

# **No evidence for a causal relationship between cancers and Parkinson's disease**

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34    **Abstract**

35    **Background:** Epidemiological data suggest that cancer patients have a reduced risk of subsequent  
36    Parkinson's disease (PD) development, but the prevalence of PD in melanoma patients is often  
37    reported to be increased. Causal relationships between cancers and PD have not been fully explored.

38    **Objectives:** To study causal relationship between different cancers and PD.

39    **Methods:** We used GWAS summary statistics of 15 different types of cancers and two-sample  
40    Mendelian randomization to study the causal relationship with PD.

41    **Results:** There was no evidence to support a causal relationship between the studied cancers and PD.  
42    We also performed reverse analyses between PD and cancers with available full summary statistics  
43    (melanoma, breast, prostate, endometrial and keratinocyte cancers) and did not find evidence of causal  
44    relationship.

45    **Conclusions:** We found no evidence to support a causal relationship between cancer and PD and the  
46    previously reported associations could be a result of genetic pleiotropy, shared biology or biases.

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## 49 **Introduction**

50         Parkinson's disease (PD) is a complex disorder, influenced by numerous environmental and  
51 genetic factors. Observational studies have suggested associations between PD and different types of  
52 cancers (lung, skin, pancreatic cancers and others) [1-7], such that cancer patients have lower risk of  
53 subsequent PD development [8] and overall PD is associated with a reduced risk of subsequent cancer  
54 development [1, 2]. However, risk of PD is increased in melanoma patients [9] and the prevalence of  
55 melanoma and brain tumors may be increased in patients with PD [3-6]. In the absence of a causal  
56 effect, apparent associations may be explained by confounding factors (such as toxins that casually  
57 influence the risk of specific cancers and PD), shared genetic susceptibility or biological pathways, or  
58 ascertainment bias [10, 11].

59         In Mendelian randomization (MR), similar to randomized control trials, single-nucleotide  
60 polymorphism (SNPs) are used to randomly divide participants into two groups defined by genotype,  
61 assuming that genotype distribution is a random process during meiosis, and therefore it should not be  
62 affected by confounders. MR uses SNPs associated with an exposure of interest (such as cancer  
63 susceptibility) as proxies to determine the causal association between that exposure and an outcome  
64 [12]. Summary level data from genome wide associational studies (GWASs) are used to construct  
65 instrumental variables (IVs) from GWAS significant SNPs. In the current study, we performed bi-  
66 directional MR to examine whether certain types of cancers have causal relationships with PD and  
67 vice versa.

## 68 **Methods**

### 69 **Mendelian randomization**

70         For the construction of genetic instruments, we selected studies from the GWAS Catalog [13] using  
71 the R package MRInstruments [14, 15]. First, we searched for traits using keywords "cancer",

72 “carcinoma”, “glioma”, “lymphoma”, “leukemia”, “melanoma”. We then selected the most recent  
73 available GWAS for each cancer, with a minimum of 1000 cases and at least the same number of  
74 controls of European ancestry. Additionally, recent GWASs on melanoma [16] and combined analysis  
75 of keratinocyte cancers [17] were added as they were not available in the GWAS catalog. Fifteen  
76 studies were selected for this part of the analysis (**Supplementary Table 1**). UK biobank (UKB)  
77 participants were included in some of these studies (colorectal cancer, combined analysis of  
78 keratinocyte cancers, endometrial cancer, lung cancer, melanoma, uterine fibroids).

79 To perform MR in the reverse direction (the causal relationship between PD and different  
80 cancer types) we required full summary statistics which we obtained through GWAS Catalog or direct  
81 contact with authors. We were able to collect full summary statistics for melanoma [16], breast [18],  
82 prostate [19], endometrial [20] and keratinocyte cancers (basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma) [17].

83 We used GWAS summary statistics from the latest PD GWAS excluding 23andMe and UKB  
84 data, to avoid potential bias due to overlapping samples [21]. After the exclusions, a total of 15,056  
85 PD patients and 12,637 controls were included in the summary statistics [21].

86 We constructed genetic instruments for cancer susceptibility and PD using SNPs with GWAS  
87 significant  $p$ -values ( $<5 \times 10^{-8}$ ) from each study. The extracted data included rs-numbers, log odds  
88 ratios, standard errors,  $p$ -values, alleles, and effect allele frequency. SNPs for each exposure were  
89 clumped using standard parameters (clumping window of 10,000 kb,  $r^2$  cutoff 0.001) to discard  
90 variants in LD. Additionally, we calculated  $r^2$ , which reflects the proportion of variability explained  
91 by genetic variants and F-statistics to estimate the strength of IVs selected for exposures as previously  
92 described [22, 23]. We calculated estimated power to detect an equivalent effect size of OR 1.2 on PD  
93 risk utilizing an online Mendelian randomization power calculation  
94 (<https://sb452.shinyapps.io/power/>) [24].

MR methods implemented in the Two-sample MR R package [14, 15] were used and are described in detail elsewhere [25-27]. Firstly, we performed Steiger filtering to exclude SNPs that explain more variance in the outcome than in the exposure [15]. We then used the inverse variance weighted (IVW) method, in which we pooled estimates from individual Wald ratios for each SNP and meta-analyzed using random effects [25-27]. We applied MR Egger to detect net directional pleiotropy and provide a better estimate of the true causal effect allowing to detect possible violations of instrumental variable assumptions [27]. Additionally, we used weighted median (WM) which is a median of the weighted estimates and provides consistent effect even if 50% of IVs are invalid [28]. These sensitivity analyses were performed to explore heterogeneity and horizontal pleiotropy. Heterogeneity was tested using Cochran's Q test in the IVW and MR-Egger methods [29]. For each method, we constructed funnel plots to detect pleiotropic outliers (**Supplementary Figure 1-6**). Additionally, we performed MR-PRESSO test to detect outlier SNPs which may be biasing estimates through horizontal pleiotropy, and then adjust for them [30].

*Data availability:*

All code used in the current study is available at [https://github.com/gan-orlab/MR\\_Cancers-PD](https://github.com/gan-orlab/MR_Cancers-PD)

**Results**

**Mendelian randomization does not support a causal role for different cancers and PD**

We selected 15 cancer GWAS studies for MR analysis (**Table 1**). The variance in the exposure variables explained by SNPs ranged from 0.016 to 0.059 (**Table 2**). All instruments had F-statistics of >10, which is the standard cut-off applied to indicate sufficient instrument strength (**Table 2; Supplementary Table 1**).

No causal effect of any cancer on PD was observed applying various MR methods (**Table 1; Supplementary Table 1, Supplementary Figure 1-2**).

To test for potential violations of MR assumptions, we performed sensitivity analyses. Significant heterogeneity was apparent for cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (IVW, Q  $p$ -value=0.02) and combined analysis of keratinocyte cancers (MR Egger, Q  $p$ -value=0.012; IVW, Q  $p$ -value=0.012, **Supplementary Table 2, Supplementary Figure 3**).

Tests for pleiotropy were performed to detect SNPs affecting the outcome through alternative pathways. There was some evidence for net horizontal pleiotropy for brain tumors ( $p$ =0.011) and cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma ( $p$ =0.029, **Supplementary Table 2**) which may have resulted in bias to IVW estimates, but the slopes from Egger regression were imprecisely estimated. Using MR-PRESSO, we detected an outlier SNP for cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (rs4710154). The distortion test did not suggest significant changes in the effect estimates after this outlier was removed (**Supplementary Table 2**). The sensitivity analyses revealed no clear evidence for bias in the IVW estimate due to invalid instruments with other cancers.

Additionally, we performed reverse MR with melanoma, keratinocyte, prostate, endometrial and breast cancers for which we had full summary statistics using PD-associated SNPs as exposure and cancer summary statistics as outcome and did not find any evidence for causal relationships (**Supplementary Table 3; Supplementary Figure 4-6**). We found evidence for directional pleiotropy between PD and breast cancer and keratinocyte cancers, and a borderline distortion test with MR-PRESSO for breast cancer (**Supplementary Table 3**). MR-PRESSO identified an outlier SNP for both PD and breast and prostate cancer (rs4630591). Additionally, the rs510306 SNP was found to be an outlier for prostate cancer. For keratinocyte cancers, three outlier SNPs were detected (rs4630591, rs6599388 and rs4889603).

