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Abstract

One or two sentences providing a **basic introduction** to the field, comprehensible to a scientist in any discipline.

Two to three sentences of **more detailed background**, comprehensible to scientists in related disciplines.

One sentence clearly stating the **general problem** being addressed by this particular study.

One sentence summarizing the main result (with the words "here we show" or their equivalent).

Two or three sentences explaining what the **main result** reveals in direct comparison to what was thought to be the case previously, or how the main result adds to previous knowledge.

One or two sentences to put the results into a more **general context**.

Two or three sentences to provide a **broader perspective**, readily comprehensible to a scientist in any discipline.

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Introduction

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In order to effectively accumulate knowledge, science needs to (i) produce data that 37 can be replicated using the original methods and (ii) arrive at robust conclusions 38 substantiated by the data. In recent coordinated efforts to replicate published findings, the 39 scientific disciplines have uncovered surprisingly low success rates for (i) (e.g., Open Science Collaboration, 2015; Camerer et al., 2018) leading to what is now referred to as the replication crisis. Beyond the difficulties of replicating scientific findings, a growing body of evidence suggests that the theoretical conclusions drawn from data are often variable even when researchers have access to reliable data (REFS). The latter situation has been referred to as the inference crisis (Rotello, Heit & Dubé 2015, Starns et al. 2019) and is, among other things, rooted in the inherent flexibility of data analysis (often referred to as researcher degrees of freedom: Simmons, Nelson, & Simonsohn, 2011, Gelman & Loken 2013). Data analysis involves many different steps, such as inspecting, organizing, transforming, and modeling the data, to name a few. Along the way, different methodological and analytical choices need to be made, all of which may influence the final interpretation of the data. These researcher degrees of freedom are both a blessing and a curse at the same time. 51 They are a blessing because they afford us the opportunity to look at nature from 52 different angles, which, in turn, allows us to make important discoveries and generate new hypothesis (e.g. Box 1976, Tukey 1977, de Groot 2014). They are a curse because idiosyncratic choices can lead to categorically different interpretations, which eventually find their way into the publication record where they are taken for granted (Simmons et al. 2011). Recent projects have shown that the variability between different data analysts is vast. This variability can lead independent researchers to draw vastly different conclusions about the same dataset (e.g. Silberzahn et al. 2018, Starns et al. 2019, Botvinik-Nezer et al., 2020).

These projects, however, might still underestimate the extent to which analysts vary because data analysis is not merely restricted to statistical inference of datasets. Human behavior is complex and offers many ways to be translated into numbers. This is particularly true for fields that draw conclusions about human behavior and cognition from multidimensional data like speech or video data. In fields working on human speech production, for example, researchers need to make numerous decisions about what to measure and how to measure it. This is not trivial given the temporal extension of the acoustic signal and its complex structural composition. Not only can decisions about operationalizing the raw data influence downstream decisions about statistical modelling, but statistical results can also lead researchers to go back and revise earlier decisions about the processing of the raw data.

In this article, we investigate the variability in analytic choices when many analyst teams analyze the same speech production data. We explore the interaction between analytic choices at the stage of the operationalization of raw data and subsequent statistical modelling. Specifically, we report the impact of the analytic pipeline on research results obtained by XX teams that gained access to the same set of acoustic recordings to answer the same research question.

# Researcher degrees of freedom

Data analysis comes with many decisions like how to operationalize a given
phenomenon or behavior, what data to submit to statistical modelling and which to exclude,
what models to use or what inferential decision procedure to apply. However, if these
decisions during data analysis are not specified in advance, we might stumble upon seemingly
meaningful patterns in the data that are merely statistical flukes. This can be problematic
because to err is human.

We have evolved to filter the world in irrational ways (e.g., Tversky and Kahneman 1974), seeing coherent patterns in randomness (Brugger 2001), convincing ourselves of the

validity of prior expectations ("I knew it", Nickerson 1998), and perceiving events as being
plausible in hindsight ("I knew it all along", Fischhoff 1975). In connection with an academic
incentive system that rewards certain discovery processes more than others (Sterling 1959,
Koole & Lakens 2012), we often find ourselves exploring many possible analytical pipelines,
but only reporting a select few. This issue is particularly amplified in fields in which the raw
data lend themselves to flexible measurement (Roettger 2019). Combined with a wide
variety of methodological and theoretical traditions as well as varying levels of statistical
training across fields and subfields, the inherent flexibility of data analysis might lead to a
vast plurality of analytic approaches.

