



## A meta-analysis study of the effect of the blended learning model on students' mathematics learning achievement

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### Abstract

Many studies have researched the effect of blended learning on mathematics learning achievement, but the results of previous research reported different results. Therefore, this research aims to determine the effect of the blended learning model on mathematics learning achievement. The design of this study used a meta-analysis approach by analyzing 20 effect sizes from 18 primary studies that were Scopus-indexed and met the inclusion criteria. The results of the analysis show that the use of the blended learning model affects mathematics achievement compared to traditional learning ( $d = 0.725$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). The results of the analysis according to the moderator variable are known that the effect of the blended learning model on mathematics achievement is different based on the level of education ( $Qb = 13.923$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ) and the year of research ( $Qb = 16.140$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). However, no differences were found according to the sample size group ( $Qb = 0.039$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ) and media platform ( $Qb = 2.861$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ). The findings show the consistency of the publication of research results on the effect of using the blended learning model on students' mathematics learning achievement.

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## Introduction

Advances in information and communication technology in the 21st century have significantly influenced the world of education, especially in the learning process (Akgundus & Akinoglu, 2016). With the rapid advancement of educational technology today, the teaching and learning environment has begun to change and develop (Karagöl & Emrullah, 2019). Technology can improve student collaboration (Keseser et al., 2012), higher-order thinking skills (Kurt, 2010), as well as learning engagement, and motivation (Baytak et al., 2011). Technology integration benefits students by providing extra practice, the opportunity to evaluate their problems, and the amplest opportunity to choose different alternative answers (Gonzalez & Birchm, 2000; Juandi & Priatna, 2018; Nurjanah et al., 2020; Sung et al., 2016). Technology can create practical and meaningful mathematics learning and visualize mathematical concepts or objects (Herron, 2010; Setyaningrum, 2018). Using technology in creative learning and according to student needs can assist in developing mathematical knowledge and skills to meet the quality of education and the needs of 21st-century society (Adelabu et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2020). Students who can maximize technology as a learning resource are proven to have good math skills (Bulut & Delen, 2011). The availability of technology in the school environment also has a positive influence on academic performance (Hu et al., 2018). Therefore, educators in the learning process are expected to be able to integrate technology in designing learning.

Using appropriate learning models can improve the quality of the learning process so that it affects the achievement of competence or student learning achievement (Prasetya et al., 2018). The learning process's general flow is the educator's delivery of material, then making assignments or practicing during class time. However, this kind of teacher-centered learning provides time constraints, so students must continue their learning activities at home (Cobena & Surjono, 2022). The study's results by Sanuaka et al. (2017) also reported that using inappropriate strategies and limited time made it difficult for students to develop their skills. Setiawan et al. (2022) revealed that teachers need to apply a learning model that can provide ample time and give students wider opportunities to explore their learning styles. Based on this problem, the blended learning model can be applied because it allows students to explore their styles and adapt to their learning speed.

The blended learning model integrates different online and face-to-face learning methods, for example, lectures, independent learning, and online discussions. After students have established an overview of the course, they can move on to learning and interacting online (Lin, 2017). A similar definition by Lalima and Dangwal (2017) states that blended learning integrates direct, indirect, collaborative, and computer-assisted learning. Blended learning requires internet access, but the process is not only displaying the learning web in the classroom but also using learning strategies that suit student needs. Some commonly used blended learning models are rotation, flex, self-blend, and Enriched-Virtual (Staker & Horn, 2012).

Previous research has proven that blended learning can increase engagement and overcome traditional learning approaches' weaknesses (Alammary et al., 2015; Dziuban et al.,

2018). Able to increase flexibility and convenience in learning, learning achievement, and student learning engagement (Owston et al., 2013). Marco et al. (2013) revealed that the advantages of blended learning include: Increasing access and flexibility, good student response, increasing pedagogical abilities, cost-effectiveness, feedback speed, and facilitating access to everyone who needs training.