## Discussion

In the current study, we performed a comprehensive analysis to examine whether the reported associations between different cancers (**Table 1**) and PD may be causal. Our results provide no

143 evidence to support causal effects, and indicate that the observed associations may be due to other  
144 reasons including shared biology, confounders or biases. MR methods have limited availability and  
145 statistical power to differentiate horizontal and vertical pleiotropy, but high power to detect pleiotropy  
146 itself. Although MR can help reduce confounding and the possibility of reverse causality, a recent  
147 study demonstrated that MR is not immune to survival bias [31]. PD is an age-related disease and  
148 inverse observational study associations may occur spuriously if the exposure of interest (here cancer)  
149 causes premature mortality. This situation is known as ‘survivor bias’ and can occur in case-control  
150 settings, including in MR studies. On the other hand, early mortality from cancer could reduce cancer  
151 prevalence in PD [8]. The higher occurrence of brain cancers in PD might be related to closer medical  
152 attention (i.e., more frequent MRI in PD patients compared to the general population).

153         The most thoroughly studied genetic relationship between cancer and PD is for melanoma [32].  
154 Previous MR studies did not demonstrate evidence of a causal relationship between PD and melanoma  
155 [22]. However, a recent, comprehensive analysis suggested a significant genetic correlation between  
156 melanoma and PD, with gene expression overlap [10], that could probably explain the increased  
157 frequency of melanoma in PD. One of the possible explanations for the link between cancers and PD  
158 is pleiotropy. In our study, we only examined causality using MR and did not estimate possible shared  
159 biology. To study possible shared biology, methods such as linkage disequilibrium score regression  
160 and transcriptome wide association study can be used to examine correlations between two traits  
161 occurring through shared genetic architecture. Unfortunately, we were only able to collect full  
162 summary statistics of mostly sex-specific cancers (prostate, breast, endometrial cancers), which cannot  
163 be used with the PD GWAS data since it is not sex-stratified. This approach should be used in future  
164 studies. We cannot rule out that pleiotropic effects within the IVs cancel out each other if they have  
165 effects in opposite direction. There are genes involved in pathogenesis of both PD and cancers. It was  
166 suggested that familial PD genes (*PINK1*, *DJ1*, *LRRK2* etc.) may play a role in cancers [33-35].

167 *GPNMB* variants were associated with PD [36] and overexpression of *GPNMB* have been  
168 demonstrated in PD as well as in various cancers including melanoma [37, 38].

169 In our analyses using MR-PRESSO, we identified a few outlier SNPs. For cutaneous squamous  
170 cell carcinoma and PD, the rs4710154 SNP, located near the *FGFR1OP* gene, was an outlier. This  
171 gene was previously implicated in skin cancer and in several inflammatory disorders including Crohn's  
172 disease [39]. This SNP was not previously associated with PD. Another outlier SNP, rs4630591, near  
173 the *KANSL1* gene (encoding for KAT8 Regulatory NSL Complex Subunit 1) was identified for PD  
174 and breast and prostate cancers. This gene has been previously reported as the first cancer  
175 predisposition fusion gene [40], and this SNP was associated with breast cancer in transcriptome wide  
176 association study [41]. The rs510306 SNP near the *IGSF9B* gene has not been previously implicated  
177 in prostate cancer. For PD and keratinocyte cancers, three outlier SNPs were detected (rs4630591,  
178 rs6599388 and rs4889603). The rs6599388 SNP is located in *TMEM175* and rs4889603 is located in  
179 *STX1B*, both of which have not been previously associated with skin cancers.

180 Our study has several limitations. This is a European-based study, and these associations or  
181 lack thereof should be studied in other populations. We excluded UKB data to decrease the chance of  
182 overlapping samples between studies, which can result in bias. As a result, some of our MR analyses  
183 might have not enough power to detect the causal effect. Lack of availability of sex-specific PD GWAS  
184 data is the another limitation, which would be important for studying the causal effect of sex-specific  
185 cancers, or with cancers that have meaningful sex differences [42]. We performed bi-directional MR  
186 with PD and cancers with available full summary statistics (melanoma, breast, prostate, endometrial  
187 and keratinocyte cancers) and did not find evidence of a causal relationships. One more limitation is  
188 that MR relies on the quality of the GWAS used for the MR, and thus, limited by the GWAS quality.

189 Additionally, we could not consider in the current analysis important environmental exposures  
190 that would be of interest for stratified analyses (e.g. smoking in lung cancer; hormone levels in sex-



191 driven cancers). Thus, it is possible that we missed some causal effects due to gene-environment  
192 interaction or imperfect phenotype consideration.

193 To conclude, our results do not support a causal relationship between the tested cancers and  
194 PD, and suggest that the observed associations could be a result of genetic pleiotropy, shared biology  
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643 **Table 1. List of all cancer GWAS studies selected for Mendelian randomization analysis**

Trait	Study	Initial sample size		Replication sample size		Power
		Cases	Controls	Cases	Controls	
Breast cancer	Michailidou et al., 2017[18]	76,192	63,082	46,785	70,064	100.00%
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	Law et al., 2017[43]	4,478	13,213	1,722	4,385	80.70%
Colorectal cancer	Law et al., 2019[44]	31,197	61,770	-	-	38%
Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma	Chahal et al., 2016[45]	6579	280,558	825	11,518	74.50%
Combined analysis of keratinocyte cancers	Liyanage et al., 2019[17]	31,787	619,351	-	-	63.00%
Endometrial cancer	O'Mara et al., 2018[20]	12,906	108,979	-	-	71.50%
Lung cancer	McKay et al., 2017[46]	23,223	16,964	-	-	71.50%
Lymphoma	Sud et al., 2017[47]	1,278	14,325	1,586	3,069	90.60%
Melanoma	Landi et al., 2020[16]	36,760	375,188	-	-	68.30%
Non-glioblastoma glioma/Glioma	Melin et al., 2017[48]	12,469	18,190	-	-	93.10%
Oral cavity and pharyngeal cancer	Lesseur et al., 2016[49]	6,009	6,585	-	-	95.60%
Pancreatic cancer	Klein et al., 2018[50]	9,040	12,496	2,737	4,752	82.80%
Prostate cancer	Schumacher et al., 2018[19]	79,148	61,106	-	-	57.00%
Renal cell carcinoma	Scelo et al., 2015[51]	10,784	20,406	3,182	6,301	71.50%
Uterine fibroids	Rafnar et al., 2018[52]	16,595	52,3330	-	-	64.90%

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646      **Table 2. MR analysis between exposure (cancers) and outcome (PD).**

Exposure	N, SNPs included	r <sup>2</sup>	F-statistics	MR Egger			Inverse variance weighted		
				b	se	pval	b	se	pval
Breast cancer	107	0.016	38.5	0.075	0.065	0.247	0.032	0.033	0.337
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	7	0.035	106.11	0.047	0.640	0.944	0.099	0.077	0.197
Colorectal cancer	35	0.02	53.8	-0.002	0.273	0.994	0.042	0.057	0.460
Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma	23	0.03	405.2	-0.097	0.077	0.223	0.051	0.048	0.288
Combined analysis of keratinocyte cancers	68	0.023	216.6	-0.018	0.053	0.732	0.017	0.031	0.586
Endometrial cancer	13	0.028	271.4	-0.106	0.252	0.681	-0.014	0.059	0.808
Lung cancer	10	0.029	120.4	0.000	0.121	0.999	0.049	0.053	0.355
Lymphoma	5	0.047	236.2	0.325	0.288	0.341	-0.013	0.068	0.845
Melanoma	45	0.026	244.37	-0.035	0.053	0.507	-0.002	0.032	0.950
Non-glioblastoma glioma/Glioma	19	0.052	88.03	0.102	0.049	0.052	-0.021	0.023	0.356
Oral cavity and pharyngeal cancer	4	0.059	198.2	0.008	0.376	0.986	0.094	0.064	0.144
Pancreatic cancer	16	0.037	68.9	-0.221	0.152	0.168	0.003	0.041	0.934
Prostate cancer	74	0.02	38.9	-0.091	0.060	0.130	-0.022	0.028	0.443
Renal cell carcinoma	8	0.028	148.02	-0.145	0.241	0.569	-0.031	0.084	0.707
Uterine fibroids	18	0.024	732.5	0.164	0.185	0.388	-0.014	0.073	0.854

647      PD, Parkinson’s disease; N, number; r<sup>2</sup>, proportion of variance in exposure variable explained by  
648      SNPs; F, statistics ‘strength’ of the genetic instrumental variable; b, beta; se, standard error, pval, p-  
649      value.

