The development of infants' responses to mispronunciations - A Meta-Analysis

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[Christina: Big change: I just realized that we also need to report where we could not compute effect sizes, added this info.]

Introduction

Acquiring a first language means that young learners are solving a host of tasks in a 32 short amount of time. As infants develop into toddlers during their second and third years 33 they learn new words in earnest while simultaneously refining their knowledge about the 34 sounds that make up these words [Primir, Kuhl, Best]. In a mature phono-lexical system, 35 word recognition must balance flexibility to slight variation (e.g., speaker identity, accented speech) while distinguishing between phonetic details that differentiate words in their native 37 language (e.g. cat-hat). To build robust language knowledge, it seems usful to acquire this ability early during development. Indeed, before children can correctly pronounce a word, they already are aware that slight phonological deviations might signal a change in word meaning [Clark & Clark, 1977]. This mispronunciation sensitivity reflects the specificity with which infants represent the phonological information of familiar words. As infants continue to develop into expert language users, their language processing matures and becomes more efficient, including their knowledge of what consistutes a permissible versus word-changing phonological deviation. In this paper, we aggregate and analyze the almost 20 years of literature investigating mispronunciation sensitivity in infants in an attempt to uncover its characteristics and the trajectory of its development.

At the turn of the millenia, infant language acquisition researchers had established that during their first years of life, infants are sensitive to changes in the phonetic detail of newly segmented words (Jusczyk & Aslin, 1995) and learned minimal pairs (Stager & Werker, 1997). Furthermore, when presented with familiar image pairs, children fixate on one image

upon hearing its label (Fernald, Pinto, Swingley, Weinberg, & McRoberts, 1998; Tincoff & Jusczyk, 1999). Swingley and Aslin (2000) were the first to tie these lines of research together and investigate mispronunciation sensitivity in infant familiar word recognition: Children aged 18 to 23 months learning American English saw pairs of images (e.g. a baby and a dog) and their eye movements to each image were recorded and subsequently coded offline. On "correct" trials, children heard the correct label for one of the images (e.g. "baby"). On 'mispronounced" trials, children heard a mispronounced label of one of the images (e.g. "vaby"). The mean proportion of fixations to the target image (here: a baby) was calculated separately for both correct and mispronounced trials by dividing the target looking time by the sum of total looking time to both target and a distractor (proportion of target looking or 61 PTL). Mean fixations in correct trials were significantly greater than in mispronounced trials, and in both conditions looks to the target were significantly greater than chance. We refer to this pattern of a difference between looks to correct and mispronounced words as mispronunciation sensitivity and of looks to the target image above chance in each condition as object identification. Swingley and Aslin (2000) concluded that already before the second birthday, children represent words with sufficient detail to be sensitive to mispronunciations.

The study of Swingley and Aslin (2000) as well as subsequent studies examining
mispronunciation sensitivity address two complementary principles that infants must
discover in early phonological development in order to form adult-like word representations:

phonological constancy and phonological distinctiveness. Phonological constancy is the ability
to resolve phonological variation across different instances of a word, as long as the variation
does not compromise the overall identity of the word. For example, different speakers particularly across genders and accents - produce the same word with notable acoustic
variation, although the word remains the same. In contrast, phonological distinctiveness
describes the ability to differentiate between different words that happen to be
phonologically similar, such as bad/bed or cat/hat. To successfully recognize words, speakers
of a given language must therefore simultaneously use both phonological constancy and

distinctiveness to determine where phonological variation is appropriate and where it changes a word's meaning. Both abilities have to be acquired, because language systems differ in which sounds signal a meaning change.

[Katie: since we actually don't have theoretical framework support for the no-change theory, I've changed around the sentence below to explicitly say that only 2 of the 3 are predicted by theoretical accounts.][Christina: Works for me. I am just thinking what the Vihman-style framework says. do you happen to know? I think the Renner thesis discusses it.] [Katie: I wasn't really familiar with the Vihman framework, but looking at Renner's thesis and some of the original papers suggests that it really is about production, not perception.]

In the current study, we focus on infants' developing ability to correctly apply the 89 principles of phonological distinctiveness and constancy by using a meta-analytic approach 90 to investigate mispronunciation sensitivity. Considering that infants are sensitive to 91 mispronunciations and that, in general, their processing matures with development, we examine the shape of mispronunciation sensitivity over the course of the second and third year. There are three distinct possibilities how mispronunciation sensitivity might change as infants become native speakers, which are all respectively supported by single studies and two predicted by theoretical accounts. By aggregating all publicly available evidence using meta-analysis, we can examine developmental trends making use of data from a much larger and diverse sample of infants than is possible in most single studies (see Frank et al., 2018; for a notable exception). Before we outline the meta-analytical approach and its advantages in detail, we first discuss the proposals this study seeks to disentangle and the data 100 supporting each of the accounts. 101

Young infants may begin cautiously in their approach to word recognition, rejecting any phonological variation in familiar words and only later learning to accept appropriate variability. According to the Perceptual Attunement account, this describes a shift away

from specific native phonetic patterns to a more mature understanding of the abstract phonological structure of words (Best 1994, 1995). This shift is predicted to coincide with 106 the vocabulary spurt around 18 months, and is therefore related to vocabulary growth. In 107 this case, we would expect the size of mispronunciation sensitivity to be larger at younger 108 ages and decrease as the child matures and learn more words, although children continue to 109 detect mispronunciations. Indeed, young infants are more perturbed by accented speakers 110 than older infants in their recognition of familiar words (Best, Tyler, Gooding, Orlando, & 111 Quann, 2009; Mulak, Best, & Tyler, 2013) or learning of new words (Schmale, Hollich, & 112 Seidl, 2011). 113

According to a different theoretical framework, young infants may instead begin with
phonologically broad representations for familiar words and only refine their representations
as language experience accumulates. PRIMIR (Processing Rich Information from
Multidimensional Interactive Representations; Curtin & Werker, 2007; Werker & Curtin,
2005; Curtin, Byers-Heinlein, & Werker, 2011) describes the development of phonemic
categories emerging as the number of word form-meaning linkages increases. Vocabulary
growth, therefore, promotes more detailed phonological representations in familiar words.
Following this account, we predict an *increase* in mispronunciation sensitivity as infants
mature and add more words to their growing lexicon.

Finally, sensitivity to mispronunciation may not be modulated by development at all.

Infants' overall language processing becomes more efficient, but their sensitivity to

mispronunciations may not change. Across infancy and toddlerhood, mispronunciations

would thus be detected and lead to less looks at a target than correct pronunciations, but

the size of this effect would not change, nor be related to vocabulary size. This pattern is not

predicted by any mainstream theory of language acquisition, but for completeness we

mention it here.

Research following the seminal study by Swingley and Aslin (2000) has extended

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mispronunciation sensitivity to infants as young as 9 months (Bergelson & Swingley, 2017), indicating that from early stages of the developing lexicon onwards, infants can and do 132 detect mispronunciations. Regarding the change in mispronunciation sensitivity over 133 development, however, only a handful of studies have compared more than one age group on 134 the same mispronunciation task (see Table X), making the current meta-analysis very 135 informative. One study has found evidence for infants to become less sensitive to 136 mispronunciations as children develop. Mani and Plunkett (2011) presented 18- and 137 24-month-olds with mispronunciations varying in the number of features changed (see below 138 for a discussion of the role of features). 18-month-olds were sensitive to mispronunciations, 139 regardless of the number of features changed. 24-month-olds, in contrast, fixated the target 140 image equally for both correct and 1-feature mispronounced trials, although they were 141 sensitive to larger mispronunciations. In other words, for 1-feature mispronunciations at least, sensitivity decreased from 18 to 24 months, providing support to the prediction that mispronunciation sensitivity may decrease with development.