Although many studies have proven that the use of blended learning models has a positive effect on learning achievement in mathematics, but they found different results (Bhagat et al., 2016; Clark, 2015; Ramadhani et al., 2019). Their research revealed that the use of blended learning had no significant effect on learning achievement in mathematics. Based on these problems, efforts are needed to combine previous findings related to the effect of blended learning on mathematics learning achievement to be evaluated quantitatively so that it can provide broader and more accurate results. In this case, a meta-analysis approach can be used to evaluate the results of previous studies to reach in-depth and accurate conclusions (Retnawati et al., 2018; Schmidt & Hunter, 2004; Tamur & Juandi, 2020). The main aim of the meta-analysis was to find the effect size. Effect size is a measure of the magnitude of the influence, the magnitude of the difference, and the relationship of a variable with other variables.

A meta-analysis study on the effect of the blended-learning model on mathematical achievement conducted by Setiawan et al. (2022) revealed that blended learning affects students' mathematical abilities. However, the meta-analysis studies only focused on studies conducted in Indonesian addition; they also emphasized that the limitations of the research were that there was no analysis of moderator variables. The moderator variable analysis was conducted to determine other factors that influence heterogeneity (Borenstein et al., 2009). The moderator variables analyzed in this study were education level, sample size, media platform, and year of study. The results of research conducted by Strelan et al. (2020), Juandi et al. (2021), (Purnomo et al., 2022), and (Paloloang et al., 2020) prove that the moderator variables of education level, sample size, and year of study affect the effect size. In addition, research by Khoirunnisa and Adistana (2021) revealed that using a blended learning model with the help of a learning management system (LMS) improved student learning outcomes.

Therefore, this study aims to measure the effect of the blended learning model on mathematics learning achievement using a meta-analysis approach. In addition, this study also investigates whether the effect of using the blended learning model on mathematics achievement is different based on the moderator variables of education level, sample size, media platform, and year of research.

## Method

The design of this study used a group contrast meta-analysis approach. This approach was used to examine the results of research that examines the effectiveness of the blended learning model on mathematics achievement. In general, the procedure in this meta-analysis study refers to (Borenstein et al., 2009) and (Retnawati et al., 2018), among others; 1) determine inclusion criteria, 2) Data collection and coding, 3) Data analysis.

## Determine Inclusion criteria

The determination of inclusion criteria to facilitate the search for studies was at a later stage. The studies collected in the initial search were then examined and assessed using the inclusion criteria defined for inclusion in meta-analysis and further evaluation. The inclusion criteria established in this meta-analysis included:

1. The year of publication ranges from 2014 to 2022;
2. Articles must be Scopus indexed at the time of publication;
3. Studies using experimental or quasi-experimental research methods;
4. There is at least 1 experimental group with blended learning and the comparison group as a control group with traditional learning;
5. The study must report the mean, standard deviation and sample size of each experimental group and control group; or sample size and t-value; or sample size and p-value; or sample size with F-value

## Data collection and coding

Collecting relevant studies uses online databases such as Google Scholar, ERIC, Elsevier, SAGE, and SpringerLink. The keywords used in searching the relevant literature are "Effect or Impact or Effectiveness of Blended Learning on Mathematics." From the search results based on the specified criteria, 18 primary studies were collected from 119 initial search studies. Table 1 describes information on primary studies published by various Scopus-indexed journals. Several journals have been discontinued from Scopus (like numbers 1, 3, and 6). However, we took the studies included in these journals because the journals published had been continued at the time of the studies.

