Preliminary analysis

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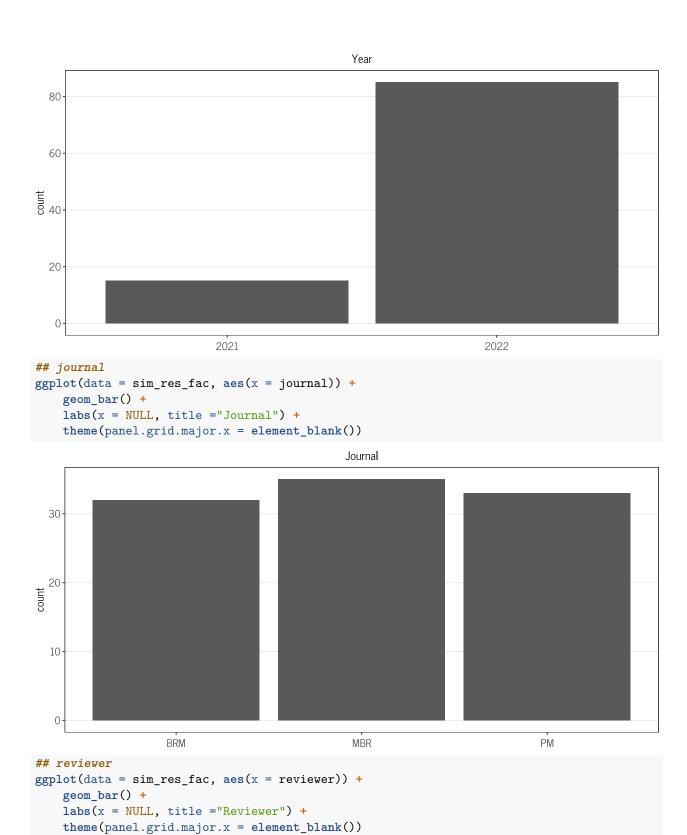
Visualizations

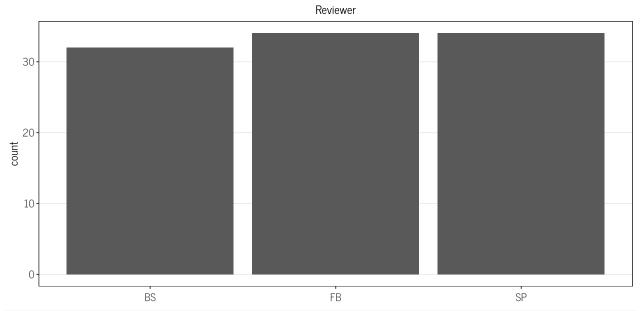
Note BS: I changed the font and suggested an alternative color palette in the plot for Q2. Happy to change back if needed.

```
## libraries
library(dplyr)
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(tidyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(colorspace)
library(ggpubr)
library(stringr)
library(forcats)
library(knitr)
library(kableExtra)
## Attaching package: 'kableExtra'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       group_rows
library(sysfonts)
library(showtext)
## Loading required package: showtextdb
# devtools::install_github("kupietz/kableExtra")
theme_set(theme_bw() +
          theme(legend.position = "top",
                panel.grid.minor = element_blank()))
## pal <- "Harmonic" # change palette here</pre>
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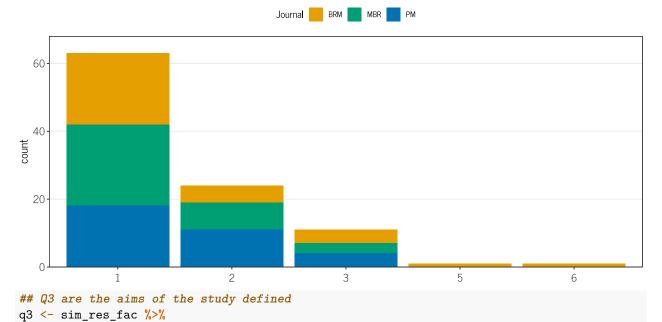
```
## ## colorspace::hcl_palettes("qualitative", plot = TRUE)
cols <- c("BRM" = "#E69F00", "MBR" = "#009E73", "PM" = "#0072B2")
# Alternative font
theme_bs <- function(){</pre>
  # add google font
  sysfonts::font_add_google("News Cycle", "news")
  # use showtext
  showtext::showtext auto()
  # theme
  ggplot2::theme_bw(base_family = "news") +
  ggplot2::theme(
   legend.position = "top",
   panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
   # Title and Axis Texts
   plot.title = ggplot2::element_text(size = ggplot2::rel(1.2), hjust = 0.5),
   plot.subtitle = ggplot2::element_text(size = ggplot2::rel(1.1), hjust = 0.5),
   axis.title = ggplot2::element_text(size = ggplot2::rel(1.15)),
   axis.text = ggplot2::element_text(size = ggplot2::rel(1.1)),
   axis.text.x = ggplot2::element_text(margin = ggplot2::margin(5, b = 10))
}
theme_set(theme_bs())
## data
sim_res_fac_full <- readRDS(file = "data/sim_res_fac.RDS")</pre>
sim_res_num_full <- readRDS(file = "data/sim_res_num.RDS")</pre>
# subset assessment only
sim_res_fac <- sim_res_fac_full %>%
   filter(simstudy_q1 == "yes",
           coding_type == "assessment")
sim_res_num <- sim_res_num_full %>%
    filter(simstudy_q1 == "yes",
           coding_type == "assessment")
## proportion of simulation studies by journal
sim res fac full %>%
   filter(coding_type == "assessment" | is.na(coding_type)) %>%
    group_by(journal) %>%
    summarize(propSim = mean(simstudy_q1 == "yes"),
              n = n()) \%
   mutate(journalLab = paste0(journal, " (n = ", n, ")")) %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = journalLab, y = propSim)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::percent, limits = c(0, 1)) +
   labs(x = NULL, title ="Journal", y = "Proportion of simulation studies") +
   theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
```

