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eTable 1. Search strategy (February 2025)

Database	Results
PubMed (("safety"[Title/Abstract] OR "adverse event*"[Title/Abstract] OR "side effect*"[Title/Abstract]) AND ("amphetamine"[Title/Abstract] OR "dextroamphetamine"[Title/Abstract] OR "stimulant*"[Title/Abstract] OR "lisdexamfetamine"[Title/Abstract] OR "methylphenidate"[Title/Abstract])) AND ((clinicaltrial[Filter]) AND (fft[Filter]))	597
Web of Science TI=("safety" OR "adverse event*" OR "side effect*") AND TS=("amphetamine" OR "dextroamphetamine" OR "stimulant*" OR "lisdexamfetamine" OR "methylphenidate")	372
CINAHL/EBSCO TI (((("safety" OR "adverse event*" OR "side effect*") AND ("amphetamine" OR "dextroamphetamine" OR "stimulant*" OR "lisdexamfetamine" OR "methylphenidate"))))	148
EMBASE (('safety':ti,ab OR 'adverse event*':ti,ab OR 'side effect*':ti,ab) AND ('amphetamine':ti,ab OR 'dextroamphetamine':ti,ab OR 'stimulant*':ti,ab OR lisdexamfetamine:ti,ab OR 'methylphenidate':ti,ab) AND [clinical trial]/lim AND [embase]/lim NOT ([embase]/lim AND [medline]/lim)	305
ScienceDirect Title, abstract, keywords: ("safety" OR "adverse events" OR "side effects") AND ("amphetamine" OR "dextroamphetamine" OR "stimulant" OR "lisdexamfetamine" OR "methylphenidate")	603
Total	2,025

eTable 2. Studies excluded in phase 2.

Study (year)	Link	Reason for exclusion
Adler et al, 2017	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28412886/	No placebo
Barragán et al, 2014	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24464327/	No placebo
Biederman et al, 2005	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16344837/	No placebo
Brown et al, 2011	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21973229/	Insufficient data
Carlson et al, 2007	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17897473/	Concomitant use of other drug(s)
Childress et al, 2017B	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5326982/	Insufficient data
Childress et al, 2019	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6362322/	Insufficient data
Childress et al, 2022B	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33892111/	No placebo
Faraone et al, 2023	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9963474/	Insufficient data
Findling et al, 2009	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19808143/	No placebo
Findling et al, 2013	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23410138/	No placebo
Ginsberg et al, 2011	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21438796/#:~:text=However%2C%20long%2Dterm%20LDX%20treatment,with%20long%2Dacting%20stimulant%20use.	No placebo
Greenhill et al, 2006	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17023867/	Insufficient data
Jasinski et al, 2009B	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18635707/	Insufficient data
Lavretsky et al, 2015	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4451432/	No placebo
Longo et al, 2010	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19839966/	Insufficient data
Lopez et al, 2003	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12895137/	Insufficient data
Manos et al, 2009	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19849639/	Insufficient data
McGough et al, 2005	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15908835/	No placebo
Mikami et al, 2009	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19418208/#:~:text=No%20interactions%20were%20found%20between,and%20female%20adolescents%20with%20ADHD.	Insufficient data
Murff et al, 2008	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1530-0277.2008.00689.19.x	Abstract
Murray et al, 2011	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21436147/	Insufficient data
Palumbo et al, 2004	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15319016/	Insufficient data
Parasrampur et al, 2007	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17962423/	Insufficient data
Riggs et al, 2011	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3164797/	Insufficient data
Robb et al, 2017	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24874348/#:~:text=Conclusion%3A%20MEROS%20was%20efficacious%20in,other%20extended%2Drelease%20methylphenidate%20pharmacotherapies.	No placebo
Rush et al, 2009	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18926645/	Insufficient data
Rush et al, 2010	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/20520288/	Insufficient data
Schein et al, 2024	https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11363209/	No placebo
Szobot et al, 2008	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18327433/#:~:text=There%20was%20no%20significant%20effect,of%20adolescents%20with%20comorbid%20SUD.	Insufficient data
Trivedi et al, 2013	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24021497/	Concomitant use of other drug(s)
Weisler et al, 2009	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/20095369/	No placebo
Wigal et al, 2012	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22372513/	No placebo
Wigal et al, 2017	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28557548/	No placebo
Wilens et al, 2008	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18434918/	Insufficient data
Winhusen et al, 2006	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16916538/	Insufficient data
Zhu et al, 2017	https://e-century.us/files/ijcem/10/6/ijcem0054944.pdf	No placebo

Table legend: Insufficient data: Studies that did not provide enough data to calculate the rate of overall or specific adverse events in comparison with control groups.

eTable 3. Included Studies and Summary of Data

Stimulant Safety Randomized Control Trial (RCT) Summary. Characteristic summaries of all RCTs reviewed in the body of the review are noted here, with notes on stimulant type, drug formulation, daily dosage, trial duration, sample size (N), cohort (i.e., condition population within which the drug was tested), common adverse effects (i.e., treatment emergent adverse events occurring in >10% of the sample, if specified; in cases where % is reported per dosage, values were reported for highest dose), and drop-out rate (i.e., percentage of participants who discontinued treatment after being randomized to the study drug).

Source	Country	Stimulant	Associated condition	Population age	Duration (treatment)	Study design	Explored SUD	Rate of Subjects with AEs, No. (%)
Adler et al, ¹ 2008	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	18-55	4 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 282 (78.7) Placebo: 36 (58)
Adler et al, ² 2009	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-65	4 weeks	RCT	NR	34 (8.3)
Adler et al, ³ 2009	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-65	7 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 93 (84.5) Placebo: 74 (63.8)
Adler et al, ⁴ 2013	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD + EFI	18-55	10 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 62 (78.5) Placebo: 47 (58.8)
Ahmann et al, ⁵ 2001	USA	Adderall	ADHD	5-16	4 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Armstrong et al, ⁶ 2011	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	9-12	2 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Biederman et al, ⁷ 2006	USA	Methylphenidate	NR	19-60	6 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Biederman et al, ⁸ 2007	USA	Lisdexamfetamine and mixed amphetamine salts	ADHD	6-12	6 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 8 (16) Mixed amphetamine salts: 9 (18) Placebo: 8 (16)
Biederman et al, ⁹ 2007	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	6-12	4 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 162 (74.3) Placebo: 34 (47.2)
Biederman et al, ¹⁰ 2003	USA and Canada	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-14	2 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 16 (24.6) Placebo: 17 (23.9)
Bouffard et al, ¹¹ 2003	Canada	Methylphenidate	ADHD	17-51	4 weeks	RCT	NR	NR

Source	Country	Stimulant	Associated condition	Population age	Duration (treatment)	Study design	Explored SUD	Rate of Subjects with AEs, No. (%)
Brams et al,¹² 2008	USA	Dexmethylphenidate	ADHD	6-12	7 days	COT	NR	Methylphenidate: 15 (17.4) Placebo: 19 (22.1)
Brams et al,¹³ 2011	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	18-55	6 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Brams et al,¹⁴ 2018	USA	SHP465 (Triple-Bead mixed amphetamine salts)	ADHD	6-17	4 weeks	RCT	NR	SHP465: 70 (53) Placebo: 34 (26)
Bron et al,¹⁵ 2014	the Netherlands	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-55	6 weeks	COT	NR	Methylphenidate: 17 (77) Placebo: 10 (46)
Brown et al,¹⁶ 2010	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	18-55	6 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Buitelaar et al,¹⁷ 2012	European countries	Methylphenidate	ADHD	20-62	7 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 7 (30.45) Placebo: 8 (36.4)
Casas et al,¹⁸ 2013	European countries	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-65	13 weeks	RCT	NR	54 mg Methylphenidate: 77 (86.5) 72 mg Methylphenidate: 84 (91.3) Placebo: 76 (78.4)
Childress et al,¹⁹ 2009	USA	Dexmethylphenidate	ADHD	6-12	5 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 116 (63.7) Placebo: 36 (57.1)
Childress et al,²⁰ 2015	USA	Evekeo (Racemic Amphetamine Sulfate)	ADHD	6-12	2 weeks	RCT	NR	Evekeo: 10 (10.3) Placebo: 6 (6.2)
Childress et al,²¹ 2017	USA	Amphetamine	ADHD	6-12	1 week	RCT	NR	Amphetamine: 9 (17.3) Placebo: 6 (12.5)
Childress et al,²² 2020	USA	HLD200 (Delayed-Release and Extended-Release Methylphenidate)	ADHD	6-12	1 week	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 24 (36.9) Placebo: 22 (40.7)
Childress et al,²³ 2020	USA	PRC-063 (ER-Methylphenidate)	ADHD	6-12	1 week	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 18 (24) Placebo: 7 (9.6)
Childress et al,²⁴ 2020	USA	Aptensio XR (Methylphenidate)	ADHD	4-5	2 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 10 (25.6) Placebo: 6 (12)
Childress et al,²⁵ 2022	USA	PRC-063 (ER-Methylphenidate)	ADHD	18-60	1 week	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 25 (20.7) Placebo: 18 (15.3)
Childress et al,²⁶ 2022	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	4-5	6 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 68 (46.6) Placebo: 19 (42.2)

Source	Country	Stimulant	Associated condition	Population age	Duration (treatment)	Study design	Explored SUD	Rate of Subjects with AEs, No. (%)
Chronis-Tuscano et al,²⁷ 2008	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	Mothers: 39.78 ± 5.53; Children: 6-12	7 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Coghill et al,²⁸ 2013	European countries	Lisdexamfetamine and Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-17	7 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 80 (72.1) Methylphenidate: 72 (64.9) Placebo: 63 (57.3)
Coghill et al,²⁹ 2014	USA and European countries	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	6-17	33 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 31 (39.7) Placebo: 20 (25.3)
Cutler et al,³⁰ 2022	USA	Amphetamine	ADHD	18-60	5 weeks	RCT	NR	Amphetamine: 54 (87) Placebo: 35 (54)
Cutler et al,³¹ 2022	USA	d-ATS (Dextroamphetamine)	ADHD	6-17	2 weeks	COT	NR	d-ATS: 44 (41.9) Placebo: 43 (41)
Dupaul et al,³² 2012	USA	Lisdexamfetamine and Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-23	5 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Ermer et al,³³ 2019	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	Healthy	18-55	18 days	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 20 (76.9) Placebo: 1 (16.6)
Faraone et al,³⁴ 2021	USA	AR19 (Amphetamine Sulfate)	ADHD	18-55	5 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Findling et al,³⁵ 2008	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-12	7 weeks	RCT	NR	MTS: 74 (75.5) OROS: 63 (69.2) Placebo: 49 (57.6)
Findling et al,³⁶ 2011	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	13-17	4 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 160 (68.7) Placebo: 45 (58.4)
Froehlich et al,³⁷ 2020	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	7-11	4 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Galloway et al,³⁸ 2011	USA	d-ATS (DextroAMPH)	SUD (Metamphetamine dependence)	18-50	8 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Ginsberg et al,³⁹ 2012	Sweden	Methylphenidate	ADHD	21-61	5 weeks	RCT	Yes	NR
Ginsberg et al,⁴⁰ 2014	European countries	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-60	40 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 175 (81) Placebo: 65 (79.3)

Source	Country	Stimulant	Associated condition	Population age	Duration (treatment)	Study design	Explored SUD	Rate of Subjects with AEs, No. (%)
Goodman et al,⁴¹ 2017	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-65	6 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 126 (72.4) Placebo: 87 (49.7)
Greenhill et al,⁴² 2002	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-16	3 weeks	RCT		Methylphenidate: 80 (51.6) Placebo: 61 (37.9)
Hegerl et al,⁴³ 2018	European countries	Methylphenidate	Acute mania	46.21 (mean)	2.5 days	RCT	NR	NR
Huang et al,⁴⁴ 2021	Taiwan	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-16	4 weeks	COT	NR	Methylphenidate: 79 (71.8) Placebo: 10 (9.9)
Huss et al,⁴⁵ 2014	European countries	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-60	9 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 401 (74) Placebo: 108 (60)
Jain et al,⁴⁶ 2007	Canada	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-60	5-11 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 42 (84) Placebo: 29 (58)
Jasinski et al,⁴⁷ 2009	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	History of SUD (stimulant use)	18-55	6 days (1 day for each treatment/dose)	COT	Yes	Lisdexamfetamine: 15 (41) Placebo: 6 (17)
Kis et al,⁴⁸ 2020	Germany	Methylphenidate	ADHD	35 (mean)	52 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 197 (96.1) Placebo: 184 (88)
Konstenius et al,⁴⁹ 2014	Sweden	Methylphenidate	ADHD + SUD (amphetamine)	18-65	24 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Kooij et al,⁵⁰ 2004	the Netherlands.	Methylphenidate	ADHD	20-56	6 weeks	COT	NR	Methylphenidate: 37 (82) Placebo: 31 (69)
Lee et al,⁵¹ 2011	Canada	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-12	2 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Ling et al,⁵² 2014	USA	Methylphenidate	SUD (amphetamine)	18-59	10 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 28 events Placebo: 40 events
Lopez et al,⁵³ 2008	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	6-12	4 weeks	RCT	NR	30 mg Lisdexamfetamine: 51 (72) 50 mg Lisdexamfetamine: 50 (68)

Source	Country	Stimulant	Associated condition	Population age	Duration (treatment)	Study design	Explored SUD	Rate of Subjects with AEs, No. (%)
								70 mg Lisdexamfetamine: 61 (84) Placebo: 34 (47)
Martin et al,⁵⁴ 2014	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	Schizophrenia	18-65	30 days	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 18 (75) Placebo: 2 (28.6)
Martin et al,⁵⁵ 2014	USA	Lisdexamfetamine and mixed amphetamine salts	ADHD	18-55	21 days	COT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 12 (66.7) Mixed amphetamine salts-IR: 9 (52.9) Placebo: 8 (47.1)
Mattingly et al,⁵⁶ 2020	USA	SHP465 (Triple-Bead mixed amphetamine salts)	ADHD	6-12	4 weeks	RCT	NR	Amphetamine: 11 (24.4) Placebo: 7 (16.3)
McElroy et al,⁵⁷ 2015	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	BED	18-55	11 weeks	RCT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 166 (84.7) Placebo: 37 (58.7)
Medori et al,⁵⁸ 2008	Germany	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18-63	5 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 182 (59.7) Placebo: 41 (42.7)
McCracken et al,⁵⁹ 2003	USA	SLI381 (Adderall XR)	ADHD	6-12	5 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Mooney et al,⁶⁰ 2015	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	SUD (cocaine)	18-65	14 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Muniz et al,⁶¹ 2008	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-12	1 day	COT	NR	Methylphenidate: 40 (12) Placebo: 3 (3.6)
Newcorn et al,⁶² 2008	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-16	6 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 146 (67) Placebo: 40 (54)
Nuijten et al,⁶³ 2016	the Netherlands	Dextroamphetamine	SUD (cocaine)	>25	12 weeks	RCT	Yes	d-Amphetamine: 28 (74) Placebo: 16 (46)

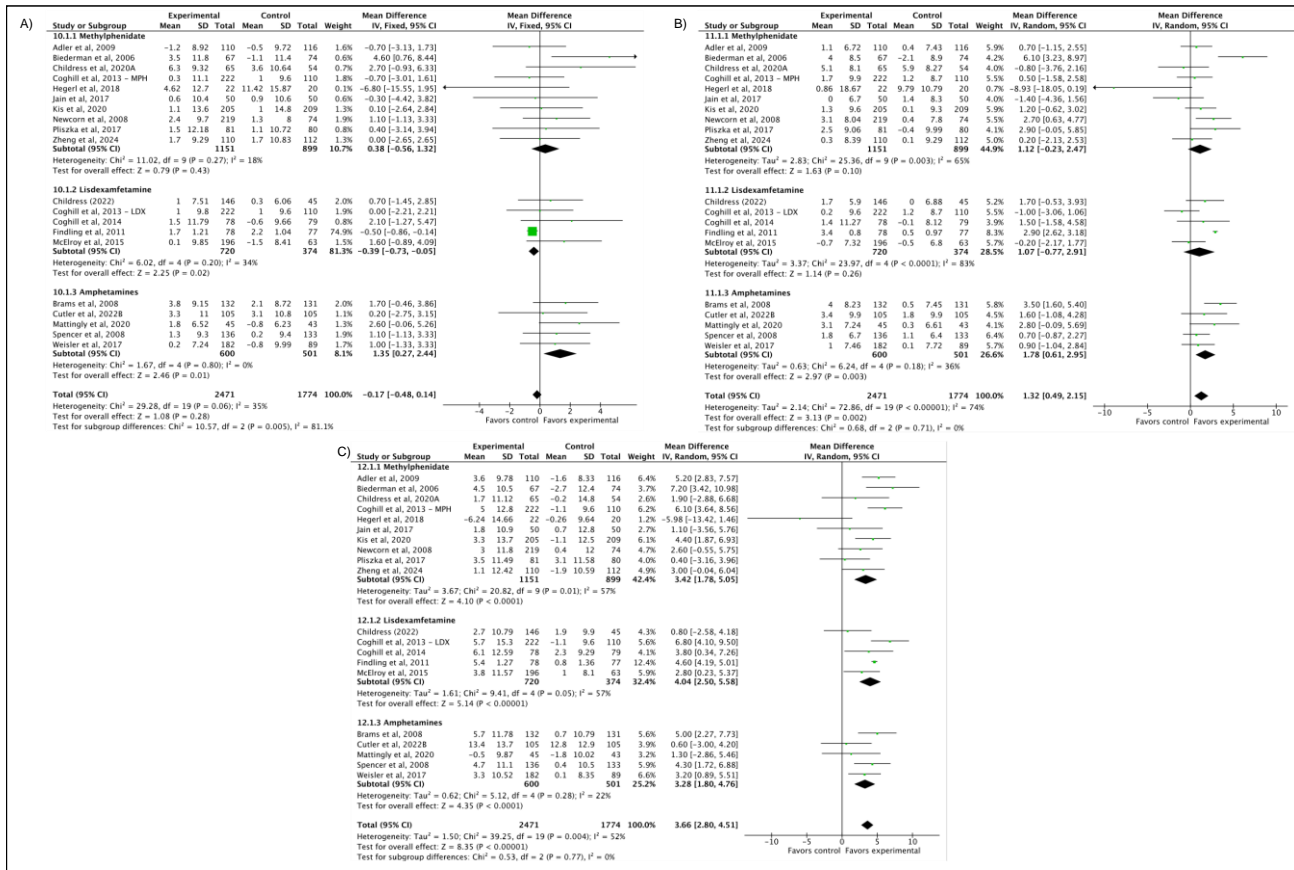
Source	Country	Stimulant	Associated condition	Population age	Duration (treatment)	Study design	Explored SUD	Rate of Subjects with AEs, No. (%)
Patkar et al,⁶⁴ 2006	USA	Methylphenidate	MDD (treatment-resistant)	18-65	4 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 19 (63) Placebo: 17 (57)
Pearson et al,⁶⁵ 2013	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD + Autism	8.8 (mean)	4 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Pelham Jr et al,⁶⁶ 2001	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-12	7 days	COT	NR	NR
Pelham Jr et al,⁶⁷ 2005	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-13	8 days	COT	NR	NR
Pliszka et al,⁶⁸ 2017	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-12	3 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 56 (69.1) Placebo: 39 (48.8)
Quinn et al,⁶⁹ 2004	Canada	Methylphenidate	ADHD	9-12	7 days	COT	NR	d-Amphetamine: 19 (61) d,l-Amphetamine: 12 (39) Placebo: 19 (61)
Ramtvedt et al,⁷⁰ 2014	Norway	DextroAMPH and Methylphenidate	ADHD	9-14	6 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Retz et al,⁷¹ 2012	Germany	Methylphenidate	ADHD	>18	8 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 55 (65.4) Placebo: 32 (41)
Rosenberg et al,⁷² 2014	USA and Canada	Methylphenidate	Dementia (Alzheimer's disease)	76 (mean)	6 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Rösler et al,⁷³ 2009	Germany	Methylphenidate	ADHD	>18	24 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 135 (74) Placebo: 37 (57)
Schulz et al,⁷⁴ 2010	Germany	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-14	3 weeks	COT	NR	Methylphenidate: 44 (30) Placebo: 38 (26)

Source	Country	Stimulant	Associated condition	Population age	Duration (treatment)	Study design	Explored SUD	Rate of Subjects with AEs, No. (%)
Shram et al,⁷⁵ 2022	USA	Serdexmethylphenidate	Not currently dependent, stimulant experienced subjects	18–50	Single dose	COT	Yes	120 mg: 18 (38.3) 240 mg: 22 (45.8) Placebo: NR
Silva et al,⁷⁶ 2005	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6–12	6 weeks	COT	NR	ER-Methylphenidate: 5 (9.4) OROS-Methylphenidate: 11 (20) Placebo: 2 (4.7)
Spencer et al,⁷⁷ 2006	USA	Mixed amphetamine salts	ADHD	13–17	4 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Spencer et al,⁷⁸ 2007	USA	Dexmethylphenidate	ADHD	18–60	5 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 145 (87.9) Placebo: 36 (67.9)
Spencer et al,⁷⁹ 2008	USA	SPD465 (Triple-Bead mixed amphetamine salts)	ADHD	18–55	7 weeks	RCT	NR	Mixed amphetamine salts: 122 (89.1) Placebo: 86 (63.7)
Stein et al,⁸⁰ 2003	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	5–16	4 weeks	COT	NR	NR
Sugaya et al,⁸¹ 2022	Brazil	Methylphenidate	ADHD	3–5	8 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 4 (8) Placebo: 4 (8)
Takahashi et al,⁸² 2014	Japan	Methylphenidate	ADHD	18–64	8 weeks	RCT	Yes	Methylphenidate: 117 (81.8) Placebo: 76 (53.9)
Weisler et al,⁸³ 2017	USA	SHP465 (Triple-Bead mixed amphetamine salts)	ADHD	18–55	4 weeks	RCT	NR	SHP465: 182 (57.1) Placebo: 19 (21.3)
Weiss et al,⁸⁴ 2020	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	>18	4 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 158 (52.3) Placebo: 25 (32.1)
Weiss et al,⁸⁵ 2021	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	12–17	4 weeks	RCT	NR	PRC-062: 154 (52.6) Placebo: 24 (32.4)
Wigal et al,⁸⁶ 2004	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6–17	4 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Wigal et al,⁸⁷ 2006	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	3–5	5 weeks	COT	NR	NR

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Wigal et al, ⁸⁸ 2010	USA	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD	18–55	6 weeks	COT	NR	Lisdexamfetamine: 32 (27.8) Placebo: 42 (35.9)
Wilens et al, ⁸⁹ 2005	USA	Mixed amphetamine salts	ADHD	13-17	4 weeks	RCT	NR	NR
Wilens et al, ⁹⁰ 2006	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	13-18	2 weeks	RCT	NR	Methylphenidate: 15 (17.2) Placebo: 14 (15.5)
Winhusen et al, ⁹¹ 2011	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD + SUD	13-18	16 weeks	RCT	Yes	Methylphenidate: 111 (73.5) Placebo: 98 (64.5) OROS Methylphenidate: 40 (42.1)
Wolraich et al, ⁹² 2001	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-12	4 weeks	RCT	NR	IR Methylphenidate: 45 (46.3) Placebo: 31 (34.4) Methylphenidate: 74 (67.3)
Zheng et al, ⁹³ 2024	USA	Methylphenidate	ADHD	6-16	9 weeks	RCT	NR	Placebo: 55 (49.1)

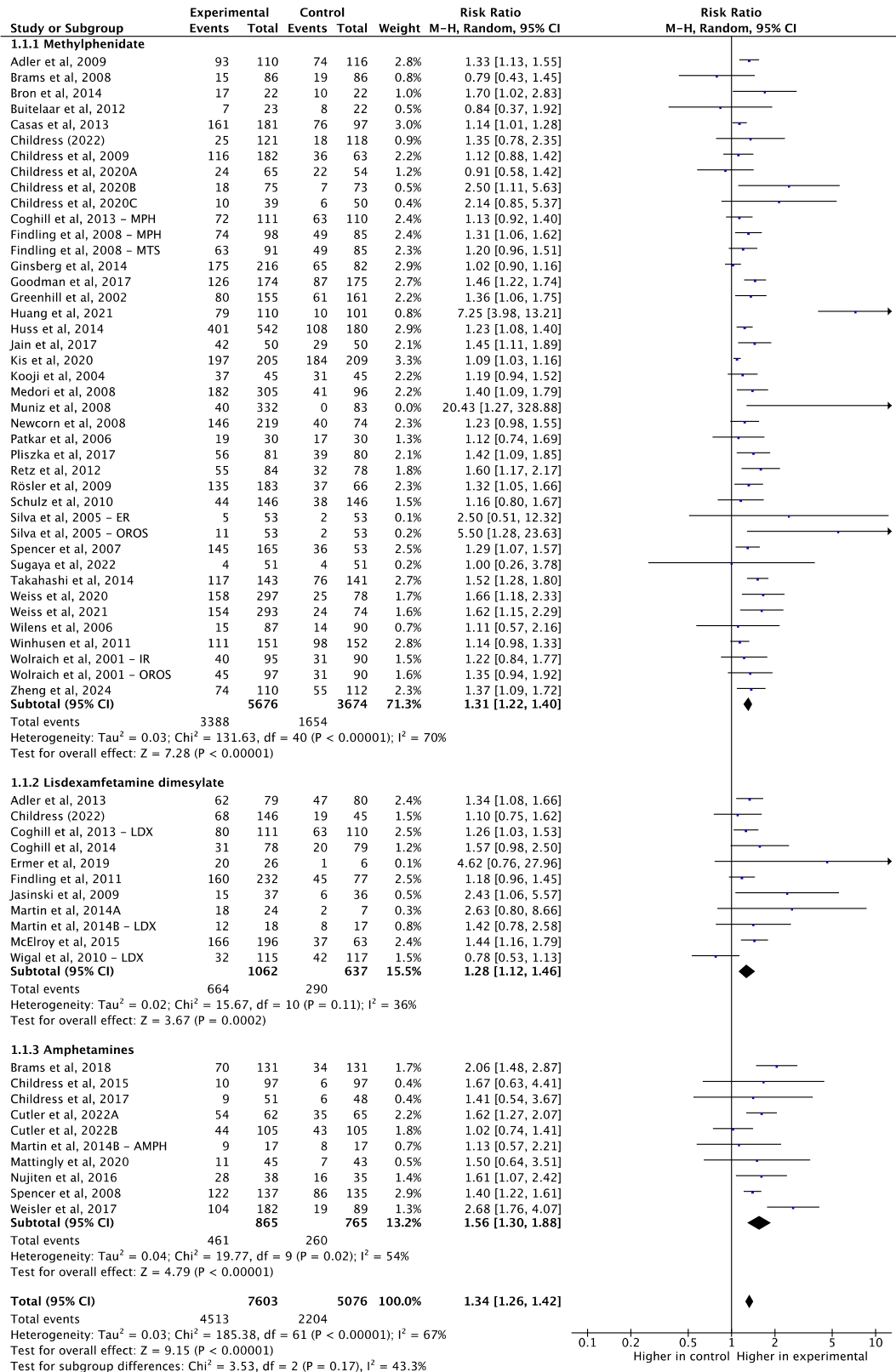
Table legend: **Stimulant Type:** d-ATS, dextroamphetamine transdermal system; MTS, Methylphenidate transdermal system. **Drug Formulation:** EROS, extended-release oral suspension; ER or XR, extended-release; IR, immediate-release; LA, long-acting; MR, modified release; OROS, osmotic-release oral system; SR, sustained release. **Cohort:** ADHD; attention-deficit/hyperactivity; BED, binge eating disorder; EFI, executive function impairment; MDD, Major Depressive Disorder; NA, not applicable; NR, not reported; SUD, non-prescribed substance use disorder. COT: Crossover trial. RCT: Randomized controlled trial. **SUD:** substance use disorder.

eFigure 1. Forest plot comparing the mean changes in vital signs, and risk of overall adverse events, with 95% confidence interval (A-D), and overall adverse events with 90% confidence interval (E).



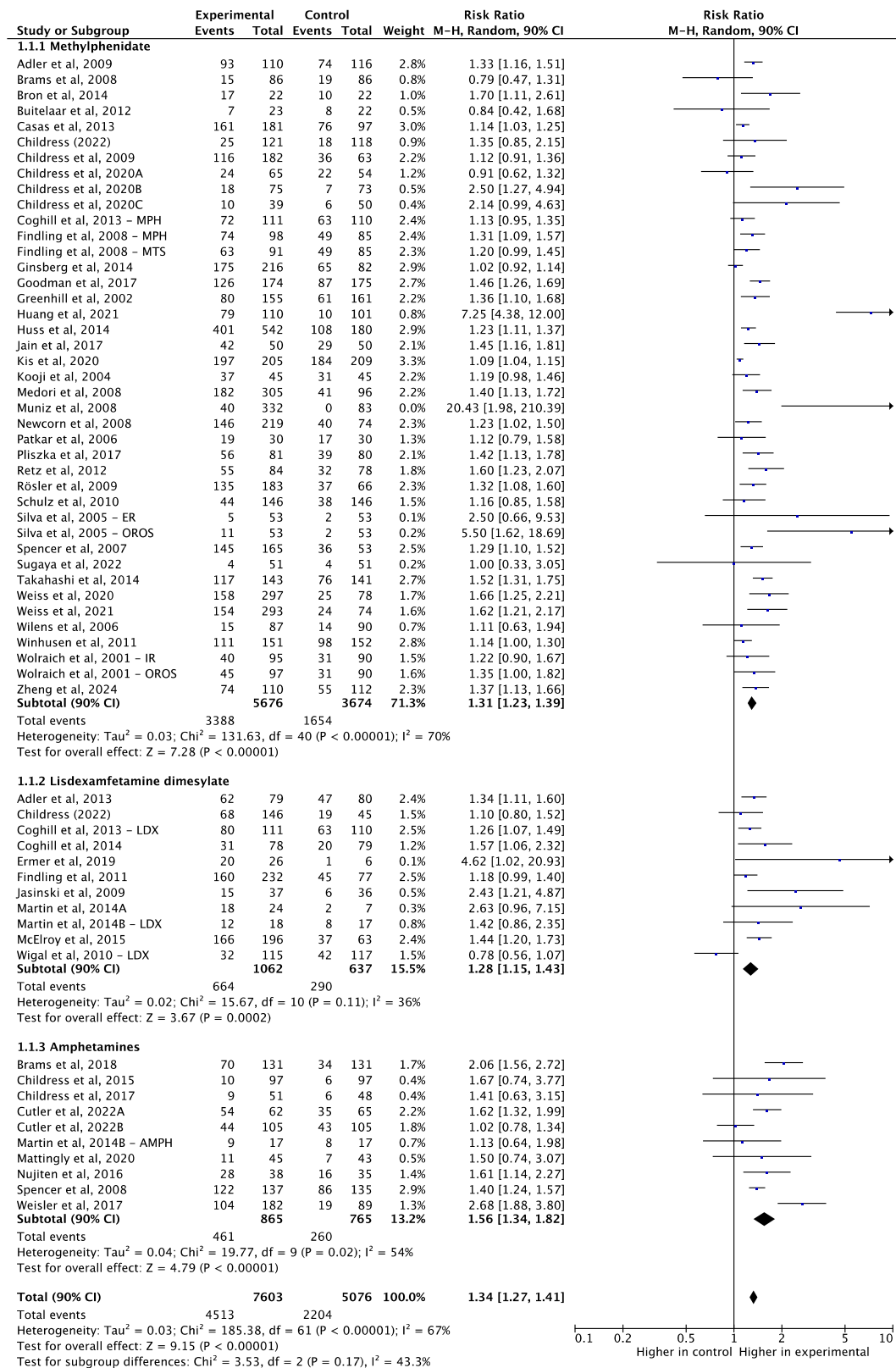
eFigure 1A-C. Forest plot comparing the mean changes in vital signs in patients receiving stimulants vs placebo. A) Systolic blood pressure, B) Diastolic blood pressure, C) Heart rate. Figure legend: 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse-variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation.

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eFigure 1D. Forest plot comparing the risk of overall adverse events in patients receiving stimulants vs placebo. Figure legend: 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamine; IR, immediate-release; LDX, lisdexamphetamine; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system; OROS, osmotic-controlled release oral delivery system.

E)



eFigure 1E. Forest plot comparing the risk of overall adverse events in patients receiving stimulants vs placebo. Figure legend: 90% CI, 90% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamine; IR, immediate-release; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system; OROS, osmotic-controlled release oral delivery system.

eFigure 2-8: Forest plots dividing groups according to different stimulants.

eFigure 2a. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Decreased Appetite** Between Control and Experimental Groups (90% confidence interval).

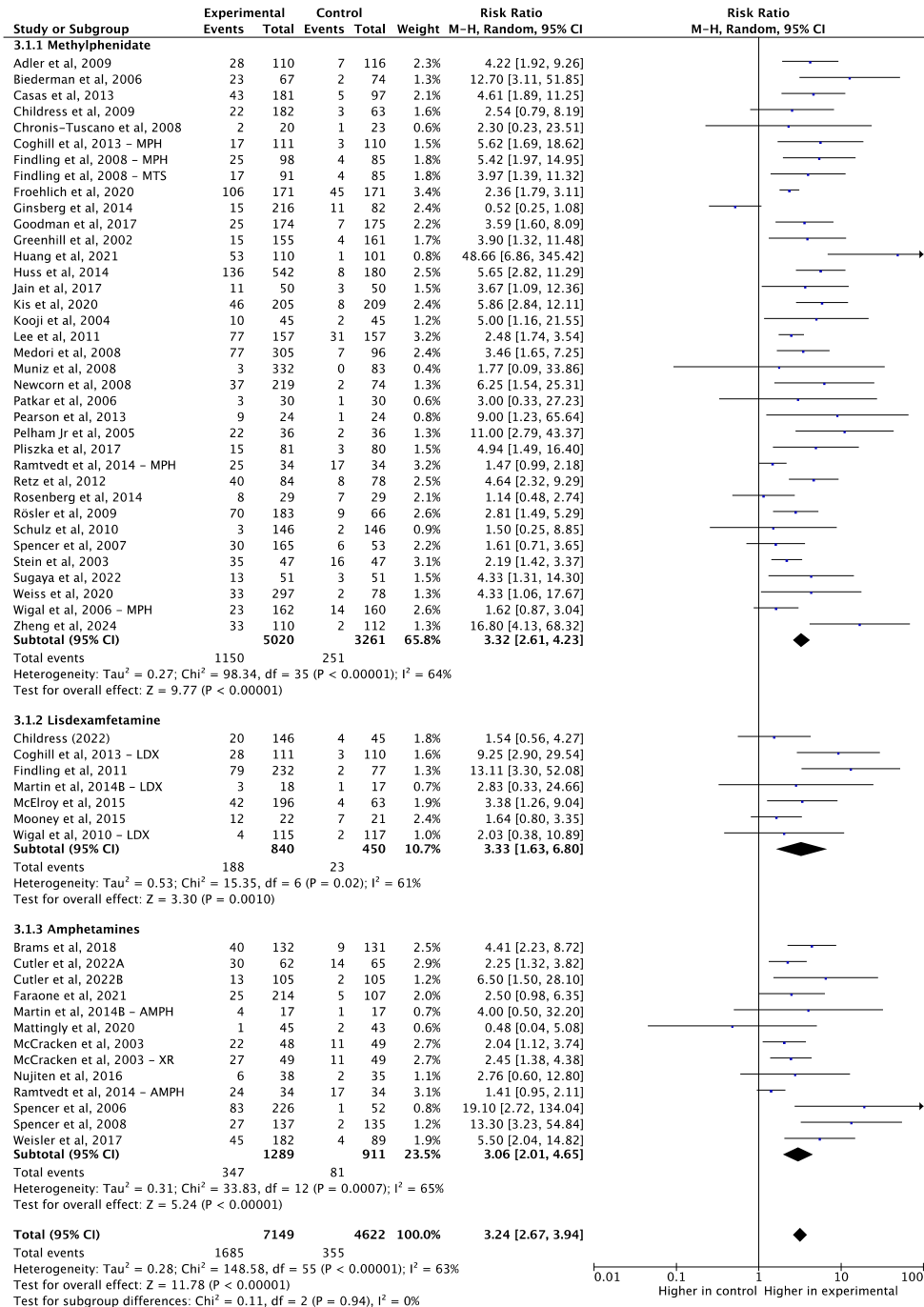


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamine; LDX, lisdexanfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system; XR, extended-release.

eFigure 2b. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Decreased Appetite** Between Control and Experimental Groups (90% confidence interval).

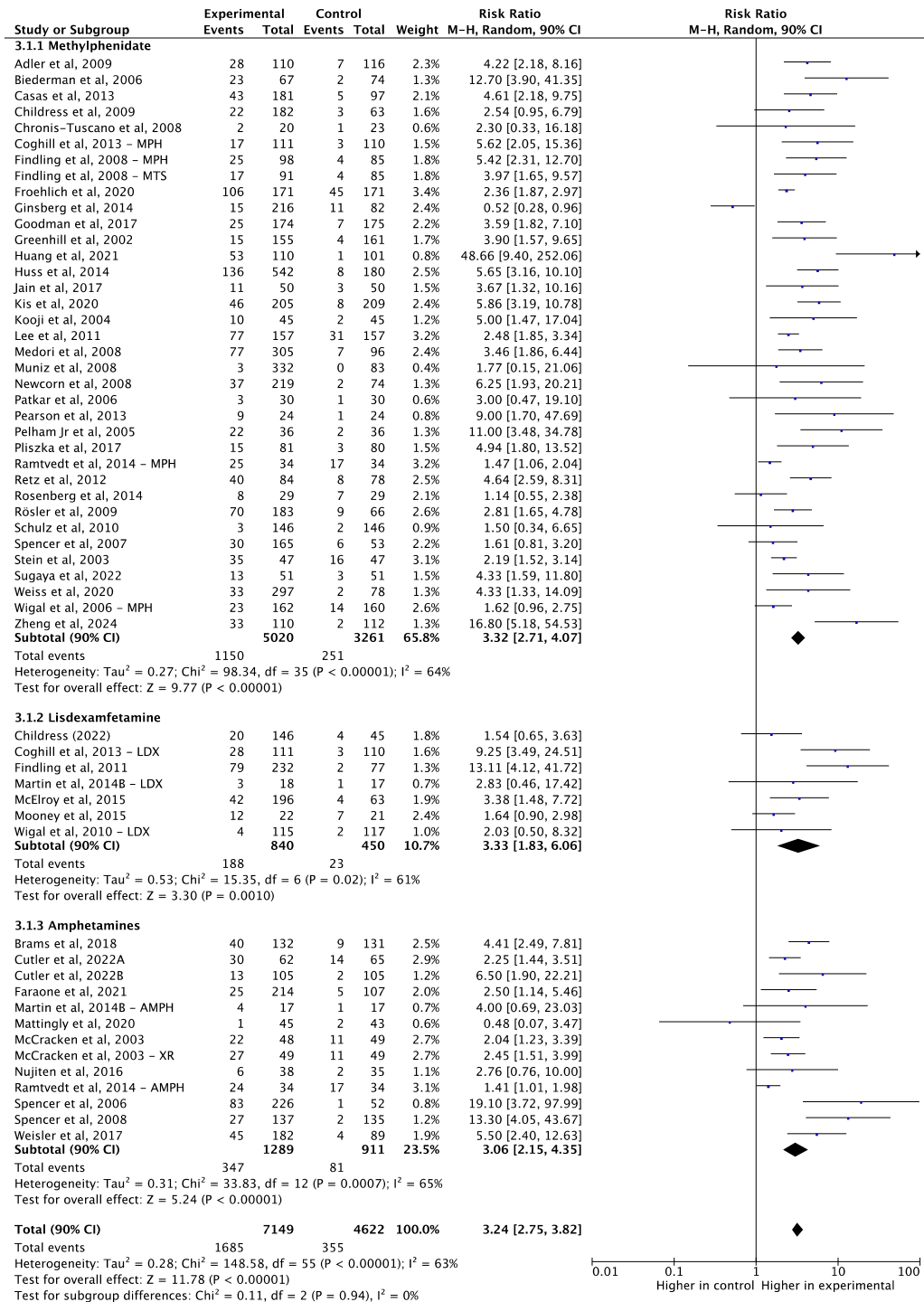


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eFigure 3a. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Headache** Between Control and Experimental Groups (95% confidence interval).

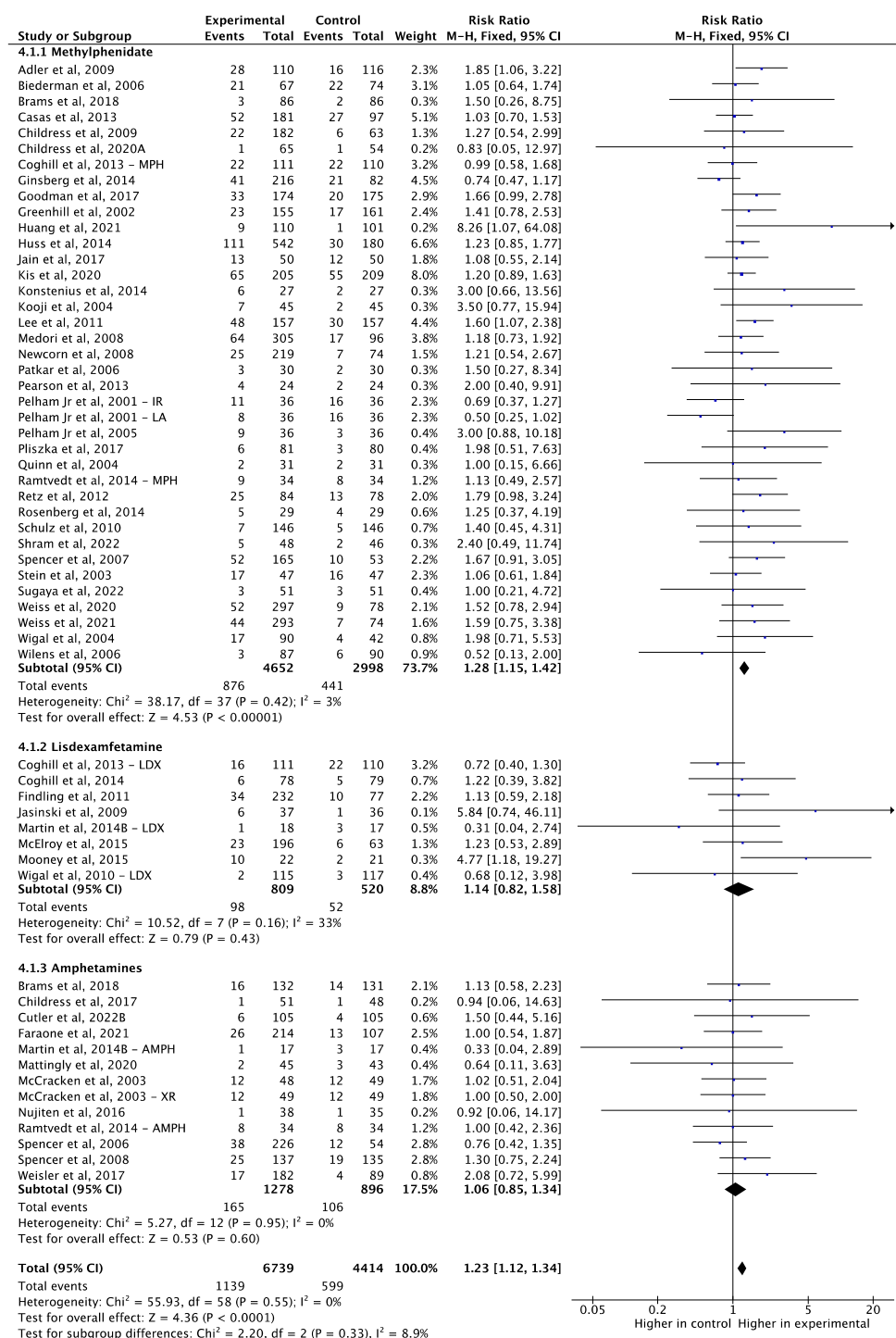


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamine; LA, long-acting; IR, immediate-release; LDX, lisdexanfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; XR, extended-release.

eFigure 3b. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Headache** Between Control and Experimental Groups (90% confidence interval).

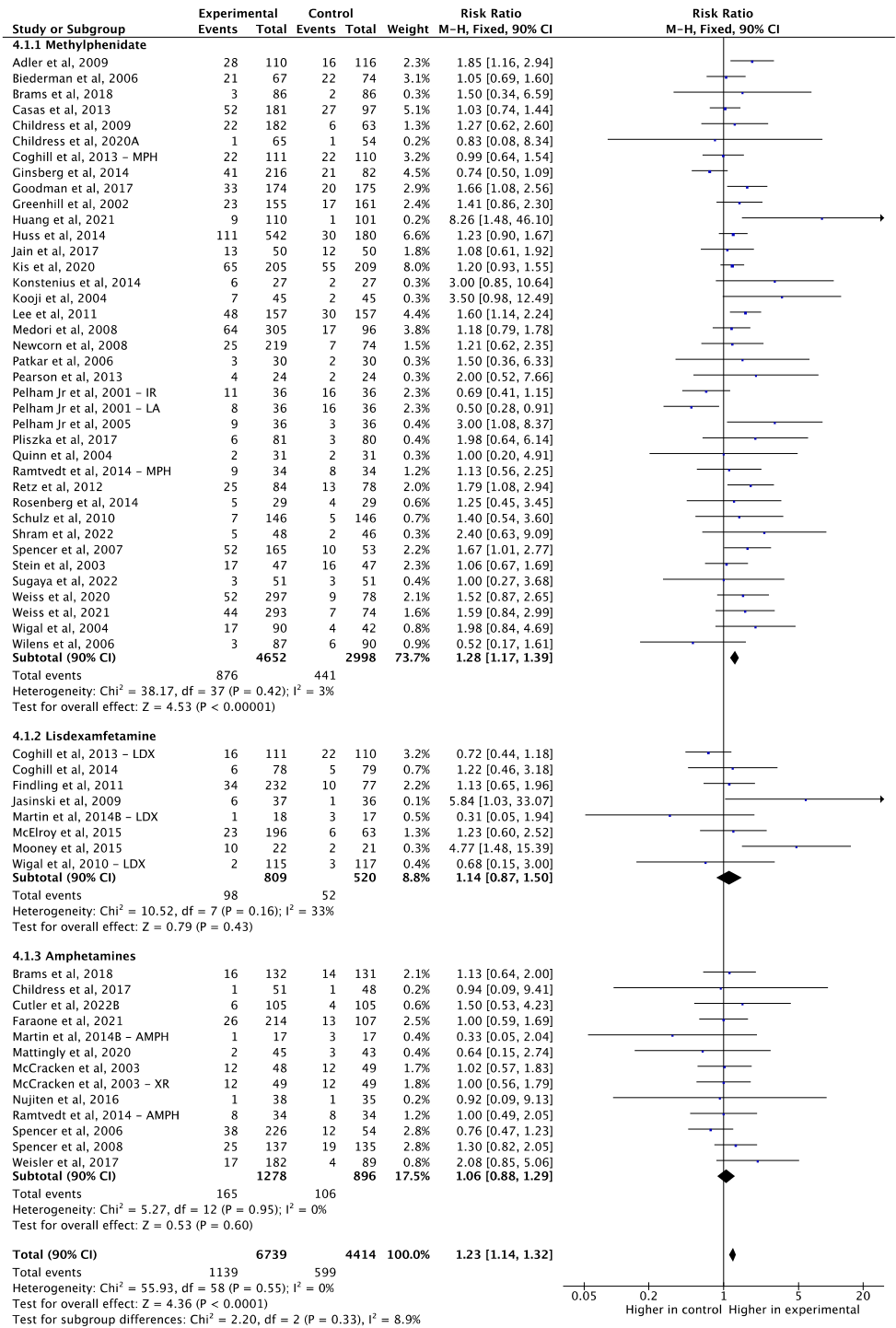


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eFigure 4a. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Insomnia** Between Control and Experimental Groups (95% confidence interval).

