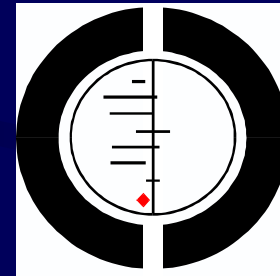


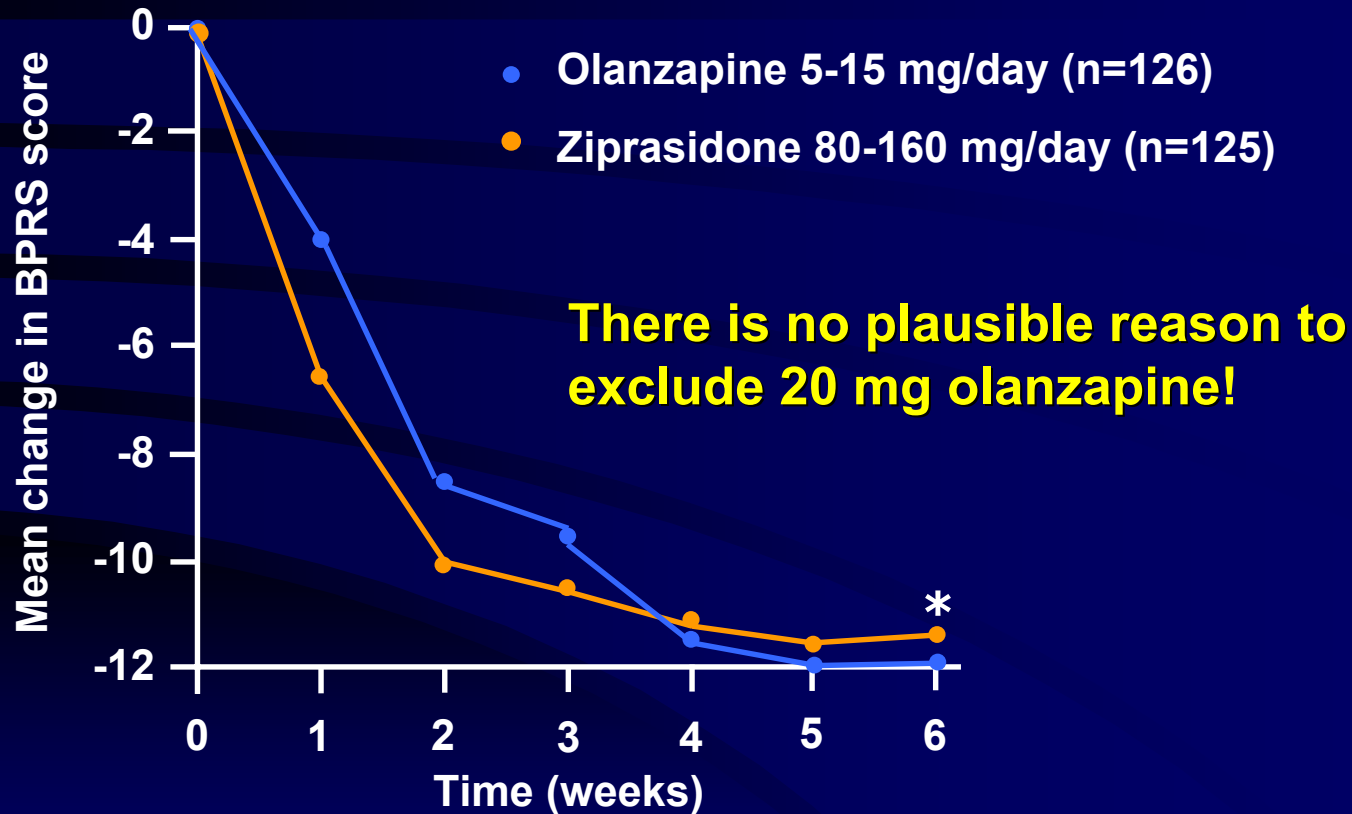
# Metaanalytische Evaluierung atypischer Antipsychotika



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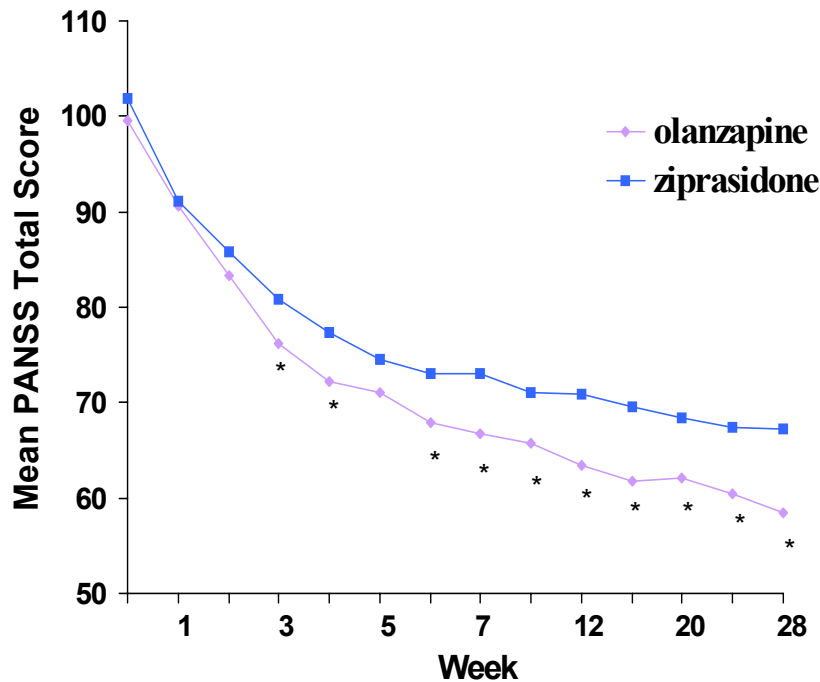
# Pfizer Study: Ziprasidone as Effective as Olanzapine



\* No significant differences between groups (last observation carried forward) ( $p=0.77$ , 95% CI=-2.36 to 3.18)

Simpson et al. 2004

# Lilly study: Olanzapine significantly more effective than ziprasidone



Dose ranges:

Olanzapine

5-20 mg/day

Ziprasidone

80-160 mg/day

## Reviews and Overviews

Why Olanzapine Beats Risperidone, Risperidone Beats Quetiapine, and Quetiapine Beats Olanzapine: An Exploratory Analysis of Head-to-Head Comparison Studies of Second-Generation Antipsychotics

The overall outcome reported in the abstract of head to head comparisons of atypical antipsychotics strongly depends on the sponsor

In a blinded analysis of the abstracts of 33 head to head comparisons of atypical antipsychotics in about 90% the overall outcome was in favour of the sponsor