```
100%
Proportion of simulation studies
   75%
   50%
   25%
   0%
                  BRM (n = 210)
                                                MBR (n = 43)
                                                                             PM (n = 68)
sim_res_fac_full %>%
    filter(coding_type == "assessment" | is.na(coding_type),
            year == 2022) %>%
    summarize(propSim = mean(simstudy_q1 == "yes"),
               sim = sum(simstudy_q1 == "yes"),
               n = n()
## # A tibble: 1 x 3
     propSim
##
                sim
##
       <dbl> <int> <int>
       0.343
                 85
## 1
                       248
sim_res_fac_full %>%
    filter(coding_type == "assessment" | is.na(coding_type),
            year == 2022) %>%
    group_by(journal) %>%
    summarize(propSim = mean(simstudy_q1 == "yes"),
               sim = sum(simstudy_q1 == "yes"),
               n = n()
## # A tibble: 3 x 4
     journal propSim
                         \operatorname{\mathtt{sim}}
##
     <fct>
                <dbl> <int> <int>
## 1 BRM
                0.156
                          24
                                154
## 2 MBR
                          35
                0.814
                                 43
## 3 PM
                0.510
                          26
                                 51
## Morris et al. (2019) find
## "264 articles of which 199 (75\%) included at least one simulation study"
## year
ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = factor(year))) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="Year") +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
```





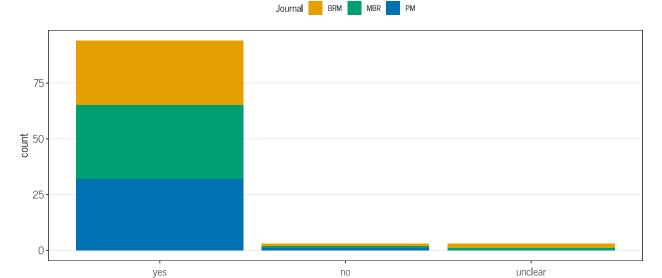
Number of simulation studies in article



mutate(aimsdefined_q3 = factor(aimsdefined_q3,

```
levels = c("yes", "no", "unclear"))) %>%
ggplot(aes(x = aimsdefined_q3, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title = "Aims of the study defined?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q3
```

Aims of the study defined?

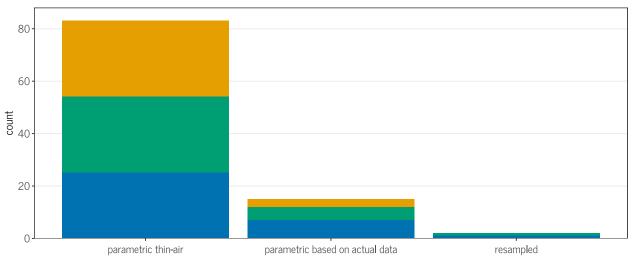


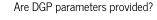
```
## Q4 type of DGP
q4_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$dgptype_q4)) + 5

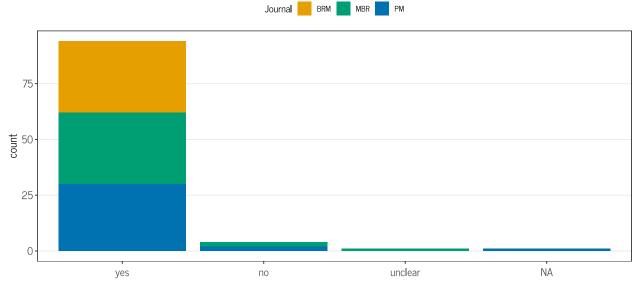
q4 <- sim_res_fac %>%
    mutate(dgptype_q4 = as.factor(dgptype_q4)) %>%
    mutate(dgptype_q4 = reorder(dgptype_q4, dgptype_q4, length, decreasing = TRUE)) %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = dgptype_q4, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="Type of DGP", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, q4_plot_max), expand = c(0,0))+
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())

q4
```





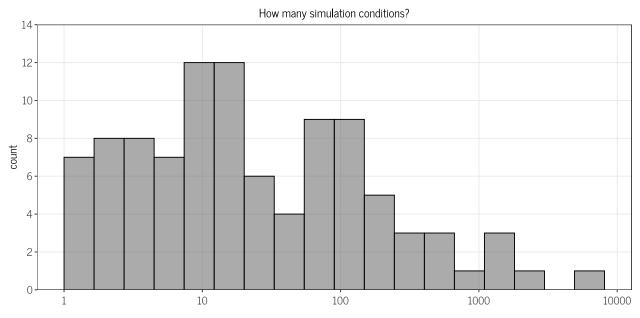




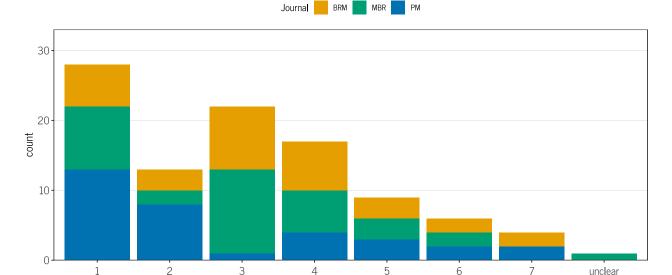
Q6 How many conditions? summary(sim_res_num\$nconds_q6)

```
Min. 1st Qu.
##
                    Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
                                              Max.
                                                       NA's
##
       1.0
               5.0
                      16.0
                             185.8
                                      96.0 6000.0
breaks <- c(1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000)
q6 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_num, aes(x = log(nconds_q6))) +
    geom_histogram(breaks = seq(0, log(10000), 0.5), col = 1, alpha = 0.5) +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks = log(breaks), labels = breaks) +
    scale_y = continuous(breaks = seq(0, 14, 2), limits = c(0,14), expand = c(0,0)) +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="How many simulation conditions?", fill = "Journal")
q6
```

Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (`stat_bin()`).

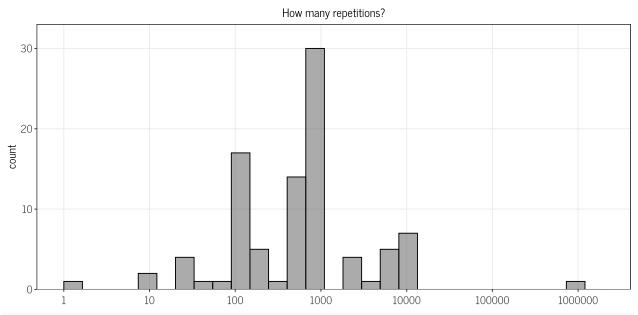


How many factors varied?

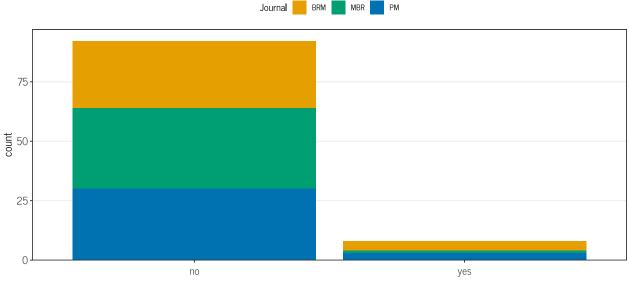


How are factors varied? Journal BRM MBR PM 75 count 50 25 fully-factorial one-at-a-time partially-factorial ## # double check consistency here: how was a single varied factor treated? ## sim_res_fac %>% filter(factorsvaried_q7 == 1) %>% ## select(reviewer, factorsvaried_q7, dgmfactorial_q7) %>% ## ## View() ## Q8 How many repetitions? summary(sim_res_num\$nsim_q8) ## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's 100 900 12198 1000 1000000 breaks <- c(1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000, 100000, 1000000) labs <- c("1", "10", "100", "1000", "10000", "100000") q8 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_num, aes(x = log(nsim_q8))) + geom_histogram(breaks = seq(0, log(2000000), 0.5), col = 1, alpha = 0.5) + labs(x = NULL, title ="How many repetitions?", fill = "Journal") + scale_x_continuous(breaks = log(breaks), labels = labs)+ $scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0,33), expand = c(0,0))$ 8p

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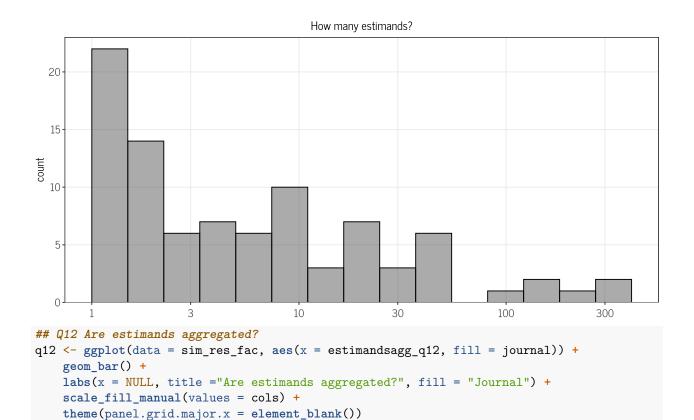
Are the number of repetitions justified?

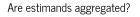


