

Dose-effect meta-analysis for psychopharmacologic interventions using randomized data

Tasnim Hamza^{1,2}, Toshi A. Furukawa³, Nicola Orsini⁴, Andrea Cipriani⁵, Georgia Salanti¹.

¹Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland.

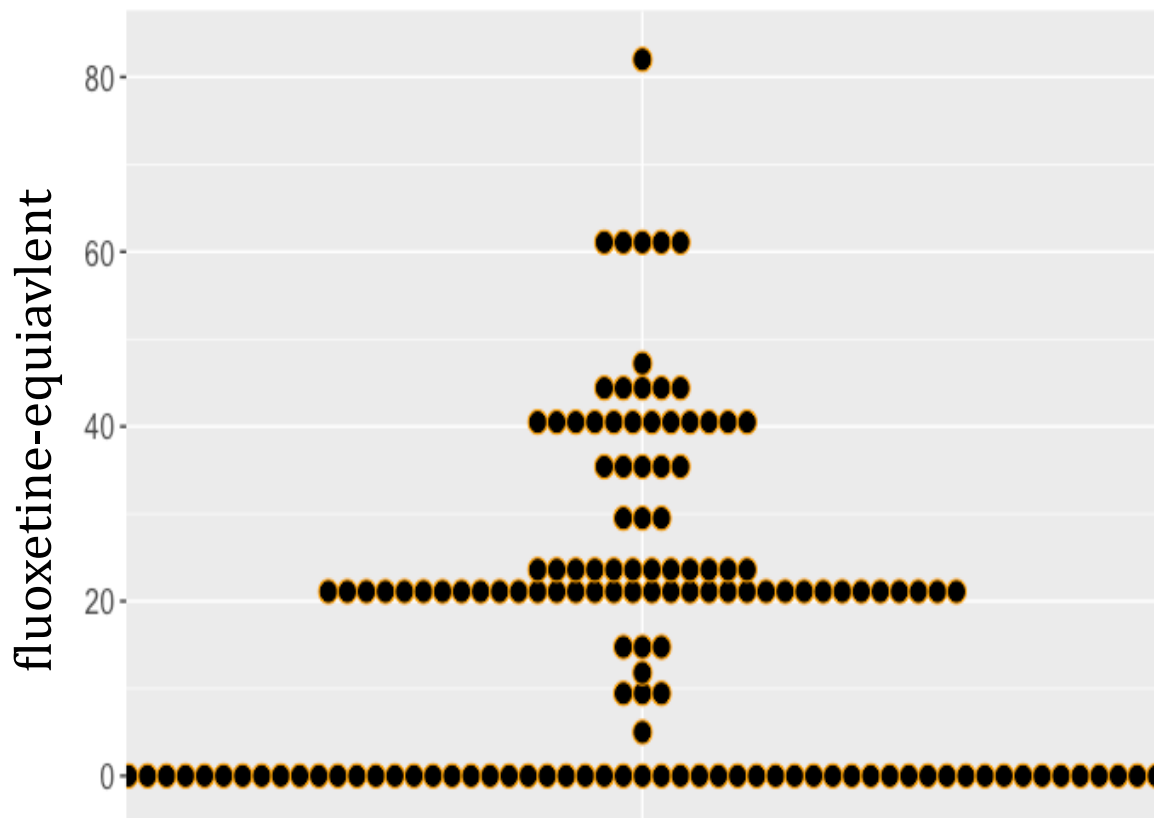
²Graduate School for Health Sciences, University of Bern, Switzerland

³Department of Health Promotion and Human Behavior, and Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Graduate School of Medicine/School of Public Health, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.

⁴Department of Global Public Health, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.

⁵Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford.

Additional Figures and Tables



Appendix Figure 1 The dose distribution of the SSRI antidepressants (fluoxetine-equivalent dose).