# Why do we need meta-analyses?

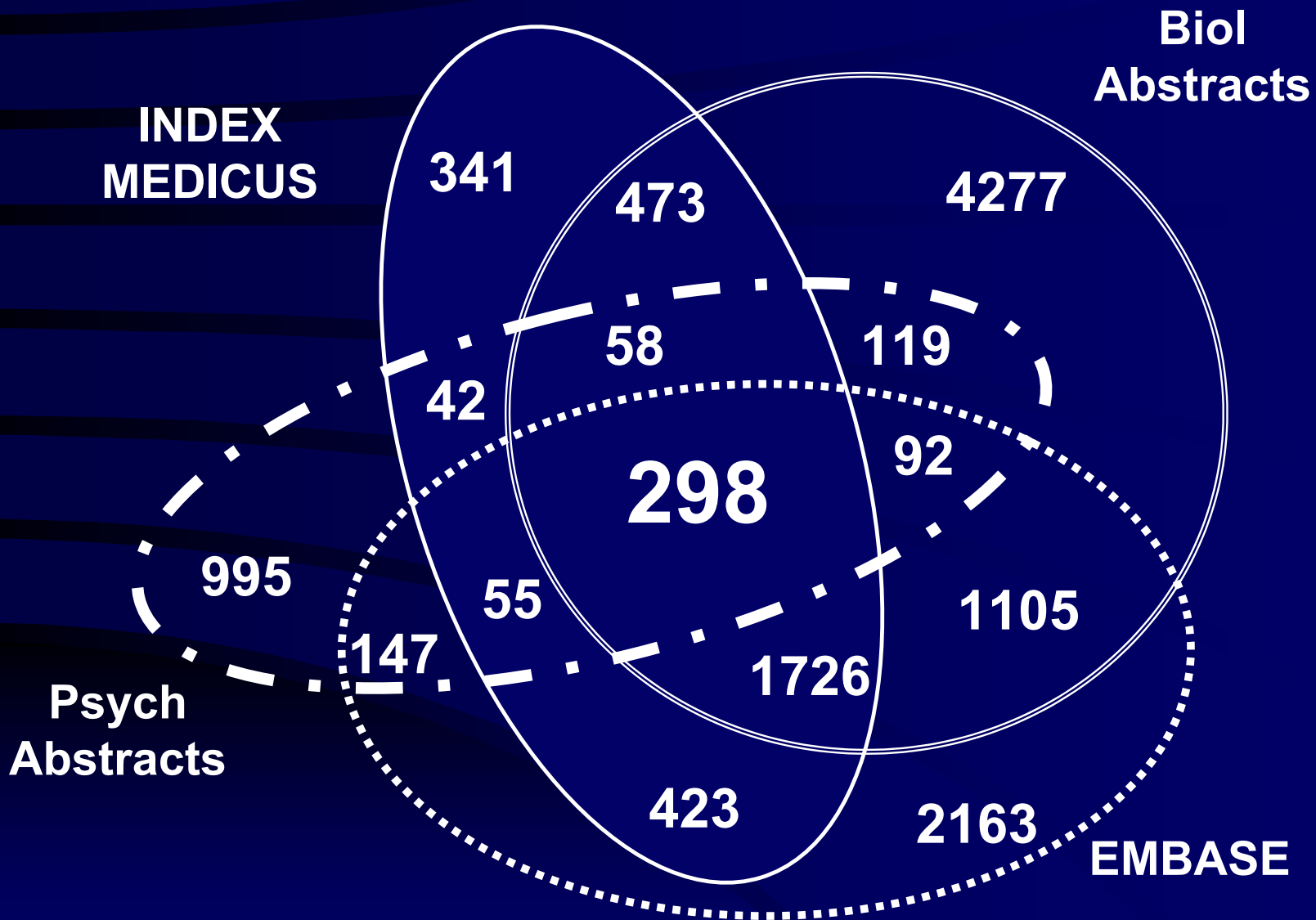
- In 10000 medical journals 2 million articles are published every year
- A general practitioner would have to read 19 articles everyday, 365 days per year to cover relevant reports
- Almost 300 randomised controlled studies about the „atypical“ antipsychotics are available

# **I. BEFORE: Writing a protocol**

- **Which patients**
- **Which interventions**
- **Which outcomes**
- **Literature search (data bases, search strings)**
- **Statistical method**

## **II. Literature search**

- Not only MEDLINE**
- Not only English/Dutch**
- Electronic databases, conference abstract books, book chapters, contacting pharmaceutical companies, contacting study authors, FDA webpage**



$\mathcal{E}$  = All Journals in Ulrich's



# III. Data extraction (2 Reviewers!)

## 1. Continuous variables

(e.g. blood pressure, rating scales)

For both groups:

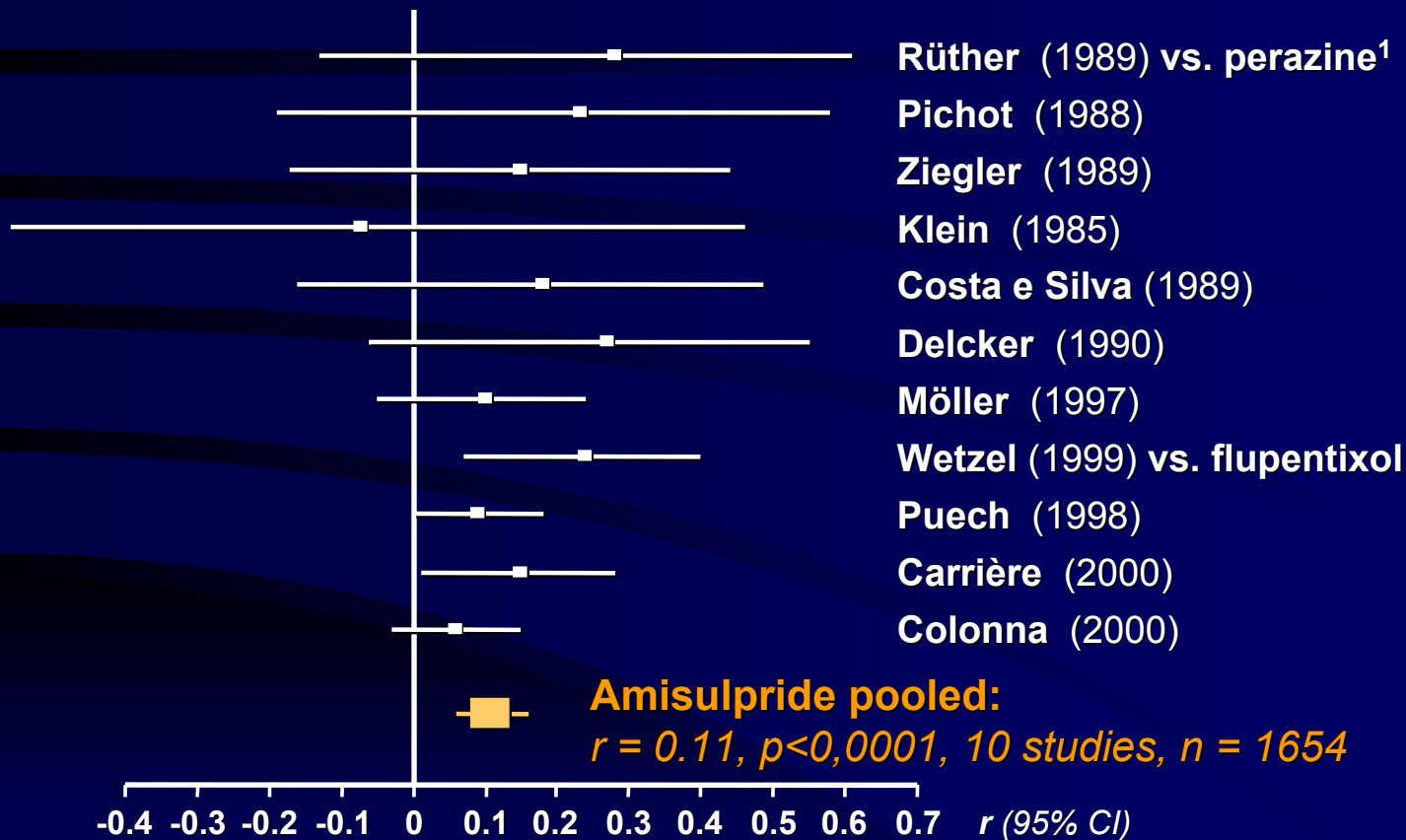
**Mean, standard deviation, n**

(can be calculated back from t-value, F-Value, p-value)

Effect size measures:

**Mean difference, Standardised mean difference (Cohen's D, Hedges' g etc.), R**

# BPRS: Amisulpride vs. typical antipsychotics

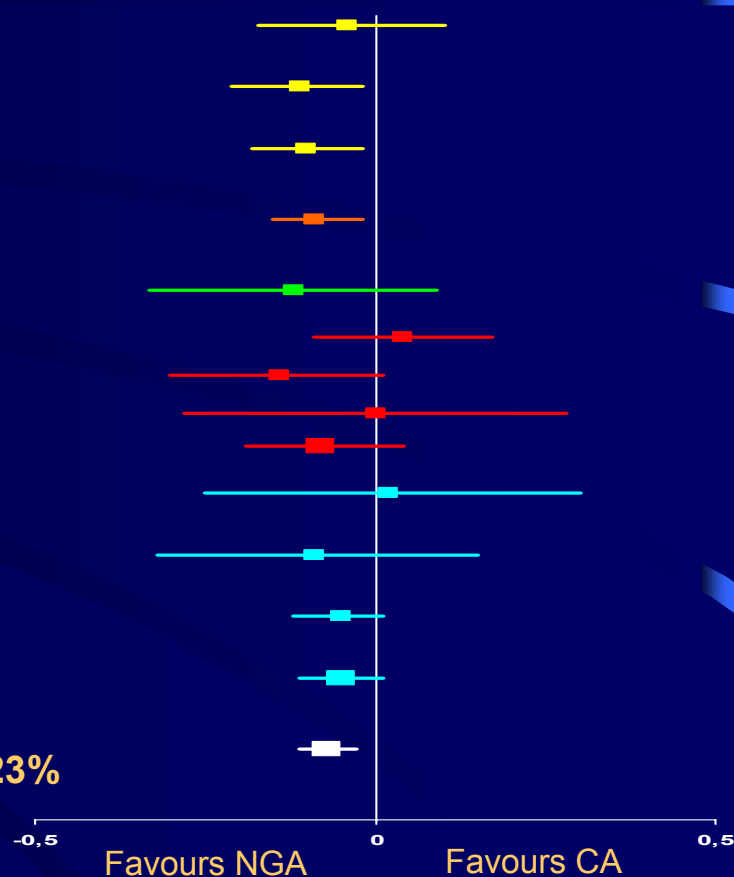


<sup>1</sup> endpoint analysis, not used for mean effect size

# Relapse prevention – first vs new generation antipsychotics

	SGA n/N	%	FGA n/N	%
Marder 2002 - risperidone	2/33	6%	3/30	10%
Csernansky 2000 - risperidone	41/177	23%	65/188	35%
<b>Risperidone pooled</b>	<b>43/210</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>68/218</b>	<b>31%</b>
Daniel 1998 - sertindole	2/94	2%	12/109	11%
Speller 1997 - amisulpride	5/29	17%	9/31	29%
Tamminga 1993 - clozapine	1/25	4%	0/14	0%
Essock 1996 – clozapine	13/76	17%	15/48	31%
Rosenheck 1999 - clozapine	10/35	29%	4/14	29%
<b>Clozapine pooled<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>24/136</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>19/76</b>	<b>25%</b>
Tran 1998a - olanzapine	10/45	22%	2/10	20%
Tran 1998b - olanzapine	6/48	13%	3/14	21%
Tran 1998c - olanzapine	71/534	13%	29/156	19%
<b>Olanzapine pooled</b>	<b>87/627</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>34/180</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>161/1096</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>142/614</b>	<b>23%</b>

p=0.0001 in favour of atypical drugs



# Interpretation of these numbers

One year Relapse rates: New drugs 15% Haloperidol 23%

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**SMALL:** Absolute risk difference (RD) 8%,  
NNT = 13, but...

if 1000 patients are treated for one year with new  
antipsychotics instead of haloperidol, **80 relapses are  
avoided**