**Supplementary Table 1. MR analysis between exposure (cancers) and outcome (PD)**

Exposure	N, SNPs	R2	F- statistics	MR Egger			Inverse variance weighted			Simple mode			Weighted mode		
				b	se	pval	b	se	pval	b	se	pval	b	se	pval
<b>Breast cancer</b>	107	0.016	38.5	0.08	0.06	0.25	0.03	0.03	0.34	-0.01	0.13	0.92	0.01	0.07	0.84
<b>Chronic lymphocytic leukemia</b>	7	0.035	106.11	0.05	0.64	0.94	0.10	0.08	0.20	-0.03	0.15	0.87	-0.03	0.12	0.83
<b>Colorectal cancer</b>	35	0.02	53.8	0.00	0.27	0.99	0.04	0.06	0.46	-0.13	0.19	0.51	-0.16	0.18	0.37
<b>Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma</b>	23	0.03	405.2	-0.10	0.08	0.22	0.05	0.05	0.29	0.19	0.11	0.09	0.00	0.06	0.99
<b>Combined analysis of keratinocyte cancers</b>	68	0.023	216.6	-0.02	0.05	0.73	0.02	0.03	0.59	-0.02	0.08	0.78	0.00	0.04	1.00
<b>Endometrial cancer</b>	13	0.028	271.4	-0.11	0.25	0.68	-0.01	0.06	0.81	-0.04	0.12	0.73	0.04	0.11	0.73
<b>Lung cancer</b>	10	0.029	120.4	0.00	0.12	1.00	0.05	0.05	0.36	0.04	0.12	0.74	0.08	0.08	0.35
<b>Lymphoma</b>	5	0.047	236.2	0.33	0.29	0.34	-0.01	0.07	0.85	-0.02	0.11	0.85	-0.03	0.10	0.79
<b>Melanoma</b>	45	0.026	244.37	-0.04	0.05	0.51	0.00	0.03	0.95	-0.07	0.09	0.40	-0.05	0.04	0.31
<b>Non-glioblastoma glioma/Glioma</b>	19	0.052	88.03	0.10	0.05	0.05	-0.02	0.02	0.36	-0.05	0.06	0.43	-0.02	0.04	0.57
<b>Oral cavity and pharyngeal cancer</b>	4	0.059	198.2	0.01	0.38	0.99	0.09	0.06	0.14	0.18	0.12	0.22	0.17	0.11	0.22
<b>Pancreatic cancer</b>	16	0.037	68.9	-0.22	0.15	0.17	0.00	0.04	0.93	-0.02	0.10	0.88	0.02	0.08	0.82
<b>Prostate cancer</b>	74	0.02	38.9	-0.09	0.06	0.13	-0.02	0.03	0.44	-0.07	0.08	0.36	0.00	0.05	0.94
<b>Renal cell carcinoma</b>	8	0.028	148.02	-0.15	0.24	0.57	-0.03	0.08	0.71	0.12	0.18	0.52	0.13	0.13	0.34
<b>Uterine fibroids</b>	18	0.024	732.5	0.16	0.19	0.39	-0.01	0.07	0.85	0.12	0.19	0.54	0.15	0.15	0.34

R2- proportion of variance in exposure variable explained by SNPs; F-statistics 'strength' of the genetic instrumental variable b- beta; se- standart error, pval - p-value



Supplementary Table 2. Heterogeneity tests and tests for directional horizontal pleiotropy between Cancers and PD

Exposure	Heterogeneity tests						Test for directional horizontal pleiotropy				
	MR Egger			Inverse variance weighted			egger intercept	se	pval	MR-PRESSO global	MR-PRESSO distortion test
	Q	Q_df	Q_pval	Q	Q_df	Q_pval				pval	pval
Breast cancer	115.83	105	0.22	116.51	106	0.23	0.00	0.01	0.43	0.18	NA
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	8.09	5	0.15	8.10	6	0.23	0.01	0.10	0.94	0.25	NA
Colorectal cancer	34.79	33	0.38	34.82	34	0.43	0.00	0.02	0.87	0.37	NA
Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma	29.94	21	0.09	37.73	22	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.14
Combined analysis of keratinocyte cancers	94.79	66	0.01	95.76	67	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.41	0.01	NA
Endometrial cancer	5.50	11	0.91	5.64	12	0.93	0.01	0.03	0.72	0.94	NA
Lung cancer	8.34	8	0.40	8.56	9	0.48	0.01	0.02	0.66	0.43	NA
Lymphoma	3.23	3	0.36	4.79	4	0.31	-0.08	0.07	0.32	0.39	NA
Melanoma	54.34	43	0.12	55.13	44	0.12	0.01	0.01	0.43	0.11	NA
Non-glioblastoma glioma/Glioma	9.37	17	0.93	17.57	18	0.49	-0.04	0.01	0.01	0.30	NA
Oral cavity and pharyngeal cancer	4.48	2	0.11	4.60	3	0.20	0.02	0.09	0.84	0.02	NA
Pancreatic cancer	11.44	14	0.65	13.78	15	0.54	0.04	0.03	0.15	0.50	NA
Prostate cancer	57.22	70	0.86	58.98	71	0.85	0.01	0.01	0.19	0.82	NA
Renal cell carcinoma	8.97	6	0.18	9.35	7	0.23	0.02	0.03	0.63	0.20	NA
Uterine fibroids	22.90	16	0.12	24.46	17	0.11	-0.02	0.02	0.31	0.12	NA

Q- Cochran's Q test, df- degrees of freedom, se- standart error, pval- p-value, NA for distortion test if non outliers were available

Supplementary Table 3. Reverse MR analysis between exposure (Parkinson's disease) and outcome (cancers)

Outcome	N, SNPs	MR Egger			Weighted median			Inverse variance weighted			Simple mode			Weighted mode		
		b	se	pval	b	se	pval	b	se	pval	b	se	pval	b	se	pval
Breast cancer	15	0.01	0.06	0.82	0.02	0.02	0.38	0.04	0.02	0.08	-0.02	0.03	0.59	0.00	0.02	0.86
Endometrial cancer	15	-0.03	0.10	0.78	-0.04	0.04	0.31	-0.02	0.04	0.54	0.04	0.08	0.66	-0.04	0.06	0.47
Melanoma	14	0.00	0.06	0.99	-0.01	0.03	0.64	0.02	0.02	0.47	-0.01	0.05	0.81	-0.01	0.04	0.74
Prostate cancer	15	-0.08	0.05	0.13	0.00	0.02	0.88	0.02	0.02	0.40	0.00	0.04	0.99	0.00	0.03	0.98
Keratinocyte cancers	15	0.05	0.08	0.55	0.04	0.03	0.24	0.00	0.03	0.91	0.08	0.06	0.22	0.10	0.04	0.02
Outcome	N, SNPs	Heterogeneity tests						Test for directional horizontal pleiotropy								
		MR Egger			Inverse variance weighted			egger_intercept	se	pval	MR-PRESSO global	MR-PRESSO distortion test				
		Q	Q_df	Q_pval	Q	Q_df	Q_pval				pval	pval				
		Q	Q_df	Q_pval	Q	Q_df	Q_pval				pval	pval				
Breast cancer	15	49.72	13	0.00	50.38	14	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.68	<0.001	0.05				
Endometrial cancer	15	21.80	13	0.06	21.81	14	0.08	0.00	0.02	0.95	0.07	NA				
Melanoma	14	12.62	12	0.40	12.70	13	0.47	0.00	0.01	0.78	0.51	NA				
Prostate cancer	15	20.29	13	0.09	27.29	14	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.22				
Keratinocyte cancers	15	38.22	13	0.00	39.35	14	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.55	<0.001	0.60				

