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)
##
## Attache Paket: 'dplyr'
## Die folgenden Objekte sind maskiert von 'package:stats':
##
       filter, lag
## Die folgenden Objekte sind maskiert von 'package:base':
##
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(tidyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(colorspace)
library(ggpubr)
library(stringr)
library(forcats)
library(knitr)
library(kableExtra)
##
## Attache Paket: 'kableExtra'
## Das folgende Objekt ist maskiert 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       group_rows
library(sysfonts)
library(showtext)
## Lade nötiges Paket: showtextdb
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```
# devtools::install_github("kupietz/kableExtra")
theme_set(theme_bw() +
          theme(legend.position = "top",
                panel.grid.minor = element_blank()))
## pal <- "Harmonic" # change palette here
## ## 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") +
```

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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())
```

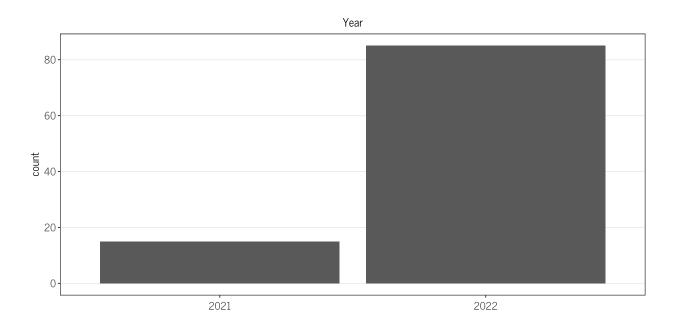
Journal 100% 75% 50% 0% BRM (n = 210) MBR (n = 43) PM (n = 68)

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 3
## propSim sim n
## <dbl> <int> <int>
## 1 0.343 85 248
```

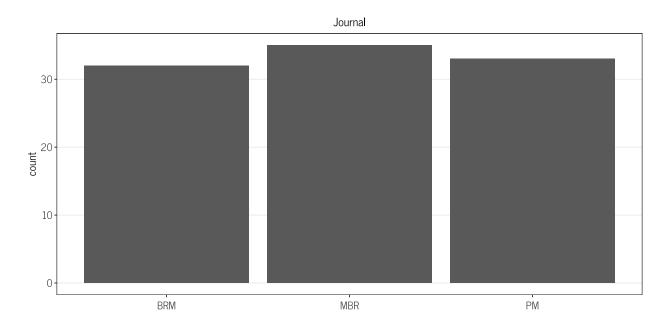
```
## # A tibble: 3 x 4
    journal propSim sim
##
                             n
    <fct>
              <dbl> <int> <int>
## 1 BRM
              0.156
                      24 154
## 2 MBR
              0.814
                      35
                           43
## 3 PM
              0.510
                      26
                            51
```

```
## Morris et al. (2019) find
## "264 articles of which 199 (75\%) included at least one simulation study"

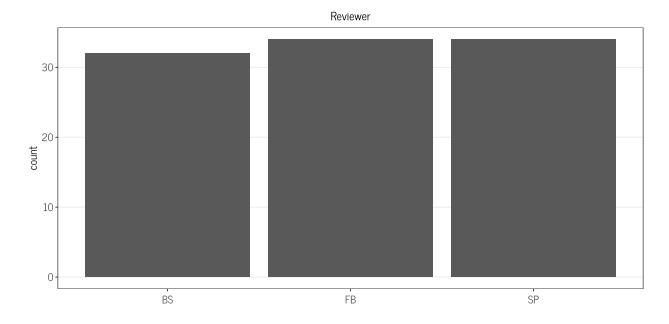
## year
ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = factor(year))) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title = "Year") +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
```



```
## journal
ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title = "Journal") +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
```



```
## reviewer
ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = reviewer)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title = "Reviewer") +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
```

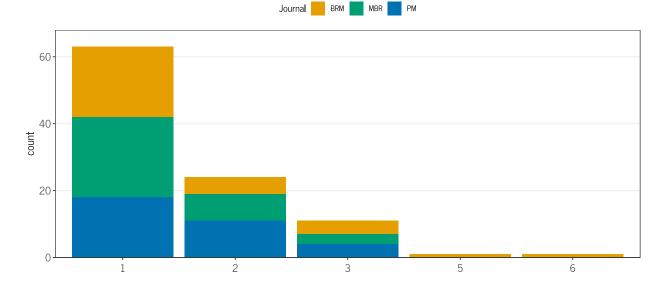


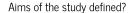
```
## Q2 number of simulation studies
# scale max for plot
q2_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$nsimstudies_q2)) + 5