Drug	Number of events	Number of patients	Number of studies	Number of doses
citalopram	1002	1928	9	16
escitalopram	1089	2405	11	15
fluoxetine	901	2265	18	25
paroxetine	1389	2669	19	25
placebo	2183	5556	59	59
sertraline	134	351	3	5
citalopram	1002	1928	9	16

Appendix Table 1 Summary of the data of each drug

R code

Dose-effect meta-analysis

```
# Run dose-effect meta-analysis:
# 1. one-study analysis (with linear and RCS)
# 2. multi-studies analysis: 1stage and 2stage (with RCS)

library(rms) # rcs()
library(dosresmeta) # dosresmeta()
library(meta) # metaprop()
library(dplyr)
source('fun to analyze EBMH.R') # include createORreference.fun()

# ----- Load data and prepare -----

# Load and exclude single arm studies
mydata <- read.csv('DOSEmainanalysis.csv')
antidep=mydata[mydata$exc==F,]

# add OR
antidep <- antidep%>%arrange(Study_No,hayasaka_ddd) # arrange doses per study
antidep$studyid <- as.numeric(as.factor(antidep$Study_No))
antidep$nonResponders <- antidep$No_randomised- antidep$Responders
logORmat <- sapply(unique(antidep$studyid),function(i)
createORreference.fun(antidep$Responders[antidep$studyid==i],antidep$No_rando
mised[antidep$studyid==i]),simplify = FALSE)
logORmat <- do.call(rbind,logORmat)
antidep$logOR <- c(logORmat[,1])
antidep$selogOR <- c(logORmat[,2])

# knots
knots=
quantile(antidep$hayasaka_ddd[antidep$hayasaka_ddd!=0],c(0.10,0.50,0.90))

# ----- 1.one-study analysis -----
study_87 <- antidep[antidep$Study_No=='87',]

# linear
lin_1study <- dosresmeta(formula=logOR~hayasaka_ddd,
id=Study_No,
type=type,
cases=Responders,
n=No_randomised,
se=selogOR,
data=study_87,
method = 'rem1')

# RCS
```

```

rcs_1study <- dosresmeta(formula=logOR~rcs(hayasaka_ddd,knots),
                        id=Study_No,
                        type=type,
                        cases=Responders,
                        n=No_randomised,
                        se=selogOR,
                        data=study_87,
                        method = 'reml')

# ----- 1.multi-study analysis -----
# 1-stage
rcs_pooled1 <- dosresmeta(formula=logOR~rcs(hayasaka_ddd,knots),
                          proc="1stage",
                          id=Study_No,
                          type=type,
                          cases=Responders,
                          n=No_randomised,
                          se=selogOR,
                          data=antidep,
                          method = 'reml')
print(waldtest(b=coef(rcs_pooled1)[2],
               Sigma=vcov(rcs_pooled1)[2,2],
               Terms=1)) # wald test for spline coefficient

## Wald test:
## -----
##
## Chi-squared test:
## X2 = 39.9, df = 1, P(> X2) = 2.7e-10

# 2-stage
# include studies with at least 3 arms
studies_2arm <- unique(antidep$Study_No)[table(antidep$Study_No)<3]
antidep_2stage <- antidep[!antidep$Study_No%in%studies_2arm,]

rcs_pooled2 <- dosresmeta(formula=logOR~rcs(hayasaka_ddd,knots),
                          proc="2stage",
                          id=Study_No,
                          type=type,
                          cases=Responders,
                          n=No_randomised,
                          se=selogOR,
                          data=antidep_2stage,
                          method = 'reml')

# placebo effect - meta-analysis
antidep_p <- antidep[antidep$Drug=='placebo',]
antidep_p <-
antidep_p[!(is.na(antidep_p$Responders)|is.na(antidep_p$No_randomised)),] #
discard arms with NA

```

```

meta_pl<-metaprop(event=Responders,
                  n=No_randomised,
                  data=antidep_p,
                  studlab=Study_No,
                  comb.fixed = FALSE)
# back transformation: Logit = Log (p/(1-p)) -> probability p
pl_eff <- exp(meta_pl$TE.random)/(1+exp(meta_pl$TE.random))

```

Figures and tables

```
source('analyze EBMH.R')
```

```

## Wald test:
## -----
##
## Chi-squared test:
## X2 = 4.6, df = 1, P(> X2) = 0.033

```

```
source('fun to plot EBMH.R')
```

```
# Table 1 - data of Feighner et al study
```

```
tab1()
```

```

## level dose response total OR lb ub logOR selogOR
## 1 0 0 42 129 1.00 NA NA 0.00 NA
## 2 1 10 61 131 1.81 1.09 2.99 0.59 0.26
## 3 2 20 61 130 1.83 1.11 3.03 0.61 0.26
## 4 3 40 80 131 3.25 1.95 5.41 1.18 0.26
## 5 4 60 73 129 2.70 1.63 4.48 0.99 0.26

