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Instead, you can say: "Besides, the number of physicians analyzing echocardiographic recordings may be a source for the heterogeneity although this did not reach statistical significance (P=x.xxx)"

2) For the analysis of cardiovascular mortality, Meta-regression analysis revealed that region may be a source for the inter-study heterogeneity (P=0.064)

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