**HIGH:** Relapse reduction **by** 35%

# Reduction in the Risk of Dying From Breast Cancer

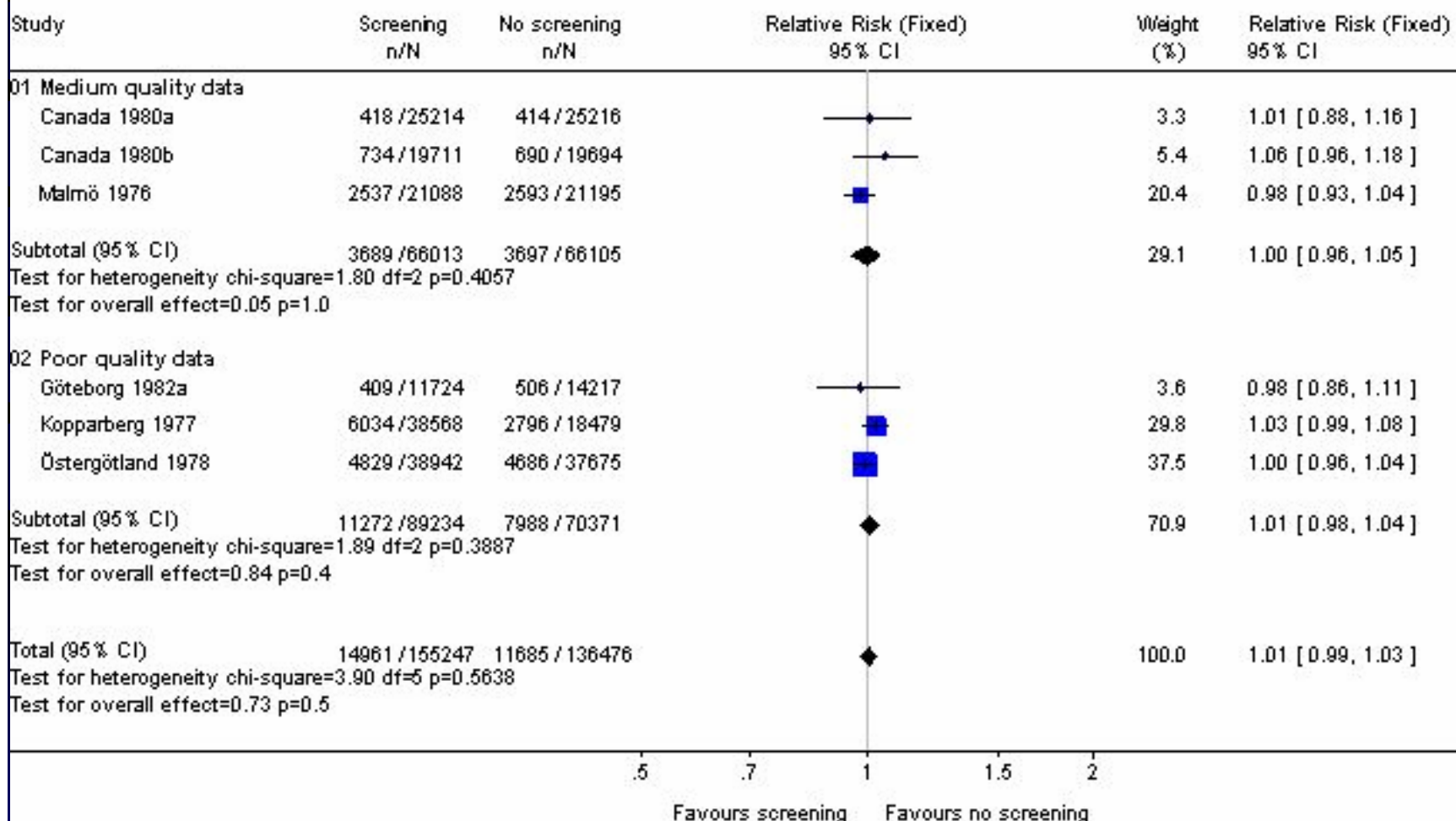
	100,000 Women without mammography	100,000 Women with mammography
Breast cancer mortality in 10 years	0.36% (360/100,000)	0.29% (290/100,000)

**Relative** mortality reduction = **20%** ( $1 - [0.29\%/0.36\%]$ )

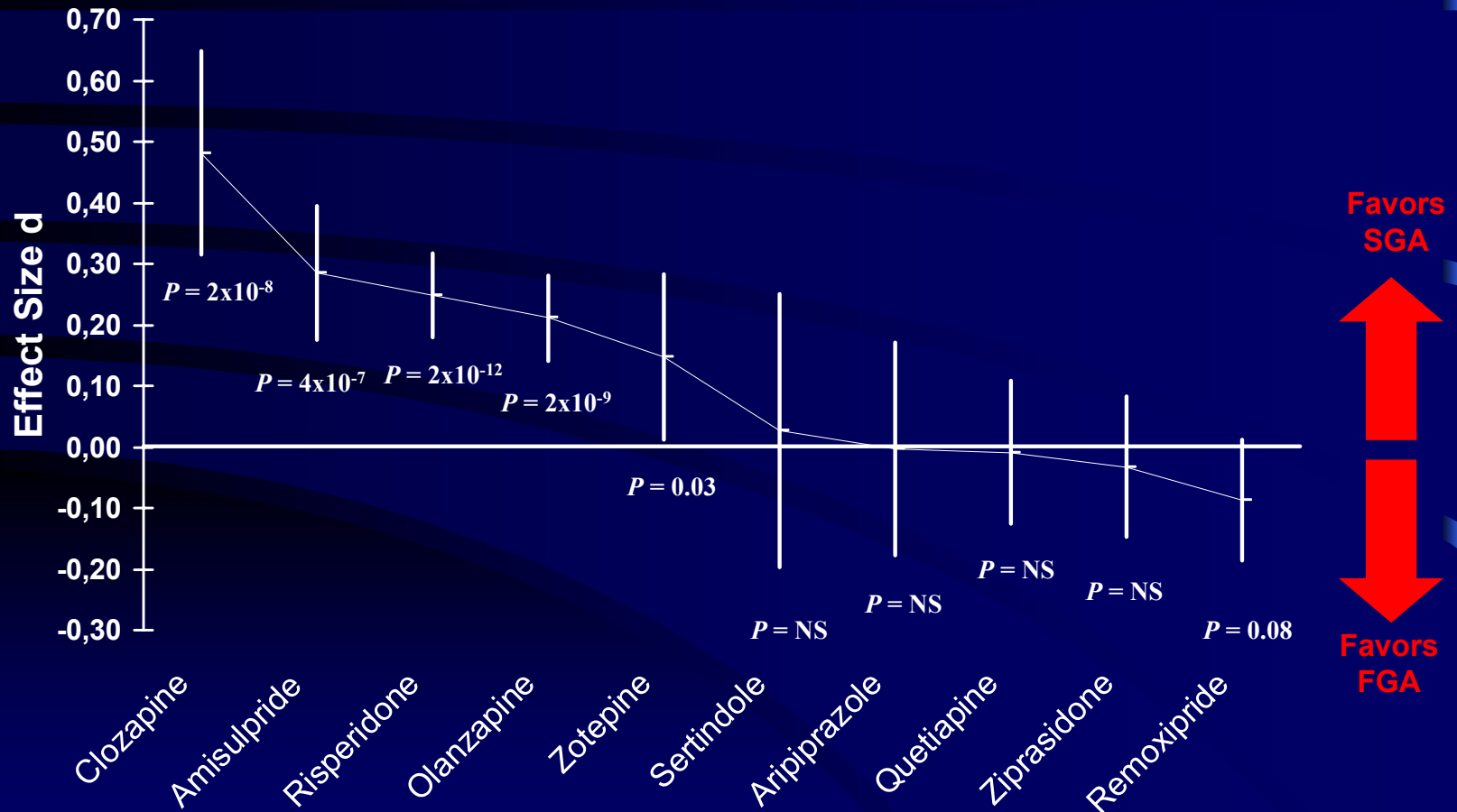
**Absolute** mortality reduction = **0.07%** ( $0.36\% - 0.29\%$ )

