

Figure S1. Funnel plots including 20 comparisons about short-term effects of combined robotic-training and tDCS protocols on upper limb for publication bias assessments. White circles and white diamond display the original comparisons and overall effects size, whereas four black circles and black diamond indicate denote imputed comparisons and revised effect size.

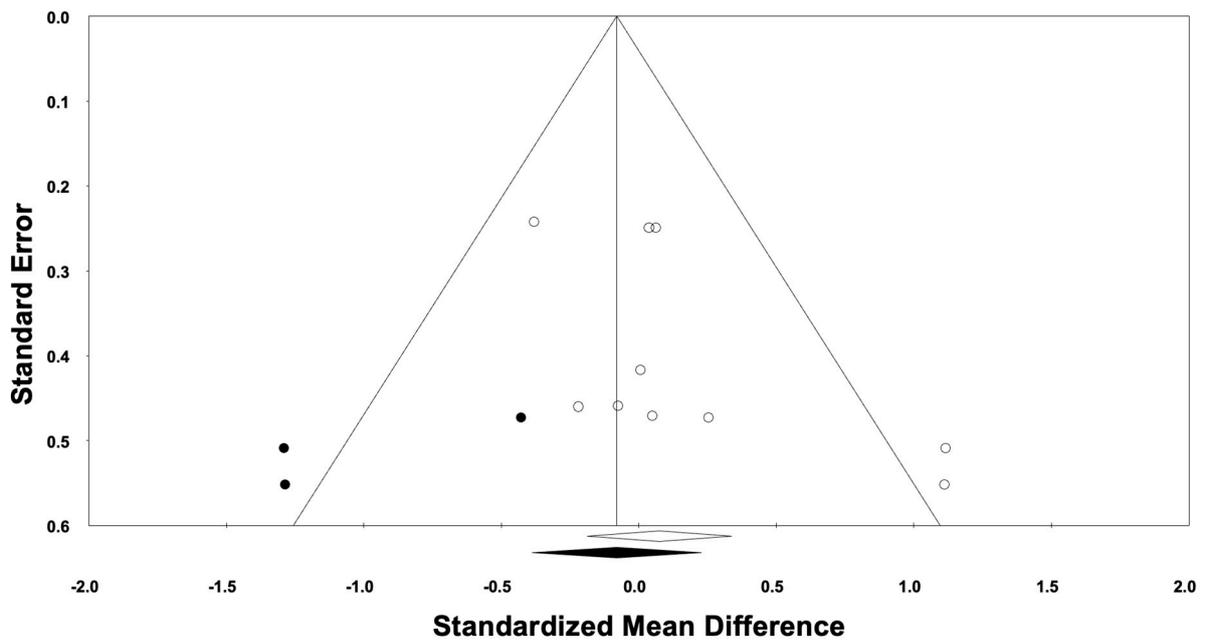


Figure S2. Funnel plots including 10 comparisons about long-term effects of combined robotic-training and tDCS protocols on upper limb for publication bias assessments. White circles and white diamond display the original comparisons and overall effects size, whereas three black circles and black diamond indicate denote imputed comparisons and revised effect size.

