Pathological eating behaviours and risk of retinopathy in diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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# Abstract (249/250)

**Background:** Diabetes mellitus can cause several long-term macrovascular and microvascular complications including nephropathy, neuropathy, and retinopathy (DR). Several studies have reported positive associations between eating pathologies and DR; however, these studies have not been aggregated and sub-grouped into type of pathological eating behaviour, and the differences in risk according to type of eating behaviour is unknown. The aim of this review, therefore, was to aggregate risks of DR in populations with and without pathological eating behaviours, stratified according to eating behaviour.

**Methods:** A systematic review and meta-analysis was conducted. Major databases and grey literature were search from inception until 1/6/2021. Studies reporting the prevalence of pathological eating behaviours (against a control group with no pathological eating behaviours) in diabetic people with and without DR were included. Odds ratios were calculated from primary data.

**Results**: Seven studies with eight independent outcomes with a total of 1162 participants were included. The odds ratio of DR in the total pooled analysis was 2.94 (95%CI 1.86-4.64; *p*=<0.001; I2=29.59). Two types of eating behaviour yielded enough data for sub-group analysis. Eating disorder not otherwise specified yielded an odds ratio of 2.73 (95%CI 1.81-4.10; *p*=<0.001; I2=0.00), and binge eating disorder yielded an non-significant odds ratio of 0.92 (95%CI 0.31-2.77; *p*=0.887;I2=0.00).

**Discussion**: The likelihood of DR increases almost three times in the presence of pathological eating behaviours. More studies are required to confirm this in clinical populations stratified by eating disorder. Practitioners working with people with diabetes should closely monitor eating behaviours to preclude this risk.

**Keywords**: diabetes; diabetic retinopathy; eating disorder; disordered eating

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# Introduction

Diabetes mellitus is a condition characterised by elevated blood glucose concentrations, which can lead to tissue damage in several parts of the body, including the eyes, heart, and feet [1]. The most common eye disease amongst people with diabetes is diabetic retinopathy (DR) [2], a condition in which microvascular changes in the retina can cause visual impairment, and if left untreated, blindness [3]. Although it has been reported that almost all people with diabetes are likely to suffer with some form of DR over a 20-year period, with 10 year incidence rates being reported as 48% and 28% for type I and II respectively [4], not all cases may lead to registrable visual impairment [3]. Indeed, the presence or absence of several factors can regress or accelerate the progression of DR. For example, levels of physical activity have been shown to be independently negatively associated with DR progression, and sedentary behaviour has been shown to be independently positively correlated [5]. Furthermore, several co-morbidities have been associated with the risk of any type of DR in diabetic people, for example, several large cohort studies have shown that systolic blood pressure is positively associated with a higher risk of DR [6–9].

Another important positive association reported in the literature is between pathological eating behaviours and DR risk. A recent study found that food addiction (characterised as a behavioural pattern, similar to other substance addictions, where an individual cannot control food consumption rationally, and generally consumes highly palatable foods) was much higher in diabetic populations with DR than with no DR [10]. Several studies have found associations between eating disorders and DR risk, especially bulimia nervosa [11, 12]. Bulimia nervosa is characterised by periods of binge eating (often with a feeling of loss of control), followed by purging behaviours to get rid of these calories and prevent weight gain, by means of self-induced vomiting, the use of laxatives, or diuretics [13].

There are few systematic reviews that aggregate and quantify the risk of DR in the presence (versus absence) of pathological eating behaviours. The most recent, conducted in 2002, reported a four-fold increase in DR risk in type 1 people with diabetes who have an eating disorder [14], however the data were not sub-grouped according to type of eating disorder, and did not include any studies that examined type 2 diabetes. Furthermore, binge eating disorder (BED; a condition where a person frequently consumes a large amount of food over discrete periods and feels a lack of control over eating during the episode [13]), was not a recognised eating disorder at the time of the review, and therefore was not included in its analyses. The aggregated risk of DR in people with BED is therefore currently unknown. Primary studies examining associations between BED and DR have, to date, yielded non-significant results. It is the aim of this review, therefore, to examine and aggregate the current literature regarding pathological eating behaviours and DR risk in people with diabetes, stratified by pathological eating behaviour is appropriate. This review has the potential to inform practitioners working with (a) people with diabetes, and/or (b) people with pathological eating behaviours about the respective risks of DR.

