Online Appendix. Supplementary results

This appendix contains supplementary material for the article 'What do we really know about corporate hedging? A multimethod meta-analytical study'

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Online Appendix A. Overview of the literature search process in electronic databases

Search step	Detailed description
INCLUSION CRITERIA	
Appropriate data for effect-size calculation	The study contains sufficient information about the correlation between the hedging dummy and the examined proxy variables or/and the correlations among the proxy variables.
Only non-financial firms	The study investigates non-financial firms.
ELECTRONIC DATABASES	
Selected databases	ABI/INFORM Complete (via ProQuest), Business Source Premier (via EBSCOhost), EconBiz, ScienceDirect
Search period	January 01, 1990 – June 24, 2014
Search options	We search only peer-reviewed articles in ABI/INFORM Complete, Business Source Premier, EconBiz and ScienceDirect.
SEARCH COMMAND	
Search command for ABI/INFORM Complete, SSRN and Dissertations and Theses via ProQuest	(cabs(hedg*) or cabs(derivative*)) and (ab(use) or ab(using) or ab(usage) or ab(polic*) or ab(activit*)) and (cabs(compan*) or cabs(corporat*) or cabs(firm*)) and (cabs(sample*) or cabs(evidence) or cabs(result*) or cabs(data) or cabs(investigat*) or cabs(test*) or cabs(empiric*) or cabs(survey*) or cabs(examine*))
Search command for Business Source Premier via EBSCOhost	(hedg* OR derivative*) AND (AB use OR AB using OR AB usage OR AB polic* OR AB activit*) AND (compan* OR corporat* OR firm*) AND (sample* OR evidence OR result* OR data OR investigat* OR test* OR empiric* OR survey* OR examine*)
Search command for EconBiz	(All Fields:hedg* OR derivative* AND All Fields:use OR using OR usage OR polic* OR activit* AND All Fields:compan* OR corporat* OR firm AND All Fields:sample OR evidence OR result* OR data OR investigat* OR test* OR empiric* OR survey* OR examine*)
Search command for ScienceDirect	tak(hedg* or derivative*) and (abs(use) or abs(using) or abs(usage) or abs(polic*) or abs(activit*)) and tak(compan* or corporat* or firm*) and tak(sample* or evidence or result* or data or investigat* or test* or empiric* or survey* or examine*)
SORTING OF RESULTS	
Steps for sorting of results	(1) Elimination by study title, (2) elimination by study's abstract, (3) elimination by screening content and (4) eliminating studies with no or negative response from the authors to our data request email.

The table presents the details of the literature search in electronic databases.