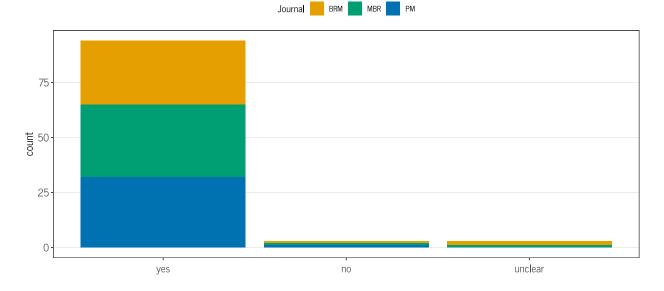
q2 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = nsimstudies_q2, fill = journal)) +</pre>
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geom_bar() +
labs(x = NULL, title ="Number of simulation studies in article", fill = "Journal") +
# scale_fill_discrete_qualitative(palette = pal) +
scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, q2_plot_max), expand = c(0,0))+
theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q2
```

Number of simulation studies in article



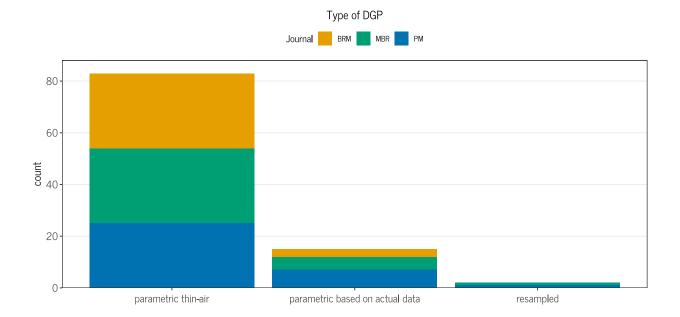


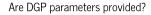


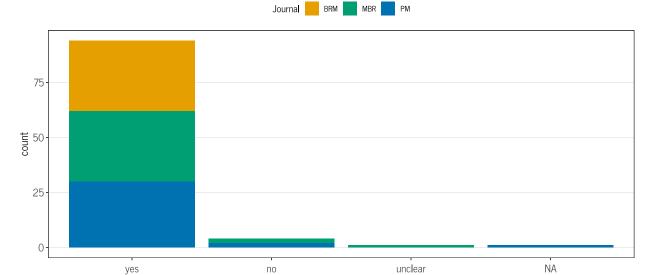
```
## Q4 type of DGP
q4_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$dgptype_q4)) + 5

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
```





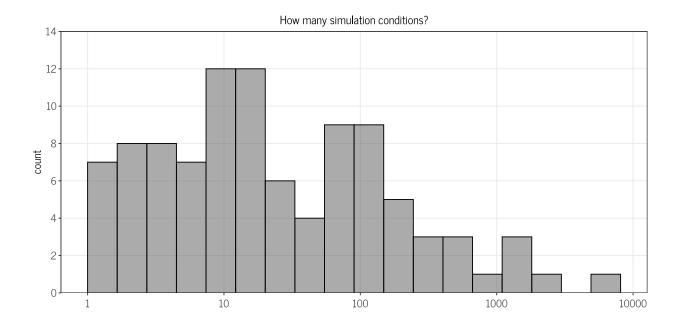


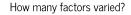
```
## Q6 How many conditions?
summary(sim_res_num$nconds_q6)
```

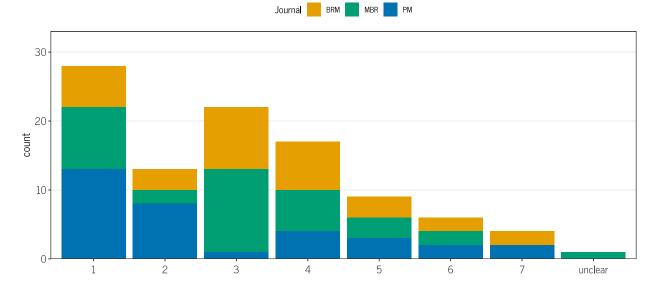
```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's ## 1.0 5.0 16.0 185.8 96.0 6000.0 1
```

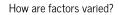
```
breaks <- c(1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000)
q6 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_num, aes(x = log(nconds_q6))) +
    geom_histogram(breaks = seq(0, log(10000), 0.5), col = 1, alpha = 0.5) +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks = log(breaks), labels = breaks) +
    scale_y_continuous(breaks = seq(0, 14, 2), limits = c(0,14), expand = c(0,0)) +
    labs(x = NULL, title = "How many simulation conditions?", fill = "Journal")
q6</pre>
```

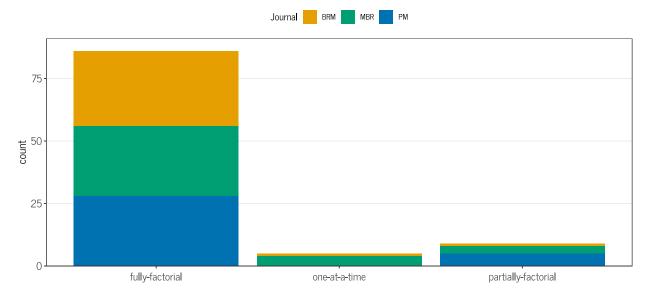
Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values ('stat_bin()').





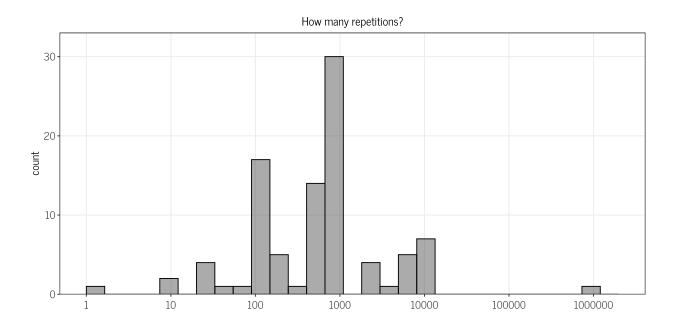






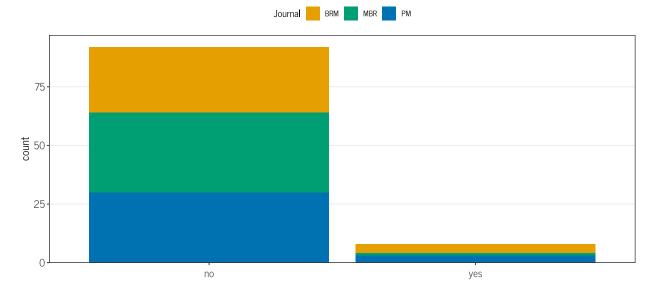
```
## # double check consistency here: how was a single varied factor treated?
## sim_res_fac %>%
     filter(factorsvaried q7 == 1) %>%
     select(reviewer, factorsvaried_q7, dgmfactorial_q7) %>%
##
     View()
##
## Q8 How many repetitions?
summary(sim_res_num$nsim_q8)
##
      Min. 1st Qu.
                   Median
                             Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                      NA's
                                              Max.
                       900
                             12198
                                      1000 1000000
##
              100
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
```

Warning: Removed 6 rows containing non-finite values ('stat_bin()').



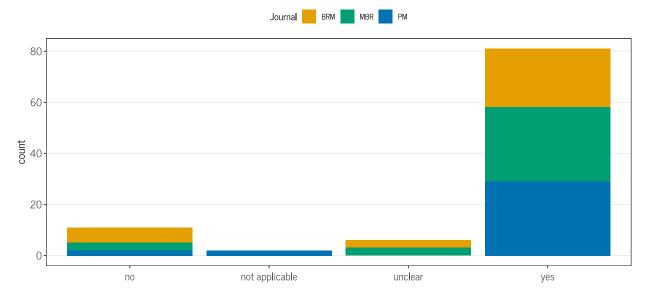
```
scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, q9_plot_max), expand = c(0,0))+
theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q9
```

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) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q10</pre>
```



