Supplementary Figure S 5. Checking the transitivity assumption. The study and population baselines evaluable in all trials were included in testing transitivity. The patients in all of the comparisons were similar in age (left) and other main parameters with a P-value >0.05 (right). On the left, the blue bar indicates mean age with 3 standard deviations of the mean, while the red bar indicates the median age with range. *Median ages with interquartile range were provided in Vietti Violi et al., 2018; Shima et al., 2005 was excluded from the assessment because of the absence of data on the mean or median age of the patients. PAI, percutaneous acetic acid injections; CA, cryoablation; RFA, radiofrequency ablation; LA, laser ablation; PBT, proton beam therapy; TACE, trans-arterial chemoembolization; MWA, microwave ablation; PEI, percutaneous ethanol injection; CTP, Child-Turcotte-Pugh.