```

```
# Figure 1 - OR vs flux.dose - RCS and Linear (Feighner et al study)
```

```

plotdata1s = plotdata.fun(drma = rcs_1study,
                          data = study_87,
                          knots=knots) # RCS
plotdata2s = plotdata.fun(drma = lin_1study,
                          data = study_87,
                          knots=knots) # Linear

```

```

doseres.plot(plotdata = plotdata1s,
             data=study_87,
             ymax = 4.6,
             ymin=1,
             y='OR',
             ub='ubo',
             lb='lbo',
             add2=plotdata2s) # Linear and RCS

```

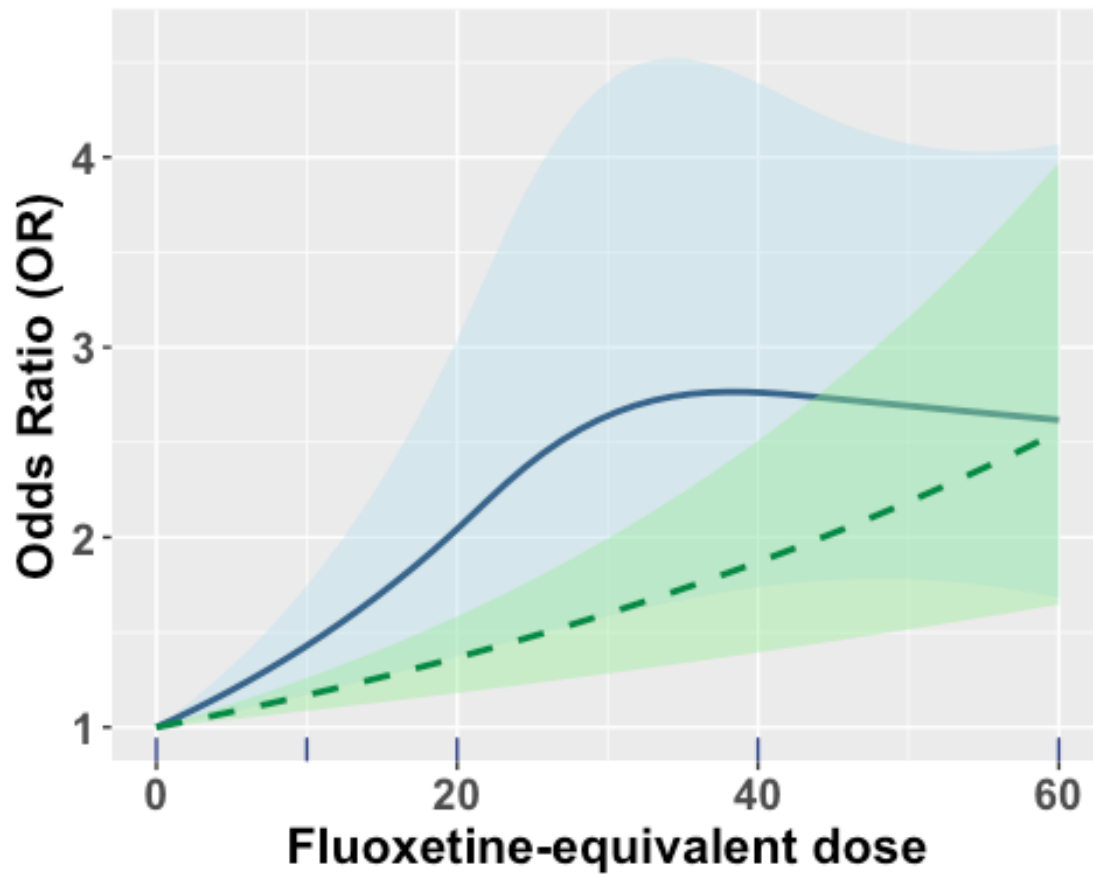


Figure 2: OR vs flux.dose - RCS: 2stage & 1stage

```
plotdata1 = plotdata.fun(drma = rcs_pooled2,
  data = antidep,
  knots=knots)
```

```
plotdata2 = plotdata.fun(drma = rcs_pooled1,
  data = antidep,
  knots=knots,
  p.eff=pl_eff)
```

```
doseres.plot(plotdata =plotdata1,
  data=antidep,
  ymax = 2,
  ymin=0.5,
  y='OR',
  ub='ubo',
  lb='lbo',
  add2=plotdata2,
  add3=NULL) # RCS 1stage and 2stage
```

