

Simulation checks

Supplemental Material 2

In order to insure the reliability of our calculation method, for all scenarios where $G_1 = G_2 = 0$, we compared empirical means and variances of all estimators (i.e. means and variances of all estimates) with theoretical means and variances (i.e. expected means and variances, computed based on equations in Tables 1, 2 and 3 in the main article). Because we can draw exactly the same conclusions for **biased** (Cohen's d_s , Glass's d_s using either S_1 or S_2 as standardizer, Shieh's d_s and Cohen's d_s^*) and **unbiased** (Hedges' g_s , Glass's g_s using either S_1 or S_2 as standardizer, Shieh's g_s and Hedges' g_s^*) estimators, we will simultaneously present results for both categories of estimators. Results will be subdivided into 4 conditions:

- When population variances and sample sizes are equal across groups (condition a; see Figures A2.1 and A2.5 for respectively biased and unbiased estimators);
- When population variances are equal across groups and sample sizes are unequal (condition b; see Figures A2.2 and A2.6 for respectively biased and unbiased estimators);
- When population variances are unequal across groups and sample sizes are equal (condition c; see Figures A2.3 and A2.7 for respectively biased and unbiased estimators);
- When population variances and sample sizes are unequal across groups (condition d; see Figures A2.4 and A2.8 for respectively biased and unbiased estimators).

Because the equations of theoretical means and variances of Cohen's d_s and Hedges' g_s rely on the assumption of normality and equality of population variances, we expect empirical and theoretical parameters to be very close only in conditions a and b. For all other estimators, the equations of theoretical means and variances rely solely on the assumption of normality and therefore, we expect empirical and theoretical parameters to be very close in all conditions.

On average, empirical means (and variances) of all estimators are very close to theoretical expectations when population variances are equal across groups, with equal

28 sample sizes (condition a; see Tables A2.1 and A2.5) or unequal sample sizes (condition b;
29 see Tables A2.2 and A2.6).

30 When population variances are unequal across groups (conditions c and d; see Tables
31 A2.3, A2.4, A2.7 and A2.8), empirical means (and variances) of Cohen's d_s^* (Hedges' g_s^*) and
32 Shieh's d_s (Shieh's g_s) are still very close to theoretical expectations. Regarding Glass's d_s
33 (Glass's g_s), on average, while empirical variances remain very close to theoretical
34 expectations, one observes larger departures between empirical and theoretical means when
35 using S_2 as standardizer. However, when looking at details in results for each scenario (see
36 "biased estimator_condition C.xlsx", "biased estimator_condition D.xlsx", "unbiased
37 estimator_condition C.xlsx" and "unbiased estimator_condition C.xlsx" in Supplemental
38 Material 2), one notices that the larger the population effect size, the larger the departure
39 between empirical and theoretical means, and that relative to the population effect size,
40 departures between empirical and theoretical means are always very small. On the other
41 hand, both empirical bias and variance of Cohen's d_s (Hedges' g_s) highly depart from
42 theoretical expectations, even when looking at relative departures to the population effect
43 size, especially when sample sizes are unequal across groups (condition d; see Table A2.4 and
44 A2.8), which is not surprising, as Cohen's d_s (Hedges' g_s) relies on the equality of population
45 variances assumption.

Table A2.1.

Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means as well as ratio between empirical and theoretical variances for biased estimators, when population variances and sample sizes are equal across groups (condition a).

Estimator (δ)	Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means $ E(\hat{\delta}) - \mu_{\delta} $				Ratio between empirical and theoretical variances $S^2_{\hat{\delta}}/\sigma^2_{\delta}$			
	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation
Cohen's d_s	0,012	0,000	0,002	0,003	1,006	0,910	0,976	0,028
Glass's $d_{s,1}$	0,022	0,000	0,004	0,006	1,006	0,897	0,966	0,033
Glass's $d_{s,2}$	0,023	0,000	0,005	0,007	1,005	0,889	0,966	0,035
Cohen's d^*_s	0,012	0,000	0,002	0,003	1,006	0,910	0,976	0,028
Shieh's d_s	0,006	0,000	0,001	0,002	1,006	0,910	0,976	0,028

Table A2.2
Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means as well as ratio between empirical and theoretical variances for biased estimators, when population variances are equal across groups and sample sizes are unequal (condition b).

Estimator ($\tilde{\delta}$)	Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means $ E(\tilde{\delta}) - \mu_{\delta} $					Ratio between empirical and theoretical variances $S^2_{\tilde{\delta}} / \sigma_{\delta}$				
	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation		Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation	
Cohen's d_s	0,005	0,000	0,001	0,001		1,017	0,951	0,985	0,017	
Glass's $d_{s,1}$	0,019	0,000	0,004	0,006		1,006	0,891	0,966	0,037	
Glass's $d_{s,2}$	0,027	0,000	0,005	0,007		1,015	0,881	0,968	0,036	
Cohen's d^*_s	0,010	0,000	0,003	0,002		1,007	0,902	0,965	0,034	
Shieh's d_s	0,008	0,000	0,002	0,002		1,005	0,865	0,945	0,048	

Table A2.3

Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means as well as ratio between empirical and theoretical variances for biased estimators, when population variances are unequal across groups and sample sizes are equal (condition c).