Data from Kürzl Deutsches Ärzteblatt 9/2004

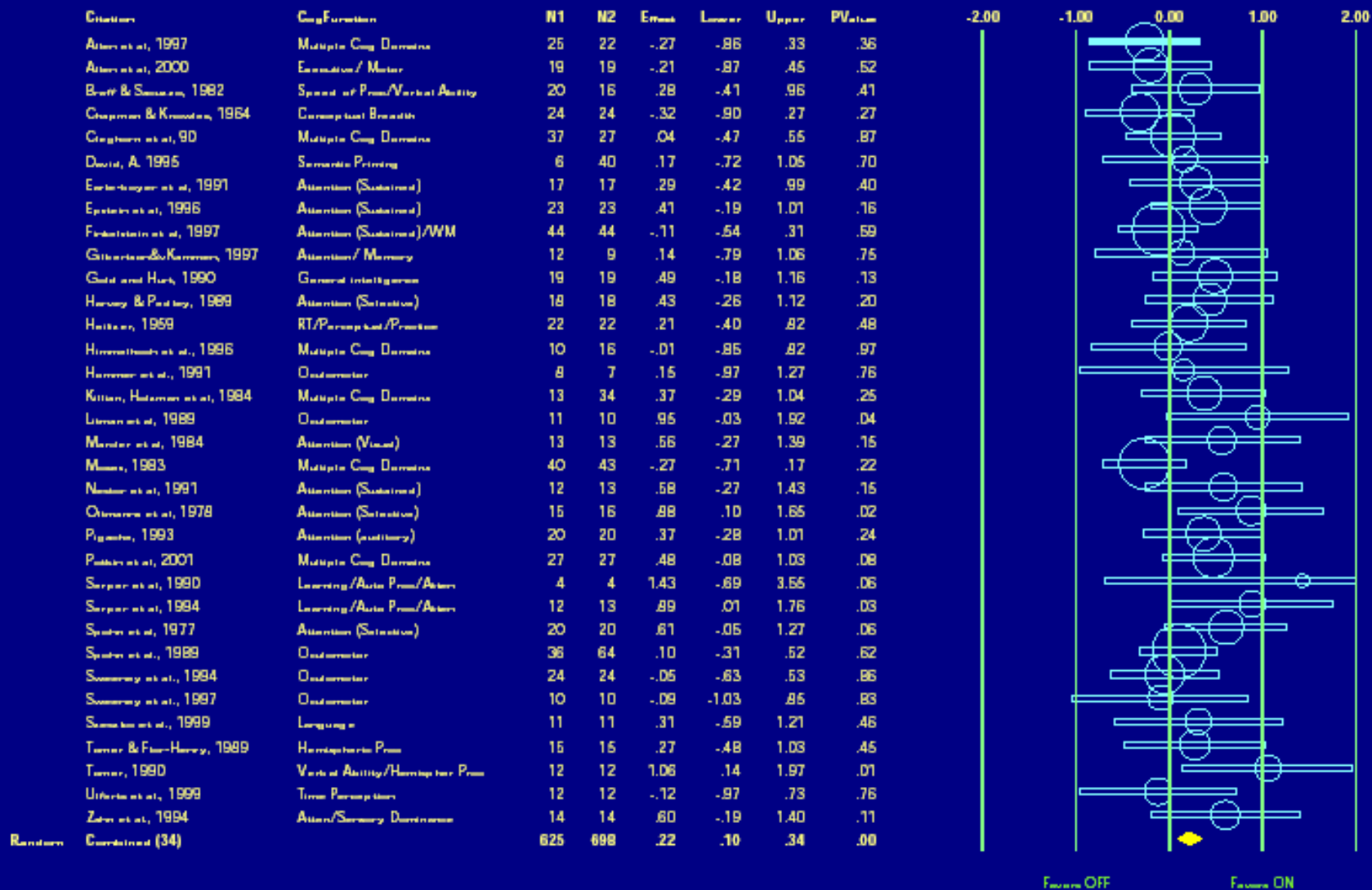
# Breast cancer screening – mortality after 13 years



# Effect sizes of ten second generation antipsychotics



# Meta-analysis of the cognitive effects of conventional antipsychotics (Mishara and Goldberg Biol Psych 2004)



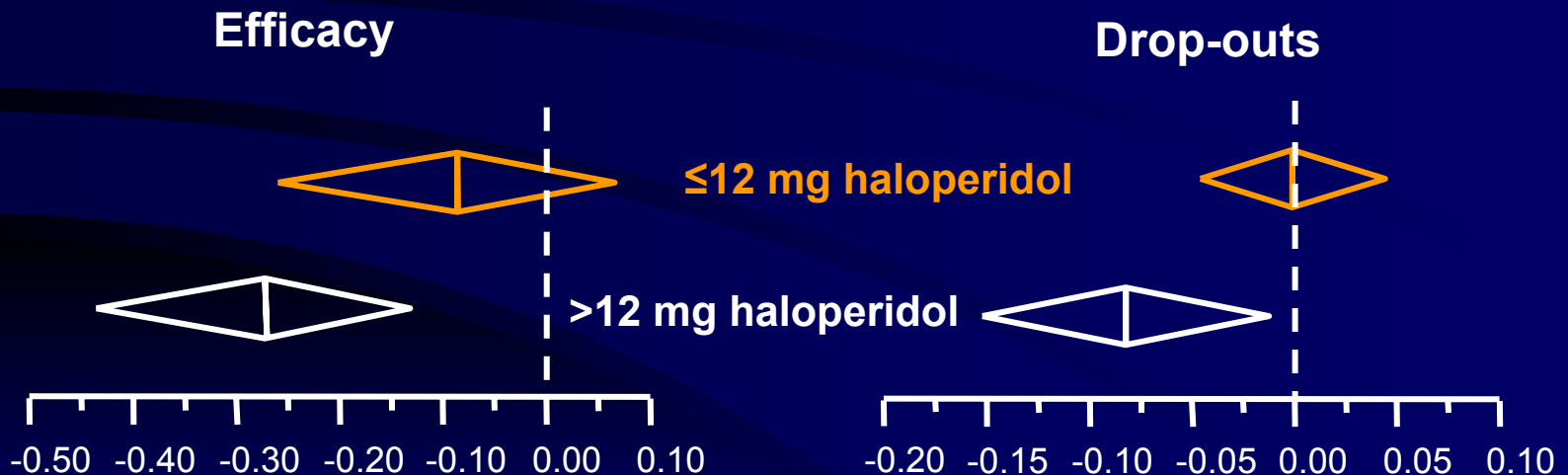


# Meta-regression

- Is used for the analysis of the influence of further variables on the outcome
- For example, the influence of the doses used on the results

