

REBECCA DERSIMONIAN, Sc.D.
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

<u>Dates</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>
1970 - 1974	Brandeis University	Biology	A.B.
1978 - 1980	Harvard University	Biostatistics	S.M.
1980 - 1983	Harvard University	Biostatistics Pathology (Minor)	Sc.D.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1999 - Present	Mathematical Statistician National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
1990 - 1999	Mathematical Statistician National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
1984 - 1990	Assistant Professor of Public Health Yale University School of Medicine
1988 & 1993	Fulbright Teaching Scholar Erevan State University, Armenia
1983 - 1984	Post Doctoral Fellow (Biostatistics) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1978 - 1983	Teaching and Research Fellow (Biostatistics) Harvard University School of Public Health

SELECTED HONORS

American Statistical Association Fellow 2017

NIAID Merit and Special Act Awards

2016: *"For continued outstanding work efforts of NIAID staff to further the success of the Ebola research initiatives in West Africa"*

2014: *"For excellence in mastering the leadership of the NIAID Data and Safety Monitoring Boards"*

2008: *"For contributions to the collaborative development of an NIAID DSMB Principles Document, a cross divisional initiative to harmonize key DSMB practices"*

2006: *"For sustained and exceptional efforts coordinating the Data and Safety Monitoring Board activities for the DAIDS-supported clinical trials"*

2003: *"In appreciation of outstanding contributions and efforts in support of the NIAID mission"*

ADVISORY AND COMMITTEE AFFILIATIONS

1986 - 1990	Member of the Academic Progress Committee Yale University School of Public Health
1991 - 1995	Member of the Steering Committee for the NICHD "Trial of Calcium Supplementation for the Prevention of Preeclampsia in Pregnancy"
1995	Member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the NICHD Flexible Workplace Program
1995 - 1998	Member of the Women Scientist Advisory Committee Office of the Deputy Director (Intramural), NIH
1997 - 1998	Member of the Search and Promotion Committee for the Division of Epidemiology, Statistics, and Prevention Research, NICHD
1995 - 1999	Member of the Data and Safety Monitoring Board for the "Pride in Parenting Protocol" of the NIH-DC Initiative
1998 - 1999	Member of the Data and Safety Monitoring Board for the WHO trial of "Misoprostol in the Management of the Third Stage of Labour"
2002	Technical reviewer for the proposals submitted in response to NIAAA RFP "Estimating the Alcohol-Attributable Fraction for U.S. Morbidity and Mortality Based on Meta- Analysis of Epidemiologic Studies"
2000 - Present	Executive Secretary for the following NIAID DSMBs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division of AIDS (DAIDS) Therapeutics DSMB (2000-2007)• PENPACT DSMB (2001-2006)• ESPRIT/SILCAAT DSMB (2001-2007)• CAMELIA DSMB (2004-2008)• DAIDS Therapeutics-Africa DSMB (2005-Present)• DAIDS Prevention DSMB (2011-2012)• DAIDS Prevention-Africa DSMB (2012-Present)• PREVAIL DSMB (2014-2016)• PREVAC DSMB (2016-present)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Reporting on Methods in Clinical Trials"
Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA (1982)

"Meta-Analysis in Clinical Trials"
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (1986)

"Meta-Analysis in Medical Research"
Erevan State University, Armenia (1988)

"Issues in Combining Evidence from Comparative Clinical Trials"
Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY (1989)

"Monitoring of Clinical Trials"
Erevan State University, Armenia (1993)

"Meta-analysis in the Design and Monitoring of Clinical Trials"
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD (1994)

"Heterogeneity and Related Issues in Meta-analysis"
Food and Drug Administration, Rockville, MD (1995)

"Trials of Calcium for the Prevention of Preeclampsia"
International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy
Seattle, WA (1996)

"Reflections on My Years at the Harvard School of Public Health"
50-th Anniversary Celebration – HSPH Biostatistics
Memphis, TN (1997)

"Meta-Analysis in Social Sciences"
Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research
Washington, DC (2004)

"Heterogeneity in Meta-Analysis of Clinical Trials"
Third World Conference on Computational Statistics and Data Analysis
Limassol, Cyprus (2005)

"Reflections on Meta-Analysis"
Harvard School of Public Health
Boston, MA (2015)

"Meta-Analysis Revisited"
Channel Network Conference of the International Biometric Society
Hasselt, Belgium (2017)

WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL COURSES

The Princeton Conference, Atlantic City (1985)
"Statistical Methodology in Clinical Research"

Erevan State University, Armenia
"Introductory Data Analysis" (1988)
"Introduction to Clinical Trials" (1993)

PEER REVIEWER

Biometrics
Biostatistics
Statistics in Medicine
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Journal of Clinical Epidemiology
New England Journal of Medicine
Journal of the American Medical Association
Controlled Clinical Trials
American Journal of Epidemiology
Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes

PUBLICATIONS

DerSimonian R, Charette LJ, McPeck B, and Mosteller F. "Reporting on Methods in Clinical Trials". The New England Journal of Medicine, 306: 1332-1337, 1982.