# Methods

## Protocol and registration

This systematic review was conducted in accordance with the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines[15], and was registered on 28th May 2021 with the international prospective register of systematic reviews (PROSPERO: protocol ID CRD42021257761). Note that all deviations from the published protocol are described and justified in Supplementary Table 1.

## Search strategy

Databases were searched from inception to 1/6/2021 including Pubmed, Embase, Cinahl, PSYCinfo, Cochrane library of systematic reviews, and Opengrey, using the following search terms: ((eating disorder OR anorexia OR bulimia OR EDNOS OR anorexia nervosa OR bulimia nervosa OR binge eating disorder OR eating disorder not otherwise specified) AND (diabetic retinopathy OR diabetic macular edema OR diabetic macular oedema OR proliferative diabetic retinopathy OR proliferative retinopathy OR sight threatening retinopathy OR retinopathy)). No other limiters were applied. Note that the full search strategy for each database can be found in Supplementary Table 2. Results of the searches were imported in a bibliographic database and duplicates removed automatically. Titles and abstracts of the studies obtained were independently screened for inclusion by two authors. Following title and abstract screening, the full texts of all potentially eligible papers were reviewed independently by two reviewers (MT,EI), with senior reviewer (SP) mediating any disputes.

## Inclusion criteria

To be eligible for inclusion, studies had to include the following:

1. Populations with diabetes reporting prevalence/incidence rates of DR versus no DR, and pathological eating behaviours versus no pathological eating behaviours.
2. All types of study design were considered if they reported the above information
3. Written in English, French, Spanish, or Italian

## Data extraction

Data were extracted by two reviewers (MT; RD) and included: first author; study title; publication date; country; study type; type of diabetes; type of pathological eating behaviour; type of DR; method of DR diagnosis/screening; total participants; total participants with and without DR with and without eating disorders; demographic variables.

## Quality assessment

Risk of bias was respectively assessed by two independent researchers (MT; RD) using the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) critical appraisal checklists for (a) cohort studies [16] (b) case-control studies [17], and (c) analytical cross-sectional studies [18]. Any discrepancies over the final risk of bias verdict were solved by consensus, with involvement of a third review author (SP) where necessary.

## Statistical analysis

A random-effects meta-analysis was conducted using the DerSimonian and Laird method, with studies weighted according to the inverse variance, using Comprehensive Meta-Analysis [19]. The meta-analysis was conducted using the following steps:

(1) Odds ratios (ORs) were calculated from the number of participants with (a) no indicated pathological eating behaviours and no DR; (b) no indicated pathological eating behaviours and DR; (c) indicated pathological eating behaviours and no DR, and (d) indicated pathological eating behaviors and DR.

(2) Heterogeneity between studies was assessed using the I² statistic, with <50% considered low heterogeneity, 50-75% considered moderate heterogeneity, and >75% considered high heterogeneity [20].

(3) Publication bias was assessed with a visual inspection of funnel plots and with the Egger bias test [21]. As per the recommendations by Sterne et al [22], the Egger test was only conducted if the number of studies in each analysis exceeded ten. If an analysis had fewer than 10 studies, visual inspection of the funnel plot was conducted. Furthermore, sensitivity analyses were conducted to assess the robustness of analyses through the one study removed method.

(4) All analyses were stratified according to type of eating disorder, if applicable. If a study does not indicate a specific type of eating disorder (for example, using a questionnaire such as the EAT-26), these were categorized as eating disorder not otherwise specified (EDNOS).

(5) The robustness of results was determined via the use of the one-study removed method.

(6) To further determine the credibility of evidence, prediction intervals (PIs) for all ORs with more than three studies were also calculated.

## Certainty of evidence

To ascertain the certainty of the evidence, the Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluations [23] (GRADE) framework was used.

# Results

Out of 126 hits initially identified, after automatic duplicate removal, 87 studies were assessed at title/abstract level. After full text review – seven studies [10, 24–29], with eight independent outcomes were included in the meta-analysis, with a total of 1162 participants. The flow diagram of search, selection and inclusion process is fully reported in Figure 1. Table 1 shows descriptive statistics of included studies and Supplementary Table 3 shows a list of full text studies that were excluded, with justifications. Four outcomes were classified as assessing DR risk and EDNOS [10, 24, 25, 27], two outcomes examined DR risk and BED [26, 29], one study pooled both anorexia and bulimia nervosa [28], and one outcome examined bulimia nervosa exclusively [29]. All included studies were of sufficiently low risk of bias according to the JBI tools and were included.