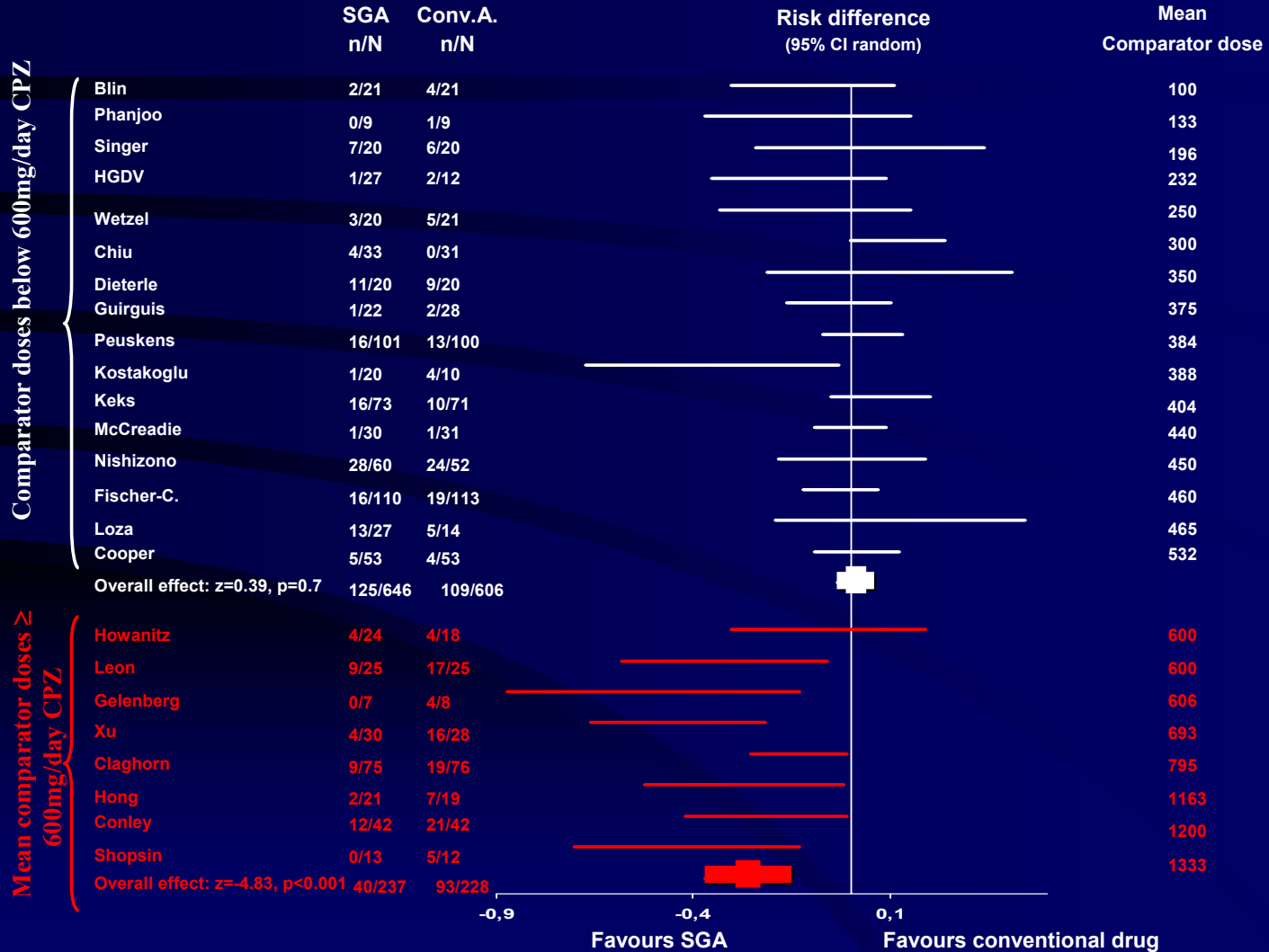
# Atypical Antipsychotics in the Treatment of Schizophrenia: Systematic Overview and Meta-regression Analysis

“No superiority of the new antipsychotics in terms of efficacy and drop-out rates when conventional antipsychotics were used at doses lower than 12mg/day haloperidol or its equivalent”