Online Appendix B. Overview of the studies included in the meta-analysis

Author(s) (Year)	Published	Number of firms	Observation period	Observed countries
Aabo et al. (2010)	P	213	2005, 2007	Denmark
Aabo et al. (2015)	P	186	2008	Denmark
Adam (2002)	P	111	1989-1999	US, Canada
Adedeji and Baker (2002)	P	140	1996	UK
Afza and Alam (2011b)	P	105	2004-2008	Pakistan
Afza and Alam (2011a)	P	86	2004-2007	Pakistan
Ahmad and Haris (2012)	P	110	2006-2009	Malaysia
Ahmed et al. (2013)	G	288	2005-2012	UK
Alam et al. (2013)	P	1,612	2004-2010	Malaysia
Allayannis and Weston (1999)	G	916	1994-1995	US
Allayannis and Weston (2001)	P	120	1990-1995	US
Allayannis et al. (2012)	P	272	1990-1999	Several countries
Alsubaie (2009)	P	55	2001	US
Bartram (2015)	G	6,896	2000-2001	Several countries
Bartram et al. (2009)	P	7,319	2000-2001	Several countries
Bartram et al. (2011)	P	6,860	2000-2001	Several countries
Bashir et al. (2013)	P	107	2006-2010	Pakistan
Berkman and Bradbury (1996)	P	116	1994	New Zealand
Berkman et al. (2002)	P	106	1995	Australia
Berrospide et al. (2008)	G	167	1997-2005	Brazil
Brailsford et al. (2005)	P	96	2000	Australia
Brown et al. (2006)	P	44	1993-1998	US, Canada
Brunzell et al. (2011)	P	112	2006	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden
Búa et al. (2013)	P	100	2004-2007	Spain
Buhr (2010)	G	74	2007	New Zealand
Campello et al. (2011)	P	1,185	1996-2002	US UV France
Capstaff and Marshall (2005)	P P	212	2000	UK, France
Chaudhry et al. (2014) Chen and Zhang (2012)	G G	75 119	2007-2011 2007-2010	Pakistan China
2 \	G P	1,854		US
Chernenko and Faulkender (2011) Chiang and Lin (2007)	P P	1,834 99	1993-2003 1998-2005	Taiwan
Chiorean et al. (2012)	G G	3,858	2000-2008	US
Choi et al. (2012)	P	5,636 68	2000-2008	US
Choi et al. (2015) Choi et al. (2015)	G	276	1996-2006	US
Chou and Lai (2013)	G	125	2005-2010	US
Clark and Judge (2008)	P	192	1994	UK
Clark and Judge (2008) Clark et al. (2006)	G	227	2002	Hong Kong, China
Croci and Jankensgård (2014)	G	40	2000-2008	US
Dadalt et al. (2002)	P	752	1992-1996	US
Dadalt et al. (2002) Dadalt et al. (2012)	P	1,327	2002-2004	US
Davies et al. (2006)	P	81	2001	Norway
De Oliveira and Novaes (2007)	G	343	1999-2002	Brazil
Dionne and Triki (2013)	P	18	1991-1999	US, Canada
Dolde and Mishra (2007)	P	493	1996	US
Donohoe (2011)	G	2,772	2000-2008	US
Elsawaf (2005a)	G	209	1996-1998	US
Elsawaf (2005b)	G	474	1993, 1995, 1998	US
Fauver and Naranjo (2010)	P	1,746	1991-2000	US
Fehle (1999)	P	2,528	1993-1997	US
Fok et al. (1997)	P	396	1990-1992	US
Gay and Nam (1998)	P	486	1995	US
Gay et al. (2011)	P	1,341	1992-1996, 2002-2004	US
Gebhardt and Ruß (2002)	G	113	1996	Germany
Géczy et al. (1997)	P	372	1990	US
Géczy et al. (2006)	P	19	1993-1995	US
Glaum (2002)	P	65	1998	Germany
Gleason et al. (2005)	G	216	1998	US
Goldberg et al. (1998)	P	410	1993	US
González et al. (2007)	G	49	2003	Spain
González et al. (2010)	P	96	2004	Spain
Goswami et al. (2004)	P	314	1996	ÚS
Graham and Rogers (2000)	G	404	1995	US
Hagelin (2003)	P	101	1997-2001	Sweden
Hagelin et al. (2007)	P	62	1998-1999, 2000-2001	Sweden
Heaney and Winata (2005)	P	374	1999	Australia
Hentschel and Kothari (2001)	P	325	1990-1993	US
Hu and Wang (2006)	P	369	2003	Hong Kong
Huang (2003)	G	382	1992-1996	US
Huang and Li (2014)	G	90	2009-2010	Australia