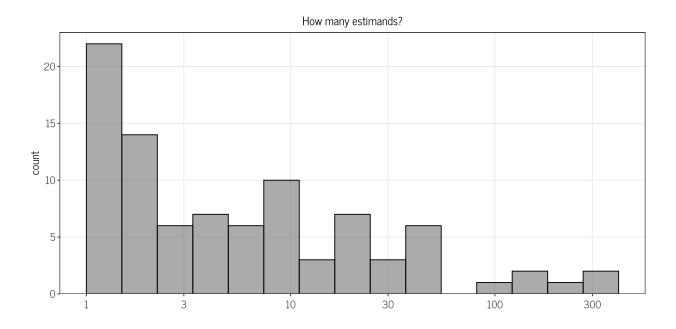


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## Q11 How many estimands?
summary(sim_res_num$nestimands_q11)
```

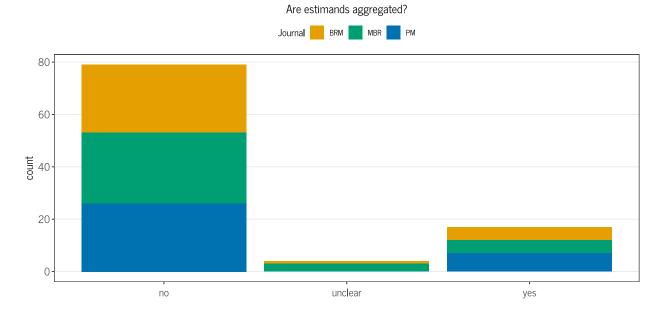
```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's ## 1 2 4 22 15 384 10
```

```
breaks <- 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</pre>
```

Warning: Removed 10 rows containing non-finite values ('stat_bin()').



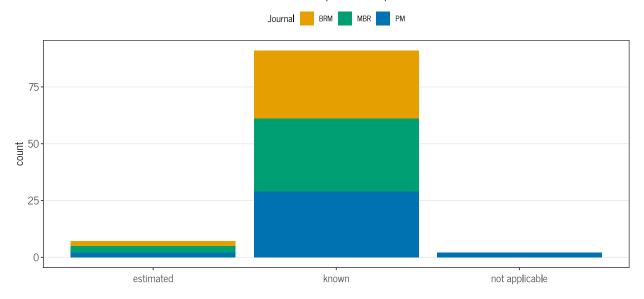
```
## Q12 Are estimands aggregated?
q12 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = estimandsagg_q12, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title = "Are estimands aggregated?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q12</pre>
```



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## Q13 How are the true parameters specified?
q13 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = truetheta_q13, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +</pre>
```

```
labs(x = NULL, title ="How are the true parameters specified?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q13
```

