

# HW6

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## 1 Problem Description

Study	Gentamicin		Tobramycin		Odds ratio <sup>b</sup>	$y_i^c$	$w_i^d$	$w_i^{*e}$
	No. of subjects	No. of positives <sup>a</sup>	No. of subjects	No. of positives <sup>a</sup>				
1. Walker	40	7	40	2	0.25	-1.394	1.430	1.191
2. Wade	43	13	47	11	0.71	-0.349	4.367	2.709
3. Greene	11	2	15	2	0.69	-0.368	0.842	0.753
4. Smith	72	19	74	9	0.39	-0.951	5.051	2.957
5. Fong	102	18	103	15	0.80	-0.229	6.873	3.500
6. Brown	103	5	96	2	0.42	-0.875	1.387	1.161
7. Feig	25	10	29	8	0.57	-0.560	2.947	2.086
8. Matzke	99	9	97	17	2.13	+0.754	5.167	2.996

<sup>a</sup> Number who developed nephrotoxicity.

<sup>b</sup> Odds in favor of nephrotoxicity for tobramycin patients / odds in favor of nephrotoxicity for gentamicin patients.

$$^c y_i = \ln(\hat{OR}_i)$$

$$^d w_i = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a_i} + \frac{1}{b_i} + \frac{1}{c_i} + \frac{1}{d_i}}$$

$$^e w_i^* = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{w_i} + \hat{\Delta}^2}$$

Suppose there is an underlying log odds ratio  $\theta_i$  for the  $i$ th study, which is estimated by  $y_i = \ln(\hat{OR}_i)$   $i = 1, \dots, 8$ , where the estimated  $OR_i$  are given in Table 13.31 in the Odds ratio column. We assume there is within-study variation of  $y_i$  about  $\theta_i$ , where the variance of  $y_i$  is

$$s_i^2 = \frac{1}{a_i} + \frac{1}{b_i} + \frac{1}{c_i} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{w_i}$$

and  $a_i$ ,  $b_i$ ,  $c_i$ , and  $d_i$  are the cell counts in the  $2 \times 2$  table for the  $i$ th study.

## 2 Random-effect Model

We also assume that there is between-study variation of  $\Delta_i$  about an average true log  $OR$   $\mu$  over all studies so that

$$\theta_i = \mu + \delta_i$$

and

$$Var(\Delta_i) = \Delta^2$$

To estimate  $\mu$ , we calculate a weighted average of the study-specific log  $OR$ s given by

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i^* y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i^*}$$

where  $w_i^* = \frac{1}{s_i^2 + \hat{\Delta}^2}$ , i.e., the weight for the  $i$ th study is inversely proportional to the total variance for that study (which equals  $s_i^2 + \Delta^2$  where  $s_i^2$  = within-study variance in the  $i$ th group), and

$$se(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i^*}}$$

It can be shown that the best estimate of  $\Delta^2$  is given by

$$\hat{\Delta}^2 = \max \left\{ 0, [Q_w - (k - 1)] \left( \sum_{i=1}^k w_i - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i} \right)^{-1} \right\}$$

where

$$Q_w = \sum_{i=1}^k w_i (y_i - \bar{y}_w)^2$$

and

$$\bar{y}_w = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i}$$

To test

$$H_0 : OR = 1 \quad H_1 : OR \neq 1$$

is equivalent to test

$$H_0 : \mu = 0 \quad H_1 : \mu \neq 0$$

The test statistic is given by

$$\frac{\hat{\mu}}{se(\hat{\mu})} \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} N(0, 1)$$