Author(s) (Year)	Published	Number of firms	Observation period	Observed countries
Isin et al. (2014)	G	32	2000-2012	Several countries
Jalilvand (1999)	P	77	1992-1994	Canada
Jankensgård (2015)	P	207	2009	Sweden
Jin and Jorion (2006)	P	66	1998-2001	US
Jin and Jorion (2007)	G	44	1991-2000	US, Canada
Judge (2004)	G	356	1995	UK
Kang (2014)	G	831	1997	US
Kapitsinas (2008)	G	81	2004-2006	Greece
Khediri (2010)	P	250	2000-2002	France
Khediri and Folus (2010)	P	320	2001	France
Kim et al. (2006)	P	424	1998	US
Klimczak (2008)	P	150	2001-2003	Poland
Krajcar et al. (2008)	P	44	2006	Several countries
Lai et al. (2012)	G	596	2005-2009	Taiwan
` /	G			US
Lee (2001)		151	1985-1997	
Lel (2012)	P	253	1990-1999	Several countries
Lin (2003)	G	1,198	1992-1996	US
Lin and Lin (2012)	P	39	2002-2004	US
Lin et al. (2007)	P	1,046	1992-1996	US
Lin et al. (2008)	P	494	1992-1996	US
Lin et al. (2009)	P	450	1992-1996	US
Lin et al. (2010)	P	1,045	1992-1996	US
Magee (2013)	P	401	1996-2000	US
Mahayni (2001)	G	138	1998	Germany
Marami and Dubois (2013)	G	967	1998-2005	US
Marsden and Prevost (2005)	P	185	1994, 1997	New Zealand
Marshall et al. (2013)	P	801	2006	UK
Mefteh-Wali et al. (2012)	P	130	1999-2000	France
Meredith (2002)	G	61	1996-1998	US
Mian (1996)	P	3,022	1992	US
Muff et al. (2008)	G	277	2000-2001	UK
Muller and Verschoor (2005)	Ğ	335	2003	Germany, Netherlands, Belgium
Nain (2004)	Ğ	1,630	1998-1999	US
Naito and Laux (2011)	P	434	2009	US
Nance et al. (1993)	P	169	1986	US
Nguyen (2011)	G	423	2000-2001	US
Nguyen (2011) Nguyen and Faff (2002)	P	235	1999-2000	Australia
	G	214		Australia
Nguyen and Faff (2007)	P	99	1999-2000	
Nguyen et al. (2007)			1996, 2000	France
Panaretou et al. (2013)	P	169	2003-2008	UK
Pérez-González and Yun (2013)	P	203	1960-2007	US
Pincus and Rajgopal (2002)	P	59	1993-1996	US
Ramlall (2009)	P	225	2005-2006	Mauritius
Reynolds et al. (2007)	G	99	1994-1999	New Zealand
Rossi (2007)	P	212	1996-2004	Brazil
Rossi (2013)	P	200	2007-2009	Brazil
Rossi and Laham (2008)	G	212	1996-2005	Brazil
Samitas et al. (2011)	P	50	2007-2009	US
Sang et al. (2013)	P	112	2000	UK
Schiozer and Saito (2009)	P	46	2001-2004	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico
Shu and Chen (2003)	P	391	1997-1999	Taiwan
Spanò (2007)	P	222	1999-2000	UK
Sprčić (2013)	G	49	2005	Croatia
Sprčić and Šević (2012)	P	89	2005	Croatia, Slovenia
Tufano (1996)	P	17	1990-1993	US. Canada
Velasco (2014)	P	74	2007-2011	Philippines
Wang and Fan (2011)	P P	74		US
· ,	P P		2003-2004	China
Wang et al. (2010)		31	2002-2008	
Wysocki (1998)	G	403	1994	US
Yip and Nguyen (2012)	P	97	2006-2009	Australia
Yong et al. (2011) Zhu (2012)	P	235	1999-2000	Australia US
	G	579	1994-2008	LIC

This table shows the study characteristics for the underlying sample of primary studies. $^{\circ}P^{\circ}$ stands for published literature. Gray literature, such as dissertations, working and conference paper are marked $^{\circ}G^{\circ}$.

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Online Appendix D. Results from univariate meta-analysis and vote counting