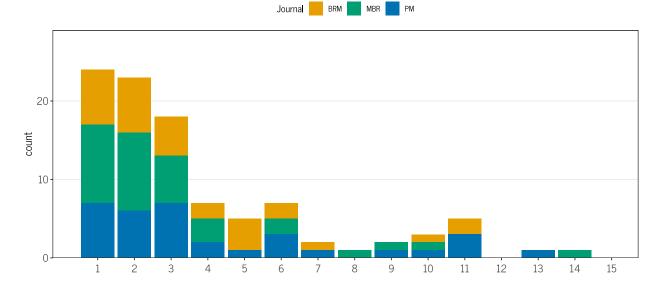




Q14 How many methods are included? summary(sim_res_num\$nmethods_q14)

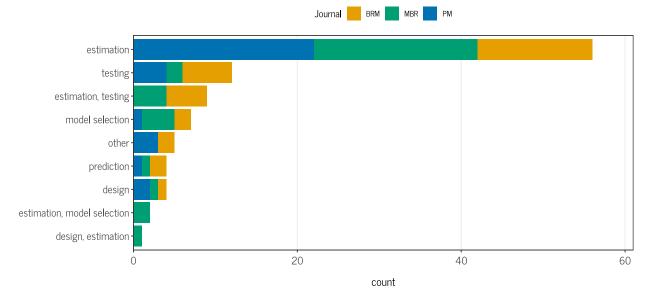
```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## 1.00 2.00 3.00 5.63 5.00 192.00
```

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

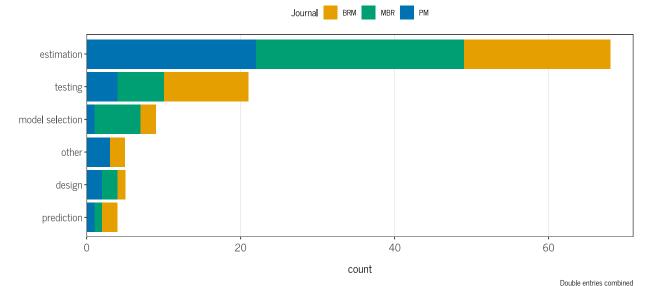


```
## Q15 What is the evaluation target of the simulation?
q15_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$target_q15)) + 5

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
```



```
# 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 + 10), expand = c(0,0))+
   theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank()) +
    coord_flip()
q15a_new
```



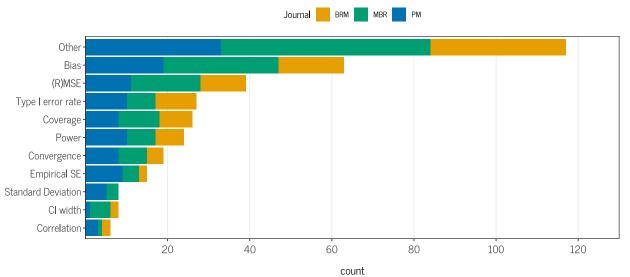
Q15 Which performance measures were used? # Spread "Other" apart q15_other <- sim_res_fac %>% separate_wider_delim(pmother_q15, delim = ",", names sep = " ", too_few = "align_start") %>% pivot_longer(cols = contains("pmother"), names_to = NULL, values_to = "pmother", values_drop_na = TRUE) %>% select(pmother, 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"), $"(R)MSE" = sum(pm_r_mse_q15 == "yes"),$

"Type I error rate" = sum(pmtypeierror_q15 == "yes"),

"Coverage" = sum(pmcover_q15 == "yes"),

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"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

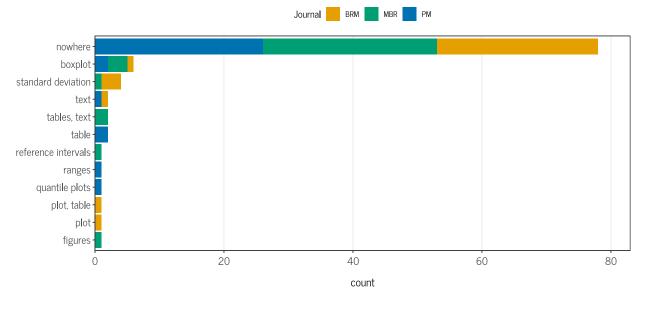
```
values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
  mutate(pmother = str_trim(pmother)) %>%
  # mutate(pmother = str_replace(pmother, ".*bias.*", "bias")) %>%
  filter(grepl("bias", pmother)) %>%
  select(reviewer, pmbias_q15, pmother)
## # A tibble: 18 x 3
     reviewer pmbias_q15 pmother
      <fct>
               <fct>
## 1 FB
                          absolute bias
               yes
## 2 FB
                          relative bias
               yes
## 3 FB
               yes
                          relative bias
## 4 FB
               no
                          absolute bias
## 5 FB
                          bias of standard errors
               yes
## 6 FB
                          relative bias
               no
## 7 FB
               yes
                         relative bias
## 8 FB
                          relative bias
               no
## 9 FB
               nο
                          relative bias of standard errors
## 10 FB
                          relative bias
               no
## 11 FB
                          relative bias
               no
## 12 FB
                          relative bias
               no
## 13 FB
                          relative bias of se
               no
## 14 FB
               no
                          relative bias
## 15 FB
                          absolute relative bias
               no
## 16 FB
                          relative bias of se
               yes
## 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)
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## 7 standard deviation
## 8 standard deviation over aggregated estimates
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```
## Q16 Is Monte Carlo uncertainty reported anywhere?
q16_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$mcerrors_q16)) + 5

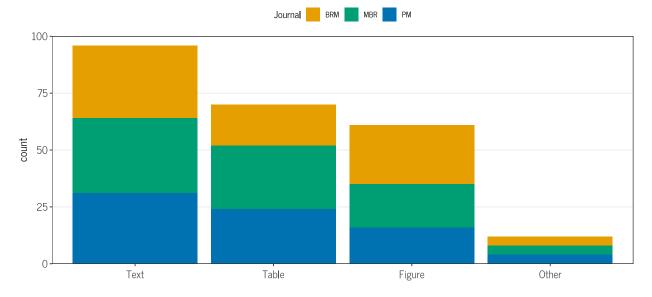
q16 <- sim_res_fac %>%
    mutate(mcerrors_q16 = as.factor(mcerrors_q16)) %>%
    mutate(mcerrors_q16 = reorder(mcerrors_q16, mcerrors_q16, length)) %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = mcerrors_q16, fill = journal)) +
        geom_bar() +
        labs(x = NULL, title ="Is Monte Carlo uncertainty reported anywhere?", 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
```