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k <- 8
table_data <- matrix(
  c(40, 7, 40, 2, 0.25, -1.394, 1.430, 1.191,
    43, 13, 47, 11, 0.71, -0.349, 4.367, 2.709,
    11, 2, 15, 2, 0.69, -0.368, 0.842, 0.753,
    72, 19, 74, 9, 0.39, -0.951, 5.051, 2.957,
    102, 18, 103, 15, 0.80, -0.229, 6.873, 3.500,
    103, 5, 96, 2, 0.42, -0.875, 1.387, 1.161,
    25, 10, 29, 8, 0.57, -0.560, 2.947, 2.086,
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      99, 9 , 97, 17, 2.13, +0.754, 5.167, 2.996), nrow = k, ncol = 8, byrow = T)

y <- table_data[,6]
w <- table_data[,7]
w_star <- table_data[,8]

y_bar_w <- as.vector(crossprod(w,y) / sum(w))
Qw <- sum(w * (y - y_bar_w)^2)
Delta2 <- max(c(0,(Qw - (k-1))/ (sum(w) - sum(w^2)/sum(w))))
se_mu <- 1/ sqrt(sum(w_star))
mu <- as.vector(crossprod(w_star, y) / sum(w_star))
z <- mu / se_mu
cat('The p-value is ', 2 * (1 - pnorm(abs(z))),'\n')
cat('The point estimate of the overall OR is ',exp(mu),'\n')
cat('The 95% confidence interval for ',exp(mu),
    ' is (',exp(mu - qnorm(0.975)*se_mu),',',exp(mu + qnorm(0.975)*se_mu),')\n')

## The p-value is  0.1231928
## The point estimate of the overall OR is  0.6907006
## The 95% confidence interval for  0.6907006  is ( 0.4314731 , 1.105671 )

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Since the  $p$ -value is bigger than  $\alpha = 0.05$ , we do not reject  $H_0$ . Hence the true OR does not significantly differ from 1.

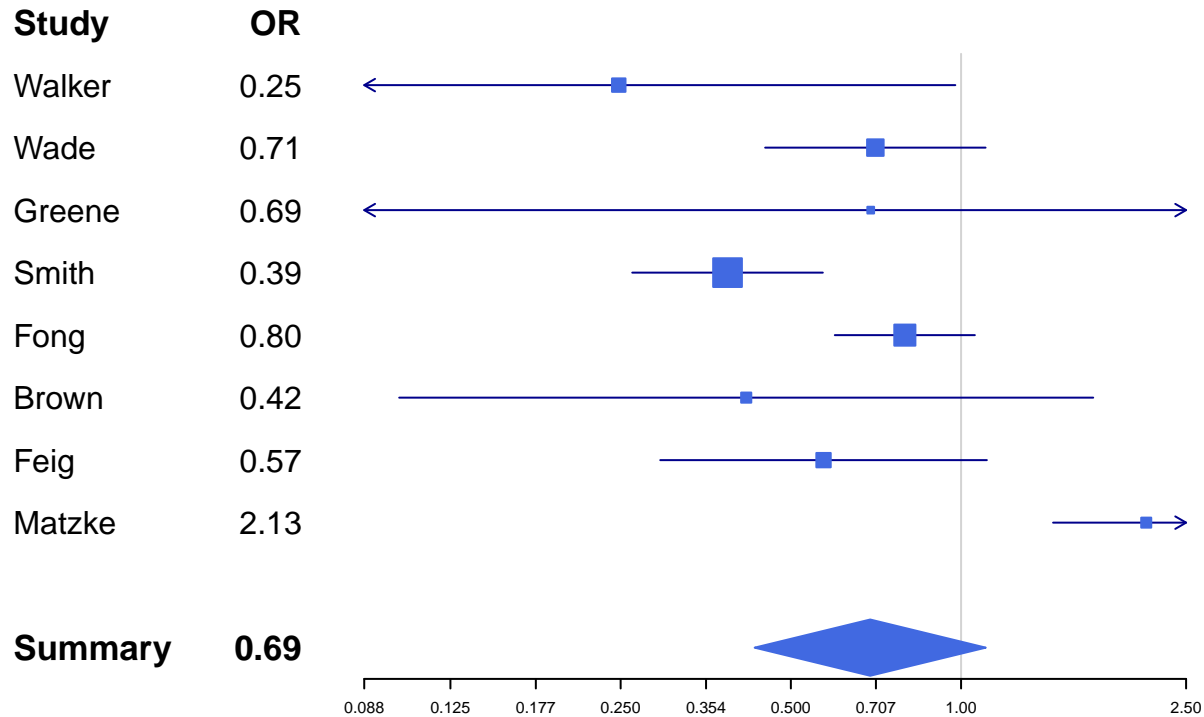
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library(forestplot)
cochrane_from_rmeta <-
  structure(list(
    mean = c(NA, NA, exp(y), NA, exp(mu)),
    lower = c(NA, NA, exp(y - qnorm(0.975)/w), NA, exp(mu - qnorm(0.975)*se_mu)),
    upper = c(NA, NA, exp(y + qnorm(0.975)/w), NA, exp(mu + qnorm(0.975)*se_mu)),
    .Names = c("mean", "lower", "upper"),
    row.names = c(NA, -12L),
    class = "data.frame")

