

Project Summary Report
YODA Project # 2020-4444

“Expectancy Effects as a Confounding Factor in ADHD Treatment Research”

Objective

Use a pseudo- balanced placebo design (BPD) analysis to determine the size of the expectancy effect in ADHD treatment. This will have implications for understanding the efficacy of interventions in ADHD. My hypothesis is that a pseudo-BPD style analysis of existing RCT data will reveal expectancy effects that are not already revealed by the placebo arm of the RCT. I will pilot this style of analysis and compare the effect size of expectancies to the effect sizes found for the drug group and placebo group of the RCT.

Methods Used

A thorough look at all the datasets provided to us indicated that they did not, in fact, have the variables we needed; therefore, we didn't conduct any analyses.

Results

No data was downloaded or used. No analyses were conducted.

Conclusions

N/A.