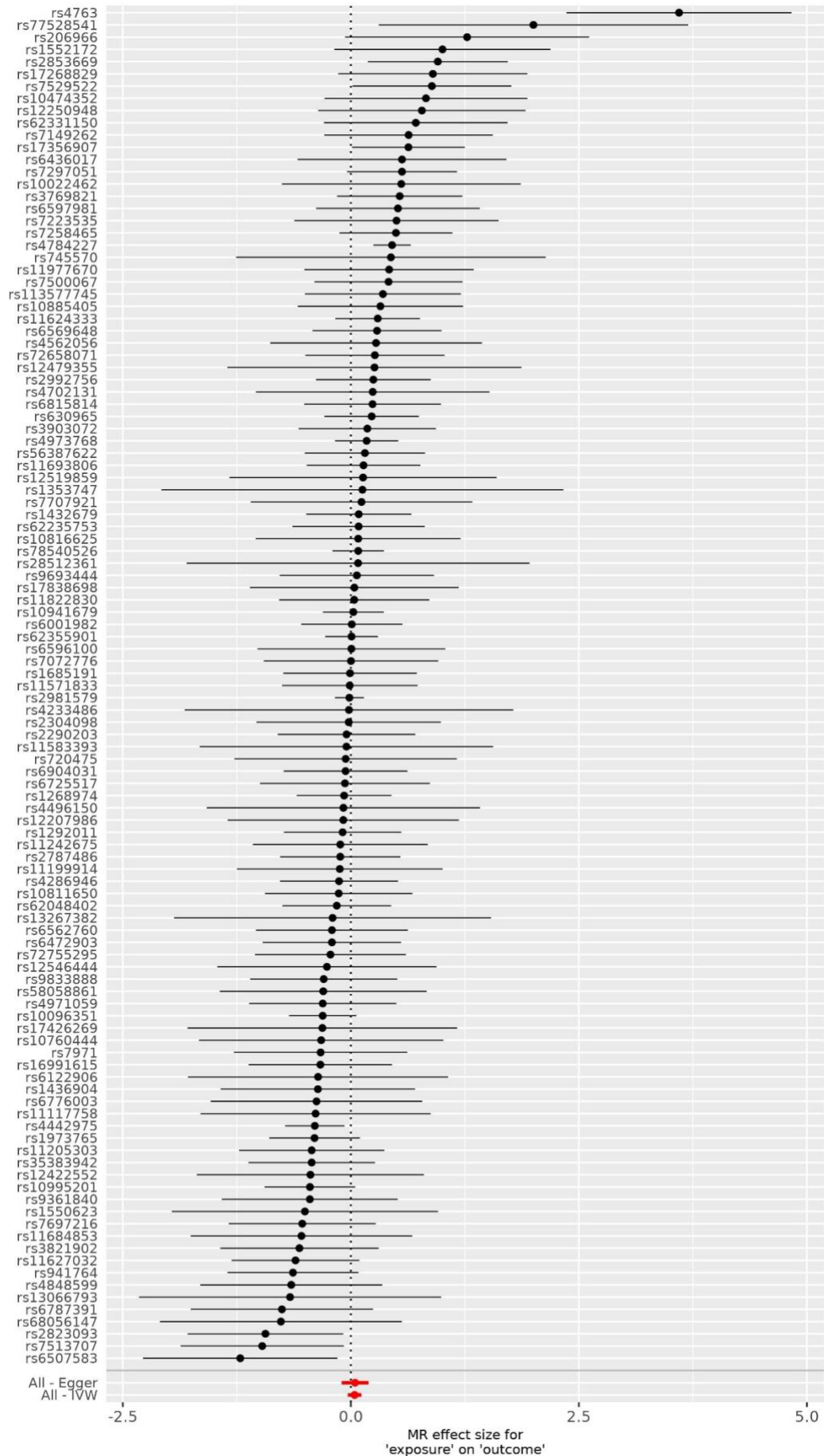
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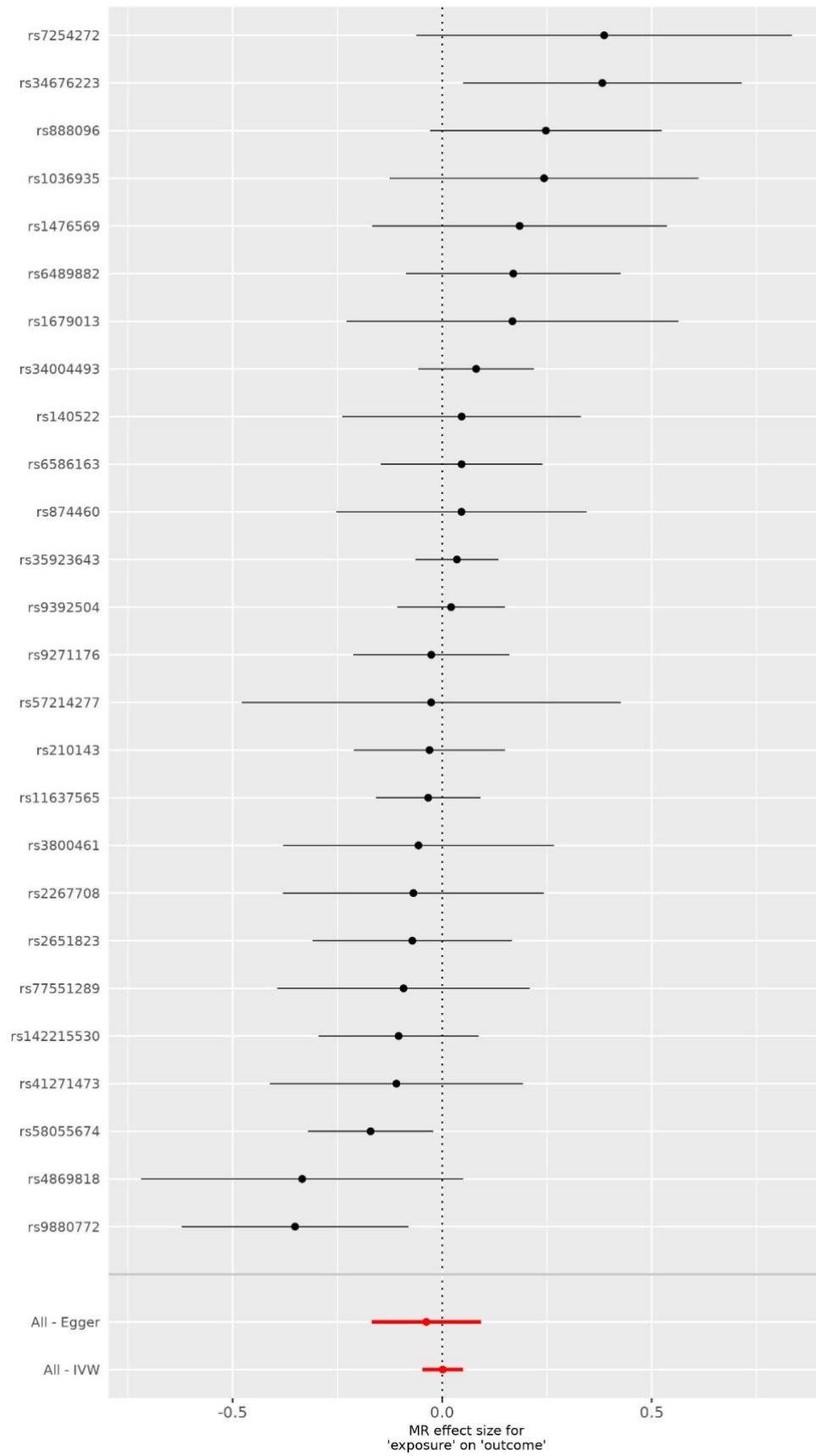
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Black points represent log-odds ratio of each SNP on the risk of PD. Red points represent the log-odds ration when combining all SNPs together (Inverse variance weighted and MR Egger methods). Lines from points represent 95% confidence intervals.

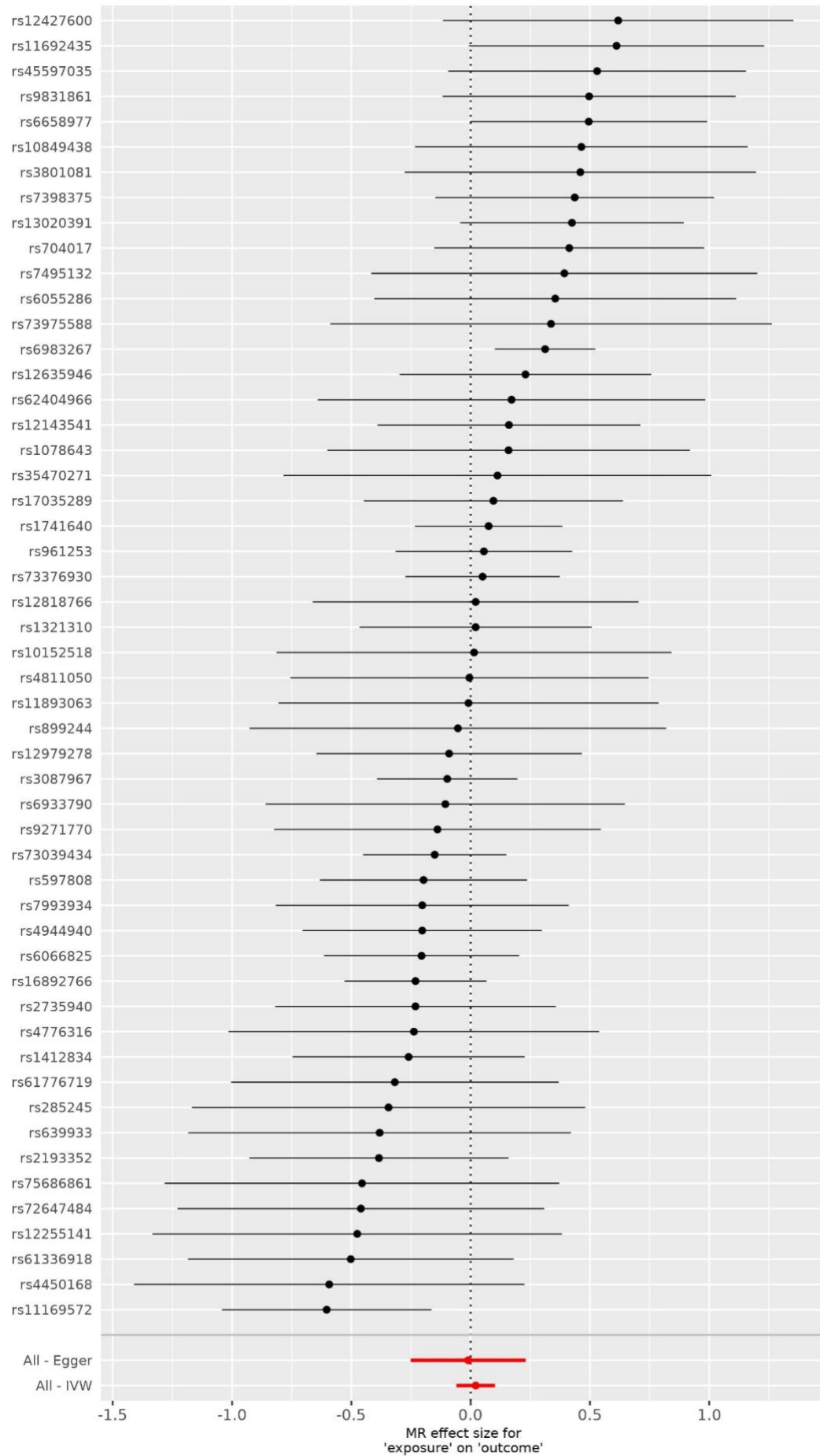
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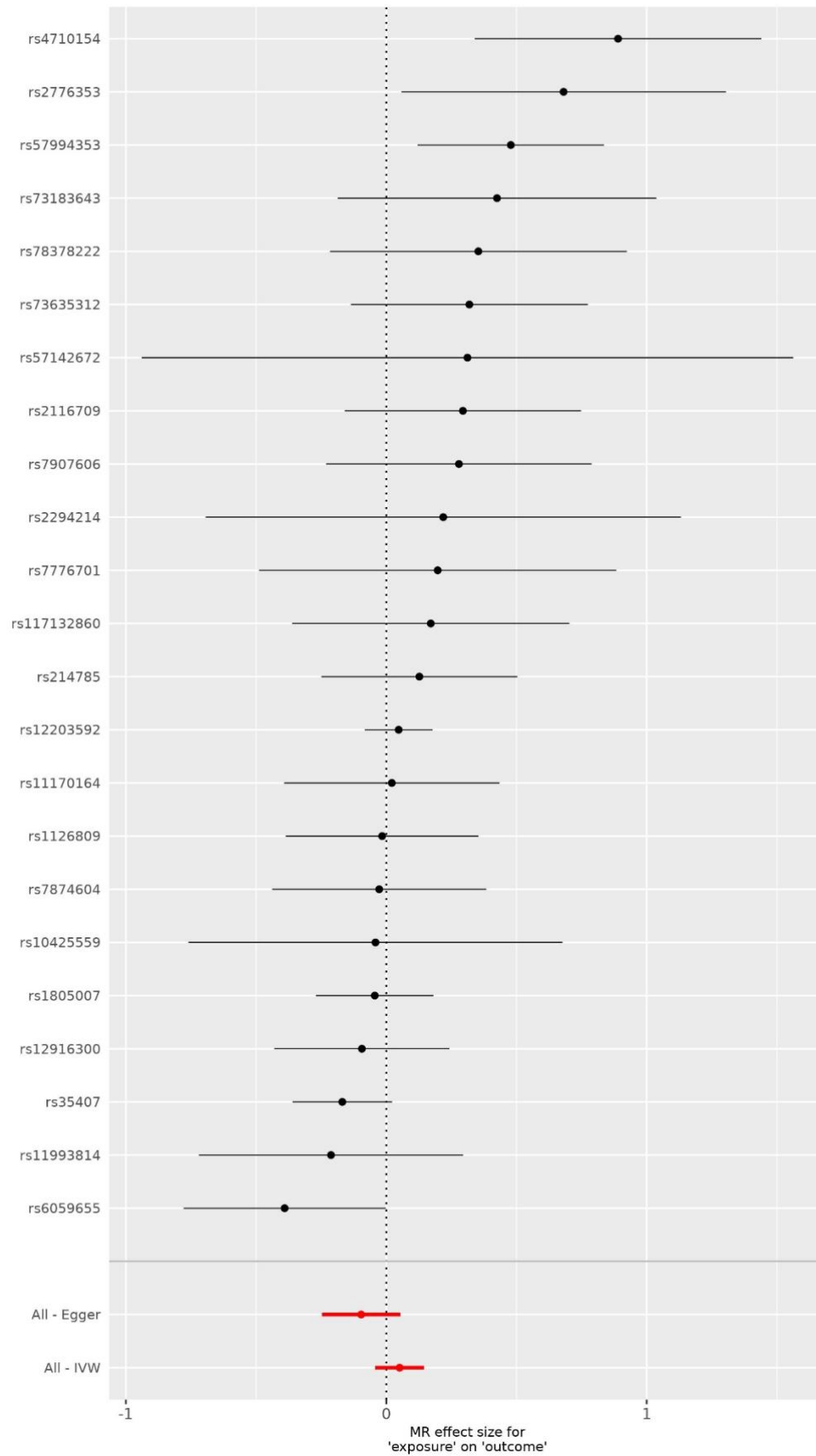
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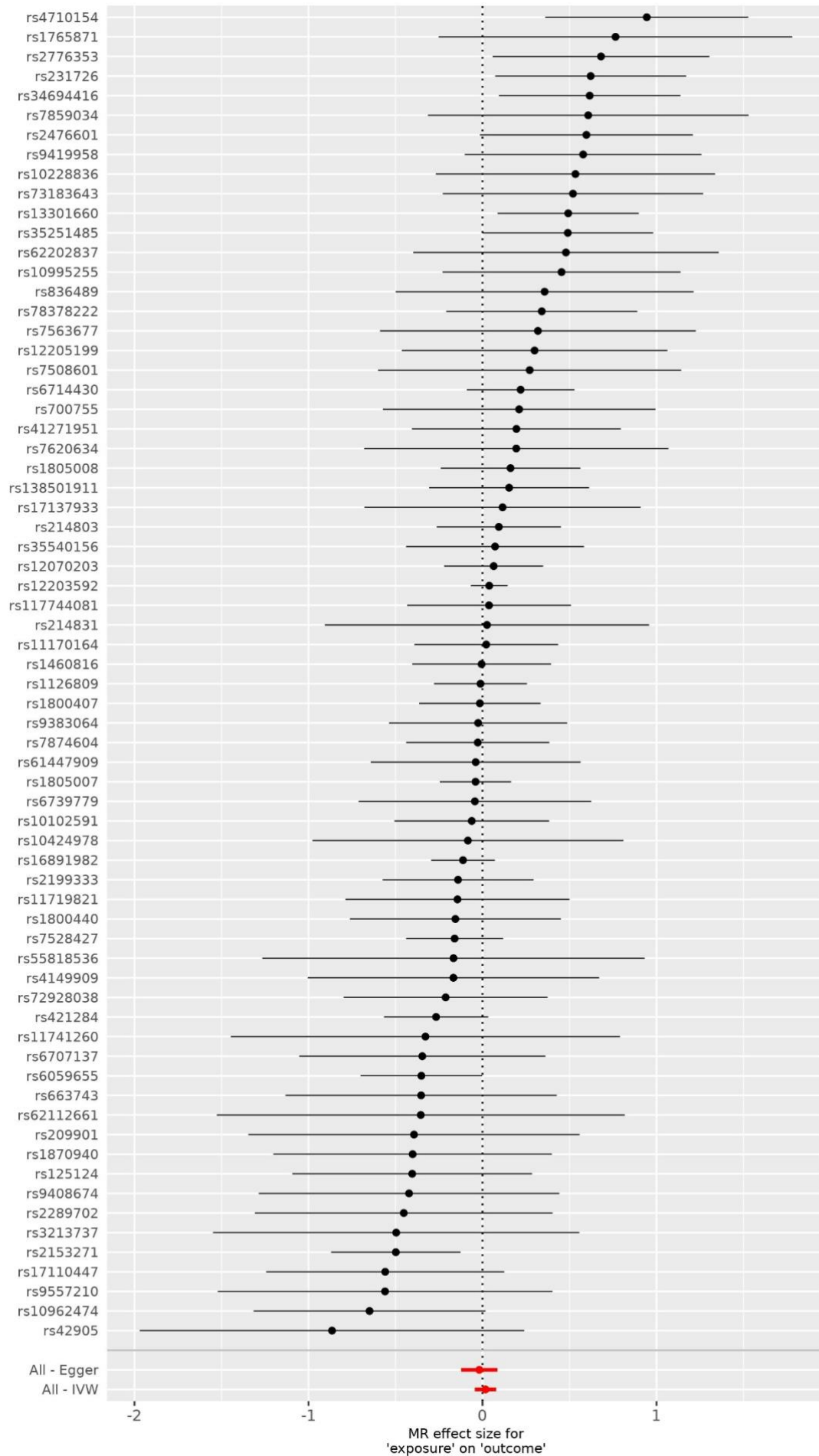