## *Meta-analysis*

Overall, the pooled random effects model yielded an OR of 2.94 with low levels of heterogeneity (95% CI 1.86-4.64; *p*=<0.001; PI=1.05-8.21 I2=29.59), see Figure 2 and Table 2. As there were fewer than 10 studies included in the analysis, visual inspection of the funnel plot showed no evidence of publication bias (see Supplementary Figure 1). The removal of any one study did not change the direction or magnitude of results (see Supplementary Figure 2), and the PI did not exclude the null hypothesis. This evidence has been classified as ‘high’ level of certainty according to the GRADE criteria.

## *Sub-group analysis*

Two types of eating disorders had more than one outcome and were therefore included in the sub-group analyses of EDNOS and BED. The EDNOS sub-group yielded a significant OR of 2.73 (95% CI 1.81-4.10; *p*=<0.001; PI=1.81-4.10; I2=0.00), and the BED yielded a non-significant OR of 0.92 (95% CI 0.31-2.77; *p*=0.887; I20.00), see Figure 3 and Table 2. The magnitude and significance of results for both EDNOS and BED did not change with one-study removed (see Supplementary Figures 3 and 4), and the PI in the EDNOS group did not exclude the null hypothesis. The EDNOS subgroup was classified as ‘high’ certainty of evidence according to the GRADE criteria. Due to the inconsistency of included studies and the general lack of studies (and hence unknown likelihood of publication bias), the BED subgroup has been classified as ‘low’ certainty of evidence.

# Discussion

The current systematic review and meta-analysis, including seven primary studies with eight independent outcomes, examines associations between the presence (versus absence) of pathological eating behaviours and the risk of DR. This review also attempts to stratify analyses according to the type of eating pathology.

The pooled results showed that the likelihood of DR is almost three-fold higher (OR=2.94) in the presence of pathological eating behaviours. A review conducted in 2002 yielded an OR of 4.84 [14], which is much higher than this study’s estimate. One possible reason for this is we were unable to verify the underlying data from some studies included in the 2002 review (i.e., one included study was a ‘personal communication’), and therefore were not included in this analysis. In addition, this review includes three studies in addition to those that were meta-analysed in 2002. The most likely mechanism behind the increased DR risk with pathological eating behaviours is poor glycaemic control that has been linked to higher prevalence of diabetic complications. Indeed, binge and purging behaviour has widely been associated with changes in glycaemic control [14]. Further, it has been widely reported that poor insulin control amongst people with Type I and Type II diabetes is associated with increased risk of several microvascular complications, including earlier presentation of diabetic retinopathy [30, 31].

Two types of pathological eating yielded enough studies to be included in sub-group analyses: EDNOS and BED. The association between indicated EDNOS and DR risk yielded an OR of 2.73. This was slightly lower than the pooled OR because of the omission of two studies examined both AN and BN, and another than measured BN exclusively, that had much higher ORs. This result is in broad agreement with the literature. Indeed, it has been reported that people with BN have much higher prevalence of DR than other eating disorders [11]. Our results show, however, that unspecified, pathological eating behaviours (such as food addiction and weight-related insulin omission) also yield significant increases in DR risk and should be monitored in people with both Type I and Type II diabetes. With regards to BED, this study found no significant association between BED and DR risk, although the certainty of evidence was graded as low, mainly due to a paucity of studies. One possible reason for this non-significant result could be because BED exerts a lesser effect on glycaemic control than other pathological eating behaviours that include purging behaviors, like BN or weight-related insulin omission [26, 32]. Indeed, one of the included studies examining BED found no significant differences in several biochemical glycaemic parameters (including HbA1c and fasting plasma) glucose in the BED group versus control [26]. The low certainty of this evidence warrants further primary studies to confirm or refute this study’s findings.