Consequently, if methodologists are correct (e.g. Simmons et al. 2011, Gelman & Loken 2013), there are many published papers that present overconfident interpretations of their data based on idiosyncratic analytic strategies. These interpretation are either associated with an unknown amount of uncertainty or lend themselves to alternative interpretation if analyzed differently. However, instead of being critically evaluated, scientific results often remain unchallenged in the publication record. Despite recent efforts to improve transparency and reproducibility (REFS) and freely available and accessible infrastructures such as provided by the Open Science Framework (osf.io, ADD), critical reanalyses of published analytic strategies are uncommon because data sharing is still rare (Wicherts, Borsboom, Kats, & Molenaar, 2006, RECENT REF).

While this issue has been widely discussed both from a conceptual point of view
(Simmons et al. 2011, Wagenmakers et al. 2012, Nosek and Lakens 2014) and its application
in individual scientific fields (e.g. Wichert et al. 2015, Charles et al. 2019, Roettger 2019),
there are still many unknowns regarding the extent of analytical plurality in practice. Recent
collaborative attempts have started to shed light on how different analysts tackle the same
data set and have revealed, not surprisingly, a large amount of variability.

## 10 Crowdsourcing alternative analyses

In a collaborative effort, Silberzahn et al. (2018) let twenty-nine independent analysis
teams address the same research hypothesis Analytic approaches and consequently the
results varied widely between teams. Sixty-nine percent of the teams found support for the
hypothesis, and 31% did not. Out of the 29 analytical strategies, there were 21 unique
combinations of covariates. Importantly, the observed variability was neither predicted by
the team's preconceptions about the phenomenon under investigation nor by peer ratings of
the quality of their analyses. The authors results suggest that analytic plurality is a fact of
life and not driven by different levels of expertise or bias. Similar crowd-sourced studies
recruiting independent analyst teams showed similar results.

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Predictive models

While these projects show a large degree of analytical flexibility with impactful consequences, they dealt with flexibility in inferential or computational modelling. In these studies the datasets were fixed and data collection or extraction could not be changed.

However, in many fields the primary raw data is a complex signal that needs to be 127 operationalized according to the research question. In social sciences, the raw observations 128 correspond to recorded human behavior. In many cases, the behavior is recorded and stored 129 as a complex visual and/or acoustic signal that is temporally extended and exhibits a complex structure. Decisions about how to operationalize a theoretically relevant aspect of 131 that behavior or the underlying cognitive processes might interact with downstream decisions about statistical modelling and vice verse. To understand how analytical flexibility 133 manifests itself in a scenario where a complex decisions procedure is involved in 134 operationalizing and measuring complex signals, the present paper looks at an 135

experimentally elicited speech data set

## 37 Operationalizing speech

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RELEVANCE OF SPEECH PRODUCTION RESEARCH FOR COGSCI, AI, etc.

In order to understand speech, listeners have to map a continuous, transient signal onto discrete meanings. Take for example the sentence: "The president refused to concede".

This sentence stretches over hundreds of milliseconds and contains several layers of linguistically relevant units such as words, syllables and individual sounds. Thus, it offers a considerable number of perspectives and decisions along the data analysis pipeline.

IMAGE SHOWING A WAVE FORM WITH DIFFERENT DOMAINS (temporal)
 AND STRUCTURAL CUES (e.g. f0, dur, int) MAPPING ONTO FUNCTIONAL
 CONTRASTS

When conducting a study on speech production, the first important analytic decision to

test a hypothesis relates to operationalization of the relevant behavior, i.e. how to measure 148 the phenomenon of interest. For example, how do we measure whether two sounds are 149 acoustically identical or not (e.g. "bear" vs. "pear"), whether one word is more prominent 150 than others ("The president REFUSES to concede"), or whether two discourse functions are 151 produced differently ("The president refuses to concede." vs. "The president refuses to 152 concede?")? In other words, how do we quantitatively capture relevant features of speech? 153 This is not trivial. Speech categories are inherently multidimensional and vary through 154 time. The acoustic parameters for one category are usually asynchronous, i.e. appear at different points of time in the unfolding signal and overlap with parameters for other categories (e.g. Jongman et al., 2000; Lisker, 1986; Summerfield, 1984; Winter, 2014). For 157 example, the distinction between voiced and voiceless stops in English (i.e. /b/ and /p/ in 158 "bear" vs. "pear") can be manifested by many different acoustic measures (Lisker, 1977). 150

Even temporally dislocated acoustic parameters correlate with this lexical contrast. For

example, in the English words "led" versus "let", voicing correlates can be found in the acoustic manifestation of the initial /l/ of the word (Hawkins & Nguyen, 2004).

