**Supplemental Table 1. Tests for publication bias.** We used Begg’s and Egger’s tests to examine the potential risk of publication bias. Publication bias was indicated when p value was less than 0.10. Neither Begg’s nor Egger’s test gave a significant result.

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| **Exposure** | **Begg p-Value** | **Egger p-Value** |
| Hypertonic saline | 0.652 | 0.979 |
| Hypertonic saline dextran | 0.520 | 0.131 |