**Strengths and limitations**: This study found significant associations between pathological eating behaviours and risk of DR, with a high degree of certainty. The findings of this review should be considered within its limitations. Firstly, several of the tools used for measuring pathological eating behaviours were self-report questionnaires, which increases the chances of false-negative results, possibly because of the secretive nature of sufferers of eating disorders [33] – future studies should aim to use clinician diagnosed eating disorders wherever possible. Secondly, all but one study was either cross-sectional or case-control in study design, making the direction of correlation (and therefore causation) difficult to determine. Thirdly, all but one study failed to stratify results according to type of DR (e.g., sight-threatening versus non sight threatening, or non-proliferative versus proliferative), therefore the extent in which pathological eating has in the progression of DR is unknown. Furthermore, due to the paucity of studies, the results were not stratified according to the type of diabetes, therefore the effects according to diabetes type is unknown. Lastly, both the number of studies and number of participants was low – primary studies examining pathological eating behaviours and complications of diabetes especially DR are warranted.

# Conclusion

The presence of pathological eating behaviours increases the risk of diabetic retinopathy in people with diabetes by around 3 times. Practitioners working with people with diabetes should closely monitor eating behaviours so that any pathological eating behaviour can be addressed swiftly to reduce the risk of DR and consequent blindness if not treated. Furthermore, more primary studies examining DR risk and pathological eating behaviours are required, particularly in populations with clinical eating disorders such as AN, BN, and BED.

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# Tables and Figures

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| **Authors** | **Study Design** | **Country** | **Type of diabetes** | **Type of eating pathology** | **Eating pathology measurement** | **Diabetic retinopathy measurement** | **Total participants** | **Mean age (SD)** | **Follow-up (SD)** | **Duration of diabetes** | **Conflict of interest** |
| Rydall et al. [24] | Cohort | Canada | T1DM | ‘Highly and moderately disordered eating’ | Diagnostic Survey for Eating Disorders. | Indirect ophthalmoscopy and slit-lamp biomicroscopy (after pupillary dilation) and grading of seven-field stereoscopic color fundus photographs | 71 | NR | 4.4 (0.3) years | NR | NR |
| Cantwell et al. [25] | Cross-sectional | UK | T1DM | Indicated eating disorder | >18 or above on the EAT-40 | Interview | 48 | High EAT= 24.4 (4.4); Low EAT= 22.5 (3.9) | NA | high EAT=13.1 (6.2); low EAT=9.8(5.0) | NR |
| Nicolau et al. [26] | Cross-sectional | Spain | T2DM | BED | EAT-26 and QEWP-R | Clinical report and self-report | 306 | No BED =63.3 (10.3) BED= 57.5 (11.1) | NA | No ED=12.1 (9.6); BED=8.5(6.1) | Reported - none declared |
| Nicolau et al. [10] | Cross-sectional | Spain | T2DM | Food addiction | YFAS 2.0 | Clinical interview | 300 | 63.8 (11.8) | NA | 12 (9.4) | Reported - none declared |
| Polonsky et al. [27] | Cross-sectional | USA | T1DM | Weight-related insulin omission | BULIT-R | Clinical chart | 282 | NR | NA | NR | NR |
| Colas et al. [28] | Case-control | France | T1DM | AN and BN | NR (clinical patients) | Retinal angiography | 58 | AN and BN= 26.2 (0.9)  No AN or BN= 27.8 (0.9) | NA | AN and BN= 9.2 (0.7)  No AN or BN= 10.9 (1.3) | NR |
| Takii et al. [29] | Case-control | Japan | T1DM | BN | Clinician interview DSM-IV criteria | Medical records | 54 | BN=23.2 (4.4); Control: 23.9 (3.8) | NA | BN=8.7 (5.7); Control=7.9 (5.5) | NR |
| Japan | T1DM | BED | 43 | BED=  24.8 (7.5)  Control=  23.9 (3.8) | NA | BED=  4.7 (1.8); Control=  7.9 (5.5) |

**Table 1: Descriptive characteristics of included studies**

SD= standard deviation; T1DM=Type 1 diabetes mellitus; T2DM=Type 2 diabetes mellitus; BED=binge eating disorder; AN=anorexia nervosa; BN=bulimia nervosa; EAT 40= Eating attitudes test 40; EAT 26=eating attitudes test 26; QEWP-R=Questionnaire of Eating and Weight Patterns-Revised; YFAS 2.0= Yale Food Addiction Scale 2.0; BULIT-R= Bulimia Test-Revised; NR=not reported; DSM-IV=Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV.