```
## Q10 Is the estimand stated?
q10 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = estimandstated_q10, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="Is the estimand stated?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +</pre>
```

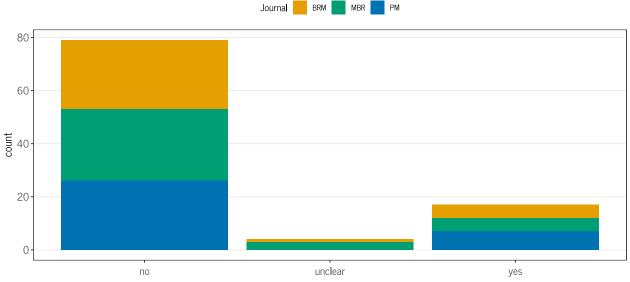
```
theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q10
                                          Is the estimand stated?
                                       Journal BRM MBR PM
  80
  60
count
  20
                                  not applicable
                                                          unclear
                no
                                                                                 yes
## Q11 How many estimands?
summary(sim_res_num$nestimands_q11)
                                                         NA's
##
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
                                Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                 Max.
##
         1
                  2
                                  22
                                          15
                                                  384
                                                           10
breaks \leftarrow c(1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300)
q11 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_num, aes(x = log(nestimands_q11))) +
    geom_histogram(breaks = seq(0, log(500), 0.4), col = 1, alpha = 0.5) +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks = log(breaks), labels = breaks) +
    scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, 23), expand = c(0,0))+
    labs(x = NULL, title ="How many estimands?", fill = "Journal")
q11
```

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q12



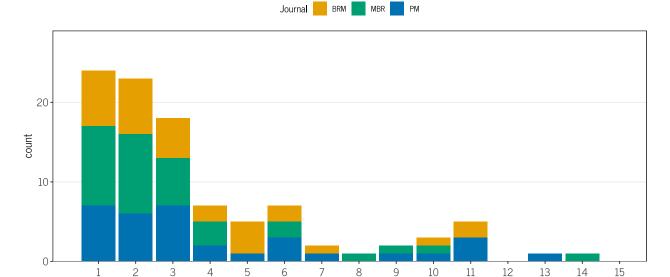


Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (`stat_count()`).

theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())

q14

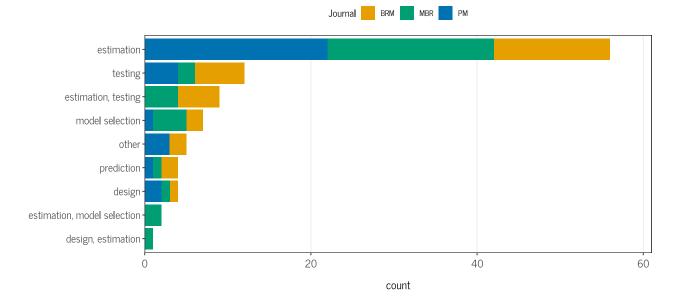




```
## Q15 What is the evaluation target of the simulation?
q15_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$target_q15)) + 5

q15a <- sim_res_fac %>%
    mutate(target_q15 = as.factor(target_q15)) %>%
    mutate(target_q15 = reorder(target_q15, target_q15, length)) %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = target_q15, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="What is the evaluation target of the simulation?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, q15_plot_max), expand = c(0,0))+
    theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank()) +
    coord_flip()
q15a
```

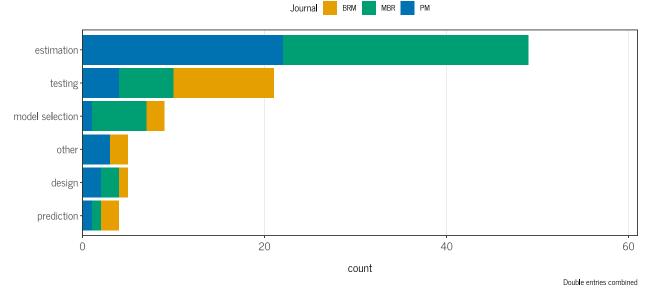
What is the evaluation target of the simulation?



```
# to keep it consistent with other questions, also spread apart results here
q15a_new <- sim_res_fac %>%
    separate wider delim(target q15,
                       delim = ",",
                       names_sep = "_",
                       too_few = "align_start") %>%
   pivot_longer(cols = contains("target"),
              names_to = NULL,
              values to = "target",
              values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
   mutate(target = str_trim(target)) %>%
   mutate(target = as.factor(target)) %>%
   mutate(target = reorder(target, target, length)) %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = target, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
   labs(x = NULL, title = "What is the evaluation target of the simulation?",
         fill = "Journal", caption = "Double entries combined") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, q15_plot_max), expand = c(0,0))+
    theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank()) +
    coord flip()
q15a_new
```

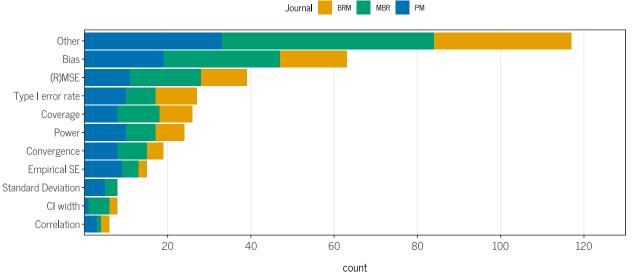
Warning: Removed 1 rows containing missing values (`geom_bar()`).

What is the evaluation target of the simulation?