In contrast, other studies have found evidence for *qreater* mispronunciation sensitivity 145 as children develop. More precisely, the difference in target looking for correct and 146 mispronounced trials is smaller in younger infants and grows as infants develop. Mani and 147 Plunkett (2007) tested 15-, 18-, and 24-month-olds learning British English; although all three groups were sensitive to mispronunciations, 15-month-olds showed a less robust 140 sensitivity. An increase in sensitivity to mispronunciations has also been found from 20 to 24 150 months (van der Feest & Fikkert, 2015) and 15 to 18 months (Altvater Mackensen et al., 151 2013) in Dutch infants, as well as German infants from 22 to 25 months (Altvater-Mackensen, 2010). Furthermore, van der Feest and Fikkert (2015) found that 153 sensitivity to specific kinds of mispronunciations develop at different ages depending on language infants are learning. In other words, the native language constraints which kinds of 155 mispronunciations infants are sensitive to first, and that as infants develop, they become 156 sensitive to other mispronunciations. These studies award support to the prediction that 157

mispronunciation sensitivity improves with development.

Finally, some studies have found no difference in mispronunciation sensitivity at 159 different ages. Swingley and Aslin (2000) tested infants over a wide age range of 5 months 160 (18 to 23 months). They found that age correlated with target fixations for both correct and 161 mispronounced labels, whereas the difference between the two (mispronunciation sensitivity) 162 did not. This suggests that as children develop, they are more likely to look at the target in 163 the presence of a mispronounced label and that age is not related to mispronunciation 164 sensitivity. A similar response pattern has been found for British English learning infants 165 aged between 18 and 24 months (Bailey & Plunkett, 2002) as well as younger 166 French-learning infants at 12 and 17 months (Zesiger, Lozeron, Levy, & Frauenfelder, 2012). 167 These studies award support to the prediction that mispronunciation sensitivity does not 168 change with development. 169

Why would mispronunciation sensitivity change as infants develop, and would it 170 increase or decrease? The main hypothesis is related to vocabulary growth. Both the 171 Perceptual Attunement (Best, 1994; 1995) and PRIMIR (Curtin & Werker, 2007; Werker & 172 Curtin, 2005; Curtin, Byers-Heinlein, & Werker, 2011) accounts situate a change in 173 mispronunciation sensitivity occurring along with an increase in vocabulary size, particularly 174 with the vocabulary spurt at about 18 months. Knowing more words helps infants shift their 175 focus to the relevant phonetic dimensions needed for word recognition. On the one hand, a smaller lexicon does not require full specification to differentiate between words; as more phonologically similar words are learned, so does the need to have fully detailed 178 representations for those words (Charles-Luce & Luce, 1995). On the other hand, a growing 179 vocabulary is also related to more experience or familiarity with words, which may sharpen 180 the detail of their representation (Barton, 1980). 181

Yet, the majority of studies examining a potential association between
mispronunciation sensitivity and vocabulary size have concluded that there is no relationship

(Swingley & Aslin 2000; 2002; Bailey & Plunkett, 2002; Zesiger, Lozeron, Levy, & 184 Frauenfelder, 2012; Swingley, 2009; Ballem & Plunkett, 2005; Mani & Plunkett, 2007; Mani, 185 Coleman, & Plunkett, 2008). One notable exception comes from Mani and Plunkett (2010: 186 keps and tups). Here, 12-month-old infants were divided into a low and high vocabulary 187 group based on median vocabulary size. High vocabulary infants showed greater sensitivity 188 to vowel mispronunciations than low vocabulary infants, although this was not the case for 189 consonant mispronunciations. Taken together, although receiving considerable support from 190 theories of phono-lexical processing in language acquisition, there is very little evidence for a 191 role of vocabulary size in mispronunciation sensitivity. In our current meta-analysis, we 192 include the relationship between mispronunciation sensitivity and vocabulary size to further 193 disentangle the disconnect between theory and experimental results. 194

In sum, the studies we have reviewed begin to paint a picture of the development of 195 mispronunciation sensitivity. Each study contributes one separate brushstroke and it is only 196 by examining all of them together that we can achieve a better understanding of early 197 language development. Meta-analyses can provide thus further insights by estimating the population effect, both of infants' responses to correct and mispronounced labels, and their mispronunciations sensitivity. Because we aggregate data over various age groups, this 200 meta-analysis can also investigate the role of maturation by assessing the impact of age and vocabulary size. As a consequence, our results will be important in evaluating theories and 202 drive future research. We also make hands-on recommendations for experiment planning, for 203 example by providing an effect size estimate for a priori power analyses (Bergmann et al., 204 2018). 205

206 Methods

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The present meta-analysis was conducted with maximal transparency and reproducibility in mind. To this end, we provide all data and analysis scripts on the

supplementary website (https://osf.io/rvbjs/) and open our meta-analysis up for updates 209 (Tsuji, Bergmann, & Cristia, 2014). The most recent version is available via the website and 210 the interactive platform MetaLab (metalab.stanford.edu; Bergmann et al., 2018). Since the 211 present paper was written with embedded analysis scripts in R [@R, @RMarkdown, 212 @papaja], it is always possible to re-analyze an updated dataset. In addition, we followed the 213 Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines 214 and make the corresponding information available as supplementary materials (Moher, 215 Liberati, Tetzlaff, Altman & PRISMAGroup, 2009). Figure 1 plots our PRISMA flowchart 216 illustrating the paper selection procedure. 217

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219 Study Selection

We first generated a list of potentially relevant items to be included in our 220 meta-analysis by creating an expert list. This process yielded 110 items. We then used the 221 google scholar search engine to search for papers citing the original Swingley & Aslin (2000) 222 publication. This search was conducted on 22 September, 2017 and yielded 288 results. We 223 removed 99 duplicate items and screened the remaining 299 items for their title and abstract 224 to determine whether each met the following inclusion criteria: (1) original data was 225 reported; (2) the experiment examined familiar word recognition and mispronunciations; (3) 226 infants studied were under 31-months-of-age and typically developing; (4) the dependent variable was derived from proportion of looks to a target image versus a distractor in a eye 228 movement experiment; (5) the stimuli were auditory speech. The final sample (n = 32)consisted of 27 journal articles, 1 proceedings paper, 2 thesis, and 2 unpublished reports. We 230 will refer to these items collectively as papers. Table 1 provides an overview of all papers 231 included in the present meta-analysis.

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Data Entry

The 32 papers we identified as relevant were then coded with as much consistently reported detail as possible (Tsuji, Bergmann, & Cristia, 2014; Bergmann et al., 2018). For each experiment (note that a paper typically has multiple experiments), we entered variables describing the publication, population, experiment design and stimuli, and results. For the planned analyses to evaluate the development of mispronunciation sensitivity, we focus on the following characteristics:

- 1 Condition: Were words mispronounced or not;
- 2 Mean age reported per group of infants, in days;
- ²⁴³ 3 Vocabulary size, measured by a standardized questionnaire or list;

We separated conditions according to whether or not the target word was 244 mispronounced to be able to investigate infants' looking to the target picture as well as their 245 mispronunciation sensitivity, which is the difference between looks to the target in correct 246 and mispronounced trials. When the same infants were further exposed to multiple 247 mispronunciation conditions and the results were reported separately in the paper, we also 248 entered each condition as a separate row (e.g., consonant versus vowel mispronunciations; 249 Mani & Plunkett, 2007). The fact that the same infants contributed data to multiple rows 250 (minimally those containing information on correct and mispronounced trials) leads to 251 shared variance across effect sizes, which we account for in our analyses (see next section). 252 We will call each row a record; in total there were 260 records in our data. 253

Data analysis

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Effect sizes are reported for infants' looks to target pictures after hearing a correctly pronounced or a mispronounced label (object identification) as well as the difference between effect sizes for correct and mispronounced trials (i.e. mispronunciation sensitivity). The effect size reported in the present paper is based on comparison of means, standardized by their variance. The most well-known effect size from this group is Cohen's d [@cohen]. To correct for the small sample sizes common in infant research, however, we used as a dependent variable Hedges' q instead of Cohen's d (Hedges, 1981; Morris, 2000).

