

**Table 1:** Multivariate Cox regression analysis for time from completion to publication and Youden's index.

	Hazard ratio (95 % CI) <sup>a</sup>	<i>p</i> -value
<b>Youden's index (<i>n</i> = 470)</b>		
Youden's index (logit transformed)	1.09 (1.03-1.16)	0.004
Year of publication (per 5 years)	0.91 (0.83-1.01)	0.066
Journal impact factor		
≥4	1.09 (0.88-1.36)	0.440
<4 or not available	1	
Number of authors	1.01 (0.98 - 1.05)	0.370
Continent of corresponding author		
Europe, North America or Oceania	0.73 (0.58-0.91)	0.005
Africa, Asia or South America	1	
Type of data collection		
Prospective	1.18 (0.96-1.47)	0.120
Retrospective or not reported	1	
Study duration (per year)	0.99 (0.94 - 1.05)	0.850
Number of participants (per 100)	0.95 (0.87-1.04)	0.260

<sup>a</sup> Frailty term added per meta-analysis to account for systematic differences in time from completion to publication between meta-analyses.

<sup>b</sup> Sample size missing for 22 studies included in the analysis.