Specimen mammography for Intraoperative Margin Assessment in Breast Conserving Surgery: A Meta-Analysis

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Supplementary Figure S1. Risk of bias and applicability concerns summary of the 18 included studies.



Supplementary Figure S2. Forest plots of the sensitivity, specificity and corresponding 95% CIs for specimen mammography as an assessor of the margin status in breast conserving surgery.



Supplementary Figure S3. Summary receiver operating characteristic (SROC) curves from the bivariate model of specimen mammography.



Supplementary Figure S4. Funnel plot of publication bias. The results showed no evidence of notable publication bias (P = 0.103).



Supplementary Figure S5. Univariable Meta-regression and Subgroup Analysis. Posrate40: positive margin rate>40%; SSM: standard specimen mammography system; lesions100: sample number of lesions>100; notumoronink: positive margin defined as tumor at margin.