**Supplemental Content 6**

**6.Inconsistency tests based on side-splitting approach**

6.1 Side-splitting approach of effective rate

Table S5

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Side | | Direct |  | Indirect |  | Difference |  | P>|z| |
| Coef. | Std.Err | Coef. | Std.Err | Coef. | Std.Err |
| A | E | -0.2997548 | 0.0422118 | -0.0494721 | 52.73233 | -0.2502827 | 52.73235 | 0.996 |
| B | E | -0.0444518 | 0.0945135 | -0.5996452 | 205.0079 | 0.5551934 | 2.281785 | 0.998 |
| C | E | -0.1413374 | 0.0437442 | -0.6127498 | 127.2429 | 0.4714124 | 127.2429 | 0.997 |
| D | E | -0.1329649 | 0.1184702 | -0.6546215 | 254.2577 | 0.5216566 | 254.2577 | 0.998 |

Note: A: Acupuncture; B: Warm acupuncture; C: Acupoint catgut embedding; D: Acupuncture and moxibustion; E: HRT.

6.2 Side-splitting approach of FSH

Table S6

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Side |  | Direct |  | Indirect |  | Difference |  | P>|z| |
|  | Coef. | Std.Err | Coef. | Std.Err | Coef. | Std.Err |
| A | E | 11.57353 | 2.774262 | 1.062677 | 1188.594 | 10.51086 | 1188.597 | 0.993 |
| B | E | -2.5 | 7.972431 | 23.14974 | 9243.737 | -25.64974 | 9243.74 | 0.998 |
| C | E | 4.418292 | 3.861713 | 22.73647 | 2838.037 | -18.31817 | 2838.04 | 0.995 |
| D | E | -4.729999 | 7.145343 | 23.15177 | 4926.356 | -27.88177 | 4926.361 | 0.995 |

Note:A: Acupuncture; B: Warm acupuncture; C: Acupoint catgut embedding; D: Acupuncture and moxibustion; E: HRT.

6.3 Side-splitting approach of E2

Table S7

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Side | | Direct |  | Indirect |  | Difference |  | P>|z| |
| Coef. | Std.Err | Coef. | Std.Err | Coef. | Std.Err |
| A | E | -26.67434 | 10.57424 | -15.29716 | 2501.454 | -11.37719 | 2501.476 | 0.996 |
| B | E | 4.599998 | 31.0919 | -53.34821 | 22712.24 | 57.94821 | 22712.26 | 0.998 |
| C | E | -41.13781 | 14.91715 | -53.29927 | 5845.511 | 12.16146 | 5845.53 | 0.998 |
| D | E | -3.050003 | 29.76454 | -53.34751 | 10674.26 | 50.29751 | 10674.31 | 0.996 |

Note:A: Acupuncture; B: Warm acupuncture; C: Acupoint catgut embedding; D: Acupuncture and moxibustion; E: HRT.