The apparent multiplicity of phonetic cues grows exponentially if we look at larger temporal windows as is the case for suprasegmental aspects of speech. Studies investigating acoustic correlates of word stress (e.g. the difference between "insight" and "incite"), for example, have been using many different measurements, including temporal characteristics (duration of certain segments or subphonemic intervals), spectral characteristics (intensity measures, formants, and spectral tilt), and measurements related to fundamental frequency (f0) (e.g. Gordon & Roettger, 2017).

Looking at even larger domains, the expression of pragmatic functions can be 170 expressed by a variety of structurally different acoustic cues which can be distributed 171 throughout the entire utterance. Discourse functions are systematically expressed by 172 multiple local pitch modulations differing in their position, shape, and alignment 173 (e.g. Niebuhr et al., 2011). They can also be expressed by global or local pitch modulations, 174 as well as acoustic information within the temporal or spectral domain (e.g. van Heuven & 175 van Zanten 2005). All of these phonetic parameters are potential manifestations of 176 underlying functional contrasts, like speaker's intentions, levels of arousal or social identity. 177

When testing hypotheses on speech production data, researchers need to make many decisions. The larger the functional domain (e.g. are we interested in lexical items or in whole utterances), the higher the number of possible operationalizations. These decisions are usually made prior to any statistical analysis, but can possibly be revised a posteriori in light of downstream analytic decisions. To probe the variability in data analysis pipelines across independent analytic teams, we provided researchers with an experimentally elicited speech corpus that looked at a functional contrast that is potentially manifested across the whole utterance.

## The data set - The prosody of redundant modifiers

Our data set was collected in order to answer the following research question: Do
speakers acoustically modify utterances to signal atypical word combinations? (e.g. "a blue
banana" vs. "a yellow banana")?

Referring is one of the most basic and prevalent uses of language and one of the most 190 widely researched areas in language science. It is an open question how speakers choose a 191 referential expression when they want to refer to a specific entity like a banana. The context 192 within which an entity occurs (i.e., with other non-fruits, other fruits, or other bananas) 193 plays a large part in determining the choice of referential expression. Generally, speakers aim 194 to be as informative as possible to uniquely establish reference to the intended object, but they are also resource efficient in that they avoid redundancy (Grice 1975). Thus one would 196 expect the use of a modifier, for example, only if it is necessary for disambiguation. For 197 instance, one might use the adjective "yellow" to describe a banana in a situation in which 198 there is a yellow and a less ripe green banana available, but not when there is only one 199 banana to begin with. 200

Despite this coherent idea that speakers are both rational and efficient, there is much 201 evidence that speakers are often overinformative: Speakers use referring expressions that are 202 more specific than strictly necessary for the unambiguous identification of the intended 203 referent (Sedivy 2003, Westerbeek et al. 2015, Rubio-Fernandez 2016), which has been 204 argued to facilitate object identification and making communication between speakers and 205 listeners more efficient (Arts et al. 2011, Paraboni et al. 2007, Rubio-Fernandez 2016). Recent findings suggest that the utility of a referring expression depends on how good it is 207 for a listener (compared to other referring expressions) to identify a target object. For example, Degen et al. (2020) showed that modifiers that are less typical for a given referent 209 (e.g. a blue banana) are more likely to be used in an overinformative scenario (e.g. when 210 there is just one banana). 211

This account, however, has mainly focused on content selection (Gatt et al. 2013), 212 i.e. whether a certain referential expression is chosen or not, ignoring the fact that speech 213 communication is much richer. Even looking at morphosyntactically identical expressions, 214 speakers can modulate these expressions via suprasegmental acoustic properties like 215 temporal and spectral modifications of the segments involved (e.g. Ladd 2008). Most 216 prominently, languages use intonation to signal discourse relationships between referents 217 (among other functions). Intonation marks discourse-relevant referents for being new or 218 given information to guide listeners' interpretation of incoming messages. In many languages, 219 speakers can use particular pitch movements to signal whether a referent has already been 220 mentioned and is therefore referred back to, or a referent is newly introduced into the 221 discourse. Many languages use intonation in order to signal if a referent is contrasting with 222 one or more alternatives that are relevant to the current discourse. Content selection aside, in a scenario in which a speaker wants to refer to a banana when there is also a pear on the table, the speaker would most likely produce a high rising pitch accent on "banana" to indicate the contrastive nature of the noun. In a scenario in which the speaker wants to refer 226 to a yellow banana when there is also a less ripe green banana on the table, the speaker 227 would most likely produce a high rising pitch accent on "yellow" to indicate the contrastive nature of the *modifier*. In addition to a pitch accent, elements that are new and/or 229 contrastive are often produced with additional suprasegmental prominence, i.e. segments are 230 hyperarticulated, resulting in longer, louder and more clearly articulated acoustic targets. 231

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE DATA SET AND EXP DESIGN

#### 3 Research questions

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## Methods (mostly copy-paste from Evo-RR)

We are closely following the methodology proposed by Parker et al. (Stage 1 in-principle accepted).

This project involves a series of steps (X-X) that begins with recruiting independent groups of scientists to analyze the data, continuing through allowing the scientists to analyze the data as they see fit, generating peer review ratings of the analyses (based on methods, not results), evaluating the variation among the different analyses, and producing the final manuscript. We estimate that this process, from the time of an in-principle acceptance of this Stage 1 Registered Report, will take XX months (Table X). The factor most likely to delay our time line is the rate of completion of the original set of analyses by independent groups of scientists.

## 245 Step 1: Recruitment and Initial Survey of Analysts

Initiating authors (SC, JC, TR) created a publicly available document providing a 246 general description of the project (LINK) and a short prerecorded slide show that summarizes the study and research question (LINK). The project will be advertised via 248 Social Media, using mailing lists for linguistic and psychological societies (full scope of these 249 lists is not fixed but will include LIST OF LISTS), and via word of mouth. The target 250 population is active speech science researchers with a graduate degree (or currently studying 251 for a graduate degree) in a relevant discipline. Researchers can choose to work independently 252 or in a small team. For the sake of simplicity, we refer to single researcher or small teams as 253 "analysis teams". 254

Recruitment for this project is ongoing but we aim for a minimum of XX analysis
teams independently evaluating each dataset (see sample size justification below). We will
simultaneously recruit volunteers to peer-review the analyses conducted by the other
volunteers through the same channels. Our goal is to recruit a similar number of
peer-reviewers and analysts, and to ask each peer reviewer to review a minimum of four
analyses. If we are unable to recruit at least half the number of reviewers as analysis teams,
we will ask analysts to serve also as reviewers (after they have completed their analyses). All
analysts and reviewers will share co-authorship on this manuscript and will participate in the

collaborative process of producing the final manuscript. All analysts will sign a consent (ethics) document (LINK).

We identified our minimum number of analyses per data set by considering the number of effects needed in a meta-analysis to generate an estimate of heterogeneity ( $\tau^2$ ) with a 95% confidence interval that does not encompass zero. This minimum sample size is invariant regardless of  $\tau^2$ . This is because the same t-statistic value will be obtained by the same sample size regardless of variance ( $\tau^2$ ). We see this by first examining the formula for the standard error, SE for variance, ( $\tau^2$ ) or SE( $\tau^2$ ) assuming normality in an underlying distribution of effect sizes (Knight 2000):

$$SE(\tau^2) = \sqrt{\frac{2\tau^4}{(n-1)}}$$

and then rearranging the above formula to show how the t-statistic is independent of  $\tau^2$ , as seen below.

$$t = \frac{\tau^2}{SE(\tau^2)} = \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)}{2}}$$

We then find a minimum n = 12 according to this formula.

## 75 Step 2: Primary Data Analyses

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Analysis teams will register and answer a demographic and expertise survey (LINK).

We will then provide them with the acoustic data set and request that they answer the

following research question:

Do speakers acoustically modify utterances to signal atypical word combinations?

Once their analysis is complete, they will answer a structured survey (LINK),

Once their analysis is complete, they will answer a structured survey (LINK),
providing analysis technique, explanations of their analytical choices, quantitative results,
and a statement describing their conclusions. They will also upload their analysis files

(including the additionally derived data and text files that were used to extract and preprocess the acoustic data), their analysis code [if applicable], and a detailed journal-ready statistical methods section.