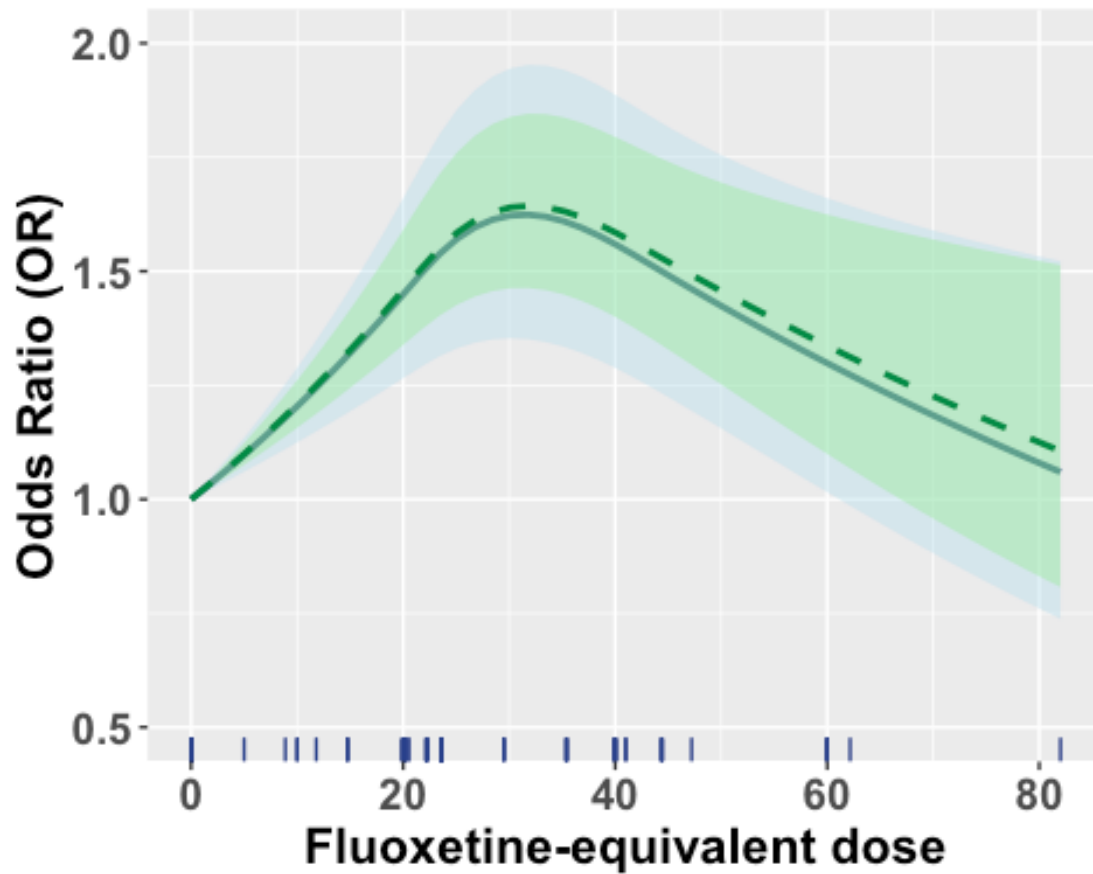


Figure 3: prob vs flux.dose - RCS 1stage

```
doseres.plot(plotdata =plotdata2,
             data=antidep,
             ymax = 0.55,
             ymin=0.3,
             y='prob',
             ub='ubp',
             lb='lbp',
             labs = c('Predicted absolute effect', 'Fluoxetine-equivalent
dose')) # RCS 1stage
```

