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Highlights:

- Kara et al. (2018) reported a high number of positive results in publications on FST.
- Excess of positive results may an indication of publication bias.
- Present studies are insufficient to calculate the risk of publication bias.
- Publication bias may lead to overestimated effects of antidepressant drugs.