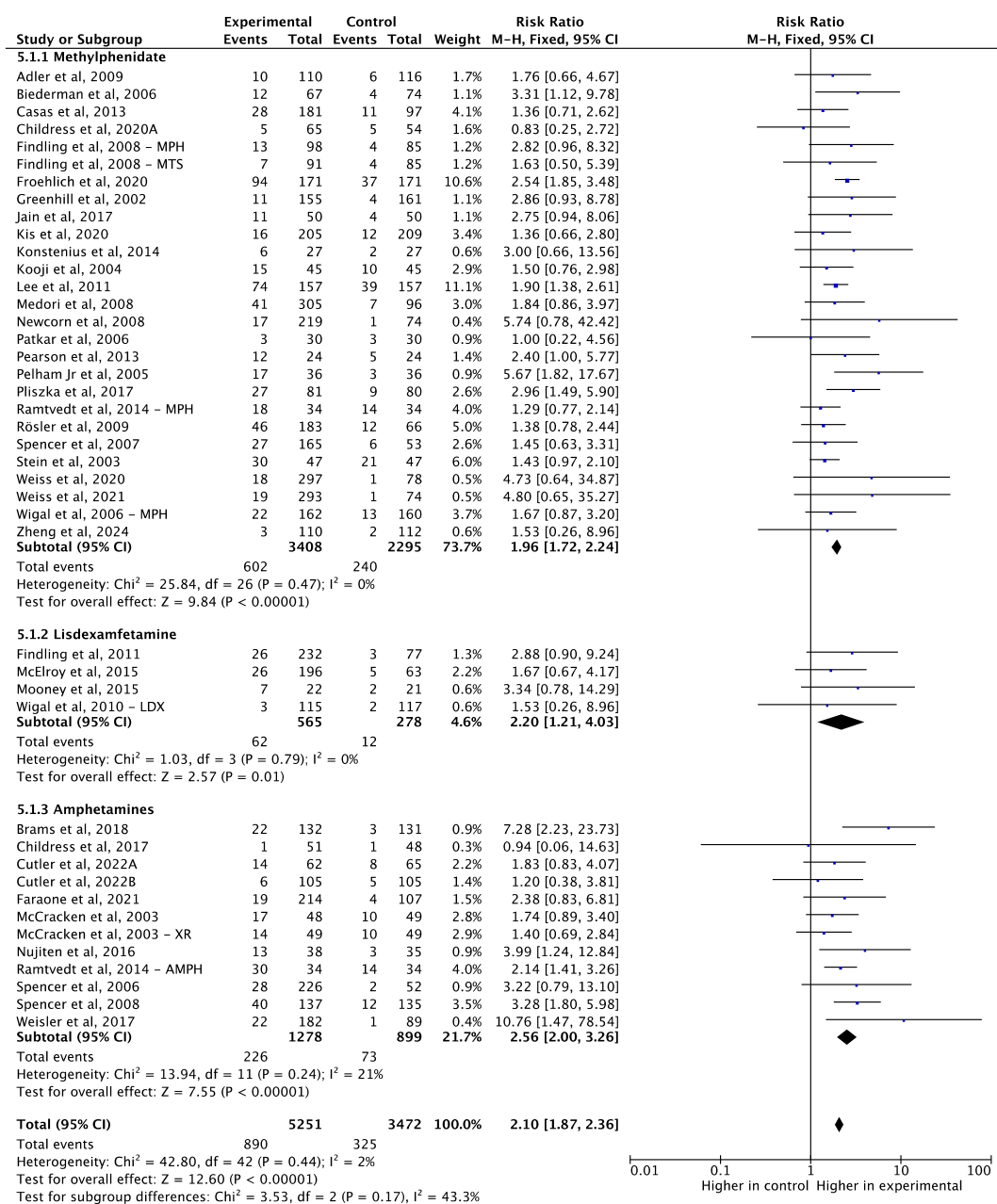


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eFigure 4b. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Insomnia** Between Control and Experimental Groups (90% confidence interval).

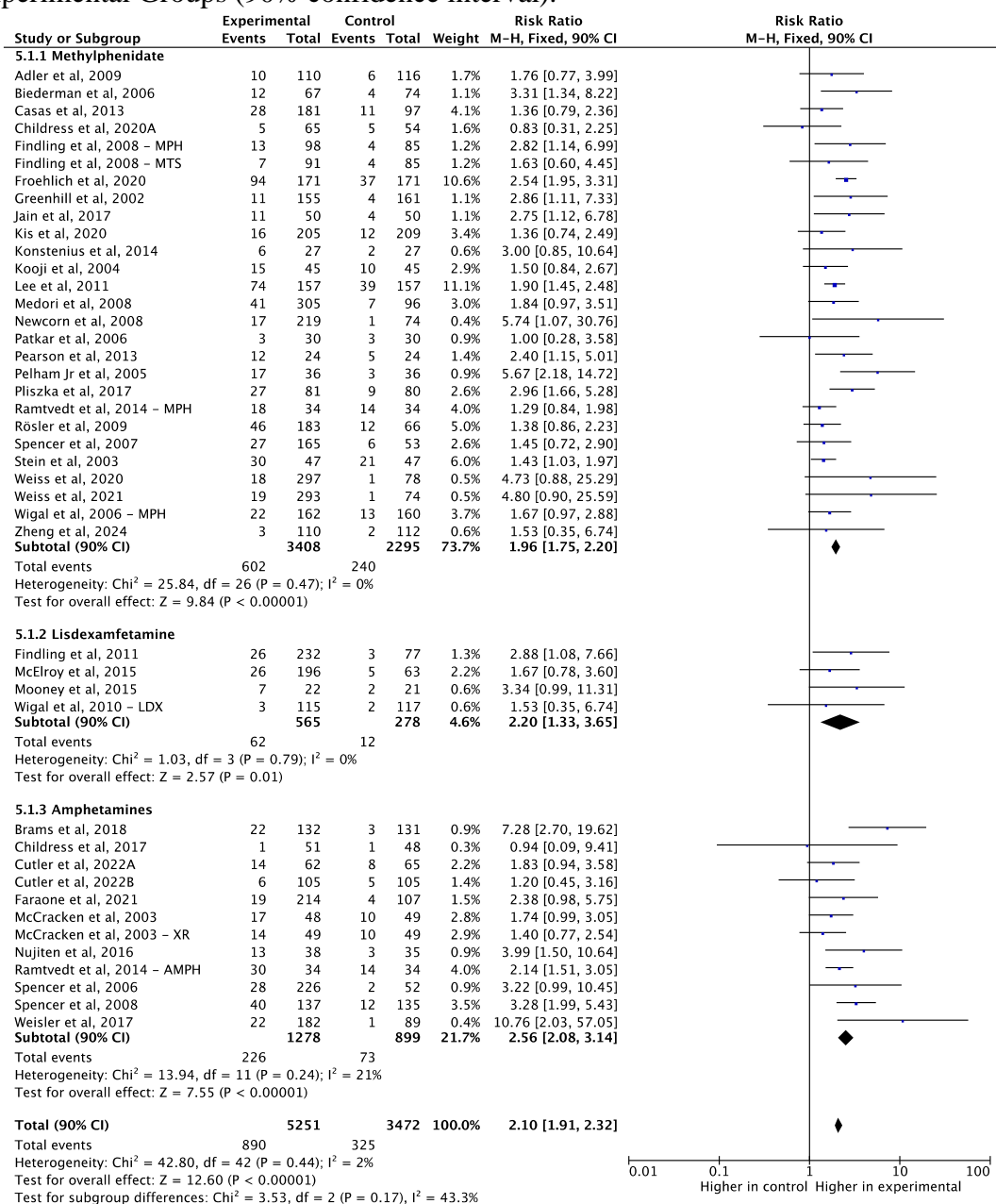


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eFigure 5a. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Dry Mouth** Between Control and Experimental Groups (95% confidence interval).

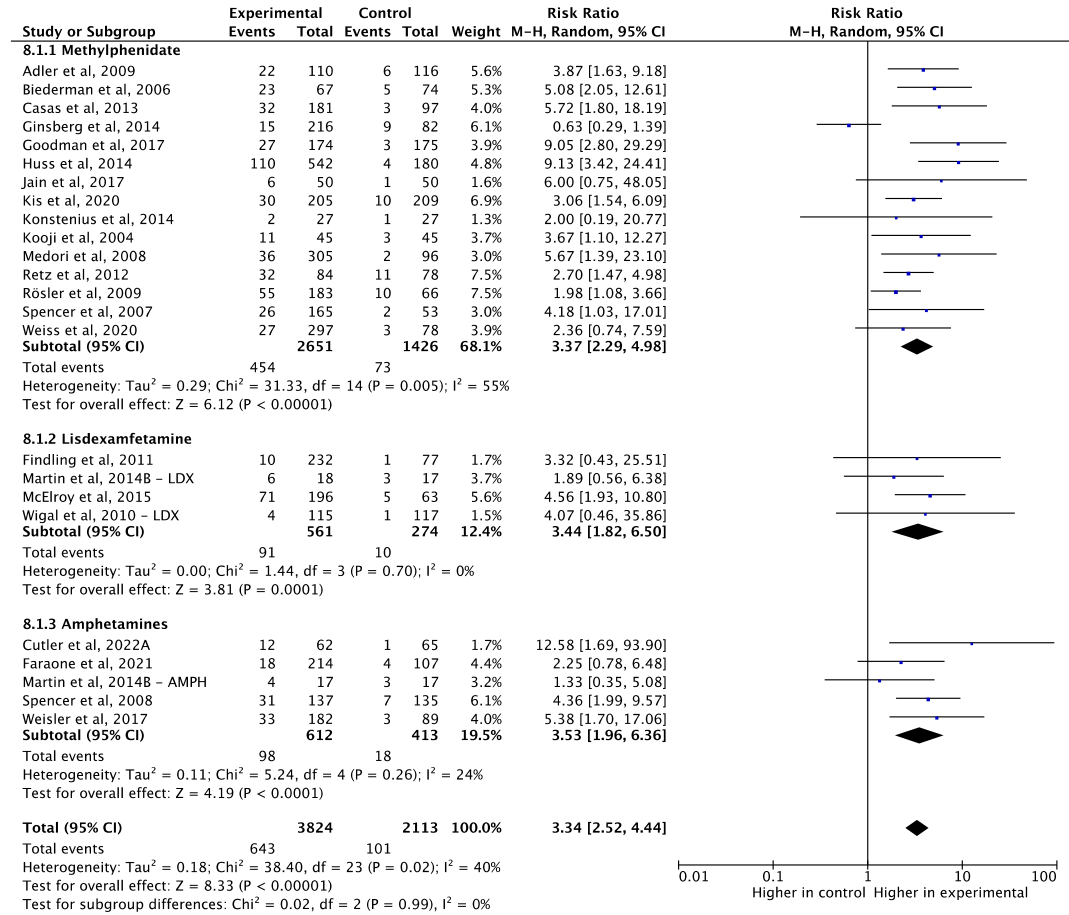


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eFigure 5b. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Dry Mouth** Between Control and Experimental Groups (90% confidence interval).

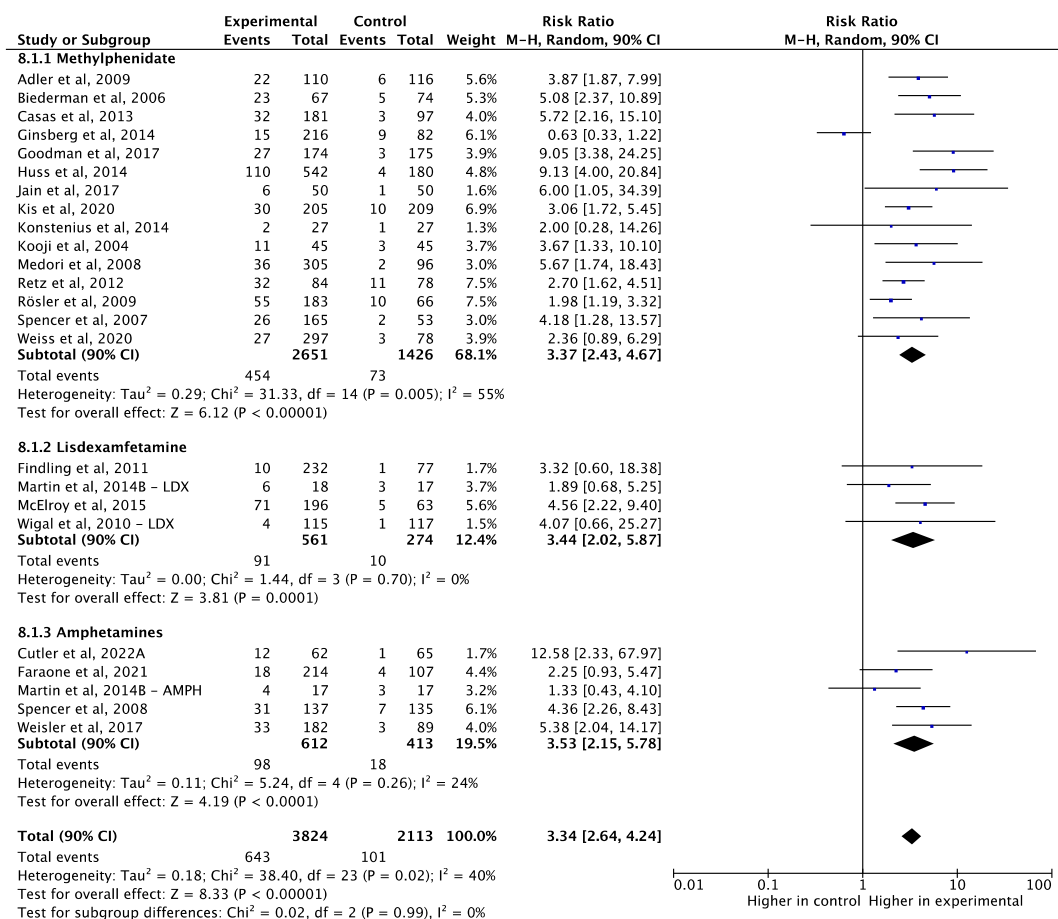


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eFigure 6a. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Nausea** Between Control and Experimental Groups (95% confidence interval).

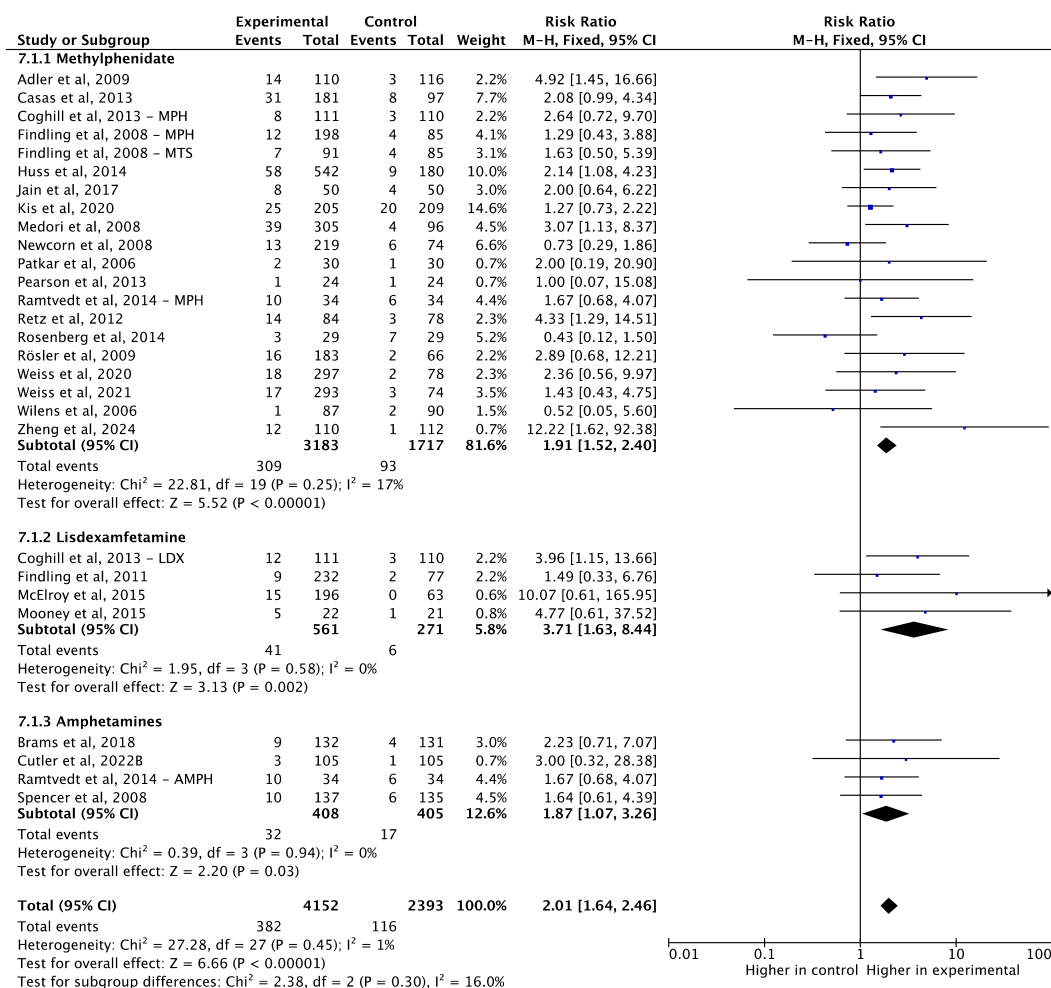


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eFigure 6b. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Nausea** Between Control and Experimental Groups (90% confidence interval).

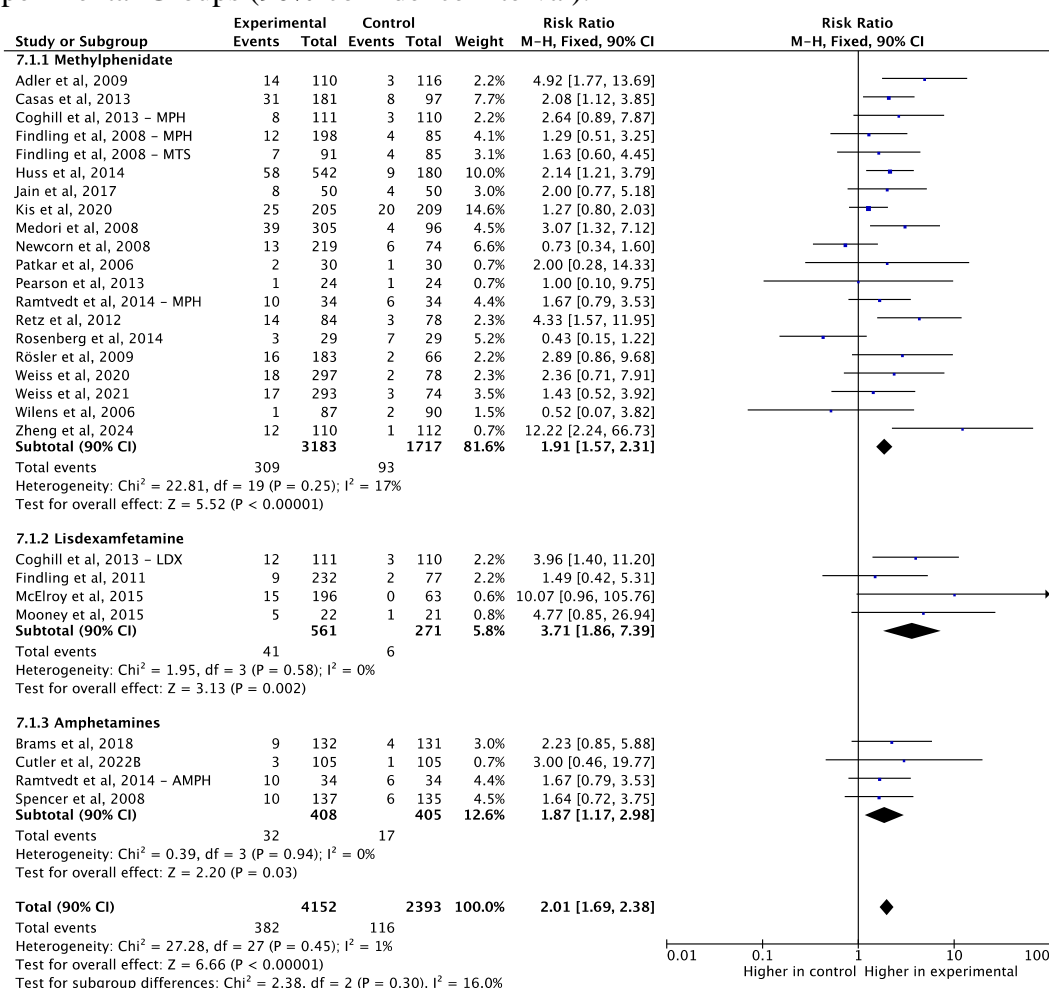


Figure legend: 90%CI, 90% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamine; LDX, lisdexanfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system.

eFigure 7a. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Irritability** Between Control and Experimental Groups (95% confidence interval).

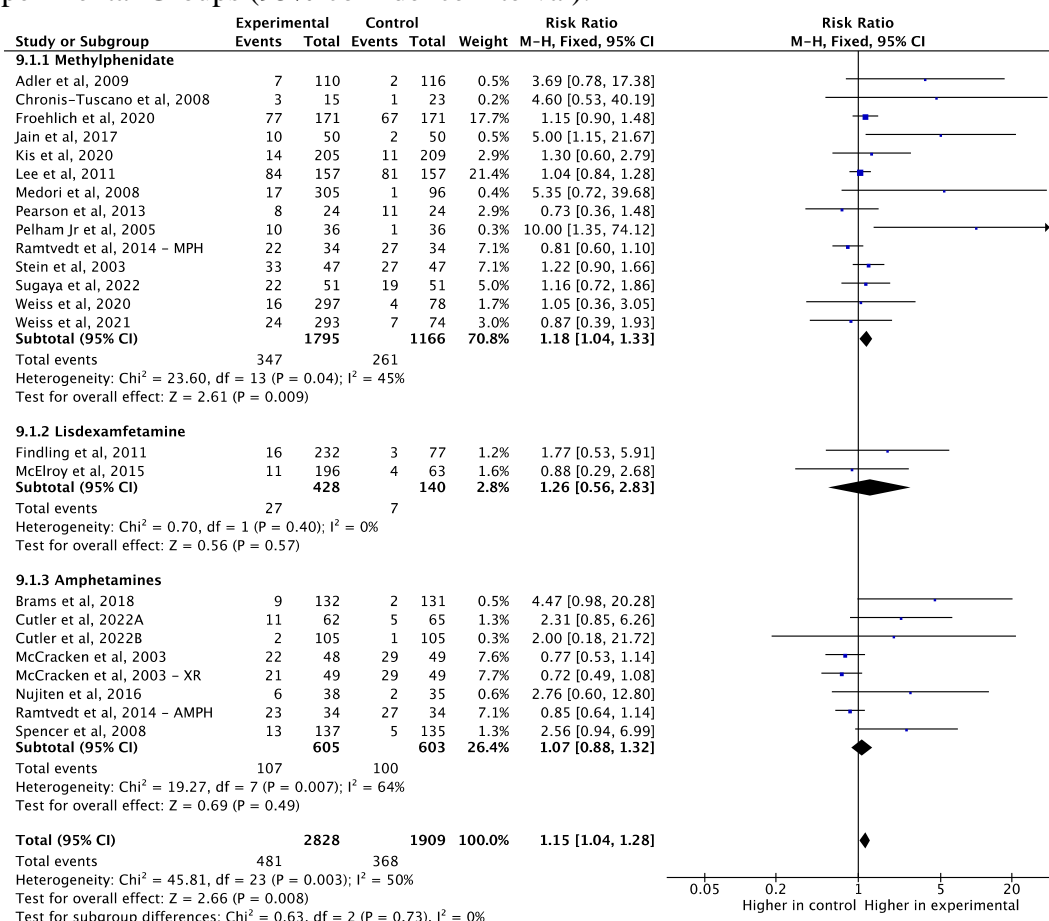


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eFigure 7b. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Irritability** Between Control and Experimental Groups (90% confidence interval).

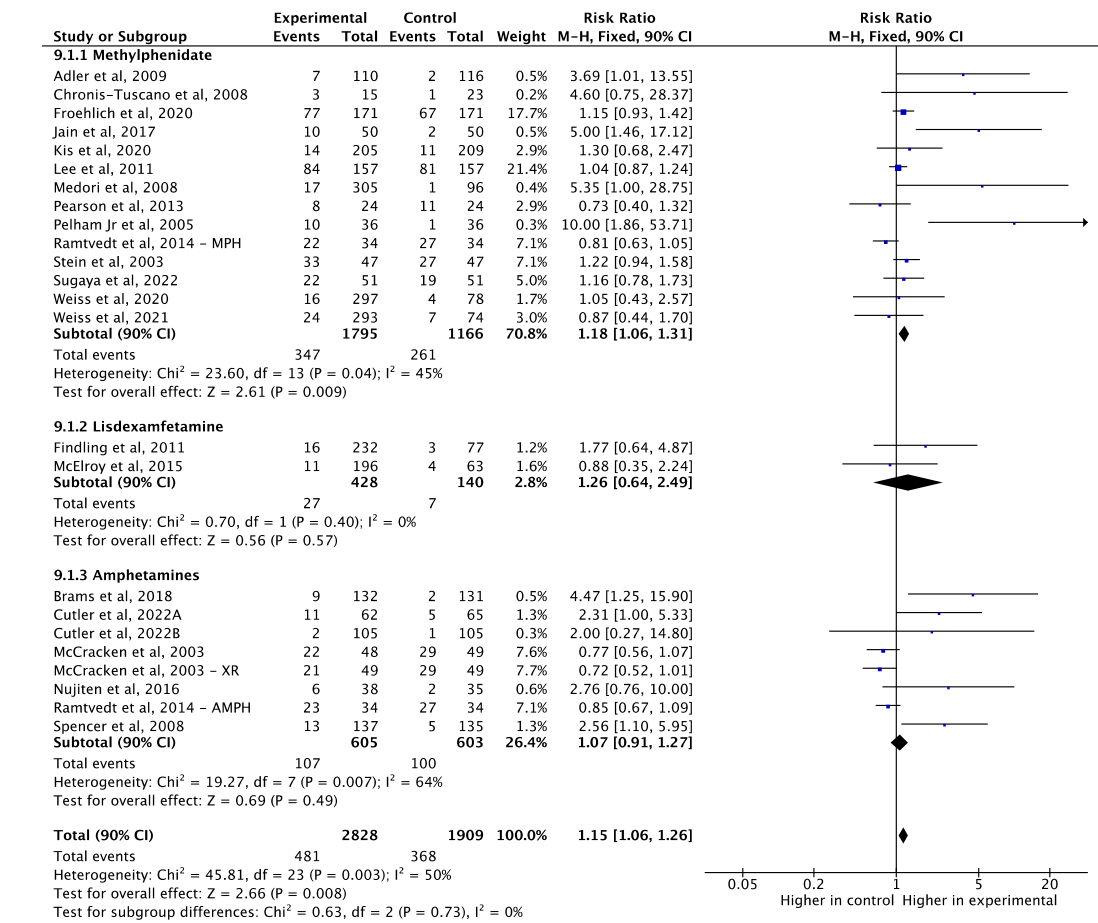


Figure legend: 90%CI, 90% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system; XR, extended-release.

eFigure 8a. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Anxiety** Between Control and Experimental Groups (95% confidence interval).

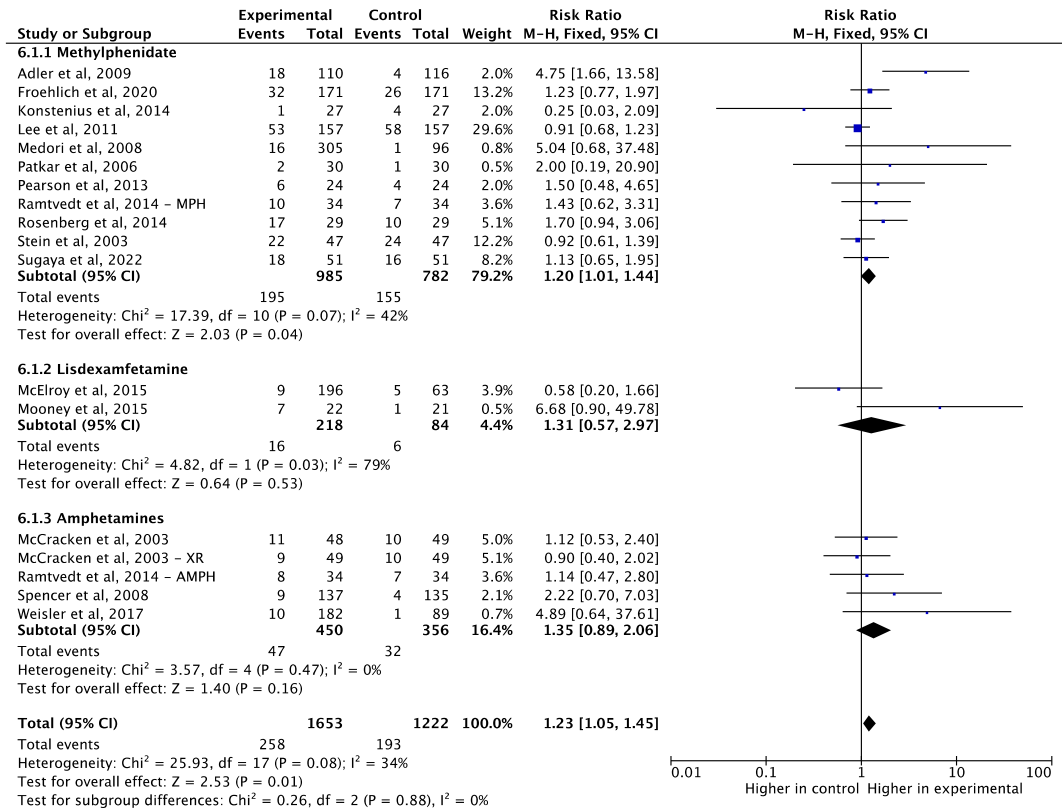


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eFigure 8b. Forest Plot Showing the Risk Ratio of **Anxiety** Between Control and Experimental Groups (90% confidence interval).

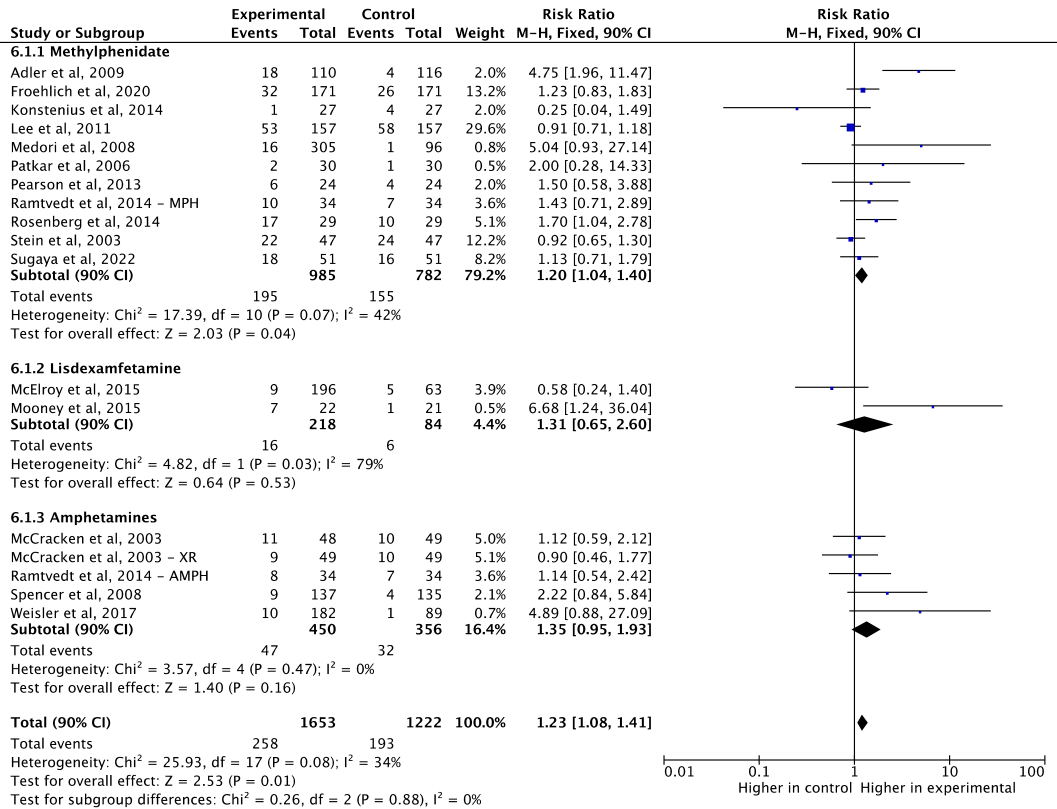
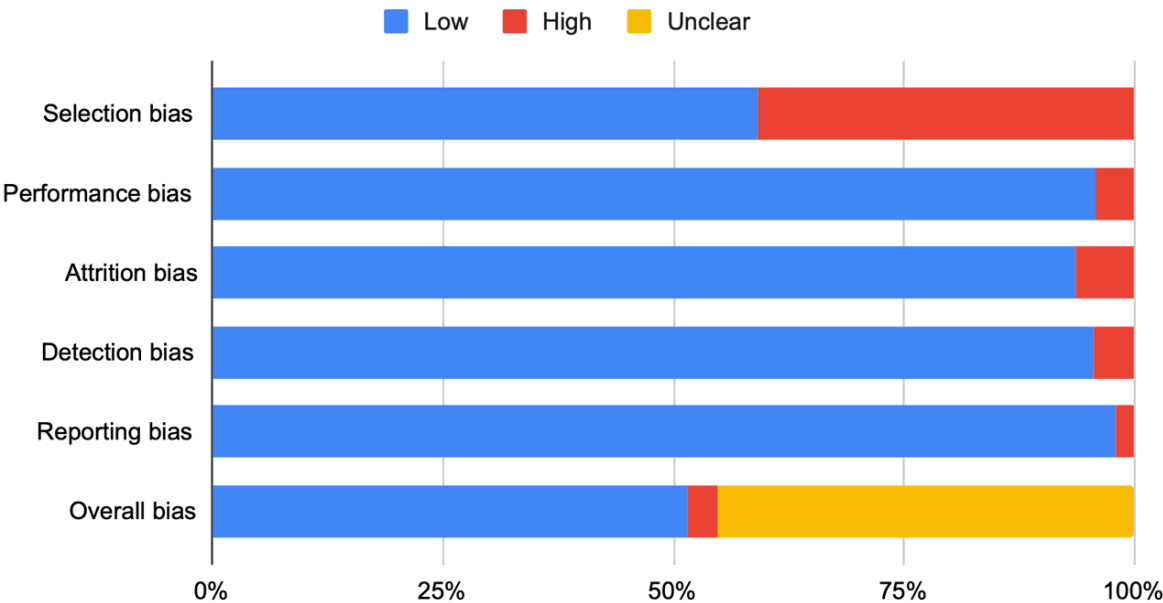


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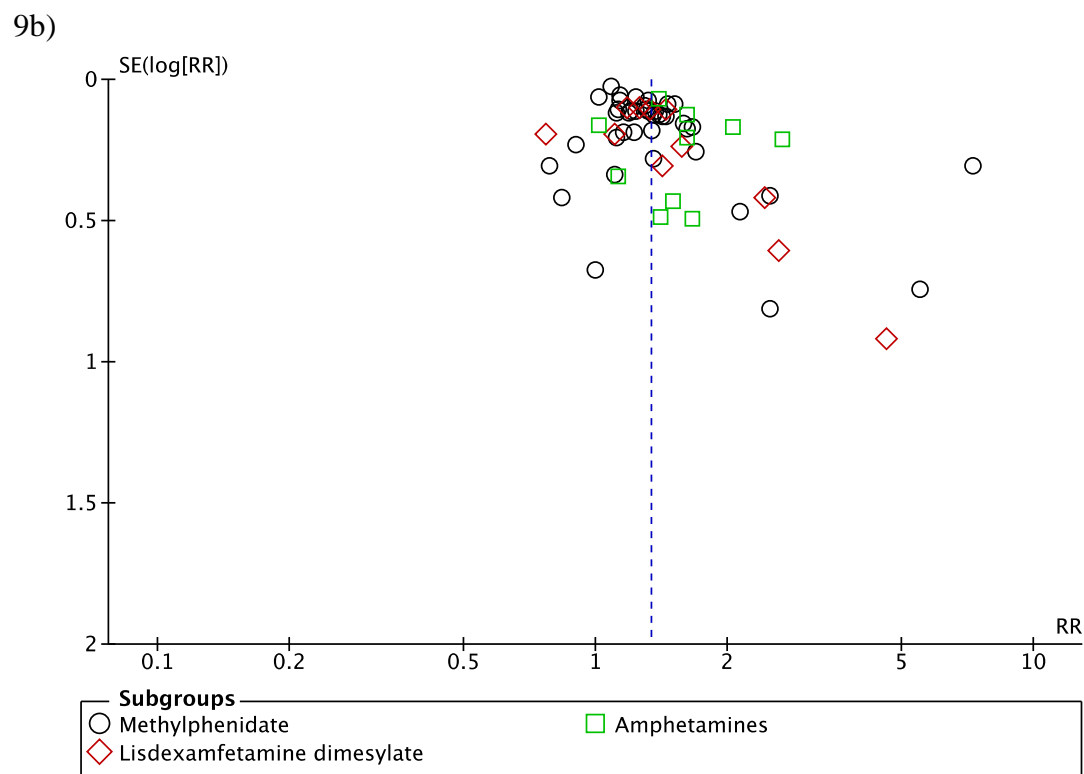
eFigure 9. Risk of Bias Assessment

Risk of bias was assessed and is illustrated (eFigure 9a). Roughly half of the studies were considered to have an overall low risk of bias and the other half considered to have an unclear risk of bias. the main reason for the unclear results were in the selection bias domain, as the randomization process was not clearly described in some of the included studies. Performance bias was mostly low, with the only exceptions being the few open-label studies without blinding. Attrition bias was also mostly low, with studies clearly stating dropout rates and achieving their targeted number of participants. Detection bias was low, as the measurement of outcomes was reported and consistent between groups in most studies. Reporting bias was also low, as most studies reported on the planned outcomes with no significant selective outcome reporting.

a)



eFigure 9a. Methodological quality assessment of the included studies.



eFigure 9b. Funnel plot and statistic tests results for publication bias considering the overall adverse events.

Fail-Safe N Analysis (File Drawer Analysis)

Fail-safe N	p
5566.000	<.001

Note. Fail-safe N Calculation Using the Rosenthal Approach

Rank Correlation Test for Funnel Plot Asymmetry

Kendall's Tau	p
0.142	0.102

Regression Test for Funnel Plot Asymmetry

Z	p
4.040	<.001

9c)

Causally interpretable meta-analysis

the Bayesian model⁹⁴ used provides a multilevel analysis of the log-transformed Risk Ratios (logRRs) across number of observations from studies meta-analyzed for overall adverse events (AEs), with a random intercept for each study^{95,96}. the analysis estimates the overall effect of the stimulants on the risk of AEs, accounting for variability across studies (eTable 4). Below we list the key findings from the model:

Intercept Estimate: the mean estimate for the treatment effect (logRR) is 0.38, with a 95% credible interval (CrI) ranging from 0.27 to 0.49. This suggests that, on average, the stimulants have a positive effect on the risk of adverse events, meaning that the risk is increased by 38% compared to the control group (in the original scale, this would be approximately $\exp(0.38) \approx 1.46$, or a 46% increase in risk). Since the entire CrI is above zero, we can infer that the stimulants are associated with an increase in risk.

Random Effects (Study-Level Variability): the standard deviation of the random intercepts for each study is 0.27 (95% CrI: 0.04 to 0.43). This indicates there is considerable variability in the treatment effects across different studies, suggesting that some studies report larger effects while others report smaller effects. This variability is accounted for by the random intercept structure, allowing for study-specific deviations from the overall mean effect.

Sigma (Residual Error): the standard deviation of the residuals (sigma) is 0.30 (95% CrI: 0.17 to 0.45), indicating the degree of unexplained variability in the logRR data after accounting for study-level differences. This suggests that while the stimulants are generally associated with an increase in risk, there is still considerable residual variability in the data that is not fully explained by the model.

Convergence Diagnostics: the model's Rhat values are all 1.00, which indicates that the chains have converged well, meaning that the model has successfully mixed and that the estimates are reliable. Rhat is a convergence diagnostic that compares the variance within each chain to the variance between chains. Additionally, the effective sample sizes (Bulk_ESS and Tail_ESS) are all sufficiently high, suggesting that the posterior estimates are stable and well-supported by the data.

eTable 4. Bayesian analysis for overall AEs

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error (Est.Error)	95% CrI Lower (l-95% CrI)	95% CrI Upper (u-95% CrI)	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept	0.38	0.05	0.27	0.49	1.00	3843	4159
Standard Deviation (study-level)	0.27	0.10	0.04	0.43	1.00	552	1772
Residual Standard Deviation (sigma)	0.30	0.08	0.17	0.45	1.01	545	1168

Table legend: **Estimate:** the posterior mean of the parameter, representing the best estimate of the parameter's value after accounting for the data and prior information. **Standard Error (Est.Error):** the standard deviation of the posterior distribution of the parameter, representing the uncertainty or variability in the estimate. **95% CrI Lower (l-95% CrI):** the lower bound of the 95% credible interval for the parameter, indicating the range within which the true value of the parameter lies with 95% probability. **95% CrI Upper (u-95% CrI):** the upper bound of the 95% credible interval for the parameter, indicating the range within which the true value of the parameter lies with 95% probability. **Rhat:** the potential scale reduction factor, which is a measure of convergence. An Rhat value close to 1.00 indicates that the chains have converged and that the parameter estimates are reliable. **Bulk_ESS:** the effective sample size for the bulk of the posterior distribution, which indicates how many independent samples the posterior resembles. Larger values indicate better mixing and more reliable estimates. **Tail_ESS:** the effective sample size for the tail of the posterior distribution, representing the reliability of extreme values in the distribution. Larger values suggest more reliable estimates of the tails.

the results from this Bayesian meta-analysis suggest that stimulants are associated with a statistically significant increase in the risk of adverse events. the positive treatment effect ($\log RR = 0.38$) means that, on average, stimulant treatment is linked to a 46% higher risk of experiencing adverse events compared to controls. Importantly, the 95% CrI for this effect does not cross zero, providing strong evidence that the stimulants do indeed increase the risk. Furthermore, the study-level variability captured by the random intercepts indicates that the treatment effects differ across studies, suggesting that some studies report stronger effects than others. This variability may be due to differences in study populations, methodologies, or other unaccounted factors. Overall, the model provides a robust estimate of the treatment effect and quantifies the uncertainty around that estimate. Given the credible intervals, this result can be considered as solid evidence of a positive association between stimulant use and adverse events. However, the residual error suggests there might still be additional factors influencing the risk, which were not captured in the model.

These findings underscore the importance of considering both the overall treatment effect and the study-level variability when interpreting meta-analytic results, especially when planning future research or clinical decisions based on this evidence. the posterior

distribution of the treatment effect (logRR) can be visualized through a plot (eFigure 10), which helps illustrate the uncertainty around the treatment effect estimate. This distribution allows to see the range of possible treatment effects, providing a clear picture of the precision of our estimate. Based on the model output, we can expect this distribution to be concentrated around 0.38, with a tail extending toward smaller and larger values of the effect.

eFigure 10. Posterior distribution for overall AEs

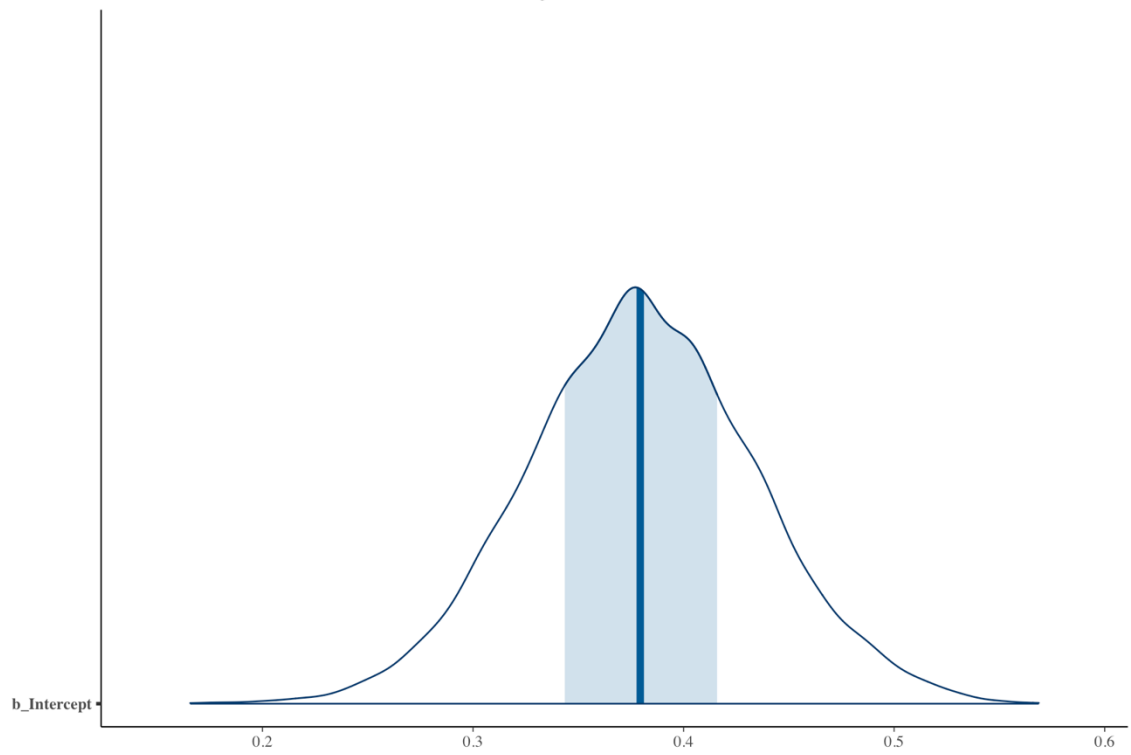


Figure legend: Posterior distribution of the treatment effect (logRR) for overall adverse events (AEs).

