

Fixed effect

Yes

Do we assume that studies within each subgroup share a common effect size

No

Random effects

Do we assume that the true between-studies variance is the same for all subgroups

Yes

No

Compute T^2 within subgroups. Pool these estimates and use same estimate of T^2 for all subgroups

Compute T^2 within subgroups and use separate estimate of T^2 for each subgroup (see note in text)