## 286 Step 3: Peer Reviews of Analyses

At a minimum, each analysis will be evaluated by four different reviewers, and each 287 volunteer peer-reviewer will be randomly assigned to methods sections from at least four 288 analyst teams (the exact number will depend on the number of analysis teams and peer 289 reviewers recruited). Each peer reviewer will register and answer a demographic and expertise survey identical to that asked of the analysts. Reviewers will evaluate the methods of each of their assigned analyses one at a time in a sequence determined by the initiating 292 authors (SC, JC, TR). The sequences will be systematically assigned so that, if possible, each analysis is allocated to each position in the sequence for at least one reviewer. For 294 instance, if each reviewer is assigned four analyses to review, then each analysis will be the 295 first analysis assigned to at least one reviewer, the second analysis assigned to another 296 reviewer, the third analysis assigned to yet another reviewer, and the fourth analysis 297 assigned to a fourth reviewer. Balancing the order in which reviewers see the analyses 298 controls for order effects, e.g. a reviewer might be less critical of the first methods section 299 they read than the last. The process for a single reviewer will be as follows. First, the 300 reviewer will receive a description of the methods of a single analysis. This will include the 301 narrative methods section, the analysis team's answers to our survey questions regarding 302 their methods, including analysis code, and the data set. The reviewer will then be asked, in 303 an online survey (LINK), to rate both the acoustic analysis and the statistical analysis on a 304 scale of 0-100 based on these prompts: 305

"Rate the overall appropriateness of the acoustic analysis to answer the research question with the available data. To help you calibrate your rating, please consider the following guidelines:

- 100. A perfect analysis with no conceivable improvements from the reviewer
- 75. An imperfect analysis but the needed changes are unlikely to dramatically alter final interpretation
- 50. A flawed analysis likely to produce either an unreliable estimate of the relationship or an over-precise estimate of uncertainty
- 25. A flawed analysis likely to produce an unreliable estimate of the relationship and
  an over-precise estimate of uncertainty
- 0. A dangerously misleading analysis, certain to produce both an estimate that is
  wrong and a substantially over-precise estimate of uncertainty that places undue
  confidence in the incorrect estimate.
- \*Please note that these values are meant to calibrate your ratings. We welcome ratings of any number between 0 and 100."
- After providing this rating, the reviewer will be presented with this prompt, in multiple-choice format: "Would the analytical methods presented produce an analysis that is (a) publishable as is, (b) publishable with minor revision, (c) publishable with major revision, (d) deeply flawed and unpublishable?" The reviewer will then be provided with a series of text boxes and the following prompts:
- <sup>326</sup> "Please explain your ratings of this analysis.
- Please evaluate the selection of acoustic features.
- Please evaluate the measurement of acoustic features.
- Please evaluate the choice of statistical analysis type.
- Please evaluate the process of choosing variables for and structuring the statistical model.
- Please evaluate the suitability of the variables included in (or excluded from) the statistical model.
- Please evaluate the suitability of the structure of the statistical model.

Please evaluate choices to exclude or not exclude subsets of the data.

Please evaluate any choices to transform data (or, if there were no transformations, but you think there should have been, please discuss that choice)."

After submitting this review, a methods section from a second analysis will then be
made available to the reviewer. This same sequence will be followed until all analyses
allocated to a given reviewer have been provided and reviewed. After providing the final
review, the reviewer will be simultaneously provided with all four (or more) methods sections
that reviewer has just completed reviewing, the option to revise their original ratings, and a
text box to provide an explanation. The invitation to revise the original ratings will be as
follows: "If, now that you have seen all the analyses you are reviewing, you wish to revise
your ratings of any of these analyses, you may do so now." The text box will be prefaced
with this prompt: "Please explain your choice to revise (or not to revise) your ratings."

# 346 Step 4: Evaluate Variation

Initiating authors (SC, JC, TR) will conduct the analyses outlined in this section. We will describe the variation in model specification in several ways: First, we will calculate summary statistics describing variation among analysis, including the nature and number of acoustic measures, the operationalization and the temporal domain of measurement, the nature and number of model parameters for both fixed and random effects [if applicable], as well as the mean, standard deviation and range of effect sizes reported.

We will summarize the variability in standardized effect sizes and predicted values of
dependent variables among the individual analyses using standard random effects
meta-analytic techniques. We anticipate that the majority of statistical analyses will be
expressible as a (generalized) linear regression model.