Example R code using Bayesian framework

```
## Install required packages
# install.packages(c("meta", "brms", "ggplot2", "bayesplot"))
## Load the libraries
library(meta)    # For meta-analysis
library(brms)    # For Bayesian meta-analysis
library(ggplot2) # For visualization
library(bayesplot) # For visualizing Bayesian results

# Load your data from the CSV file
data <- read.csv("Safety_of_Stimulants.csv") #

# Check the first few rows of the data
head(data)

## Ensure the data is structured properly for meta-analysis
# in our case, we created a 'meta-analysis' object for the Mantel-Haenszel method
# Perform the meta-analysis using Mantel-Haenszel method for Risk Ratio (RR)
meta_analysis <- metabin(
  event.e = event.e,      # Number of events in the exposed group
  n.e = n.e,              # Number of participants in the exposed group
  event.c = event.c,      # Number of events in the control group
  n.c = n.c,              # Number of participants in the control group
  data = data,            # Your dataset
  sm = "RR",              # Effect size: Risk Ratio (RR)
  method = "MH"           # Mantel-Haenszel method
)

# Print the meta-analysis results
print(meta_analysis)

# Generate the forest plot
forest(meta_analysis,
  main = "Forest Plot for Risk Ratio",
  xlab = "Risk Ratio (95% CI)",
  refline = 1,            # Reference line at RR = 1 (null effect)
  fontsize = 14,          # Font size
  digits = 2)             # Display Risk Ratios with 2 decimal places

## Creating a data frame with the necessary variables
# We used study-specific effect sizes and variances
# Calculate the Risk Ratio (RR) and its log-transformed version for the Bayesian
analysis
data$RR <- data$event.e / data$n.e / (data$event.c / data$n.c) # Calculate Risk Ratio for
each study
data$logRR <- log(data$RR) # Log-transformed Risk Ratio (used in the Bayesian
model)
# Create a new column for standard error of the log(RR)
# Standard error of logRR can be calculated as:
```

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# SE(logRR) = sqrt(1/event.e + 1/event.c - 1/n.e - 1/n.c)
data$logRR_se <- sqrt(1/data$event.e + 1/data$event.c - 1/data$n.e - 1/data$n.c)
# Ensure the 'study' variable is a factor
data$study <- factor(data$study)
# Check the levels of the study variable
levels(data$study)
# Remove rows with Inf values in logRR
data_clean <- data[!is.infinite(data$logRR), ]
# Check the summary again
summary(data_clean$logRR)