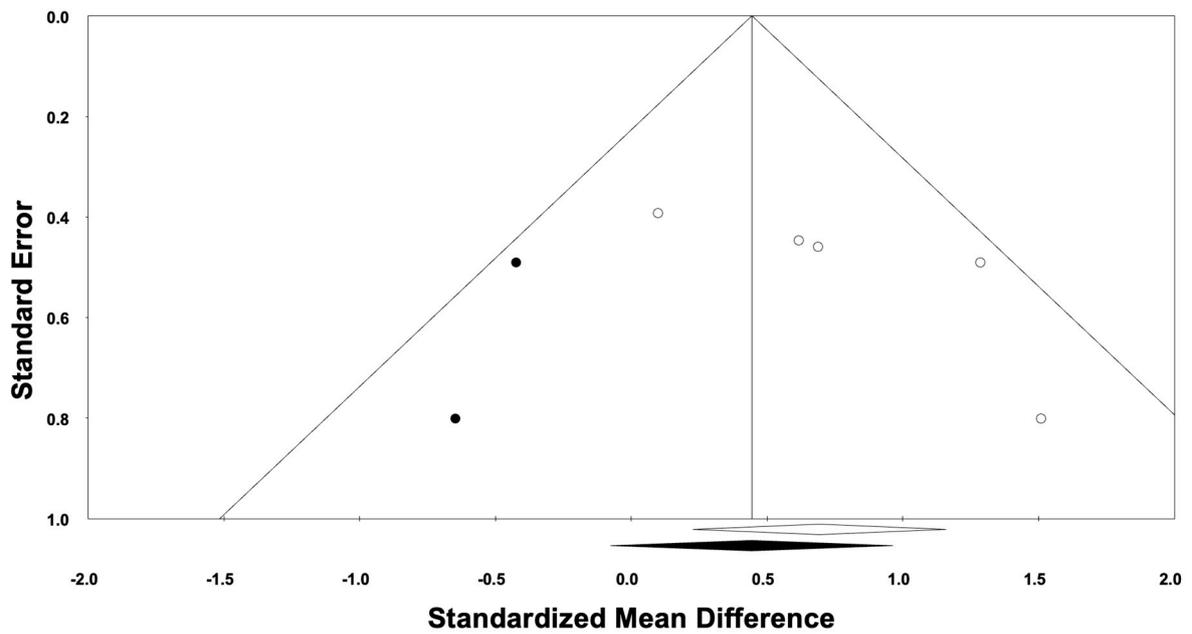


Figure S3. Funnel plots including five comparisons about short-term effects of combined robotic-training and tDCS protocols on lower limb for publication bias assessments. White circles and white diamond display the original comparisons and overall effects size, whereas two black circles and black diamond indicate denote imputed comparisons and revised effect size.

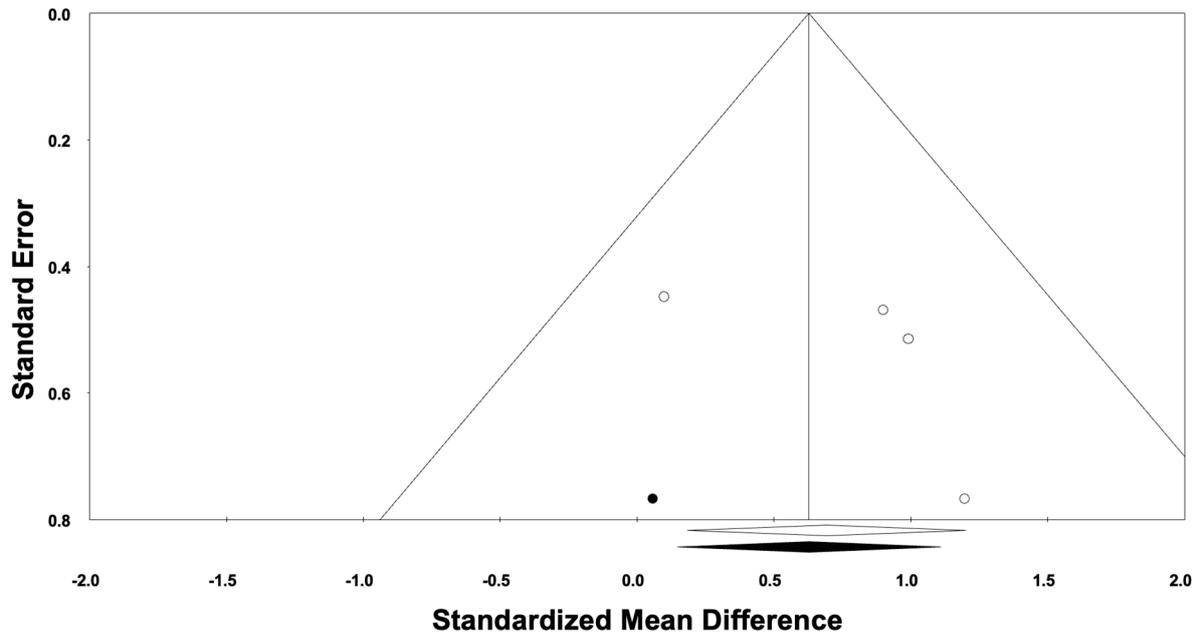


Figure S4. Funnel plots including four comparisons about long-term effects of combined robotic-training and tDCS protocols on lower limb for publication bias assessments. White circles and white diamond display the original comparisons and overall effects size, whereas one black circle and black diamond indicate denote imputed comparisons and revised effect size.