**Table 1.** List of journals that have published blended learning studies on mathematics achievement.

No.	Journal Name	URL	Frequency
1	International Journal of Research in Education and Science	<a href="https://www.ijres.net/index.php/ijres">https://www.ijres.net/index.php/ijres</a>	1
2	Eurasia journal of mathematics science and technology education	<a href="https://www.ejmste.com/">https://www.ejmste.com/</a>	2
3	Elementary Education Online	<a href="https://ilkogretim-online.org/">https://ilkogretim-online.org/</a>	1
4	Education and Information Technologies	<a href="https://www.springer.com/journal/10639">https://www.springer.com/journal/10639</a>	2
5	Journal of Physics: Conference Series	<a href="https://iopscience.iop.org/journal/1742-6596">https://iopscience.iop.org/journal/1742-6596</a>	1
6	Journal for the Education of Gifted Young Scientists	<a href="https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/jegys">https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/jegys</a>	1
7	International Journal of Instruction	<a href="https://www.e-iji.net/">https://www.e-iji.net/</a>	1
8	Journal of Interactive Learning Research	<a href="https://www.aace.org/pubs/jilr/">https://www.aace.org/pubs/jilr/</a>	1
9	Educational Technology Research and Development	<a href="https://www.springer.com/journal/11423">https://www.springer.com/journal/11423</a>	2

No.	Journal Name	URL	Frequency
10	Educational Technology and Society	<a href="https://www.j-ets.net/">https://www.j-ets.net/</a>	1
11	Journal of Educators online	<a href="https://www.thejeo.com/">https://www.thejeo.com/</a>	1
12	Primus	<a href="https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/upri20">https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/upri20</a>	1
13	AERA Open	<a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ero">https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ero</a>	1
14	Teaching mathematics and its applications	<a href="https://academic.oup.com/teamat">https://academic.oup.com/teamat</a>	1
15	International Journal of Learning, Teaching and Educational Research	<a href="https://www.ijlter.org/index.php/ijlter">https://www.ijlter.org/index.php/ijlter</a>	1

After getting an article that is eligible (meets the inclusion criteria), identify the literature's characteristics by coding. The coding in this study was carried out by two people (raters) so that subjective errors could be avoided. The coding content includes information; 1) Education Level; 2) Sample size of the experimental group; 3) Platform media; 4) Year of Research; 5) Frequency; and 6) Percentage. Table 2 presents a summary of the coding results. From the 18 primary studies that met the inclusion criteria, the researcher obtained 20 independent samples. Table 2 presents a description of the moderator variables. The distribution of education level groups shows that most studies are conducted at universities and high schools, as much as 35%.

In comparison, for studies conducted at junior high schools, as much as 20% and at least 10% are carried out in elementary schools. In terms of sample size, it was found that most studies were conducted in the small sample size group ( $\leq 50$ ), as much as 70%, and the large sample, as much as 30%. Based on the media platform, it was found that most studies were carried out in the Learning Management system (LMS) group as much as 65% and social media as much as 35%. While in terms of the year of the study, it was found that most studies were carried out in the 2018-2022 group, as much as 60%, and in 2014-2017, as much as 40%.

**Table 2.** Studies included in the Meta-analysis

<b>Educational stage</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Primary School	2	10.00%
Junior High School	4	20.00%
Senior High School	7	35.00%
University	7	35.00%
<b>Sample Size</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Big ( $> 50$ )	6	30.00%
Small ( $\leq 50$ )	14	70.00%
<b>Media Platform</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
LMS	13	65.00%
Social Media	7	35.00%

Year of Study	Frequency	Percentage
2014-2017	8	40.00%
2018-2022	12	60.00%

## Data analysis

This meta-analysis study analyzed data using the OpenMEE for Windows 10 application. The data analysis procedure followed the following steps: 1) calculating the effect size of each study; 2) performing heterogeneity test; 3) Calculating summary or combined effects; 4) Test and analyzing moderator variables; 5) Publication bias test.

The classification of each effect size or combined effect of this meta-analysis study follows the classification of [Cohen et al. \(2018\)](#), which is shown in Table 3 below:

**Table 3.** Categories of effect size groups using the Cohen interpretation

Classification	Interval
Ignored	$0.00 < \text{effect size} \leq 0.19$
Small Effect	$0.19 < \text{effect size} \leq 0.49$
Medium Effect	$0.49 < \text{effect size} \leq 0.79$
Large Effect	$0.79 < \text{effect size} \leq 1.29$
Very Large Effect	$\text{effect size} > 1.29$