[Katie] Do you want number of records and papers for the imputed correlations as well? You've put a -1, assuming there was something wrong with one of the papers or something like that? How does that shake out for number of records? [Christina: No clue what the -1 was, sorry.]

We calculated Hedges' q using the raw means and standard deviations reported in the 268 paper (n = 186 records from 26 papers) or using reported t-values (n = 74 records from 9 260 papers). Two papers reported raw means and standard deviations for some experimental 270 conditions and just t-values for the remaining experimental conditions (Swingley, 2016; 271 Altvater-Mackensen et al., 2014). Raw means and standard deviations were extracted from 272 figures for 3 papers. In a within-participation design, when two means are compared 273 (i.e. looking during pre- and post-naming) it is necessary to obtain correlations between the 274 two measurements at the participant level to calculate effect sizes and effect size variance 275 based on t-values. Upon request we were provided with correlation values for one paper (Altvater-Mackensen, 2010); we were able to compute correlations using means, standard 277 deviations, and t-values for n = 5 (following Csibra, et al. 2016, Appendix B; see also Rabagliati, Ferguson, & Lew-Williams, 2018). Correlations were imputed for the remaining papers (see Black & Bergmann, 2017, for the same procedure). For two papers, we could not 280 derive any effect size (Ballem & Plunkett, Renner), and for a third paper, we do not have 281

sufficient information in one record to compute effect sizes (Skoruppa). We compute a total
of 106 effect sizes for correct pronunciations and 150 for mispronunciations. Following
standard meta-analytic practice, we remove outliers, i.e. effect sizes more than 3 standard
deviations from the respective mean effect size. This leads to the exclusion of 2 records for
correct pronunciations and 3 records for mispronunciations.

To take into account the fact that the same infants contributed to multiple datapoints,
we analyze our results in a multilevel approach using the R [@R] package metafor [@metafor].
This means we model as random effect that effect sizes from the same paper share are based
on more similar studies than those across papers and that nested therein effects can stem
from the same infants.

[Christina: In the above 2 paragraphs I got confused, should it be present or past. I think it switched in the las tparagraph so I started to adapt, but I think it would be best for you to decide.][Katie: Good catch. I've gone through the Methods section and changed everything to past, per APA guidelines.]

Mispronunciation sensitivity studies typically examine infants' proportion of target looks (PTL) in comparison to some baseline measurement. PTL is calculated by dividing the percentage of looks to the target by the total percentage of looks to both the target and distractor images. Across papers the baseline comparison varied; we used the baseline reported by the authors of each paper. Most papers (n = 52 records from 13 papers) subtracted the PTL score for a pre-naming phase from the PTL score for a post-naming phase and report a difference score.

Other papers either compared post- and pre-naming PTL with one another (n = 29 records from 10 papers), thus reporting two variables, or compared post-naming PTL with a chance level of 50%, (n = 23 records from 9 papers). For all these comparisons, positive values (either as reported or after subtraction of chance level or a pre-naming PTL) indicate

target looks towards the target object after hearing the label, i.e. a recognition effect.

Standardized effect sizes based on mean differences, as calculated here, preserve the sign.

Consequently, positive effect sizes reflect more looks to the target picture after naming, and

larger positive effect sizes indicate comparatively more looks to the target.

Publication Bias

In the psychological sciences, there is a documented reluctance to publish null results. 312 As a result, significant results tend to be over-reported and thus might be over-represented in 313 our meta-analyses (see Ferguson & Heene, 2012). To examine whether this is also the case in 314 the mispronunciation sensitivity literature, which would bias the data analyzed in this 315 meta-analysis, we conducted two tests. We first examined whether effect sizes are distributed 316 as expected based on sampling error using the rank correlation test of funnel plot asymmetry 317 with the R [@R] package metafor [@metafor]. Effect sizes with low variance were expected to 318 fall closer to the estimated mean, while effect sizes with high variance should show an 319 increased, evenly-distributed spread around the estimated mean. Publication bias would lead 320 to an uneven spread.

Second, we analyze all of the significant results in the dataset using a p-curve from the 322 p-curve app (v4.0, p-curve.com; @pcurve). This p-curve tests for evidential value by 323 examining whether the p-values follow the expected distribution of a right skew in case the 324 alternative hypothesis is true, versus a flat distribution that speaks for no effect being 325 present in the population and all observed significant effects being spurious. Responses to correctly pronounced and mispronounced labels were predicted to show different patterns of looking behavior. In other words, there is an expectation that infants should look to the target when hearing a correct pronunciation, but studies vary in their report of significant 329 looks to the target when hearing a mispronounced label (i.e. there might be no effect present 330 in the population, see e.g.,); as a result, we conducted these two analyses to assess 331

publication bias separately for both conditions.

33 Meta-analysis

The models reported here are hierarchical random-effects models (infant groups nested within papers) of variance-weighted effect sizes, which we computed with the R [@R] package metafor [@metafor]. To investigate how development impacts mispronunciation sensitivity, our core theoretical question, we introduced age (centered; continuous and measured in days but transformed into months for ease of interpreting estimates by dividing by 30.44) as a moderator to our main model. For a subsequent exploratory investigations of experimental characteristics, we introduced each characteristic as a moderator (more detail below).

Results

Publication Bias

Figure 2 shows the funnel plots for both correct pronunciations and mispronunciations (code adapted from Sakaluk, 2016). Funnel plot assymmetry was significant for both correct pronunciations (Kendall's $\tau = 0.53$, p < .001) and mispronunciations (Kendall's $\tau = 0.16$, p = 0.004). These results, quantifying the assymmetry in the funnel plots (Figure 1), indicate bias in the literature. This is particularly evident for correct pronunciations, where larger effect sizes have greater variance (bottom right corner) and there are a smaller number of more precise effect sizes (i.e. smaller variance) than expected (top left, outside the triangle).

The stronger publication bias for correct pronunciation might reflect the status of this
condiction as a control. If infants were not looking to the target picture after hearing the
correct label, the overall experiment design is called into questions. However, due to the
small effect and sample sizes (which we will discuss in the following sections in more detail)

one would expect the regular occurrence of null results even though as a population infants would reliably show the expected object identification effect.

We should also point out that funnel plot asymmetry can be caused by multiple factors
beside publication bias, such as heterogeneity in the data. There are various possible sources
of heterogeneity, which our subsequent moderator analyses will begin to address.

Nonetheless, we will remain cautious in our interpretation of our findings and hope that an
open dataset which can be expanded by the community will attract previously unpublished
null results so we can better understand infants' developing mispronunciation sensitivity.

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We next examined the p-curves for significant values from the correctly pronounced 367 and mispronounced conditions. The p-curve based on 72 statistically significant values for 368 correct pronunciations indicates that the data contain evidential value (Z = -17.93, p < .001) 369 and we find no evidence of a large proportion of p-values just below the typical alpha 370 threshold of .05 that researchers consistently apply in this line of research. The p-curve 371 based on 36 statistically significant values for mispronunciations indicates that the data 372 contain evidential value (Z = -6.81, p < .001) and there is again no evidence of a large 373 proportion of p-values just below the typical alpha threshold of .05. 374

Taken together, the results suggest a tendency in the literature towards publication bias. As a result, our meta-analysis may systematically overestimate effect sizes and we

therefore interpret all estimates with caution. Yet, the p-curve analysis suggests that the literature contains evidential value, reflecting a "real" effect. We therefore continue our meta-analysis.

