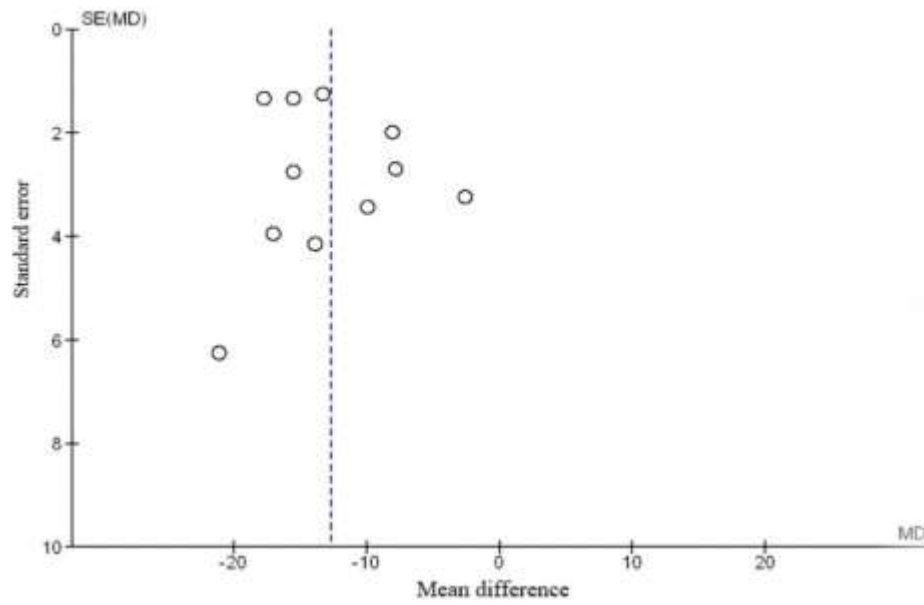


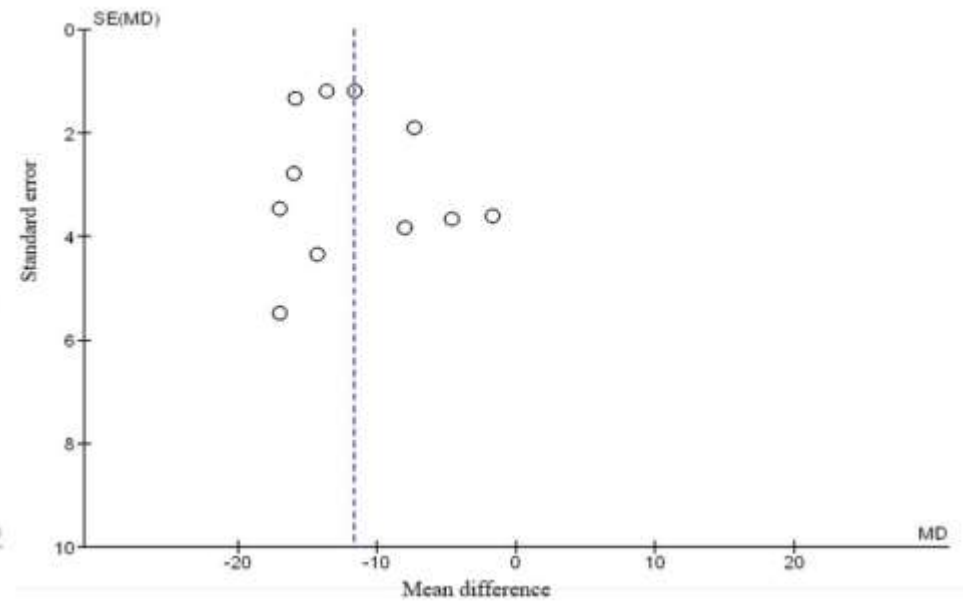
Annex 1: the funnel plots showing asymmetrical distribution of included studies indicative of the presence of potential publication biases for (a) FEV1 (b) FVC and (c) FEV1/FVC ratio. [MD: Mean difference; SE: Standard error]

FEV1



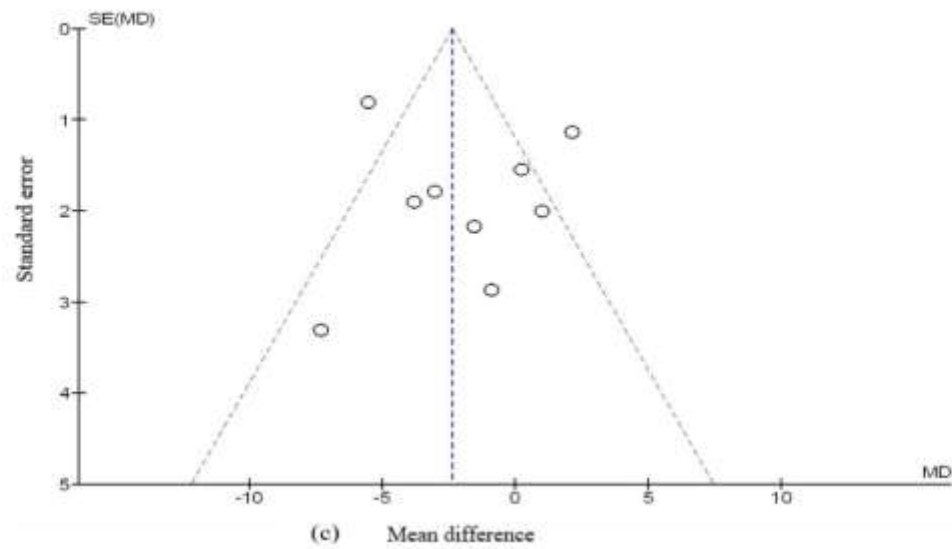
(a)

FVC



(b)

FEV1/FVC



(c)