```
names_to = NULL,
               values_to = "pmother",
               values drop na = TRUE) %>%
  select(pmother, journal) %>%
  # remove whitespace
  mutate(pmother = str_trim(pmother)) %>%
  mutate(pmother = str_replace(pmother, ".*correlation.*", "Correlation")) %>%
  mutate(pmother = str_replace(pmother, ".*standard deviation.*", "Standard Deviation")) %>%
  mutate(pmother = str_replace(pmother, ".*bias.*", "Bias")) %>%
  mutate(pmother = as.factor(pmother)) %>%
  mutate(pmother = forcats::fct_lump_n(pmother, 3)) %>%
  group_by(journal) %>%
  count(pmother) %>%
  rename(PM = pmother,
         count = n)
# Visualize
q15b <- sim_res_fac %>%
    group_by(journal) %>%
    summarise("Convergence" = sum(pmconvergence_q15 == "yes"),
              "Bias" = sum(pmbias q15 == "yes"),
              "Empirical SE" = sum(pmempse_q15 == "yes"),
              "(R)MSE" = sum(pm_r_mse_q15 == "yes"),
              "Coverage" = sum(pmcover_q15 == "yes"),
              "Type I error rate" = sum(pmtypeierror_q15 == "yes"),
              "Power" = sum(pmpower q15 == "yes"),
              "CI width" = sum(pmciwidth_q15 == "yes"),
              "Other" = sum(!is.na(pmother_q15))) %>%
    gather(key = "PM", value = "count", "Convergence", "Bias", "(R)MSE",
           "Empirical SE", "Coverage", "Type I error rate",
           "Power", "CI width", "Other") %>%
   bind_rows(q15_other) %>%
    mutate(PM = as.factor(PM)) %>%
   mutate(PM = reorder(PM, count, sum)) %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = PM, y = count, fill = journal)) +
   geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
   labs(x = NULL,
         title = "Performance measure",
         fill = "Journal",
         caption = "Abs. and rel. Bias counted towards Bias") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0,130), expand = c(0,0),
                       breaks = c(20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120))+
    theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank()) +
    coord_flip()
q15b
```

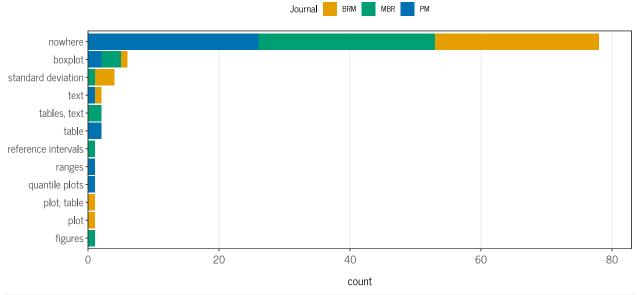
Performance measure



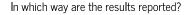
Abs. and rel. Bias counted towards Bias

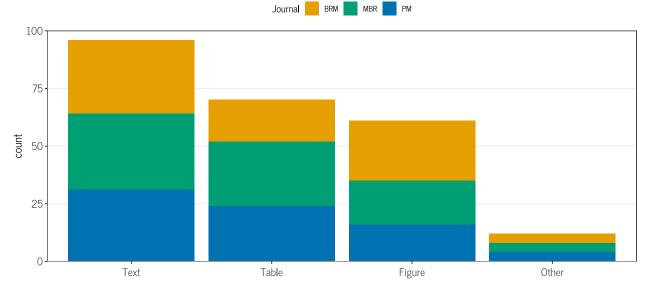
```
## # A tibble: 18 x 3
      reviewer pmbias_q15 pmother
##
      <fct>
               <fct>
                           <chr>
##
   1 FB
                           absolute bias
               yes
   2 FB
##
                           relative bias
               yes
##
   3 FB
                           relative bias
               yes
   4 FB
##
               no
                           absolute bias
##
   5 FB
                           bias of standard errors
               yes
##
   6 FB
                           relative bias
               no
##
   7 FB
                           relative bias
               yes
##
   8 FB
                           relative bias
               no
                           relative bias of standard errors
##
  9 FB
               no
## 10 FB
               no
                           relative bias
## 11 FB
                           relative bias
               no
## 12 FB
                           relative bias
               no
                           relative bias of se
## 13 FB
               no
## 14 FB
                           relative bias
               no
                           absolute relative bias
## 15 FB
               no
## 16 FB
               yes
                           relative bias of se
```