Is Monte Carlo uncertainty reported anywhere?



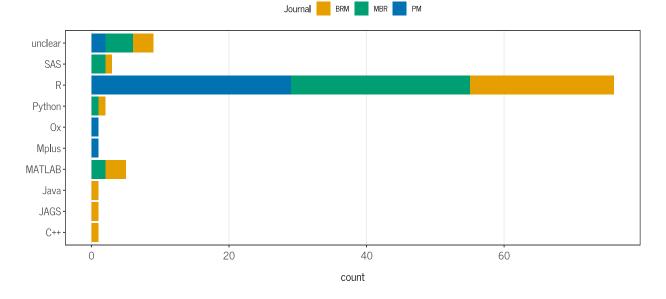
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scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0,100), expand = c(0,0))+
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q17
```

In which way are the results reported?



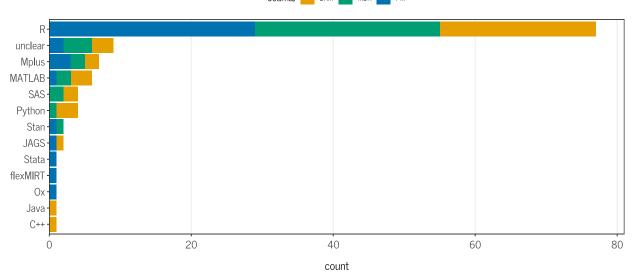
```
## Q18 Which software was used to conduct the simulation?
q18a <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = software_1_q18, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title ="Which primary software was used?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.y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





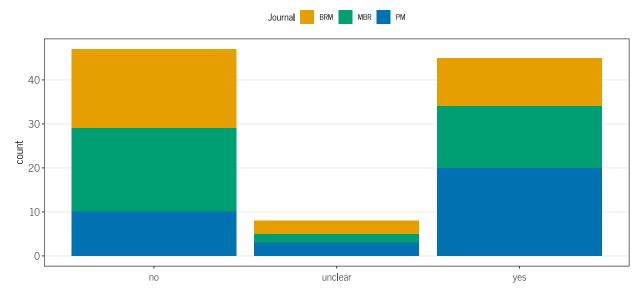
```
# add information from software_2_q18 and software_3_q18
q18b <- sim_res_fac %>%
  select(starts_with("software"), journal) %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = starts_with("software"),
               names_to = NULL,
               values to = "software",
              values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
  mutate(software = 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
```



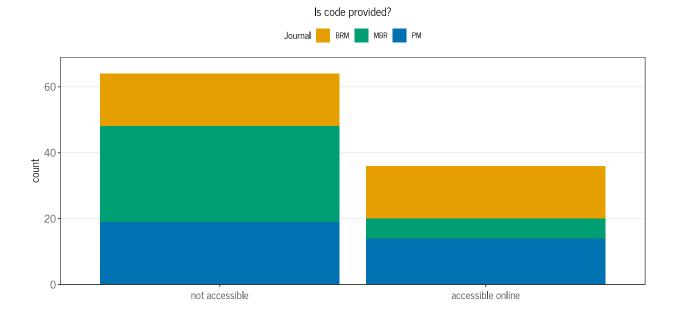


```
## Q19 Are there userwritten commands/packages/macros?
q19 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = userwritten_q19, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
    labs(x = NULL, title = "Are there userwritten commands/packages/macros?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
q19</pre>
```



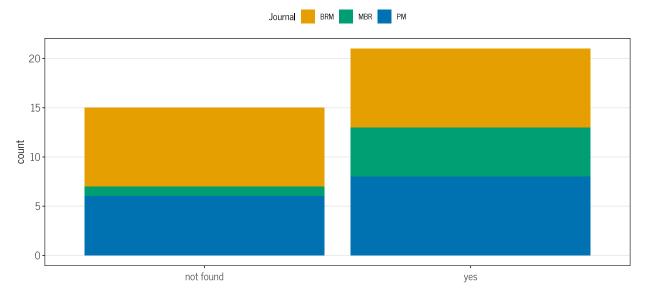


```
## Q20 Is code provided?
q20_plot_max <- max(table(sim_res_fac$codeprovided_q20)) + 5</pre>
```