Estimator ($\tilde{\theta}$)	Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means $ E(\tilde{\theta})-\mu_{\tilde{\theta}} $				Ratio between empirical and theoretical variances $S^2_{\tilde{\theta}}/\sigma^2_{\tilde{\theta}}$			
	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation
Cohen's d_s	0,080	0,000	0,010	0,015	1,753	1,005	1,175	0,208
Glass's $d_{s,1}$	0,037	0,000	0,005	0,007	1,004	0,888	0,973	0,030
Glass's $d_{s,2}$	0,230	0,000	0,012	0,033	1,008	0,883	0,974	0,032
Cohen's d^*_s	0,036	0,000	0,003	0,006	1,007	0,874	0,975	0,033
Shieh's d_s	0,018	0,000	0,002	0,003	1,007	0,874	0,975	0,033

Table A2.4
Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means as well as ratio between empirical and theoretical variances for biased estimators, when population variances and sample sizes are unequal across groups (condition d).

Estimator (δ)	Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means $ E(\hat{\delta}) - \mu_{\delta} $				Ratio between empirical and theoretical variances $S^2_{\hat{\delta}} / \sigma_{\delta}$			
	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation
Cohen's d_s	0,252	0,000	0,015	0,034	5,624	0,208	1,638	1,357
Glass's $d_{s,1}$	0,026	0,000	0,005	0,006	1,009	0,881	0,972	0,033
Glass's $d_{s,2}$	0,219	0,000	0,012	0,031	1,011	0,872	0,973	0,036
Cohen's d^*_s	0,030	0,000	0,003	0,006	1,011	0,860	0,974	0,034
Shieh's d_s	0,009	0,000	0,001	0,002	1,011	0,867	0,970	0,036

Table A2.5

Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means as well as ratio between empirical and theoretical variances for unbiased estimators, when population variances and sample sizes are equal across groups (condition a).

Estimator (δ)	Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means $ E(\delta) - \mu_\delta $				Ratio between empirical and theoretical variances $S^2_\delta / \sigma^2_\delta$			
	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation
Cohen's g_s	0,011	0,000	0,002	0,003	1,006	0,911	0,976	0,028
Glass's $g_{s,1}$	0,021	0,000	0,004	0,006	1,006	0,897	0,966	0,033
Glass's $g_{s,2}$	0,022	0,000	0,004	0,007	1,005	0,889	0,966	0,035
Hedges' g^*_s	0,015	0,000	0,003	0,004	1,006	0,908	0,975	0,029
Shieh's g_s	0,008	0,000	0,002	0,002	1,006	0,908	0,975	0,029

Table A2.6
Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means as well as ratio between empirical and theoretical variances for unbiased estimators, when population variances are equal across groups and sample sizes are unequal (condition b).

Estimator ($\hat{\delta}$)	Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means $ E(\hat{\delta}) - \mu_{\delta} $				Ratio between empirical and theoretical variances $S^2_{\hat{\delta}} / \sigma_{\delta}^2$			
	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation
Cohen's g_s	0,005	0,000	0,001	0,001	1,017	0,951	0,985	0,017
Glass's $g_{s,1}$	0,018	0,000	0,004	0,005	1,006	0,891	0,966	0,037
Glass's $g_{s,2}$	0,026	0,000	0,004	0,006	1,015	0,881	0,968	0,036
Hedges' g^*_s	0,010	0,000	0,003	0,003	1,007	0,925	0,972	0,027
Shieh's g_s	0,007	0,000	0,002	0,002	1,007	0,900	0,959	0,037

Table A2.7
Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means as well as ratio between empirical and theoretical variances for unbiased estimators, when population variances are unequal across groups and sample sizes are equal (condition c).

Estimator ($\hat{\delta}$)	Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means $ E(\hat{\delta}) - \mu_{\hat{\delta}} $				Ratio between empirical and theoretical variances $S^2_{\hat{\delta}} / \sigma^2_{\hat{\delta}}$			
	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation
Cohen's g_s	0,079	0,000	0,010	0,015	1,753	1,005	1,175	0,208
Glass's $g_{s:1}$	0,036	0,000	0,005	0,007	1,004	0,888	0,973	0,030
Glass's $g_{s:2}$	0,221	0,000	0,012	0,032	1,008	0,883	0,974	0,032
Hedges' g^{*}_s	0,034	0,000	0,003	0,006	1,008	0,890	0,978	0,029
Shieh's g_s	0,017	0,000	0,002	0,003	1,008	0,890	0,978	0,029

Table A2.8
Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means as well as ratio between empirical and theoretical variances for unbiased estimators, when population variances and sample sizes are unequal across groups (condition d).

Estimator (δ)	Absolute deviation between empirical and theoretical means $ E(\tilde{\delta}) - \mu_{\delta} $				Ratio between empirical and theoretical variances $S^2_{\tilde{\delta}}/\sigma_{\delta}$			
	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation	Max	Min	Mean	Standard deviation
Cohen's g_s	0,250	0,000	0,015	0,034	5,624	0,208	1,638	1,357
Glass's $g_{s,1}$	0,025	0,000	0,004	0,006	1,009	0,881	0,972	0,033
Glass's $g_{s,2}$	0,210	0,000	0,012	0,030	1,011	0,872	0,973	0,036
Hedges' g^{*}_s	0,029	0,000	0,003	0,005	1,011	0,882	0,977	0,029
Shieh's g_s	0,008	0,000	0,001	0,002	1,011	0,881	0,973	0,032