

# Prosody perception in cochlear implant users and vocoder simulations: A meta-analysis



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## Introduction

- Linguistic / emotional prosody utilize a common set of acoustic cues →  $f_0$ , intensity, duration
- Cochlear implant (CI) users and vocoder simulation listeners process prosody less accurately

## Research question

Is the negative influence of CIs or vocoder simulations on prosody identification found in individual studies robust across studies?

## Methods

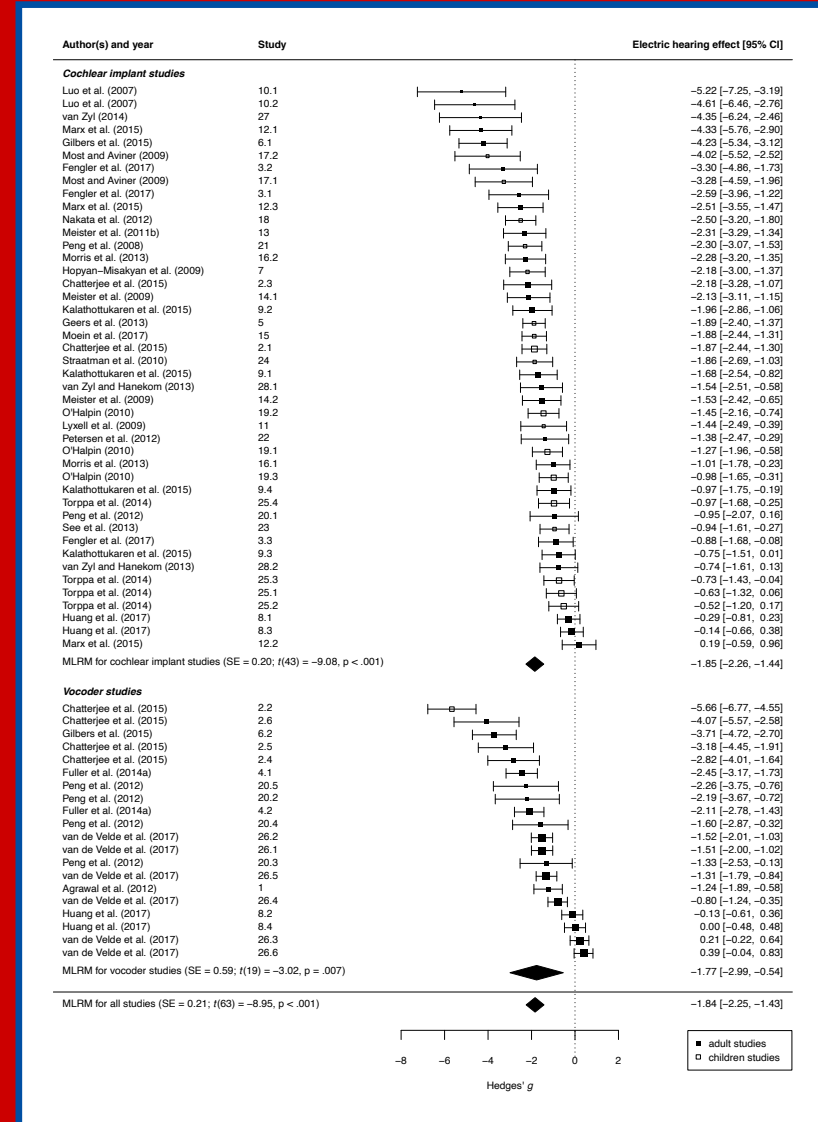
- 64 studies from 28 papers:
  - CIs / vocoder simulations
  - emotional / linguistic prosody
  - experimental studies
  - group studies
  - normal hearing controls
  - no noise
- Multilevel random-effects model to assess main influence of electric hearing on prosody identification
- Multilevel *mixed*-effects model to assess influence of moderators

**Electric hearing (cochlear implant or vocoder) limits the identification of prosody, mainly due to the poor transmission of  $f_0$**

**Hedges'  $g = -1.84$**



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