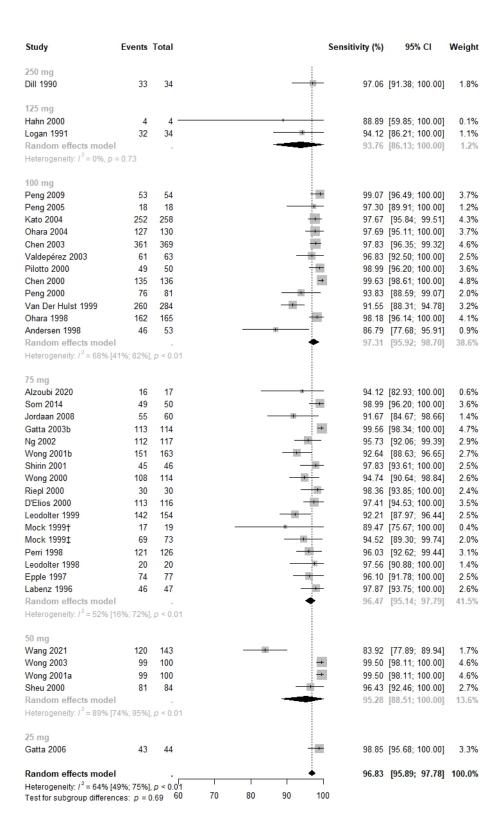
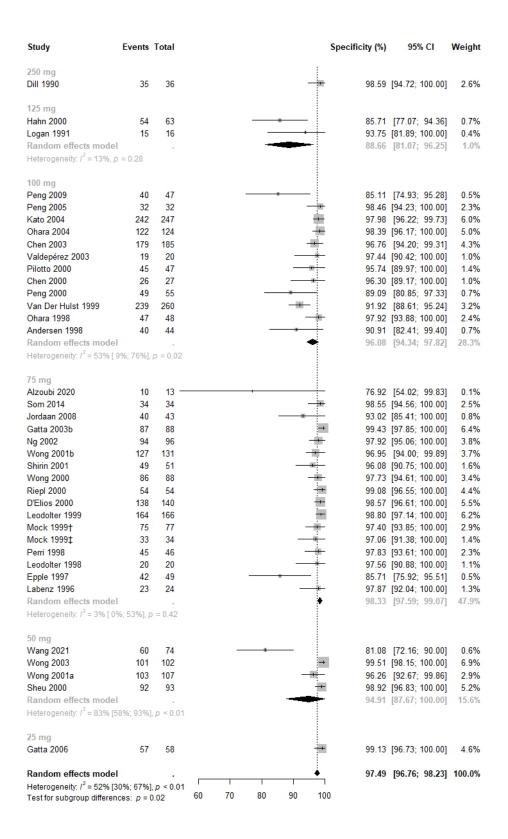
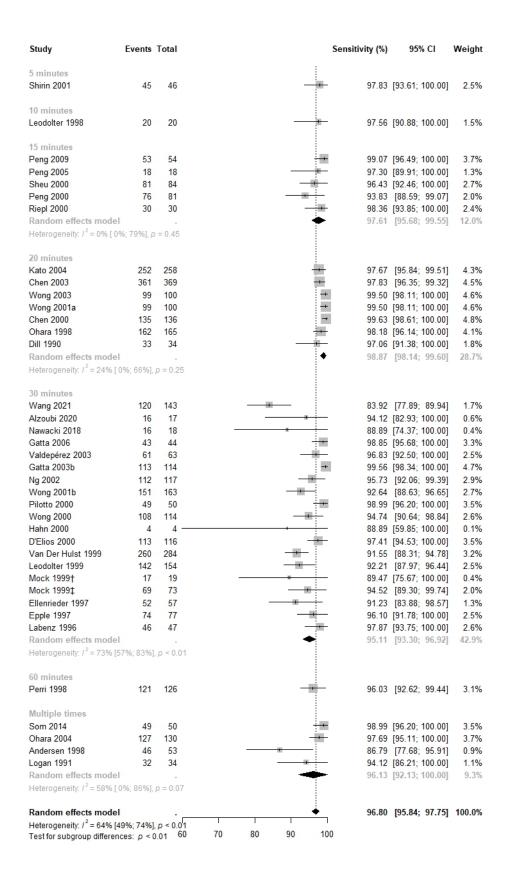