# Number of patients with at least a single occurrence of EPS

Leucht et al., The Lancet 2003; 361:1581-89



< 600mg/d CPZ

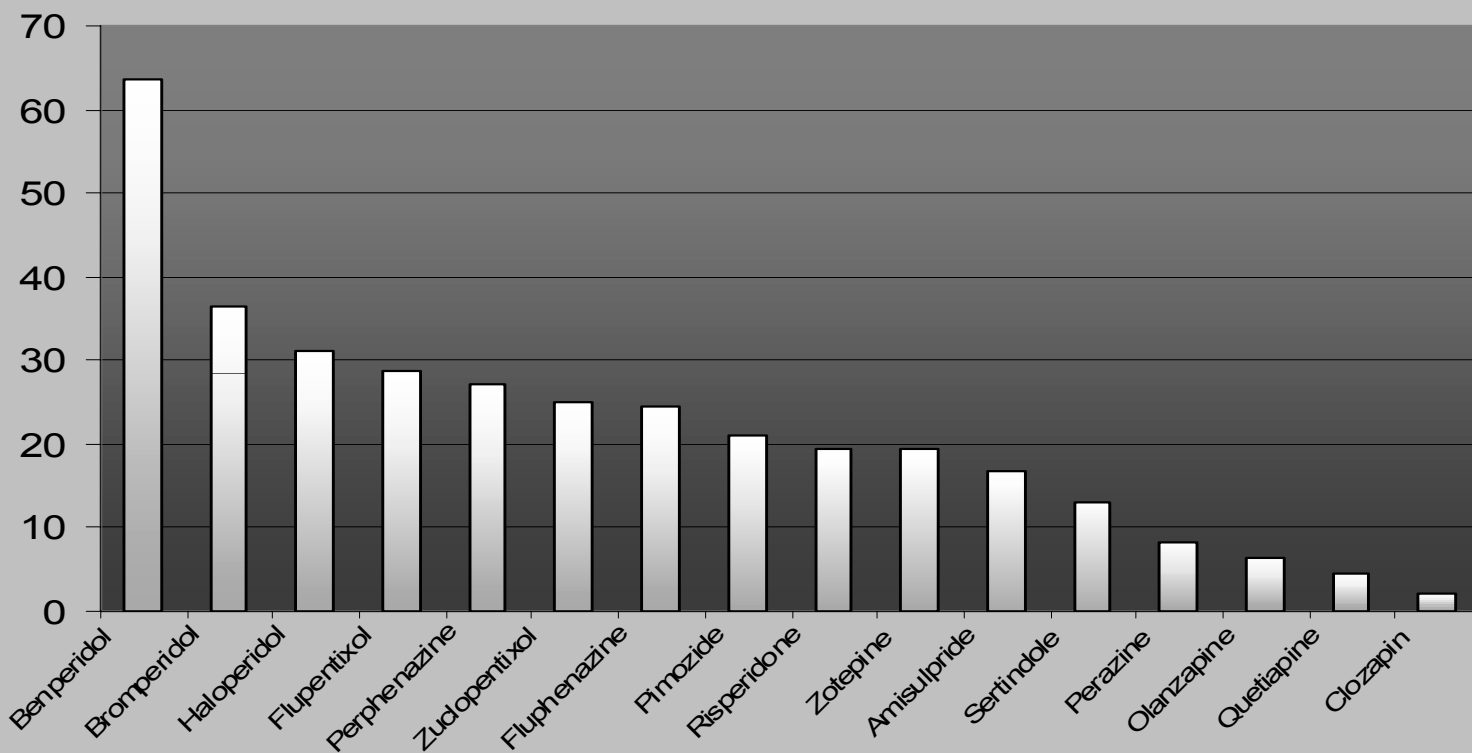
> 600mg/d CPZ

-0,9                      -0,4                      0,1

Favours SGA                      Favours conventional drug

# Cross-sectional evaluation of EPS in 6060 patients AGATE project, Fischer-Barnicol et al. 2003

□ biperiden %      **EPS with antipsychotic monotherapy (n = 6,060)**



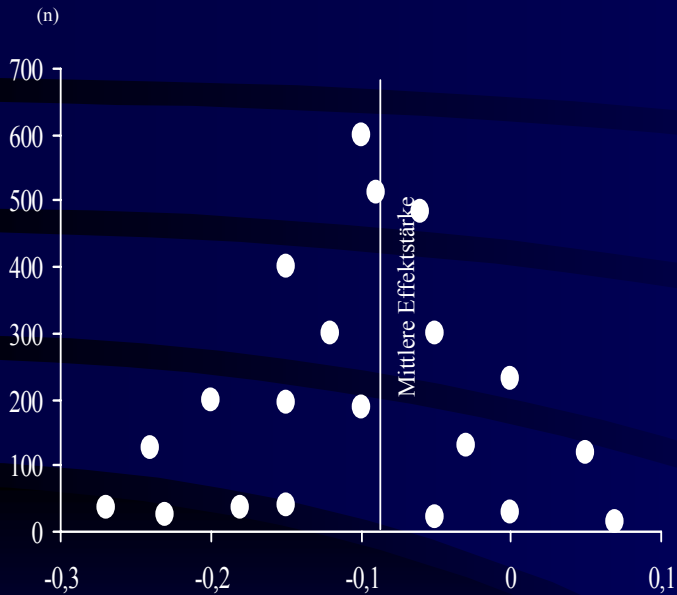
# Limitations of Meta-analyses

- **Methodological problems of meta-analysis, especially the apples and oranges problem, different study quality etc.**
- **In meta-analysis there are many judgement calls**
- **The original studies are frequently so poorly reported that meta-analytic procedures are not possible**
- **Publication bias**

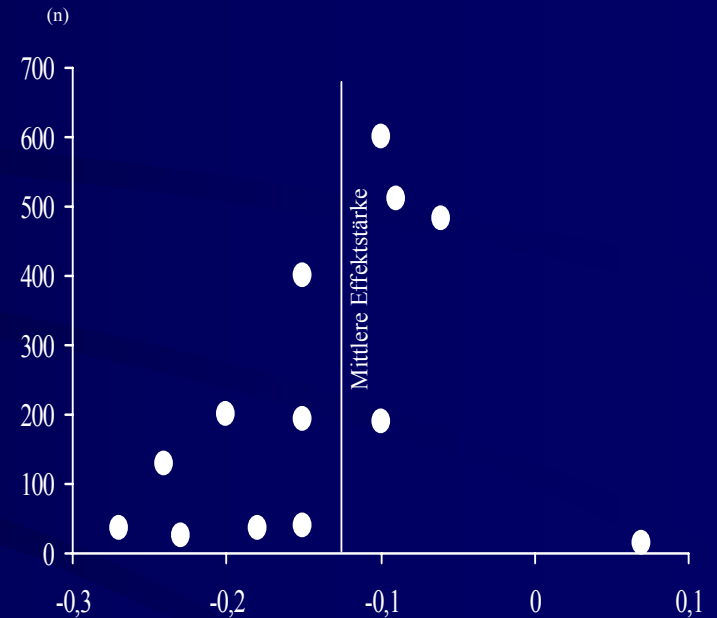
# Publication Bias

- Is probably the greatest problem of 'evidence based medicine'
- Studies without significant results are considered less interesting by journals and thereby have a reduced likelihood of getting published
- Pharmaceutical companies are understandably not interested in publishing studies with results that were unfavourable for their product.
  - Example 1: paroxetine for depressed children.
  - Example 2: It has been suggested that 25% of trials comparing antidepressants with placebo are negative