## Fit a Bayesian random effects model using brms
bayesian_model <- brm(
  formula = logRR ~ 1 + (1|study), # Model with random intercepts
  data = data_clean,             # Cleaned data
  family = gaussian(),           # Gaussian distribution for the log(RR)
  prior = c(
    prior(normal(0, 5), class = "Intercept") # Prior for the intercept
  ),
  chains = 4,                   # Number of chains
  iter = 4000,                  # Increased number of iterations
  warmup = 2000,                # Increased warm-up iterations
  control = list(adapt_delta = 0.95) # Control to reduce divergent transitions
)
# Print the summary of the Bayesian model
summary(bayesian_model)
# Visualize the posterior distribution of the treatment effect (logRR)
posterior <- as.array(bayesian_model)
bayesplot::mcmc_areas(posterior, pars = "b_Intercept") +
  ggtitle("Posterior Distribution of Treatment Effect (logRR)")
summary(data$logRR)

```

Bayesian Framework for Meta-Analysis Using brms

in this analysis, we used Bayesian random effects modeling to estimate the treatment effect (in this case, the log of the Risk Ratio, or logRR) across multiple studies.^{96,97} This approach provides a way to incorporate prior knowledge and quantify uncertainty in model parameters, rather than relying on frequentist point estimates.

1. Hierarchical (Random Effects) Model

the Bayesian approach can be thought of as an extension of the classical random effects model. in a random effects meta-analysis, the true effect of the treatment is assumed to vary across studies. the model accounts for both within-study and between-study variance.

the general hierarchical model for the log-transformed Risk Ratio (logRR) in the Bayesian framework can be expressed as:

$$y_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_{study}^2)$$

Where:

- y_i represents the log-transformed effect size (logRR) for the i-th study.
 μ_i is the study-specific mean effect, modeled as the overall treatment effect μ plus a random effect u_i :

$$\mu_i = \mu + u_i$$

where $u_i \sim N(0, \sigma_{study}^2)$ represents the random effect for the i-th study, and σ_{study}^2 is the between-study variance.

- σ_{study}^2 represents the variance of the random effects (study-level deviations).

the model specification used in the `brm()` function, $\text{logRR} \sim 1 + (1 \mid \text{study})$, corresponds to the following:

$$y_i = \mu + u_i + \epsilon_i$$

Where:

- y_i is the global intercept, representing the overall treatment effect across studies (i.e., the average logRR).
- u_i is the random intercept for the i-th study, capturing the variability in the treatment effect across studies.
- $\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma_{obs}^2)$ represents the residual error for each study, modeling within-study variation.

2. Prior Distributions

in Bayesian inference, we must specify prior distributions for the model parameters. in the R code, a normal prior is used for the intercept:

$$\mu \sim N(0,5)$$

This means that we assume a prior belief that the average treatment effect is normally distributed with a mean of 0 (no effect) and a standard deviation of 5. This prior distribution reflects the uncertainty about the average treatment effect before observing the data. For the random effects variance σ_{study}^2 , a default prior (usually half-Cauchy or inverse gamma) is used, but it can be specified explicitly if needed.

3. Posterior Distribution

Once the model is specified and the data are observed, the goal of Bayesian analysis is to estimate the posterior distribution of the parameters. the posterior distribution combines the prior beliefs and the likelihood of the data:

$$p(\mu, \sigma_{study}^2 | y) \propto p(y | \mu, \sigma_{study}^2) p(\mu) p(\sigma_{study}^2)$$

Where:

- $p(y | \mu, \sigma_{study}^2)$ is the likelihood of observing the data given the parameters.
- $p(\mu)$ and $p(\sigma_{study}^2)$ are the prior distributions for the parameters.

the posterior is computed using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods, which provide samples from the posterior distribution. These samples can be used to estimate the parameter values, quantify uncertainty, and make inferences about the treatment effect.

4. Posterior Summaries and Visualization

Once the posterior distribution is obtained, we typically summarize it using various statistics:

- Posterior mean: the average of the samples, representing the best estimate of the parameter.
- Posterior credible intervals (CrIs): intervals within which the parameter lies with a specified probability (e.g., 95% credible interval).

For the parameter of interest, μ (the average logRR), the posterior distribution is summarized as:

$$\mu \sim N(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}_{\mu}^2)$$

Where $\hat{\mu}$ is the posterior mean and $\hat{\sigma}_{\mu}^2$ is the posterior variance.

We can visualize the posterior distribution using plots, such as the MCMC trace plot or density plot, to assess convergence and uncertainty.

5. Model Output

the output of the `brm()` function includes:

- Posterior estimates of the fixed effects (overall treatment effect, μ) and the random effects variance (σ_{study}^2).
- Diagnostics: checking for convergence (e.g., Gelman-Rubin diagnostic), effective sample size, and autocorrelation.
- Posterior predictive checks: evaluating the fit of the model to the data.

Mathematical Model Summary:

1. Model Formula:

$$y_i = \mu + u_i + \epsilon_i$$

- y_i is the log-transformed treatment effect for study i .
- μ is the global mean treatment effect.
- u_i is the random effect (study-specific deviation).
- ϵ_i is the residual error.

2. Random Effects:

$$u_i \sim N(0, \sigma_{study}^2)$$

3. Prior Distribution for Intercept:

$$\mu \sim N(0, 5)$$

4. Likelihood:

$$p(y_i | \mu, \sigma_{study}^2) = N(y_i | \mu, \sigma_{study}^2 + \sigma_{obs}^2)$$

5. Posterior:

$$p(\mu, \sigma_{study}^2 | y) \propto p(y | \mu, \sigma_{study}^2) p(\mu) p(\sigma_{study}^2)$$

Systolic Blood Pressure (SBP)

We fit a Bayesian random effects model to investigate the relationship between stimulant medication use and changes in systolic blood pressure (SBP) across studies (eTable 5 and eFigure 11). the model accounts for study-specific variations in the outcome.

the intercept estimate is 0.46 (95% CrI: -0.48 to 1.39), suggesting a modest positive effect of stimulant medication on systolic blood pressure across studies. This implies a small increase in systolic blood pressure as a result of stimulant use, but with substantial uncertainty about the exact size of the effect.

the study-level variability ($sd = 1.64$, 95% CrI: 0.11 to 2.97) indicates notable differences in the magnitude of SBP responses across individual studies, reflecting the heterogeneity in treatment effects across studies. This highlights the diversity of outcomes in different trial settings.

the residual standard deviation ($\sigma = 1.37$, 95% CrI: 0.29 to 2.79) reflects unexplained variability in SBP changes even after accounting for study-specific effects, suggesting that additional factors not captured in the model may influence systolic blood pressure changes.

Model diagnostics:

R-hat values are close to 1 for most parameters (1.00 for the intercept, 1.01 for study variability, 1.01 for residual variability), indicating that the model chains have converged well and that the parameter estimates are reliable.

Effective sample sizes are sufficiently large (Bulk ESS and Tail ESS), particularly for the intercept and study variability, ensuring reliable posterior estimates for these parameters. However, the residual variability has a lower effective sample size (Bulk ESS = 749, Tail ESS = 3308), which may warrant some caution in interpreting the residual standard deviation.

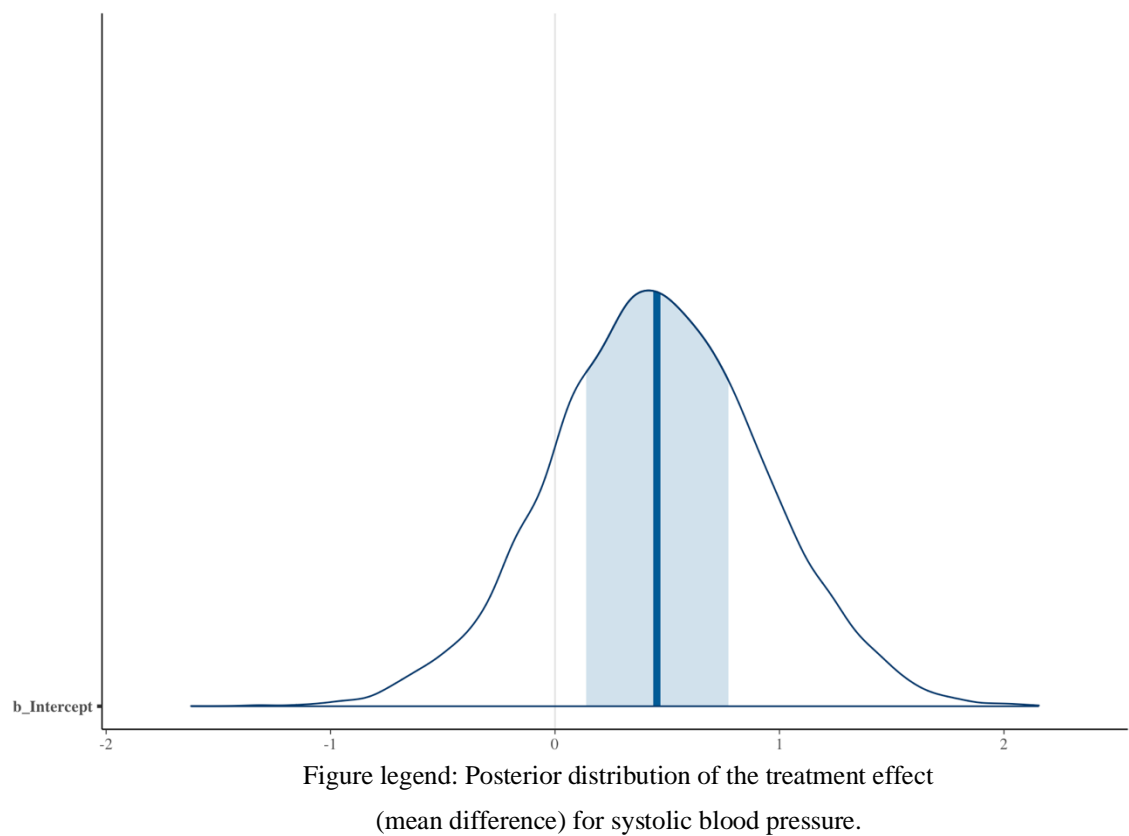
Since the data come from controlled trials, we can make a causal inference that stimulant medications are associated with changes in systolic blood pressure. the randomized design of the studies helps control for confounding factors, allowing us to attribute the observed changes in SBP to the stimulant treatment. While the model diagnostics suggest good convergence and reliable estimates, the study-level variability and residual variability point to the need for further exploration. Additional iterations, including more studies, or pooling individual participant data may help improve the robustness and precision of these findings.

eTable 5. Bayesian analysis results for systolic blood pressure

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error (Est.Error)	95% CrI Lower (l-95% CrI)	95% CrI Upper (u-95% CrI)	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept	0.46	0.47	-0.48	1.39	1.00	3014	1698
Standard Deviation (study-level)	1.64	0.77	0.11	2.97	1.01	749	3308
Residual Standard Deviation (sigma)	1.37	0.72	0.29	2.79	1.01	440	542

Table Legend: **Estimate:** the posterior mean of the parameter, representing the best estimate of the parameter's value after accounting for the data and prior information. **Standard Error (Est.Error):** the standard deviation of the posterior distribution of the parameter, representing the uncertainty or variability in the estimate. **95% CrI Lower (l-95% CrI):** the lower bound of the 95% credible interval for the parameter, indicating the range within which the true value of the parameter lies with 95% probability. **95% CrI Upper (u-95% CrI):** the upper bound of the 95% credible interval for the parameter, indicating the range within which the true value of the parameter lies with 95% probability. **Rhat:** the potential scale reduction factor, which is a measure of convergence. An Rhat value close to 1.00 indicates that the chains have converged and that the parameter estimates are reliable. **Bulk_ESS:** the effective sample size for the bulk of the posterior distribution, which indicates how many independent samples the posterior resembles. Larger values indicate better mixing and more reliable estimates. **Tail_ESS:** the effective sample size for the tail of the posterior distribution, representing the reliability of extreme values in the distribution. Larger values suggest more reliable estimates of the tails.

eFigure 11. Posterior distribution for systolic blood pressure



Diastolic Blood Pressure (DBP)

We fit a Bayesian random effects model to investigate the relationship between stimulant medication use and changes in diastolic blood pressure (denoted as μ_d , mean difference) across studies. This model accounts for study-specific variations in the outcome (eTable 7 and eFigure 13).

the intercept estimate is 1.86 (95% CrI: 0.64 to 3.01), suggesting a positive effect of stimulant medication on diastolic blood pressure across studies. This indicates a baseline increase in DBP associated with stimulant use.

the study-level variability ($\text{sd} = 2.46$, 95% CrI: 0.32 to 4.10) shows considerable differences in the magnitude of DBP responses across individual studies, highlighting the heterogeneity in effects. This variability suggests that while the overall effect is positive, the response to stimulant medications varies significantly between studies.

the residual standard deviation ($\sigma = 1.56$, 95% CrI: 0.31 to 3.66) reflects unexplained variability in DBP changes even after accounting for study-specific effects. This suggests that while the model accounts for study-level differences, some degree of variability remains that cannot be attributed to specific studies.

Model Diagnostics:

R-hat values are close to 1 for most parameters (1.00 for the intercept, 1.01 for study variability, 1.01 for residual variability), indicating good convergence of the model chains. These values suggest that the model has adequately converged and the parameter estimates are reliable.

Effective sample sizes (Bulk ESS and Tail ESS) are sufficiently large, particularly for the intercept and study variability, indicating reliable posterior estimates for these parameters. For example, the Bulk ESS for the intercept is 940, and the Tail ESS is 1242, indicating high confidence in the estimates. However, some caution is warranted when interpreting the residual variability due to a slightly lower effective sample size (Bulk ESS = 199, Tail ESS = 148), which suggests that the estimate of residual variability may be less precise.

Since the data come from controlled trials, we can make a causal inference that stimulant medications are associated with increased diastolic blood pressure. the randomized design helps control for confounding factors, allowing us to attribute changes in DBP to the stimulant treatment. While the model diagnostics suggest adequate convergence and reliable estimates, the study-level variability and residual variability point to the need for further exploration. Additional iterations, including more studies, or pooling individual participant data may help improve the robustness and precision of these findings.

eTable 6. Bayesian analysis results for diastolic blood pressure

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error (Est.Error)	95% CrI Lower (l-95% CrI)	95% CrI Upper (u-95% CrI)	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept	1.86	0.61	0.64	3.01	1.00	940	1242
Standard Deviation (study-level)	2.46	0.92	0.32	4.10	1.01	557	2454
Residual Standard Deviation (σ)	1.56	0.97	0.31	3.66	1.01	199	148

Table Legend: **Estimate:** the posterior mean of the parameter, representing the best estimate of the parameter's value after accounting for the data and prior information. **Standard Error (Est.Error):** the standard deviation of the posterior distribution of the parameter, representing the uncertainty or variability in the estimate. **95% CrI Lower (l-95% CrI):** the lower bound of the 95% credible interval for the parameter, indicating the range within which the true value of the parameter lies with 95% probability. **95% CrI Upper (u-95% CrI):** the upper bound of the 95% credible interval for the parameter, indicating the range within which the true value of the parameter lies with 95% probability. **Rhat:** the potential scale reduction factor, which is a measure of convergence. An Rhat value close to 1.00 indicates that the chains have converged and that the parameter estimates are reliable. **Bulk_ESS:** the effective sample size for the bulk of the posterior distribution, which indicates how many independent samples the posterior resembles. Larger values indicate better mixing and more reliable estimates. **Tail_ESS:** the effective sample size for the tail of the posterior distribution, representing the reliability of extreme values in the distribution. Larger values suggest more reliable estimates of the tails.

eFigure 12. Posterior distribution for diastolic blood pressure

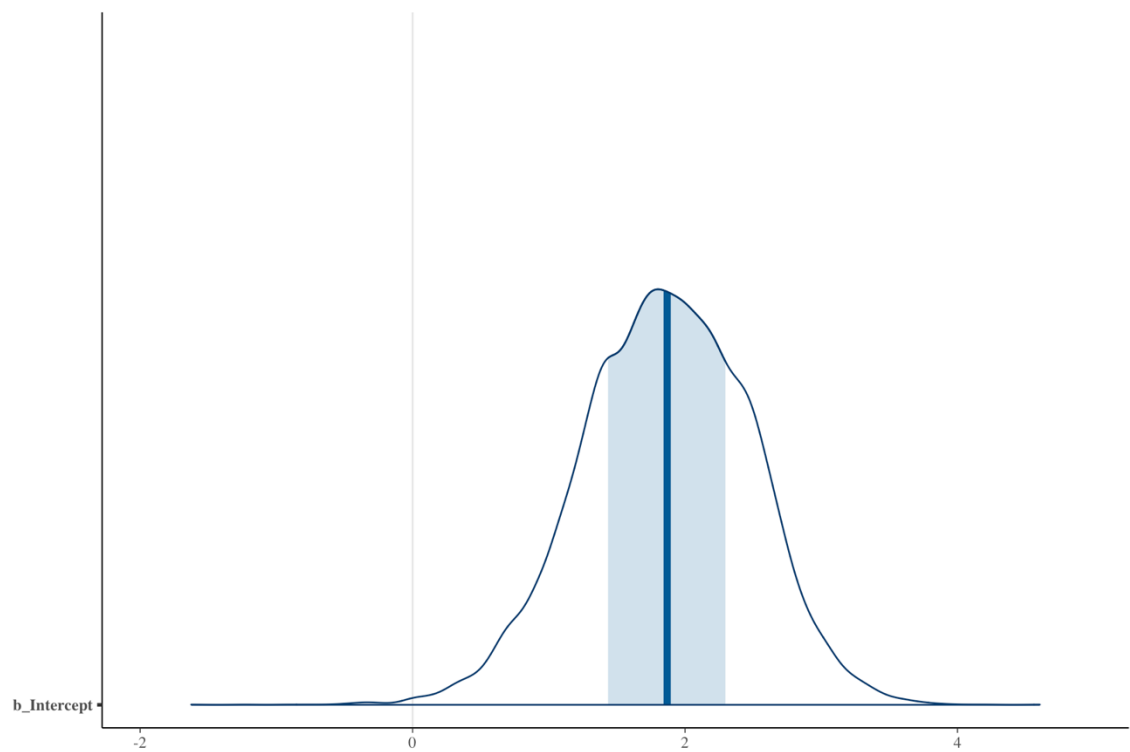


Figure legend: Posterior distribution of the treatment effect (mean difference) for diastolic blood pressure.

Heart Rate (HR)

We fit a Bayesian random effects model to investigate the relationship between stimulant medication use and changes in heart rate (denoted as *md*, mean difference) across studies (*eTable 7* and *eFigure 13*). the model accounts for study-specific variations in the outcome.

the **intercept estimate** is 1.83 (95% CrI: 0.52 to 3.01), suggesting a positive effect of stimulant medication on heart rate across studies. This indicates a baseline increase in heart rate as a result of stimulant use.

the **study-level variability** ($sd = 2.50$, 95% CrI: 0.30 to 4.19) shows considerable differences in the magnitude of heart rate responses across individual studies, highlighting the heterogeneity in effects.

the **residual standard deviation** ($\sigma = 1.56$, 95% CrI: 0.33 to 3.71) reflects unexplained variability in heart rate changes even after accounting for study-specific effects.

Model diagnostics:

R-hat values are close to 1 for most parameters (1.00 for the intercept, 1.01 for study variability, 1.02 for residual variability), suggesting good convergence of the model chains.

Effective sample sizes are sufficiently large (Bulk ESS and Tail ESS), particularly for the intercept and study variability, indicating reliable posterior estimates for these parameters. However, some caution is warranted when interpreting the residual variability due to a somewhat lower ESS (Bulk ESS = 336, Tail ESS = 565).

Since the data come from controlled trials, we can make a causal inference that stimulant medications are associated with increased heart rate. the randomized design helps to control for confounding factors, allowing us to attribute changes in heart rate to the stimulant treatment. While the model diagnostics suggest adequate convergence and reliable estimates, the study-level variability and residual variability point to the need for further exploration. Additional iterations, including more studies, or pooling individual participant data may help improve the robustness and precision of these findings.

eTable 7. Bayesian analysis results for heart rate

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error (Est.Error)	95% CrI Lower (l-95% CrI)	95% CrI Upper (u-95% CrI)	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept	1.83	0.63	0.52	3.01	1.00	2653	2156
Standard Deviation (study-level)	2.50	0.95	0.30	4.19	1.01	785	2749
Residual Standard Deviation (sigma)	1.56	0.98	0.33	3.71	1.02	336	565

Table legend: **Estimate:** the posterior mean of the parameter, representing the best estimate of the parameter's value after accounting for the data and prior information. **Standard Error (Est.Error):** the standard deviation of the posterior distribution of the parameter, representing the uncertainty or variability in the estimate. **95% CrI Lower (l-95% CrI):** the lower bound of the 95% credible interval for the parameter, indicating the range within which the true value of the parameter lies with 95% probability. **95% CrI Upper (u-95% CrI):** the upper bound of the 95% credible interval for the parameter, indicating the range within which the true value of the parameter lies with 95% probability. **Rhat:** the potential scale reduction factor, which is a measure of convergence. An Rhat value close to 1.00 indicates that the chains have converged and that the parameter estimates are reliable. **Bulk_ESS:** the effective sample size for the bulk of the posterior distribution, which indicates how many independent samples the posterior resembles. Larger values indicate better mixing and more reliable estimates. **Tail_ESS:** the effective sample size for the tail of the posterior distribution, representing the reliability of extreme values in the distribution. Larger values suggest more reliable estimates of the tails.