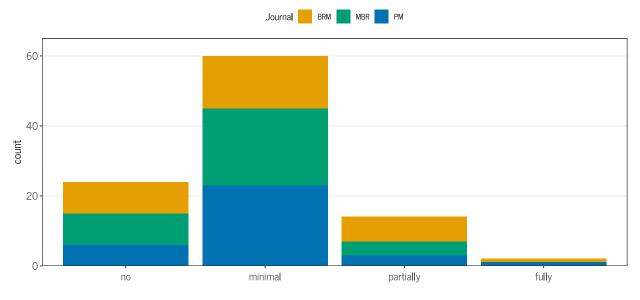


```
## Q21 If code is provided, is a seed provided?
q21 <- ggplot(data = sim_res_fac, aes(x = seedprovided_q21, fill = journal)) +
    geom_bar() +
   labs(x = NULL, title ="If code is provided, is a seed provided?", fill = "Journal") +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cols) +
    theme(panel.grid.major.x = 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)
```

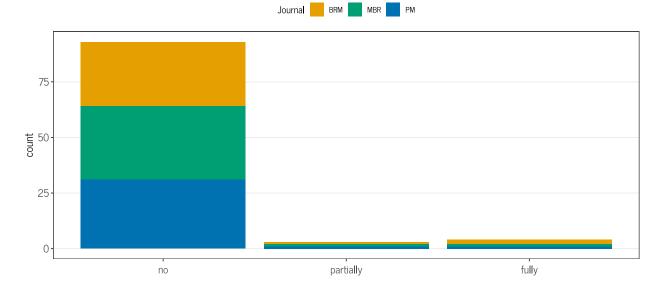
If code is provided, is a seed provided?



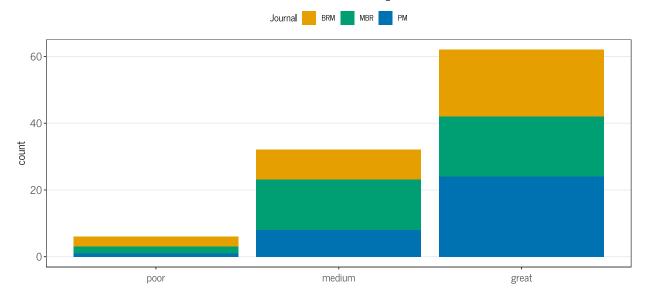
Is information on the computational environment provided?

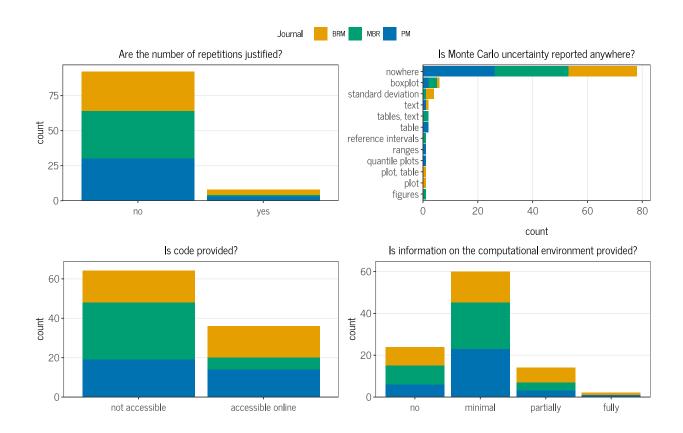


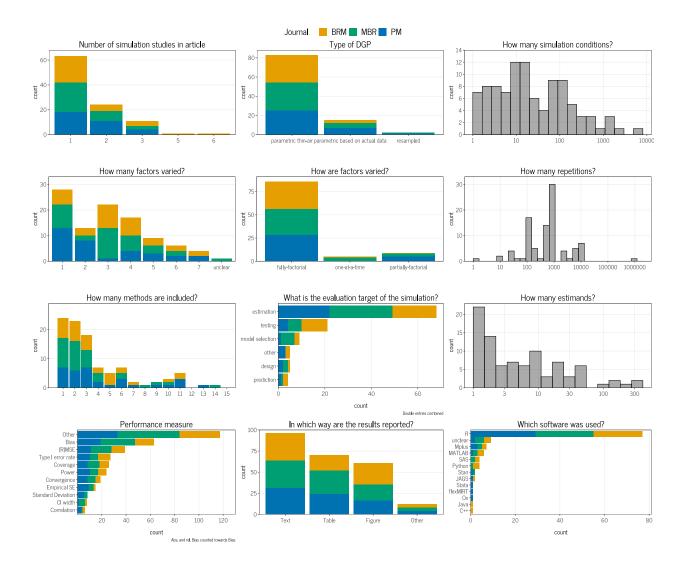
Is information on the operating system provided?



How confident was reviewer in coding of the article?