## „Funnel-plot“ without publication bias



## „Funnel-plot“ showing possible publication bias

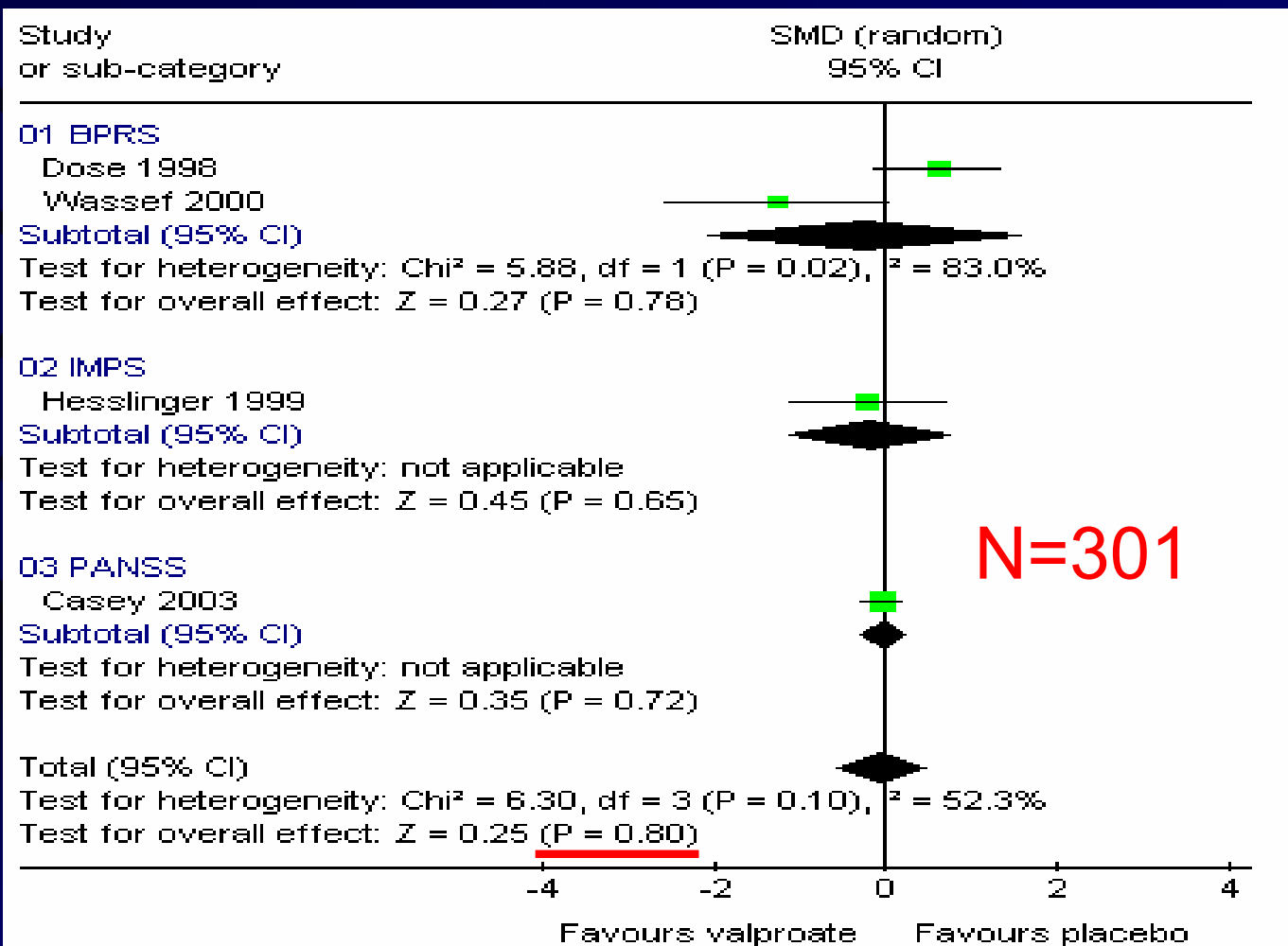


# **Metaanalysis**

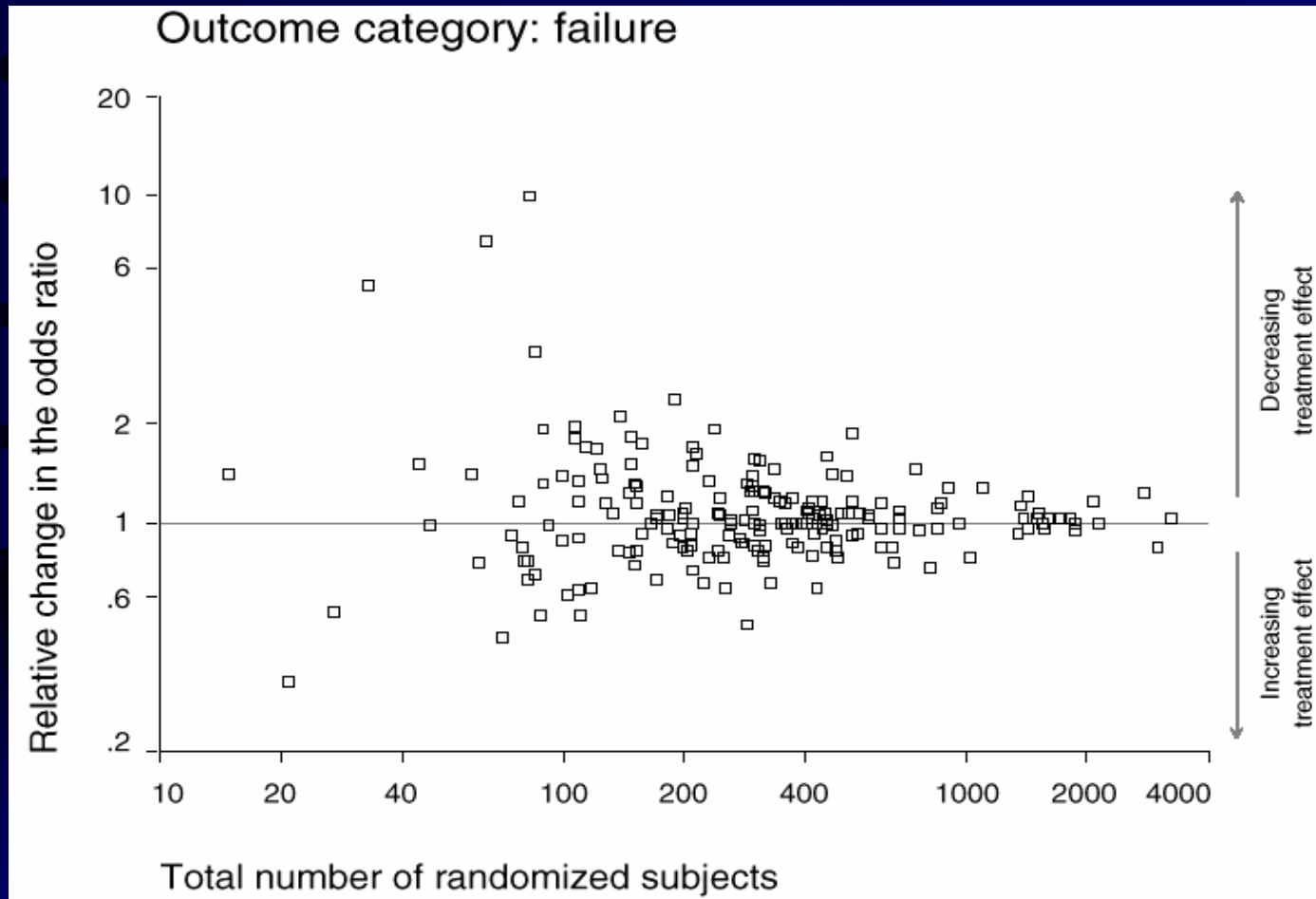
**A goldstandard?**



# Valproate augmentation of antipsychotics for schizophrenia



# Ab welcher Fallzahl sind die Ergebnisse von Metaanalysen stabil?



**Vielen Dank für Ihre  
Aufmerksamkeit**