Before calculating effect sizes from meta-analytical studies, heterogeneity was first tested. The heterogeneity test aims to select the appropriate effect size measurement model. The heterogeneity test in this study uses the Q parameter. The decision-making criteria is if the p-value  $< 0.05$ , then the measurement model used to calculate the effect size is a random effect, and if the p-value  $> 0.05$ , then the fixed effect is used ([Borenstein et al., 2009](#); [Retnawati et al., 2018](#)). Furthermore, a publication bias test is carried out to ensure that the research included in the meta-analysis has shown results that follow field conditions (objective) ([Muhtadi et al., 2022](#); [Retnawati et al., 2018](#); [Setiawan et al., 2022](#); [Tamur & Juandi, 2020](#)). The approach used to evaluate publication bias is File-Safe N (FSN). If the FSN value is greater than  $5k + 10$ , where k is the number of studies, it can be concluded that there is no publication bias problem.

## Results

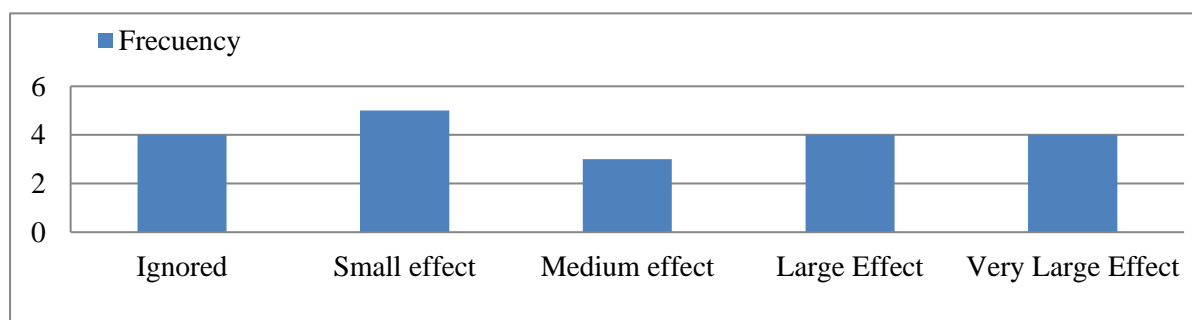
### Characteristics and effect sizes of each study

The first objective of this study was to determine the overall effect of the blended learning model on mathematical achievement. The first step in this meta-analysis was to calculate the effect size of each study. Study effect sizes were calculated with the help of OpenMEE software. Table 4 provides a summary of the effect size values for each study.

**Table 4.** Effect size of each study

Author	Year	Educational Stage	Platform	Dependent variable	Effect Size
Albawi	2018	University	LMS	Students' Achievements	1.965
Alsalmi et al.	2020	University	LMS	Academic Achievement	2.058
Lin et al	2015	Primary School	LMS	Learning Achievement	0.356
Makkar & Sharma	2021	Senior High School	LMS	Academic Achievement	0.569
Ojaleye & Awofala	2018	Senior High School	Social Media	students' Achievement	1.319
Olpak & Baltaci	2018	University	LMS	Academic Achievement	0.864
Pertiwi et al.	2018	Junior High School	LMS	Proving Capability	0.907
Ramadhani et al.	2019	Senior High School	LMS	Learning Outcomes	0.108
Suarsana et al.	2019	Senior High School	LMS	Problem-Solving	1.305
DesSantis et al.	2014	Primary School	Social Media	Learning Outcomes	0.256
Wei et al.	2020	Junior High School	Social Media	Academic Performance	0.621
Bhagat et al. studi a	2016	Senior High School	Social Media	Learning Achievement	0.054
Bhagat et al. studi b	2016	Senior High School	Social Media	Learning Achievement	0.862
Bhagat et al. studi c	2016	Senior High School	Social Media	Learning Achievement	0.591
Clark	2015	Junior High School	Social Media	Academic Performance	0.033
Amstelveen	2018	University	LMS	Academic achievement	0.166
Anderson & Brennan	2014	University	LMS	Academic Performance	0.482
Carter et al.	2018	University	LMS	Student Performance	0.218
Maciejewski	2015	University	LMS	Academic Outcomes	0.376
Jamaluddin et al.	2022	Junior High School	LMS	Problem-Solving	1.109