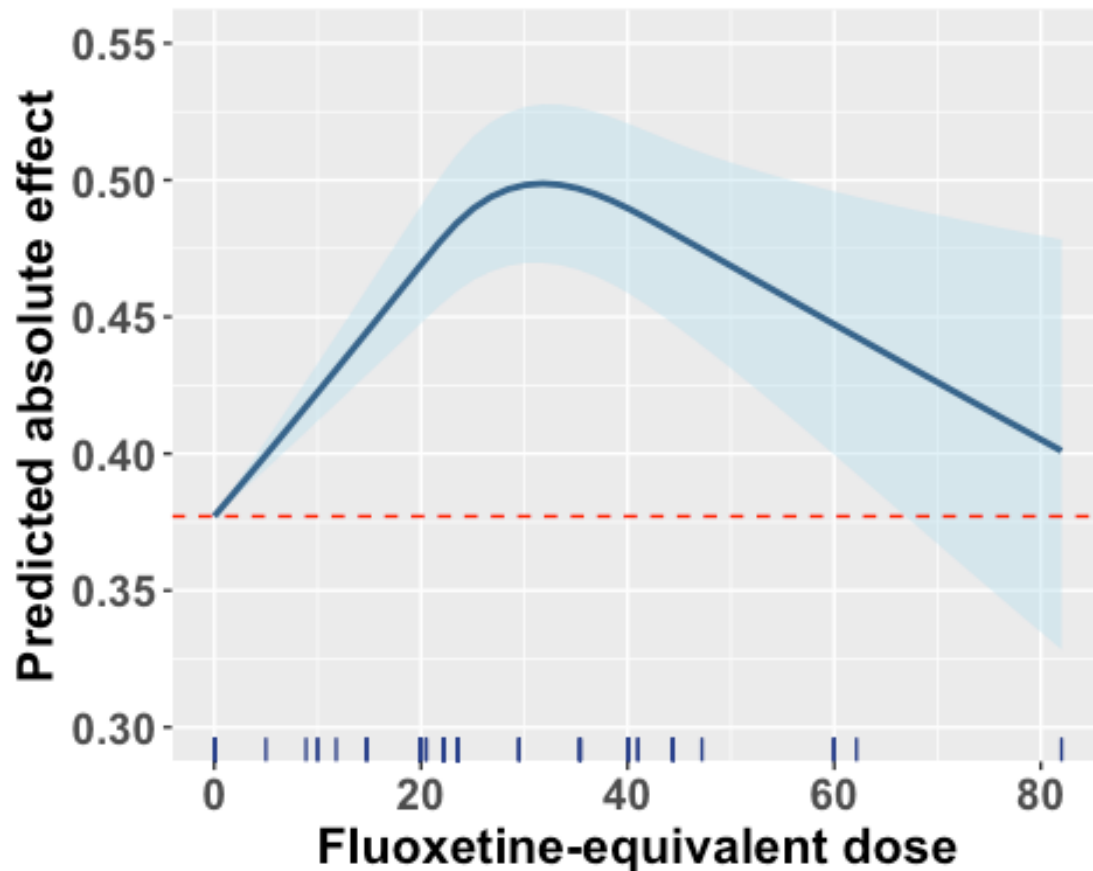



Figure 4: VPC vs dose

```
# VPC
df <- antidep[!is.na(antidep$selogOR),]
df$vpc <- vpc(rcs_pooled1)
min(df$vpc[df$hayasaka_ddd==20])

## [1] 0.03776123

max(df$vpc[df$hayasaka_ddd==20])

## [1] 0.4027483

max(df$vpc)

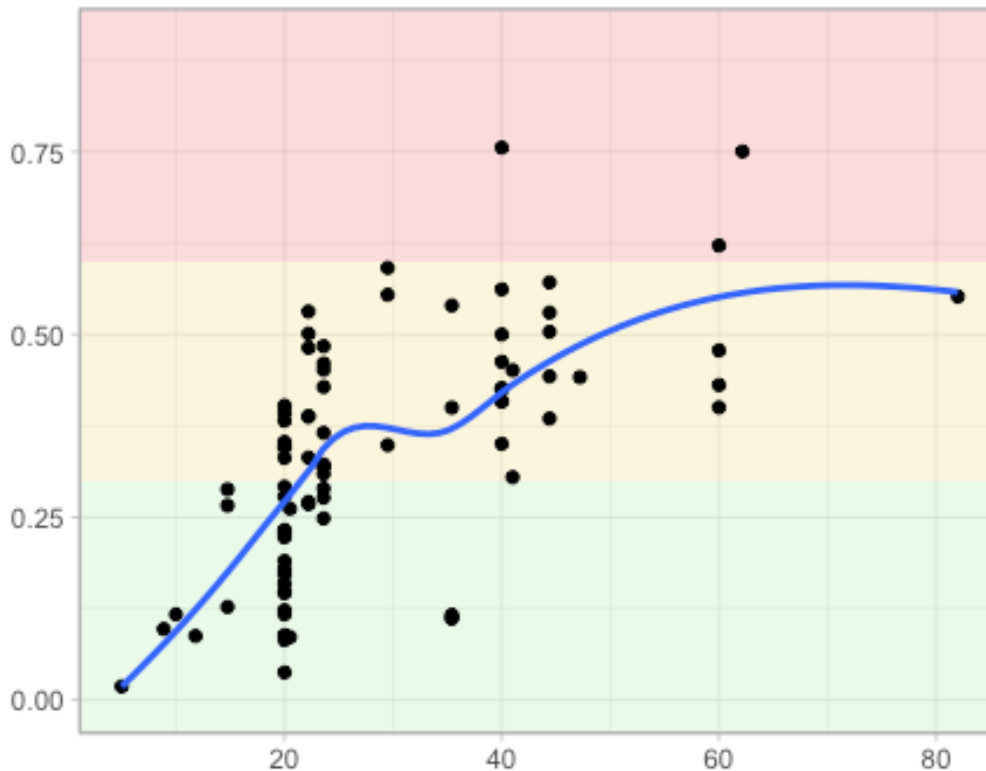
## [1] 0.7556904

ggplot(df, aes(hayasaka_ddd,vpc)) +
  annotate("rect", xmin = -Inf, xmax = Inf, ymin = -Inf, ymax = 0.3, fill=
"darkseagreen2", alpha=0.3) +
  theme_light()+
  annotate("rect", xmin = -Inf, xmax = Inf, ymin = 0.3, ymax = 0.6 , fill=
"lightgoldenrod2", alpha=0.3) +
  theme_light()+
```

```

