Supplement 1: Search strategies

PubMed:

(("labour"[All Fields] OR "work"[MeSH Terms] OR "work"[All Fields] OR "labor"[All Fields] OR "labor, obstetric"[MeSH Terms] OR ("labor"[All Fields] AND "obstetric"[All Fields]) OR "obstetric labor"[All Fields]) AND ("S-ketamine"[MeSH Terms]) OR "S-ketamine"[All Fields] OR ("esketamine"[All Fields])) AND ("depressive disorder"[MeSH Terms] OR ("depressive"[All Fields] AND "disorder"[All Fields]) OR "depressive disorder"[All Fields] OR "depression"[All Fields] OR "depression"[MeSH Terms]) AND ((clinical trial) OR (clinical study))

Web of science:

(TS=(esketamine) OR TS=(S-ketamine)) AND TS=(depression) AND (TS=(postpartum) OR TS=(postnatal))

Supplement 2A. Risk of bias summary.

Supplement 2B. Sensitivity analysis for the early stage.

Study omitted	Estimate	[95% Conf.	Interval]
Wang (2023)	-.73723221	-1.4468604	-.02760406
Liu (2023)	-2.3704414	-4.3615227	-.37936005
Shen (2023)	-2.6560647	-4.7958856	-.51624382
Guo (2023)	-2.4832439	-5.1760855	.20959745
Han (2022)	-2.2448773	-4.755724	.26596937
Combined	-2.0530829	-3.7693364	-.33682938

Supplement 2C. Sensitivity analysis for the middle and the later stages.

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Study omitted    |   Estimate       [95%  Conf.  Interval]
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Wang (2023)      |   -.14721325     -.49465942    .20023292
Liu (2023)       |   -1.6674263     -3.3697267    .03487388
Shen (2023)      |   -1.9683123     -3.8467221    -.08990239
Guo (2023)       |   -1.9889039     -4.2691817    .29137409
Han (2022)       |   -1.8795015     -4.0490589    .29005593
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Combined         |   -1.4114868     -2.858624     .03565033
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Supplement 2D. Egger linear regression test for publication bias. Analyzed from the early stage and the middle and later stages, respectively.

Egger's test

Std_Eff	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P>|t|	[95% Conf. Interval]	
slope	.6051343	1.695134	0.36	0.745	-4.789539	5.999808
bias	-5.025853	4.529928	-1.11	0.348	-19.44211	9.390399

Std_Eff	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P>|t|	[95% Conf. Interval]	
slope	1.53005	1.203371	1.27	0.293	-2.299614	5.359713
bias	-5.341989	3.07421	-1.74	0.181	-15.1255	4.44152