```
## 17 FB
                          relative bias
               no
## 18 BS
                          SD of SE bias (as uncertainty)
               yes
# What is included in "Standard Deviation"?
sim res fac %>%
  separate_wider_delim(pmother_q15,
                       delim = ",",
                       names_sep = "_",
                       too_few = "align_start") %>%
 pivot_longer(cols = contains("pmother"),
               names_to = NULL,
               values_to = "pmother",
               values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
  mutate(pmother = str_trim(pmother)) %>%
  # mutate(pmother = str_replace(pmother, ".*bias.*", "bias")) %>%
  filter(grepl("standard deviation", pmother)) %>%
  select(pmother)
## # A tibble: 8 x 1
##
    pmother
##
     <chr>
## 1 means and standard deviations of the estimates
## 2 efficiency (standard deviation of estimates)
## 3 standard deviations
## 4 standard deviations
## 5 standard deviation
## 6 efficiency (standard deviation of estimates)
## 7 standard deviation
## 8 standard deviation over aggregated estimates
## Q16 Is Monte Carlo uncertainty reported anywhere?
q16_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$mcerrors_q16)) + 5
q16 <- sim_res_fac %>%
  mutate(mcerrors_q16 = as.factor(mcerrors_q16)) %>%
  mutate(mcerrors_q16 = reorder(mcerrors_q16, mcerrors_q16, length)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = mcerrors_q16, fill = journal)) +
   geom bar() +
   labs(x = NULL, title ="Is Monte Carlo uncertainty reported anywhere?", fill = "Journal") +
   scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
   theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank()) +
   scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, q16_plot_max), expand = c(0,0))+
    coord flip()
q16
```



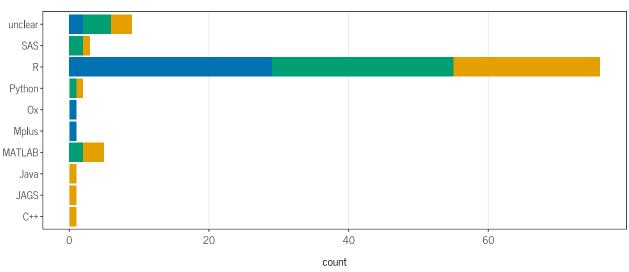
```
## Q17 In which way are the results reported?
q17 <- sim_res_fac %>%
    group_by(journal) %>%
    summarise("Figure" = sum(resultsfigure_q17 == "yes"),
              "Table" = sum(resultstable_q17 == "yes"),
              "Text" = sum(resultstext_q17 == "yes"),
              "Other" = sum(resultsother_q17 == "yes")) %>%
    gather(key = "Type", value = "count", "Figure", "Table", "Text", "Other") %>%
    mutate(Type = as.factor(Type)) %>%
    mutate(Type = reorder(Type, count, sum, decreasing = TRUE)) %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = Type, y = count, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="In which way are the results reported?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0,100), expand = c(0,0))+
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q17
```





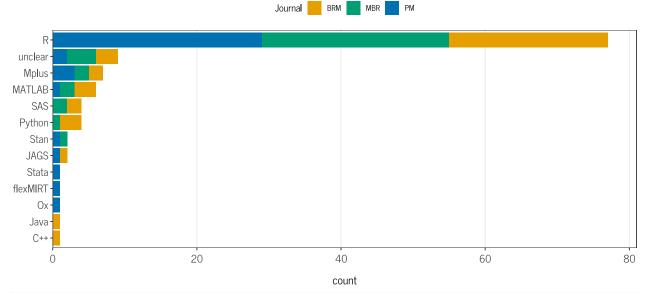
```
## Q18 Which software was used to conduct the simulation?
q18a <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = software_1_q18, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="Which primary software was used?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank()) +
    coord_flip()
q18a</pre>
```

Which primary software was used? Journal BRM MBR PM

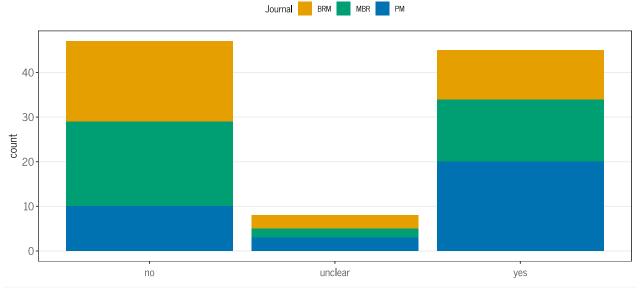


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values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
mutate(software = as.factor(software)) %>%
mutate(software = reorder(software, software, length)) %>%
ggplot(aes(x = software, fill = journal)) +
geom_bar() +
labs(x = NULL, title ="Which software was used?", fill = "Journal") +
scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, 81), expand = c(0,0))+
theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank()) +
coord_flip()
q18b
```

Which software was used?

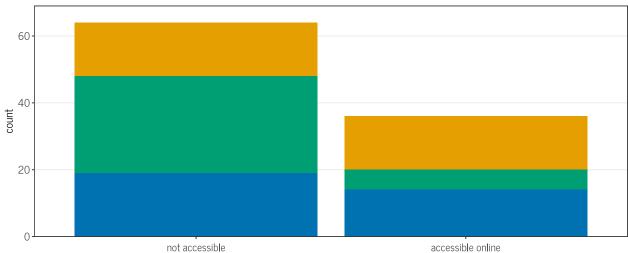








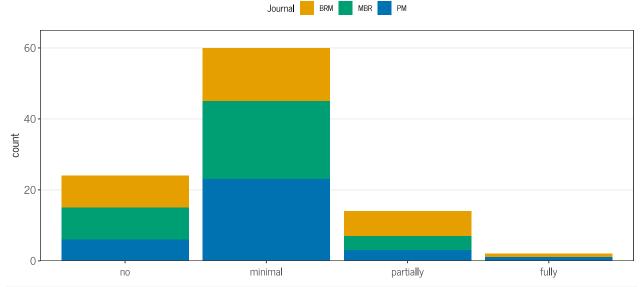
Is code provided?

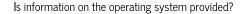


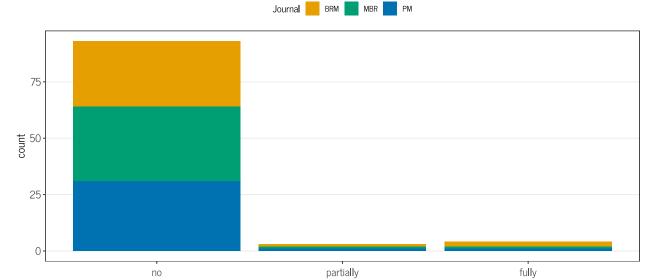
```
## Q21 If code is provided, is a seed provided?
q21 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = seedprovided_q21, fill = journal)) +
    geom bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="If code is provided, is a seed provided?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
# Compute as conditional on code provided
q21 <- sim_res_fac %>%
  filter(codeprovided_q20 == "accessible online") %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = seedprovided_q21, fill = journal))+
  geom_bar()+
  labs(x = NULL, title ="If code is provided, is a seed provided?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
sim_res_fac %>%
     filter(codeprovided_q20 == "accessible online") %>%
     count(seedprovided_q21)
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##
     seedprovided q21
                          n
##
     <fct>
                       <int>
## 1 not found
                          15
                          21
## 2 yes
q21
                                   If code is provided, is a seed provided?
                                      Journal BRM MBR PM
  20
  15
count 10
   5
  0
                         not found
## Q22 Is information on the computational environment provided?
q22_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$compenvironment_q22)) + 5
q22 <- sim_res_fac %>%
    mutate(compenvironment_q22 = factor(compenvironment_q22,
                                         levels = c("no", "minimal", "partially", "fully"))) %>%
```

ggplot(aes(x = compenvironment_q22, fill = journal)) +

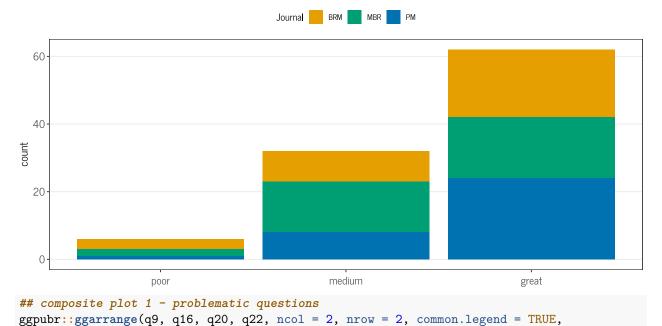
Is information on the computational environment provided?



