



**Supplementary Fig. 3.** Node-splitting plot. The forest plot shows a difference between the direct and indirect evidence for each pairwise comparison after node-splitting. White circle and black line indicate the mean and 95% confidence interval of loop inconsistency. This method is a conceptual extension of loop inconsistency. Node-splitting methods separates the evidence into the direct and indirect evidence from entire network and assessing the discrepancy between them, and repeated for all treatment comparisons.