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DEPRESSION: THERAPY OPTIONS IN PRIMARY CARE

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OBJECTIVES

1. Identify evidence based therapy options for treatment of depression
2. Review therapy based interventions that can be used in primary care settings
3. Develop understanding around using interventions online and through phone/tablet applications

EVIDENCE-BASED THERAPIES FOR DEPRESSION

- Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) has the strongest evidence base for treating depression
- Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT)
- Problem Solving Therapy (PST)
- Behavioral Activation (BA)

EVIDENCE-BASED THERAPY OPTIONS FOR DEPRESSION

Type of Therapy	Effect Size	Number of studies/Comments
CBT vs control ¹	0.71 ^b	75 studies/94 comparisons; ES dropped to 0.53 after controlling for publication bias
CBT + meds vs meds only ¹	0.49 ^b	11 studies
CBT vs meds ¹	0.03 ^b	20 studies
CBT vs other psychotherapies ¹	-0.02 to 0.25	46 studies
BA vs control ²	0.78 ^b	34 studies
PST vs various comparisons ³	0.40 ^c	21 studies
IPT vs control ⁴	0.63 ^a	38 studies

^aCohen's d; ^bHedges' g; ^cHedges' d

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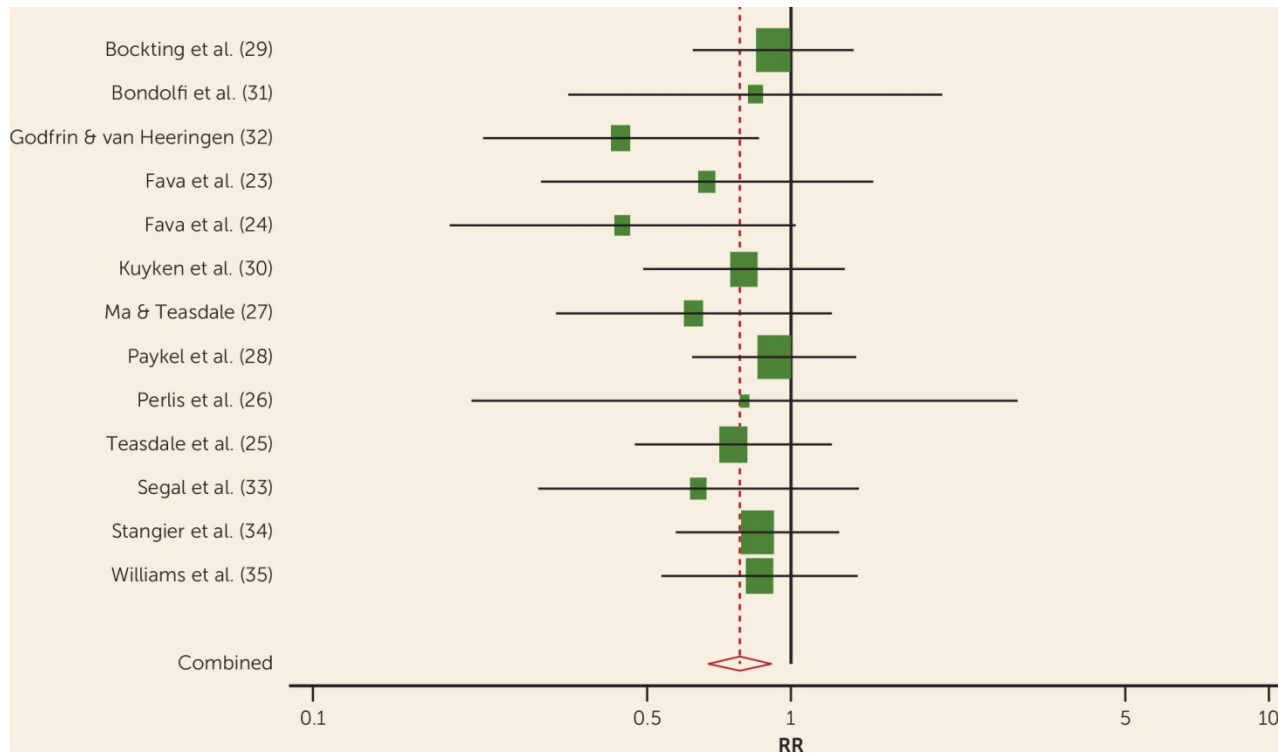
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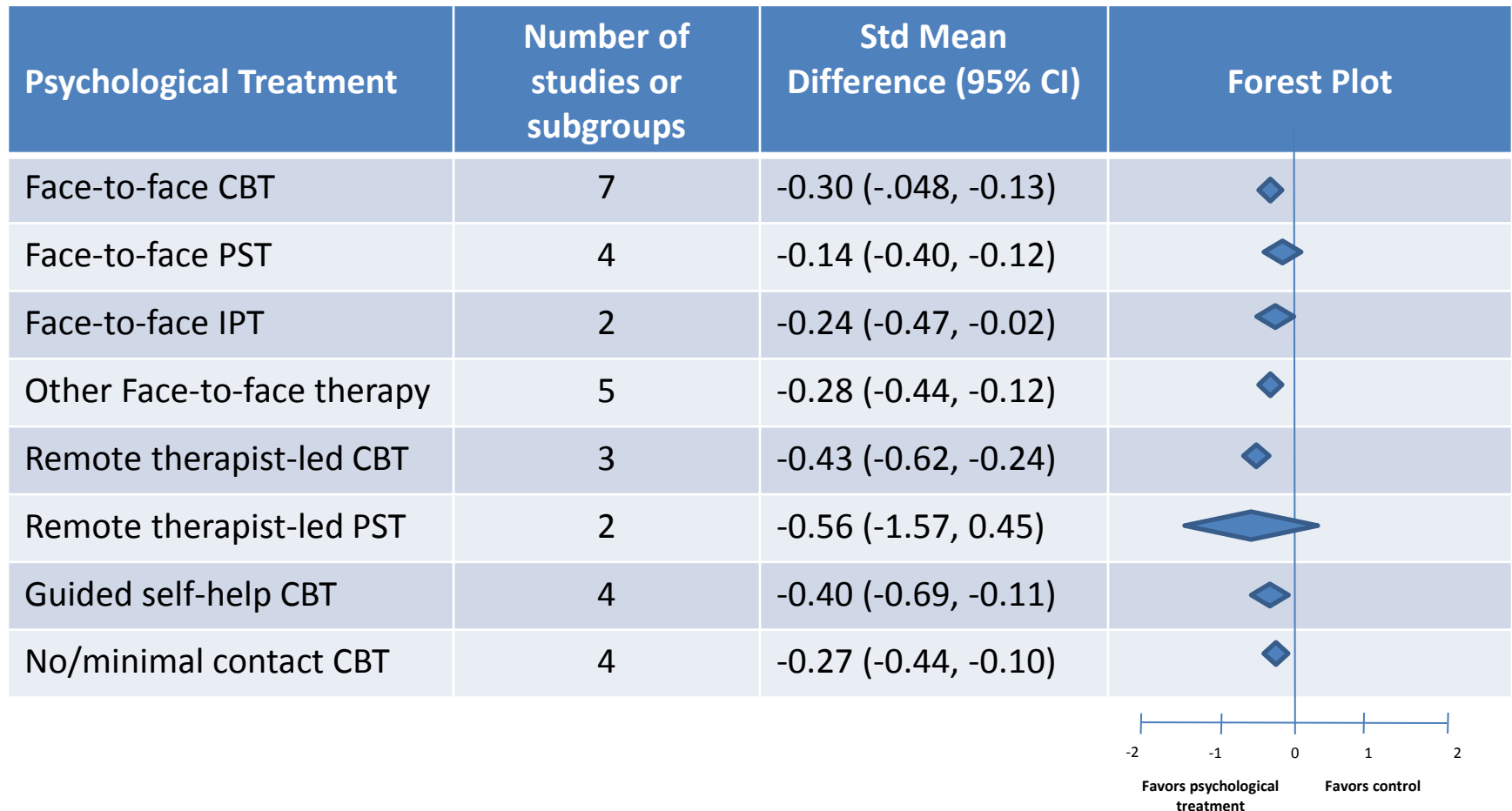
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The area of each green box represents the statistical contribution of each study to the meta-analysis. The confidence interval for the risk ratio is also shown. The pooled risk ratio is shown by the middle of a diamond whose left and right extremes represent the corresponding confidence interval.

