





X-META Dynamic Report

1 Introduction

1.1 What is X-meta?

X-meta is an open-sourced, well-documented and interactive toolbox for meta-analysis. There are three main components to this toolbox: the "xmeta" platform, video tutorials and documentation, and an semi-automated online analysis platform.

Xmeta package offers several functions for performing meta-analysis and visualizing outcomes, allowing users to conduct robust multivariate meta-analysis (mmeta), publication bias test (PB), outcome reporting bias test (ORB) and novel visualization tool (galaxy). Through the tutorials and documentation (e.g., sample code and references), users can have a comprehensive exploration of the features found in xmeta package and how the functions are applied to analytical work. With different available meta-analysis methods and types of datasets, the platform enables users to quickly obtain the meta-analysis results without writing any code.

Please check https://www.xmeta.org/ to explore more features.

1.2 About the MA method and dataset

According to the uploaded dataset, this is a report for *Univariate Meta-analysis (UMA)* with *Contin*uous Outcomes.

1.3 In this meta-analysis report, you can get:

- 1. Your uploaded data
- 2. Summary
- 3. Forest Plot with Fixed & Random Effect Model
- 4. Heterogeneity Detection
- 5. Cumulative Meta-analysis (Fixed & Random Effect Model)
- 6. Publication Bias Test and Adjustment







2 Dataset & Analysis

2.1 Here is the dataset you uploaded:

There are overall 17 studies in the dataset.

```
##
            author
                    year Ne
                               Me
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                                               Mc
                                                     Sc
                                                           duration
## 1
                    1988 13 13.54 13.85 13 20.77 21.46 <= 3 months
             Boner
                    1989 20 15.70 13.10 20 22.70 16.47 <= 3 months
## 3
            Chudry
                    1987 12 21.30 13.10 12 39.70 12.90 <= 3 months
## 4
             Comis
                    1993 12 14.50 12.20 12 31.30 15.10 <= 3 months
## 5
      DeBenedictis 1994a 17 14.40 11.10 17 27.40 17.30 <= 3 months
                                                        > 3 months
## 6
      DeBenedictis 1994b
                          8 14.80 18.60 8 31.40 20.60
## 7
      DeBenedictis 1995 13 15.70 16.80 13 29.60 18.90
                                                         > 3 months
## 8
                    1986 12 29.83 15.95 12 48.08 15.08
                                                        > 3 months
           Debelic
## 9
         Henriksen
                    1988 12 17.50 13.10 12 47.20 16.47
                                                         > 3 months
## 10
             Konig
                    1987 12 12.00 14.60 12 26.20 12.30
                                                        > 3 months
## 11
            Morton
                    1992 16 15.83 13.43 16 38.36 18.01
## 12
          Novembre 1994f 24 15.42
                                  8.35 24 28.46 13.84
                                                        > 3 months
## 13
          Novembre 1994s 19 11.00 12.40 19 26.10 14.90
## 14
             Oseid
                   1995 20 14.10
                                   9.50 20 28.90 18.00
                                                         > 3 months
                          9 18.90 17.70
                                        9 38.90 18.90
## 15
           Roberts
                    1985
                          8 10.27
                                  7.02 8 34.43 10.96
## 16
              Shaw
                    1985
                                                        > 3 months
                   1993 13 10.10 8.90 13 23.50
                                                 4.00
## 17
```

2.2 Summary:

```
##
                             MD
                                               95%-CI %W(fixed) %W(random)
## Boner 1988
                        -7.2300 [-21.1141;
                                                             2.8
                                                                         3.1
                                              6.6541
## Boner 1989
                        -7.0000 [-16.2230;
                                              2.2230]
                                                                         6.6
                                                             6.4
## Chudry 1987
                       -18.4000 [-28.8023;
                                             -7.9977
                                                             5.0
                                                                         5.3
## Comis 1993
                       -16.8000 [-27.7835;
                                             -5.8165]
                                                             4.5
                                                                         4.8
## DeBenedictis 1994a -13.0000 [-22.7710;
                                             -3.2290
                                                             5.7
                                                                         5.9
## DeBenedictis 1994b -16.6000 [-35.8326;
                                              2.6326]
                                                             1.5
                                                                         1.6
## DeBenedictis 1995
                     -13.9000 [-27.6461;
                                             -0.1539
                                                             2.9
                                                                         3.1
## Debelic 1986
                       -18.2500 [-30.6692;
                                             -5.8308]
                                                             3.5
                                                                         3.8
## Henriksen 1988
                       -29.7000 [-41.6068; -17.7932]
                                                             3.8
                                                                         4.1
## Konig 1987
                                                                         4.9
                       -14.2000 [-25.0013;
                                             -3.3987
                                                             4.7
## Morton 1992
                       -22.5300 [-33.5382; -11.5218]
                                                             4.5
                                                                         4.8
## Novembre 1994f
                                                            13.0
                       -13.0400 [-19.5067;
                                             -6.5733
                                                                        12.1
## Novembre 1994s
                       -15.1000 [-23.8163;
                                             -6.3837]
                                                             7.1
                                                                         7.3
                                                                         7.0
## Oseid 1995
                       -14.8000 [-23.7200;
                                             -5.8800]
                                                             6.8
## Roberts 1985
                       -20.0000 [-36.9171;
                                             -3.0829
                                                             1.9
                                                                         2.1
## Shaw 1985
                       -24.1600 [-33.1791; -15.1409]
                                                             6.7
                                                                         6.9
                       -13.4000 [-18.7042;
                                                            19.3
##
  Todaro 1993
                                             -8.0958]
                                                                        16.6
##
```

Number of studies combined: k = 17

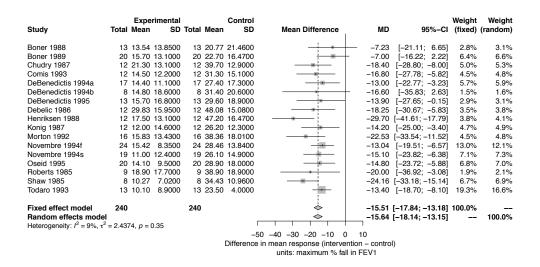






```
##
                                                            z p-value
##
                              MD
                                                95%-CI
                        -15.5140 [-17.8435; -13.1845] -13.05 < 0.0001
## Fixed effect model
  Random effects model -15.6436 [-18.1369; -13.1502] -12.30 < 0.0001
##
## Quantifying heterogeneity:
  tau^2 = 2.4374; H = 1.05 [1.00; 1.35]; I^2 = 8.9% [0.0%; 45.3%]
##
##
  Test of heterogeneity:
##
        Q d.f. p-value
##
            16 0.3496
##
## Details on meta-analytical method:
## - Inverse variance method
## - DerSimonian-Laird estimator for tau^2
```

2.3 Forest plot:



2.4 Heterogeneity test statistics (you can also get these results from Summary):

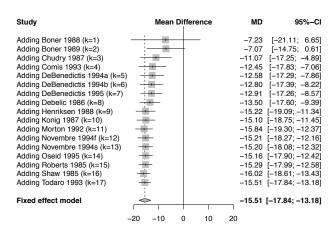
The value of tau^2 is 2.4373623; the value of I^2 is 8.94%.

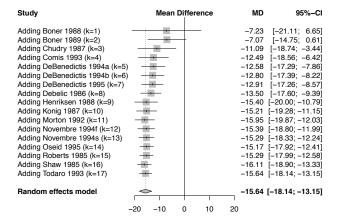






2.5 Sensitivity test:











2.6 Publication bias test:

