



# Consent to Data Linkage in Online Surveys: A Descriptive Review and Meta-Analysis

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## Data linkage is great:



- More information without increasing survey burden
- Information that cannot be collected from solely self-reports



## Linking data is not always easy....







Large variability in consent rates across studies, populations and tasks.



## Large variability in consent rates



- Difficult to explain WHY.
  - -> Meta-analysis

- What works and what does not when asking for consent to data linkage?



## Methods



## **Eligibility Criteria**



- Experiment
- Consent
- Data Linkage



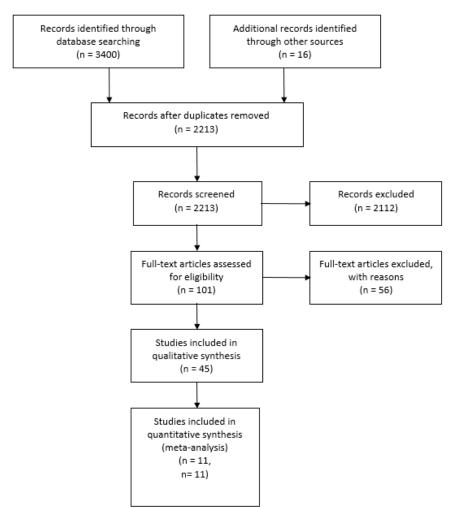
## **Study Flow**

Identification

Screening

Eligibility

Included







## Results



## Meta-analytical models



## **Study sponsorship**



- Academia
- Government
- Companies
- Nonprofit organisations



# **Study sponsorship**



Contrast to Academ	ia	Random Effects Model	OR	95%-CI			
Academia Company Government Nonprofit	-		0.63	[0.23; 0.42] [0.45; 0.88] [0.49; 1.06]			
	0.2	0.8 1 1.25					
	Consent Rate Difference						



## Wording



- Neutral framing
- Benefit framing
  - Costs
  - Result
  - Time
- Loss framing



## Wording



Contrast to Neutral Framin	g	Rand	om Effe	cts Model	OR	95%-CI
Cost Loss Neutral Result Time			-	·—	1.29 1.00 1.11	[1.02; 1.68] [1.08; 1.53] [1.00; 1.23] [1.04; 1.26]
	0.75	1	l	1.5	2	
		Cons	ent Rate			



# **Descriptive review**



#### What works?



- Giving (logical) arguments
- Incentive
- First request
- Beginning or in context placement
- Data purpose: more beneficial for society
- Interviewers
- Shorter study duration
- Opt-out



#### No effect



- Data type (administrative, social media, bio-, sensor data)
- Data release options (public or private)
- Giving control
- Participants (naturally occuring, panel, recruitment method)
- Text length
- Topic



# Conclusion



#### What works?



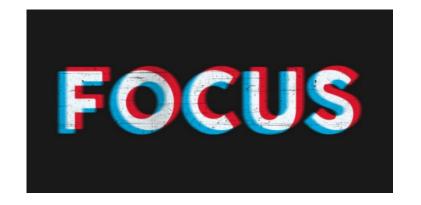
- (Logical) arguments for participation
- Trustworthy sponsor
- Relevance of research project
- Beginning or in context placement
- Incentives



#### The Future









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