annotate("rect", xmin = -Inf, xmax = Inf, ymin = 0.6, ymax = Inf, fill=
"lightcoral", alpha=0.3) +
theme_light()+
geom_point() +
geom_smooth(method = "loess",se=FALSE)+
coord_cartesian(clip="off", ylim=c(0,0.9))+
theme(axis.title=element_blank(),
      plot.margin = unit(c(5,10,10,5), "mm"))
## `geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'

```



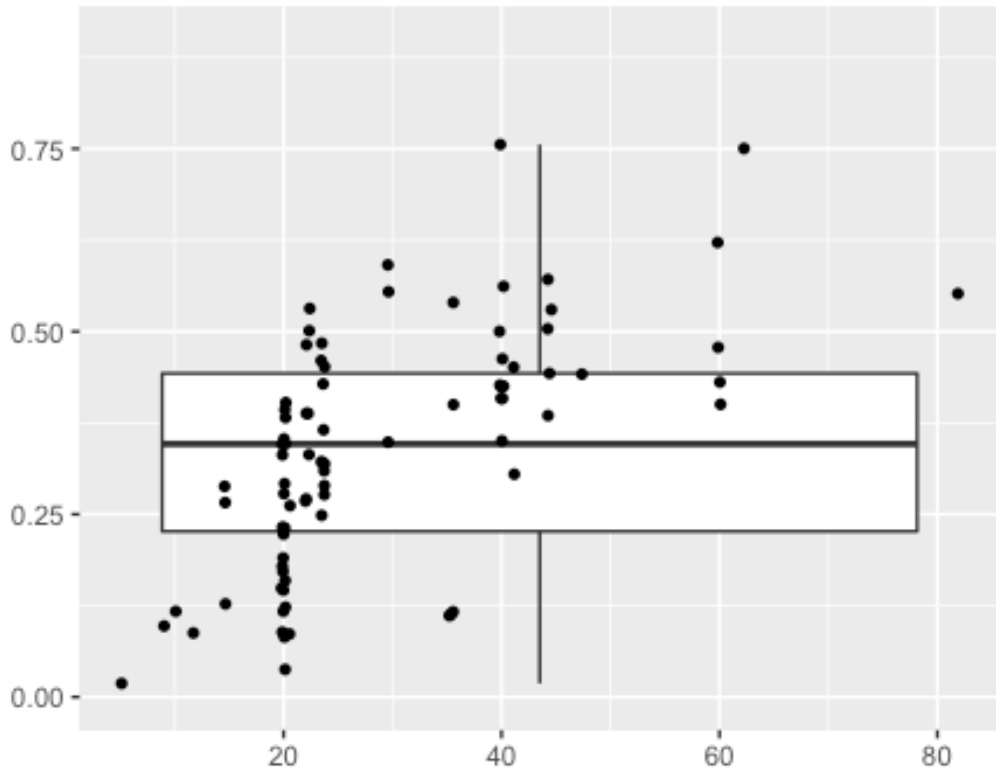
```

ggplot(df, aes(hayasaka_ddd,vpc)) +
  coord_flip()+
  geom_boxplot() +
  geom_jitter(shape=16, position=position_jitter(0.2))+
  coord_cartesian(clip="off", ylim=c(0,0.9))+
  theme(axis.title=element_blank(),
        plot.margin = unit(c(5,10,10,5), "mm"))