Table S1. Intervention protocols for control

Study	Robotic-Training	Joints	Support Type	Session	Sham Current
<i>Upper Limb Rehabilitation</i>					
Ang 2015 [51]	MI-BCI/MIT-Manus	Uni: shoulder/elbow	End-effector	10	30 sec
Chew 2020 [52]	MI-BCI/MIT-Manus	Uni: shoulder/elbow	End-effector	10	20 sec
De Laet 2022 [54]	REApplan robot	Uni: wrist/hand	End-effector	1	8 sec
Dehem 2018 [55]	REApplan robot	Uni: shoulder/elbow	End-effector	1	40 sec
Edwards 2019 [56]	MIT-Manus	Uni: whole arm	End-effector	36	30 sec
Giacobbe 2013 [58]	InMotion3 wrist robot	Uni: wrist/hand	End-effector	1	30 sec
Hesse 2011 [59]	Bi-Manu Track	Bi: wrist/hand	End-effector	30	No sham
Hong 2017 [60]	MI-BCI/MIT-Manus	Uni: shoulder/elbow	End-effector	10	No sham
Hu 2021 [66]	MI-BCI/MIT-Manus	Uni: shoulder/elbow	End-effector	10	No sham
Kasashima 2015 [45]	MI-BCI/Motor-driven orthosis	Uni: finger	End-effector	30	No sham
Mazzoleni 2015 [62]	InMotion3 wrist robot	Uni: wrist/hand	End-effector	16	5 sec
Mazzoleni 2019 [63]	InMotion3 wrist robot	Uni: wrist/hand	End-effector	30	No sham
Maxfield-Panker 2011 [61]	ReoGo robotic device	Uni: shoulder/elbow	End-effector	22	No sham
Straudi 2016 [65]	ReoGo robotic device	Uni: shoulder/elbow	End-effector	10	30 sec
Triccas 2015 [46]	Armeo® Spring arm robot	Uni: whole arm	Exoskeleton	18	10 sec
<i>Lower Limb Rehabilitation</i>					
Danzl 2013 [53]	Lokomat	Bi: whole leg	Exoskeleton	12	75 sec
Geroin 2011 [57]	Gait Trainer GT1	Bi: whole leg	End-effector	10	No sham
Leon 2017 [47]	Gait Trainer or Lokomat	Bi: whole leg	End-effector or Exoskeleton	20	No sham
Picelli 2015 [37]	G-EO System Evolution	Bi: whole leg	End-effector	10	2 min
Seo 2017 [64]	Walkbot S-WALKBOT	Bi: whole leg	Exoskeleton	10	1 min

Abbreviations. MI-BCI: Motor Imagery Brain-Computer Interface.