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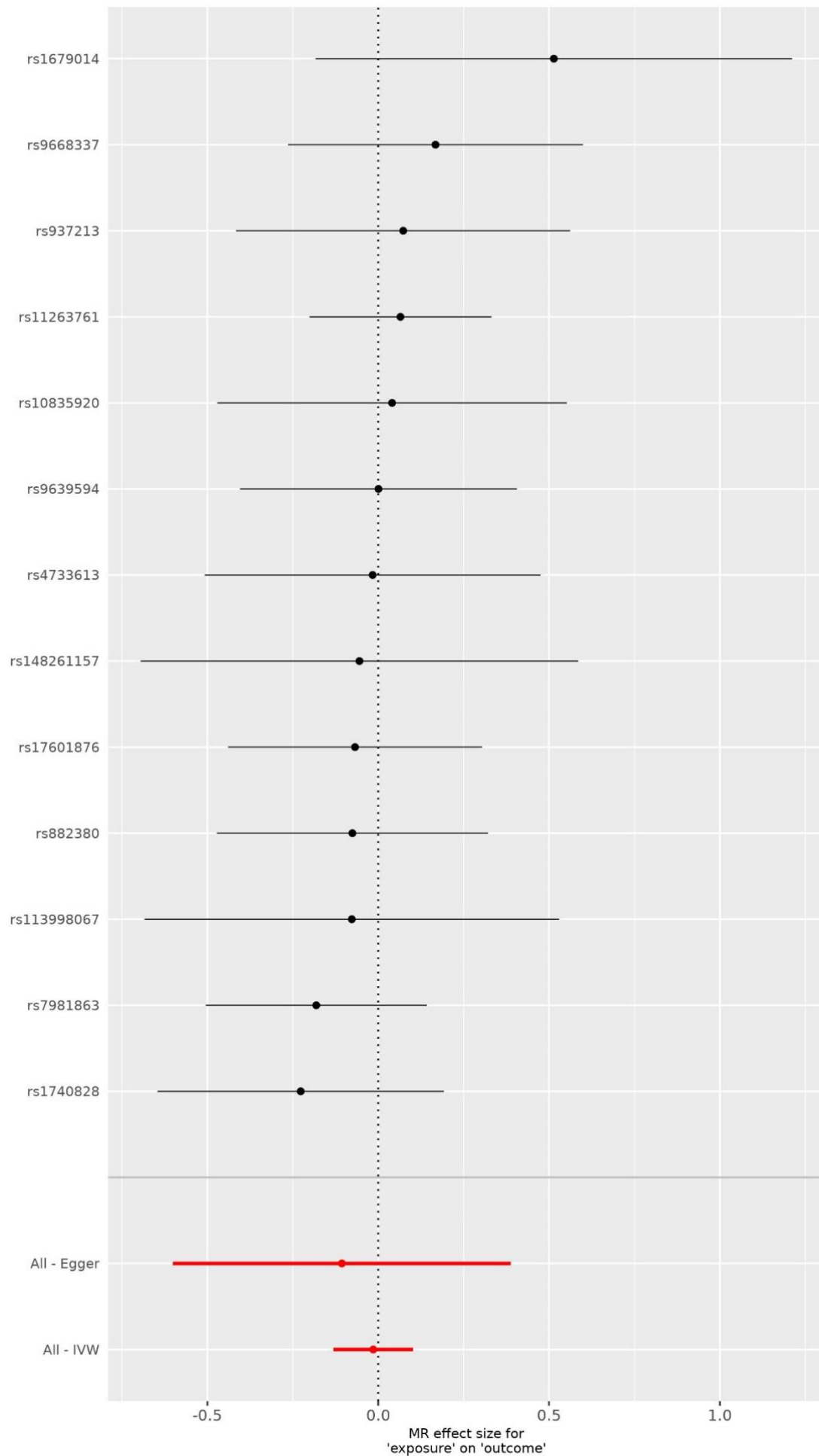