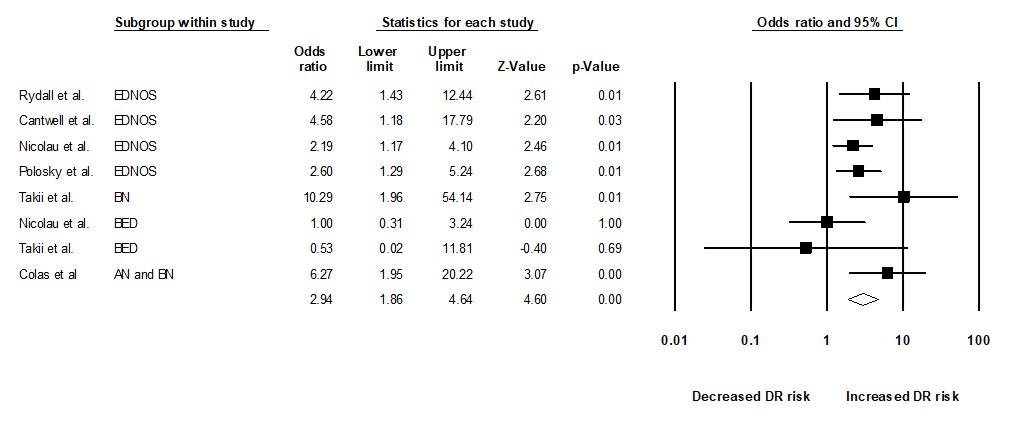
**Table 2: Meta-analysis results**

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| **Study details** | | | **Meta-analysis** | | | **Heterogeneity** |
| **Type of eating pathology** | ***n* studies**  **(*k* outcomes)** | ***n* participants** | **Odds ratio**  **(95% CI)** | ***p*-value** | **Prediction interval** | **I2** |
| EDNOS | 4(4) | 701 | 2.73  (1.81-4.10) | <0.001 | 1.81-4.10 | 0.00 |
| BED | 2 (2) | 349 | 0.92  (0.31-2.77) | 0.887 | NA | 0.00 |
| BN | 1(1) | 54 | 10.29  (1.96-54.14) | 0.010 | NA | 0.00 |
| AN and BN | 1 (1) | 58 | 6.27  (1.95-20.22) | <0.001 | NA | 0.00 |
| Total pooled | 7 (8) | 1162 | 2.94  (1.86-4.64) | <0.001 | 1.05-8.21 | 29.59 |

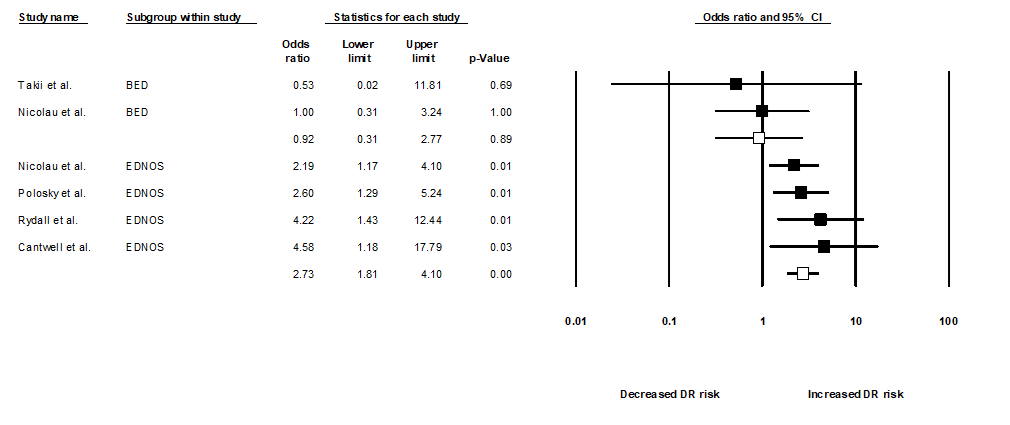
EDNOS=eating disorder not-otherwise-specified; BED=binge eating disorder; BN=bulimia nervosa; AN=anorexia nervosa

Flowchart

**Figure 1: PRISMA flowchart showing included studies**



**Figure 2: Odds ratios of diabetic retinopathy risk amongst people with diabetes with versus without pathological eating behaviors. Note EDNOS=eating disorder not otherwise specified; BN=bulimia nervosa; AN=anorexia nervosa; BED=binge eating disorder; DR=diabetic retinopathy**

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**Figure 3: Odds ratios of diabetic retinopathy risk amongst people with diabetes with versus without pathological eating behaviors, stratified by eating disorder not-otherwise-specified and binge eating disorder. Note EDNOS=eating disorder not otherwise specified; BED=binge eating disorder; DR=diabetic retinopathy.**

# Supplementary Tables and Figures

**Supplementary Table 1: Justifications of deviations from the pre-published protocol**

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| **Type of change** | **Justification** |
| Inclusion of studies changed from eating disorders to pathological eating behaviours | After initial searches, it was clear that there was a paucity of studies that examined eating disorders, so the inclusion criteria was broadened to include all types of pathological eating behaviour. |

**Supplementary Table 2: Search strategy**

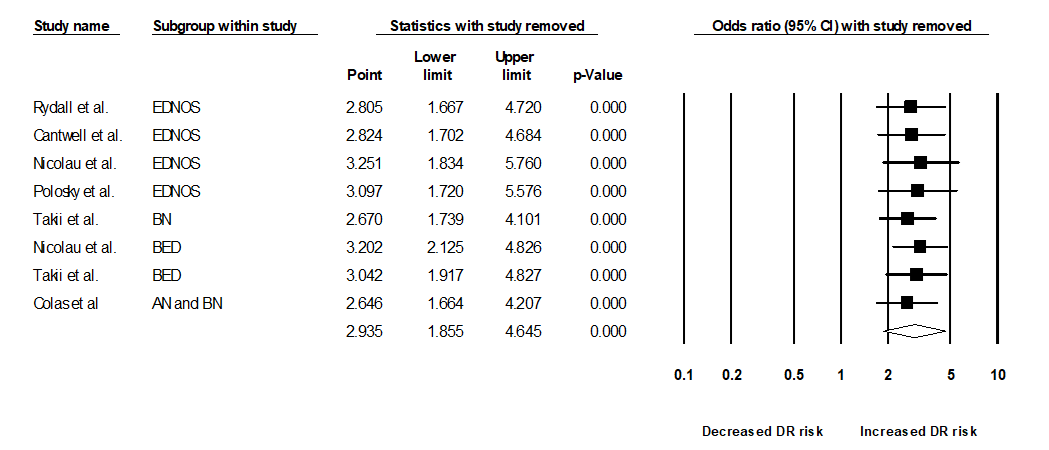
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| **Database** | **Search terms** |
| PubMed | (eating disorder[Title/Abstract] OR anorexia[Title/Abstract] OR bulimia[Title/Abstract] OR EDNOS[Title/Abstract] OR anorexia nervosa[Title/Abstract] OR bulimia nervosa[Title/Abstract] OR binge eating disorder[Title/Abstract] OR 'eating disorder not otherwise specified[Title/Abstract]') AND (diabetic retinopathy[Title/Abstract] OR diabetic macular edema[Title/Abstract] OR diabetic macular oedema[Title/Abstract] OR proliferative diabetic retinopathy[Title/Abstract] OR proliferative retinopathy[Title/Abstract] OR sight threatening retinopathy[Title/Abstract] OR retinopathy[Title/Abstract]) |
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| Cinahl, PsycInfo, Cochrane, and Opengrey | (eating disorder OR anorexia OR bulimia OR EDNOS OR anorexia nervosa OR bulimia nervosa OR binge eating disorder OR eating disorder not otherwise specified) AND (diabetic retinopathy OR diabetic macular edema OR diabetic macular oedema OR proliferative diabetic retinopathy OR proliferative retinopathy OR sight threatening retinopathy OR retinopathy) |

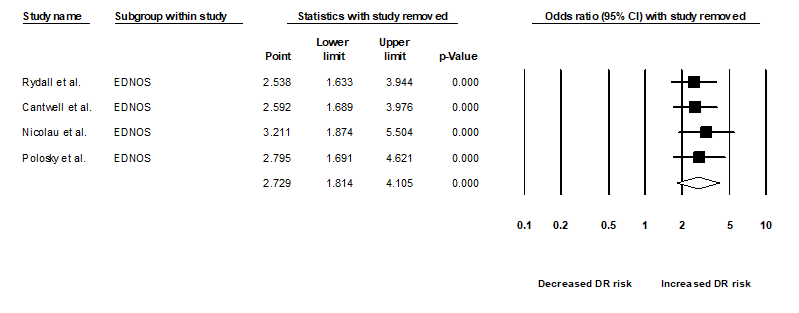
**Supplementary Table 3: List of excluded studies with justifications**