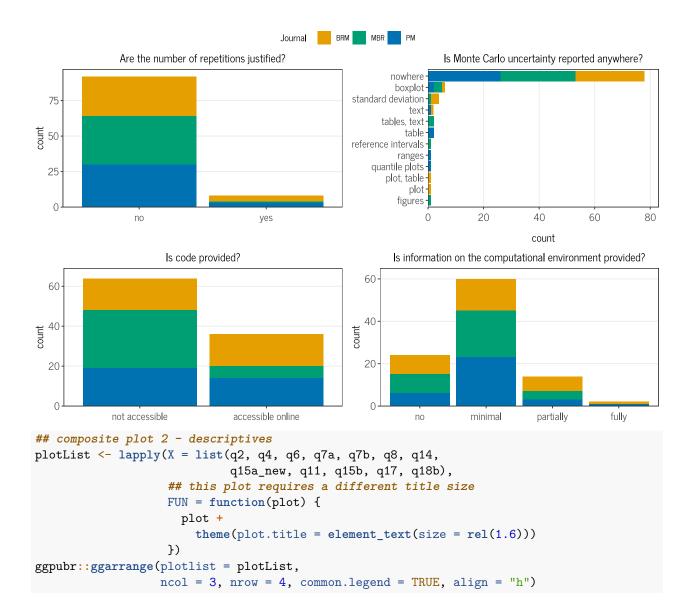


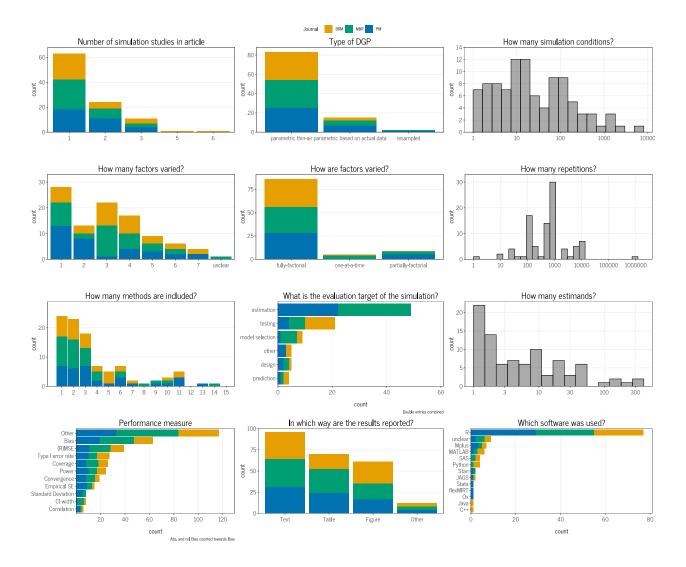


How confident was reviewer in coding of the article?



align = "h")





Descriptives

The following still needs some cleaning.

```
# detailed per-journal descriptives
journal_describe <- sim_res_fac %>%
    split(.$journal) %>%
    purrr::map(~Hmisc::describe(.x))

# In a tidy way for long summary table
summary_vars <- c(
    "reviewer", "simstudy_q1",
    "nsimstudies_q2", "whichsim", "aimsdefined_q3",
    "dgptype_q4",
    # "dgpparameters_q5",
    # "nconds_q6",
    "factorsvaried_q7", "dgmfactorial_q7",
    # "nsim_q8",
    "nsimjustified_q9",</pre>
```

```
"estimandstated_q10",
  # "nestimands_q11",
  "estimandsagg_q12", "truetheta_q13",
  "nmethods q14",
  "target q15",
  "pmconvergence_q15", "pmbias_q15", "pmempse_q15", "pm_r_mse_q15",
  "pmcover_q15", "pmtypeierror_q15", "pmpower_q15", "pmciwidth_q15",
  "pmsclear_q15", "mcerrors_q16",
  "resultsfigure_q17", "resultstable_q17", "resultstext_q17",
  "resultsother_q17", "software_1_q18", "software_2_q18",
  "software_3_q18", "software", "userwritten_q19",
  "codeprovided_q20", "seedprovided_q21",
  "compenvironment_q22", "compos_q23",
  "coding_confidence"
sim res fac %>%
  as.data.frame() %>%
  group_by(journal) %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = starts_with("software"),
               names_to = NULL,
               values_to = "software",
              values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
  mutate(software = as.factor(software)) %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = any_of(summary_vars),
              names_to = "col", values_to = "response") %>%
  select(journal, col, response) %>%
  group_by(journal, col) %>%
  count(response) %>%
  # filter(!is.na(response)) %>%
  # View()
  pivot_wider(id_cols = c(col, response),
              names_from = journal,
              values from = n,
              values_fill = 0) %>%
  arrange(factor(col, levels = summary_vars)) %>%
  rowwise() %>%
  mutate(Sum = sum(BRM, MBR, PM)) %>%
  knitr::kable("latex", longtable = TRUE, caption = "Grouped by Journal") %>%
  kableExtra::column_spec(1, bold = TRUE) %>%
  kableExtra::collapse_rows(columns = 1:2, valign = "top")
```

Table 1: Grouped by Journal

col	response	BRM	MBR	PM	Sum
reviewer	BS	11	15	13	39
	FB	5	16	16	37
	SP	22	7	11	40
$simstudy_q1$	yes	38	38	40	116
	1	24	26	21	71
	2	6	8	14	28
	3	6	4	5	15
	5	1	0	0	1

	6	1	0	0	1
whichsim	1	31	26	31	88
	NA	7	11	8	26
	2	0	1	0	1
	3	0	0	1	1
aimsdefined_q3	no	1	1	1	3
— •	unclear	2	1	0	3
	yes	35	36	39	110
$\overline{ ext{dgptype}_ ext{q4}}$	parametric based on actual data	3	6	8	17
01 /1 = 1	parametric thin-air	35	31	31	97
	resampled	0	1	1	2
factorsvaried_q7	1	8	9	16	33
— •	2	3	2	9	14
	3	11	14	1	26
	5	3	4	4	11
	6	3	2	2	7
	4	8	6	6	20
	7	2	0	2	4
	unclear	0	1	0	1
dgmfactorial_q7	fully-factorial	35	30	35	100
S = 1	one-at-a-time	1	4	0	5
	partially-factorial	2	4	5	11
nsimjustified_q9	no	32	36	37	105
v = r	yes	6	2	3	11
estimandstated_q10	no	6	3	2	11
— -	unclear	4	5	0	9
	yes	28	30	36	94
	not applicable	0	0	2	2
estimandsagg_q12	no	31	29	33	93
	unclear	1	4	0	5
	yes	6	5	7	18
truetheta_q13	estimated	2	3	2	7
	known	36	35	36	107
	not applicable	0	0	2	2
nmethods_q14	1	8	11	7	26
	2	9	11	7	27
	3	6	7	7	20
	5	6	0	2	8
	6	2	2	6	10
	4	2	3	3	8
	7	1	0	1	2
	10	1	0	1	2
	11	2	0	3	5
	192	1	0	0	1
	10?	0	1	0	1
	14	0	1	0	1
	8	0	1	0	1
	9	0	1	1	2
	11+	0	0	1	1
	13	0	0	1	1
	design	1	1	2	4
	estimation	16	22	28	66
	estimation, testing	7	4	0	11
		_			

