



**Supplemental data 7.** Incidence of postoperative pruritus. Thirteen trials (17 comparisons) comparing intrathecal bupivacaine+fentanyl with intrathecal bupivacaine alone (controls). Trials are shown according to increasing doses of intrathecal fentanyl. There was no graphical evidence of dose-responsiveness. On the event rate scatter, each symbol represents one comparison; diameters of symbols represent number of patients in each comparison. For meta-analysis data from experimental groups of multiple arm trials were combined. CI = confidence interval. n/a: no patient complained about pruritus postoperatively.