%	0.97 [0.53,1.77]	0.93	Similar
	nRCTs	3	7	110	3	94	0.62	0%	2.15[0.54, 8.51]	0.28	