Based on Table 4 above, out of a total of 20 effect sizes from the studies conducted, the effect size values ranged from 0.033 to 2.058, with a 95% confidence level. Referring to the classification of (Cohen et al., 2018), there are four effect sizes ( $n = 4$ ) classified as a negligible effect, five effect sizes ( $n = 5$ ) classified as small effect, three effect sizes ( $n = 3$ ) classified as moderate effect, four effect sizes ( $n = 4$ ) were classified as large effects, and the four effect sizes ( $n = 5$ ) were classified as very large effects. For clarity, figure 1 visualizes a comparison of the effect size classifications between studies.

**Figure 1.** Comparison of effect size classifications between studies

### Heterogeneity test and overall effect size

The heterogeneity test aims to select a suitable model to calculate the combined effect size. Many approaches are used to test for heterogeneity, but in this study, the Q parameter

approach was used by looking at the p-value. If the p-value  $< 0.05$ , the effect size variance is heterogeneous, so a random effects model is used. If the p value  $> 0.05$ , the effect size variance is homogeneous, so the model used is a fixed effect. Table 5 presents a summary of heterogeneity tests and combined effect sizes.

**Table 5.** Heterogeneity test summary and combined effect sizes

Model	k	Effect Size (d)	[ 95% CI ]	p	Df	Heterogeneity		
						Q	p	I <sup>2</sup>
Random	20	0.725	[0.46, 1.00]	$< 0.001$	19	176.276	$< 0.001$	89.06%
Fixed	20	0.688	[0.59, 0.77]	$< 0.001$	19			

Note. k = the number of studies; CI = Confidence Interval; Df = degree of Freedom

The heterogeneity test results (see Table 5) show that the Q value is 176.276. Since this value is greater than the chi-square value (df = 19) and the p-value  $< 0.05$ , it can be concluded that the studies conducted to calculate the effect size were heterogeneous. The I<sup>2</sup> value found to reach 88.97% reflects high heterogeneity (Higgins et al., 2003). Since the studies used were heterogeneous, the overall effect size value was based on the random effects model. Based on the random effects model, the effect size value is 0.725. This effect size belongs to the medium effect category (Cohen et al., 2018). Thus, these results reveal that the use of blended learning has a moderate effect on students' mathematics achievement.

### Moderator variable analysis

Because the analyzed studies are heterogeneous in distribution, it is the potential to analyze moderator variables. The moderator variables identified in this study were education level, sample size, media platform, and year of study. Table 6 presents the results of the analysis of moderator variables.

**Table 6.** Results of combined effect sizes and analysis of moderator variables

Moderator Variables	k	Effect Size (d)	p	Heterogeneity				
				Q	Df	Qw	Qb	p
<b>Educational stage</b>								
Primary School	2	0.305	0.12	1.597				
Junior High School	4	0.707	0.00	9.655	3	162.353	13.923	0.00
Senior High School	7	0.722	0.00	29.080				
University	7	0.867	0.00	122.021				
<b>Sample Size</b>								
Large ( $> 50$ )	6	0.920	0.00	119.716	1	176.237	0.039	0.84
Small ( $\leq 50$ )	14	0.631	0.00	56.521				
<b>Platform Media</b>								
LMS	13	0.805	0.00	142.276	1	173.415	2.861	0.09
Social Media	7	0.565	0.01	31.139				
<b>Year of Study</b>								
2014-2017	8	0.406	0.00	5.011	1	160.136	16.140	0.00
2018-2022	12	0.937	0.00	150.916				

Note. k = the number of studies; Qw = Q within; Qb = Q between.



