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P Values vs Magnitude-based Inference

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Update Nov 2020. The [ECSS report](#) in the [2020 issue](#) explains how statistical significance and non-significance represent misleading evidence for effect magnitudes. I also gave a 10-min talk at the conference on the frequentist and Bayesian theoretical bases for magnitude-based decisions. The video is available on YouTube [here](#). A slides-only pptx version of the talk (including a description of error rates) is available [here](#).

Update Feb 2020. The [2020 issue](#) contains an [article](#) and [slideshow](#) on hypothesis tests underlying magnitude-based decisions, and there is an [in-brief item](#) describing the recent history of magnitude-based inference and decisions, as well as a shorter, simpler explanation of the hypothesis tests.

Update Feb 2019. The attack on magnitude-based inference (MBI) in 2018 is documented in [The Vindication of Magnitude-Base Inference](#) and in the [post-publications comments](#), where you will also find [a slideshow](#) summarizing the attack and how MBI works. Rebranding MBI as magnitude-based decisions (MBD) is explained in an [in-brief item](#) in the 2019 issue.

A [slideshow](#) explaining p values, magnitude-based inference (MBI), and the American Statistical Association's [policy statement](#) on p values

is now available. The slideshow has the title of the In-brief item in last year's *SportsScience*, [P Values Down But Not Yet Out](#), and it represents an elaboration of that item. The [slideshow](#) was presented at the [8th International Conference on Kinesiology](#) in Opatija, Croatia, May 10-14, 2017 and at various workshops subsequently.

Other resources on statistical inference

A one-hour lecture on [data analysis and interpretation](#) has an earlier summary of null-hypothesis testing and MBI.

The [article](#) describing the [spreadsheet to derive MBI from a p value](#) has a detailed explanation of clinical and non-clinical MBI. To derive MBI from a confidence interval use the [spreadsheet to combine/compare effects](#) (and read the accompanying [article](#)).

The first peer-reviewed [article on MBI](#) published here and in *International Journal of Sports Physiology and Performance* deals only with non-clinical inference.

The [article on progressive statistics](#) published here and in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* has a summary of MBI and much, much more.

Journal Impact Factors 2017

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Download the [workbook \(28 KB\) of impact factors](#).

As noted in [a 2015 article](#), I have abandoned Thomson-Reuters' impact factors in favor of Elsevier's, which are derived from a bibliographic database (Scopus) more relevant to sport and exercise science, and which are freely avail-

able in a very large workbook (33 MB) at [Journal Metrics](#). Elsevier refers to the impact factor as the *CiteScore*, but it is calculated in the same manner as the traditional impact factor. I have extracted the values for our journals into a user-friendly small [workbook](#) (28 KB), which has spreadsheets sorted by journal title and by 2016 impact factor. As of last year I will not be writing

a full article on the impact factors.