tabletext<-cbind(
  c("", "Study", "Walker", "Wade",
    "Greene", "Smith", "Fong", "Brown",
    "Feig", "Matzke", NA, "Summary"),
  c("", "OR", "0.25","0.71","0.69","0.39","0.80","0.42","0.57","2.13", NA, "0.69"))

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forestplot(tabletext,
  cochrane_from_rmeta,
  is.summary=c(TRUE,TRUE,rep(FALSE,9),TRUE),
  clip=c(0.1,2.5),
  xlog=T,
  col=fpColors(box="royalblue",line="darkblue", summary="royalblue"))
```



### 3 Test of Homogeneity of Odds Ratios

To test the hypothesis

$$H_0 : \theta_1 = \cdots = \theta_k \quad H_1 : \exists i \neq j, \theta_i \neq \theta_j$$

The statistic is given by  $Q_w = \sum_{i=1}^k w_i (y_i - \bar{y}_w)^2 \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} \chi_{k-1}^2$

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cat('The p-value is ', 1 - pchisq(Qw, k-1))
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## The p-value is 0.173318
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Since the  $p$ -value is bigger than  $\alpha = 0.05$ , we cannot reject  $H_0$ , i.e., there is not significant heterogeneity among the study-specific ORs.

## 4 Fixed-effect Model

In fixed-effect model, the estimated variances in all studies are given by  $w_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ) and the estimated variance of weighted average log  $OR$  is given by

$$se(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i}}$$

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y <- table_data[,6]
w <- table_data[,7]
se_mu <- 1/ sqrt(sum(w))
mu <- as.vector(crossprod(w, y) / sum(w))
z <- mu / se_mu
cat('The p-value is ', 2 * (1 - pnorm(abs(z))), '\n')
cat('The point estimate of the overall OR is ', exp(mu), '\n')
cat('The 95% confidence interval for ', exp(mu),
    ' is (', exp(mu - qnorm(0.975)*se_mu), ', ', exp(mu + qnorm(0.975)*se_mu), ')\n')

## The p-value is  0.08335919
## The point estimate of the overall OR is  0.7211897
## The 95% confidence interval for 0.7211897  is ( 0.4981626 , 1.044066 )

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    upper = c(NA, NA, exp(y + qnorm(0.975)/w), NA, exp(mu + qnorm(0.975)*se_mu)),
    .Names = c("mean", "lower", "upper"),
    row.names = c(NA, -12L),
    class = "data.frame")

tabletext<-cbind(
  c("", "Study", "Walker", "Wade",
    "Greene", "Smith", "Fong", "Brown",
    "Feig", "Matzke", NA, "Summary"),
  c("", "OR", "0.25", "0.71", "0.69", "0.39", "0.80", "0.42", "0.57", "2.13", NA, "0.72"))

forestplot(tabletext,
  cochrane_from_rmeta,
  is.summary=c(TRUE,TRUE,rep(FALSE,9),TRUE),
  clip=c(0.1,2.5),

```

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xlog=T,  
col=fpColors(box="royalblue",line="darkblue", summary="royalblue"))
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