80 Meta-analysis

Object Identification for Correct and Mispronounced Words. 381 calculated the meta-analytic effect for infants' ability to identify objects when hearing 382 correctly pronounced labels. The variance-weighted meta-analytic effect size Hedges' q was 383 0.908 (SE = 0.12) which was significantly different from zero (CI [0.673, 1.143], p < .001). 384 This is a rather large effect size (according to the criteria set by Cohen, 1988; see also 385 Bergmann, et al., 2018; for comparative meta-analytic effect sizes in language acquisition 386 research). That the effect size is significantly above zero suggests that when presented with 387 the correctly pronounced label, infants fixated the corresponding object. Our analysis of 388 funnel plot asymmetry, however, found evidence for publication bias, which might lead to an overestimated effect sizes as smaller, non-significant results might not be published despite 390 the fact that they should occur regularly even in well-powered studies. Although the effect 391 size Hedges' q may be overestimated for object identification in response to correctly pronounced words, the p-curve results and a CI lower bound of 0.67, which is substantially above zero, together suggest that this result is somewhat robust. In other words, we are confident that the true population mean lies above zero for object recognition of correctly pronounced words. 396

We then calculated the meta-analytic effect for object identification in response to mispronounced words. In this case, the variance-weighted meta-analytic effect size Hedges' gwas 0.25 (SE = 0.06) which was also significantly different from zero (CI [0.133, 0.367], p <.001). This is considered a small effect size (Cohen, 1988), but significantly above zero, which suggests that even when presented with a mispronounced label, infants fixated the correct object. In other words, infants are able to resolve mispronunciations, a key skill in language processing We again note the publication bias (which was smaller in this condition), and the possibility that the effect size Hedges' g may be overestimated. But, as the p-curve indicated evidential value, we are confident in the overall patterns, namely that infants fixate the target even after hearing a mispronounced label.

Mispronunciation Sensitivity Meta-analytic Effect. The above two analyses 407 considered the data from mispronounced and correctly pronounced words separately. To 408 evaluate mispronunciation sensitivity, we compared the effect size Hedges' q for correct 409 pronunciations with mispronunciations directly. To this end, we combined the two datasets. 410 The moderator test was significant, QM(1) = 215.761, p < .001. The estimate for 411 mispronunciation sensitivity was 0.495 (SE = 0.034), and infants' looking times across 412 conditions were significantly different (CI [0.429, 0.561], p < .001). This confirms that 413 although infants fixate the correct object for both correct pronunciations and 414 mispronunciations, the observed fixations to target (as measured by the effect sizes) were 415 significantly greater for correct pronunciations. In other words, we observe a significant 416 difference between the two conditions and can now quantify the modulation of fixation behavior in terms of standardized effect sizes and their variance. This first result has both theoretical and practical implications, as we can now reason about the amount of 419 perturbance caused by mispronunciations and can plan future studies to further investigate 420 this effect with suitable power. 421

Heterogeneity was significant for both correctly pronounced (Q(103) = 625.63, p < .001) and mispronounced words, (Q(146) = 462.51, p < .001), as well as mispronunciation sensitivity, which included the moderator condition, (QE(249) = 1,088.14, p < .001). This indicated that the sample contains unexplained variance leading to significant difference across our studies beyond what is to be expected based on random sampling error. We therefore continue with our moderator analysis to investigate possible sources of this

428 variance.

Object Recognition and Mispronunciation Sensitivity Modulated by Age.

To evaluate the different predictions we laid out in the introduction for how
mispronunciation sensitivity will change as infants develop, we next added the moderator age
(centered; continuous and measured in days but transformed into months for ease of
interpreting estimates by dividing by 30.44 for Figure 3).

In the first analyses, we investigate the impact of age separately on conditions where 434 words were either pronounced correctly or not. Age did not significantly modulate object 435 identification in response to correctly pronounced (QM(1) = 0.678, p = 0.41) or 436 mispronounced words (QM(1) = 1.715, p = 0.19). The lack of a significant modulation 437 together with the small estimates (correct: $\beta = 0.015$, SE = 0.018, 95% CI[-0.02, 0.049], p =438 0.41; mispronunciation: $\beta = 0.015$, SE = 0.011, 95% CI[-0.007, 0.037], p = 0.19) indicates 439 that there was no relationship between age and target looks in response to a correctly 440 pronounced or mispronounced label. We plot both object recognition and mispronunciation sensitivity as a function of age in Figure 3.

We then examined the interaction between age and mispronunciation sensitivity (correct vs. mispronounced words) in our whole dataset. The moderator test was significant (QM(3) = 218.621, p < .001). The interaction between age and mispronunciation sensitivity, however, was not significant ($\beta = 0.003$, SE = 0.008, 95% CI[-0.012, 0.018], p = 0.731); the moderator test was mainly driven by the difference between conditions. The small estimate, as well as inspection of Figure 2 suggests that as infants age, their mispronunciation sensitivity remains the same.

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dotted line doesn't extend the full way (which I think is quite ugly). Not sure how to fix that.

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Vocabulary Size: Correlation Between Mispronunciation Sensitivity and 455 Vocabulary. Of the 32 papers included in the meta-analysis, 13 analyzed the relationship 456 between vocabulary scores and object recognition for correct pronunciations and 457 mispronunciations (comprehension = 11 papers and 39 records; production = 3 papers and 458 20 records). There is reason to believe that production data are different from 459 comprehension data (the former being easier to estimate for parents in the typical questionnaire-based assessment; Tomasello & Mervis, 1994), and we therefore planned to 461 analyze these two types of vocabulary measurement separately. However, because only 3 papers reported correlations with productive vocabulary scores, only limited conclusions that can be drawn. In our vocabulary analysis, we therefore focus exclusively on the relationship between comprehension and mispronunciation sensitivity.

[Katie: Tomasello reference
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1540-5834.1994.tb00186.x]

We first considered the relationship between vocabulary and object recognition for correct pronunciations. Higher comprehension scores were associated with greater object recognition in response to correct pronunciations for 9 of 10 experimental conditions, with correlation values ranging from -0.16 to 0.48. The mean effect size Pearson's r of 0.14 was small but did differ significantly from zero (CI [0.03; 0.25] p = 0.012). However, the lower bound of the CI is close to zero and considering the small sample size, one might hypothesize that with more power the small relationship might become even larger. As a result, we can draw a tentative conclusion that there is a positive relationship between comprehension scores and object recognition in response to correct pronunciations.

[Christina] It's significant now! [Katie] Must be because you removed the outliers. I've 477 changed around the wording:) 478

We next considered the relationship between vocabulary and object recognition for 479 mispronunciations. Higher comprehension scores were associated with greater object 480 recognition in response to correct pronunciations for 17 of 29 experimental conditions, with 481 correlation values ranging from -0.35 to 0.57. The mean effect size Pearson's r of 0.05 was 482 small and did not differ significantly from zero (CI [-0.01; 0.12] p = 0.119). The small 483 correlation and large variances suggest a lack of relationship between vocabulary and object 484 recognition for mispronunciations. We again emphasize that we cannot draw a firm 485 conclusion due to the small number of studies we were able to include here. 486

Figure 4 plots the year of publication for all the mispronunciation sensitivity studies 487 included in this meta-analysis. This figure illustrates two things: the growing number of 488 mispronunciation sensitivity studies and the waning number of studies measuring vocabulary. 489 The lack of evidence for a relationship between mispronunciation sensitivity and vocabulary 490 size in early studies may have contributed to increasingly fewer researchers including 491 vocabulary measurements in their mispronunciation sensitivity experimental design. This 492 may explain our underpowered analysis of the relationship between mispronunciation 493 sensitivity and vocabulary size.