	model selection	2	4	1	7
	other	3	0	4	7
	prediction	3	1	1	5
	testing	6	2	4	12
	design, estimation	0	1	0	1
	estimation, model selection	0	3	0	3
pmconvergence_q15	no	33	30	25	88
F	yes	5	8	12	25
	unclear	0	0	3	3
pmbias_q15	no	22	13	26	61
F	yes	16	25	14	55
pmempse_q15	no	36	33	29	98
F	yes	2	5	11	18
$pm_r_mse_q15$	no	24	20	24	68
p.iiiiiiseqio	yes	14	18	16	48
pmcover_q15	no	27	27	31	85
pincover_qro	yes	11	11	9	31
pmtypeierror_q15	no	26	31	28	85
pmily pelerror_qro	yes	12	7	12	31
pmpower_q15	no	29	31	28	88
pmpower_qro		9	7	12	28
pmciwidth_q15	yes	36	33	38	107
pinerwidtii_q15	no	2	5	2	9
nmaalaan a15	yes	2		3	6
$pmsclear_q15$	no	3	1	$\frac{3}{2}$	5
	unclear		0		
	yes	33	37	32	102
	NA	0	0	3 2	3 7
$ m mcerrors_q16$	boxplot	1	4		
	1	1 00	20		
	nowhere	29	29	33	91
	plot	1	0	0	1
	plot plot, table	1 1	0	0	1
	plot plot, table standard deviation	1 1 5	0 0 1	0 0	1 1 6
	plot plot, table standard deviation text	1 1 5 1	0 0 1 0	0 0 0 1	1 1 6 2
	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures	1 1 5 1 0	0 0 1 0	0 0 0 1 0	1 1 6 2 1
	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals	1 1 5 1 0	0 0 1 0 1 1	0 0 0 1 0	1 1 6 2 1
	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text	1 1 5 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 1 1 2	0 0 0 1 0 0	1 6 2 1 1 2
	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots	1 1 5 1 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 1 1 2	0 0 0 1 0 0 0	1 6 2 1 1 2
	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0	1 6 2 1 1 2 1
	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 1 1 2
resultsfigure_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 2 23	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 47
	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 17 21	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 23	1 6 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 47 69
resultsfigure_q17 resultstable_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 17 21 8	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 23 17	1 6 2 1 1 2 1 2 47 69 33
resultstable_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no yes	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31 16 22	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 17 21 8	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 23 17 9	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 47 69 33 83
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resultstable_q17 resultstext_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no yes no yes no yes unclear C++	1 1 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31 16 22 38 0 32 6	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 17 21 8 36 2 34 4	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 23 17 9 31 38 2 36 4	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 1 2 47 69 33 83 112 4 102 14 9 1
resultstable_q17 resultstext_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no yes no yes no yes unclear	1 1 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31 16 22 38 0 32 6	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 17 21 8 30 36 2 34 4	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 23 17 9 31 38 2 36 4	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 1 2 47 69 33 83 112 4 102 14 9 1
resultstable_q17 resultstext_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no yes no yes no yes Label And	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31 16 22 38 0 32 6 3 1	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 17 21 8 30 36 2 34 4 4 0 0	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 23 17 9 31 38 2 36 4	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 1 2 47 69 33 83 112 4 102 14 9 1
resultstable_q17 resultstext_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no yes no yes unclear C++ JAGS	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31 16 22 38 0 32 6 3 1 1 1 1 3	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 17 21 8 30 36 2 34 4 4	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 23 17 9 31 38 2 36 4 2	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 1 2 47 69 33 83 112 4 102 14 9 1
resultstable_q17 resultstext_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no yes no yes no yes unclear C++ JAGS Java MATLAB Mplus	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31 16 22 38 0 32 6 3 1	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 17 21 8 30 36 2 34 4 4 0 0	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 23 17 9 31 38 2 36 4 2	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 1 2 47 69 33 83 112 4 102 14 9 1
resultstable_q17 resultstext_q17	plot plot, table standard deviation text figures reference intervals tables, text quantile plots ranges table no yes no yes no yes unclear C++ JAGS Java MATLAB	1 1 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 31 16 22 38 0 32 6 3 1 1 1 1 3	0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 17 21 8 30 36 2 34 4 4 4 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 23 17 9 31 38 2 36 4 2 0 0	1 1 6 2 1 1 2 47 69 33 83 112 4 102 14 9 1 2

	R	22	26	29	77
	SAS	2	2	0	4
	Stan	0	1	1	2
	Ox	0	0	1	1
	flexMIRT	0	0	1	1
	Stata	0	0	1	1
$userwritten_q19$	no	20	21	12	53
	unclear	4	2	4	10
	yes	14	15	24	53
${ m codeprovided}_{oldsymbol{-}}{ m q20}$	accessible online	19	6	18	43
	not accessible	19	32	22	73
${ m seedprovided}_{- m q}{ m 21}$	yes	9	5	11	25
	not found	29	33	29	91
${ m compenvironment}_{-q22}$	no	11	10	7	28
	fully	1	0	1	2
	minimal	16	24	27	67
	partially	10	4	5	19
$compos_q23$	no	35	36	37	108
	fully	2	1	1	4
	partially	1	1	2	4
coding_confidence	great	24	18	28	70
	medium	10	18	11	39
	poor	4	2	1	7

```
# Ungrouped and with proportions
sim_res_fac %>%
 as.data.frame() %>%
  # pivot_longer(cols = starts_with("software"),
                names_to = NULL,
                 values_to = "software",
  #
                values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
  # mutate(software = as.factor(software)) %>%
 pivot_longer(cols = any_of(summary_vars),
               names_to = "col", values_to = "response") %>%
  select(col, response) %>%
 group_by(col) %>%
  count(response) %>%
  arrange(factor(col, levels = summary_vars)) %>%
 knitr::kable("latex", longtable = TRUE, caption = "Ungrouped") %>%
 kableExtra::column_spec(1, bold = TRUE) %>%
 kableExtra::collapse_rows(columns = 1:2, valign = "top")
```

Table 2: Ungrouped

col	response	n
reviewer	BS	32
	FB	34
	SP	34
simstudy_q1	yes	100
	1	63
	2	24
	3	11
	5	1