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",</pre>
```

```
"nsimjustified_q9",
  "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 |
| ${ m simstudy_q1}$ | yes | 38 | 38 | 40 | 116 |
| | 1 | 24 | 26 | 21 | 71 |
| | 2 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 28 |

$nsimstudies_q2$

| | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 15 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-----|-----|----------------|
| | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| whichsim | 1 | 31 | 26 | 31 | 88 |
| Willeligilli | NA | 7 | 11 | 8 | 26 |
| | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $\frac{20}{1}$ |
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| aimsdefined_q3 | no | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| amsdemed_qo | unclear | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| | yes | 35 | 36 | 39 | 110 |
| $ m dgptype_q4$ | parametric based on actual data | 3 | 6 | 8 | 17 |
| agptype_q4 | parametric thin-air | 35 | 31 | 31 | 97 |
| | resampled | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| factorsvaried_q7 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 33 |
| lactorsvarieu_qr | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 2 | 9 | 14 |
| | 3 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 26 |
| | 5 | 3 | | | |
| | 6 | 3 | 4 2 | 4 2 | 11 |
| | 4 | 8 | 6 | 6 | $\frac{7}{20}$ |
| | | I | | | |
| | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 6 4 1 7 | unclear | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| dgmfactorial_q7 | fully-factorial | 35 | 30 | 35 | 100 |
| | one-at-a-time | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| | partially-factorial | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 |
| nsimjustified_q9 | no | 32 | 36 | 37 | 105 |
| | 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 |
| ${\rm estimandsagg_q12}$ | 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 |
| | *** | | | | |

 $target_q15$

| | 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 |
| | yes | 5 | 8 | 12 | 25 |
| | unclear | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| $pmbias_q15$ | no | 22 | 13 | 26 | 61 |
| | yes | 16 | 25 | 14 | 55 |
| $pmempse_q15$ | no | 36 | 33 | 29 | 98 |
| | yes | 2 | 5 | 11 | 18 |
| $ m pm_r_mse_q15$ | no | 24 | 20 | 24 | 68 |
| | yes | 14 | 18 | 16 | 48 |
| $ m pmcover_q15$ | no | 27 | 27 | 31 | 85 |
| | yes | 11 | 11 | 9 | 31 |
| $pmtypeierror_q15$ | no | 26 | 31 | 28 | 85 |
| | yes | 12 | 7 | 12 | 31 |
| pmpower_q15 | no | 29 | 31 | 28 | 88 |
| | yes | 9 | 7 | 12 | 28 |
| $ m pmciwidth_q15$ | no | 36 | 33 | 38 | 107 |
| | yes | 2 | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| $pmsclear_q15$ | no | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| | unclear | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| | yes | 33 | 37 | 32 | 102 |
| | NA | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| $mcerrors_q16$ | boxplot | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| | nowhere | 29 | 29 | 33 | 91 |
| | plot | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | plot, table | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | standard deviation | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| | text | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | figures | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | reference intervals | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | tables, text | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | quantile plots | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | ranges | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | table | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| resultsfigure_q17 | no | 7 | 17 | 23 | 47 |
| | yes | 31 | 21 | 17 | 69 |
| resultstable_q17 | no | 16 | 8 | 9 | 33 |
| | yes | 22 | 30 | 31 | 83 |
| 11 1 1 1 1 | - | 90 | 9.0 | | 112 |
| resultstext_q17 | | 38 | 36 | 38 | |
| | no | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| resultstext_q17 resultsother_q17 | no | 32 | 2 34 | 2 36 | 4 102 |
| | no | 0 32 6 | 2 34 4 | 2 36 4 | 4 102 14 |
| | no yes unclear | 0 32 6 3 | 2 34 4 4 | 2 36 4 2 | 4 102 14 9 |
| | no yes unclear C++ | 0 32 6 3 1 | 2 34 4 4 0 | 2 36 4 2 0 | 102 14 9 1 |
| | no yes unclear C++ JAGS | 0 32 6 3 1 | 2 34 4 4 0 0 | 2 36 4 2 0 | 4 102 14 9 1 2 |
| | no yes unclear C++ JAGS Java | 0 32 6 3 1 1 | 2 34 4 4 0 0 | 2 36 4 2 0 1 | 4 102 14 9 1 2 |
| | no yes unclear C++ JAGS | 0 32 6 3 1 | 2 34 4 4 0 0 | 2 36 4 2 0 | 4 102 14 9 1 2 |

| | Python | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| | 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 |
| ${ m codeprovided}_{f q20}$ | accessible online | 19 | 6 | 18 | 43 |
| | not accessible | 19 | 32 | 22 | 73 |
| ${ m seedprovided}_{oldsymbol{q}21}$ | yes | 9 | 5 | 11 | 25 |
| | not found | 29 | 33 | 29 | 91 |
| ${ m compenvironment}$ | 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 |

$nsimstudies_q2$

| | 5 | 1 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 6 | 1 |
| whichsim | 1 | $\frac{1}{73}$ |
| WIIICIISIIII | 2 | $\frac{10}{1}$ |
| | 3 | $\frac{1}{1}$ |
| | NA | $\frac{1}{25}$ |
| aimsdefined_q3 | no | $\frac{-23}{3}$ |
| <u> </u> | unclear | 3 |
| | yes | 94 |
| $\overline{	ext{dgptype}_	ext{q4}}$ | parametric based on actual data | 15 |
| | 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 |
| 3 =1 | 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 |
| | 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 |

