

Table C. Excluded articles.

First author (year)	Study design	Reason of exclusion
Alguacil et al. (2000) [1]	CC	Included in Crous-Bou et al. (2007) [2]. Higher number of cases and controls, but many controls with pancreatic diseases
Alguacil & Silverman (2004) [3]	CC	RRs for tobacco products other than cigarettes, only
Anderson et al. (2009) [4]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a lower number of cases and a similar number of controls
Andersson et al. (2016) [6]	CO	Included in Vrieling et al. (2010) [7] (the Malmö Diet and Cancer Study is part of the EPIC cohort)
Ansary-Moghaddam et al. (2006) [8]	CO*	Included in Yun et al. (2006) [9] and Jee et al. (2004) [10] with limited information on smoking
Antwi et al. (2016) [11]	CC	Included in McWilliams et al. (2016) [12] and Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]
Baghurst et al. (1991) [13]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]
Boyle et al. (1996) [14]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with the same number of cases and controls
Bracci et al. (2009) [15]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a similar number of cases and controls
Brodovicz et al. (2012) [16]	CO	Included in Bodmer et al. (2012) [17]. Although being more recent, this study has a lower number of cases and a worse classification of smoking status
Bueno de Mesquita et al. (1991) [18]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]
Burns et al. (1997) [19]	CO	Book chapter
Carta et al. (2004) [20]	CO	RRs and 95% CIs not reported
Cederlöf et al. (1975) [21]	CO	Reports and book chapters are excluded
Clavel et al. (1989) [22]	CC	Controls with cancer
Coughlin et al. (2000) [23]	CO	Included in Arnold et al. (2009) [24] with a lower number of cases
Doll & Peto (1976) [25]	CO	95% CIs not reported and not computable
Doll et al. (1980) [26]	CO	95% CIs not reported and not computable
Doll et al. (1994) [27]	CO	95% CIs not reported and not computable
Doll et al. (2005) [28]	CO	95% CIs not reported and not computable
Duell et al. (2002) [29]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]. Pack-years, not included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5], were reported only for upper quartile vs. never smokers.
Duell & Holly (2005) [30]	CC	Reference category is "never exposed to active or passive smoke". Moreover, RRs and 95% CIs are reported in strata of other covariates
Durbec et al. (1983) [31]	CC	Reference category is <10 years of duration of cigarette smoking
Eppel et al. (2007) [32]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a lower number of cases and a similar number of controls
Falk et al. (1990) [33]	CC	Included in Falk et al. (1988) [34]
Fernandez et al. (1996) [35]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a similar number of cases and controls
Ferraroni et al. (1989) [36]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a lower number of cases and controls

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Freedman et al. (2016) [37]	CO	Included in Ordonez-Mena et al. (2016) [38]. Pack-years, not included in Ordonez-Mena et al. (2016) [38], not addressed in the present manuscript
Friedman & van den Eeden (1993) [39]	CC ^o	95% CIs not reported and not computable
Ghadirian et al. (1991) [40]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]
Hammond & Horn (1958) [41]	CO	RRs and 95% CIs not reported for pancreatic cancer
Hassan et al. (2007) [42]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a similar number of cases and controls
Hassan et al. (2007) [43]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a similar number of cases and controls
Henley et al. (2004) [44]	CO	RRs for pipe smoking, only
Heuch et al. (1983) [45]	CO	Partially included in Engeland et al. (1996) [46]. RRs reported only for >10 cigarettes vs. never smokers
Hirayama (1981) [47]	CO	Book chapter
Hirayama (1989) [48]	CO	Partially included in Akiba & Hirayama (1990) [49]. Although having a slightly greater number of cases, Akiba & Hirayama (1990) [49] provides RRs adjusted for a higher number of covariates
Howe et al. (1991) [50]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]
Hrubec & McLaughlin (1997) [51]	CO	Book chapter
Hsieh et al. (1986) [52]	CC	Controls with cancer
Iribarren et al. (1999) [53]	CO	RRs for cigar smoking, only
Jang et al. (2012) [54]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a lower number of cases, although having a higher number of controls
Ji et al. (1995) [55]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a similar number of cases and controls
Jiao et al. (2009) [56]	CO	Included in Ordonez-Mena et al. (2016) [38] with a similar number of cases and cohort size
Kahn (1966) [57]	CO	95% CIs not reported and not computable
Kinlen & McPherson (1984) [58]	CC	Controls with cancer
Klein et al. (2013) [59]	CC ^{*,o}	Case-control studies nested in various cohorts limited to relatively few cases with information on genetics. Most of case-control studies are also included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]. Some cohort studies are included in Arnold et al. (2009), Fuchs et al. (1996) and Hiatt et al. (1988) [24, 60, 61]
Kokic et al. (1996) [62]	CC	Reference category is <26 cigarettes/day
Kuller et al. (1991) [63]	CO	Reference category is non-smokers (former smokers included)
La Vecchia et al. (1987) [64]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a lower number of cases and controls
Larsson et al. (2005) [65]	CO	Provided information only on pack-years, not addressed in the present manuscript
Li et al. (2009) [66]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a similar number of cases and controls
Lin et al. (2002) [67]	CO	Included in Katanoda et al. (2008), Lin et al. (2013) and Zheng et al. (2014) [68-70]