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Interim Discussion. The main goal of this paper was to assess mispronunciation 498 sensitivity and its maturation with age. The results seem clear: Although infants consider a 499 mispronunciation as a better match with the target image than a distractor image, there was 500

a consistent effect of mispronunciation sensitivity. This did not change with development nor 501 with vocabulary size. Of the 3 predictions and assumptions about the development of infants' 502 sensitivity to mispronunciations discussed in the Introduction, the present results lend some 503 support for the argument that mispronunciation sensitivity stays consistent as infants 504 develop. This runs counter to existing theories of phono-lexical development, which predict 505 either an increase (PRIMR ref) or decrease (Assim Model ref) in mispronunciation 506 sensitivity. Furthermore, although we found a relationship between vocabulary 507 comprehension and target looking for correct pronunciations, we found no relationship 508 between vocabulary and target looking for mispronunciations. This also runs counter to the 500 predictions for the PRIMR (PRIMR ref) and Assimilation (Assim ref) models, but may be 510 due to our analyses being underpowered. In sum, it seems that current theories of infants' 511 phono-lexical development cannot fully capture our results, but that more investigation is needed to draw a firm conclusion. 513

Alternatively, an effect of maturation might have been masked by other factors we have 514 not yet captured in our analyses. A strong candidate that emerged during the construction 515 of the present dataset and careful reading of the original papers is the analysis approach. We 516 observed, as mentioned in the Methods section, large variance in the dependent variable 517 reported, and additionally noted variance in the size of the time window chosen for analyses. 518 Researchers might adapt their analysis strategy to age or they might be influenced by having 510 observed the data. In the latter case, we expect an increase in significant results, which at 520 the same time can (partially) explain the publication bias we observe (Simmons, Nelson, & 521 Simonsohn, 2011). 522

We included details related to timing and type of dependent variable calculated in our coding of the dataset because they are consistently reported and might be useful for experiment design in the future by highlighting typical choices and helping establish field standards. In the following section, we include an exploratory analysis to investigate the

possibility of systematic differences in the approach to analysis in general and across infant age. The purpose of this analysis is to better understand the influence of choices made in analyzing mispronunciation sensitivity studies as well as the influence these choices may have on our understanding of mispronunciation sensitivity development.

Exploratory Analyses

We identified two sets of variables which had the potential to vary across papers to 532 assess the influence of data analysis choices on resulting effect size: timing (size of time 533 window analyzed; offset time) and which dependent variable(s) were reported. In the 534 following, we discuss the possible theoretical motivation for these data analysis choices, the 535 variation present in the current meta-analysis dataset, and the influence these analysis 536 choices have on mispronunciation sensitivity development. We focus specifically on the size 537 of the mispronunciation sensitivity effect, considering the whole dataset and including 538 condition (correct pronunciation, mispronunciation) as moderator. 530

In a typical trial in a mispronunciation sensitivity study, the 540 target-distractor image pairs are first presented in silence, followed by auditory presentation 541 of a carrier phrase or isolated presentation of the target word (correctly pronounced or mispronounced). When designing mispronunciation sensitivity studies, experimenters can 543 choose the length of time each trial is presented. This includes both the length of time before the target object is named (pre-naming phase) as well as after (post-naming phase) 545 and is determined prior to data collection. To examine the size of the time window analyzed in the post-naming phase, we must first consider overall length of time post-naming, because it limits the overall time window available to analyze and might thus predict which time window was analyzed. Across papers, actual post-naming phase length varied from 2000 to 9000 ms, with a median value of 3500 ms. We note that the most popular actual 550 post-naming phase length was 4000 ms, used in n = 74 experimental conditions. There was 551

an inverse relationship between infant age and actual post-naming phase length, such that younger infants were presented with longer a longer post-naming phase, although this correlation was not significant (r = 0.01, p = 0.882). Presumably, younger infants may be exposed to longer trials because their word recognition abilities are expected to be slower than older infants (Fernald et al., 1998).

Unlike the actual post-naming phase length, the size of the post-naming time window 557 analyzed can be chosen after the experimental data is collected. Interestingly, half of the 558 experimental conditions were analyzed using the same length of post-naming phase as the infant heard in the actual experiment (124), while the other half were analyzed using a shorter length of post-naming phase, excluding later portions of the post-naming phase (127). Across papers, the length of the post-naming phase analyzed varied from 1510 to 4000 ms, 562 with a median value of 2500 ms. We note that the most popular actual post-naming phase 563 length was 2000 ms, used in n = 97 experimental conditions. Similar to actual post-naming 564 phase length, there was an inverse relationship between infant age and the size of the 565 post-naming time window analyzed, such that younger infants' looking times were analyzed 566 using a longer post-naming time window, here the relationship was significant (r = -0.23, p 567 < .001). Again, the choice to analyze a shorter post-naming time window is likely related to 568 evidence that speed of processing is slower in younger infants (Fernald et al., 1998). To 569 summarize, we observe variation in time-related aspects related to infants' age. This 570 variation is most pronounced, and even significant, for the time window that is being 571 analyzed after the target label has been heard. 572

Another potential source of variation in studies that analyze eye-movements is the amount of time it takes for an eye movement to be initiated in response to a visual stimulus, which we refer to as offset time. Previous studies examining simple stimulus response latencies first determined that infants require at least 233 ms to initiate an eye-movement in response to a stimulus (Canfield & Haith, 1991). In the first infant mispronunciation

sensitivity study, Swingley and Aslin (2000) used an offset time of 367 ms, which was "an 578 'educated guess' based on studies... showing that target and distractor fixations tend to 579 diverge at around 400 ms." (Swingley & Aslin, 2000, p. 155). Upon inspecting the offset time 580 values used in the papers in our meta-analysis, the majority used a similar offset time value 581 (between 360 and 370 ms) for analysis (n = 151), but offset values ranged from 0 to 500 ms, 582 and were not reported for 36 experimental conditions. We note that Swingley (2009) also 583 included offset values of 1133 ms to analyze responses to coda mispronunciations. There was 584 an inverse relationship between infant age and size of offset, such that younger infants were 585 given longer offsets, although this correlation was not significant (r = -0.10, p = 0.13). This 586 lack of a relationship is possibly driven by the field's consensus that an offset of about 367 587 ms is appropriate for analyzing word recognition with PTL measures, including studies that 588 evaluate mispronunciation sensitivity.

Although there are a priori reasons to choose the post-naming time window (infant age) or offset time (previous studies), these choices may occur after data collection and might therefore lead to a higher rate of false-positives (Gelman, A., & Loken, E. (2013).

Considering that these choices were systematically different across infant ages, at least for the post-naming time window, we next explored whether the size of time window analyzed or the offset time influenced sensitivity to mispronunciations.

Size of post-naming time window analyzed.

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We first assessed whether size of the post-naming time window analyzed had an impact on the overall size of the reported mispronunciation sensitivity. We considered data from both conditions in a joint analysis and included condition (correct pronunciation, mispronunciation) as an additional moderator. The moderator test was significant, QM(3) = 236.958, p < .001. The estimate for the interaction between post-naming phase size and condition was small but significant $\beta = -0.262$, SE = 0.059, 95% CI[-0.377, -0.148], p < .001. This relationship is plotted in Figure 3a. The results suggest that the size of the

post-naming phase analyzed significantly impacted mispronunciation sensitivity. Specifically, the difference between target fixations for correctly pronounced and mispronounced items (mispronunciation sensitivity) was significantly greater when the post-naming phase that was shorter in length.