	6	1
whichsim	1	73
	2	1
	3	1
	NA	25
aimsdefined_q3	no	3
	unclear	3
	yes	94
$dgptype_q4$	parametric based on actual data	15
31 71 —1	parametric thin-air	83
	resampled	2
factorsvaried_q7	unclear	1
_	1	28
	2	13
	3	22
	5	9
	6	6
	4	17
	7	4
dgmfactorial_q7	fully-factorial	86
	one-at-a-time	5
	partially-factorial	9
nsimjustified_q9	no	92
5 = 1	yes	8
estimandstated_q10	no	11
— •	unclear	6
	yes	81
	not applicable	2
estimandsagg_q12	no	79
33—1	unclear	4
	yes	17
truetheta_q13	not applicable	2
— -	estimated	7
	known	91
nmethods_q14	1	24
	2	23
	3	18
	5	5
	6	7
	4	7
	7	2
	10	2
	10?	1
	11	4
	11+	1
	13	1
	14	1
	192	1
	8	1
	9	2
	design	4
	design, estimation	1
	estimation	56
	estimation, model selection	2
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

	estimation, testing	9
	model selection	7
	other	5
	prediction	4
	testing	12
pmconvergence_q15	no	79
pinconvergence_qro	unclear	2
	yes	19
pmbias_q15	no	55
p.11.51.03_q10	yes	45
pmempse_q15	no	85
pp.so_q15	yes	15
$pm_r_mse_q15$	no	61
pm_1_mse_q10	yes	39
pmcover_q15	no	74
P11100 (01_410	yes	26
pmtypeierror_q15	no	73
r-mon benefit of	yes	27
pmpower_q15	no	76
pmpoer_qro	yes	24
pmciwidth_q15	no	92
pq_5	yes	8
pmsclear_q15	no	5
P111501001q15	unclear	5
	yes	87
	NA	3
mcerrors_q16	boxplot	6
	figures	1
	nowhere	78
	plot	1
	plot, table	1
	quantile plots	1
	ranges	1
	reference intervals	1
	standard deviation	4
	table	2
	tables, text	2
	text	2
resultsfigure_q17	no	39
J _ 1	yes	61
resultstable_q17	no	30
— .	yes	70
resultstext_q17	no	4
<u> </u>	yes	96
resultsother_q17	no	88
-	yes	12
	unclear	9
	C++	1
	JAGS	1
	Java	1
	MATLAB	5
	Mplus	1
	Ox	1
	Python	2

	R	76
	SAS	3
software_2_q18	JAGS	1
	MATLAB	1
	Mplus	6
	Python	2
	R	
	SAS	1
	flexMIRT	1
	Stan	2
	Stata	1
	NA	84
software_3_q18		100
userwritten_q19	no	47
	unclear	8
	yes	45
codeprovided_q20	accessible online	36
	not accessible	64
$seedprovided_q21$	yes	21
	not found	79
$-$ compenvironment $_$ q22	no	24
	fully	2
	minimal	60
	partially	14
compos_q23	no	93
	fully	4
	partially	3
coding_confidence	great	62
	medium	32
	poor	6

Analyses of individual questions:

```
# Q8:
sim_res_num$nsim_q8 %>%
table()
## .
##
       1
            10
                  25
                        30
                              50
                                    60
                                         100
                                               200
                                                     400
                                                           500
                                                                  800
                                                                      1000
                                                                            2000
##
       1
             2
                   1
                         3
                               1
                                          17
                                                            14
    2500 3000 5000 10000 1e+06
       1
                   5
                         7
sessionInfo()
## R version 4.3.1 (2023-06-16)
## Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
## Running under: Debian GNU/Linux 12 (bookworm)
## Matrix products: default
          /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libblas.so.3
## LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libopenblasp-r0.3.21.so; LAPACK version 3.11.0
## locale:
## [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8
                                   LC_NUMERIC=C
```

```
[3] LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8
                                   LC_COLLATE=en_US.UTF-8
##
    [5] LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8
                                   LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
   [7] LC PAPER=en US.UTF-8
                                   LC NAME=C
   [9] LC_ADDRESS=C
                                   LC_TELEPHONE=C
##
## [11] LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
##
## time zone: Europe/Zurich
## tzcode source: system (glibc)
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats
                 graphics grDevices utils
                                                datasets methods
                                                                    base
## other attached packages:
   [1] showtext_0.9-6
                              showtextdb_3.0
                                                     sysfonts_0.8.8
   [4] kableExtra_1.3.4.9000 knitr_1.43
                                                     forcats_1.0.0
   [7] stringr_1.5.0
                              ggpubr_0.6.0
                                                     colorspace_2.1-0
## [10] ggplot2_3.4.2
                              tidyr_1.3.0
                                                     dplyr_1.1.2
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
   [1] gtable 0.3.3
                          xfun 0.39
                                             htmlwidgets 1.6.2 rstatix 0.7.2
##
   [5] vctrs_0.6.3
                          tools_4.3.1
                                             generics_0.1.3
                                                               curl_5.0.1
  [9] tibble_3.2.1
                          fansi 1.0.4
                                             highr_0.10
                                                               cluster 2.1.4
## [13] pkgconfig_2.0.3
                          data.table_1.14.8 checkmate_2.2.0
                                                               webshot_0.5.5
## [17] lifecycle 1.0.3
                          compiler 4.3.1
                                             farver_2.1.1
                                                               munsell 0.5.0
## [21] carData_3.0-5
                          htmltools_0.5.5
                                             yaml_2.3.7
                                                               htmlTable 2.4.1
## [25] Formula_1.2-5
                          pillar 1.9.0
                                             car_3.1-2
                                                               Hmisc 5.1-0
## [29] rpart_4.1.19
                          abind_1.4-5
                                             tidyselect_1.2.0
                                                               rvest_1.0.3
## [33] digest_0.6.33
                          stringi_1.7.12
                                             purrr_1.0.1
                                                               labeling_0.4.2
## [37] cowplot_1.1.1
                          fastmap_1.1.1
                                             grid_4.3.1
                                                               cli_3.6.1
## [41] magrittr_2.0.3
                          base64enc_0.1-3
                                             utf8_1.2.3
                                                               broom_1.0.5
## [45] foreign_0.8-84
                          withr_2.5.0
                                             scales_1.2.1
                                                               backports_1.4.1
## [49] rmarkdown_2.23
                          httr_1.4.6
                                             nnet_7.3-18
                                                               gridExtra_2.3
## [53] ggsignif_0.6.4
                          evaluate_0.21
                                             viridisLite_0.4.2 rlang_1.1.1
## [57] glue_1.6.2
                          xml2_1.3.5
                                             svglite_2.1.1
                                                               rstudioapi_0.15.0
## [61] jsonlite_1.8.7
                          R6_2.5.1
                                             systemfonts_1.0.4
```