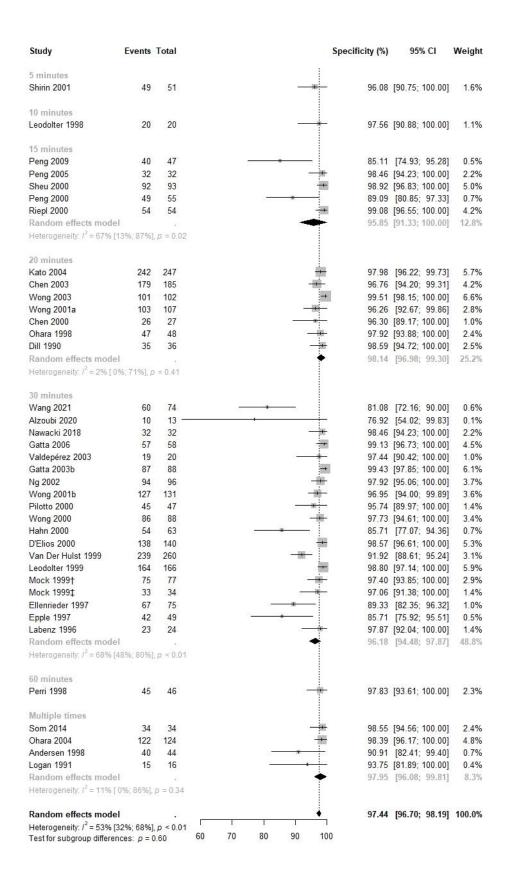
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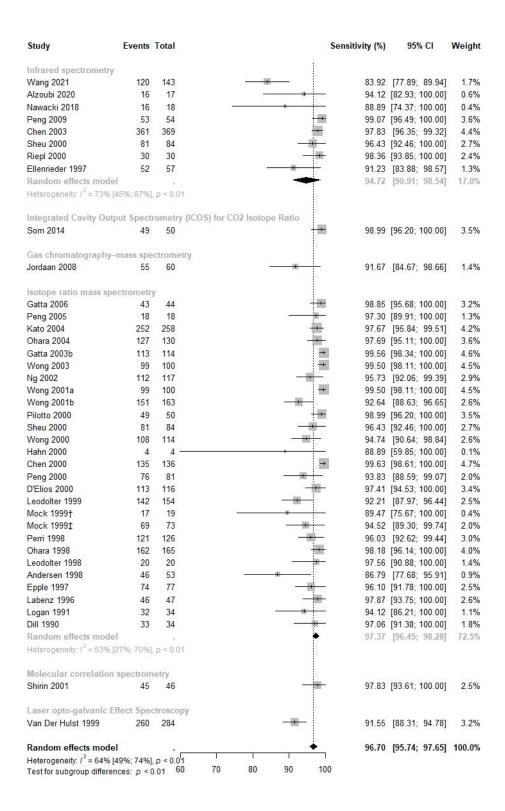


