# Beyond all-or-nothing Statistics 

## Reduce Research Waste and improve 3Rs (include less animals)

## Bet against the null hypothesis

## Current practice

| Estimated effect: | 1 |  |  |  |
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| Standard deviation: | 0,5 | $\delta=2$ | $\alpha$ : | $5 \%$ |
| power: | $80 \%$ | $\mathrm{n}=$ ? |  |  |

Judith ter Schure, Peter Grünwald
"Two-out-of-three" rule (p-values)
Frommlet, F. \& Heinze, G. (2020) Experimental Replications in Animal Trials. Laboratory Animals. (in print)

\$ If $\alpha$ is spent, you actually \$ \$ cannot continue playing! \$
\$ $\quad p<\alpha$ is all-or-nothing! \$

\$ Science really is \$ \$ a gamble \$



Proposed practice Sequential Safe Testing

$\boldsymbol{p}<\boldsymbol{\alpha}$, current practice

Representative experiment in publication?<br>$\rightarrow$ Publication Bias<br>Pool in a meta-analysis?<br>$\rightarrow$ NO: Accumulation Bias<br>3Rs?<br>$\rightarrow$ at least 30 animals

$\$ \$>\frac{1}{\alpha}$, SAFE TESTS, proposed practice
Strong on heterogeneous experiments:
Compare casino $\delta=0$ hypothesis; as heterogeneous as:
Pool in a meta-analysis?
$\rightarrow$ Yes! Safe Meta-Analysis
3Rs?
$\rightarrow$ on average 15 animals