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First, we will derive standardized effect sizes from each individual analysis. Since

researchers are likely using multi-level linear regression models, common effect size measures 359 such as Cohen's d are inappropriate. In multi-level models the variance components are 360 partitioned into multiple sources of variation (e.g. varying intercept of speakers and items, 361 varying by-predictor slopes, etc.). We thus will take into account all of the variance sources 362 of the models (Hedges, 2007) and derive the index  $\delta_t$  (where t stands for "total" variance), 363 which is calculated by the estimated difference between group means  $(\beta)$ , divided by the 364 square root of the sum of all variance components as formulated below: 365

$$\delta_t = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}}$$

Where i refers to the individual variance components.

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Variation in the resulting effect sizes can be due to many different sources, one of which is the model architecture and the specification of random effect structure. Hypothetically, 368 two analyst teams can arrive at two different effect sizes, even if they have made the exact 369 same measurement, processed the data in the exact same way, and used the same predictor 370 combination, but, crucially, differ in their random effect structure (e.g. one team assumes random intercepts only, the other team uses random slopes). Thus, additionally, we will run 372 all analyses with a prespecified maximal random effect structure for all predictors.

Upon calculating a standardized effect size and standard error for each analysis, the 374 initiating authors will then fit a cross-classified Bayesian meta-analysis on the analyst team 375 data using the multilevel regression model described below:

$$\delta_t \sim \text{Normal}(\theta_i, \sigma_i = \text{se}_i)$$

$$\theta_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \tau)$$

$$\mu \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

$$\tau \sim \text{HalfCauchy}(0, 1)$$

Effect size  $(\delta_t)$  is the outcome variable and the number of post-hoc changes and the

number of models fit will be included as population-level effects (i.e., fixed effects). The 378 likelihood of the outcome variable is assumed to be normally distributed. Analysis teams and 379 reviewers will be included as group-level effects (i.e., random effects). For all population-level 380 parameters, the model will include regularizing, weakly informative priors (Gelman, 2017), 381 which are normally distributed and centered at 0 with a standard deviation of 1. A cauchy 382 prior set at 0 with scale 1 will be used for  $\tau$ . We will fit the model with 4000 iterations (2000) 383 warm-up) and Hamiltonian Monte-Carlo sampling of the posterior distribution is carried out 384 using 4 chains distributed across 4 processing cores. The analysis will be conducted in R (R 385 core team, 2020) and fit using stan (Stan, 2019) via the R package brms (Bürkner, 2019). 386

The pooled estimate of the meta-analytic model will be used in a series of descriptive 387 analyses that serve the purpose of describing how individual teams vary from each other. Specifically, we will explain how team effect sizes deviate from the pooled estimate based on a measure of the uniqueness of the set of variables included in each analysis. We will use 390 Sorensen's Similarity Index (SSI) to derive a "uniqueness" score. The SSI is an index 391 typically used in ecology research to compare species composition across sites. For our 392 purposes, we will treat variables as species and individual analyses as sites. In order to 393 generate an SSI for each analysis team, we will calculate the average of all pairwise 394 Sorensen's values for all pairs of analyses using the betapart package (Baselga et al. 2018) in 395 R. We achieve this using the following formula:

$$\beta_{Sorensen} = \frac{(b+c)}{(2a+b+c)}$$

where, given a pair of models, a is the number of variables common to both, b is the
number of variables that occur in the first model but not in the second, and c is the number
of variables that occur in the second model but not in the first. We then will use the
per-model average Sorensen's index value as an independent variable to predict the deviation
score in a general linear model, with no random effect since each analysis is included only

once, in the stats package in R (R Core Team 2019):

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#### WRITE ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE GAMS

We will publicly archive all relevant data, code, and materials on the Open Science
Framework (ADD LINK). Archived data will include the original data sets distributed to all
analysts, any edited versions of the data analyzed by individual groups, and the data we
analyze with our meta-analyses, which include the effect sizes derive from separate analyses,
the statistics describing variation in model structure among analyst groups, and the
anonymized answers to our surveys of analysts and peer reviewers. Similarly, we will archive
both the analysis code used for each individual analysis and the code from our meta-analyses.
We will also archive copies of our survey instruments from analysts and peer reviewers.

Our rules for excluding data from our study are as follows. We will exclude from our synthesis any individual analysis submitted after we have completed peer review or those unaccompanied by analysis files that allow us to understand what the analysts did. We will also exclude any individual analysis that does not produce an outcome that can be interpreted as an answer to our primary question.

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#### Step 6: Facilitated Discussion and Collaborative Write-Up of Manuscript

Analysts and initiating authors will discuss the limitations, results, and implications of the study and collaborate on writing the final manuscript for review as a stage-2 Registered Report.

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