### ***Educational stage***

The moderator variable for education level consists of four groups: elementary, junior high, high school, and university. The results of the analysis (see Table 6) found that the mean effect sizes of the four levels were significantly different ( $Q_b = 13.923$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). These results indicate that the effectiveness of blended learning compared to traditional learning in mathematics achievement differs according to education level. The use of blended learning was most effective in the university group ( $d = 0.867$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ), followed by the senior high school group ( $d = 0.722$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ) and junior high school ( $d = 0.707$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). Meanwhile, the primary school group did not prove significant ( $d = 0.305$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ). These results reveal that blended learning is not proven effective compared to traditional learning at the elementary level.

### ***Sample Size***

The moderator variable of sample size consists of two groups, namely small and large sample groups. The results of the analysis (see Table 6) found that the effect size in the small sample group was ( $d = 0.631$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ), and the effect size in the large sample group was ( $d = 0.920$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). Based on the different tests, it was found that the average effect size of the two sample size groups was not significantly different ( $Q_b = 0.039$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ). These results indicate that the effect of blended learning compared to traditional learning in mathematics achievement does not differ according to sample size.

### ***Platform Media***

The moderator variables used consisted of two groups: LMS and social media. The results of the analysis (see Table 6) found that the effect size of using LMS was ( $d = 0.805$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ), and the effect size of social media use was ( $d = 0.565$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). Based on the different tests, it was found that the average effect size of the two groups using the media platform was not significantly different ( $Q_b = 2.861$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ). These results indicate that the effect of blended learning compared to traditional learning in mathematics achievement is similar according to the media platform's use.

### ***Year of Study***

The moderator variables of the research year used consisted of two groups, namely 2014-2017 and 2018-2022. The results of the analysis (see Table 6) found that the effect size of the 2014-2017 group was ( $d = 0.406$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ), and the group effect size of 2018-2022 was ( $d = 0.907$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). Based on the difference test, it is known that the average effect size of the two groups in the study year is significantly different ( $Q_b = 16.140$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). These results indicate that the effect of blended learning compared to traditional learning on mathematics achievement differs according to the study year group.

## Evaluation of publication bias

Meta-analytical studies that are scientifically justified and reflect objectivity can be assessed by evaluating publication bias. This study examines publication bias with the File-Safe N (FSN) approach. The results of the analysis (see Table 7) were obtained ( $FSN = 1624 > 5k+10 = 110$ ). These results suggest that this meta-analysis study does not have publication bias issues. The following table provides a summary of the evaluation of publication bias.

**Table 7.** File-Safe N

<b>File Drawer Analysis</b>				
	<b>k</b>	<b>Fail-safe N</b>	<b>Target Significance</b>	<b>Observed Significance</b>
Rosenthal	20	1624	0.05	< 0.001

## Discussion

The analysis results show that the overall effect size using the random effect model is ( $d = 0.725$ ; and  $k = 20$ ). These results indicate that overall mathematics learning achievement using the blended learning model is more effective than traditional learning. These results align with the findings of (Setiawan et al., 2022), who conducted a meta-analysis of studies in Indonesia. Their findings show that students' mathematical abilities using mixed learning are more effective than traditional learning. Another finding in line with this study is the meta-analysis conducted by (Lusa et al., 2021). However, the variables were not focused on mathematics achievement; their findings revealed that blended learning positively affected thinking skills, motivation, and learning independence.

The blended learning model is more effective than traditional learning because, in traditional learning, students cannot develop at their own pace, and if they are stuck, it is not easy to catch up on what they have missed. However, when using technology-assisted blended learning, each student can control their learning progress and learn without being distracted. Students can browse the learning materials as much as they need and repeat the exercises to understand the content and can more broadly explore their learning styles (Hung, 2007; Lin, 2017; Sung et al., 2016; Wang & Yu, 2012; Wiginton, 2013).

Based on the moderator variable of education level, the analysis results show that the effect of applying the blended learning model on mathematics learning achievement differs according to education level. The application of the blended learning model has a positive impact at the university, high school, and junior high school levels. Meanwhile, it has yet to impact the elementary school level positively. These results are in line with the findings of Belanger (2018) in the United States. The study's results revealed that the mathematics learning outcomes of elementary school students who used traditional learning were better than mixed learning.