Considering that we also found a relationship between the length of the post-naming 608 time window analyzed and infant age, such that younger ages had a longer window of 609 analysis, we next examined whether the size of post-naming time window analyzed 610 modulated the development of mispronunciation sensitivity. We merged the two datasets and 611 included condition (correct pronunciation, mispronunciation) as well as age as additional 612 moderators. The moderator test was significant QM(7) = 247.322, p < .001. The estimate 613 for the three-way-interaction between condition, size of post-naming phase, and age was 614 small, but significant ($\beta = -0.04$, SE = 0.014, 95% CI[-0.068, -0.012], p = 0.006. As can be 615 seen in Figure 3b, smaller post-naming time window size leads to greater increases in 616 mispronunciation sensitivity with development. For example, when experimental conditions 617 were analyzed with a post-naming time window of 2000 ms or less, mispronunciation sensitivity is found to increase with infant age. If the post-naming time window analyzed is 619 greater than 2000 ms, however, there is no or a negative relation of mispronunciation sensitivity and age. In other words, all three possible hypotheses might be supported depending on analysis choices made regarding the size of the post-naming time window to 622 analyze. This is especially important, considering that our key question is how 623 mispronunciation sensitivity changes with development. These results suggest that 624 conclusions about the relationship between infant age and mispronunciation sensitivity may 625 be mediated by the size of the post-naming time window analyzed. 626

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Offset time after target naming.

We next assessed whether the time between the target was named and the start of the 631 analysis, namely offset time, had an impact on the size of the reported mispronunciation 632 sensitivity. When we included both condition and offset time as moderators, the moderator 633 test was significant, QM(3) = 236.958, p < .001, but the estimate for the interaction between 634 offset time and condition was almost zero $\beta = 0$, SE = 0, 95% CI[-0.001, 0], p = 0.505. 635 Although we found no relationship between offset time and infant age, we also examined 636 whether the size of offset time modulated the development of mispronunciation sensitivity. 637 When both offset time and condition were included as moderators, the moderator test was 638 significant QM(7) = 200.867, p < .001, but the three-way-interaction between condition, 639 offset time, and age was very small and not significant ($\beta = 0$, SE = 0, 95% CI[0, 0], p = 0640 0.605. Taken together, these results suggest that offset time does not modulate 641 mispronunciation sensitivity. There is no relationship between offset time and age, and we find no influence of offset time on the development of mispronunciation sensitivity.

Dependent variable-related analyses. Mispronunciation studies evaluate infants' 644 proportion of target looks (PTL) in response to correct and mispronounced words. Experiments typically include a phase where no naming event has occurred, whether correctly 646 pronounced or mispronounced, which we refer to as the baseline. The purpose of the baseline 647 is to ensure that infants do not have systematic preferences for the target or distractor 648 (greater interest in a cat compared to a cup) which may drive PTL scores in the post-naming phase. As described in the Data Analysis sub-section of the Methods, there was considerable variation across papers in way that baseline was calculated, resulting in different measured 651 outcomes or dependent variables. Over half of the experimental conditions (n = 129)652 subtracted the PTL score for a pre-naming phase from the PTL score for a post-naming 653 phase. This results in one value, which is then compared with a chance value of 0. When 654

positive, this indicates that infants increased their looks to the target after hearing the 655 naming label (correct or mispronounced) relative to the pre-naming baseline PTL. We will 656 refer to this dependent variable as the Difference Score. Another dependent variable, which 657 was used in 69 experimental conditions, directly compared the post- and pre-naming PTL 658 scores with one another. This requires two values, one for the pre-naming phase and one for 659 the post-naming phase. A greater post compared to pre-naming phase PTL indicates that 660 infants increased their target looks after hearing the naming label. We will refer to this 661 dependent variable as Pre vs. Post. Finally, the remaining 53 experimental conditions 662 compared the post-naming PTL score with a chance value of 50%. Here, the infants' 663 pre-naming phase preferences are not considered and instead target fixations are evaluated 664 based on the likelihood to fixate one of two pictures. We will refer to this dependent variable 665 as Post.

The Difference Score and Pre vs. Post can be considered similar to one another, in that 667 they are calculated on the same type of data and consider pre-naming preferences. The Post 668 dependent variable, in contrast, does not consider pre-naming preferences. To our knowledge, 669 there is no theory or evidence that explicitly drives choice of dependent variable in analysis 670 of mispronunciation sensitivity, which may explain the wide variation in dependent variable 671 reported in the papers included in this meta-analysis. We next explored whether the type of 672 dependent variable calculated influenced sensitivity to mispronunciations. Considering that 673 the dependent variable Post differs in its consideration of pre-naming preferences, we directly 674 compared mispronunciation sensitivity between Post as a reference condition and both 675 Difference Score and Pre vs. Post dependent variables. 676

We first assessed whether the choice of dependent variable had an impact on the size of mispronunciation sensitivity. When we included both condition and dependent variable as moderators, the moderator test was significant QM(5) = 259.817, p < .001. The estimate for the interaction between Pre vs. Post and condition was significantly smaller than that of the Post dependent variable ($\beta = -0.392$, SE = 0.101, 95% CI[-0.59, -0.194], p < .001), but the difference between the Difference Score and Post in the interaction with condition was small and not significant ($\beta = -0.01$, SE = 0.098, 95% CI[-0.203, 0.183], p = 0.916). This relationship is plotted in Figure 4a. The results suggest that dependent variable calculated significantly impacted the size fo the mispronunciation sensitivity effect, such that Post. vs. Pre showed a smaller mispronunciation sensitivity effect than Post, but no difference between the Difference Score and Post.

We next examined whether the type of dependent variable calculated modulated the 688 development of mispronunciation sensitivity. When age was included as an additional 689 moderator, the moderator test was significant QM(11) = 273.585, p < .001. The estimate for 690 the interaction between Pre vs. Post, condition, and age was significantly smaller than that 691 of the Post dependent variable ($\beta = -0.089$, SE = 0.03, 95% CI[-0.148, -0.03], p = 0.003), but 692 the difference between the Difference Score and Post in the interaction with condition and 693 age was small and not significant ($\beta = -0.036$, SE = 0.027, 95% CI[-0.088, 0.016], p = 0.174). 694 This relationship is plotted in Figure 4b. When the dependent variable was Pre vs. Post, mispronunciation sensitivity decreased with infant age, while in comparison, when the 696 dependent variable was Post, mispronunciation sensitivity increased with infant age. There 697 was no difference in mispronunciation sensitivity change with infant development between the Post and Difference Score dependent variables. Similar to size of post-naming time window 699 analyzed, all three possible developmental hypotheses might be supported depending on the 700 dependent variable reported. In other words, choice of dependent variable may influence the 701 conclusion drawn regarding how mispronunciation sensitivity may change with infant age. 702

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General Discussion

Overall, infants showed reliable correct object recognition when given both correctly 708 pronounced and mispronounced labels. In other words, not only did infants correctly 709 recognize object labels when they were correctly pronounced, they also were likely to accept 710 mispronunciations as acceptable labels for targets. Mispronounced labels were considered a 711 better match for target images than a distractor image, despite the differences in the 712 phonological form of correctly pronounced and mispronounced words. Nonetheless, there was 713 a considerable difference in target fixations in response to correctly pronounced and 714 mispronounced labels, suggesting overall mispronunciation sensitivity in the current 715 experimental literature. 716

We next evaluated the developmental trajectory of infants' mispronunciation sensitivity. 717 Based on previous theoretical accounts and existing experimental evidence, we envisioned three possible developmental patterns: increasing sensitivity, decreasing sensitivity, and unchanging sensitivity. We observed no influence of age when it was considered as a moderator of mispronunciation sensitivity. Of the two mainstream theories identified in our 721 literature review, neither the Perceptual Attunement account (Best 1994, 1995) nor PRIMIR 722 (Curtin & Werker, 2007; Werker & Curtin, 2005) account for a lack of developmental change. 723 The results of our meta-analysis are supported by a handful of studies directly comparing 724 infants over a range of ages (Swingley & Aslin, 2000; Bailey & Plunkett, 2002; Zesiger et al., 725 2012), which also found no developmental change in mispronunciation sensitivity.

