

STATISTICAL METHODS IN META-ANALYSIS I: AN INTRODUCTION

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- **ABSTRACT:** *Meta-analysis is a statistical method for combining the results from different studies in a synthesis measure. In the present article, we describe some aspects of the meta-analysis as the measures of effect, the measures of heterogeneity among the studies, the presentation of results and the bias that can occur when conducting a meta-analysis.*
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