EFFECTIVENESS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENTS FOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS IN PRIMARY CARE: SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS
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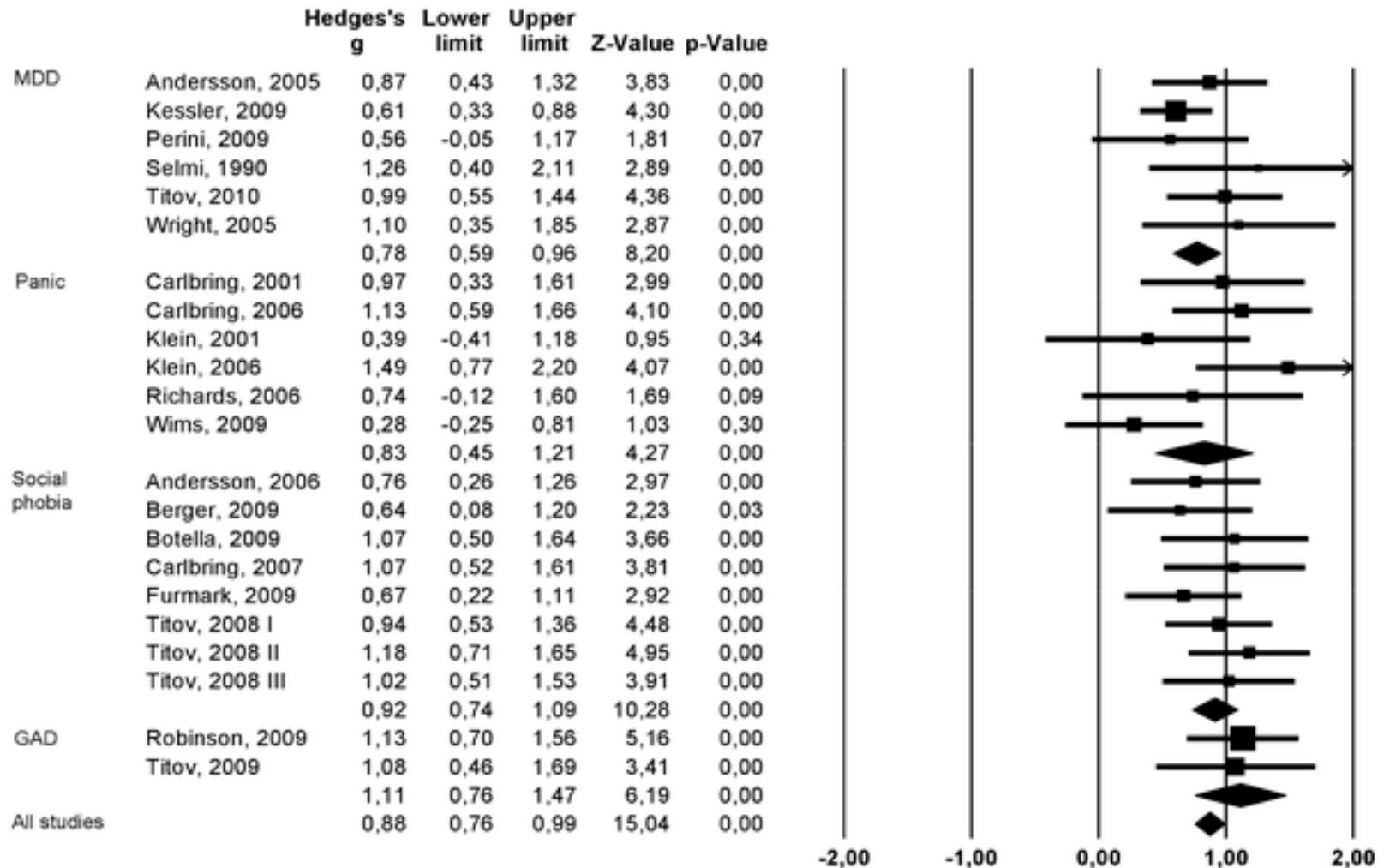
THERAPY OPTIONS IN PRIMARY CARE

- Therapist in clinic
- Traditional self-help (book, internet resource)
- Supported treatment (e.g., ICBT varying in level of training of support person, frequency of support)
- Telemedicine

ICBT EXAMPLE: THIS WAY UP

- UNSW, St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney
- Prescribed by clinician
- Low cost
- 6 sessions with homework
- Completed within 3 months
- Reminders sent to patients
- Progress updates sent to clinicians

Effect sizes of Computerised CBT versus control conditions at post-test.



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