				Univ	ariate meta-ana		Vote	count	counting			
						Eggers's regression test	α =	0.50	,	5		
Proxy variable	Hyp. sign	No. of firms	r	SE(z)	<i>p</i> -value	<i>p</i> -value	-	+	-	0	+	
CORPORATE TAXES (H1)												
Tax credits	+	10,198	-0.7435 [†]	0.2992	0.0014***	0.0000***	1	4*	1	2	3*	
Tax-loss carry forwards	+	12,529	0.0828	0.0270	0.0021***	0.0520*	3	16*	1	15*	3	
BANKRUPTCY AND FINANCIAL DISTRESS COSTS (H2)												
Dividend yield	?	17,038	0.1125	0.0239	0.0000***	0.9816	7	33*	3	20*	18	
Interest coverage ratio	_	16,187	-0.0145	0.0285	0.6110	0.1150	13	17*	4	23*	3	
Leverage ratio	+	51,866	0.0661	0.0165	0.0000***	0.4042	34	71*	13	58*	38	
Liquidity	_	33,767	-0.1100	0.0218	0.0000***	0.2666	54*	16	28	37*	7	
Profitability	_	33,308	0.1108	0.0247	0.0000***	0.3895	21	46*	6	34*	28	
Size	+	52,667	0.2647	0.0295	0.0000***	0.8943	20	94*	9	26	81*	
Tangible assets	_	11,938	0.1079	0.0495	0.0285**	0.0403**	4	7*	2	6*	3	
ASYMMETRIC INFORMATION AND AGENCY CONFLICTS OF EQUITY (H3)												
Institutional investors	_	18,040	0.1352	0.0430	0.0016***	0.7883	6	16*	2	9	11*	
Option ownership	?	13,026	0.0086	0.0331	0.7959	0.5585	8	10*	2	13*	4	
Share ownership	+	13,643	-0.0876	0.0277	0.0015***	0.6446	28*	14	19	19	6	

Online Appendix D. (continued)

COORDINATION OF FINANCING AND INVESTMENT POLICY AND AGENCY CONFLICTS OF DEBT (H4)

Capex	+	25,482	-0.0009	0.0180	0.9593	0.1126	18*	15	7	21*	7
Research and development	+	28,770	0.0811 [†]	0.0310	0.0087***	0.0002***	14	22*	6	18*	13
Tobin's Q	+	38,937	0.0322	0.0202	0.1106	0.8578	37	42*	15	49*	15

This table shows the results of the univariate meta-analysis and the vote counting procedure. Names of the proxy variables are listed in the first column, and the second column shows the specific hypothesized sign; the third column shows the number of firm observations summed up from the primary studies testing the respective proxy variable. The table additionally provides the results from univariate meta-analysis. They contain the summary effect size r (back-transformed in the correlation metric for an easier interpretation) and the standard deviation SE(z) of the z-transformed values (as within the calculations in Online Appendix A). We calculate the z-statistic and the corresponding p-value to test the null hypotheses of r = 0. The Egger's regression test indicates the existence of publication bias for the respective proxy variable. Finally, the results from the vote counting procedure are displayed for $\alpha = 0.05$ and $\alpha = 0.50$. In the first case, "+" ("-") indicates the number of significant results. The second case corresponds to a t-statistic of zero, which means that only the negative and positive directions of the relationships are counted as shown in column two and three. The asterisks (*) show the respective "winner category" for each proxy variable, i.e. the most reliable relationship due to the unique majority of entries, if the others have at least one entry fewer. In the case of equality between two or more winner categories, no statement can be made. *, ** and *** indicate the rejection of the null hypotheses at the 10%, 5%, and 1% probability levels.

[†] The underlying sample of this proxy variable is adapted by the trim-and-fill method in the univariate meta-analysis to account for the detected publication bias.