Table S2. Specific data format and meta-analytic calculation data

Study	Data Format	SMD	SE	Variance	95%CI-LL	95%CI-UL	Z-value	p-value
<i>Upper Limb Rehabilitation: Short-Term Effect</i>								
Ang 2015 [51]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	-0.556	0.468	0.219	-1.473	0.362	-1.187	0.235
Chew 2020 [52]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	-0.542	0.468	0.219	-1.459	0.375	-1.158	0.247
De Laet 2022 [54]	Paired groups (N, p-value)	0.106	0.244	0.059	-0.372	0.583	0.434	0.664
Dehem 2018 [55]	Paired groups (N, p-value)	0.568	0.241	0.058	0.096	1.040	2.357	0.018
Edwards 2019 [56]	Independent groups (means, p)	-0.169	0.229	0.052	-0.617	0.278	-0.741	0.458
Giacobbe 2013 [58]	Paired groups (N, p-value)	0.629	0.316	0.100	0.010	1.248	1.991	0.047
Giacobbe 2013 [58]	Paired groups (N, p-value)	-0.793	0.331	0.110	-1.442	-0.144	-2.396	0.017
Giacobbe 2013 [58]	Paired groups (N, p-value)	0.135	0.290	0.084	-0.434	0.703	0.464	0.642
Hesse 2011 [59]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	-0.007	0.250	0.063	-0.497	0.483	-0.027	0.978
Hesse 2011 [59]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	-0.023	0.250	0.063	-0.513	0.467	-0.093	0.926
Hong 2017 [60]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.004	0.471	0.222	-0.920	0.928	0.009	0.993
Hu 2021 [66]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	-0.040	0.474	0.225	-0.970	0.890	-0.085	0.932
Kasashima 2015 [45]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.454	0.489	0.239	-0.506	1.413	0.927	0.354
Mazzoleni 2015 [62]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	-0.985	0.611	0.374	-2.184	0.213	-1.612	0.107
Mazzoleni 2019 [63]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	0.354	0.346	0.120	-0.325	1.032	1.021	0.307
Maxfield-Panker 2011 [61]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.245	0.473	0.224	-0.683	1.172	0.517	0.605
Straudi 2016 [65]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	-0.096	0.418	0.174	-0.915	0.722	-0.230	0.818
Triccas 2015 [46]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.080	0.418	0.174	-0.739	0.898	0.191	0.848
Overall		0.040	0.078	0.006	-0.113	0.192	0.508	0.611
<i>Lower Limb Rehabilitation</i>								
Danzl 2013 [53]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	1.511	0.802	0.643	-0.061	3.082	1.884	0.060
Geroiin 2011 [57]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	0.690	0.460	0.212	-0.212	1.593	1.500	0.134
Leon 2017 [47]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	0.100	0.393	0.155	-0.671	0.872	0.255	0.798
Picelli 2015 [37]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	1.287	0.491	0.241	0.324	2.250	2.620	0.009
Seo 2017 [64]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	0.619	0.447	0.200	-0.258	1.495	1.383	0.167
Overall		0.693	0.237	0.056	0.228	1.157	2.924	0.003

Abbreviations. CI: confidence interval; ES: effect size; LL: lower limit; S: single effect size (not combined); SE: standard error; SD: standard deviation; SMD: standardized mean difference; UL: upper limit.

Table S2. Specific data format and meta-analytic calculation data (continued)

Study	Data Format	SMD	SE	Variance	95%CI-LL	95%CI-UL	Z-value	p-value
<i>Upper Limb Rehabilitation: Long-Term Effect</i>								
Ang 2015 [51]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	-0.074	0.460	0.211	-0.975	0.827	-0.161	0.872
Chew 2020 [52]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	-0.218	0.461	0.212	-1.121	0.686	-0.472	0.637
Edwards 2019 [56]	Independent groups (means, p)	-0.379	0.243	0.059	-0.855	0.097	-1.561	0.119
Hesse 2011 [59]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.040	0.250	0.063	-0.451	0.530	0.158	0.874
Hesse 2011 [59]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.063	0.250	0.063	-0.427	0.553	0.252	0.801
Hong 2017 [60]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.255	0.473	0.224	-0.673	1.182	0.538	0.591
Hu 2021 [66]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	1.116	0.510	0.260	0.118	2.115	2.191	0.028
Kasashima 2015 [45]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	1.113	0.553	0.305	0.030	2.197	2.015	0.044
Maxfield-Panker 2011 [61]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.051	0.471	0.222	-0.873	0.975	0.108	0.914
Triccas 2015 [46]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.008	0.417	0.174	-0.810	0.826	0.020	0.984
Overall		0.075	0.134	0.018	-0.188	0.338	0.559	0.576
<i>Lower Limb Rehabilitation</i>								
Danzl 2013 [53]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	1.197	0.768	0.590	-0.308	2.702	1.559	0.119
Geroin 2011 [57]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	0.901	0.469	0.220	-0.018	1.821	0.921	0.055
Picelli 2015 [37]	Independent groups (means, SD's)	0.100	0.449	0.201	-0.779	0.979	0.223	0.824
Seo 2017 [64]	Independent groups (Sample size, p)	0.993	0.515	0.256	-0.016	2.002	1.928	0.054
Overall		0.692	0.258	0.067	0.186	1.198	2.678	0.007

Abbreviations. CI: confidence interval; ES: effect size; LL: lower limit; S: single effect size (not combined); SE: standard error; SD: standard deviation; SMD: standardized mean difference; UL: upper limit.