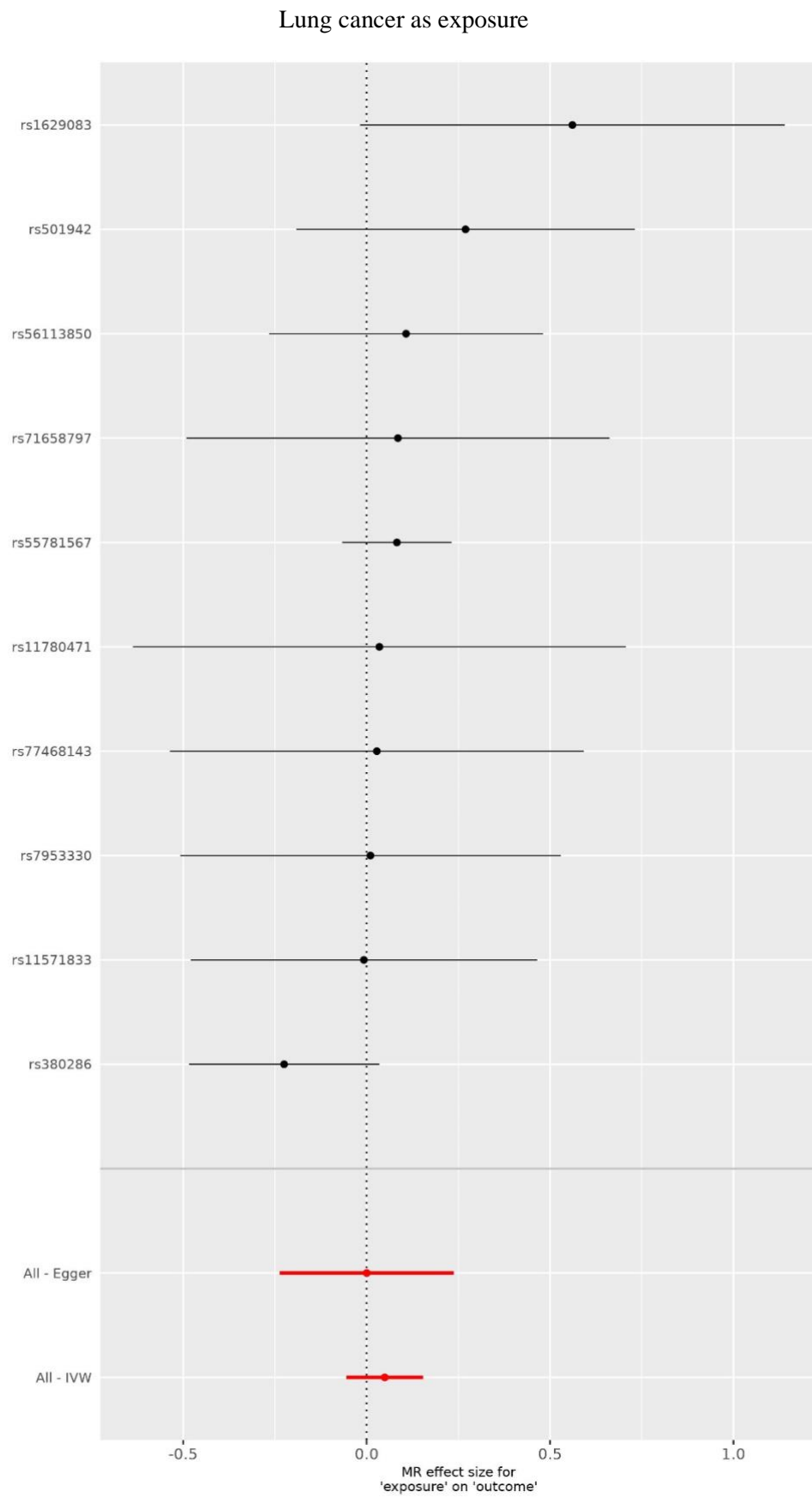


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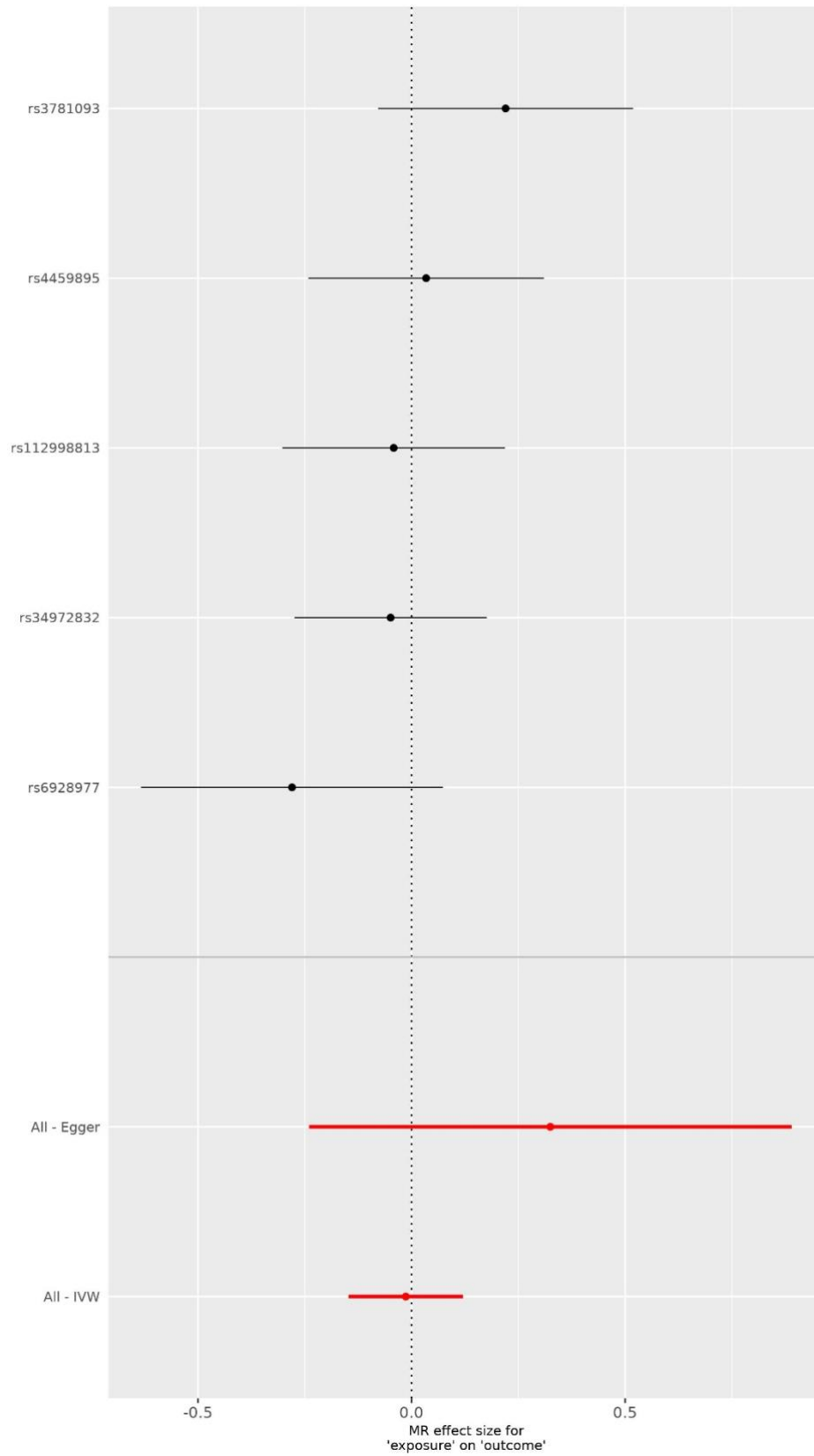