Both the Perceptual Attunement (Best 1994, 1995) and PRIMIR (Curtin & Werker, 2007; Werker & Curtin, 2005) accounts link a change of mispronunciation sensitivity specifically with vocabulary growth, in comparison to development in general. Vocabulary growth leads to an increase (PRIMIR; Curtin & Werker, 2007; Werker & Curtin, 2005) or

decrease (Perceptual Attunement; Best 1994, 1995) in mispronunciation sensitivity and vocabulary is expected to grow considerably in the age range considered in the current 732 meta-analysis (see wordbank.stanford.edu; Frank et al., 2017). The lack of developmental 733 effects found in the meta-analysis may therefore be due to using age, instead of vocabulary 734 growth, as a facilitator for change in mispronunciation sensitivity. Yet, an analysis of 735 correlations between vocabulary size and object recognition effect sizes does not support this 736 argument. Although an increasing vocabulary size lead to increased object recognition for 737 correctly pronounced words, this was not the case for mispronunciations. Some previous 738 experimental evidence also supports a lack of a relationship between vocabulary size and 739 mispronunciation sensitivity (e.g. Mani & Plunkett, 2007; Swingley & Aslin, 2000; but see 740 Mani & Plunkett, 2010). This would suggest that object recognition for mispronunciations is 741 not modulated by vocabulary size, contrary to the predictions of the Perceptual Attunement (Best 1994, 1995) and PRIMIR (Curtin & Werker, 2007; Werker & Curtin, 2005) accounts and further supporting the overall lack of an influence of age on mispronunciation sensitivity.

What may these results mean for our understanding of phono-lexical development in 745 infancy? Evidence that infants accept a mispronunciation (object identification) while 746 simultaneously holding correctly pronounced and mispronounced labels as separate (mispronunciation sensitivity) may indeate an abstract understanding of words' phonological 748 structure. It appears infants may understand that the mispronunciation and correct 749 pronunciation's phonological form do not match, but that the mispronunciation is a better 750 label for the target compared to the distractor image. The lack of age or vocabulary effects in our meta-analysis suggest that this understanding is present from an age when the earliest words are learned and is maintained throughout early lexical development. Already with the first words, infants have a sense of the importance of sounds in the words present in their lexicon. We recommend that future theoretical accounts should consider this lack of 755 developmental change.

Although the lack of an relationship between mispronunciation sensitivity and 757 vocabulary size may reflect a true effect, we note that this may also be the result of an 758 underpowered analysis. Despite the theoretical implications, less than half of the papers 759 included in this meta-analysis measured vocabulary (n = 13; out of 32 papers total). We 760 suggest that this may be the result of publication bias, specifically a desire to not publish 761 null results. Although the number of mispronunciation sensitivity studies has experience 762 growth, this has not translated to an increasing number of mispronunciation sensitivity 763 studies also measuring vocabulary scores. 764

[Katie] The above section is a bit clunky and I don't like it. Any suggestions for improvement?

Then talk about the experimental decisions

** Data Analysis Choices **

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- Post-naming time window size and dependent variable impact misp sensitivity

 development
- Offset time does not impact misp sensitivity development
- the first two do not have theoretical frameworks to guide researchers, whereas offset time does

[Christina] Did I ask the following already: Do we know whether subtrations were on
the trial level? Pre vs post is a bit differnt because it loses the individual bias
accommodation and the correlation between pre and post on the participant / item level.
[Katie] You did. I'll put here my answer from before: From working with Nivi, we did it
participants x condition or participants x trial (but mostly the former). But, this is not
something we reported in papers. I don't think I read it at all when putting together the
dataset for this either. [Christina] Mention in the discussion that we don't know this and it
might be important to establish standard analysis pipelines for MP studies and that we need

open data and code?;)

When it comes to designing studies, best practices and current standards might not 783 always overlap. Indeed, across a set of previous meta-analyses it was shown that particularly 784 infant research does not adjust sample sizes according to the effect in question (Bergmann et al., in press). A meta-analysis is a first step in improving experiment planning by measuring the underlying effect and its variance, which is directly related to the sample needed to 787 achieve satisfactory power in the null hypothesis significance testing framework. Failing to 788 take effect sizes into account can both yield to underpowered research and to testing too 789 many participants, both consequences are undesirable for a number of reasons that have 790 been discussed in depth elsewhere. We will just briefly mention two that we consider most 791 salient for theory building: Underpowered studies will lead to false negatives more frequently 792 than expected, which in turn results in an unpublished body of literature (citationcitation). 793 Overpowered studies mean that participants were tested unnecessarily, which has substantial 794 ethical consequences particularly when working with infants and other difficult to recruit and 795 test populations. 796

From Christina: let's make a note to put sth in the discussion about our curve being surprisingly flat for correctly pronounced words be people adapt their analysis windows? Be if you look at Molly's reaction time paper, there is a steep increase.

References

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 Summary of all studies.

Paper	Publication format	Age	Vocabulary	N Effect Sizes
Altvater-Mackensen (2010)	dissertation	22, 25	None	13
Altvater-Mackensen et al. (2014)	paper	18, 25	None	16
Bailey & Plunkett (2002)	paper	18, 24	Comp	12
Bergelson & Swingley (2017)	paper	6, 7, 9, 12	None	6
Bernier & White (2017)	proceedings	21	None	4
Delle Luche et al. (2015)	paper	20, 19	None	4
Durrant et al. (2014)	paper	19, 20	None	4
Höhle et al. (2006)	paper	18	None	4
Højen et al. (n.d.)	gray paper	19, 20	Comp/Prod	9
Mani & Plunkett (2007)	paper	15, 18, 24, 14, 20	Comp/Prod	14
Mani & Plunkett (2010)	paper	12	Comp	∞
Mani & Plunkett (2011)	paper	23, 17	None	15
Mani, Coleman, & Plunkett (2008)	paper	18	Comp/Prod	4
Ramon-Casas & Bosch (2010)	paper	24, 25	None	4
Ramon-Casas et al. (2009)	paper	21, 20, 43, 44	Prod	14
Ren & Morgan (in press)	gray paper	19	None	~
Skoruppa et al. (2013)	paper	23	None	4
Swingley (2003)	paper	19	Comp/Prod	9
Swingley (2009)	paper	17	Comp/Prod	4
Swingley (2016)	paper	27, 28	Prod	6
Swingley & Aslin (2000)	paper	20	Comp	2
Swingley & Aslin (2002)	paper	15	Comp/Prod	4
Tamasi (2016)	dissertation	30	None	4
Tao & Qinmei (2013)	paper	12	None	4
Tao et al. (2012)	paper	16	Comp	9
van der Feest & Fikkert, (2015)	paper	24, 20	None	16
van der Feest & Johnson (2016)	paper	24	None	24

	Wewalaarachchi et al. (2017) paper 24 White & Aslin (2011) paper 18 White & Morgan (2008) paper $18, 19$ Zesiger & Jöhr (2011) paper 14	$\begin{array}{c} \text{None} \\ \text{None} \\ \text{None} \\ \text{None} \\ \text{Omp}/\text{Prod} \\ \text{O} \end{array}$	8 4 12 8 9rod 6	
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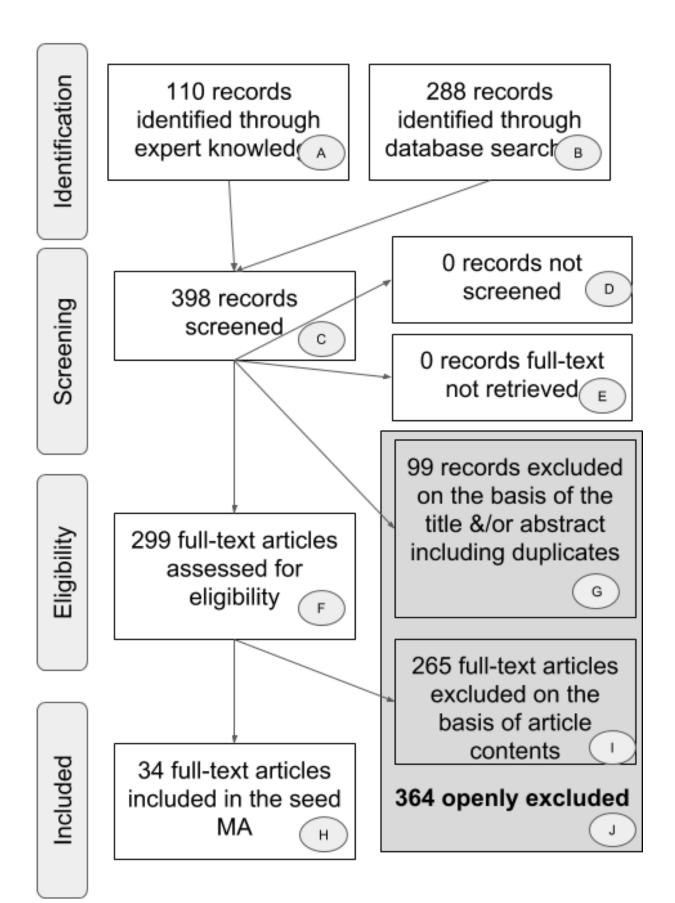