$target_q15$

| | estimation | 56 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|----|
| | estimation, model selection | 2 |
| | estimation, testing | 9 |
| | model selection | 7 |
| | other | 5 |
| | prediction | 4 |
| | testing | 12 |
| pmconvergence_q15 | no | 79 |
| | unclear | 2 |
| | yes | 19 |
| pmbias_q15 | no | 55 |
| | yes | 45 |
| pmempse_q15 | no | 85 |
| = . | yes | 15 |
| pm_r_mse_q15 | no | 61 |
| | yes | 39 |
| pmcover_q15 | no | 74 |
| | yes | 26 |
| pmtypeierror_q15 | no | 73 |
| | yes | 27 |
| pmpower_q15 | no | 76 |
| | yes | 24 |
| pmciwidth_q15 | no | 92 |
| F- - 4 | yes | 8 |
| pmsclear_q15 | no | 5 |
| _ 4_0 | 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 |
| ~ _ * | yes | 61 |
| resultstable_q17 | no | 30 |
| | yes | 70 |
| resultstext_q17 | no | 4 |
| — : | yes | 96 |
| $results other_q17$ | no | 88 |
| <u> </u> | yes | 12 |
| | unclear | 9 |
| | C++ | 1 |
| | JAGS | 1 |
| | Java | 1 |
| | MATLAB | 5 |
| | Mplus | 1 |
| | 1° | |

| | Ox | 1 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| | Python | 2 |
| | R | 76 |
| | SAS | 3 |
| software_2_q18 | JAGS | 1 |
| | MATLAB | 1 |
| | Mplus | 6 |
| | Python | 2 |
| | R | 2 |
| | SAS | 1 |
| | flexMIRT | 1 |
| | Stan | 2 |
| | Stata | 1 |
| | NA | 84 |
| software_3_q18 | | 100 |
| userwritten_q19 | no | 47 |
| | unclear | 8 |
| | yes | 45 |
| ${ m codeprovided}$ | accessible online | 36 |
| | not accessible | 64 |
| $ m seed provided _q21$ | yes | 21 |
| | not found | 79 |
| ${ m compenvironment}$ | 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()
## .
                                      100
                                             200
                                                 400
                                                        500
##
      1
           10
                 25
                       30
                            50
                                  60
                                                              800 1000 2000
##
      1
            2
                  1
                        3
                             1
                                        17
                                            5
                                                  1
                                                         14
                                                                     29
   2500 3000 5000 10000 1e+06
##
      1
                  5
                       7
# Q15a:
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)) %>%
   count(target) %>%
   arrange(desc(n))
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
## target
##
    <fct>
                  <int>
## 1 estimation
                     68
## 2 testing
                       21
## 3 model selection 9
## 4 design
## 5 other
                       5
## 6 prediction
# Q15:
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) %>% group_by(PM) %>% summarize(sum = sum(count)) %>% arrange(desc(sum))
## # A tibble: 11 x 2
##
    PM
                          sum
     <chr>
##
                       <int>
## 1 Other
                         117
## 2 Bias
                           63
## 3 (R)MSE
                           39
## 4 Type I error rate
                           27
## 5 Coverage
## 6 Power
                           24
## 7 Convergence
                          19
## 8 Empirical SE
                          15
## 9 CI width
                           8
## 10 Standard Deviation
                           8
## 11 Correlation
sessionInfo()
```

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```
## Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
## Running under: Windows 11 x64 (build 22621)
## Matrix products: default
##
##
## locale:
## [1] LC_COLLATE=German_Germany.utf8 LC_CTYPE=German_Germany.utf8
## [3] LC MONETARY=German Germany.utf8 LC NUMERIC=C
## [5] LC_TIME=German_Germany.utf8
## time zone: Europe/Berlin
## tzcode source: internal
## 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_3.4.3
                              tidyr_1.3.0
                                                    dplyr_1.1.2
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] gtable_0.3.4
                          xfun 0.40
                                            htmlwidgets_1.6.2 rstatix_0.7.2
## [5] vctrs_0.6.3
                          tools_4.3.1
                                            generics_0.1.3
                                                               curl_5.0.2
## [9] tibble_3.2.1
                          fansi_1.0.4
                                            highr_0.10
                                                               cluster_2.1.4
                                                               webshot_0.5.5
## [13] pkgconfig_2.0.3
                          data.table_1.14.8 checkmate_2.2.0
## [17] lifecycle_1.0.3
                          compiler_4.3.1
                                            farver_2.1.1
                                                               munsell_0.5.0
## [21] carData_3.0-5
                          htmltools_0.5.6
                                            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_1.0.2
                                                               labeling_0.4.2
                          fastmap_1.1.1
                                            grid_4.3.1
                                                               cli_3.6.1
## [37] cowplot_1.1.1
## [41] magrittr_2.0.3
                          base64enc 0.1-3
                                            utf8_1.2.3
                                                               broom 1.0.5
                          withr_2.5.0
## [45] foreign_0.8-84
                                            scales_1.2.1
                                                               backports_1.4.1
## [49] rmarkdown 2.24
                          httr 1.4.7
                                            nnet 7.3-19
                                                               gridExtra 2.3
## [53] ggsignif_0.6.4
                          evaluate_0.21
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