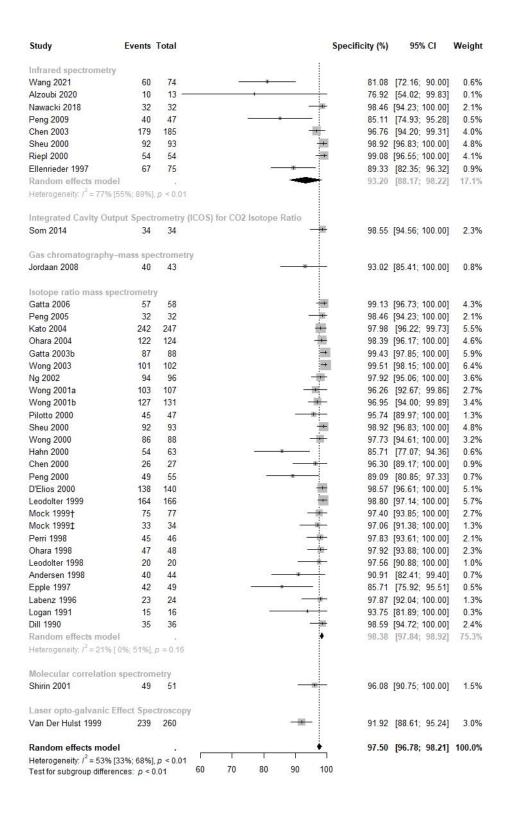
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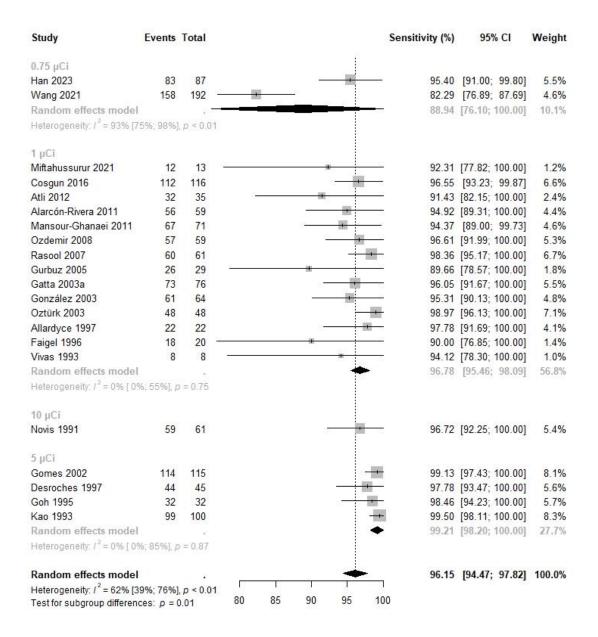


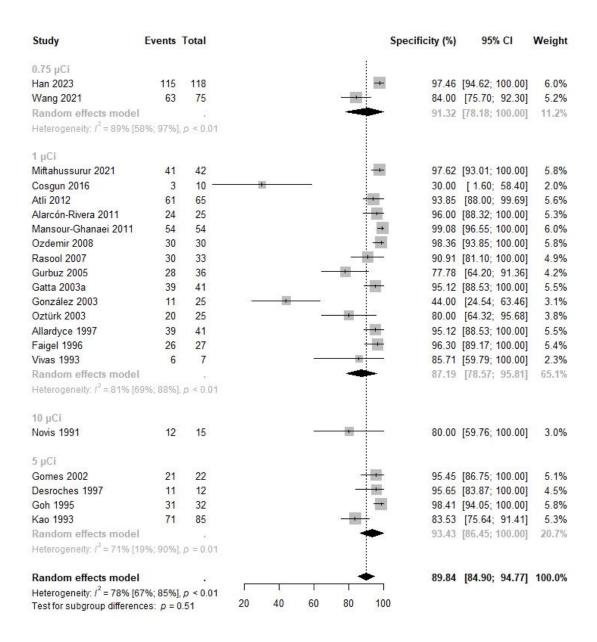
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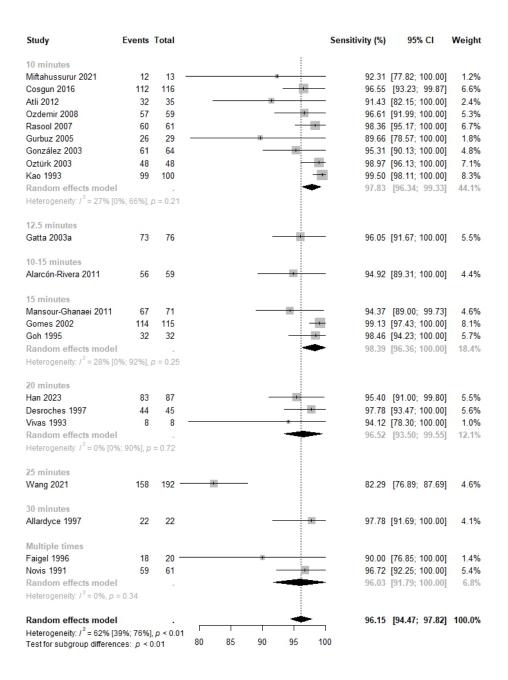


