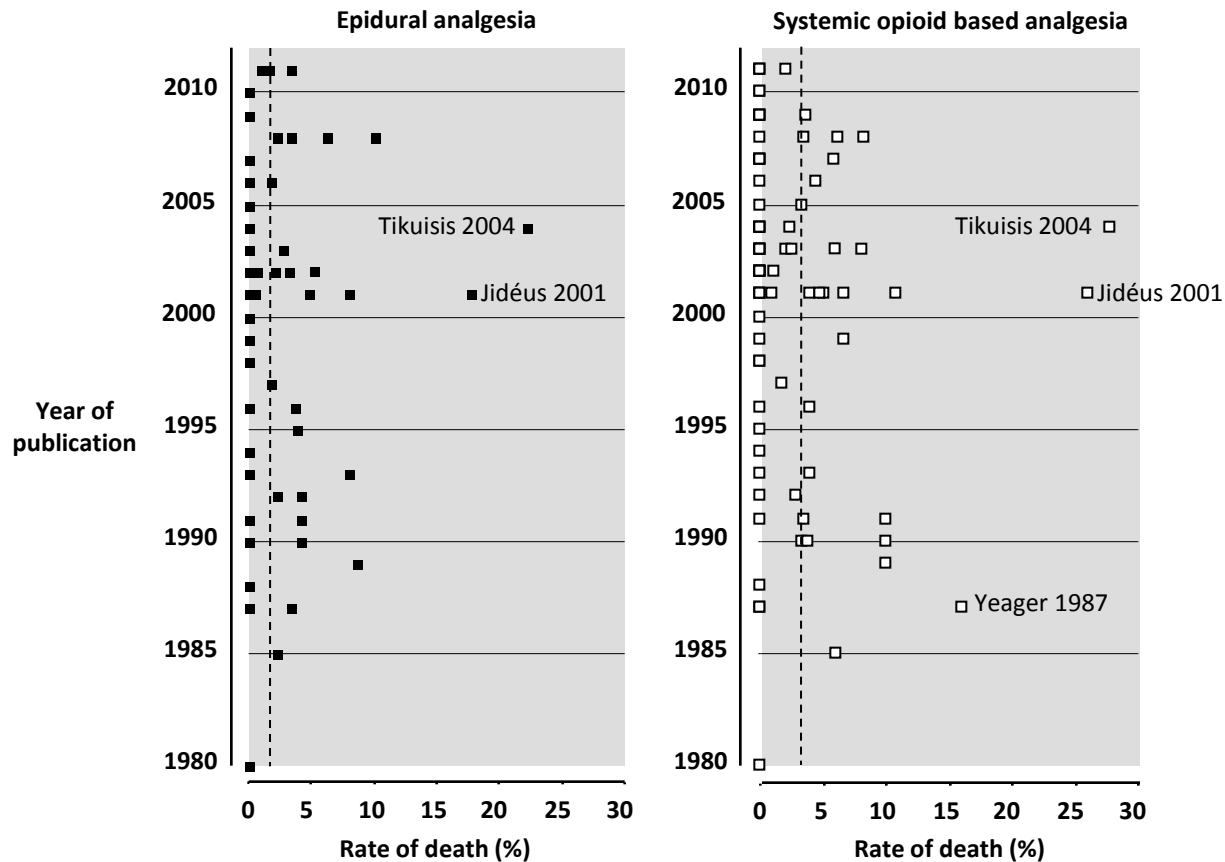


Supplemental Figure C. Relationship between year of publication and incidence of perioperative death. Published and unpublished data (83 trials).



Each symbol represents one trial. Vertical dotted lines show the average incidence of deaths with epidural analgesia (2.0%) and systemic opioid based analgesia (control) (3.2%). Outliers are identified. There was no significant trend in the odds of death over time with epidural analgesia ($P=0.639$) and systemic opioid based analgesia ($P=0.202$).