

# meta-analysis workshop

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## load the required libraries

```
library(readxl)
library(dmetar)
```

```
## Extensive documentation for the dmetar package can be found at:
## www.bookdown.org/MathiasHarrer/Doing\_Meta\_Analysis\_in\_R/
```

```
library(meta)
```

```
## Loading required package: metadat
```

```
## Loading 'meta' package (version 8.2-1).
## Type 'help(meta)' for a brief overview.
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```
#load the data
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```
df <- read_excel("data.xlsx")
```

```
#set the meta-analysis object
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```
m.bin <- metabin(event.e = event.e,
                 n.e = n.e,
                 event.c = event.c,
                 n.c = n.c,
                 studlab = author,
                 data = df,
                 sm = "RR",
                 method = "MH",
                 MH.exact = TRUE,
                 fixed = TRUE,
                 random = FALSE)
```

```
## Warning: Use argument 'common' instead of 'fixed' (deprecated).
```

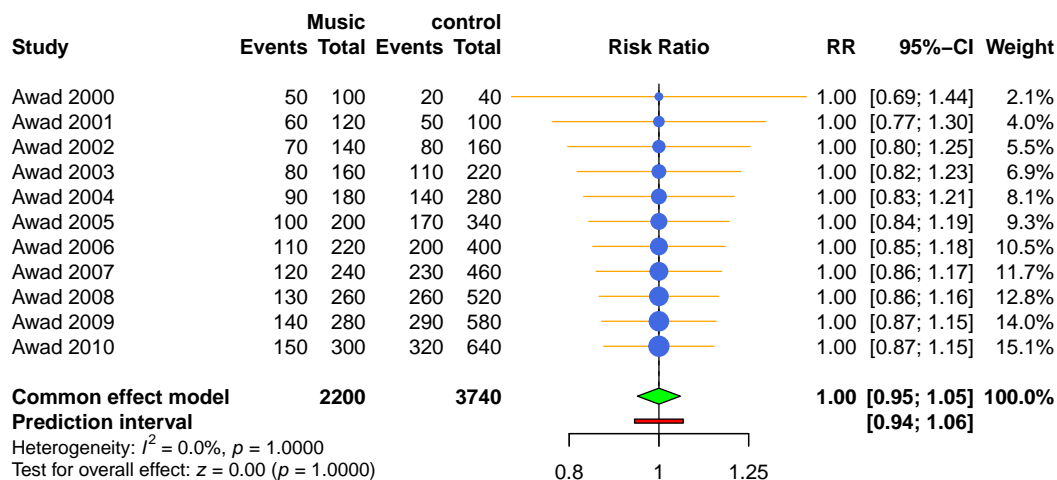
```
#get the summary of the meta
```

```
summary(m.bin)
```

```
##              RR          95%-CI %W(common)
## Awad 2000 1.0000 [0.6930; 1.4429]      2.1
## Awad 2001 1.0000 [0.7669; 1.3039]      4.0
## Awad 2002 1.0000 [0.7971; 1.2546]      5.5
## Awad 2003 1.0000 [0.8158; 1.2259]      6.9
## Awad 2004 1.0000 [0.8292; 1.2059]      8.1
## Awad 2005 1.0000 [0.8397; 1.1908]      9.3
## Awad 2006 1.0000 [0.8483; 1.1788]     10.5
## Awad 2007 1.0000 [0.8555; 1.1689]     11.7
## Awad 2008 1.0000 [0.8617; 1.1605]     12.8
## Awad 2009 1.0000 [0.8671; 1.1533]     14.0
## Awad 2010 1.0000 [0.8718; 1.1470]     15.1
##
## Number of studies: k = 11
## Number of observations: o = 5940 (o.e = 2200, o.c = 3740)
## Number of events: e = 2970
##
##              RR          95%-CI      z p-value
## Common effect model 1.0000 [0.9481; 1.0548] 0.00 1.0000
##
## Quantifying heterogeneity (with 95%-CIs):
## tau^2 = 0; tau = 0; I^2 = 0.0% [0.0%; 60.2%]; H = 1.00 [1.00; 1.59]
##
## Test of heterogeneity:
##      Q d.f. p-value
## 0.00  10  1.0000
##
## Details of meta-analysis methods:
## - Exact Mantel-Haenszel method
## - Restricted maximum-likelihood estimator for tau^2
## - Calculation of I^2 based on Q
```

```
#plot
```

```
meta::forest(m.bin,
  sortvar = TE,
  prediction = TRUE, test.overall = TRUE,
  print.tau2 = FALSE, label.e = "Music", label.c = "control",
  type.study = "circle", col.diamond = "green", col.study = "orange")
```



#leave-one-out

```
loo <- metainf(m.bin)
meta::forest(loo, col = "blue", col.diamond = "red", type = "circle")
```