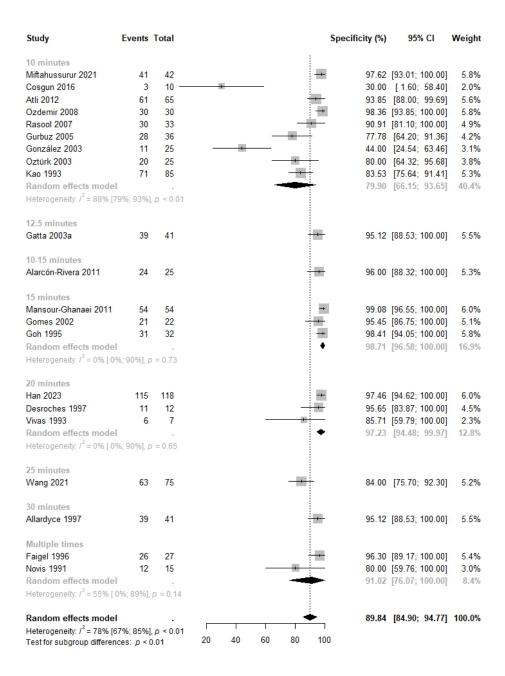
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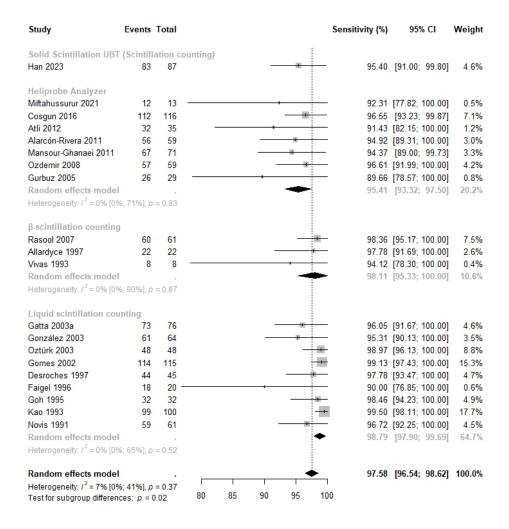


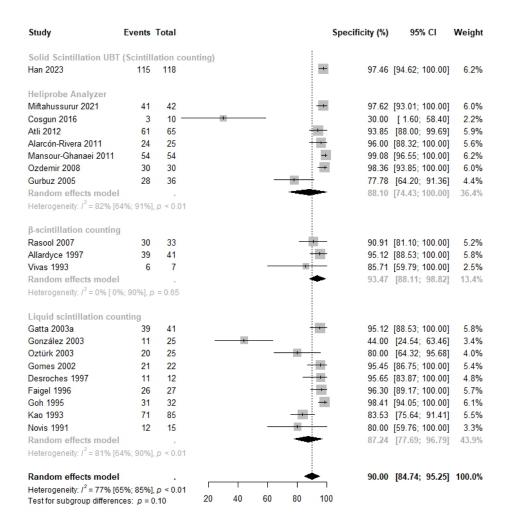
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Supplementary Figure 6 Forest plot for studies based on the ¹⁴C-UBT for *H. pylori* infection in dyspeptic patients by time after urea administration. A: Overall sensitivity for studies based on the ¹⁴C-UBT for *H. pylori* infection in dyspeptic patients by time after urea administration. B: Overall specificity for studies based on the ¹⁴C-UBT for *H. pylori* infection in dyspeptic patients by time after urea administration.





Supplementary Figure 7 Forest plot for studies based on the ¹⁴C-UBT for *H. pylori* infection in dyspeptic patients by assessment technique. A: Overall sensitivity for studies based on the ¹⁴C-UBT for *H. pylori* infection in dyspeptic patients by assessment technique. B: Overall specificity for studies based on the ¹⁴C-UBT for *H. pylori* infection in dyspeptic patients by assessment technique.

Supplementary Table 1 Likelihood ratios and diagnostic odds ratios for 13 C-and 14 C-UBTs for $H.\ pylori$ infection.

¹³ C-UBT		
	Mean	95% CI
Positive likelihood ratio (LR+)	22.00	15.60-30.10
Negative likelihood ratio (LR-)	0.05	0.04-0.06
DOR	586.47	340.03-1011.51
¹⁴ C-UBT		
Positive likelihood ratio (LR+)	10.10	5.74-16.90
Negative likelihood ratio (LR-)	0.06	0.04-0.08
DOR	226.50	102.57-500.15

LR: Likelihood ratio; DOR: diagnostic odds ratio.