eFigure 13. Posterior distribution for heart rate

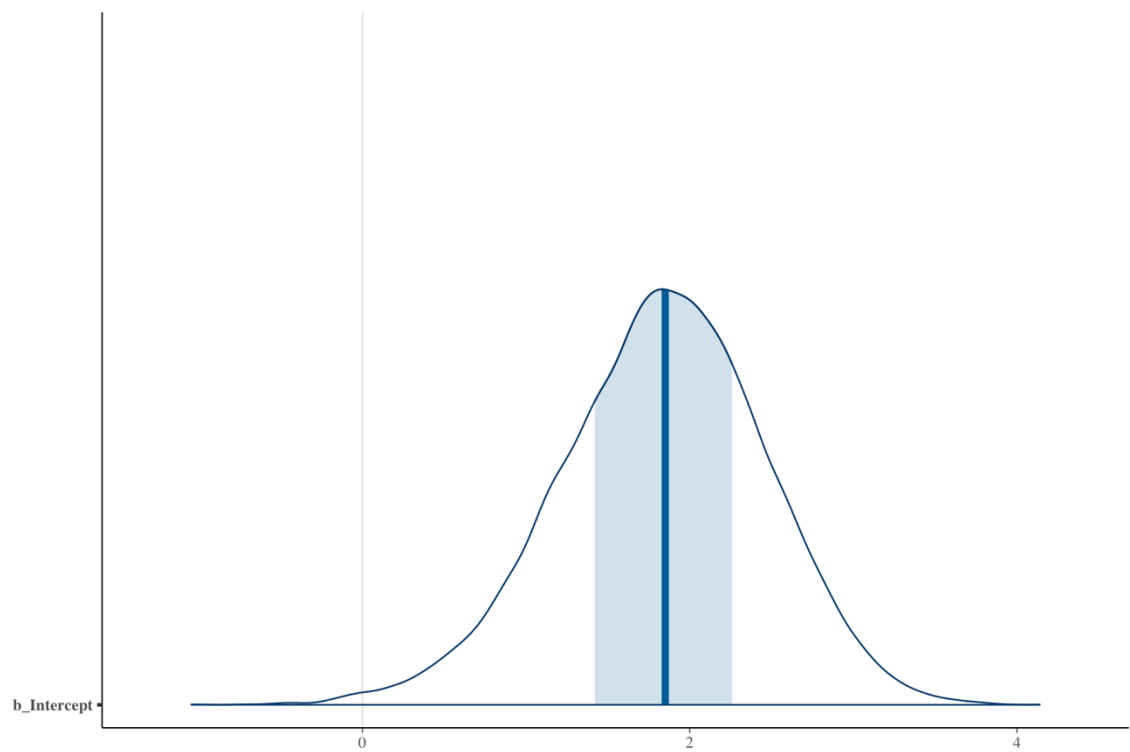


Figure legend: Posterior distribution of the treatment effect
(mean difference) for heart rate.

Methods for subgroup division in the forest plots

To explore potential sources of heterogeneity in the meta-analysis, we conducted subgroup analyses based on age, duration of drug use, and drug dose. These subgroup classifications were applied consistently across all included studies to enable meaningful comparisons and to assess potential moderators of treatment effects.

Age Subgroups

Participants were categorized into two age groups: children/adolescents, defined as individuals up to 18 years old, and adults/older adults, defined as individuals over 18 years old. This classification was based on widely accepted age groupings in clinical and epidemiological research, as well as the most used divisions found in the included studies.

Duration of Drug Use Subgroups

the duration of drug use was classified into three categories: short-term use, defined as four or fewer weeks of treatment; medium-term use, defined as five to 12 weeks of treatment; and long-term use, defined as 13 or more weeks of treatment.⁹⁸

Drug Dose Subgroups

Drug doses were categorized as low, medium, or high according to the drug labels provided by regulatory agencies and manufacturers. When necessary, dose ranges were standardized across studies to facilitate comparison.

eFigures 14-44. Forest plots dividing groups according to participant age.

eFigure 14. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

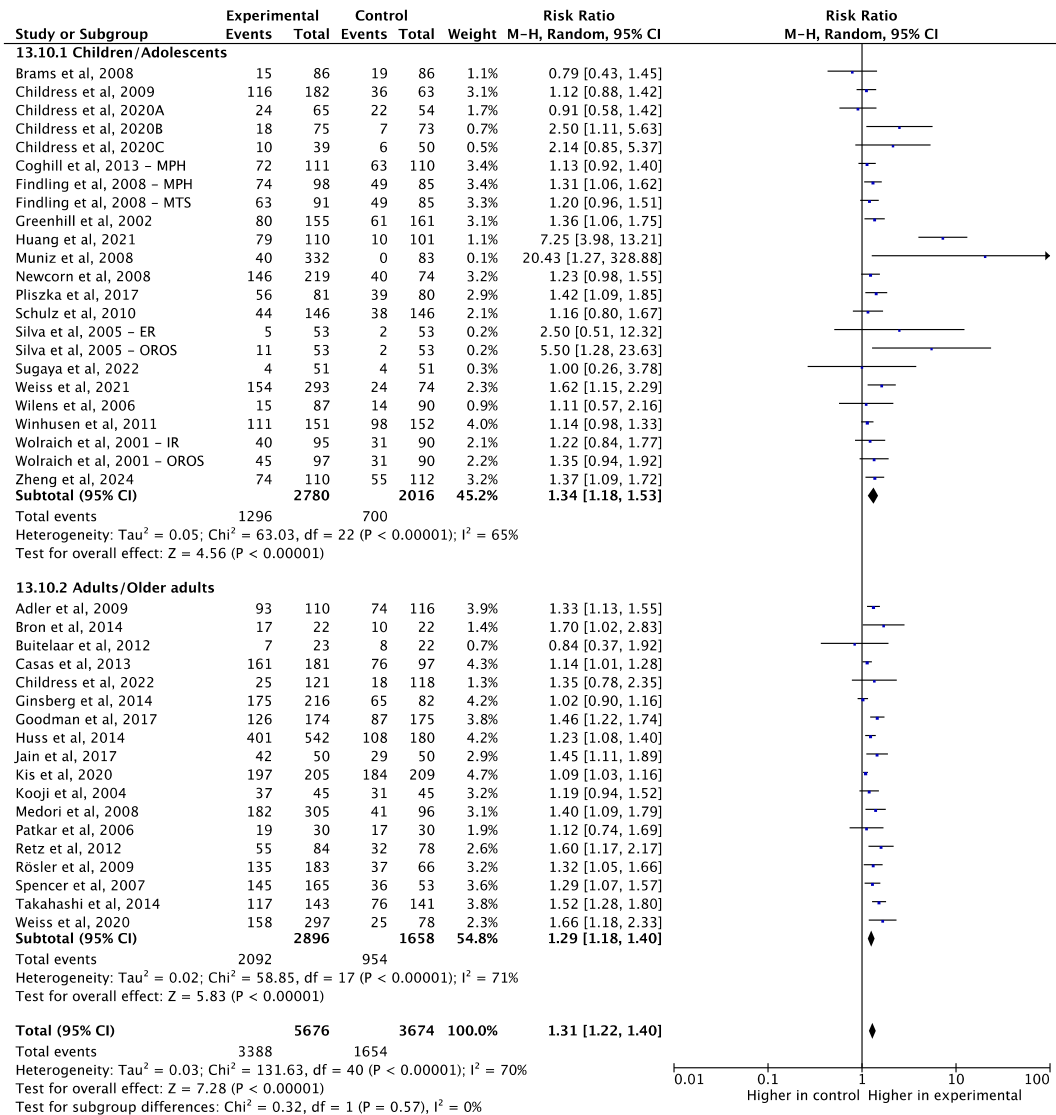


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IR, immediate release; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system; OROS, osmotic release oral system; XR, ER extended-release.

eFigure 15. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

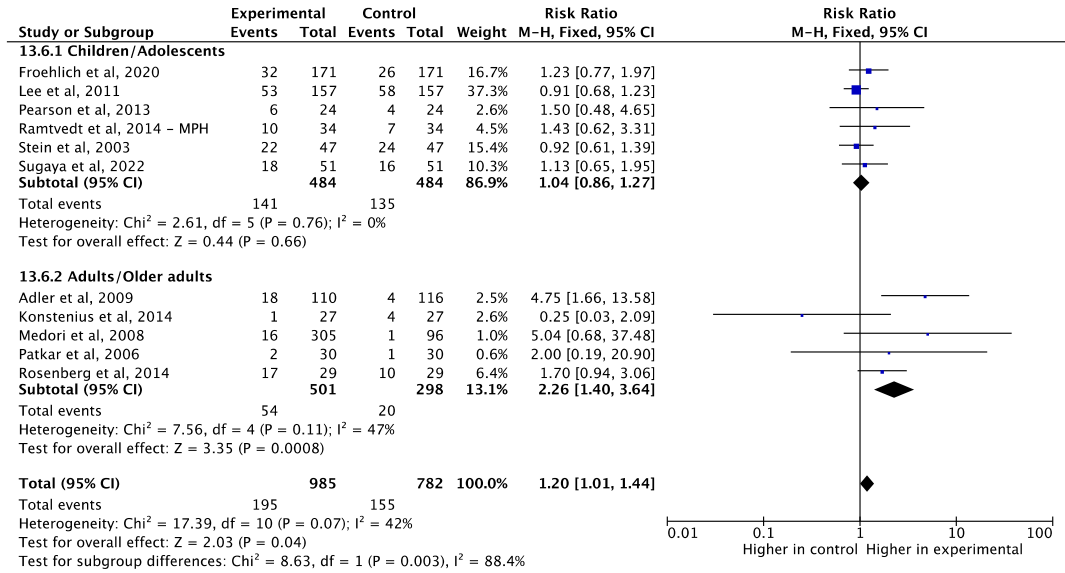


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 16. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

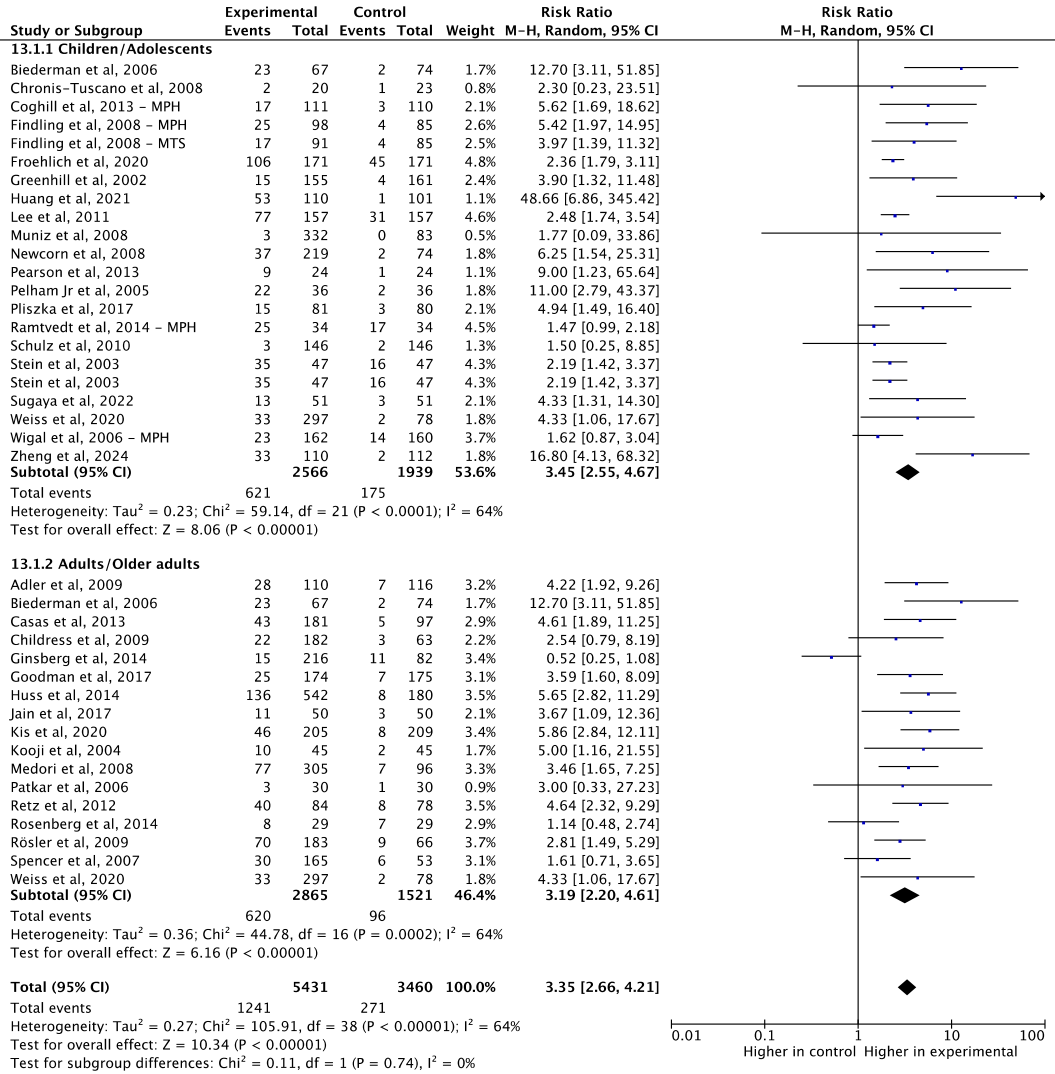


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system.

eFigure 17. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

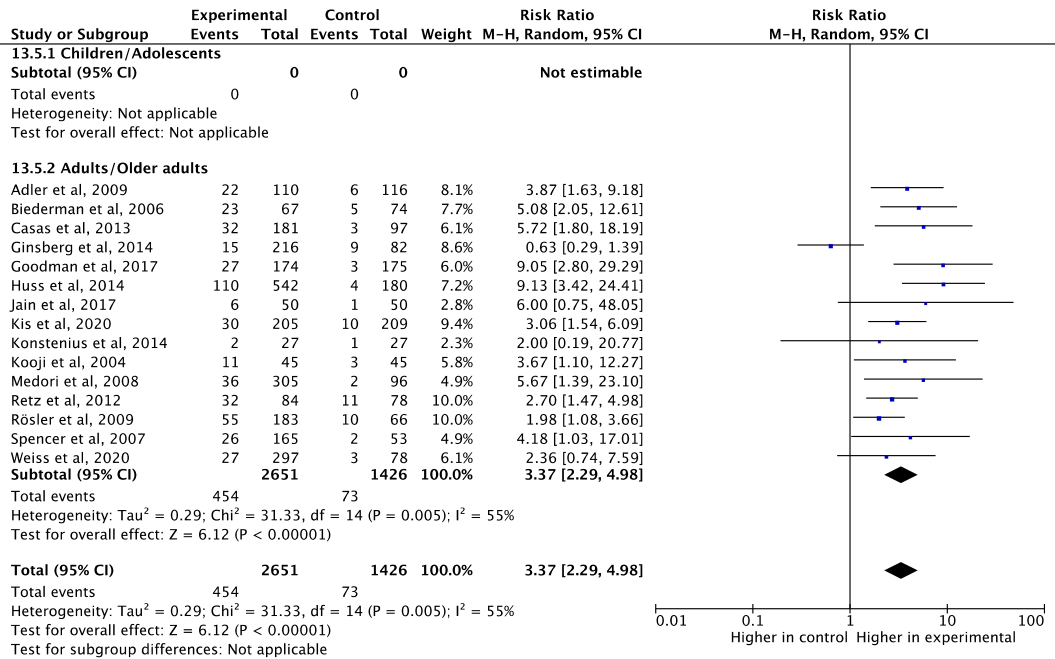


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing children/adolescents was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 18. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

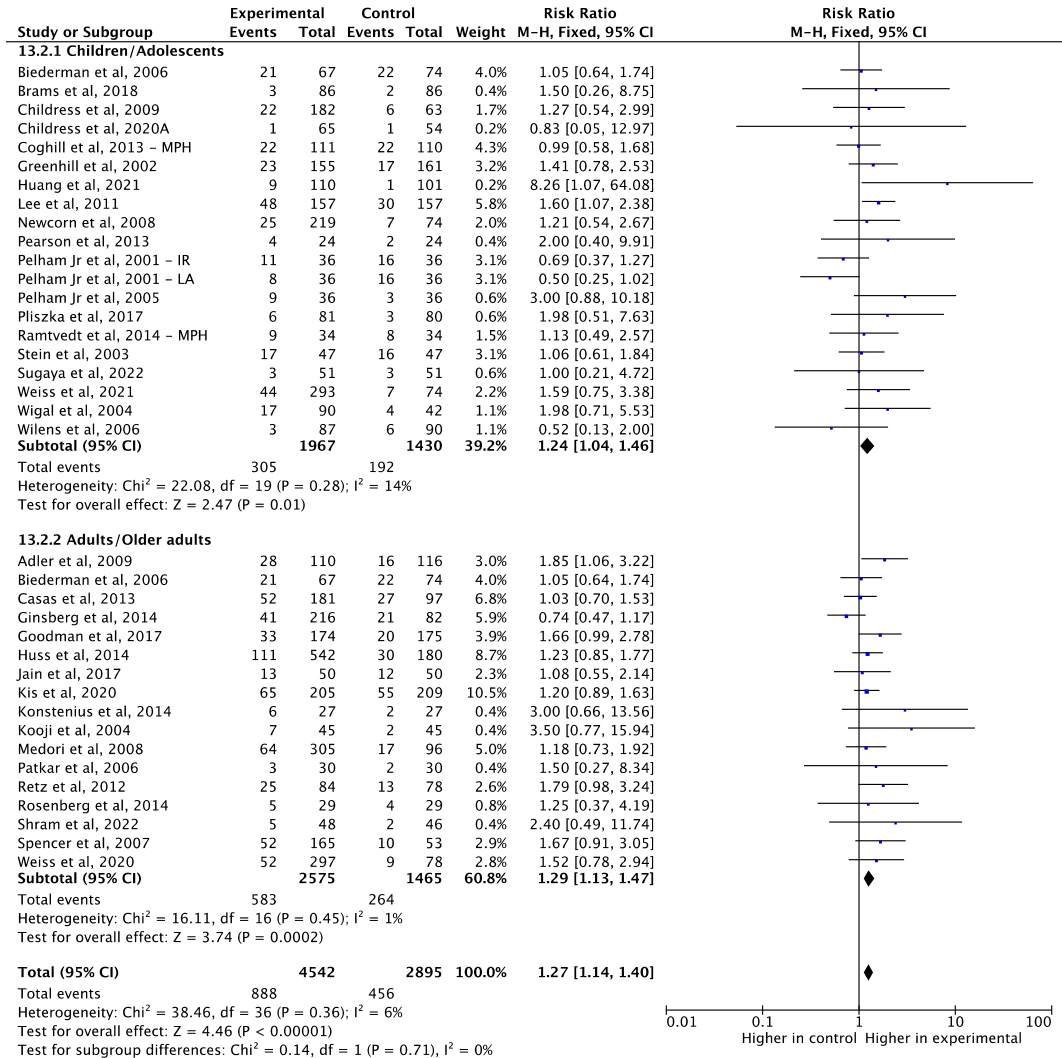


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IR, immediate release; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; LA, long-acting; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 19. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

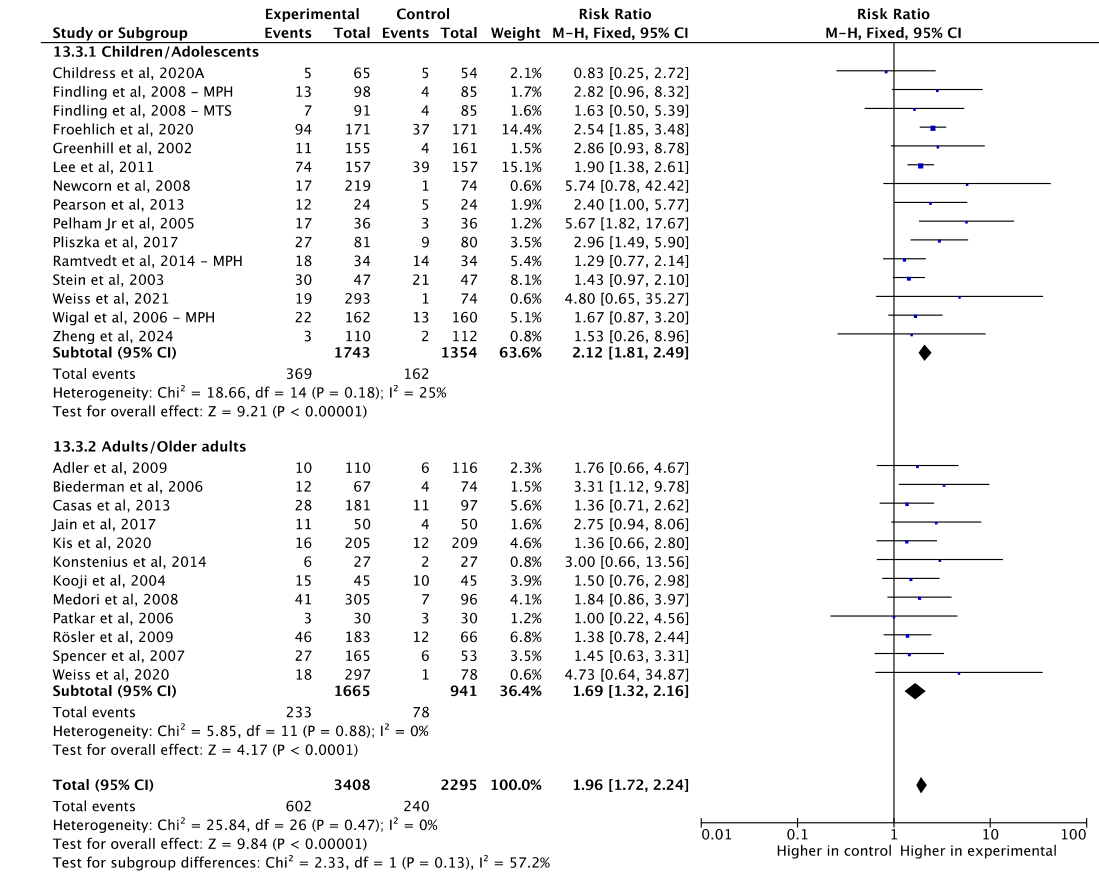


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system.

eFigure 20. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

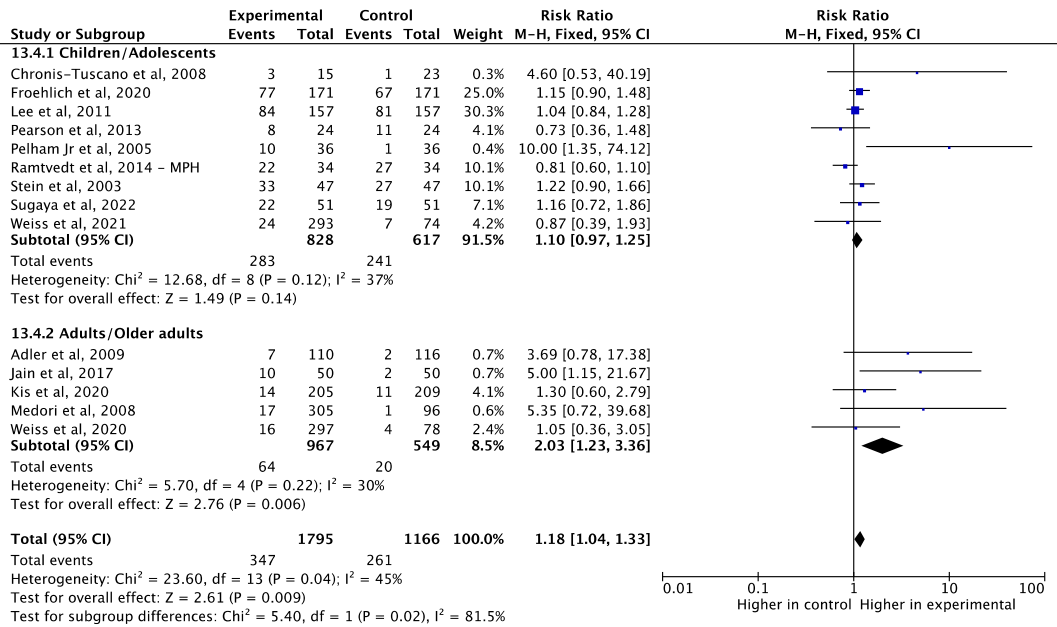


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 21. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

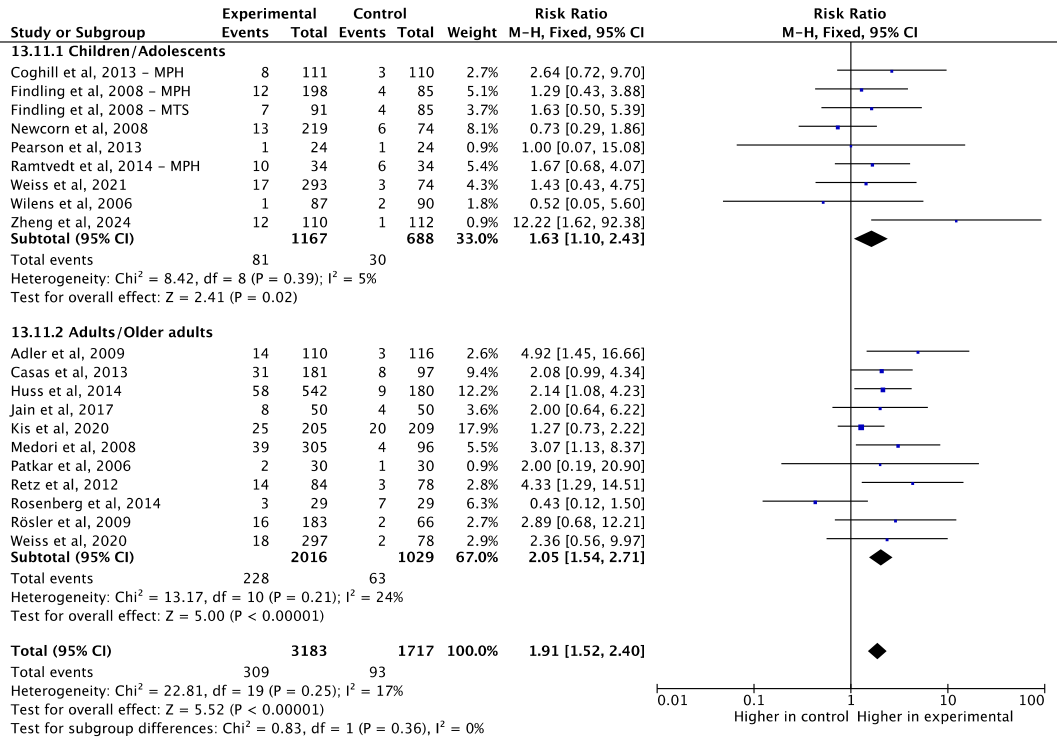


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; MTS, transdermal system.

eFigure 22. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

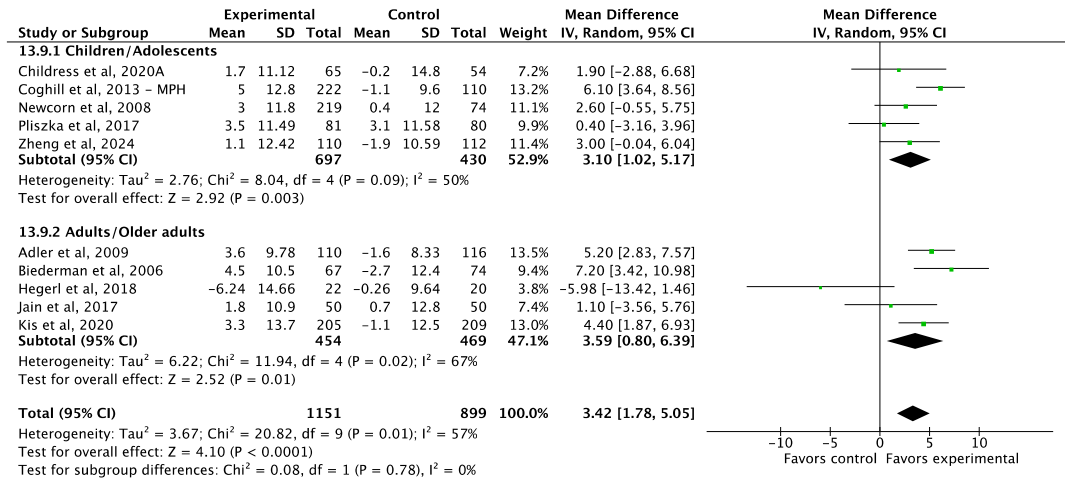


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 23. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

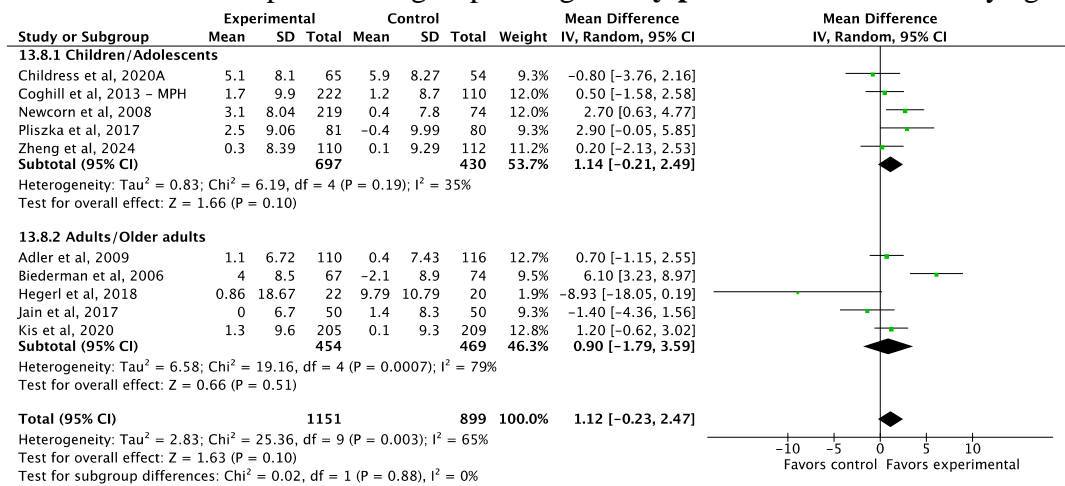


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 24. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** subdivided by age.

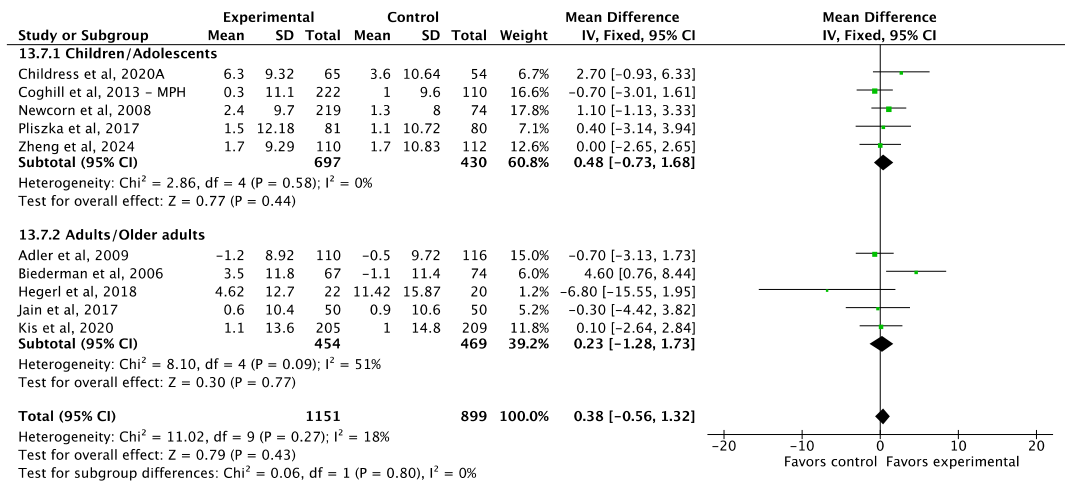


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 25. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

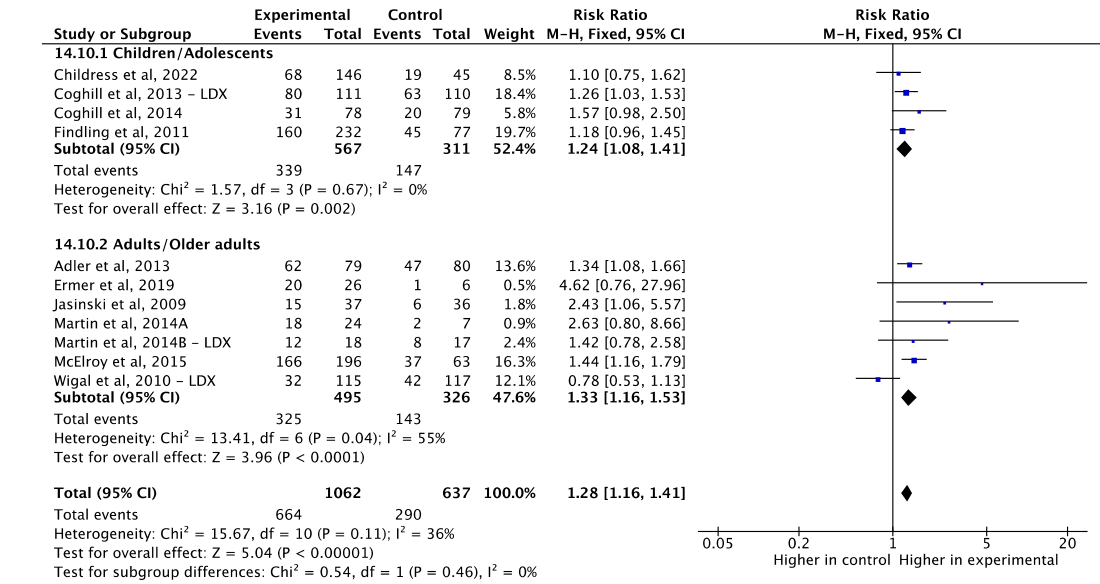


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel.

eFigure 26. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

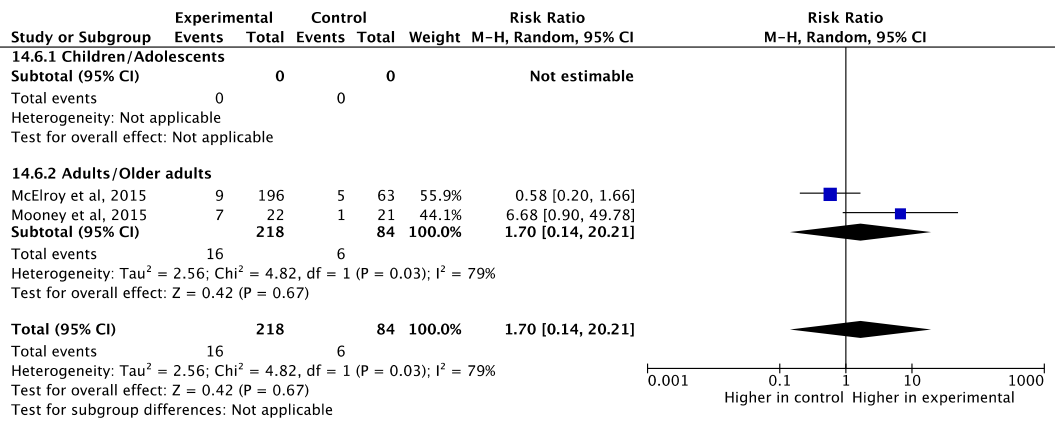


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing children/adolescents was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 27. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

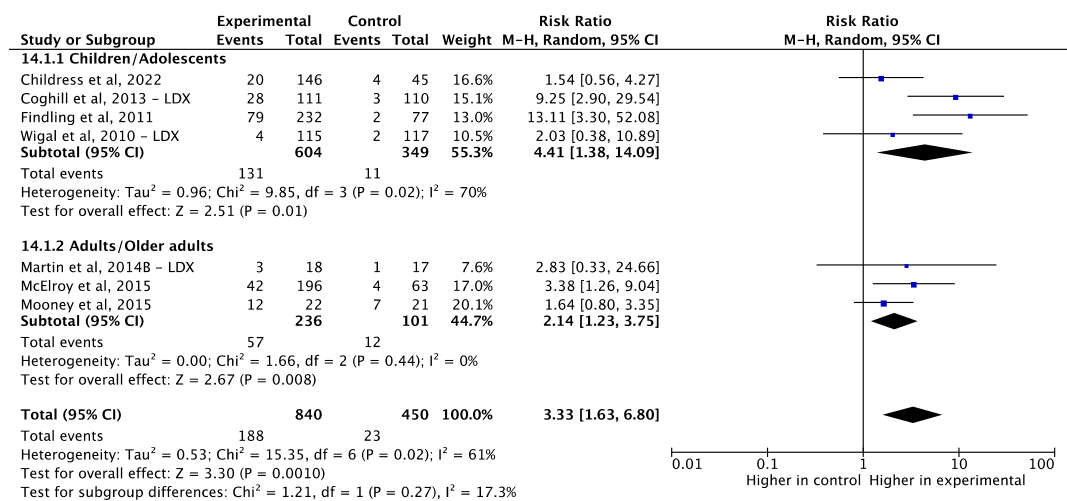


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 28. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

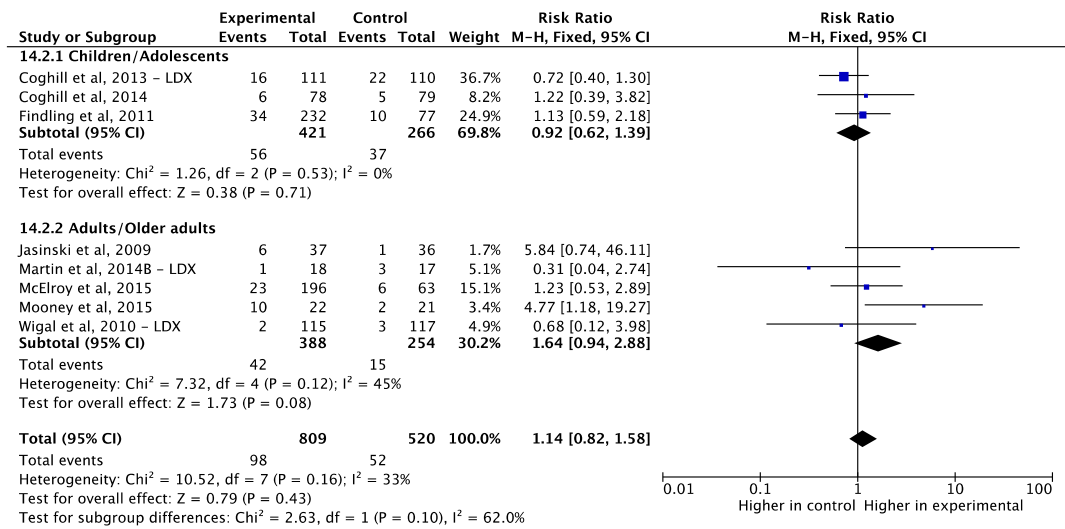


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 29. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

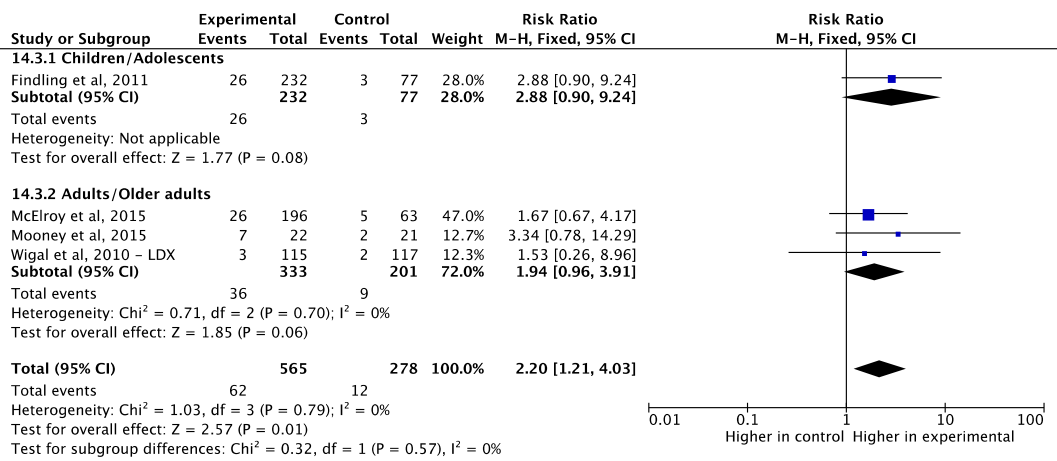


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 30. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

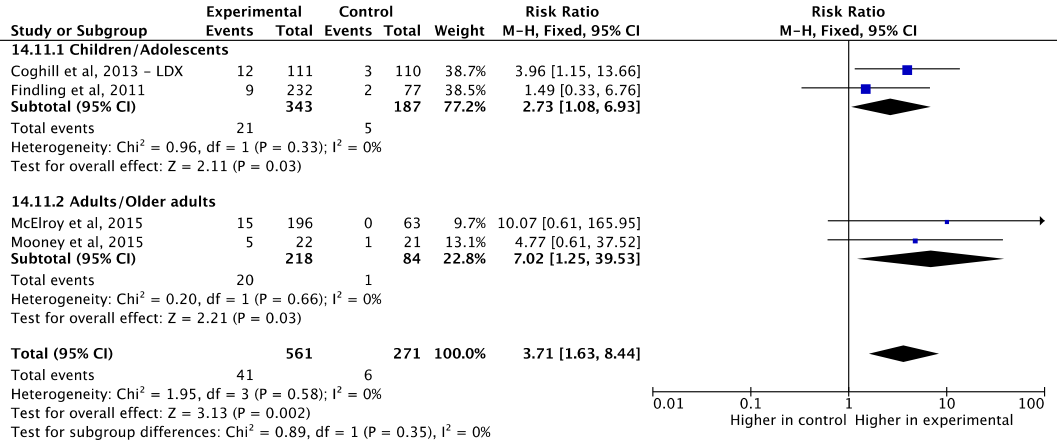


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 31. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

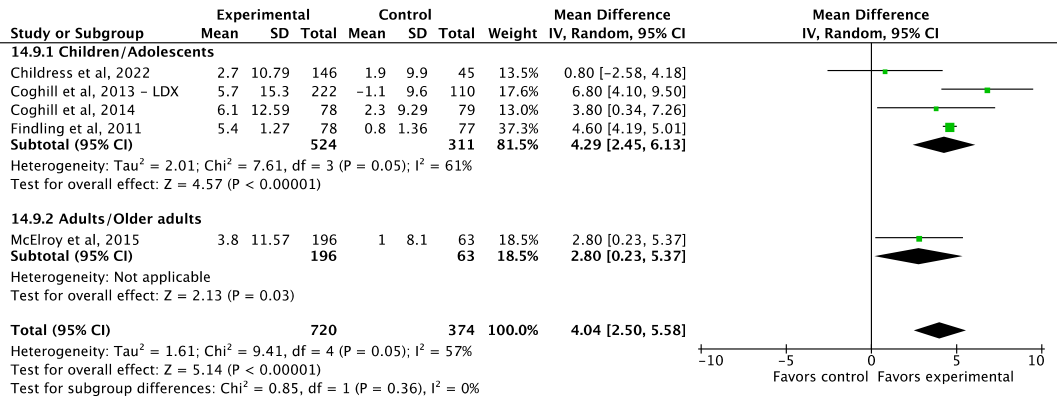


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 32. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

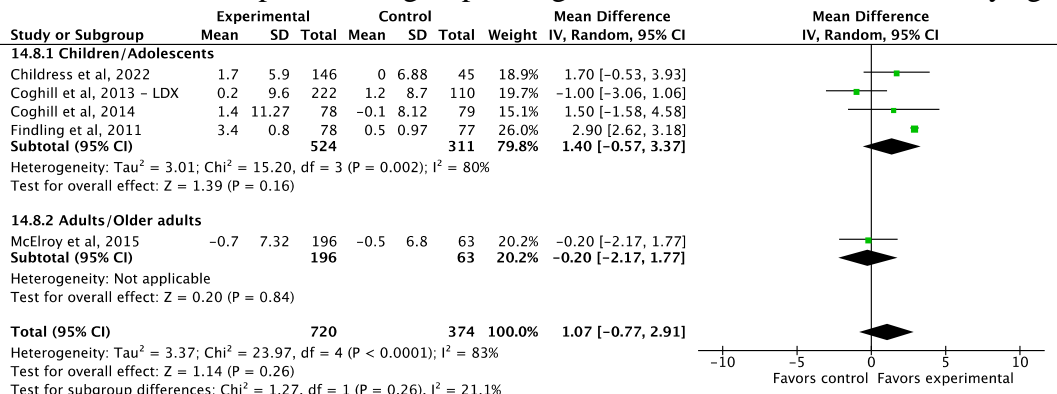


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 33. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by age.

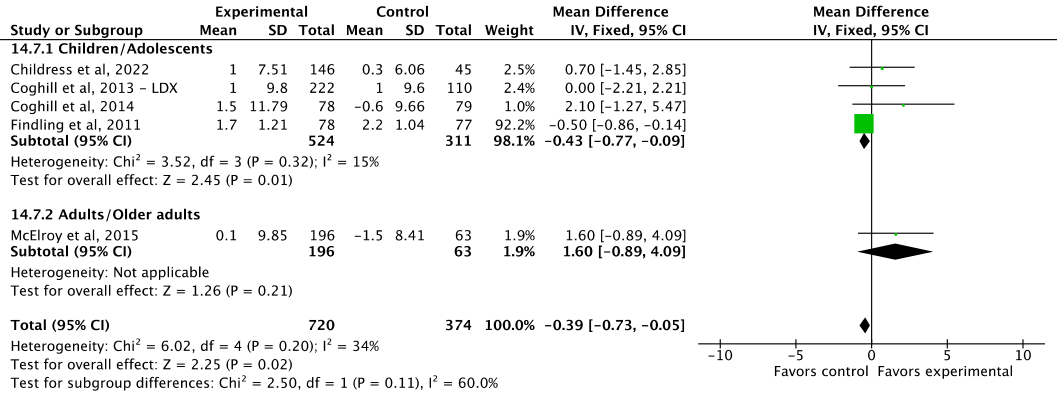


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 34. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

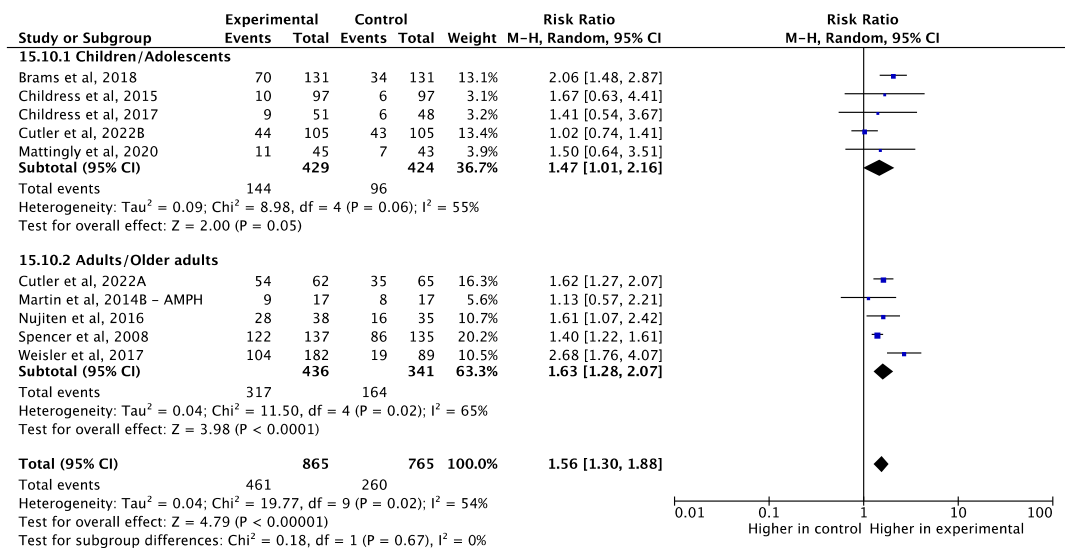


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 35. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

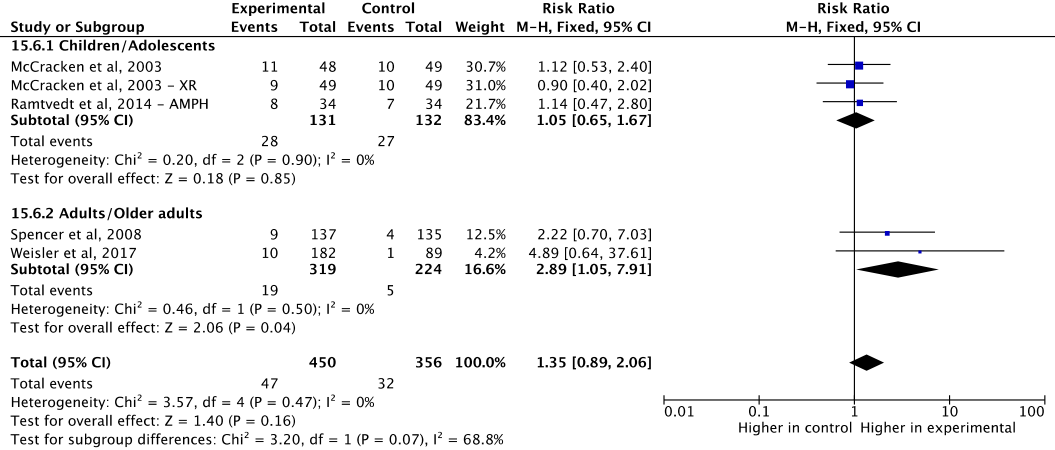


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; XR, extended release.

eFigure 36. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

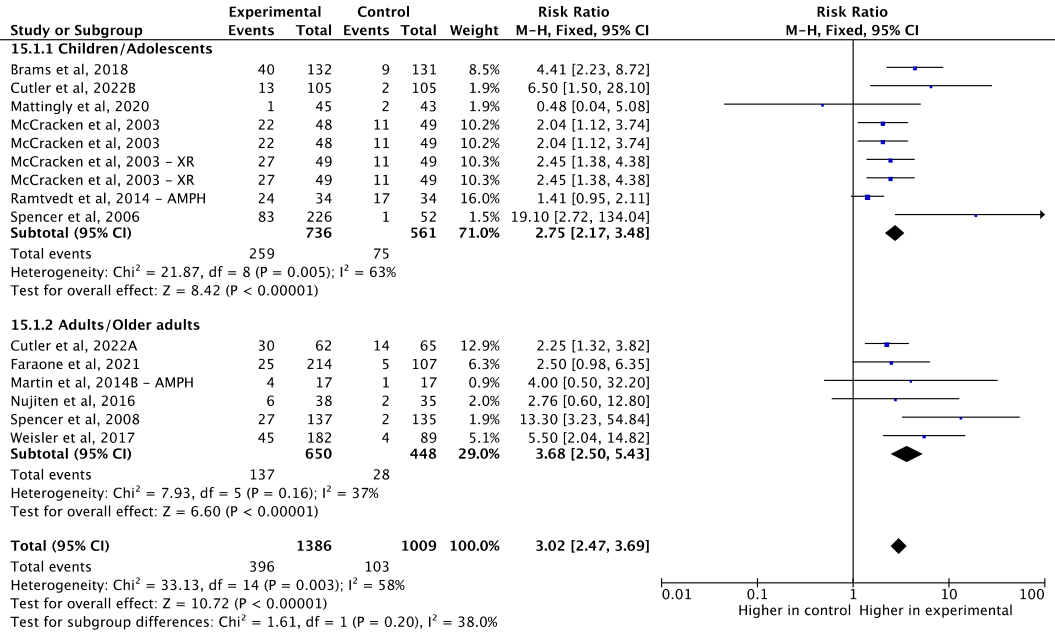


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; XR, extended release.

eFigure 37. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

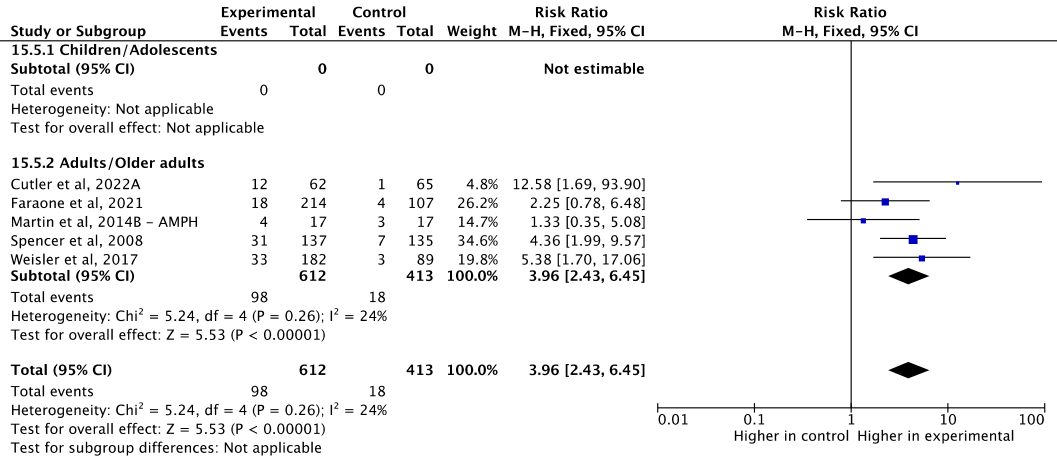


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing children/adolescents was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 38. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

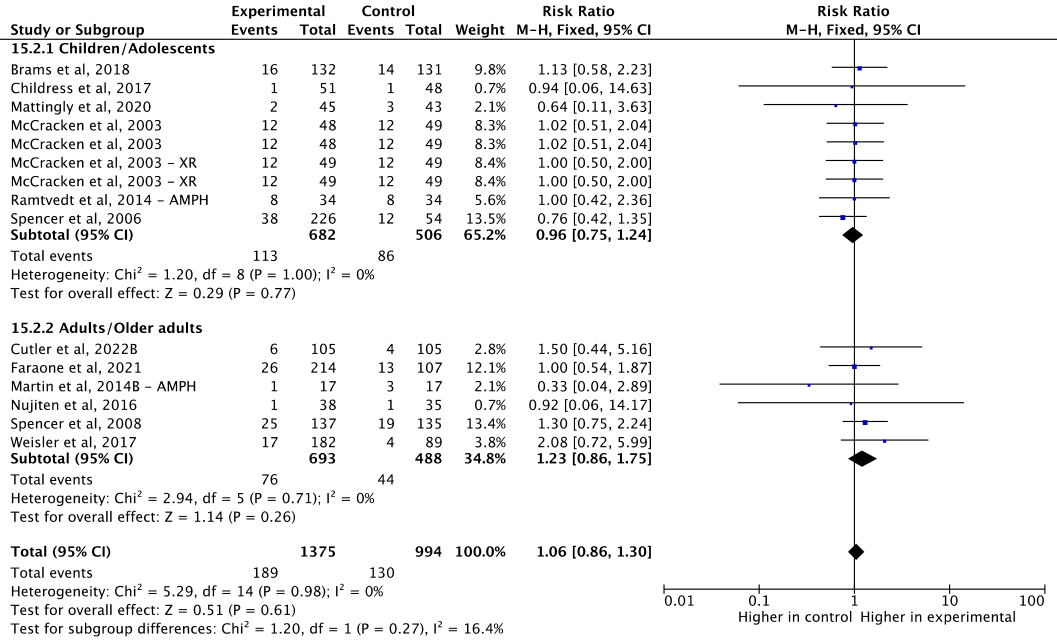


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; XR, extended release.

eFigure 39. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

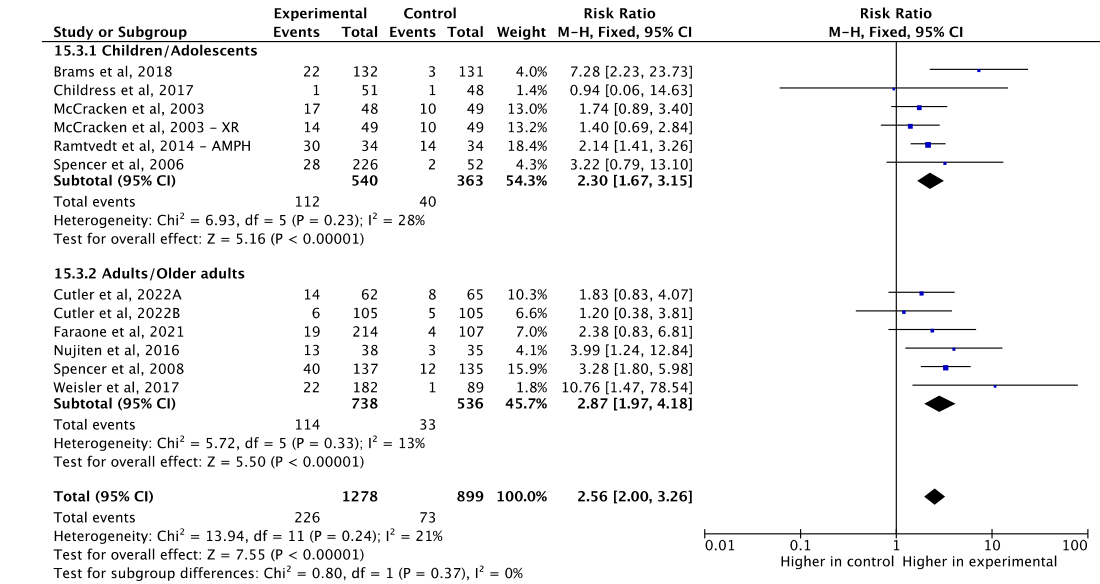


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release.

eFigure 40. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

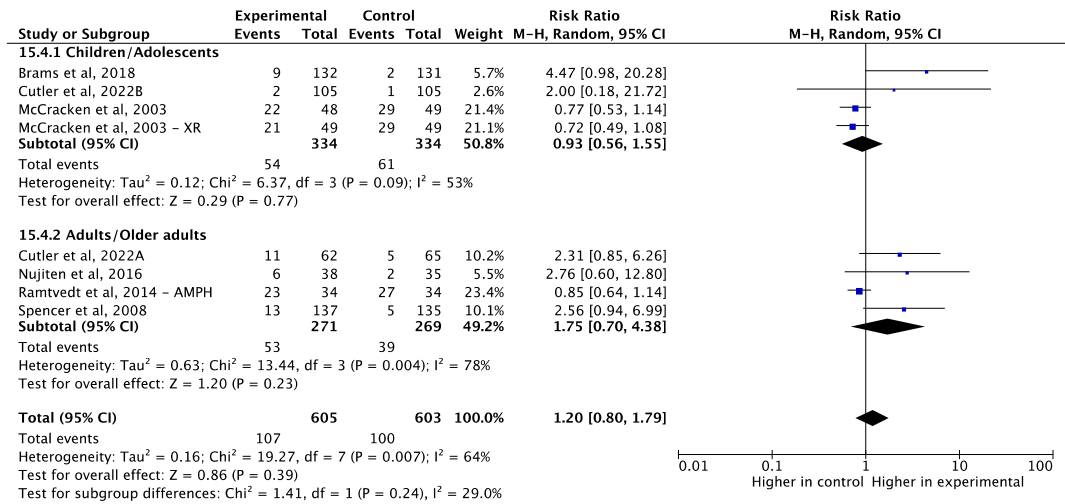


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 41. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

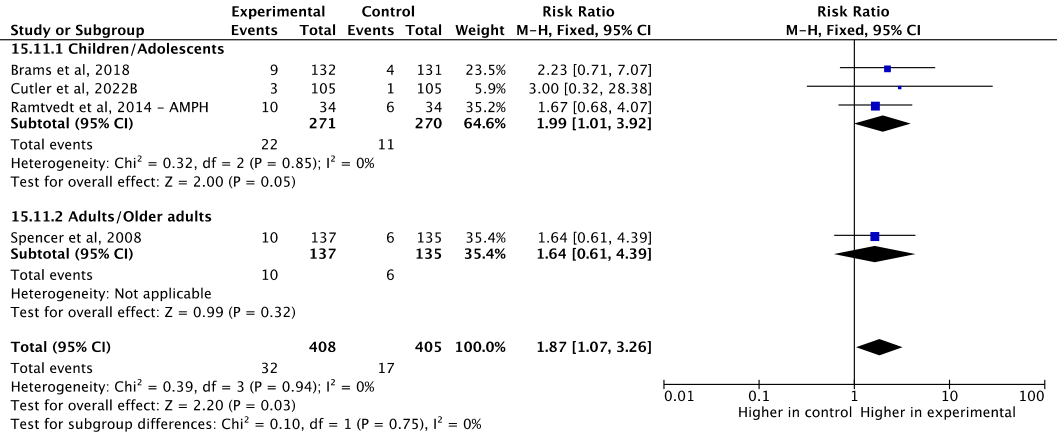


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 42. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

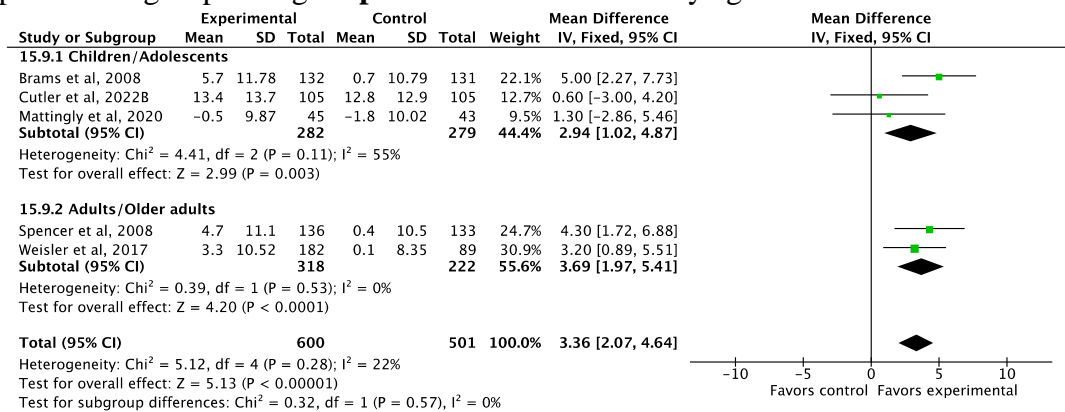


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 43. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

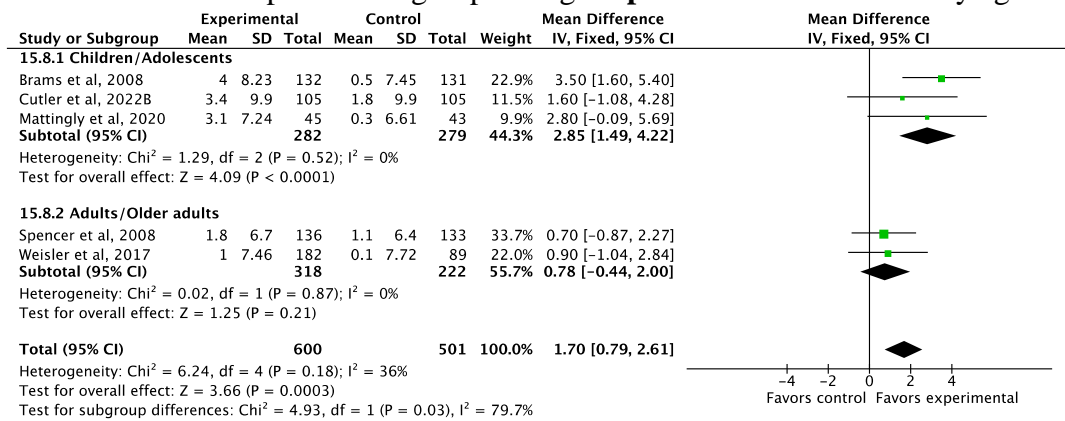


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 44. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** subdivided by age.

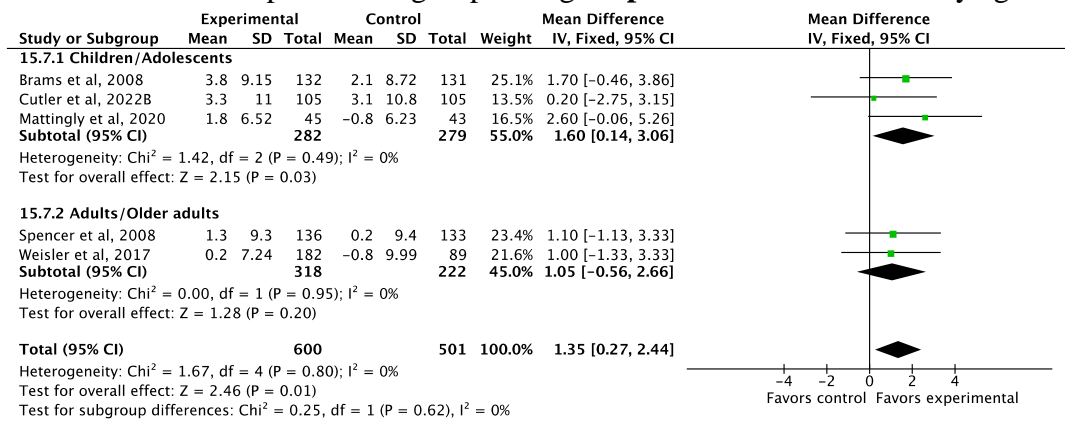


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation.

eFigures 45-99. Forest plots dividing groups according to participant age and stimulant dosage.

eFigure 45. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

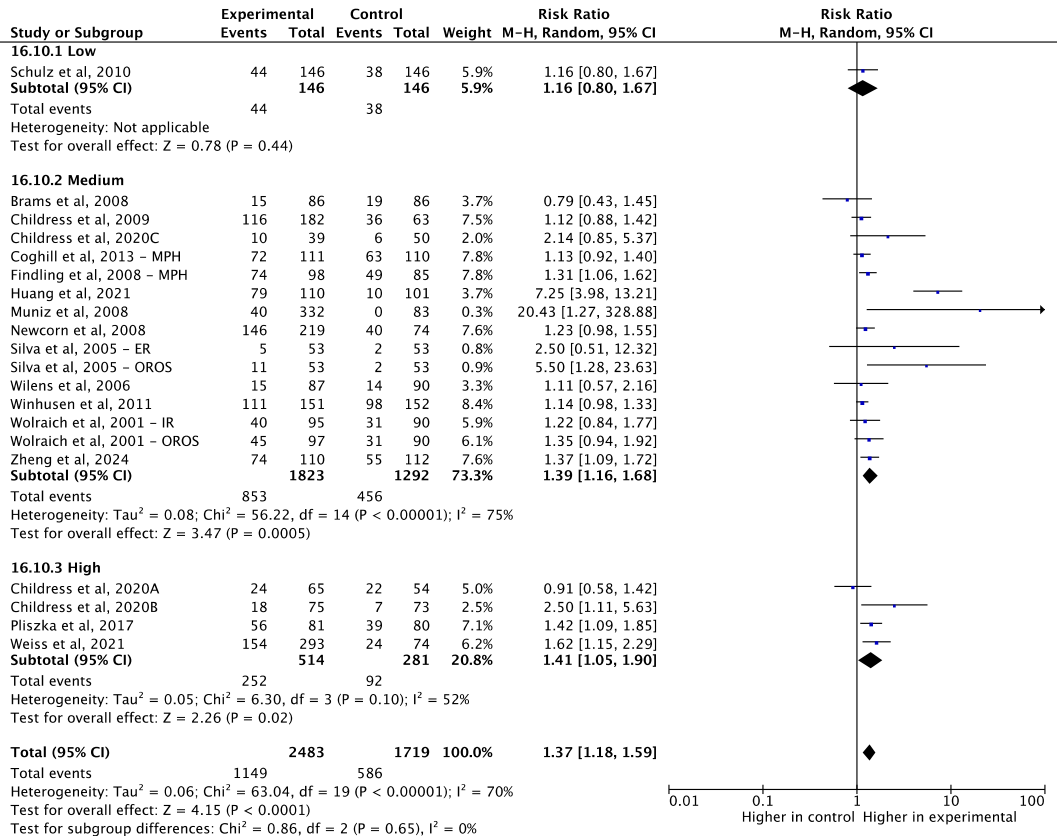


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; ER, extended release; IR, immediate release; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; OROS, osmotic release oral system.

eFigure 46. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

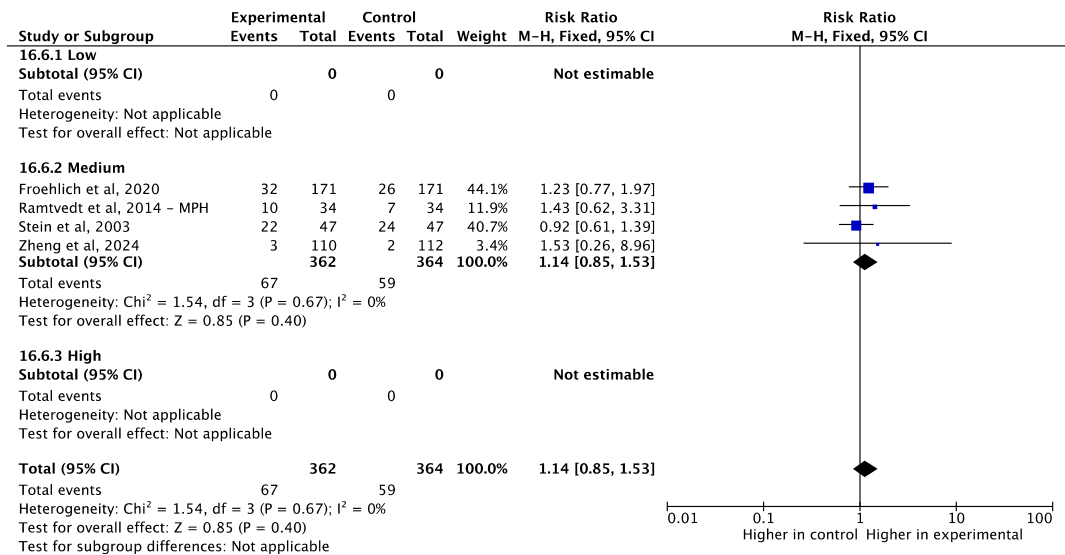


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 47. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

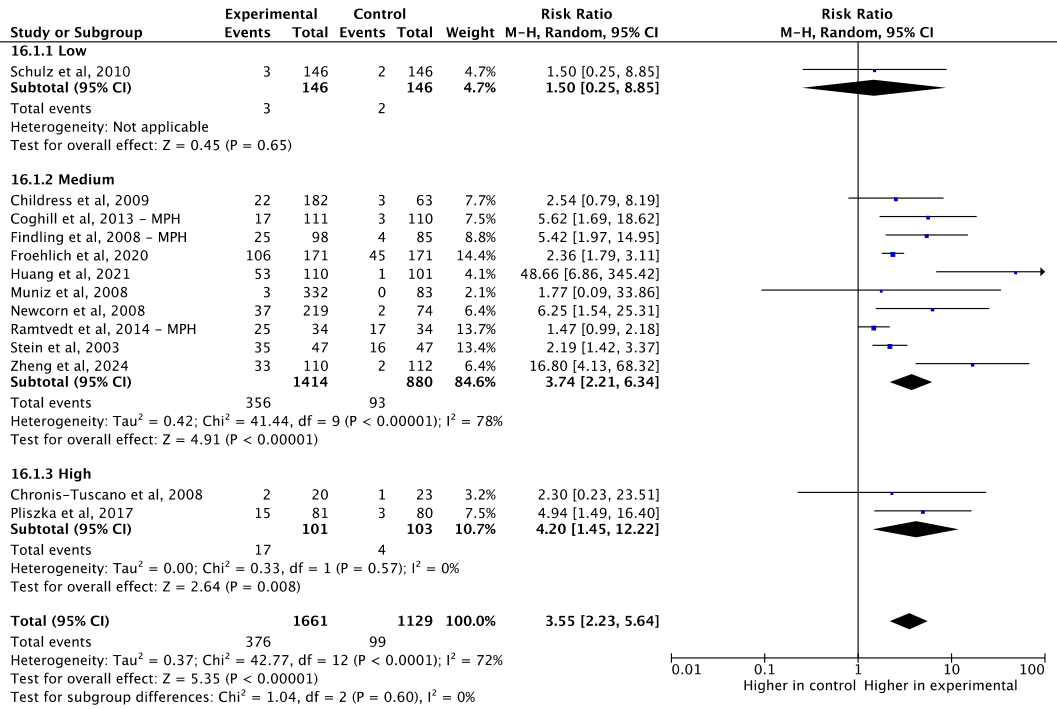


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 48. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

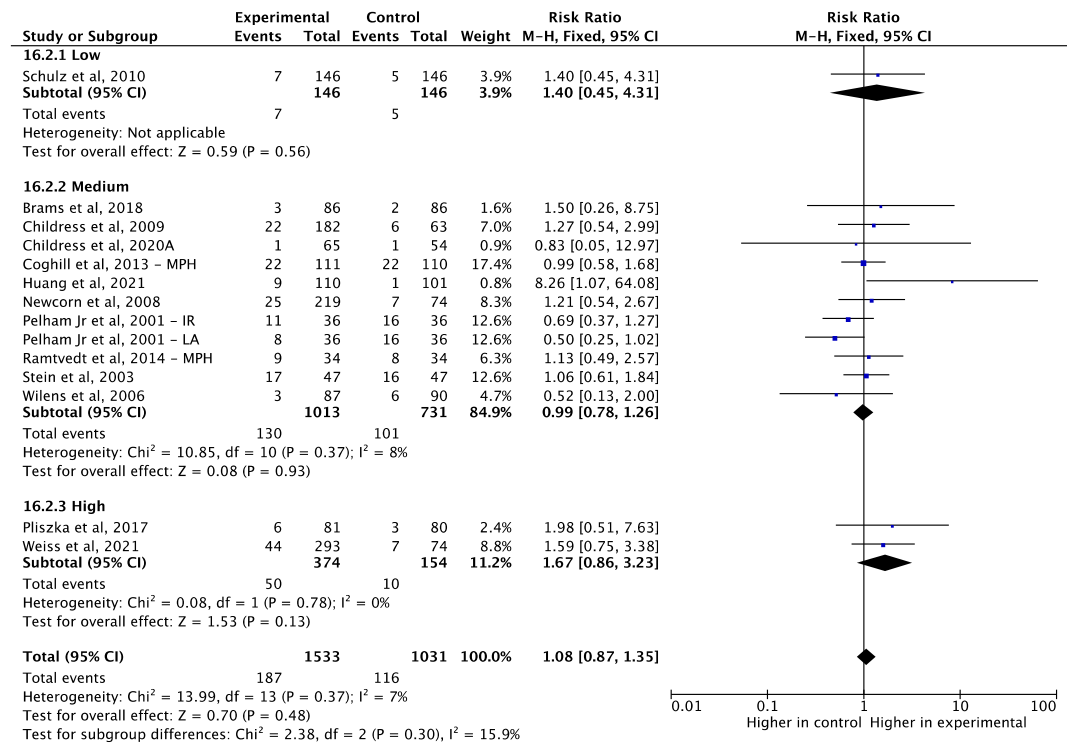


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IR, immediate release; LA, long-acting; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 49. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

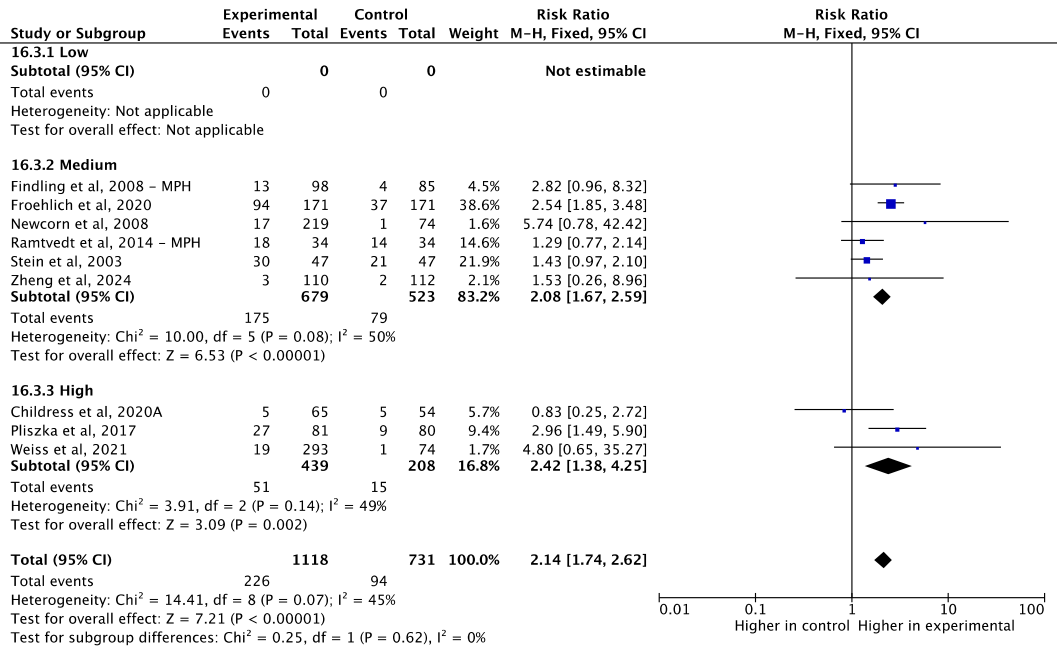


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 50. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

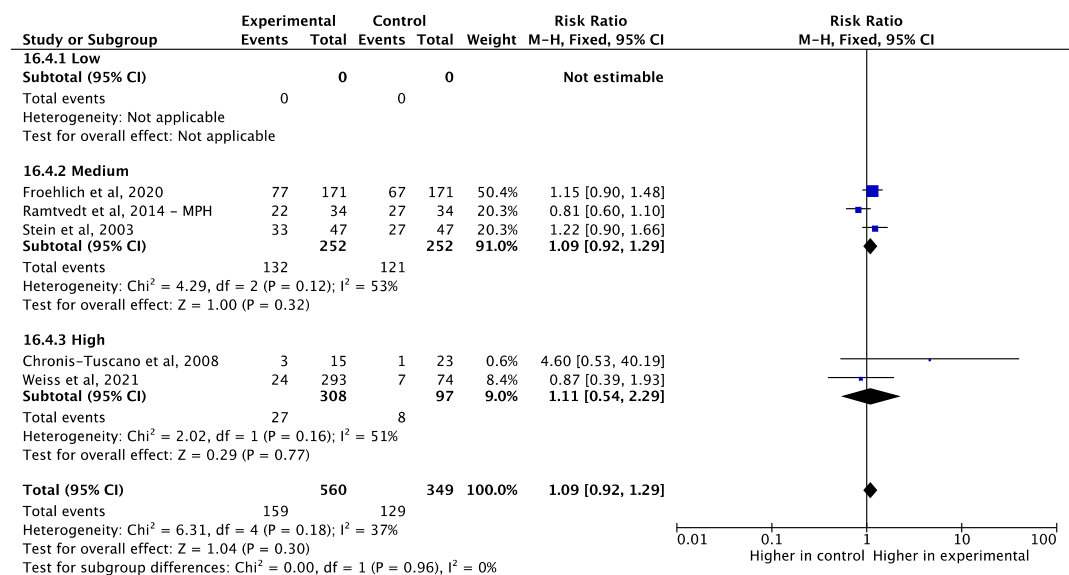


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 51. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** in **children** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

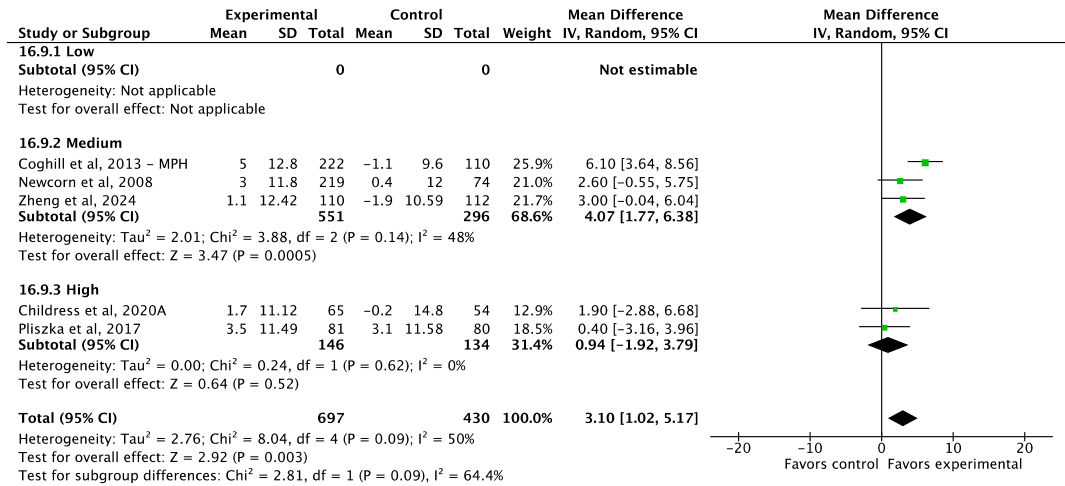


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 52. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** in **children** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

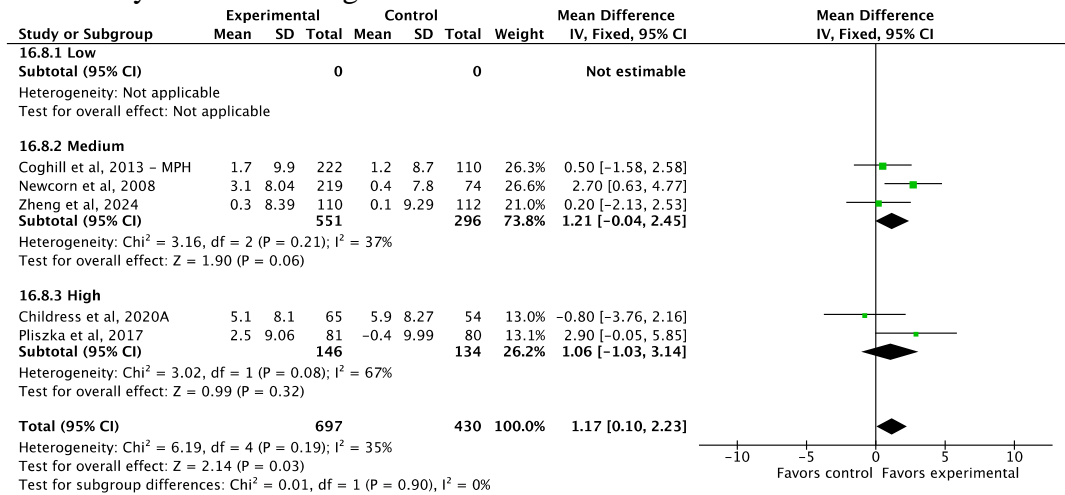


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 53. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** in **children** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