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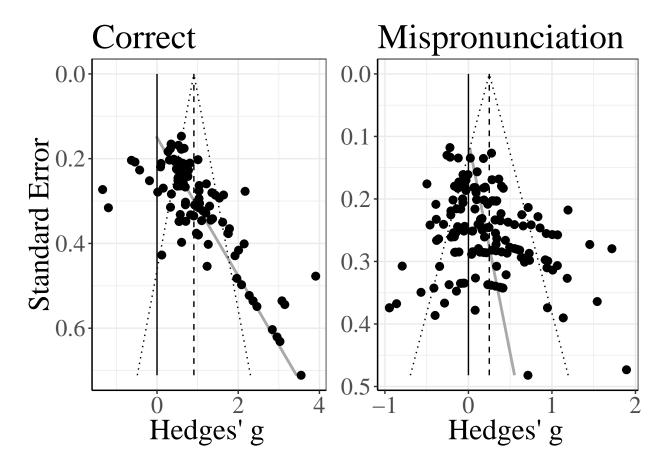


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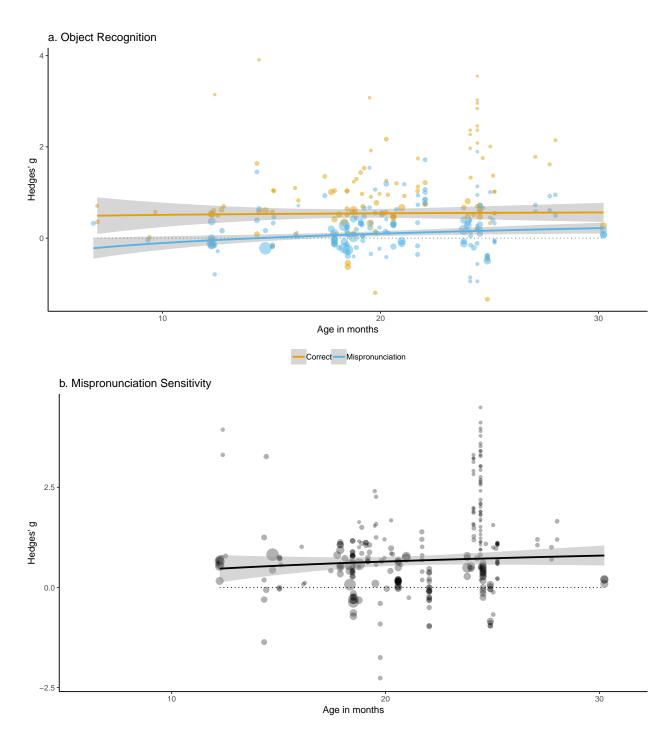


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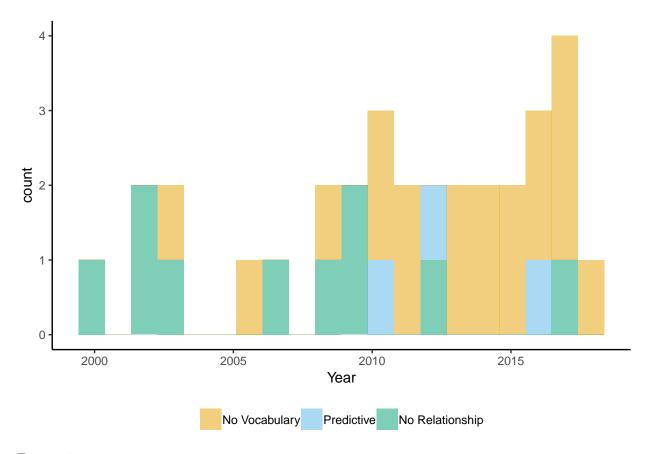


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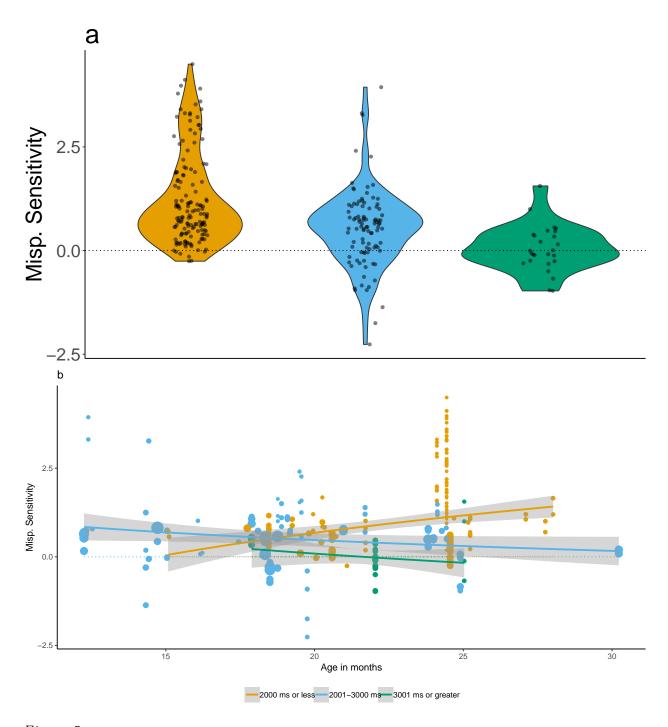


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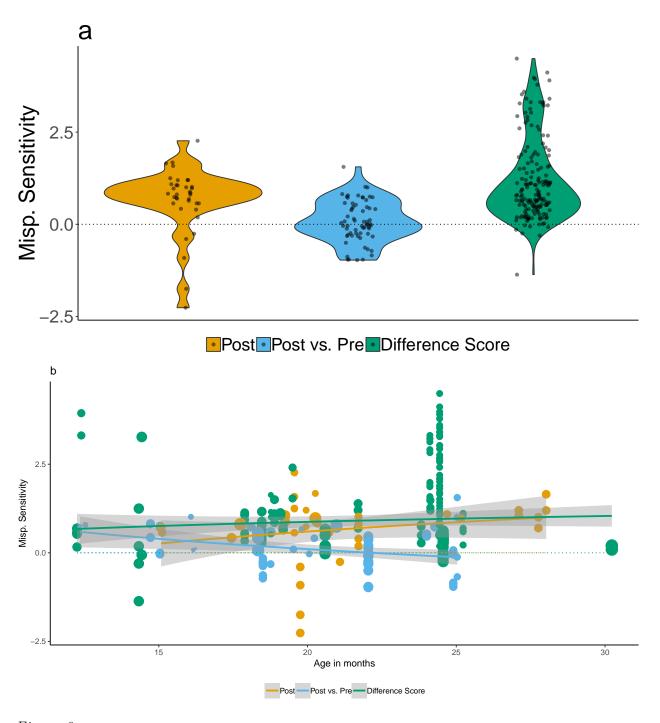


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