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Lossing et al. (1966) [71]	CO	Book chapter
Lowenfels et al. (2001) [72]	CO	Cohort of patients
Lu et al. (2006) [73]	CC	RRs and 95% CIs not reported
Luckett et al. (2012) [74]	CC	Included in McWilliams et al. (2016) [12]. Although having a slightly higher number of cases due to a broader age range, by protocol Lugo et al. (2017) [75] we give priority to pooled-analyses
Lynch et al. (2009) [76]	CC* ^o	Case-control studies nested in various cohorts with much lower numbers of cases than the original studies. Partially included in Fuchs et al. (1996) [60] and other cohorts
MacMahon et al. (1981) [77]	CC	Controls with cancer
Maruchi et al. (1979) [78]	CO	RRs and 95% CIs not reported for smoking
Michaud et al. (2007) [79]	CO	RRs and 95% CIs not reported for smoking
Michaud et al. (2001) [80]	CO	RRs and 95% CIs not reported for smoking
McWilliams et al. (2016) [12]	CC	Provided information only on pack-years, not addressed in the present manuscript
Mori et al. (1999) [81]	CC	Reference category is non-smokers (former smokers included)
Moura et al. (2014) [82]	CC	Reference category is non-smokers (former smokers included). Moreover, this study uses controls with non-melanoma skin cancer
Murata et al. (1996) [83]	CC ^o	Reference category is non-smokers (former smokers included)
Nishi et al. (1996) [84]	CC	Reference category is non-smokers who never drinks coffee
Nordlund et al. (1997) [85]	CO	Included in Nilsson et al. (2001) [86] with a lower number of cases
Ogren et al. (1996) [87]	CO	Included in Johansen et al. (2009) [88] with a lower number of cases
Olson et al. (2007) [89]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a lower number of cases and controls
Partanen et al. (1997) [90]	CC	Controls with cancer
Pednekar et al. (2011) [91]	CO	Included in Zheng et al. (2014) [68]
Prizment et al. (2007) [92]	CO	RRs and 95% CIs not reported
Risch et al. (2015) [93]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with a similar number of cases and controls
Rosato et al. (2015) [94]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] with the same number of cases and controls
Severson et al. (1982) [95]	CC	Reference category is non-smokers (former smokers included)
Shapiro et al. (2000) [96]	CO	RRs for cigar smoking, only
Silverman et al. (1994) [97]	CC	Provided information only on pack-years, not addressed in the present manuscript
Silverman (2001) [98]	CC	Same results as in Silverman et al. (1994) [97], which is included, for most of the smoking variables, in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]
Sinner et al. (2005) [99]	CO	RRs and 95% CIs not reported
Stolzenberg-Solomon et al. (1999) [100]	CO	Cohort of smokers
Stolzenberg-Solomon et al. (2001) [101]	CO	Cohort of smokers

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Talamini et al. (1999) [102]	CC	Reference category is non-smokers (former smokers included)
Talamini et al. (2010) [103]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] and a similar number of cases and controls
Tranah et al. (2011) [104]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5] and a similar number of cases and controls
Villeneuve et al. (2000) [105]	CC	Included in Villeneuve et al. (2004) [106] with the same number of cases and controls
Vioque & Walker (1991) [107]	CC	Non-English report
Weir & Dunn (1970) [108]	CO	95% CIs not reported and not computable
Wynder et al. (1973) [109]	CC	Controls with cancer
Wynder et al. (1986) [110]	CC	Controls with cancer
Wynder et al. (1983) [111]	CC	Controls with cancer
Yang & Yu (1998) [112]	CC	Non-English reports
Zatonski et al. (1993) [113]	CC	Included in Bosetti et al. (2012) [5]

CC: case-control study; CO: cohort study, RR: relative-risk; CI: confidence interval.

* Pooled-analysis; ° Nested case-control study.

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