Another result supporting this research is the meta-analysis findings of Strelan et al. (2020), which found that blended learning using the flipped classroom method had little effect at the elementary school level. It indicates that the higher the level of education where the

blended learning model is applied, the higher the effectiveness on mathematics achievement. It is in line with the findings of [Ahlfeldt et al. \(2005\)](#) and [Tamur et al. \(2020\)](#) that higher grades have higher engagement rates. Further research also needs a meta-analysis to get broader and more accurate conclusions, especially at the elementary school level.

Based on the sample size moderator variable, the analysis results show that the effectiveness of using the blended learning model compared to traditional teaching on math skills is not significantly different. These results indicate that the use of blended learning on mathematics achievement is equally effective when applied to a small sample group ( $\leq 50$ ) and a group with a large sample size ( $\geq 50$ ). Thus the difference in research sample size does not change the size of the effect of studies comparing the application of blended learning and conventional models to students' mathematics achievement. This result differs from the findings of [Karagöl and Emrullah \(2019\)](#). Their findings show that small sample sizes produce larger effect sizes. To achieve consistent results, necessary to involve more primary studies in the analysis.

Based on the moderating variable of the use of technology media, the analysis results show that the effectiveness of the use of blended learning models when compared to traditional teaching on mathematical abilities is not significantly different. These results indicate that blended learning on mathematical abilities is equally effective when applied to groups using LMS and social media technology. However, another fact was also found that using LMS was not proven effective at the elementary school level as in research ([Belanger, 2018](#)).

The use of LMS also has little effect at the elementary school level ([Lin, 2017](#)). [Ramadhani et al. \(2019\)](#) found a different result, which showed that the use of LMS did not have a significant effect at the high school level. While the use of social media was also found to be effective at the high school level ([Ojaleye & Awofala, 2018](#)), at the junior high school level, the use of social media tends to have a negligible effect. Differences in results related to the use of technology media in blended learning provide suggestions for future research to conduct a meta-analysis related to the use of technology media in supporting blended learning by involving more studies.

Based on the moderator variable in the year of research, the analysis results show that the effectiveness of blended learning models, when compared with traditional teaching, on mathematics achievement is significantly different. The use of the blended learning model in the 2018-2022 group gives a more significant effect size than in 2014-2017. The use of the blended learning model in the current research year has undergone a development process from previous years, so the results obtained will be better than the previous year. Although these results show significant differences between groups in the year of study, overall, the use of the blended learning model on mathematics achievement has proven effective in 2014-2017 and 2018-2022. A previous meta-analysis supports this finding by [Vo et al. \(2017\)](#), which investigated variations in primary study outcomes by year of study.

This study gives precise results that the confusing effect size differences between the variables of the blended learning model and mathematical achievement based on various kinds of literature (some fall into the category of no effect to large) become evident after a

meta-analysis is carried out in the medium category. Based on the analysis results, it is very urgent to implement Blended Learning to support student achievement. Schools must be able to apply Blended learning properly according to the needs of students. Thus the quality of the learning process will increase. In addition, the results of this study will provide an overview of the effect of Blended learning on student achievement so that it can be used as a basis for policy-making to improve the quality of learning. In addition, the results of this study can also be used as a reference to compare the application of Blended learning to achievement in terms of various places/locations or countries in answering the importance of implementing Blended learning in the learning process in the classroom.

## **Conclusion**

The application of the blended learning model affects students' learning achievement in mathematics compared to the application of the traditional learning model. Based on the analysis of the moderator variables, it is known that the effect of the blended learning model on mathematics learning achievement differs according to the education level group and year of study but not according to the sample size group and media platform. The findings of this meta-analysis show the consistency of the publication of research results on the effect of using the blended learning model on students' mathematics learning achievement.

Apart from the validation results reported, this study also has limitations. This study only analyzed 20 effect sizes. This study also only analyzes mathematics achievement in general. Further research needs to expand the research sample and analyze mathematics achievement more specifically, for example, critical thinking skills, mathematical communication, and others. In addition, it is also recommended to be more specific in reviewing the analysis of moderator variables by involving more research so that research findings become more accurate.

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