



COMPARISON OF HETEROGENEITY MEASURES IN META ANALYSIS

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- ✓ R_b heterogeneity measure
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THESIS ABSTRACT

The studies simulated as homogeneous and heterogeneous for meta-analysis in the dissertation study. Disease-event probabilities $P=0.5; 0.6; 0.7; 0.8$ and 0.9 , hypothetical populations consisting of 1,000,000 units were created and samples were taken 1,000 times. Meta-analysis was conducted with samples taken according to different sample sizes and different number of studies. The performances of τ^2 , I^2 , R_b , H heterogeneity measures were compared.

APPLICATION AREAS OF THE THESIS RESULTS

Meta-analyses are in the central to synthesizing the findings needed to inform the clinical decision process. Heterogeneity needs to be examined in meta-analysis studies. Since there are different opinions in the literature, the simulation results obtained in our dissertation study can be used to examine heterogeneity measures in meta-analysis studies.

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