Online Appendix E. Mean correlation matrix

	Hedging dummy	Dividend yield	Institutional investors	Interest coverage ratio	Leverage ratio	Liquidity	Option ownership	Profitability	Capex	Research and development	Share ownership	Size	Tangible assets	Tax-loss carry forwards	Tobin's Q
Hedging dummy	1	17038 (41)	18040 (22)	16187 (30)	51866 (108)	13026 (19)	33308 (68)	25482 (35)	33767 (72)	28770 (37)	13643 (44)	52667 (115)	11938 (11)	12529 (19)	38937 (79)
Dividend yield	0.1124***	1	936 (5)	1312 (5)	5555 (21)	1257 (4)	1208 (7)	695 (3)	4359 (15)	1664 (7)	2340 (10)	5107 (17)	1986 (2)	1319 (6)	2347 (13)
Institutional investors	0.1334***	-0.0216	1	912 (6)	6432 (11)	461 (2)	2473 (5)	3233 (3)	1032 (6)	611 (3)	2867 (8)	3137 (9)	343 (1)	3097 (3)	5531 (8)
Interest coverage ratio	-0.0134	-0.0277	-0.0583*	1	8813 (11)	573 (3)	7420 (5)	7357 (3)	1425 (8)	8096 (7)	1414 (8)	9069 (14)	7087 (3)	978 (7)	665 (4)
Leverage ratio	0.0666***	0.0175	-0.0249	-0.2469***	1	2127 (8)	14269 (29)	13031 (16)	8797 (34)	12661 (17)	6370 (22)	22128 (48)	9284 (5)	4395 (9)	11449 (33)
Liquidity	0.0109	-0.0777***	0.2526***	0.0217	0.0481	1	856 (2)	1040 (3)	2038 (7)	1317 (4)	2127 (8)	2127 (8)	374 (1)	763 (3)	885 (3)
Option ownership	0.1074***	0.1356**	0.0411	0.3264***	-0.1467***	0.1189**	1	11346 (15)	4786 (16)	10391 (14)	3910 (11)	16257 (31)	7384 (4)	555 (3)	6638 (24)
Profitability	-0.0014	0.0152	-0.1088***	-0.1096	0.0954**	-0.0471	-0.0431	1	3433 (8)	9110 (8)	1421 (6)	11758 (16)	6955 (2)	2772 (1)	5194 (11)
Capex	-0.1094***	-0.1002***	-0.0819***	0.1201*	-0.2081***	-0.0128	0.0743**	-0.0935*	1	9429 (9)	3850 (16)	16705 (33)	8941 (4)	1623 (8)	4754 (21)
Research and development	0.0785**	-0.0257	0.118	-0.1112	-0.1090***	0.052	-0.0505	0.029	0.1989*	1	1810 (5)	13435 (20)	6896 (1)	696 (3)	2803 (11)
Share ownership	-0.0876***	-0.1385***	-0.1705	0.0248	-0.0231	-0.024	0.0152	0.0029	0.0463*	0.0651***	1	7330 (24)	460 (2)	1290 (7)	5476 (16)
Size	0.2639***	0.1059*	0.0947***	0.0304	0.1172***	0.0587	0.1964***	-0.0206	-0.1234***	-0.0405	-0.0762*	1	9475 (7)	4836 (11)	12493 (34)
Tangible assets	0.1064**	-0.0281	-0.0144	0.0439	0.1633***	-0.1562***	-0.0154	0.1513	-0.0368	0.0496***	-0.0542	0.1015*	1	565 (3)	717 (2)
Tax-loss carry forwards	0.0816***	-0.0456	0.0941	-0.0983	0.0973	0.0783	-0.1838	0.1916***	0.0261	0.1178**	-0.0671**	0.0236	0.0785	1	7049 (7)
Tobin's Q	0.0315	-0.0599	-0.0475***	0.1459*	-0.1015*	-0.0608	0.3076	-0.0022	0.1141***	0.0998**	0.0498	-0.0756***	-0.0647	0.0131	1

This table shows the mean correlation matrix estimated via GLS with random effects weights across all 132 primary studies in the lower triangular matrix. The upper triangular matrix refers to the total number of firms for the set of effect sizes for each bivariate correlation with the number of studies in parentheses. *, ** and *** indicate a 10%, 5%, or 1% significance level, respectively.

Online Appendix F. Controlling for heterogeneity via meta-regression analysis (OLS)