```

Coordinate system already present. Adding new coordinate system, which will replace the existing one.

Warning: Continuous x aesthetic -- did you forget aes(group=...)?



```
# Appendix figure 1
```

```
dose_dist1()
```

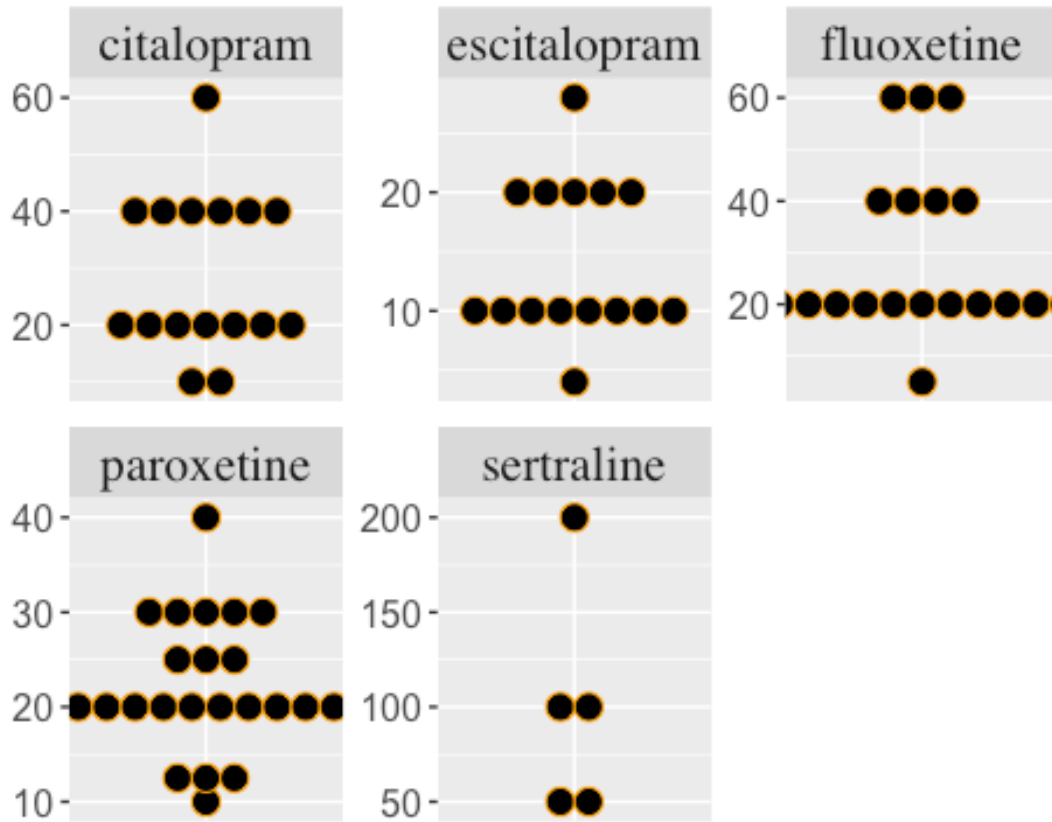
```
## `stat_bindot()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.
```



```
# Appendix figure 2
```

```
dose_dist2()
```

```
## `stat_bindot()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.
```



Appendix table

app.tab()

A tibble: 6 x 4

`Number of events` `Number of patient...` `Number of studi...` `Number of non-zero ...`

* <int> <int> <int>

<int>

1 1002 1928 9

16

2 1089 2405 11

15

3 901 2265 18

25

4 1389 2669 19

25

5 2183 5556 59

59

6 134 351 3

5