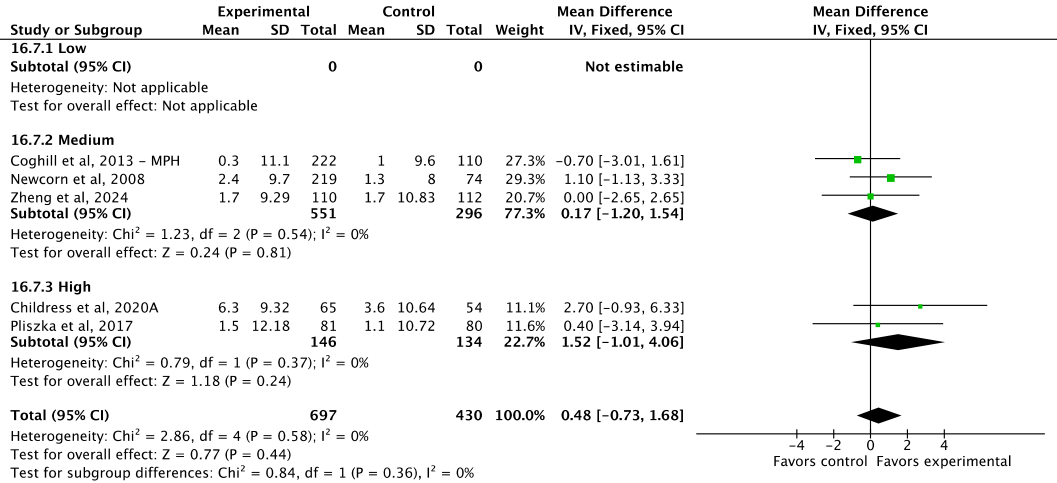


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 54. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

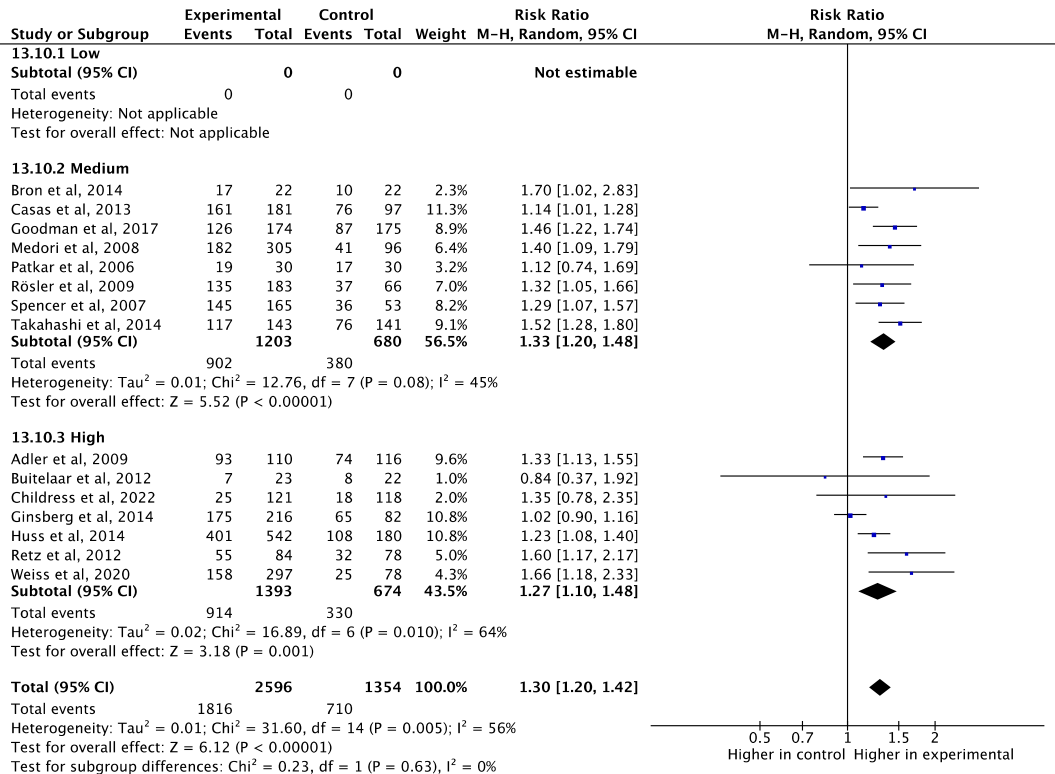


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 55. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

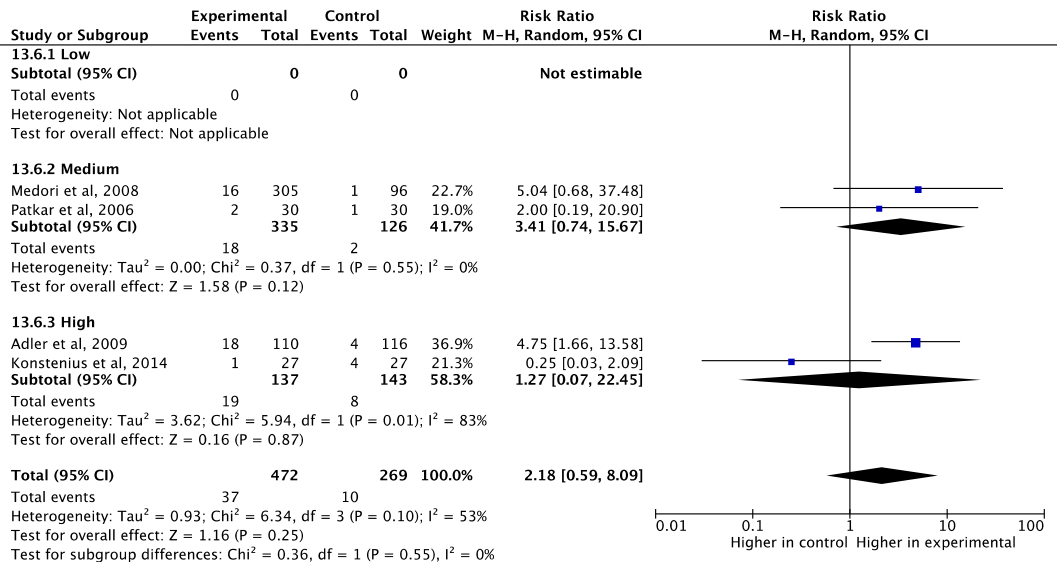


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 56. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

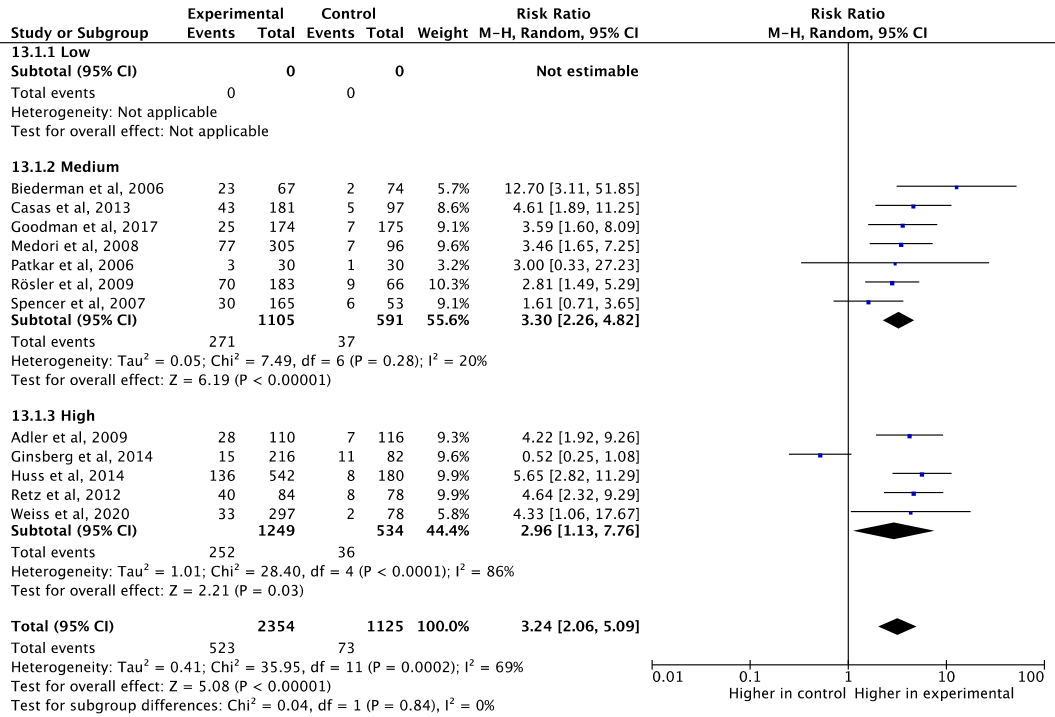


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 57. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

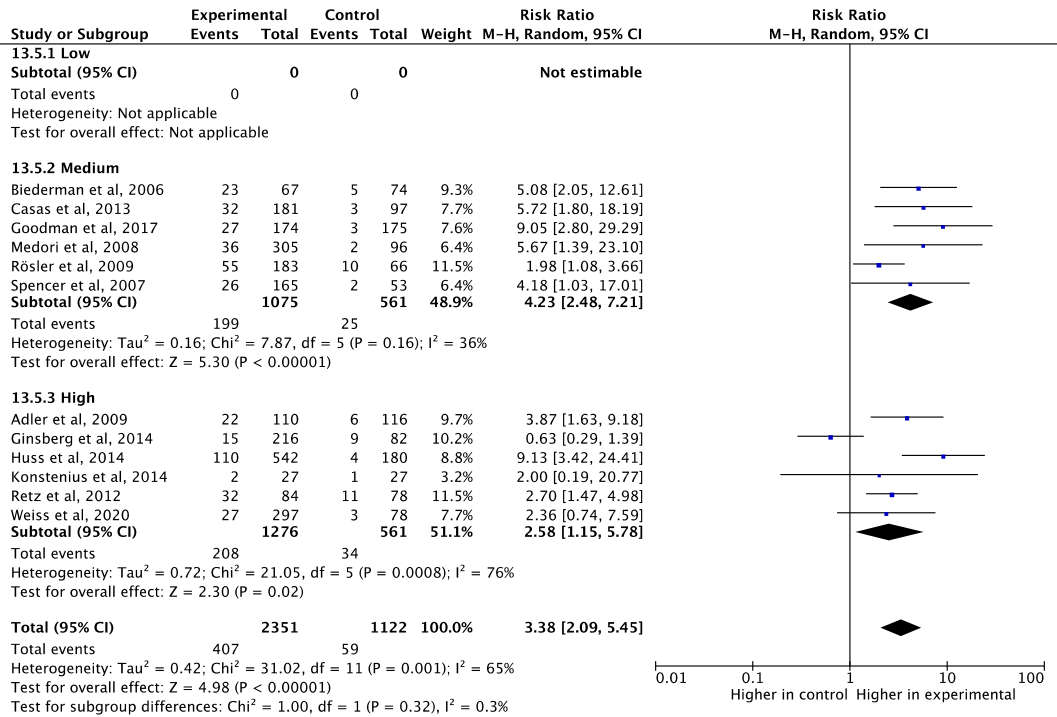


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 58. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

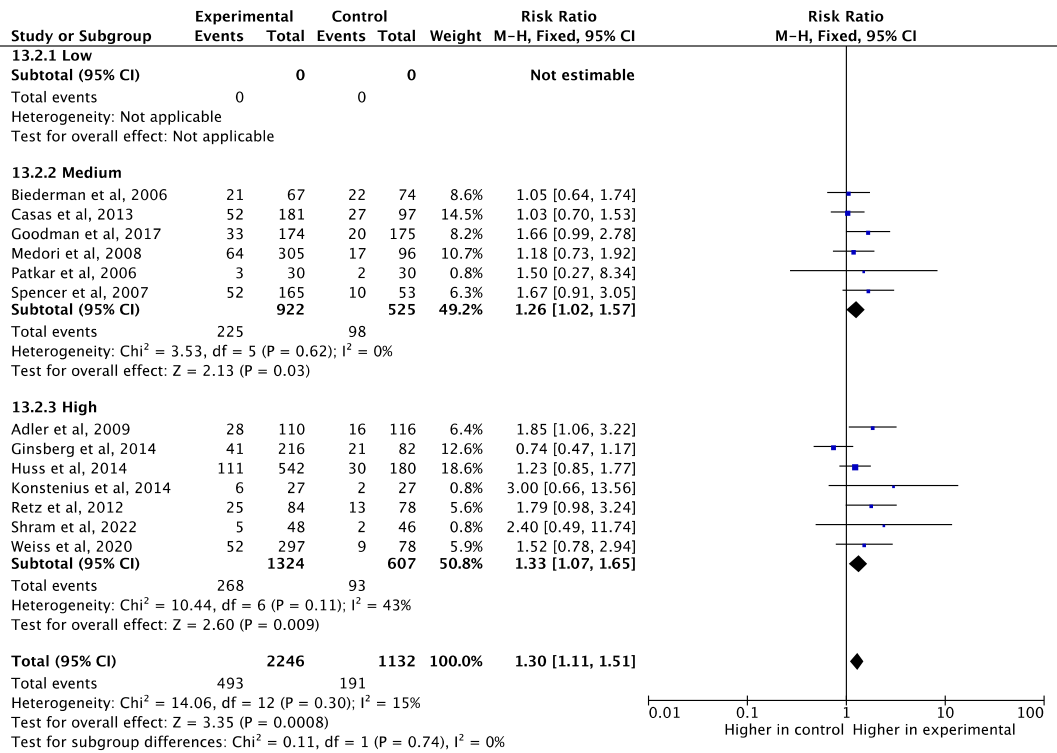


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 59. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

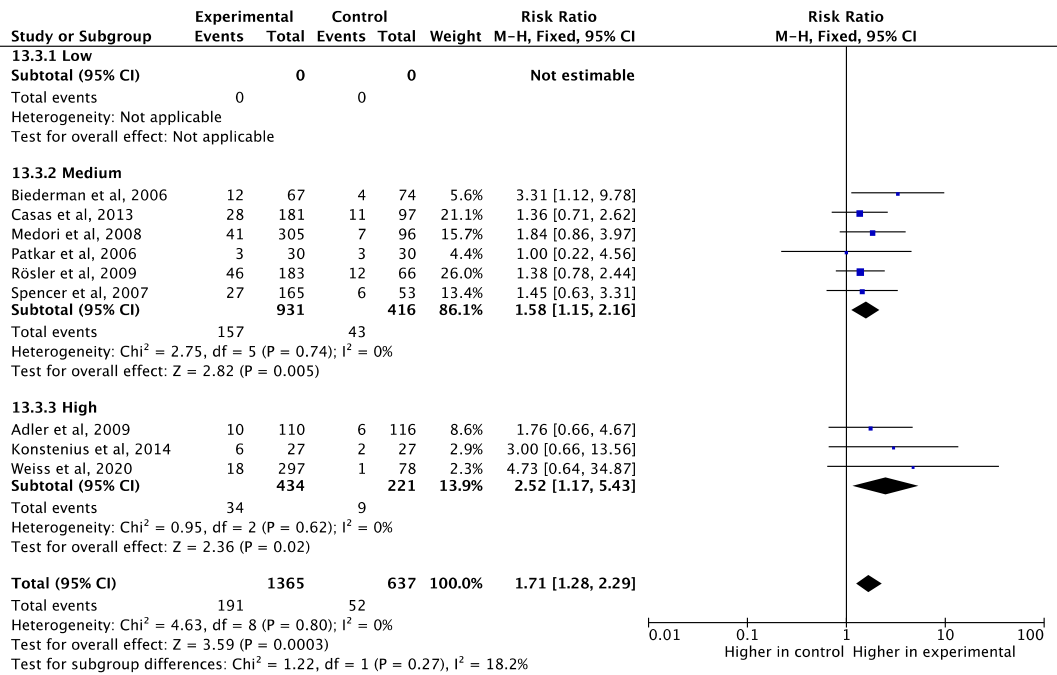


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 60. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

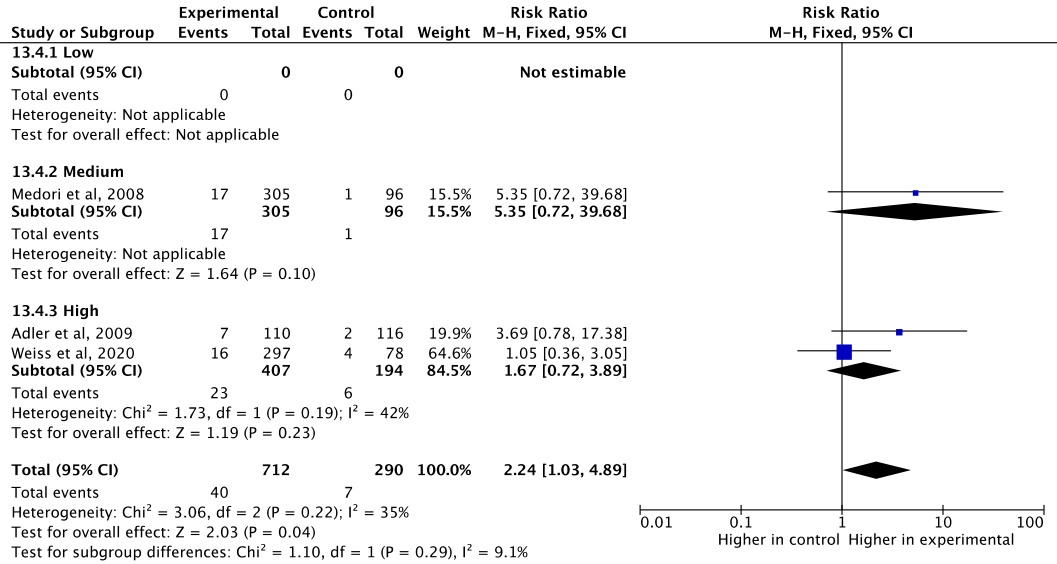


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 61. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **methylphenidate** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

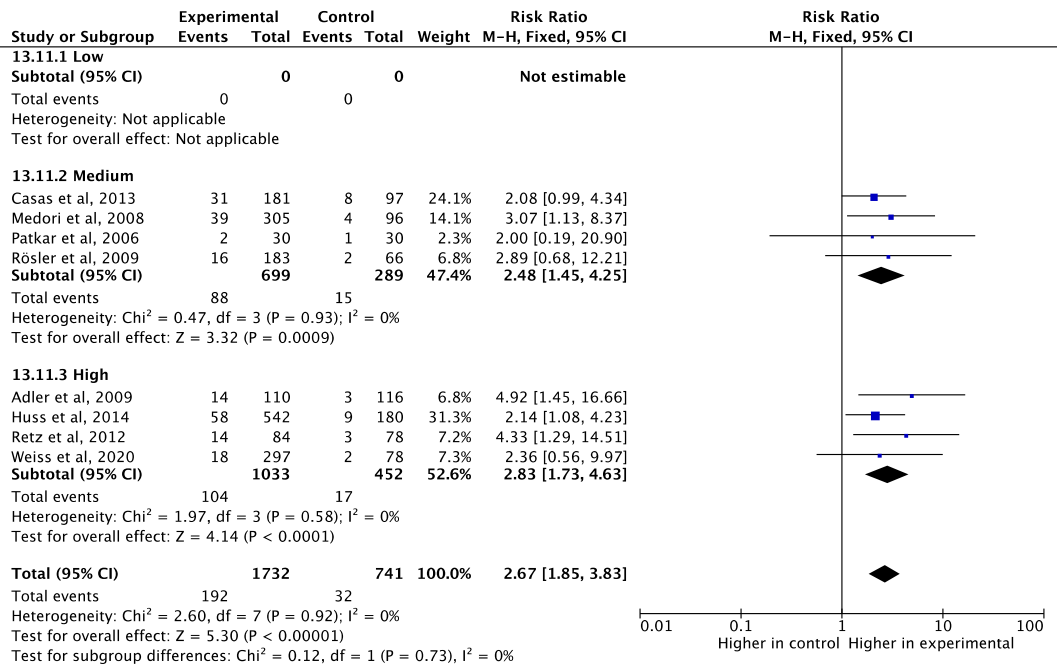
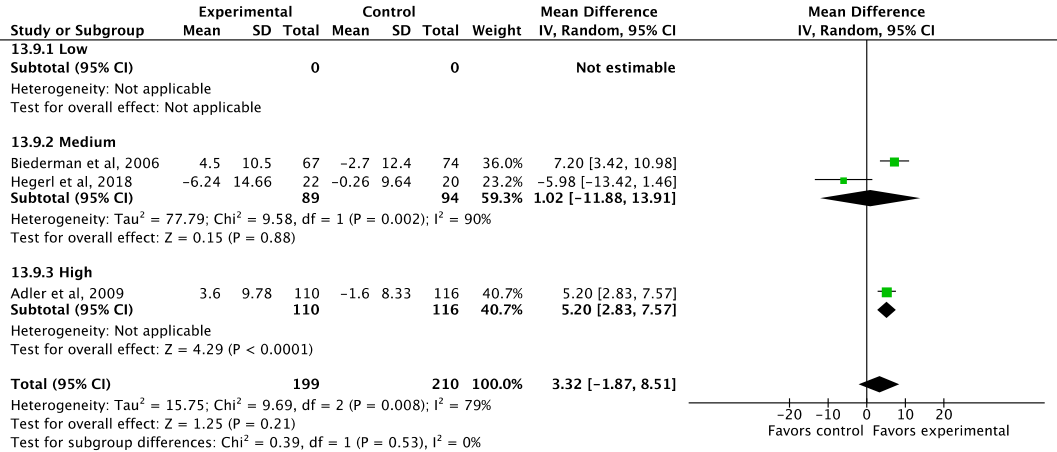
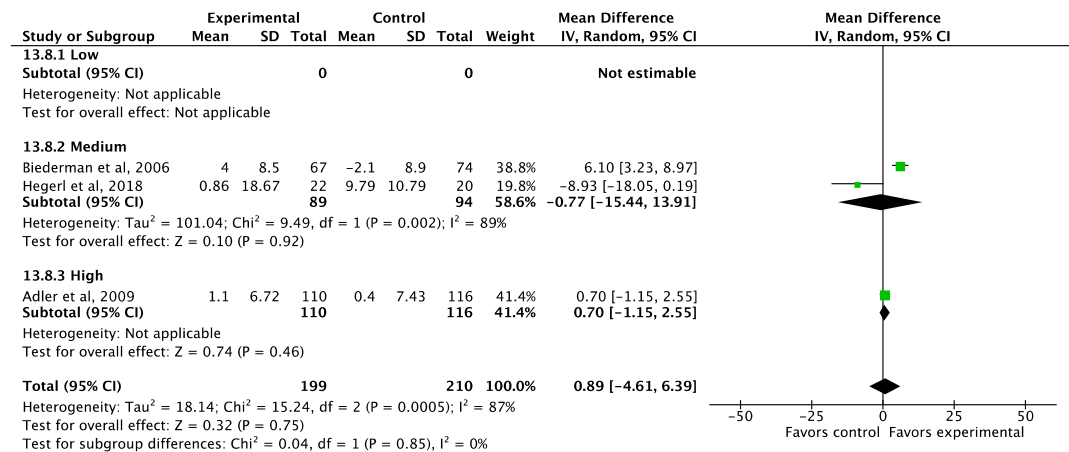


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

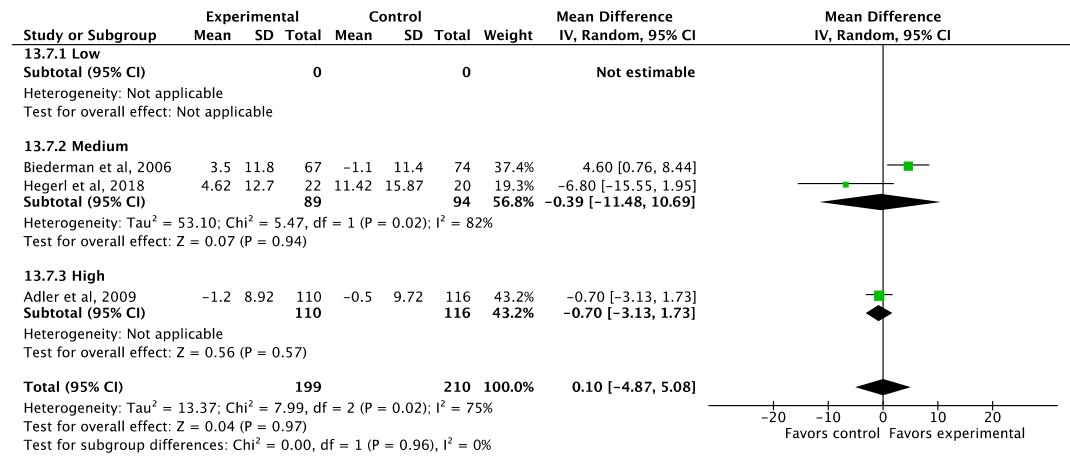
eFigure 62. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.



eFigure 63. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.



eFigure 64. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **methylphenidate** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.



eFigure 65. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

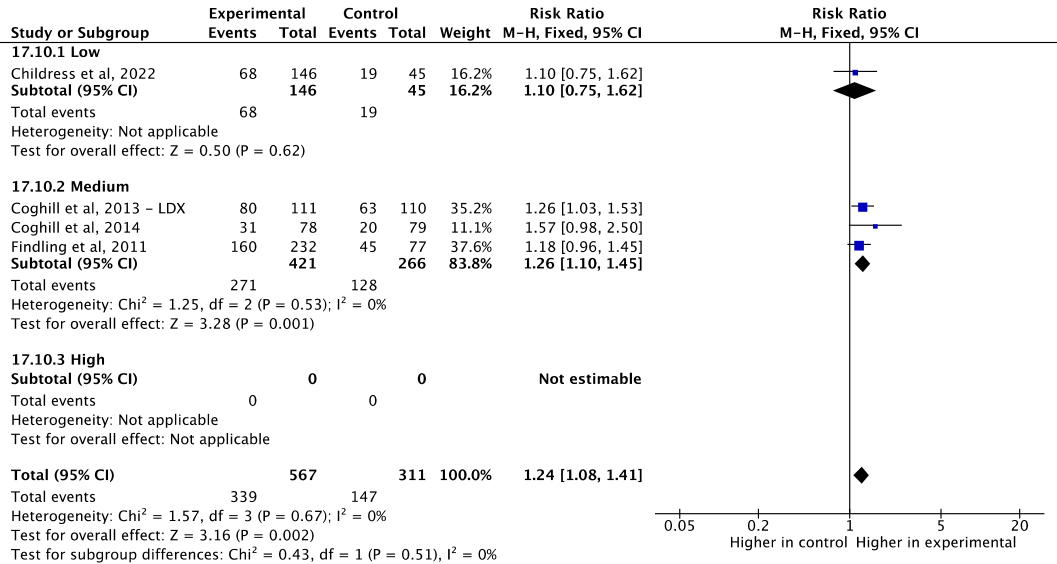


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 66. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

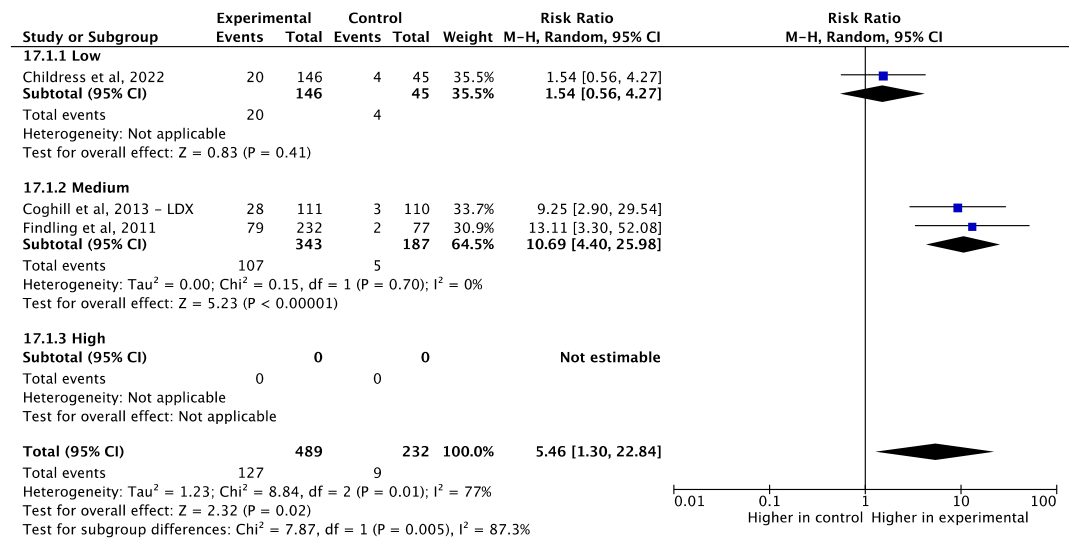


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 67. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

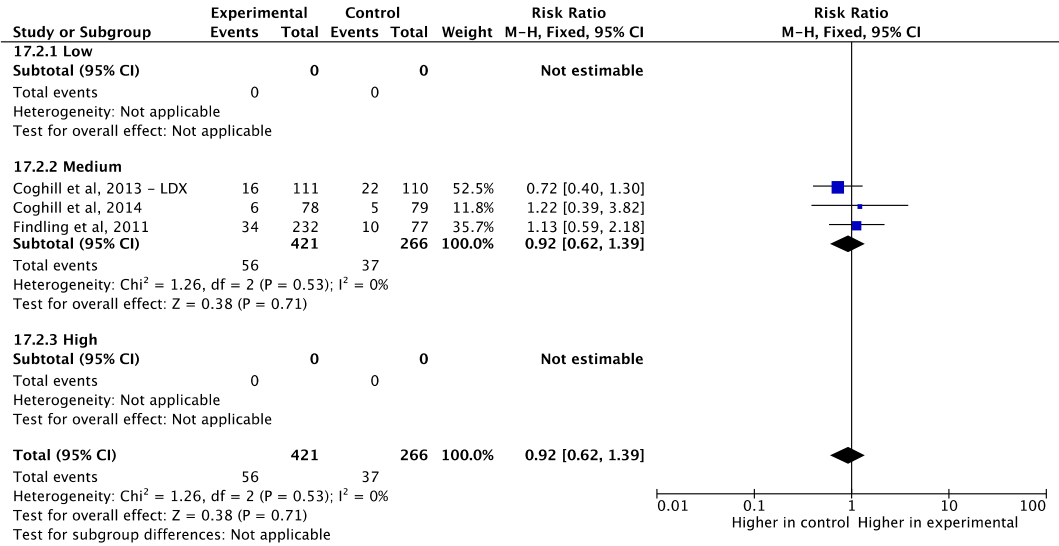


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 68. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** in **children** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

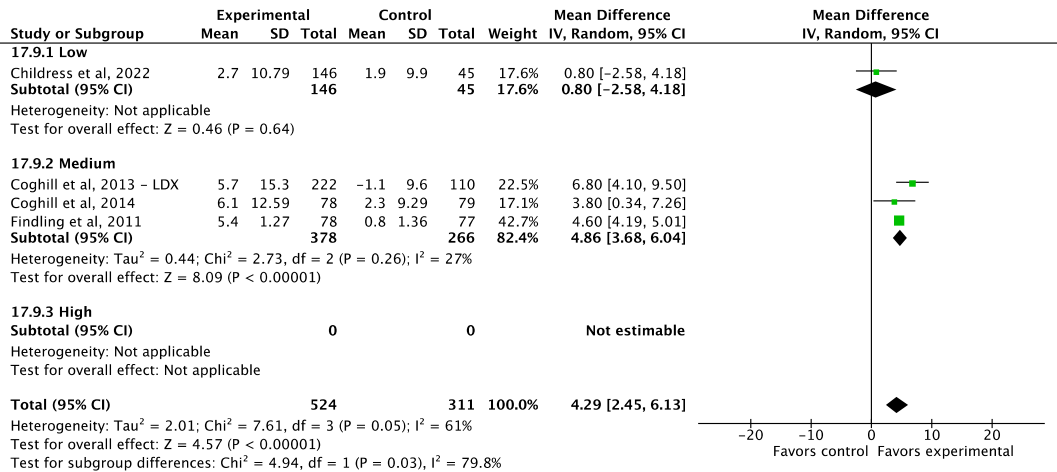


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 69. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** in **children** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

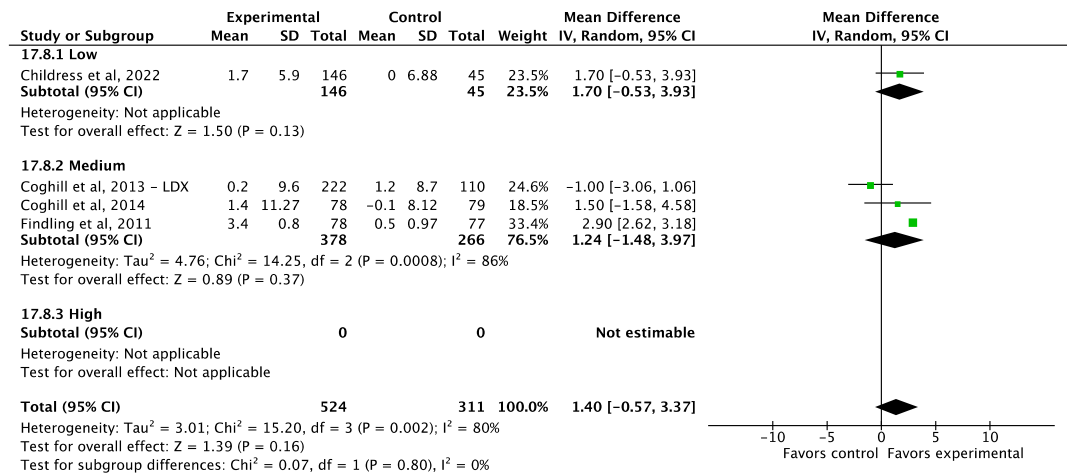


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 70. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** in **children** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

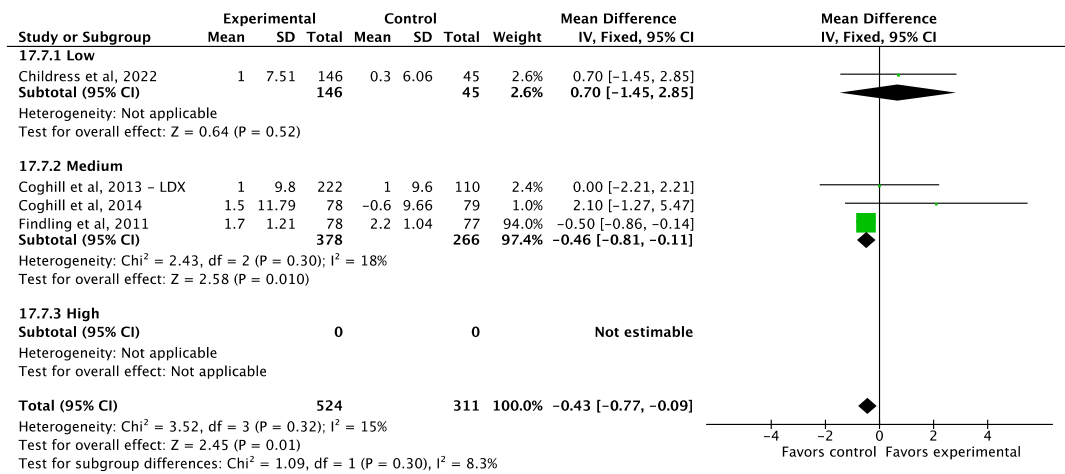


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 71. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

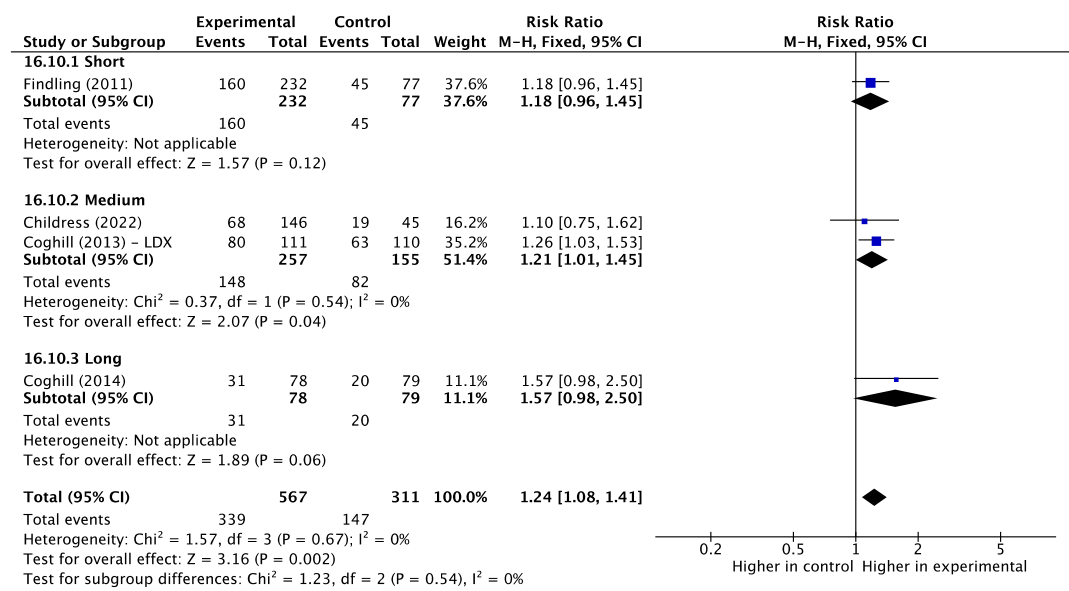


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 72. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

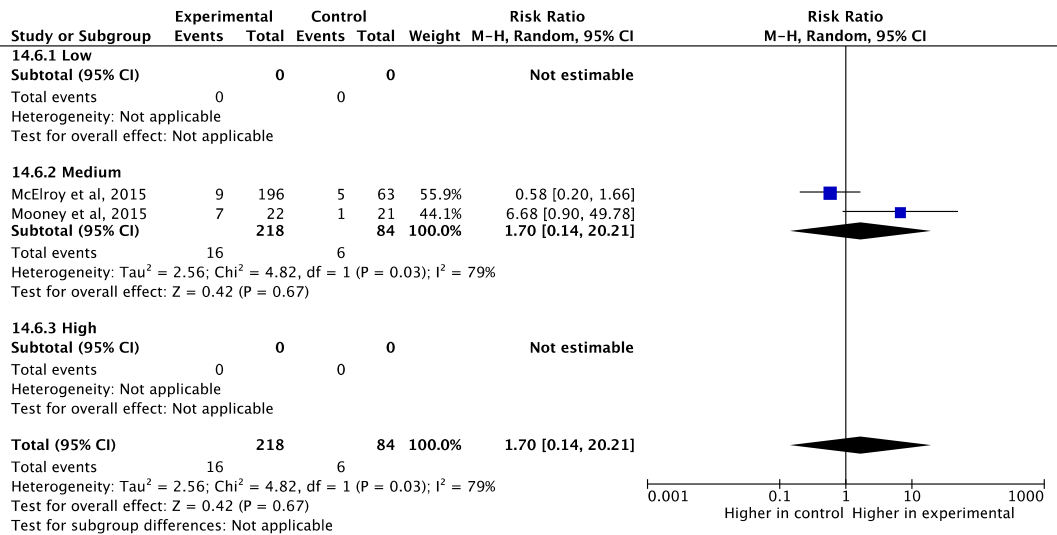


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 73. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

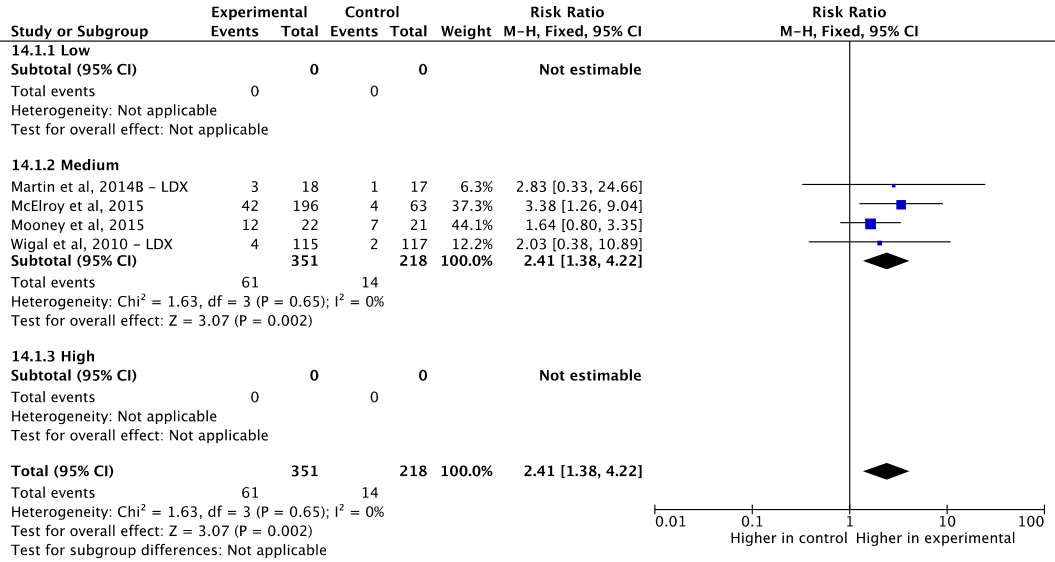


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 74. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

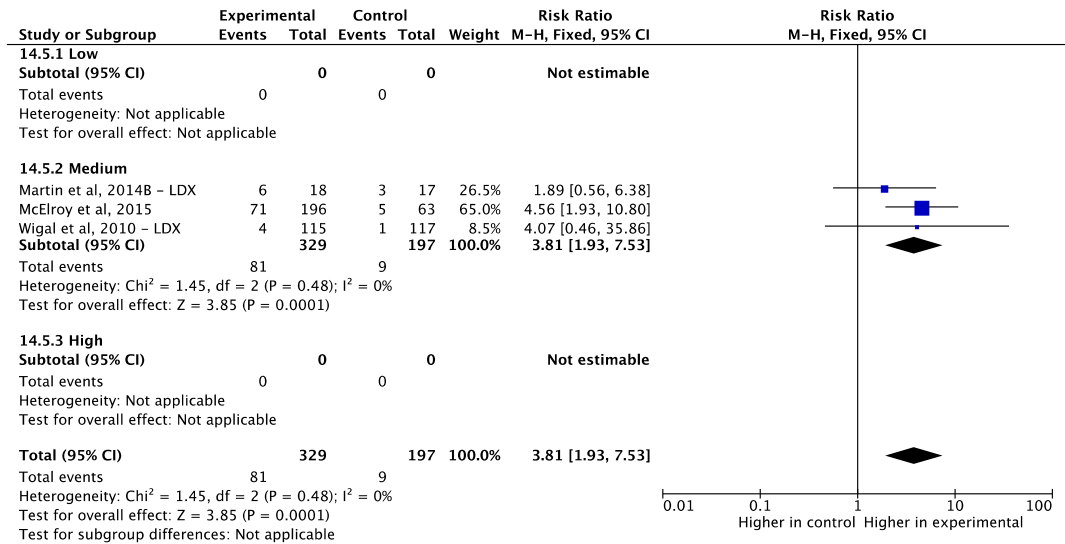


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 75. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

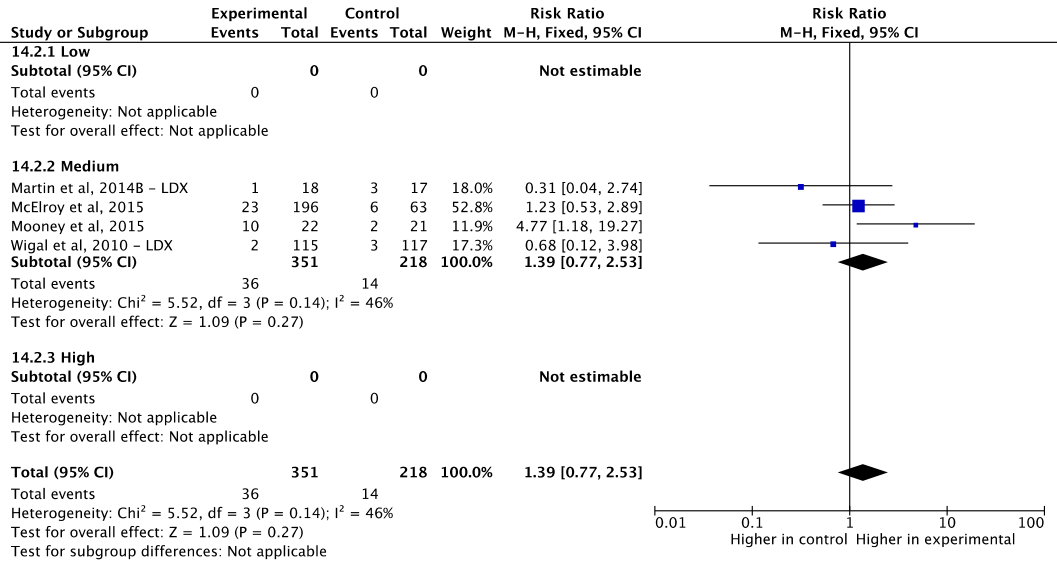


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 76. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

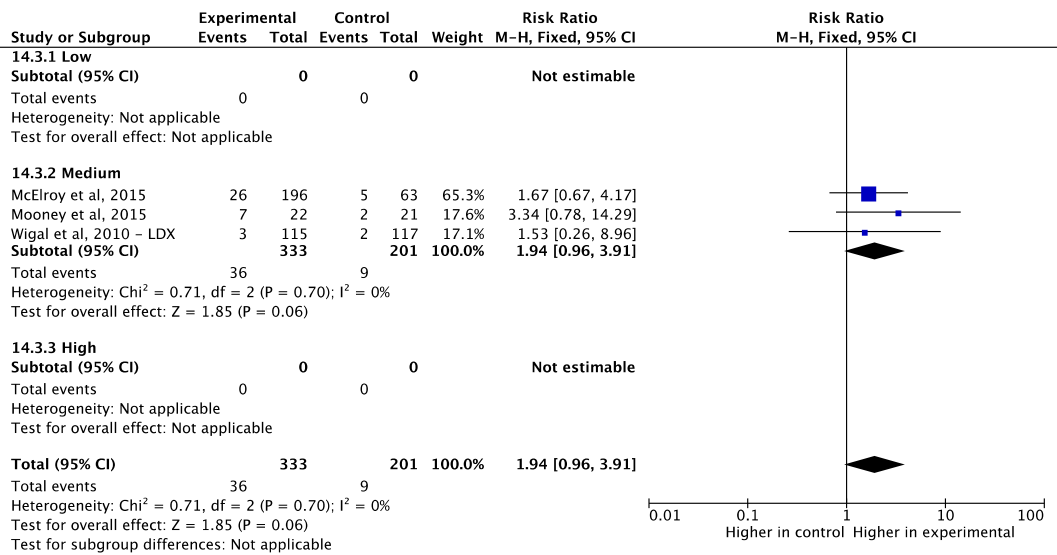


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 77. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

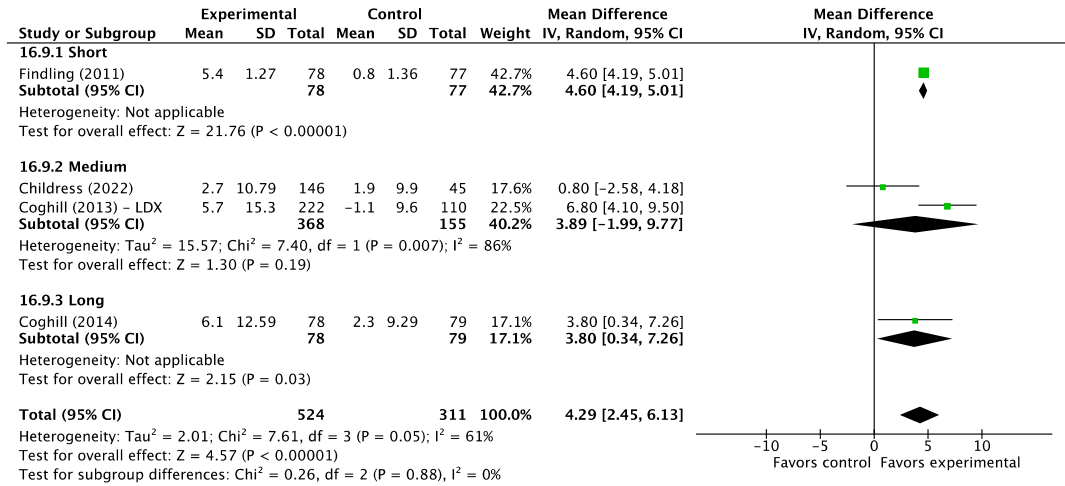


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 78. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

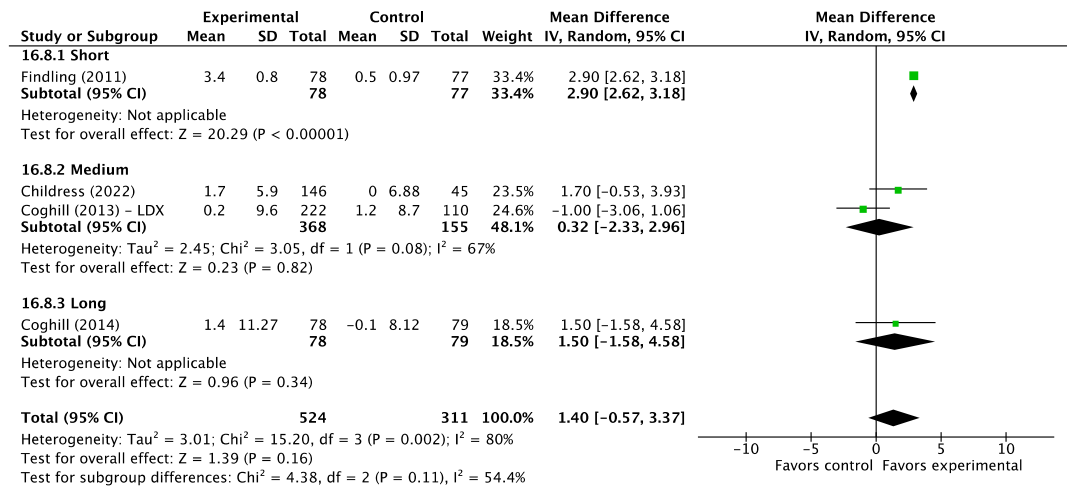


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 79. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **lisdexamfetamine** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

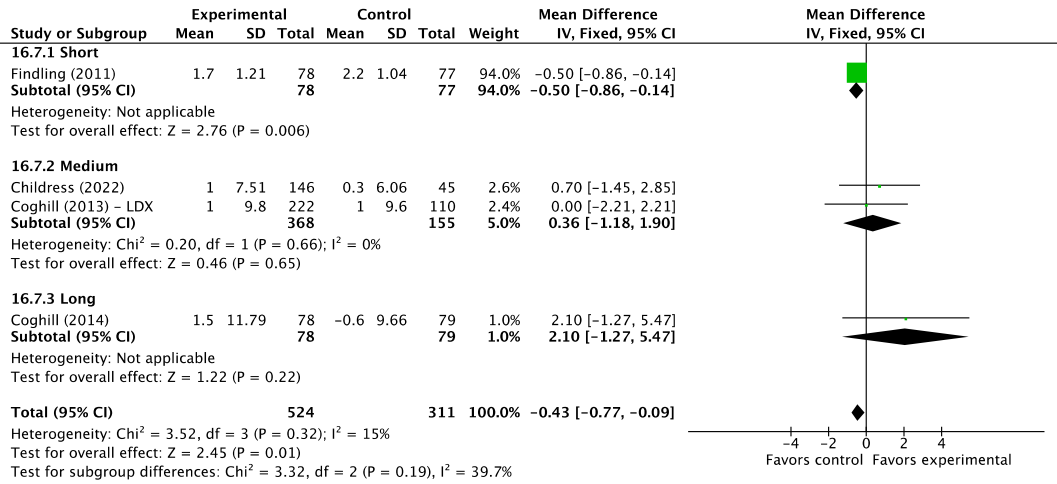


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; SD, standard deviation.

eFigure 80. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

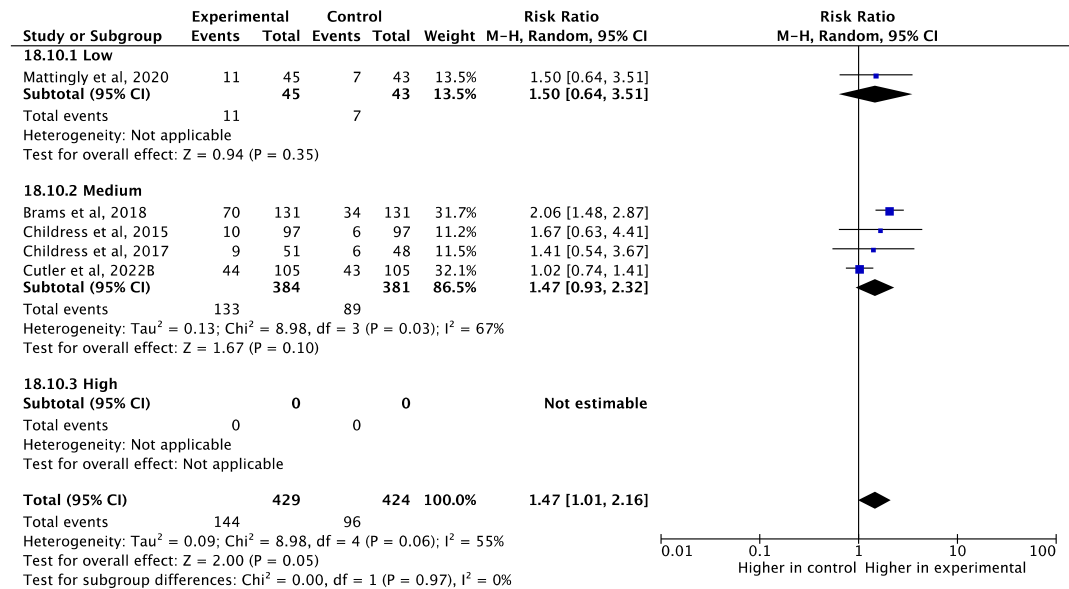


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 81. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

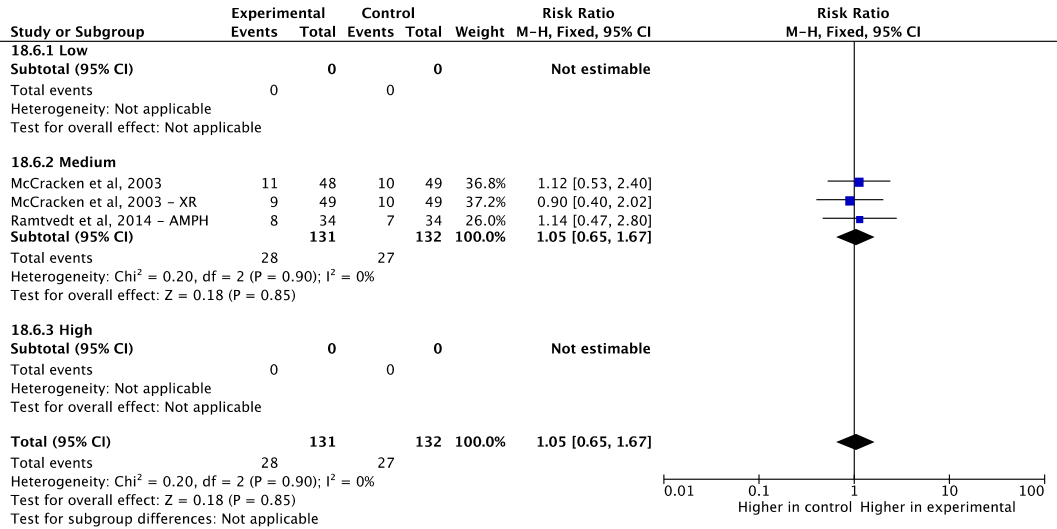


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 82. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

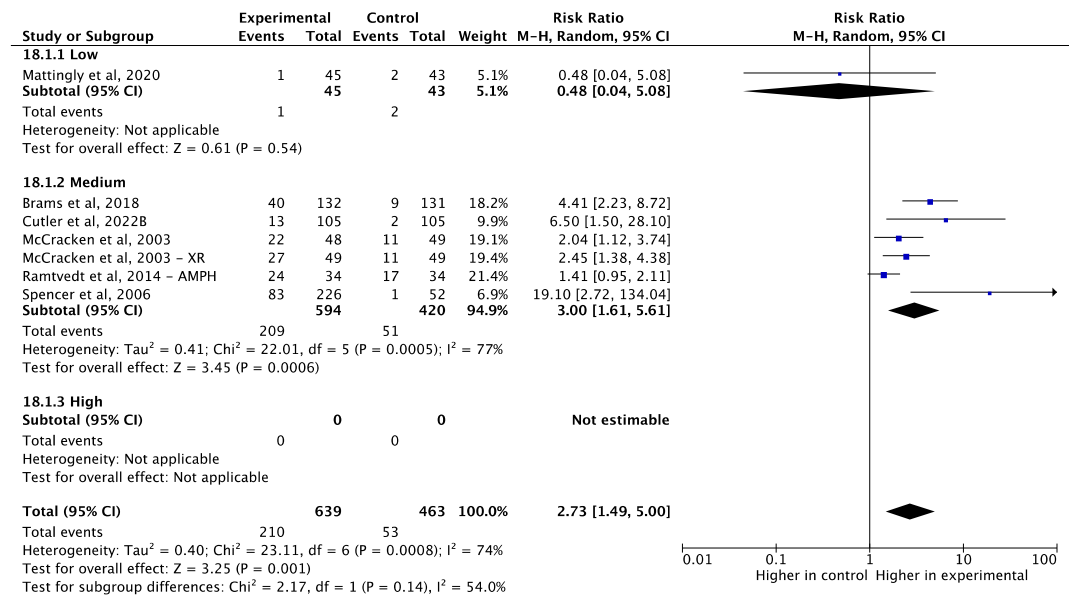


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 83. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

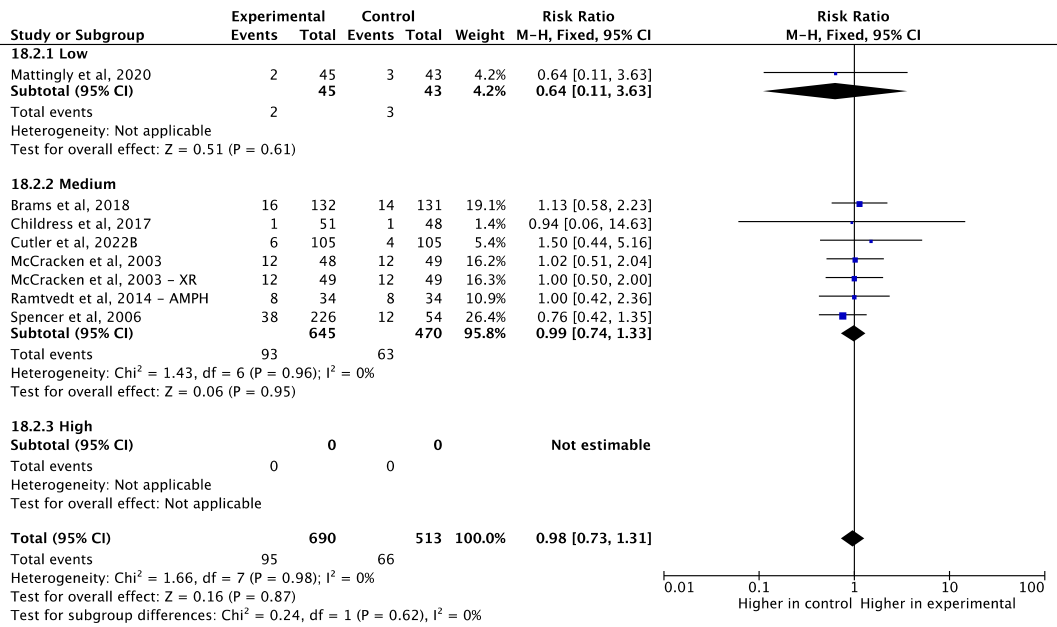


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 84. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

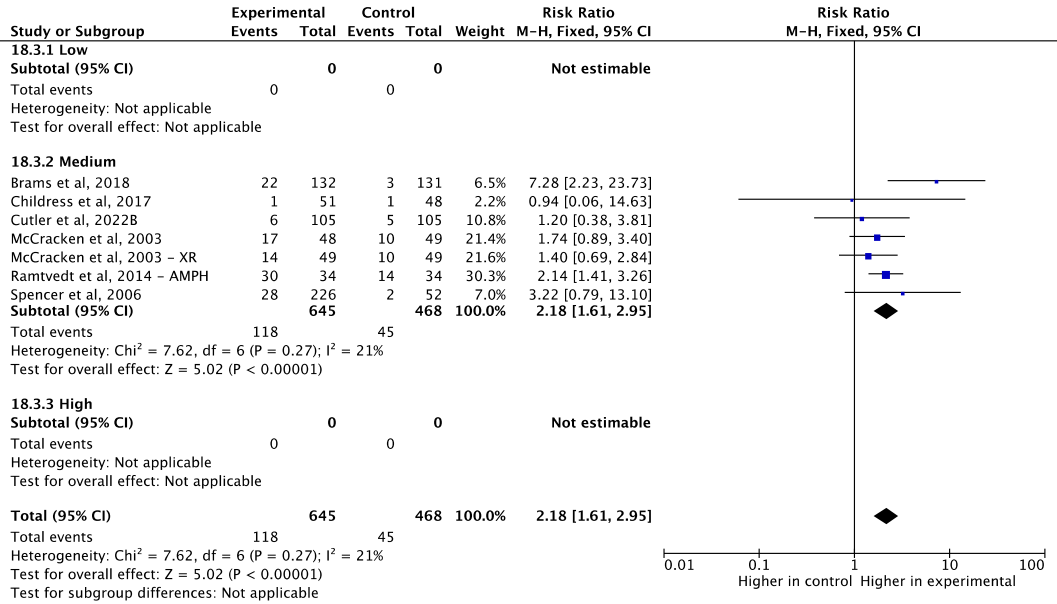


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 85. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

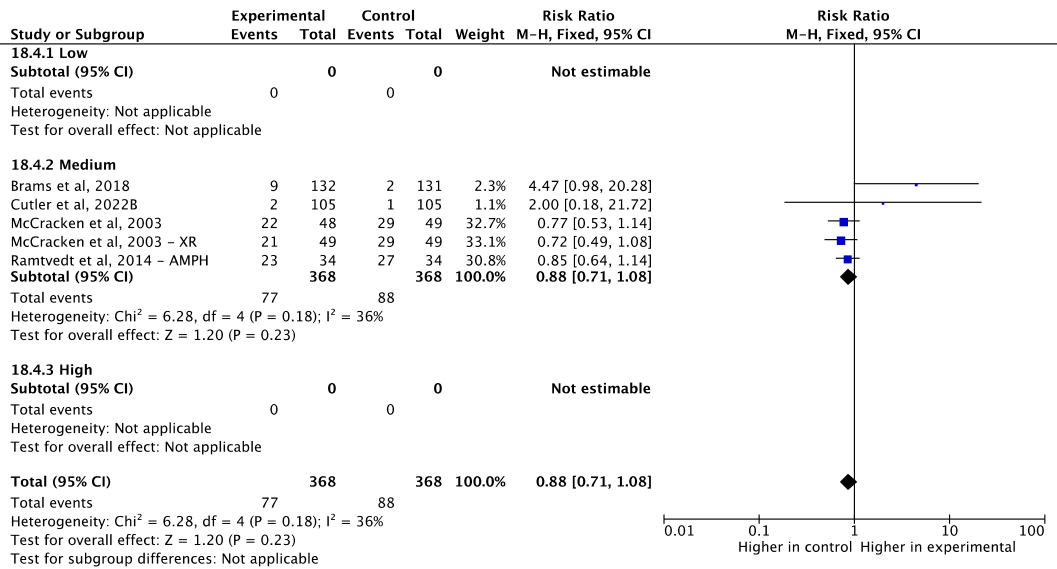


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 86. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups in **children** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

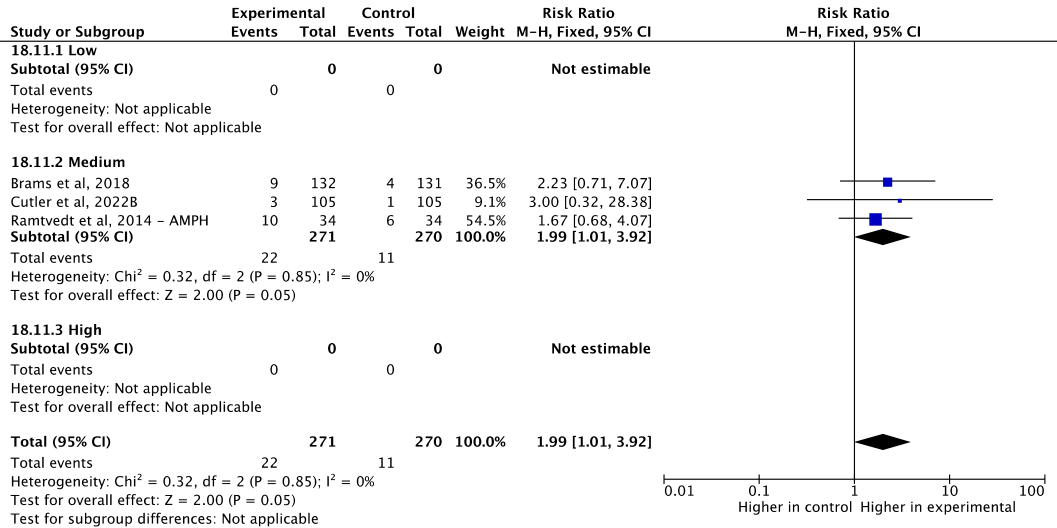


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 87. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** in **children** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

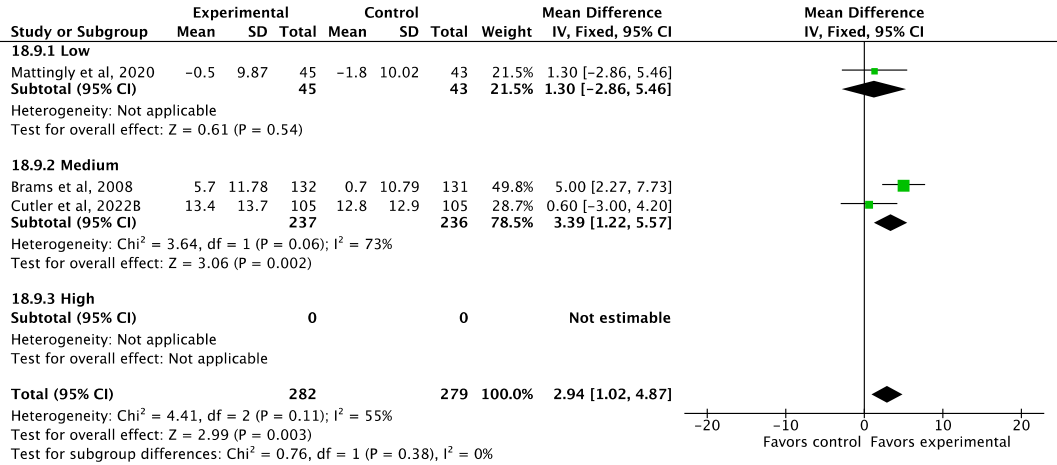


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 88. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** in **children** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

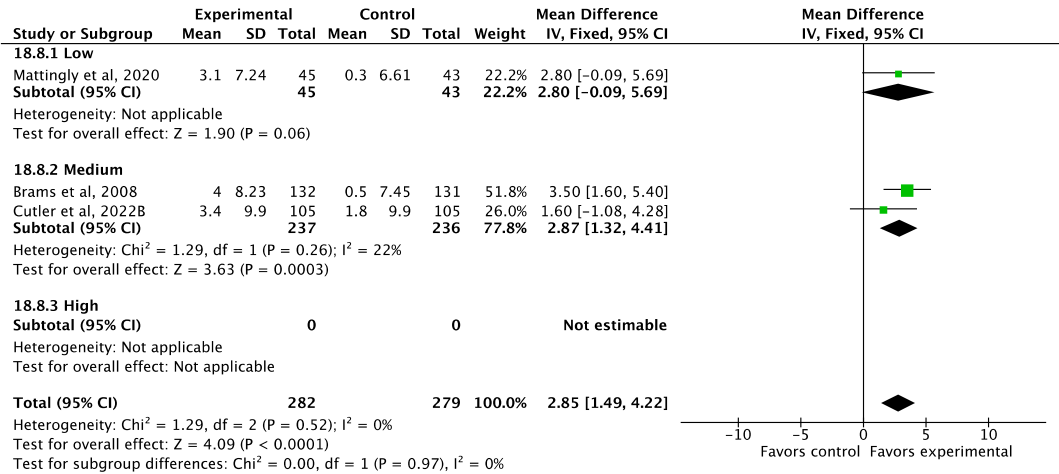


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 89. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** in **children** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

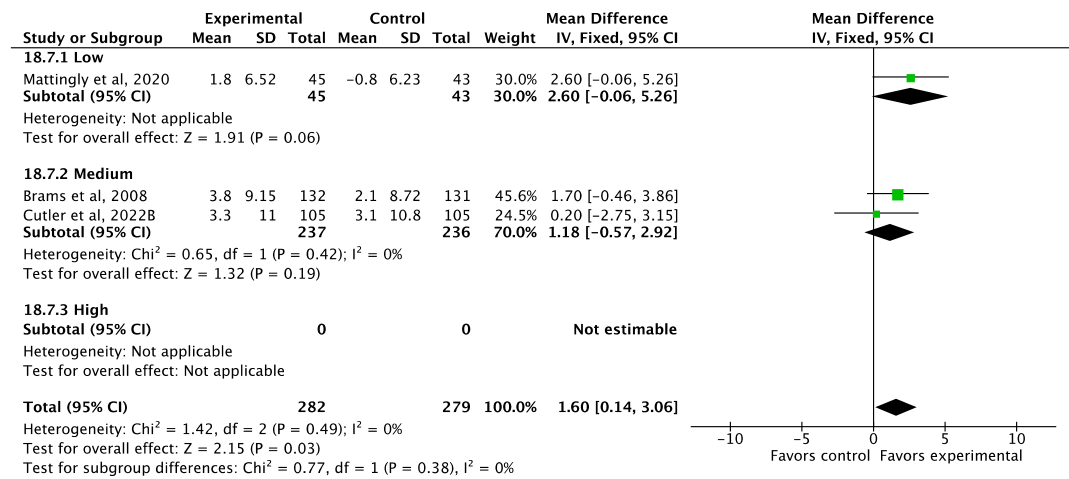


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing high dosage was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 90. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

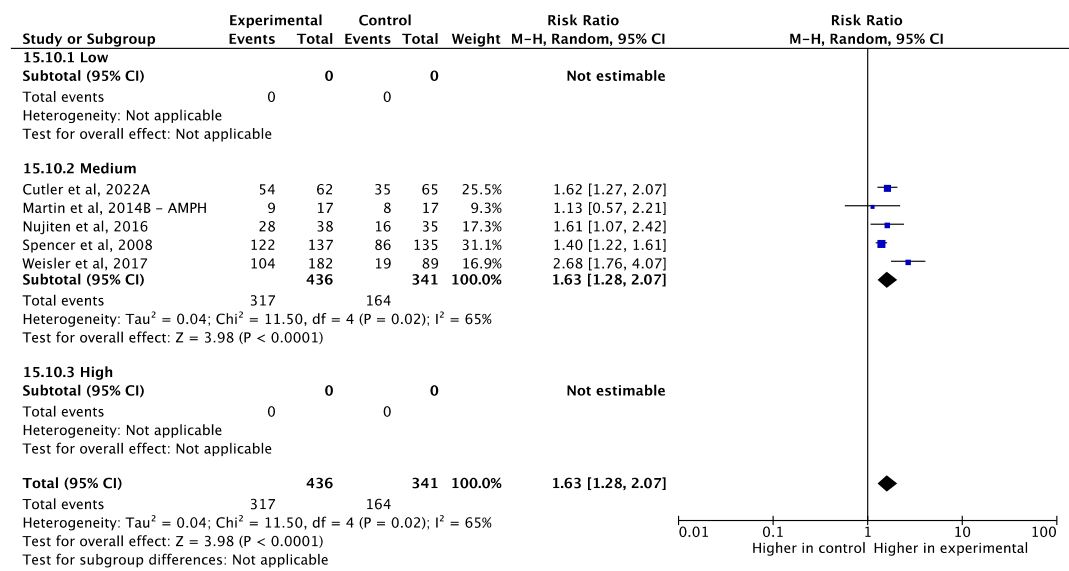


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 91. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

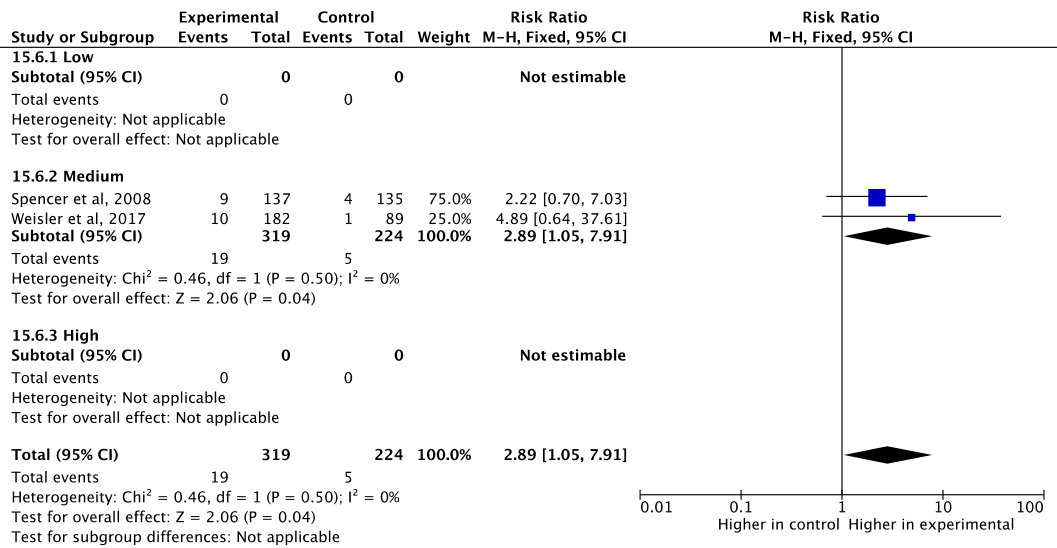


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 92. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

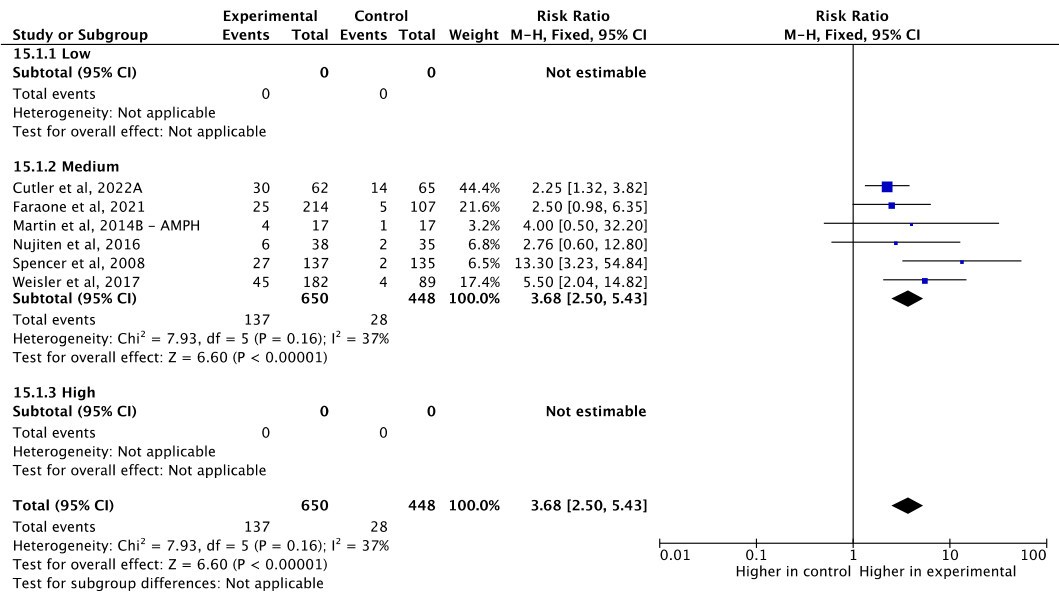


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 93. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

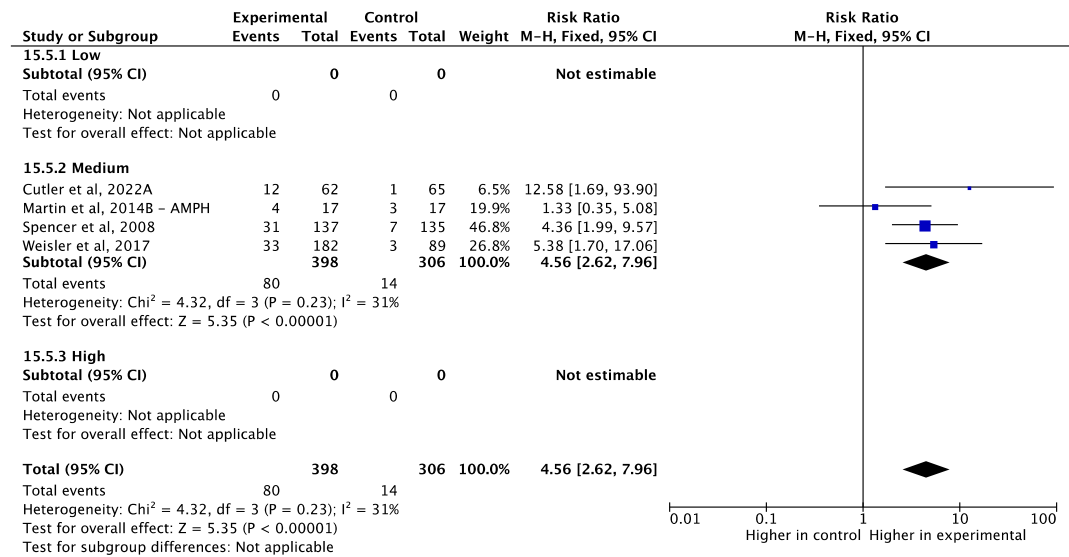


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 94. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

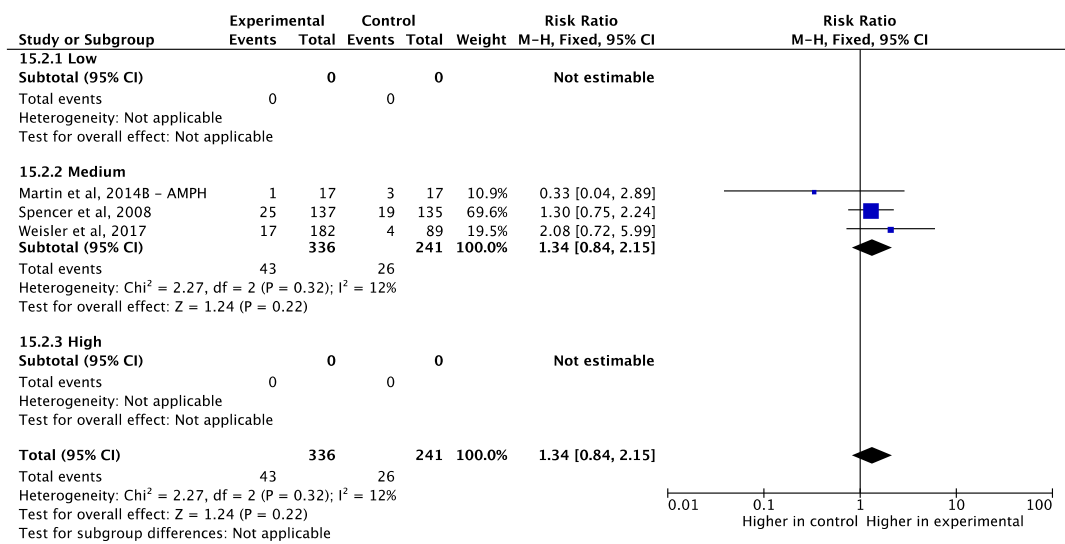


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 95. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

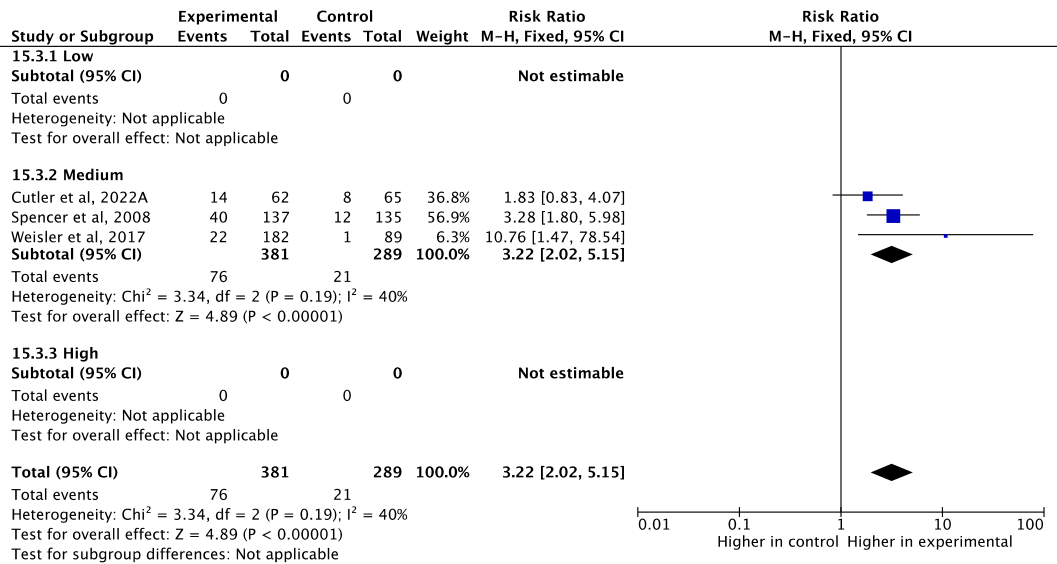


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 96. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups in **adults** using **amphetamines** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

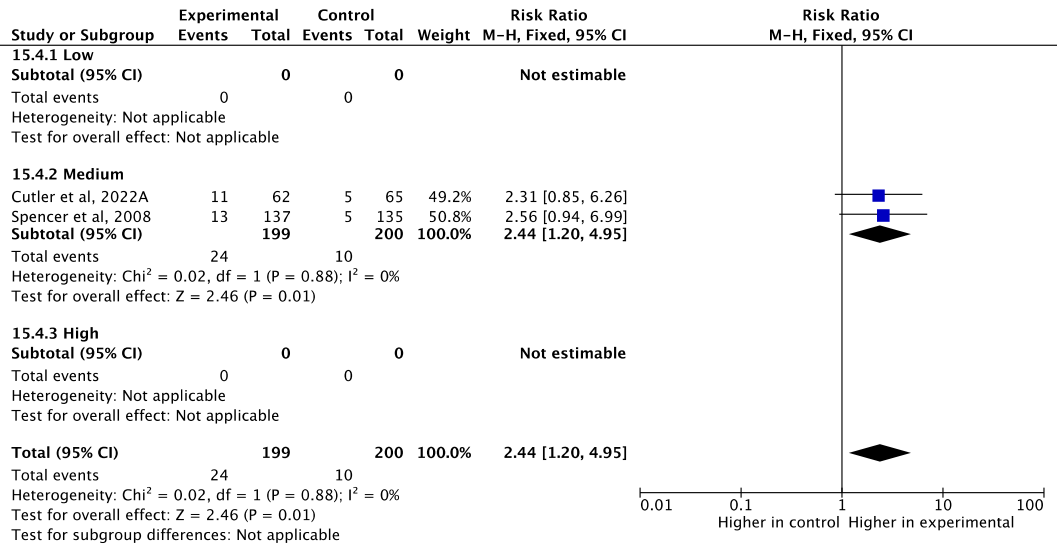


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 97. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

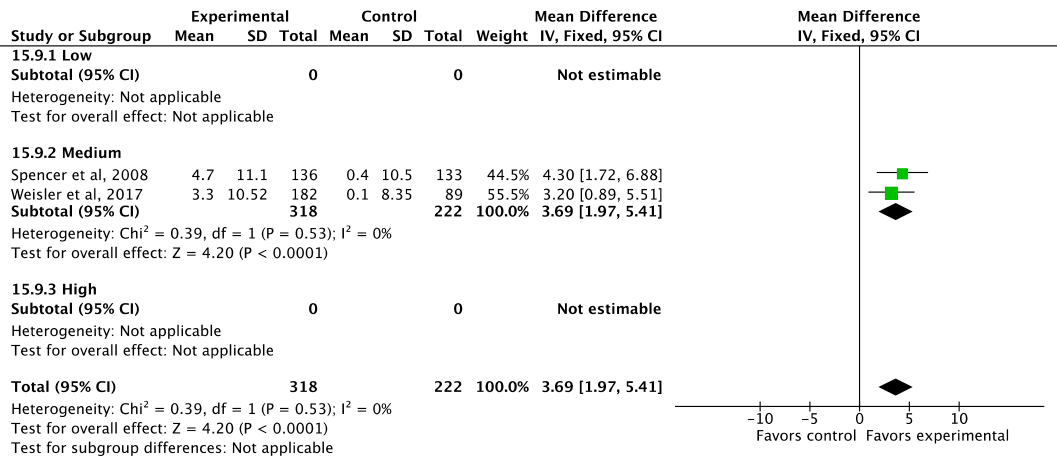


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 98. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

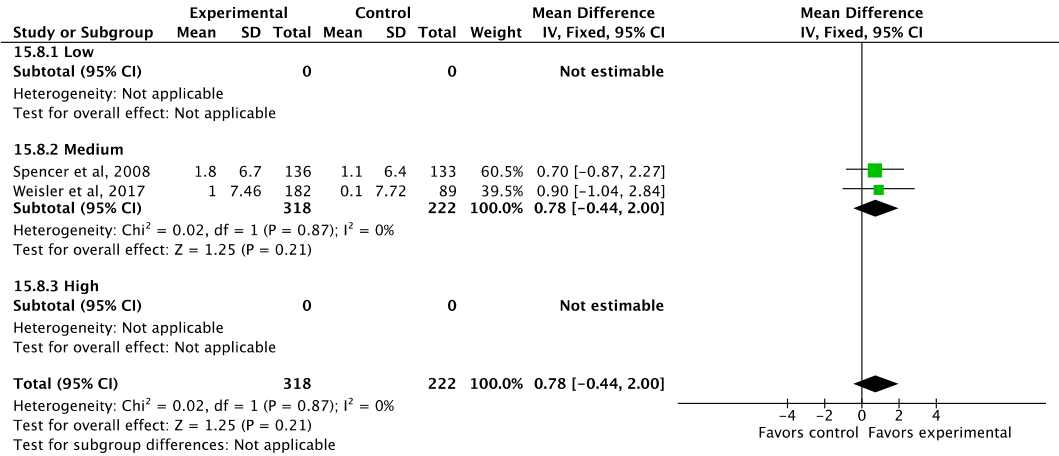


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 99. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups using **amphetamines** in **adults** subdivided by stimulant dosage.

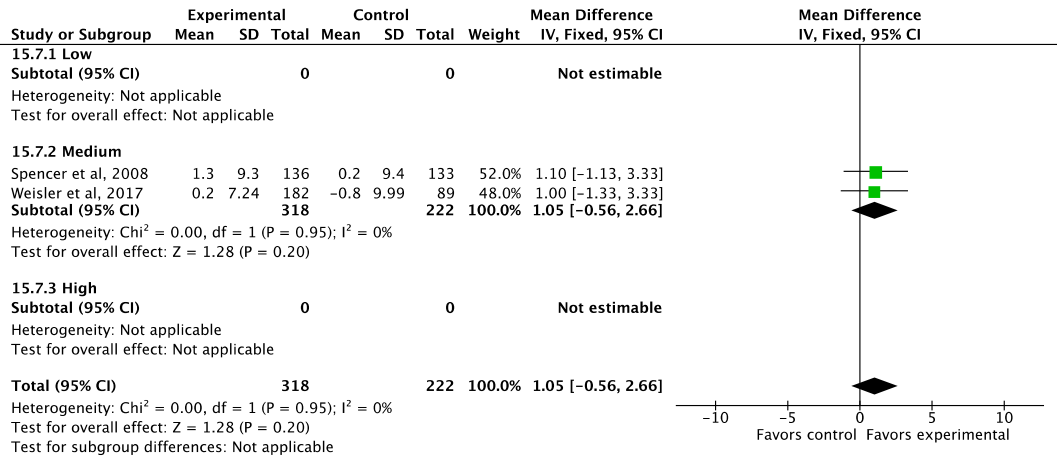


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing low or high dosages was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigures 100-144. Forest plots dividing groups according to stimulant dosage and duration of use.

eFigure 100. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

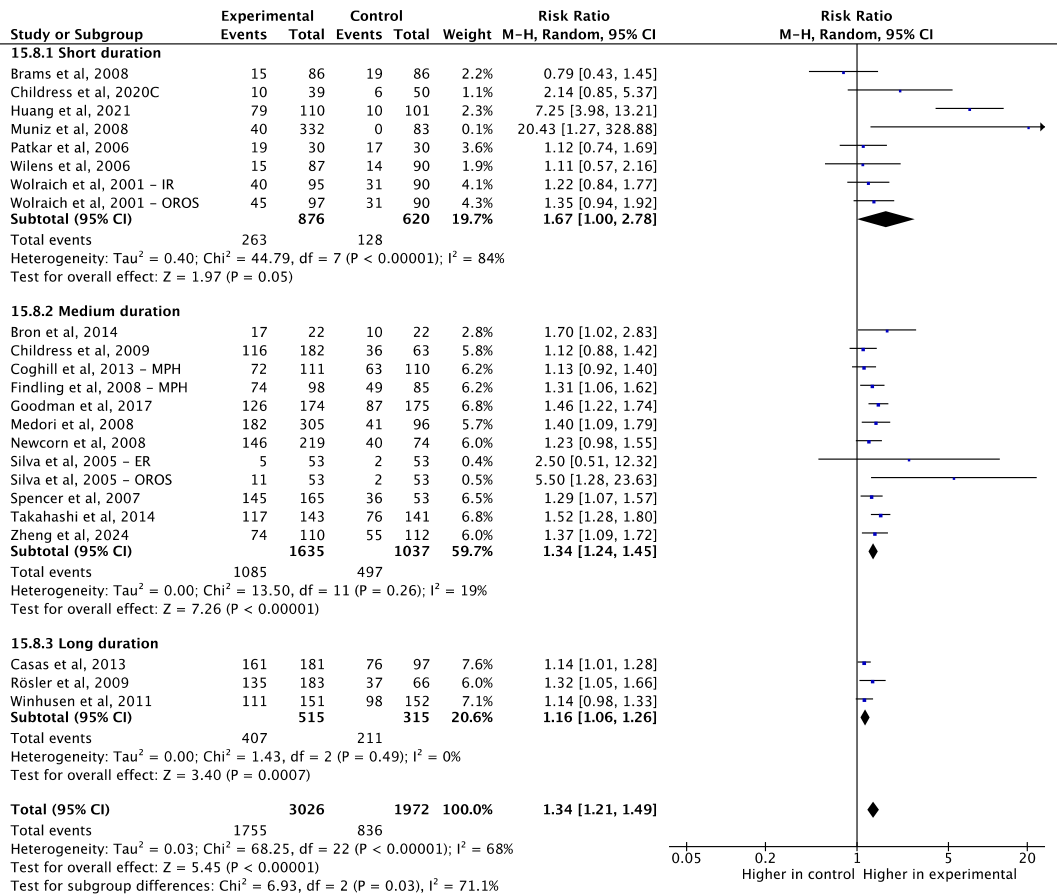


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; ER, extended release; IR, immediate release; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; OROS, osmotic release oral system.

eFigure 101. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

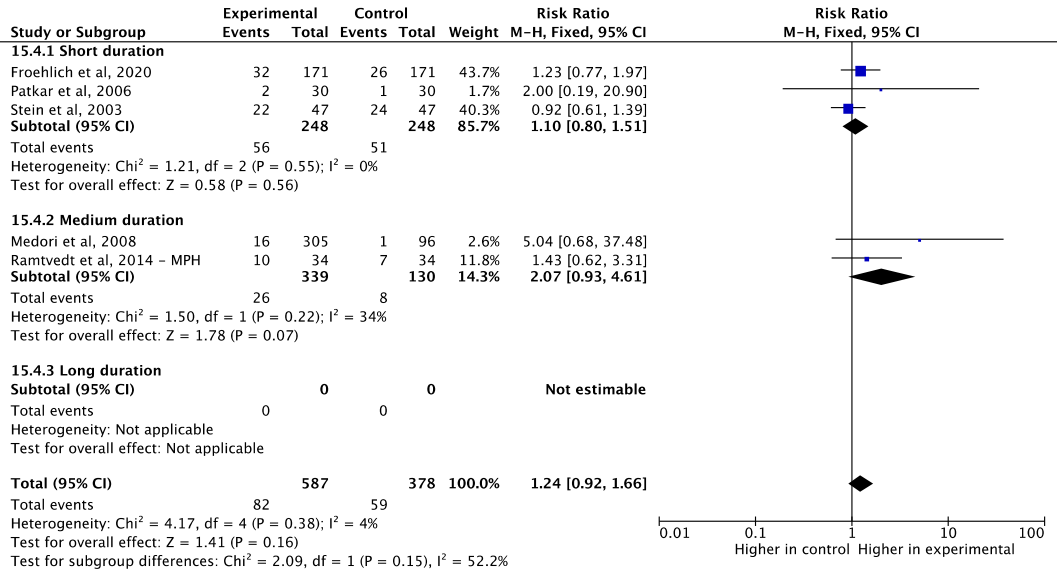


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 102. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

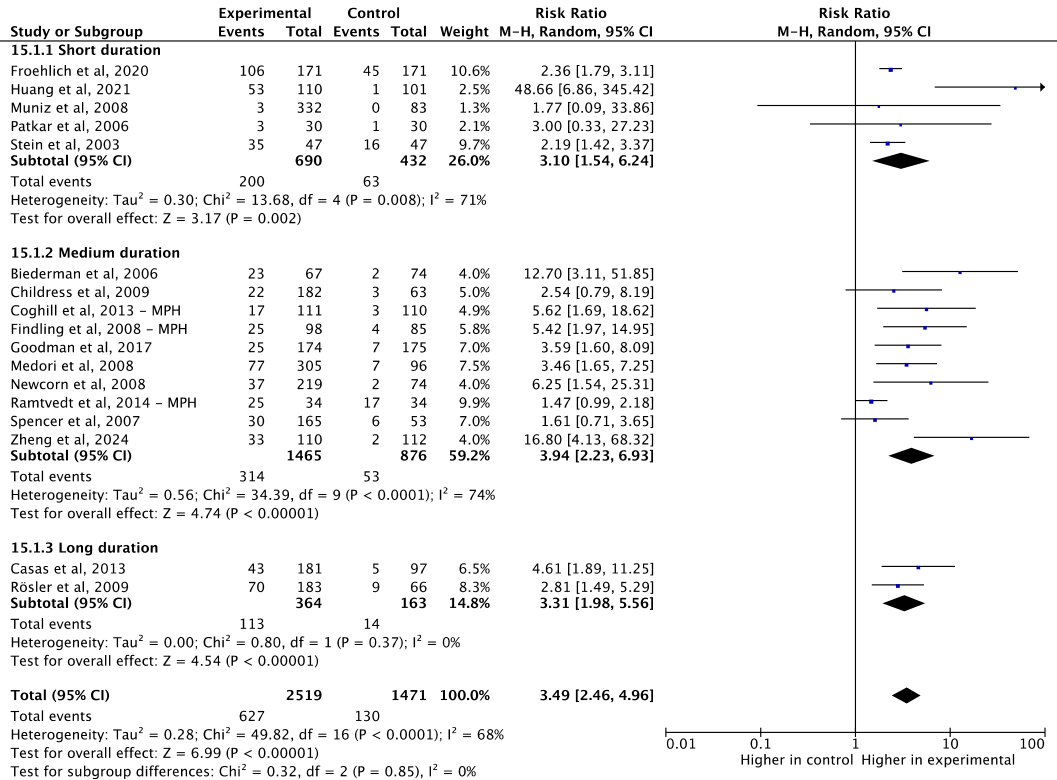


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 103. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

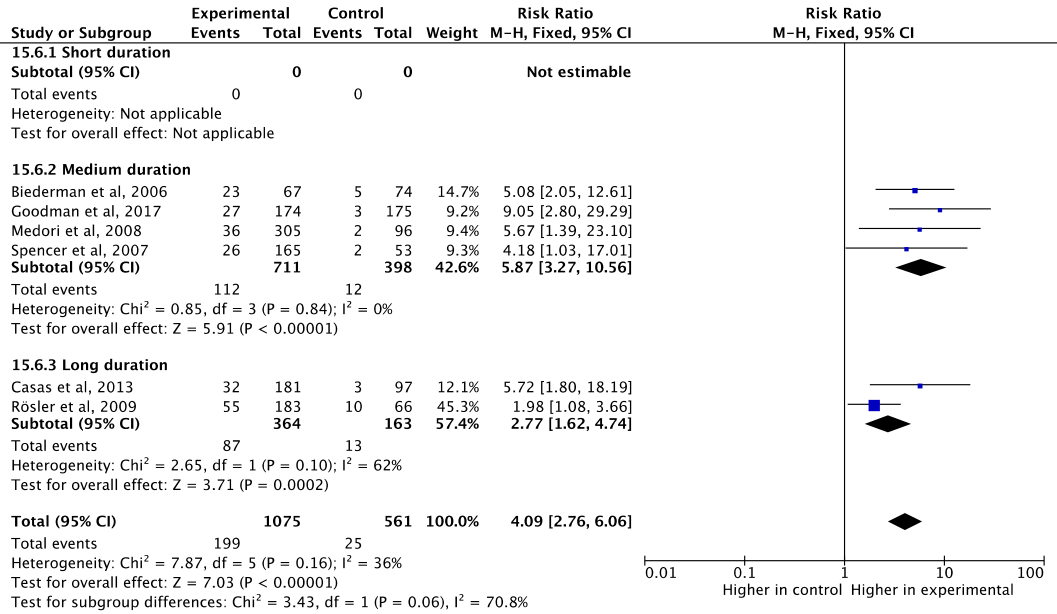


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing short duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 104. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