Laird N, and **DerSimonian R**. "Issues in Combining Evidence from Several Comparative Trials of Clinical Therapy". In: Proceedings of the XIth International Biometric Conference, 1982.

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DerSimonian R. "Maximum Likelihood Estimation of a Mixing Distribution". Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series C, 35: 302-309, 1986.

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DerSimonian R. Invited Commentary on "Empirical Bayes Confidence Intervals Based on Bootstrap Samples". Journal of the American Statistical Association, 82: 755-756, 1987.

DerSimonian R, and Baker S. "Two-Process Models for Discrete-Time Serial Categorical Response". Statistics in Medicine, 7: 965-974, 1988.

Murtaugh CM, Cooney LM, **DerSimonian R**, Smits HL, and Fetter RB. "Nursing Home Reimbursement and the Allocation of Rehabilitation Therapy Resources". Health Services Research, 23: 467-493, 1988.

DerSimonian R. Editorial: "Combining Evidence from Clinical Trials". Anesthesia and Analgesia, 70: 475-476, 1990.

DerSimonian R. Invited Commentary on "Parenteral Nutrition with Branched-Chain Amino Acids in Hepatic Encephalopathy: Meta-Analysis". Hepatology, 11: 1083-1084, 1990.

Flanders WD, **DerSimonian R**, and Rhodes P. "Estimation of Risk Ratios in Case-Base Studies with Competing Risks". Statistics in Medicine, 9: 423-435, 1990.

Legnini MW, Thompson JD, **DerSimonian R**, and Lynch JT. "Recent Changes in Connecticut Hospital Use Rates: Have Small-Area Variations Been Affected?" Inquiry, 27: 51-60, 1990.

Baker SG, Rosenberger WF, and **DerSimonian R**. "Closed-Form Estimates for Missing Counts in Two-Way Contingency Tables". Statistics in Medicine, 11: 643-657, 1992.

Levine RJ, Raymond E, **DerSimonian R**, and Clemens JD. "Preeclampsia Prevention with Calcium Supplementation". Clinics in Applied Nutrition, 2: 30-38, 1992.

Duray PH, **DerSimonian R**, Barnhill R, Stenn K, Ernstoff MS, Fine J, and Kirkwood JM. "An Analysis of Inter-Observer Recognition of the Histopathologic Features of Dysplastic Nevi from a Mixed Group of Nevomelanocytic Lesions". Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, 27: 741-749, 1992.

Flanders WD, **DerSimonian R**, and Freedman DS. "Interpretation of Linear Regression Models That Include Transformations or Interaction Terms". Annals of Epidemiology, 2: 735-744, 1992.

DerSimonian R, Clemens J, Spirtas R, and Perlman J. "Vasectomy and the Risk of Prostate Cancer: Methodological Review of the Evidence". Journal of Clinical Epidemiology, 46: 163-172, 1993.

Strickler H, Hoover DR, and **DerSimonian R**. "Problems in Interpreting HIV Sentinel Seroprevalence Studies". Annals of Epidemiology, 5: 447-454, 1995.

DerSimonian R. "Meta-Analysis in the Design and Monitoring of Clinical Trials". Statistics in Medicine, 15: 1237-1248, 1996.

Levine RJ, Esterlitz JR, Raymond EG, **DerSimonian R**, et al. "The Trial of Calcium for Preeclampsia Prevention (CPEP): Rationale, Design, and Methods". Controlled Clinical Trials, 17: 442-469, 1996.

Levine R, and **DerSimonian R**. Letter to the Editor: "Effect of Calcium Supplementation on Pregnancy-Induced Hypertension and Preeclampsia: A Meta-analysis". Journal of the American Medical Association, 276: 1387, 1996.

DerSimonian R, and Clemens J. "Does Vasectomy Cause Cancer?" Chance, 10: 12-14, 1997.

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Klebanoff M, Levine R, and **DerSimonian R**. Letter to the Editor: "Large Trials versus Meta-analysis of Smaller Trials". Journal of the American Medical Association, 277: 376-377, 1997.

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Brenner R, Overpeck M, Trumble A, **DerSimonian R**, and Berendes H. "Deaths Attributable to Injuries in Infants, United States, 1983-1991". Pediatrics, 103: 968-974, 1999.

Zhang J, Klebanoff MA, and **DerSimonian R**. "Epidural Analgesia in Association with Duration of Labor and Mode of Delivery: A quantitative review". American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 180: 970-977, 1999.

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Henderson C, Ownby D, Trumble A, and **DerSimonian R**. "Predicting Asthma Severity from Allergic Sensitivity to Cockroaches in Pregnant Inner City Women". Journal of Reproductive Medicine, 45: 337-340, 2000.

Ramsey M, **DerSimonian R**, Holtel M, and Burgess L. "Corticosteroid Treatment for Idiopathic Facial Nerve Paralysis: A Meta-analysis". The Laryngoscope, 110: 335-341, 2000.

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Mahnke YD, Greenwald JH, **DerSimonian R**, Roby G, Antonelli LR, Sher A, Roederer M, and Sereti I. "Selective expansion of polyfunctional pathogen-specific CD4 (+) T cells in HIV-1-infected patients with immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome". *Blood*, 119: 3105-3112, 2012.

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