Hypothesis	Taxes (H1)	Bankruptcy and financial distress costs (H2)								ic information licts of equity	~ ,	Coordination of financing and investment policy and agency conflicts of debt (H4)			
Dep. variable/ effect size	Tax-loss carry- forwards (binary)	Dividend yield (cont.)	Interest coverage ratio	Leverage ratio	Liquidity	Profit- ability	Size	Tangible assets	Institutional investors	Option ownership (cont.)	Share ownership	Capex	Research and develop- ment	Tobin's Q	
Hyp. sign	+	?	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	?	+	+	+	+	
This study	0	+	0	0	-	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Intercept	0.0120	0.2047	-0.1402	0.2319**	-0.1317	0.1072	0.4034***	0.6343*	0.3565	-0.0415	-0.0907	0.1022	-0.0517	0.0288	
	(0.07)	(1.48)	(-0.93)	(2.51)	(-0.96)	(0.75)	(2.70)	(2.00)	(1.71)	(-0.30)	(-0.74)	(1.05)	(-0.50)	(0.31)	
ν	1.0863	-0.9946	1.5094	-0.4779	-0.6202	0.3754	-0.2363	1.9553	-1.1190	0.7877	0.9188	-1.1952**	1.7484*	0.0077	
	(0.90)	(-1.08)	(1.46)	(-0.90)	(-0.75)	(0.45)	(-0.27)	(0.92)	(-1.05)	(1.46)	(1.28)	(-2.09)	(1.83)	(0.01)	
Citations	0.0056	0.0039	-0.0105	-0.0052	0.0180	0.0315	-0.0075	-0.0312	-0.0543	0.0427	0.0340	-0.0153	0.0171	0.0101	
	(0.12)	(0.10)	(-0.23)	(-0.18)	(0.41)	(0.67)	(-0.17)	(-0.40)	(-1.07)	(1.46)	(0.85)	(-0.58)	(0.65)	(0.36)	
North	-0.0505	-0.0958	0.0263	-0.1375**	0.0716	-0.0925	-0.1296	-0.1082	0.0369	-0.0313	-0.0839	0.0271	0.0775	0.0407	
America	(-0.61)	(-1.04)	(0.31)	(-2.27)	(0.78)	(-1.05)	(-1.30)	(-0.44)	(0.26)	(-0.33)	(-1.01)	(0.49)	(1.26)	(0.71)	
Mean year	0.0002	0.0036	0.0035	-0.0096	0.0033	-0.0011	-0.0056	-0.0619*	-0.0167	-0.0086	-0.0118	-0.0036	-0.0112*	-0.0039	
	(0.02)	(0.36)	(0.33)	(-1.54)	(0.34)	(-0.12)	(-0.56)	(-2.37)	(-0.96)	(-0.75)	(-1.31)	(-0.66)	(-1.88)	(-0.66)	
Adj. <i>R</i> ² Observations	-0.15	-0.01	-0.03	0.02	-0.04	-0.03	-0.02	0.22	-0.02	0.22	0.07	0.11	0.23	-0.02	
	18	41	30	108	72	68	115	11	22	19	44	35	37	80	

This table presents the results for meta-regression analysis. This approach allows the inspection of systematic variations in the effect sizes. As dependent variable, we use the z-transformed effect sizes measuring the direct influences of each proxy variable on the hedging dummy variable. As independent variables, we use explanatory variables representing study quality, observation period, regional effects, and publication bias. In this regard, the number of citations is calculated as the logarithm of [(Google Scholar citations)/(age of the study) + 1]. The number of citations was collected on January 13, 2017. The number of citations is preferred, as it considers study-specific quality characteristics and it is available for each study, including unpublished works. As a remarkable part of literature examines hedging data from US firms, we include a dummy variable that indicates whether a study uses US data (= 1 for US studies, zero otherwise). To consider potential temporal changes due to regulatory changes or the development of financial markets, the mean observation year of a sample is integrated in the analysis. Finally, we investigate the existence of a potential publication selection bias in the reported results. As commonly included in meta-regression analysis research, our model contains the standard deviation of the effect size as explanatory variable. The estimated regression model in general terms corresponds to

$$z_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 v_{ij} + \beta_1 \text{Citations}_i + \beta_1 \text{North America (binary)}_i + \beta_1 \text{Mean } year_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij}, \quad \varepsilon_{ij} \sim N(0; v_{ij}^2).$$

The upper part of the table shows the regression coefficients, with the corresponding t-statistics are reported in brackets below. *, ** and *** indicate the rejection of the null hypotheses at the 10%, 5%, and 1% probability levels.