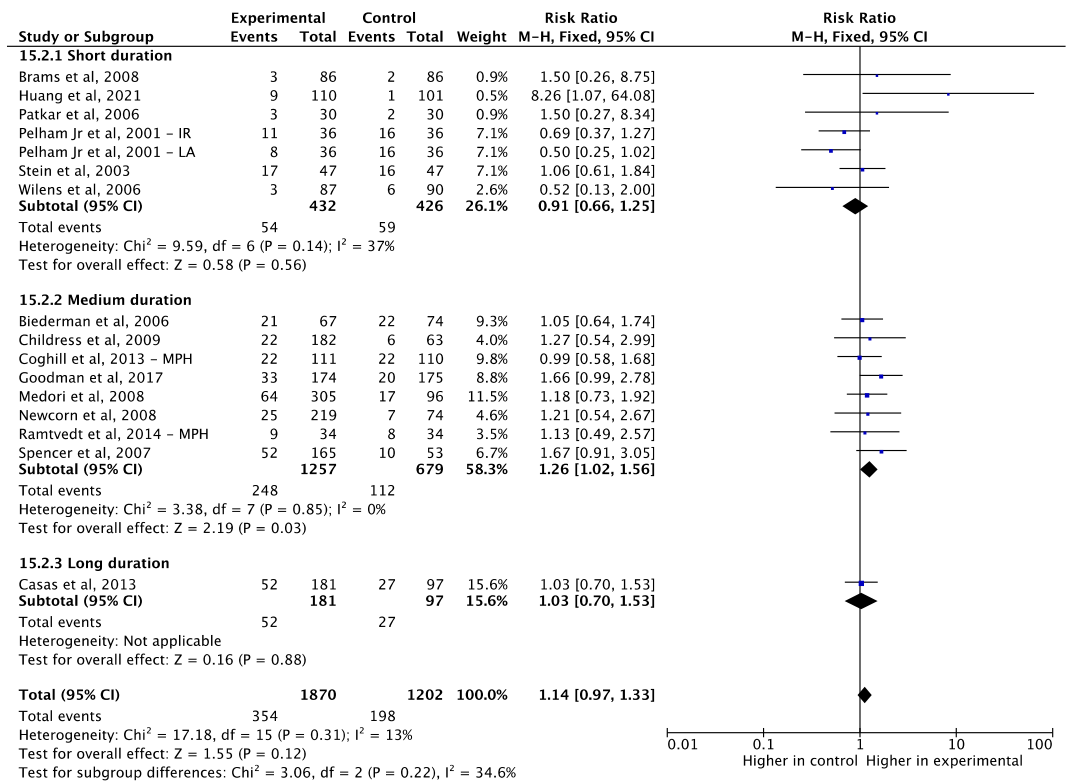


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IR, immediate release; LA, long acting; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 105. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

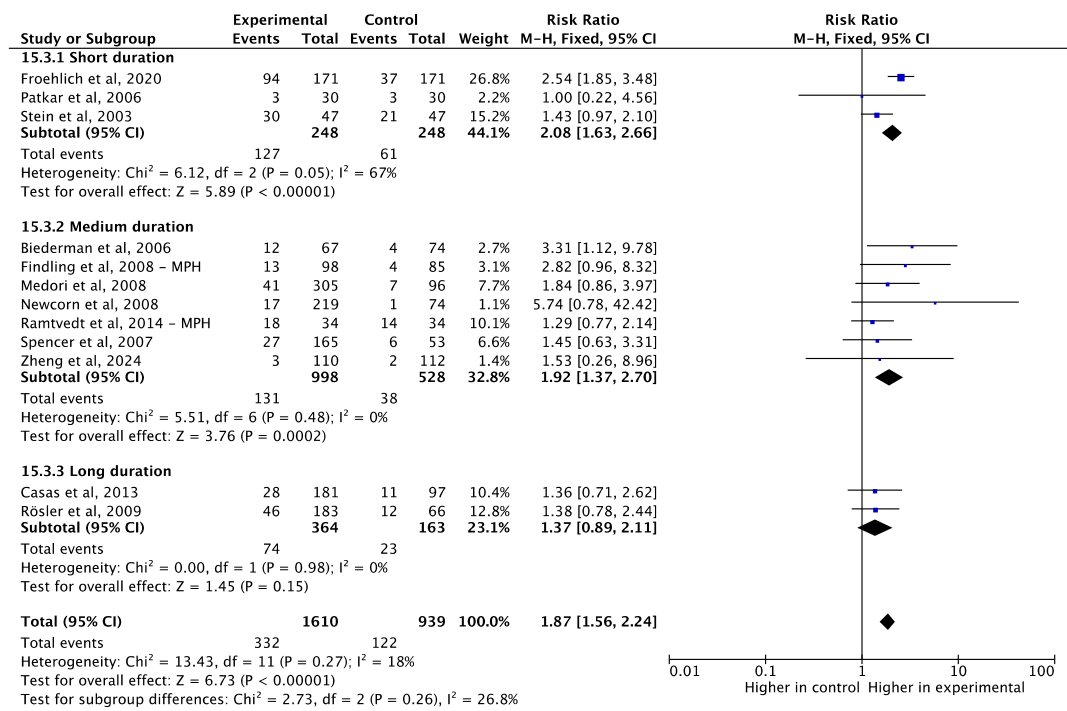


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 106. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

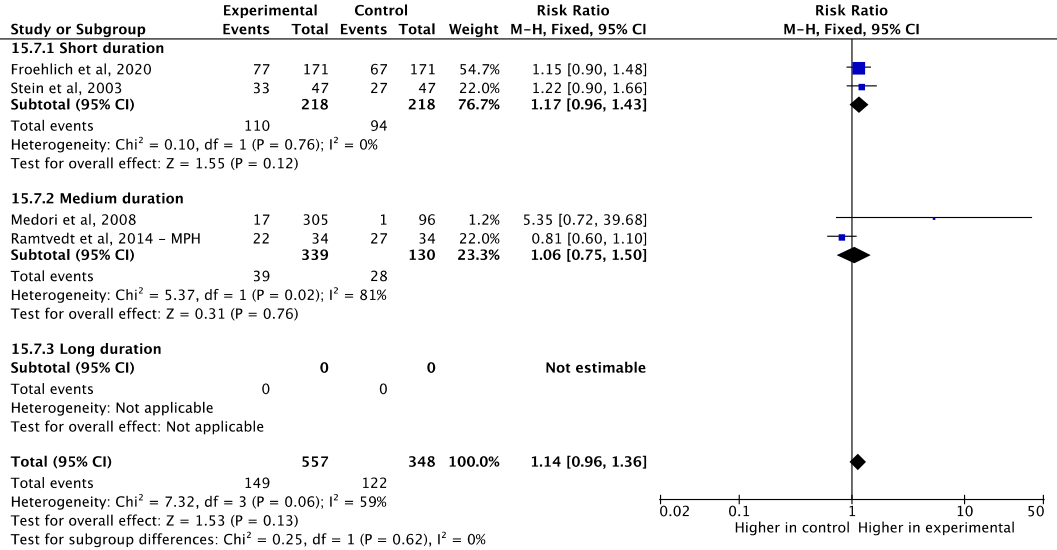


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; ER, extended release; IR, immediate release; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate; OROS, osmotic release oral system. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 107. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

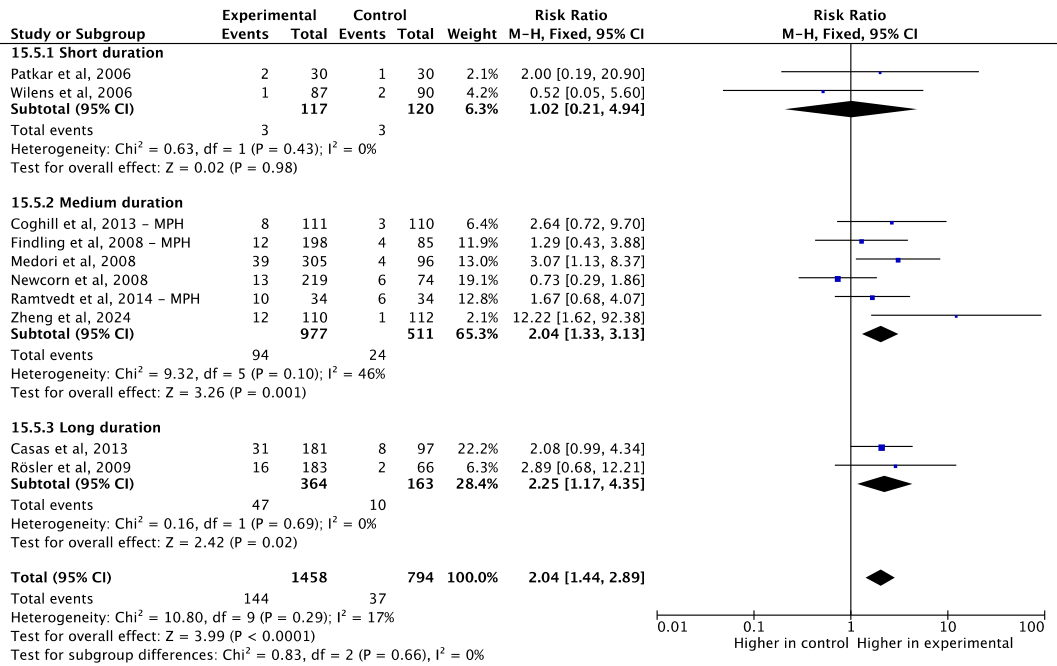


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; MPH, methylphenidate.

eFigure 108. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

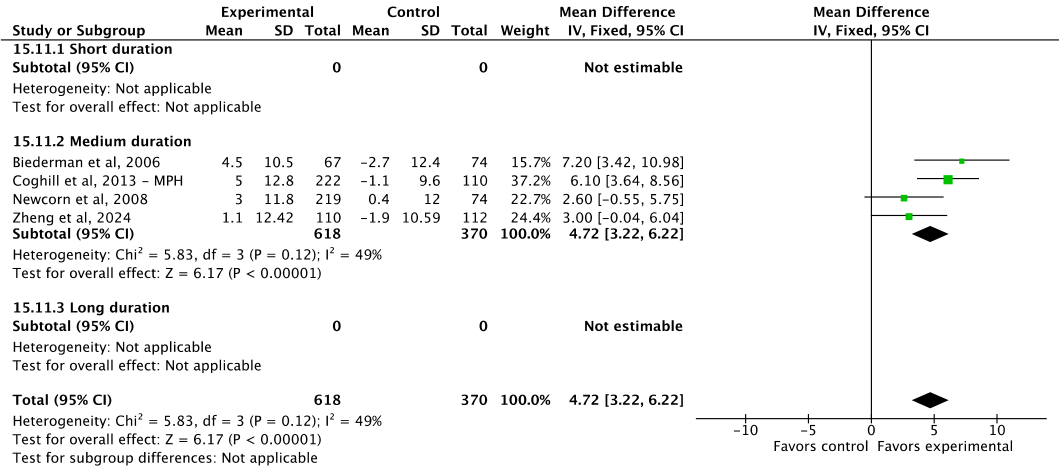


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing short or long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 109. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

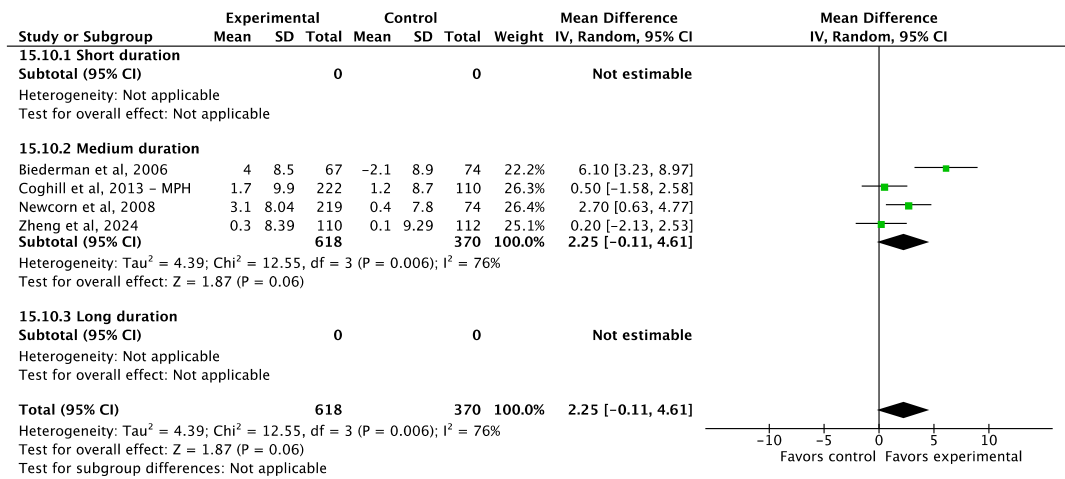


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing short or long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 110. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

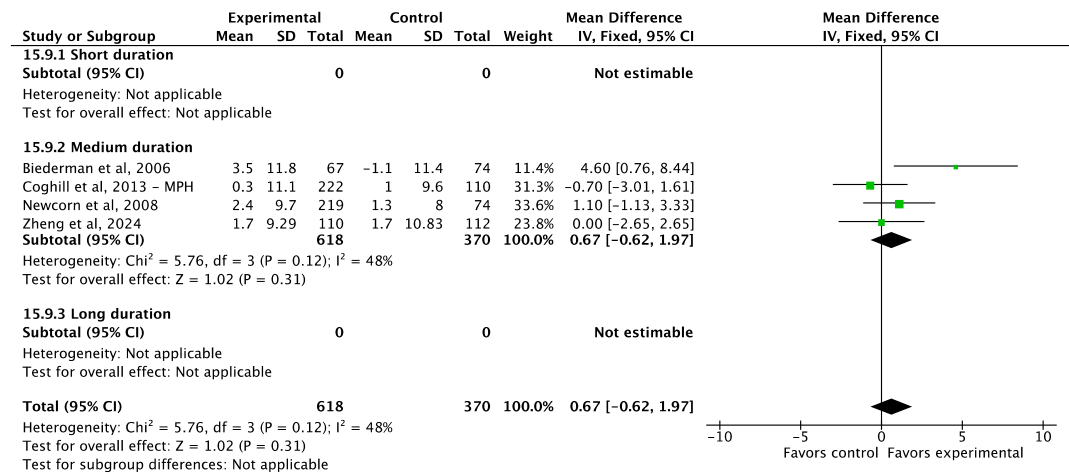


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; MPH, methylphenidate; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing short or long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 111. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

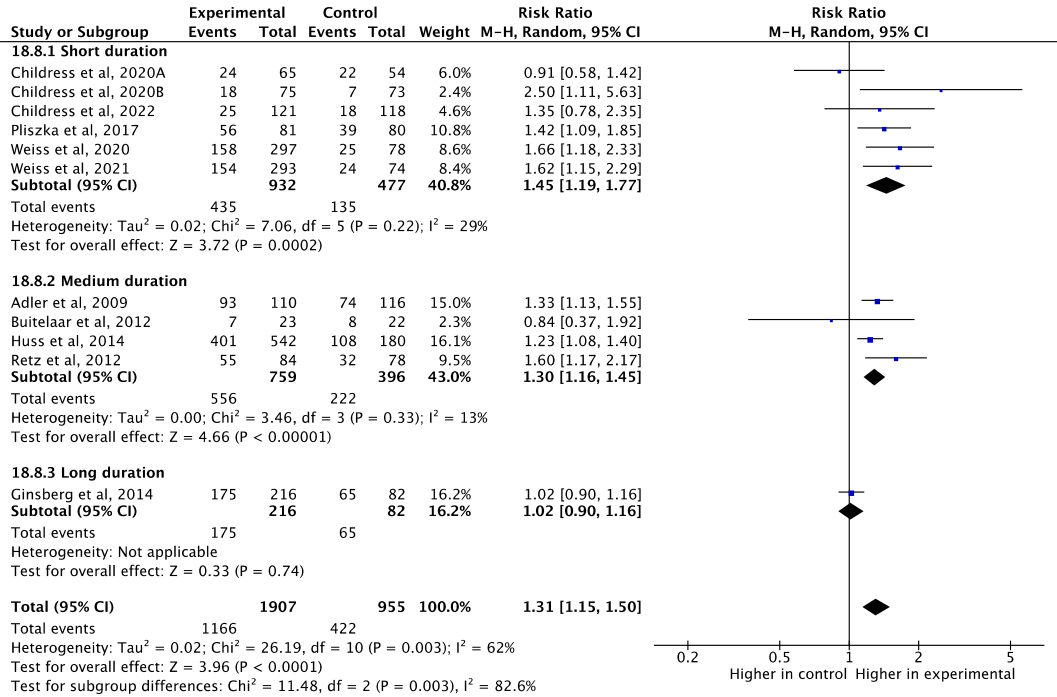


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 112. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

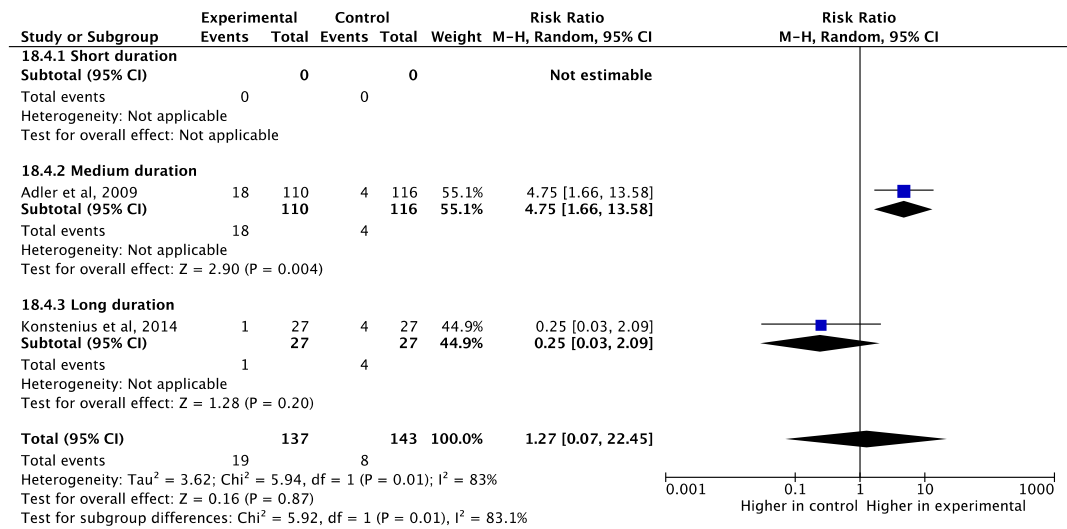


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing short duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 113. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

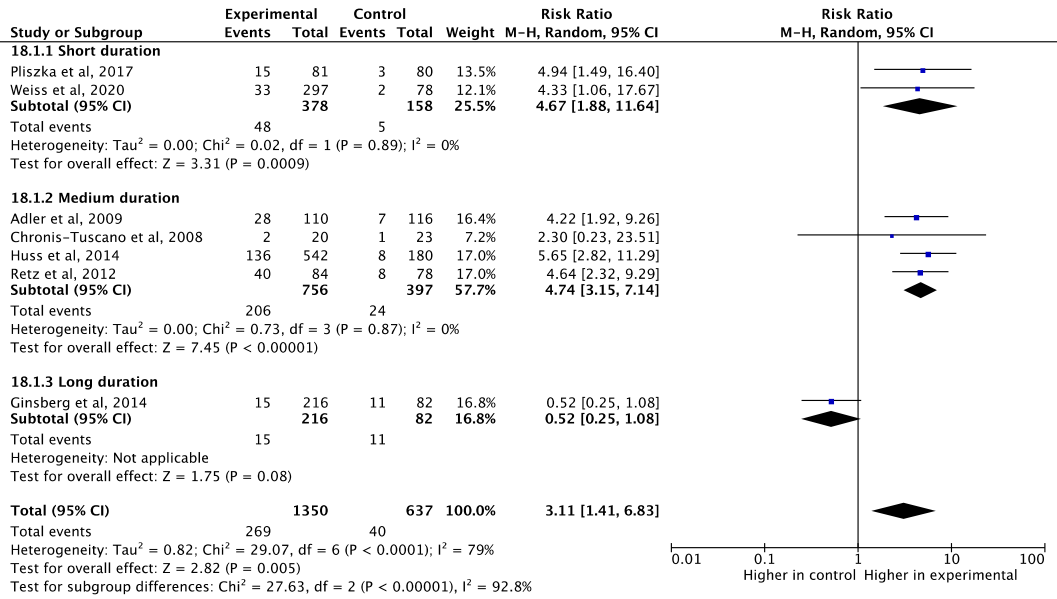


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 114. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

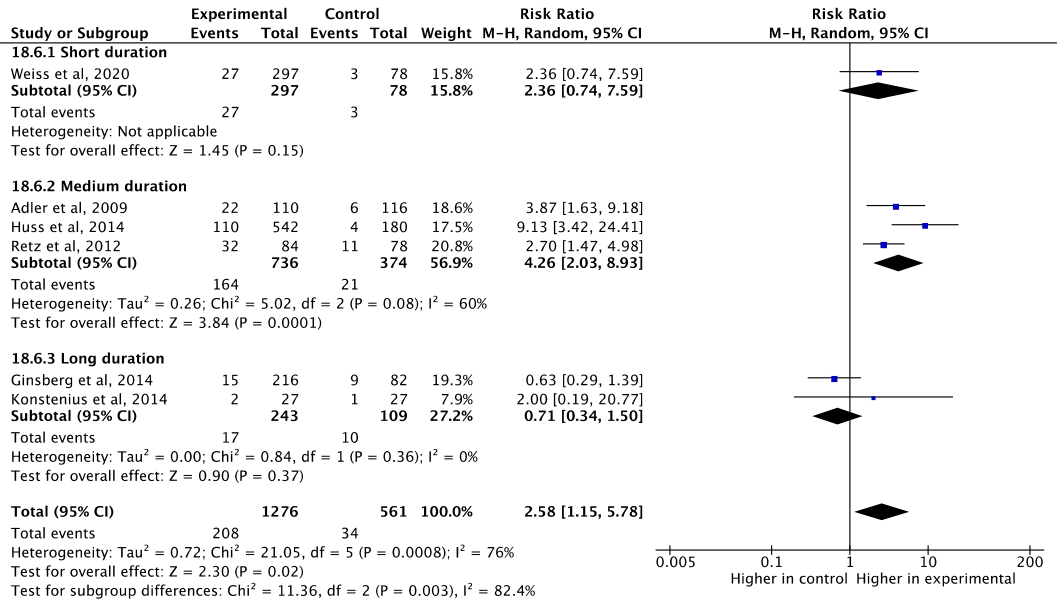


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 115. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high** dose **methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

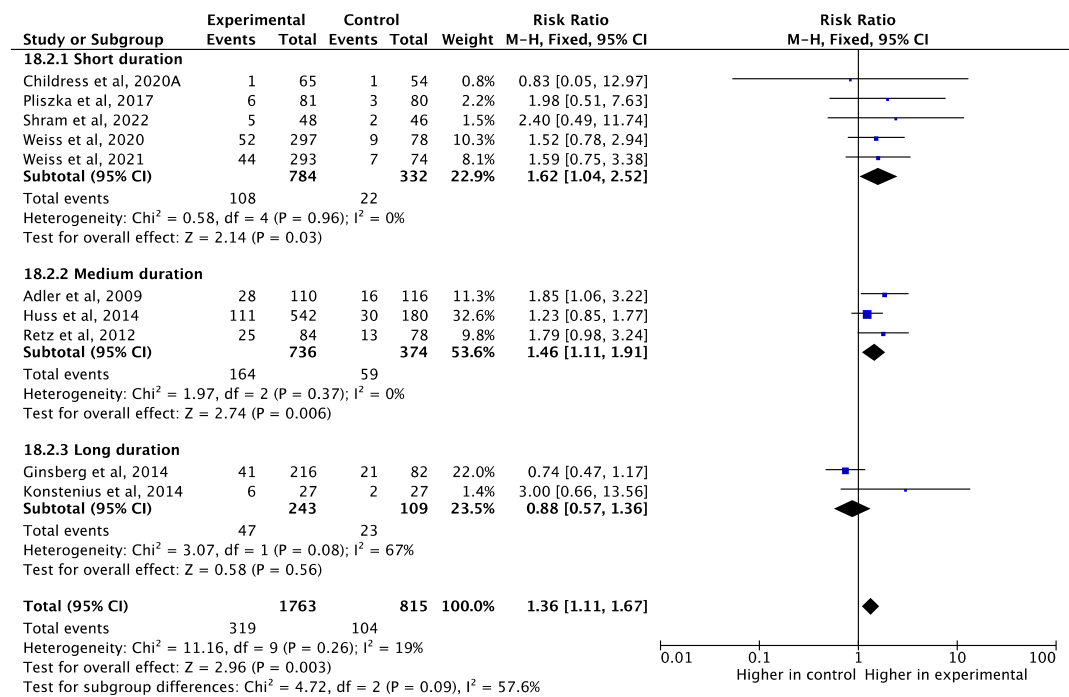


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 116. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

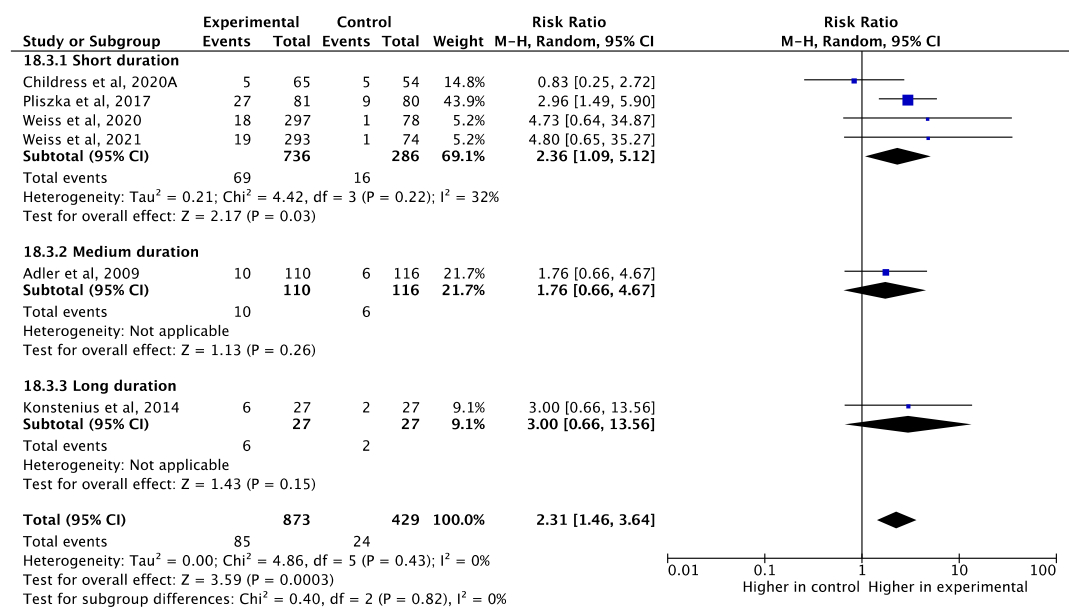


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 117. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

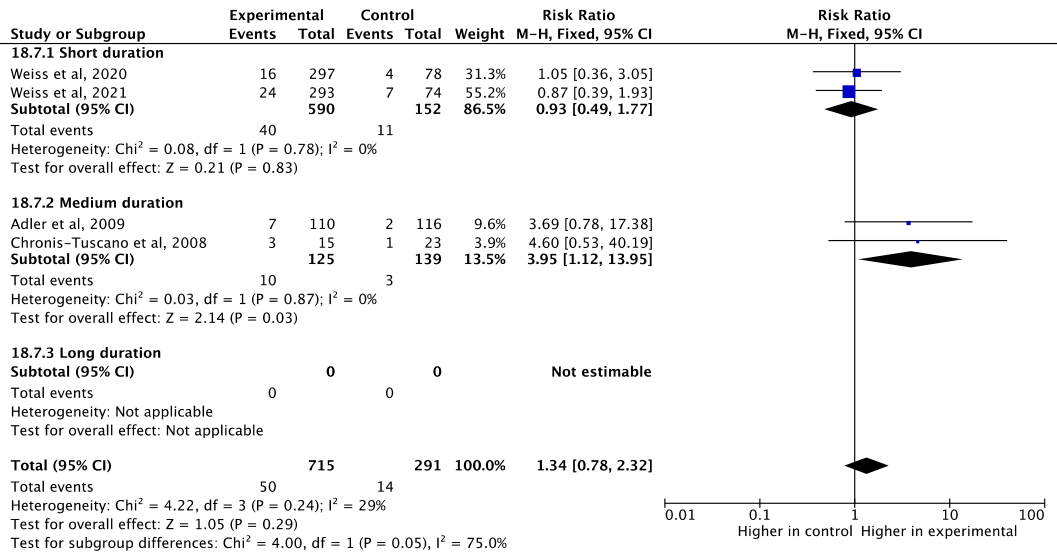


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 118. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high** dose **methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

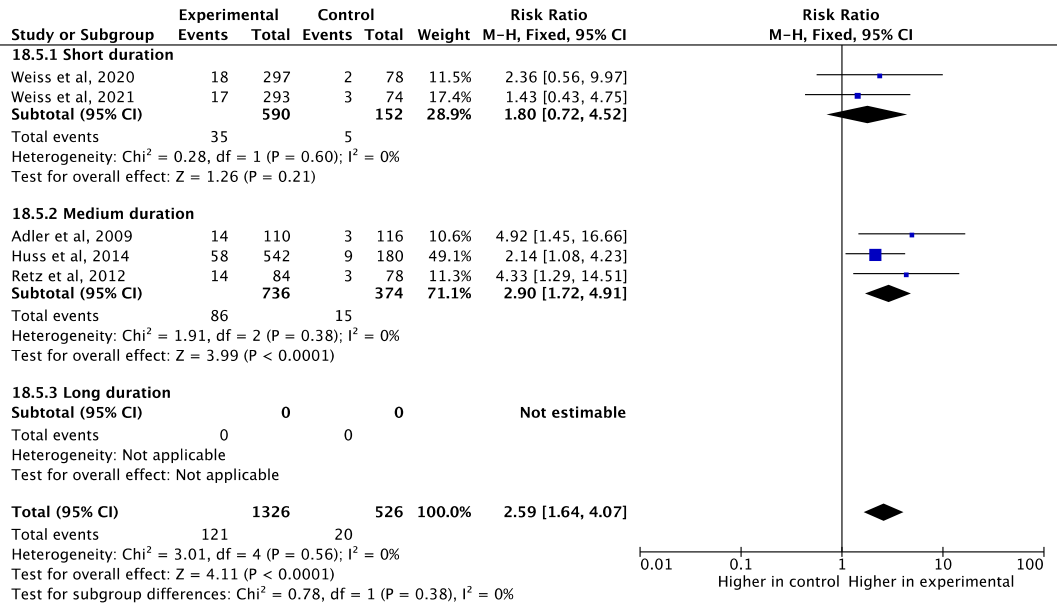
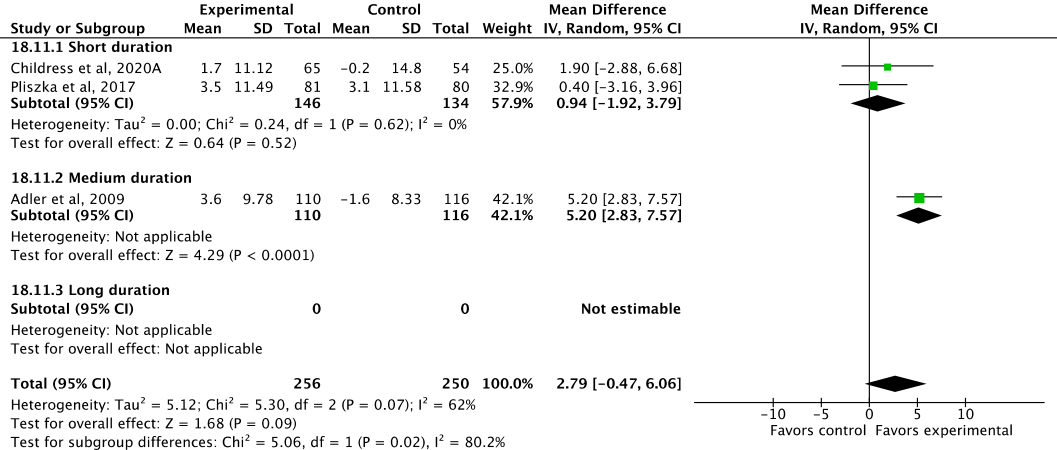


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 119. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high** dose **methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.



eFigure 120. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.

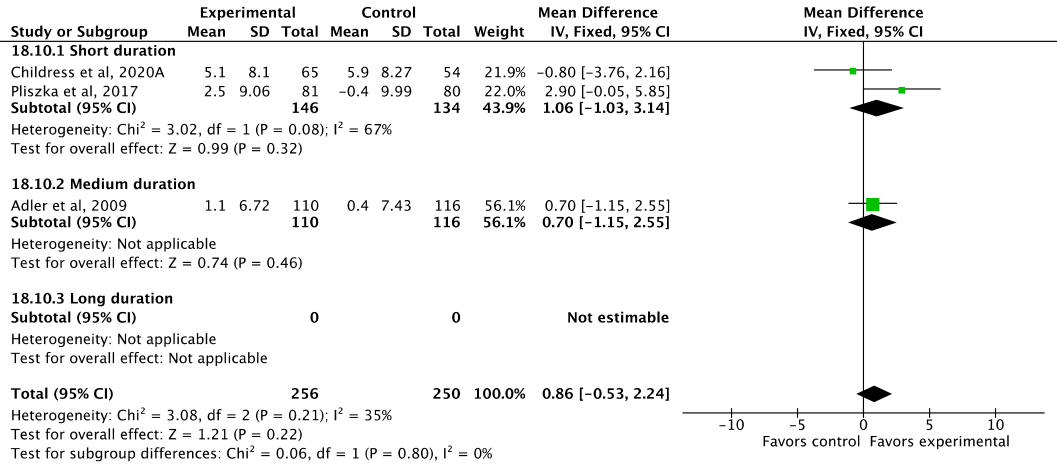
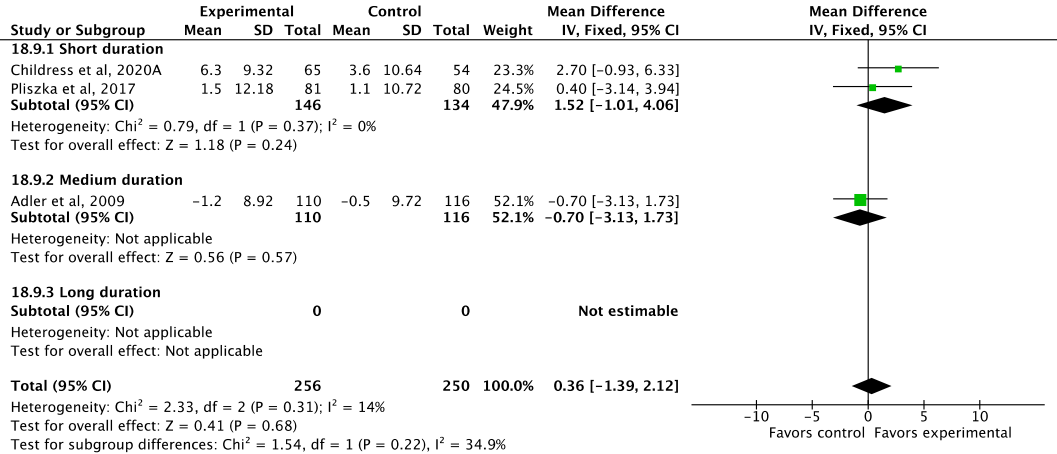


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 121. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose methylphenidate** subdivided by duration of use.



eFigure 122. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose lisdexamphetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

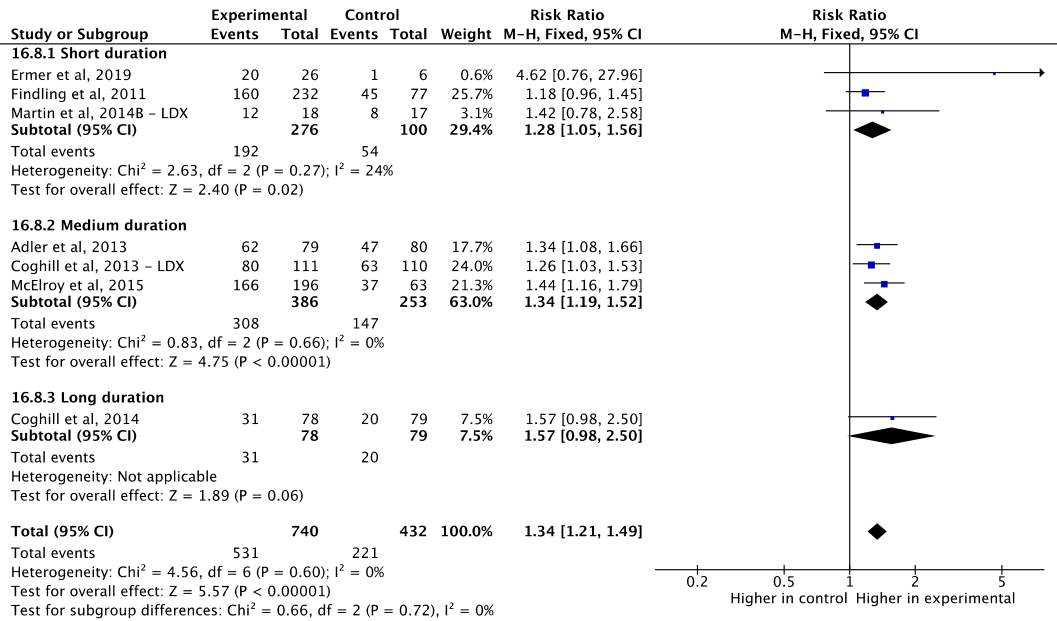


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamphetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 123. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

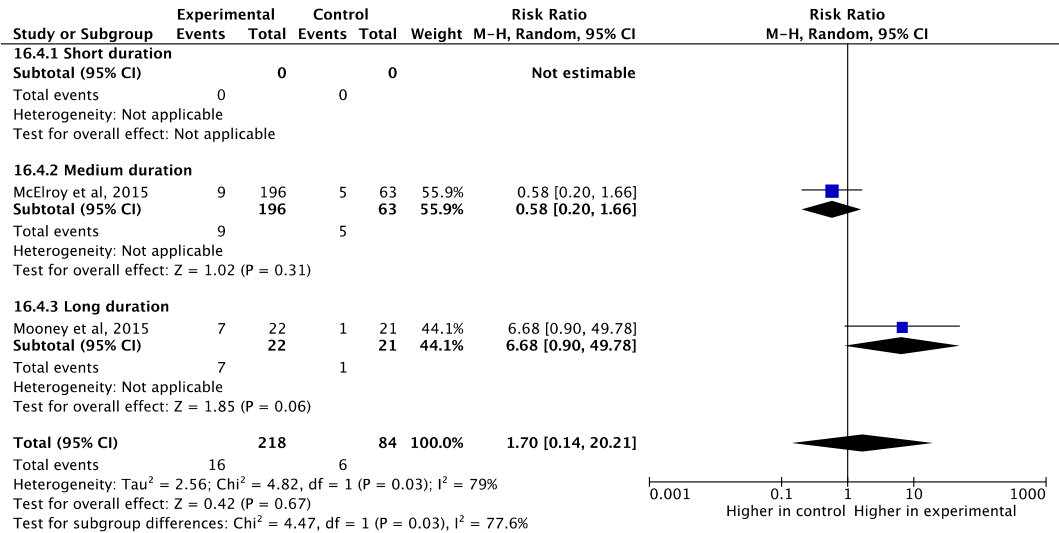


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing short duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 124. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

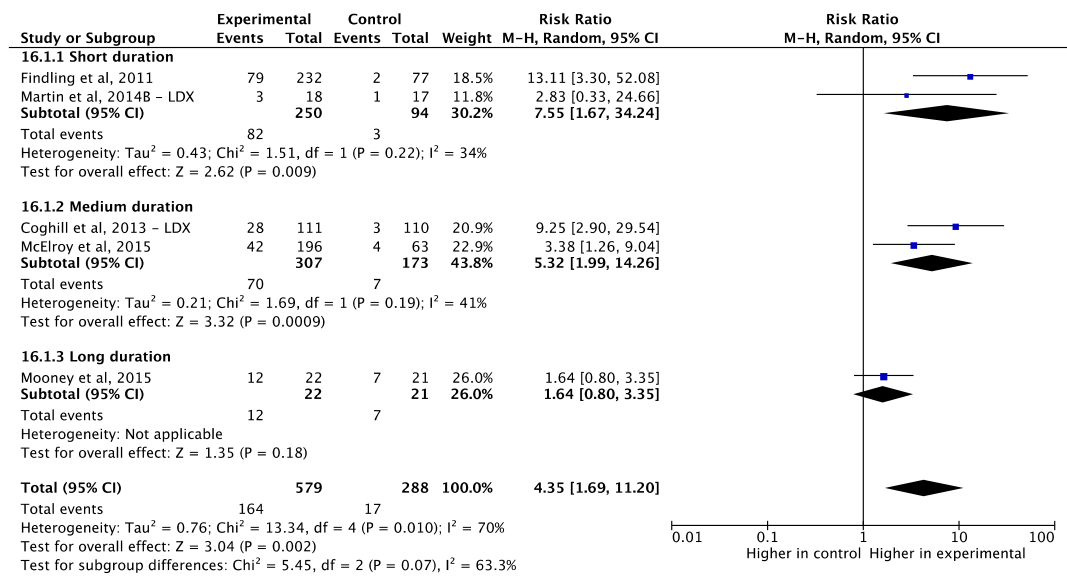


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 125. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose lisdexamphetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

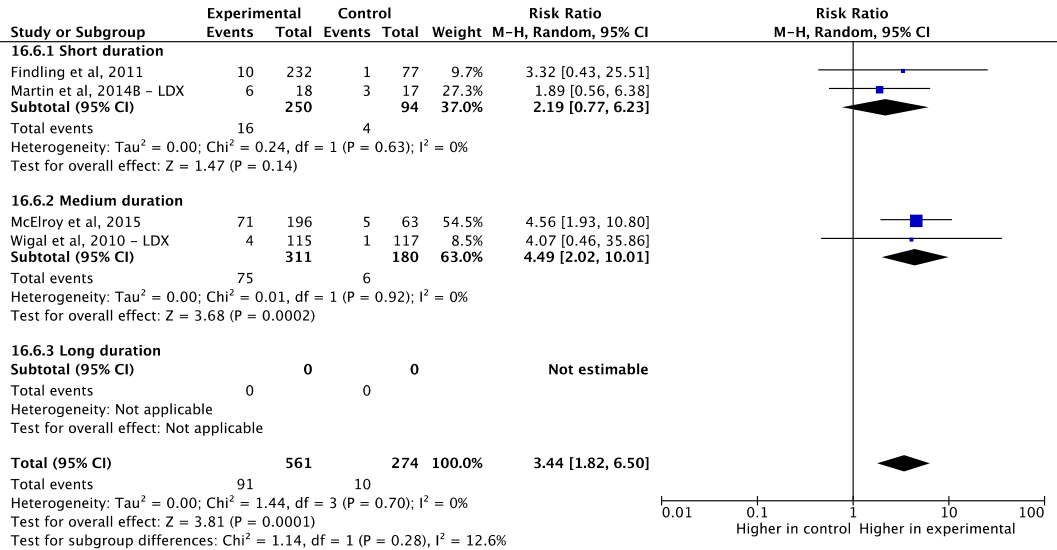


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamphetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 126. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

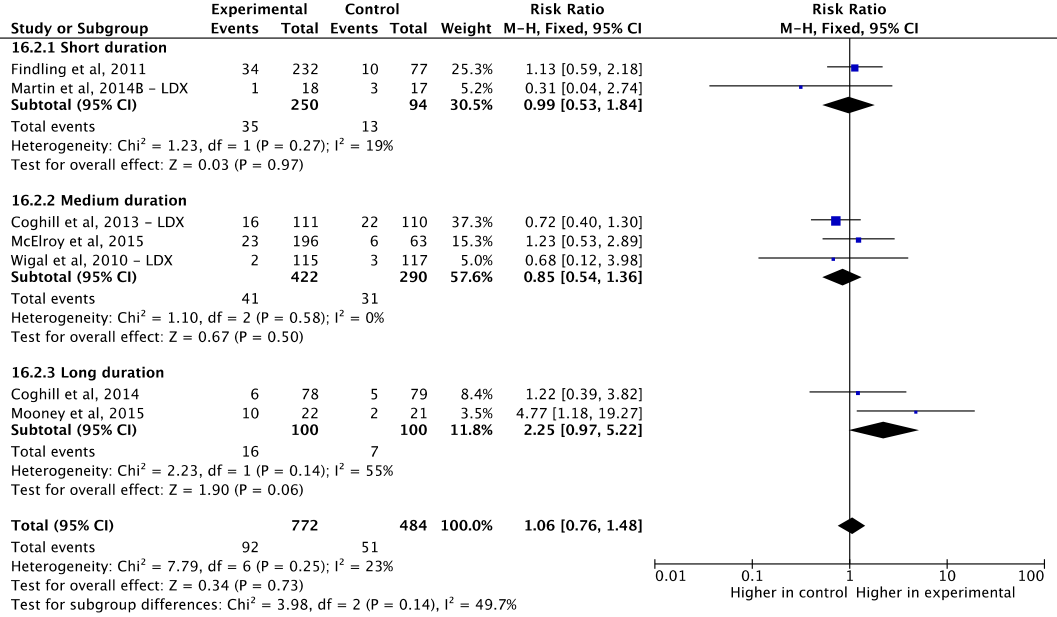


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel.

eFigure 127. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose lisdexamphetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

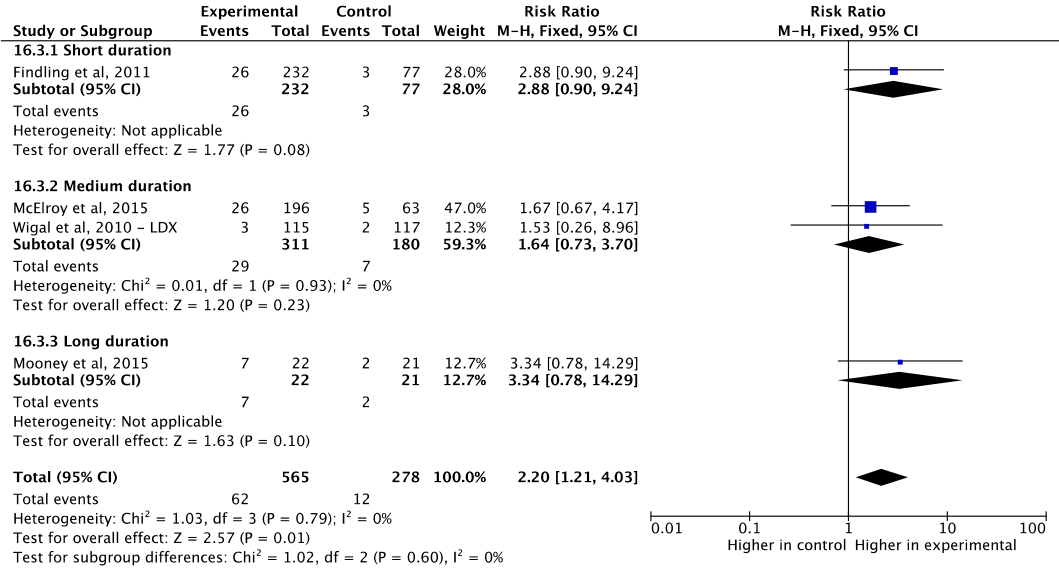


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamphetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel.

eFigure 128. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **lisdexamphetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

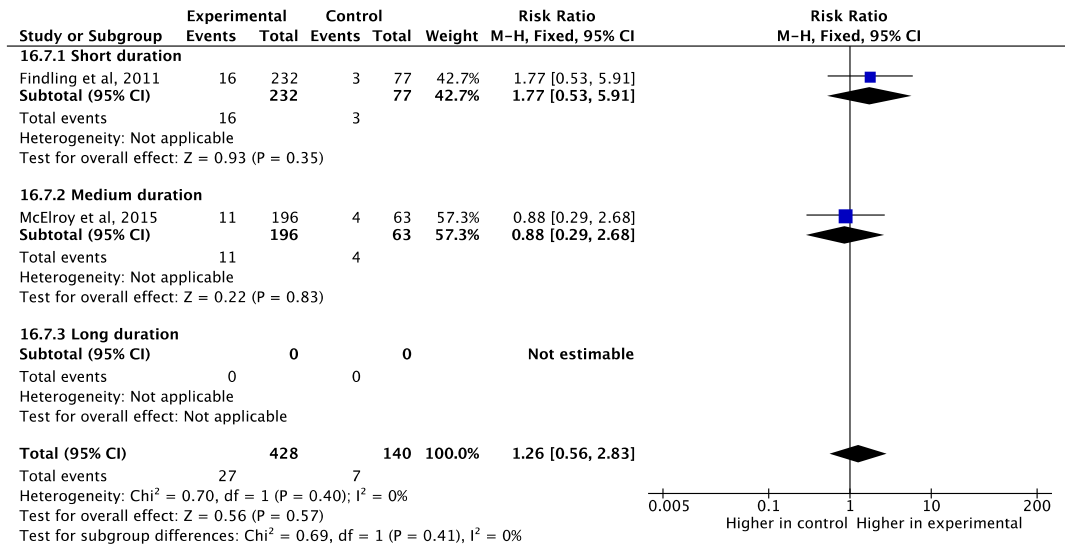


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamphetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 129. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

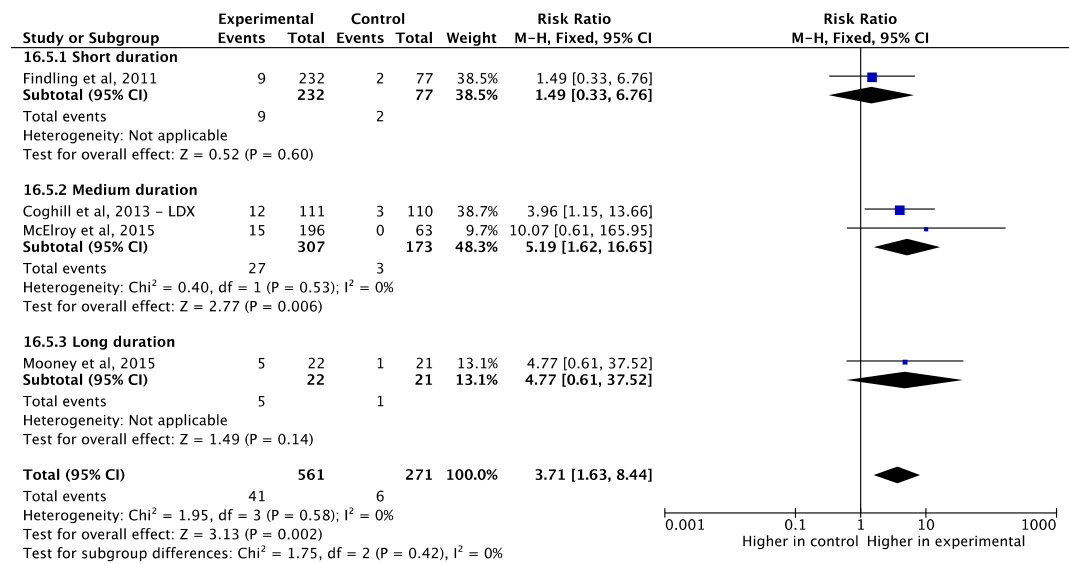


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel..

eFigure 130. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

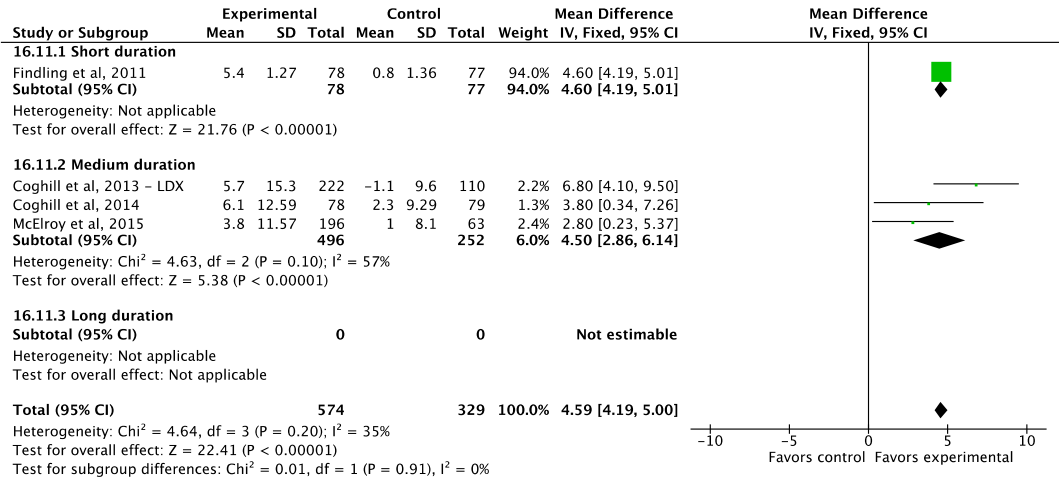


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 131. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

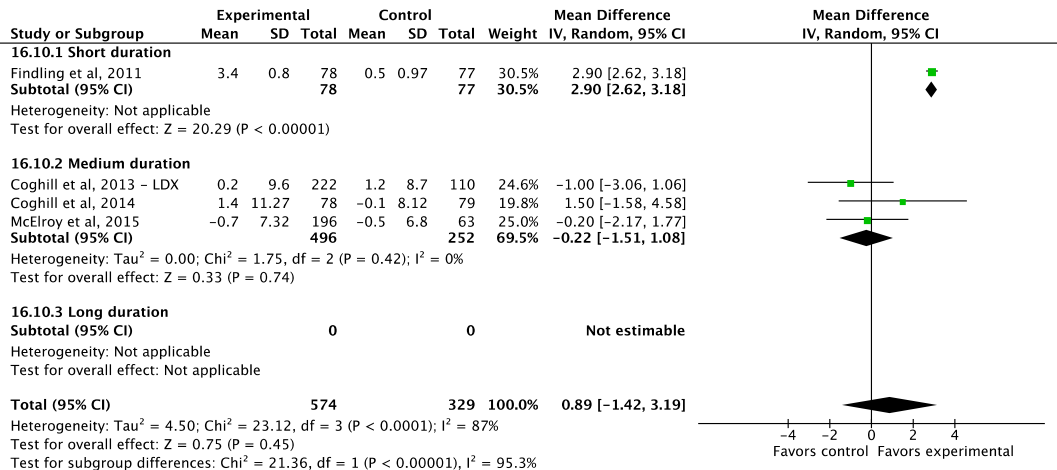


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 132. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

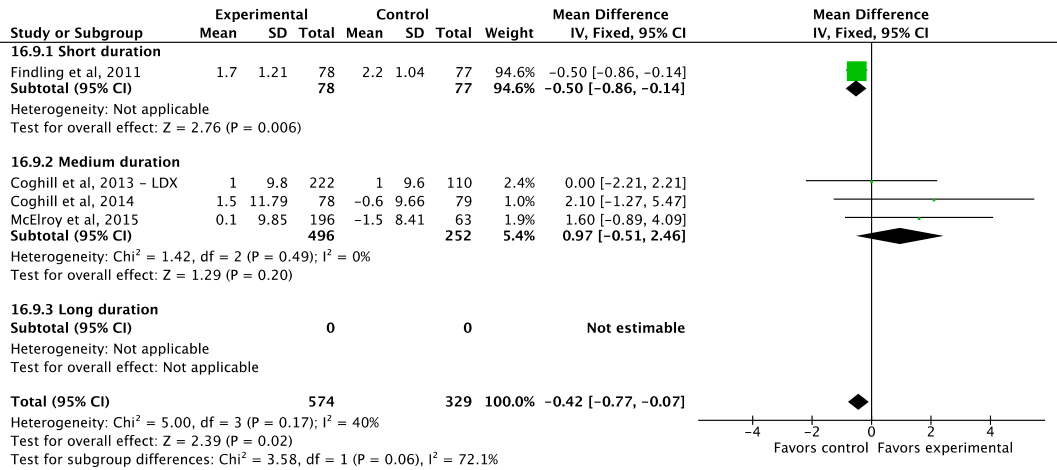


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 133. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in participants using **high dose lisdexamfetamine** subdivided by duration of use.

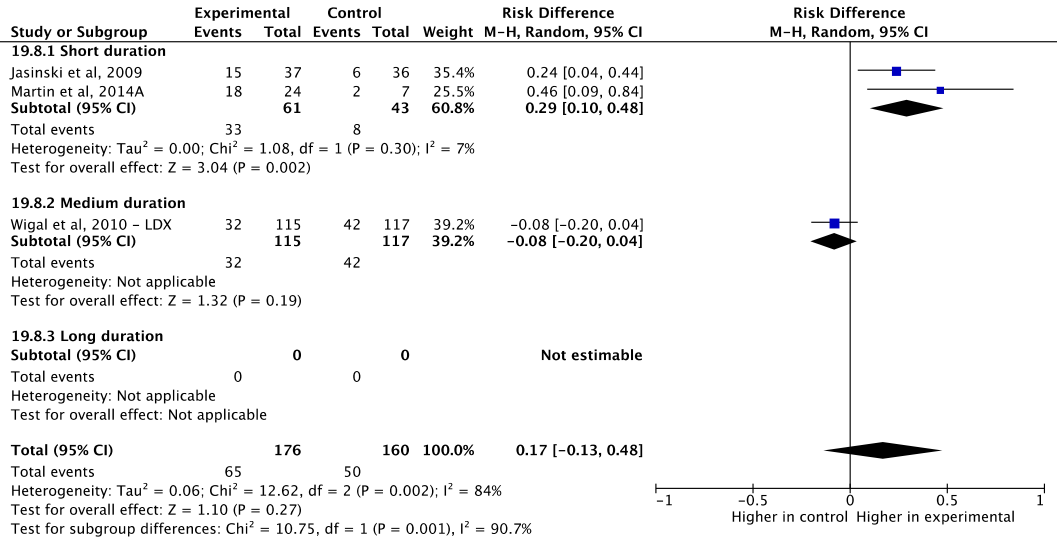


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; LDX, lisdexamfetamine; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 134. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **all adverse events** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

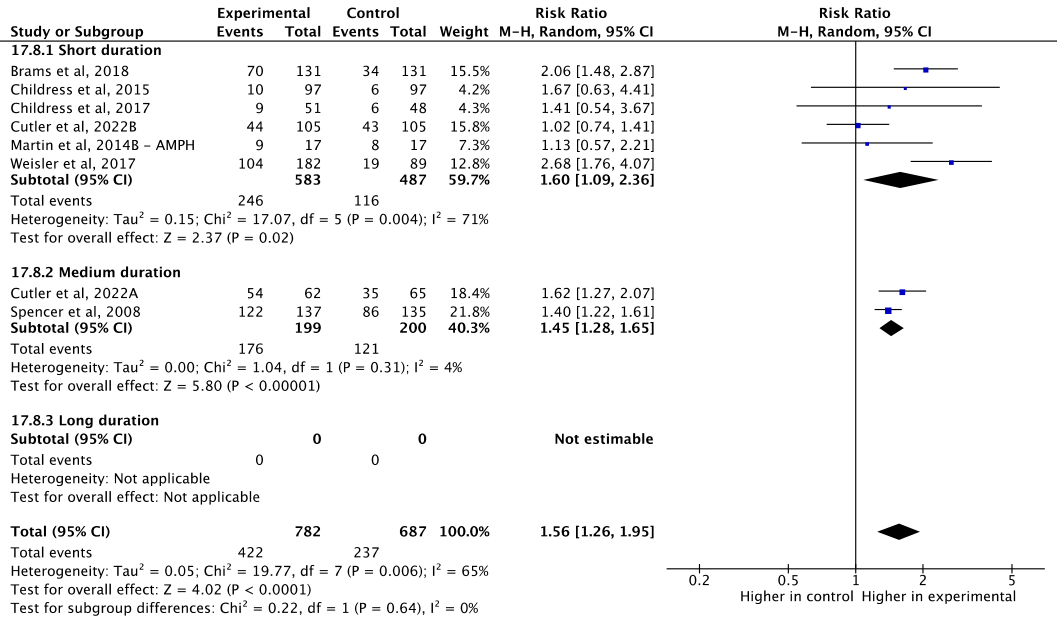


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 135. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **anxiety** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

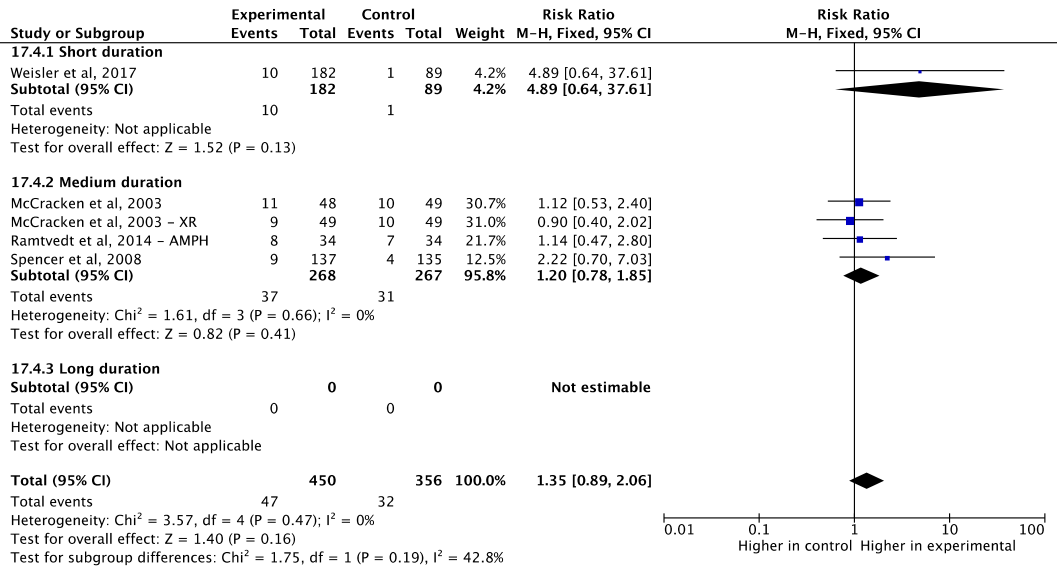


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 136. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **decreased appetite** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

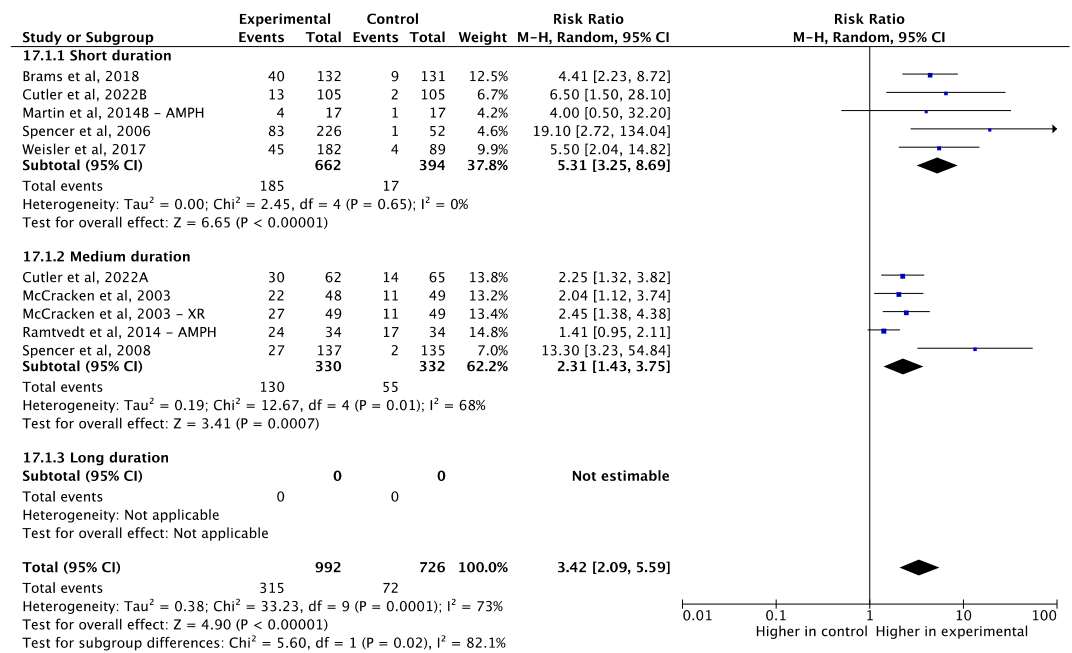


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eFigure 137. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **dry mouth** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

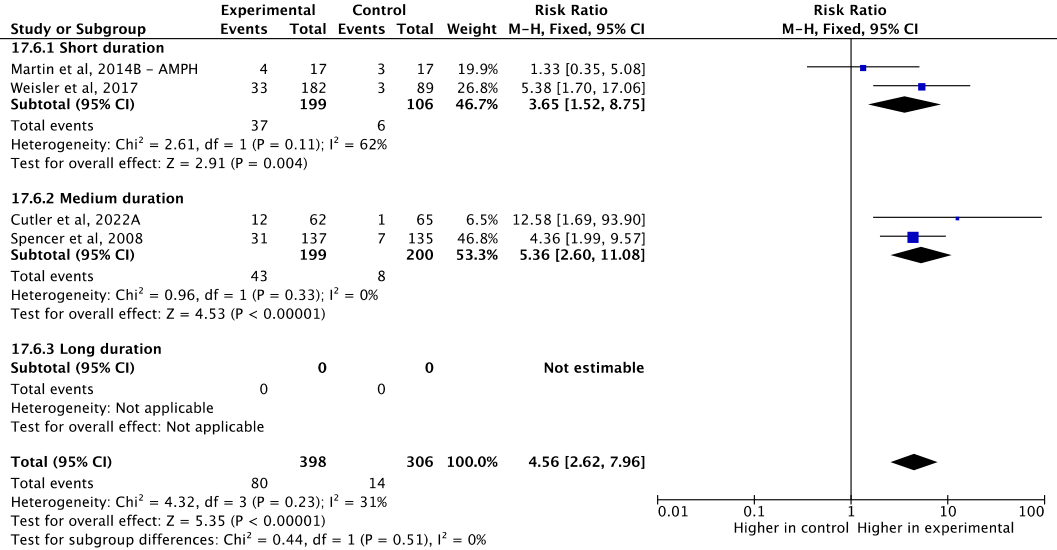


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 138. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **headache** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

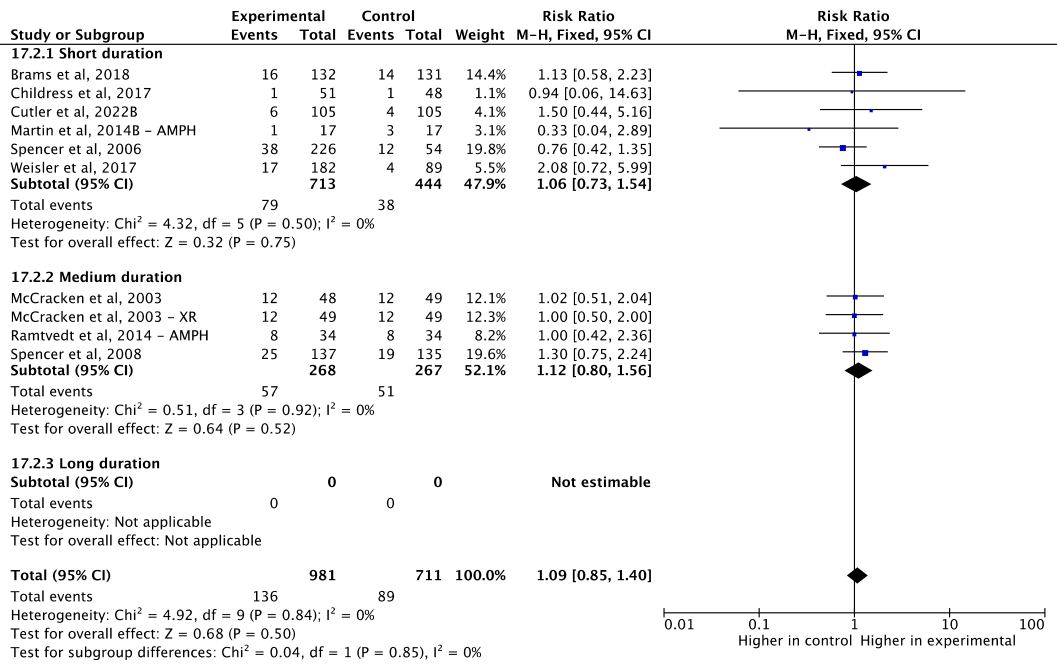


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 139. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **insomnia** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

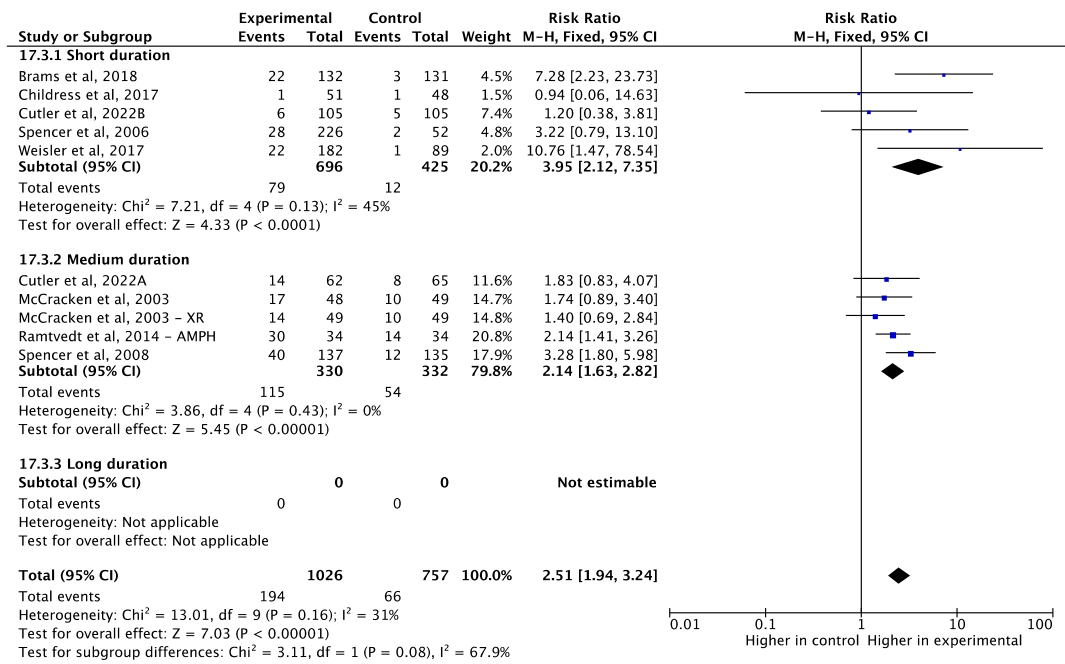


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 140. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **irritability** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

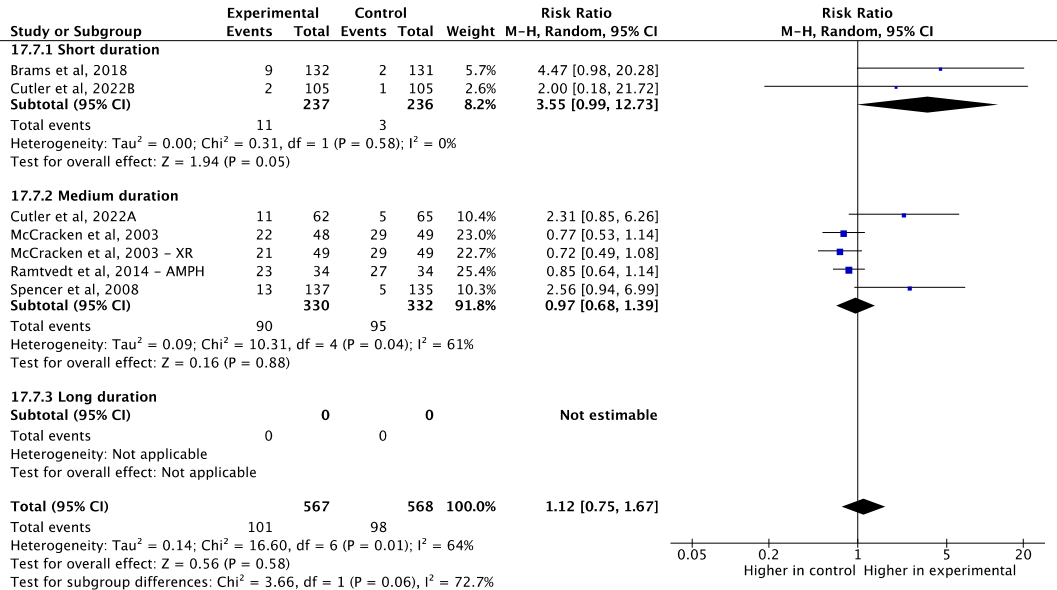


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eFigure 141. Forest plot showing the risk ratio of **nausea** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

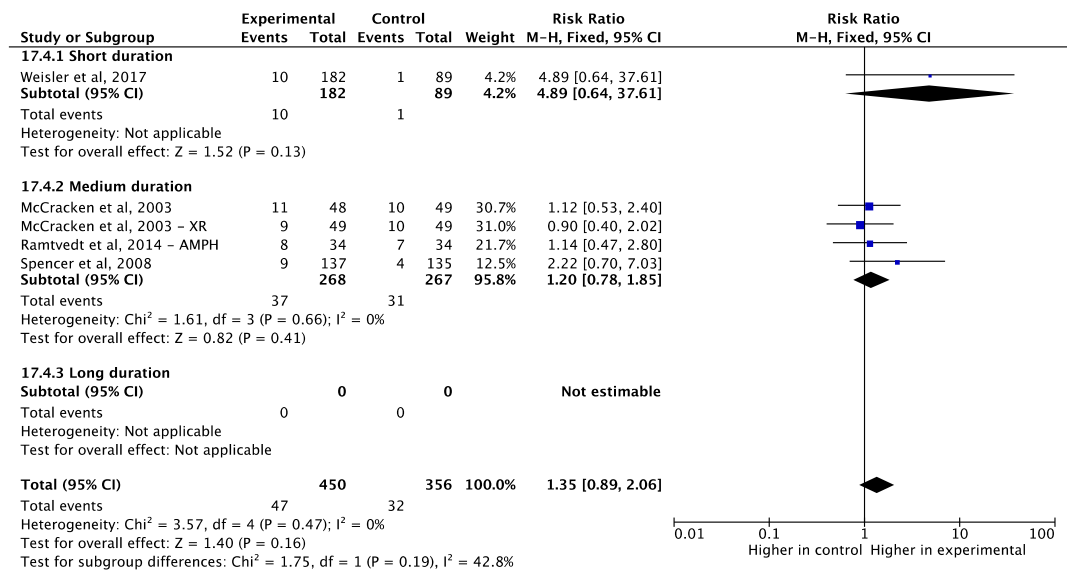


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AMPH, amphetamines; M-H, Mantel–Haenszel; XR, extended release. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 142. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **heart rate** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium** dose **amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

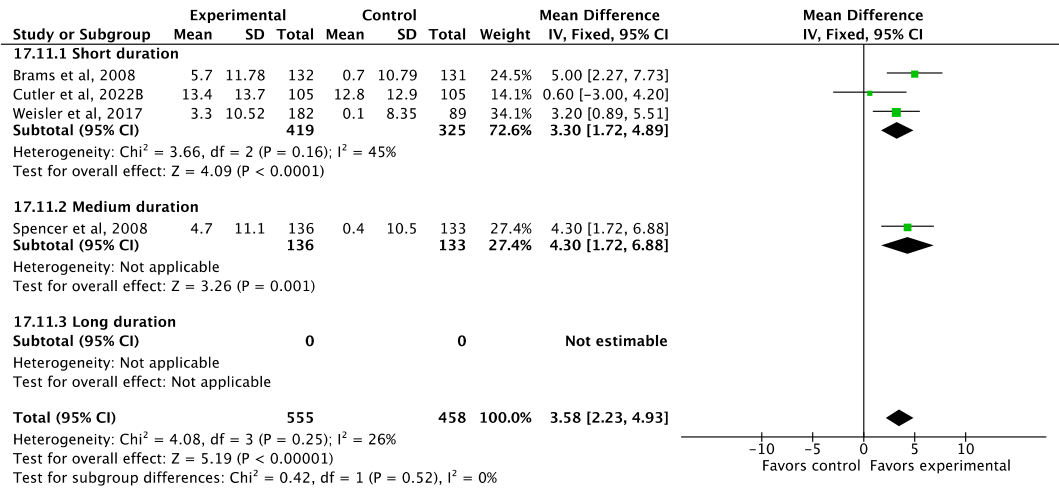


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 143. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **diastolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

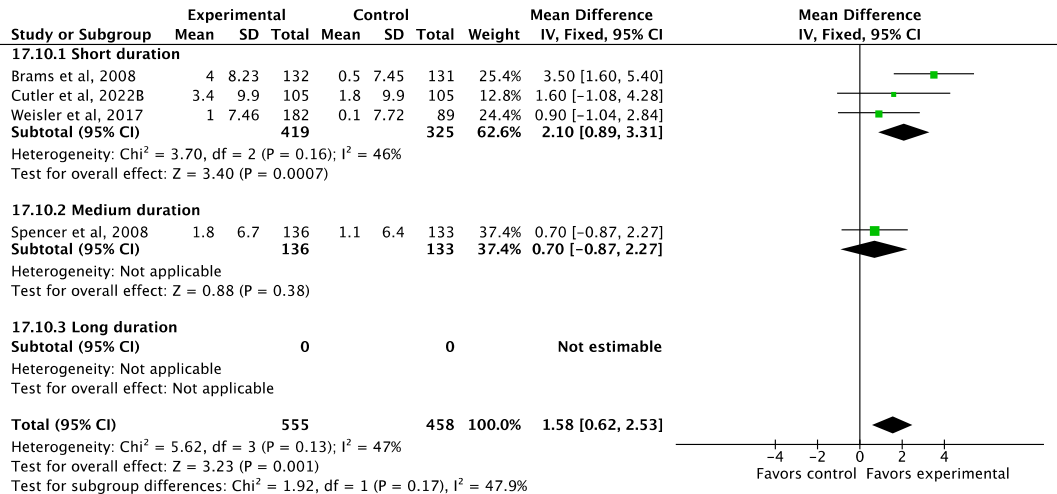


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eFigure 144. Forest plot showing the mean differences in **systolic blood pressure** between control and experimental groups in participants using **medium dose amphetamines** subdivided by duration of use.

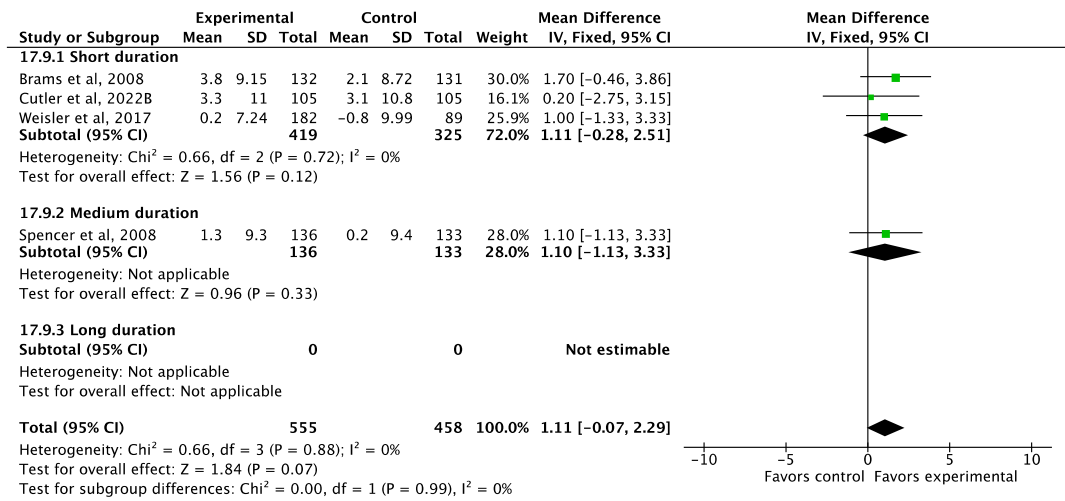


Figure legend: 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; IV, inverse variance; SD, standard deviation. No study encompassing long duration was included in the meta-analysis.

eFigure 145. Word cloud

Word cloud containing some of the most common reported adverse events after the use of stimulants.



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