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| **Author(s)** | **Title** | **Reason for exclusion** |
| Herpertz et al. | Eating disorders and diabetes mellitus. | Article in German |
| Bernardczyk-Meller et al. | Disadvantageous course of ophthalmological changes in young women with long-lasting diabetes mellitus followed by the symptoms of anorexia nervosa | Article in Polish |
| Brown and Mehler | Anorexia nervosa complicated by diabetes mellitus: the case for permissive hyperglycemia. | Case report |
| Bergman and D'Emden | Eating disorders | Conference abstract |
| Pieper and Freitas | The impact of education in the prevention of eating disorders in patients with diabetes and their families | Conference abstract |
| Scheuing et al. | Clinical characteristics and outcome of 467 patients with a clinically recognized eating disorder identified among 52,215 patients with type 1 diabetes: a multicenter german/austrian study. | Data insufficient |
| Steel et al. | Abnormal eating attitudes in young insulin-dependent diabetics. | Data insufficient |
| Takii et al. | The duration of severe insulin omission is the factor most closely associated with the microvascular complications of Type 1 diabetic females with clinical eating disorders. | Data insufficient |
| Philpot | Eating disorders in young people with diabetes: Development, diagnosis and management. | Editorial - no primary data |
| Tamburrino and McGinnis | Anorexia nervosa. A review. | No DR |
| Gonzalez-Cantu | Eating behaviors and emotional distress are predicted by treatment and adverse outcome in patients with type 2 diabetes. | No ED screen |
| Krochik | Diabetes mellitus tipo 1 en ni\~nos y adolescentes: Factor de riesgo para trastornos de la conducta alimentaria? = Diabetes Mellitus Type 1 in children and adolescents: Risk factor for eating disorders? | Data insufficient |
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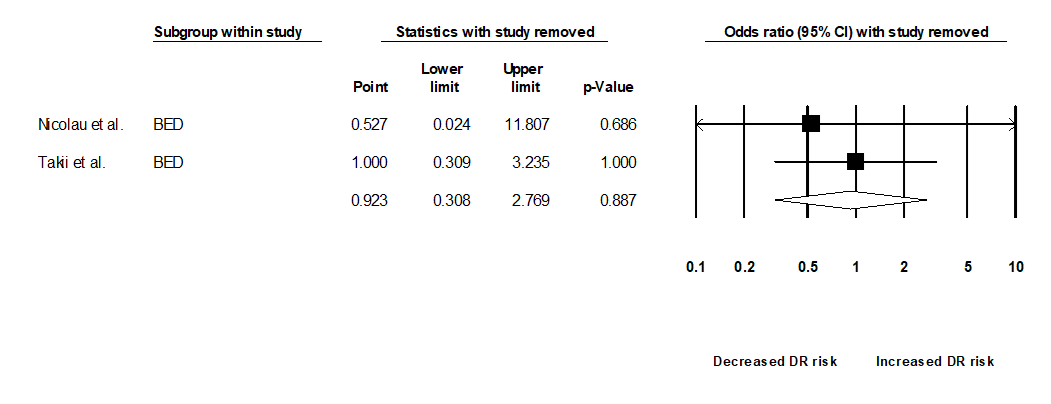
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**Supplementary Figure 1: Funnel plot showing standard errors and log odds ratios of diabetic retinopathy risk amongst people with diabetes with versus without pathological eating. behaviors**

**Supplementary Figure 2: Odds ratios of diabetic retinopathy risk amongst people with diabetes with versus without pathological eating behaviors with one-study removed. Note EDNOS=eating disorder not otherwise specified; BN=bulimia nervosa; AN=anorexia nervosa; BED=binge eating disorder; DR=diabetic retinopathy**

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**Supplementary Figure 3: Odds ratios of diabetic retinopathy risk amongst people with diabetes with versus without eating disorder not-otherwise-specified with one-study removed. Note EDNOS=eating disorder not otherwise specified; DR=diabetic retinopathy**

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**Supplementary Figure 4: Odds ratios of diabetic retinopathy risk amongst people with diabetes with versus without binge eating disorder with one-study removed. Note BED=binge eating disorder; DR=diabetic retinopathy**