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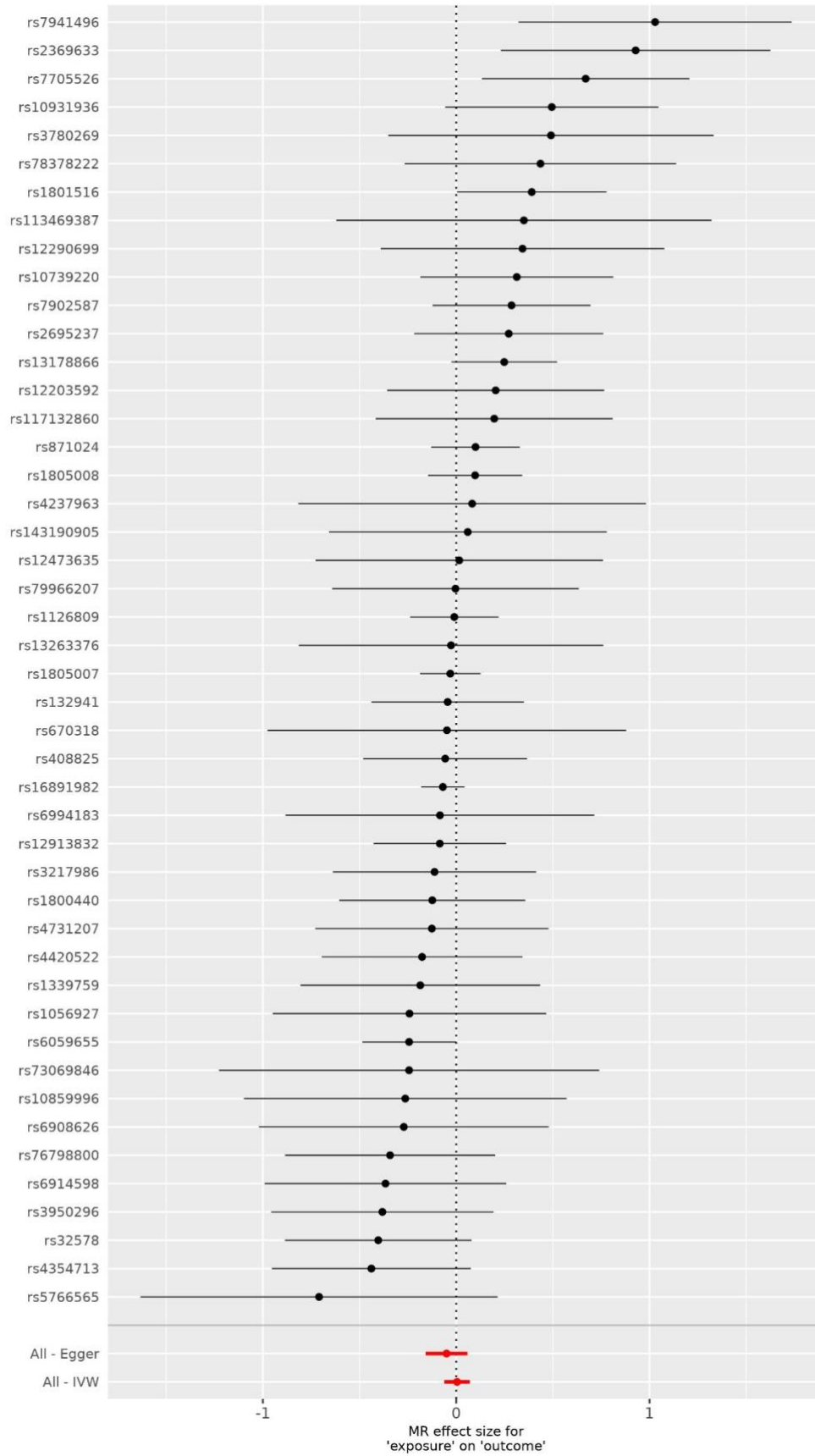




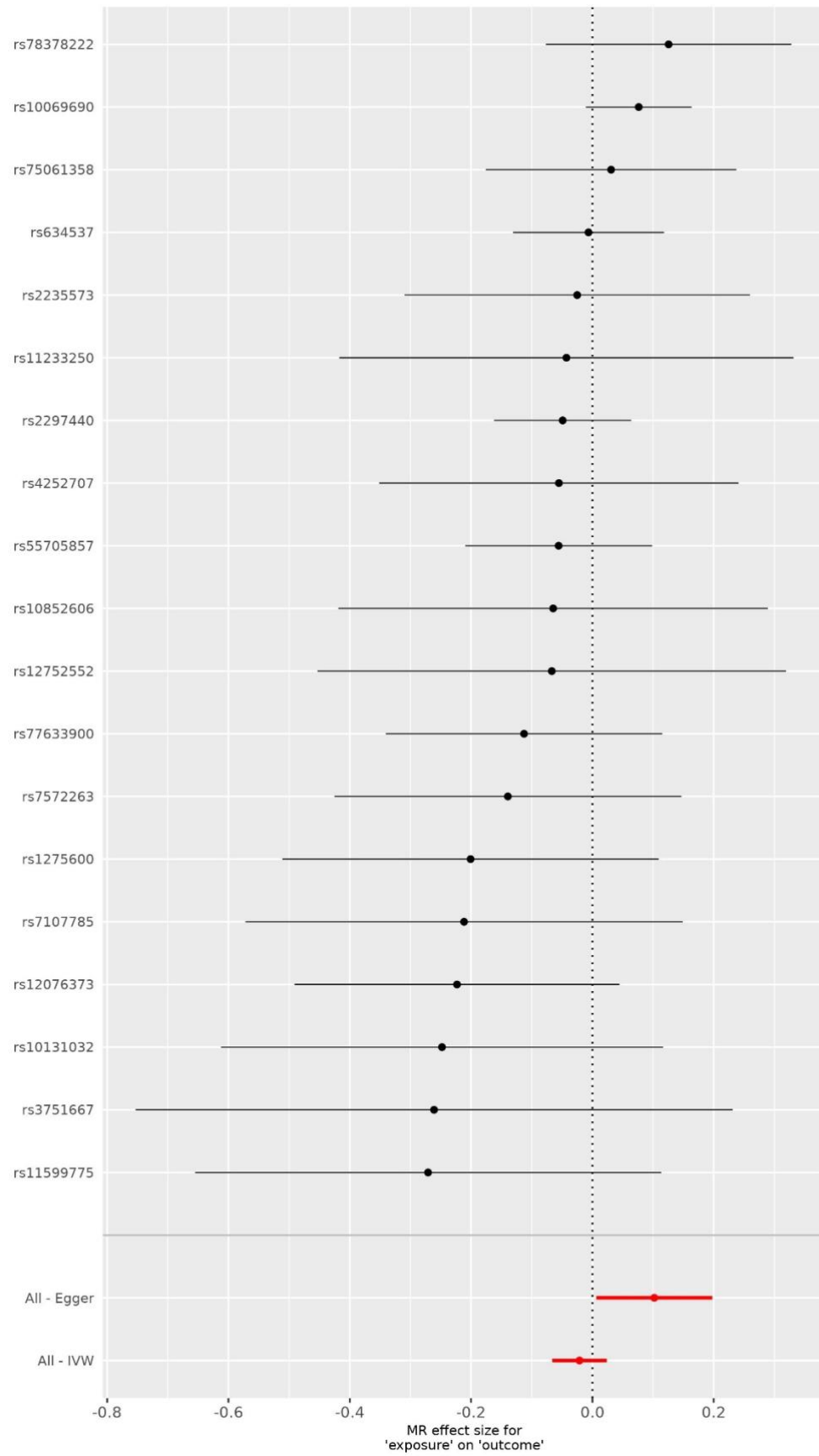
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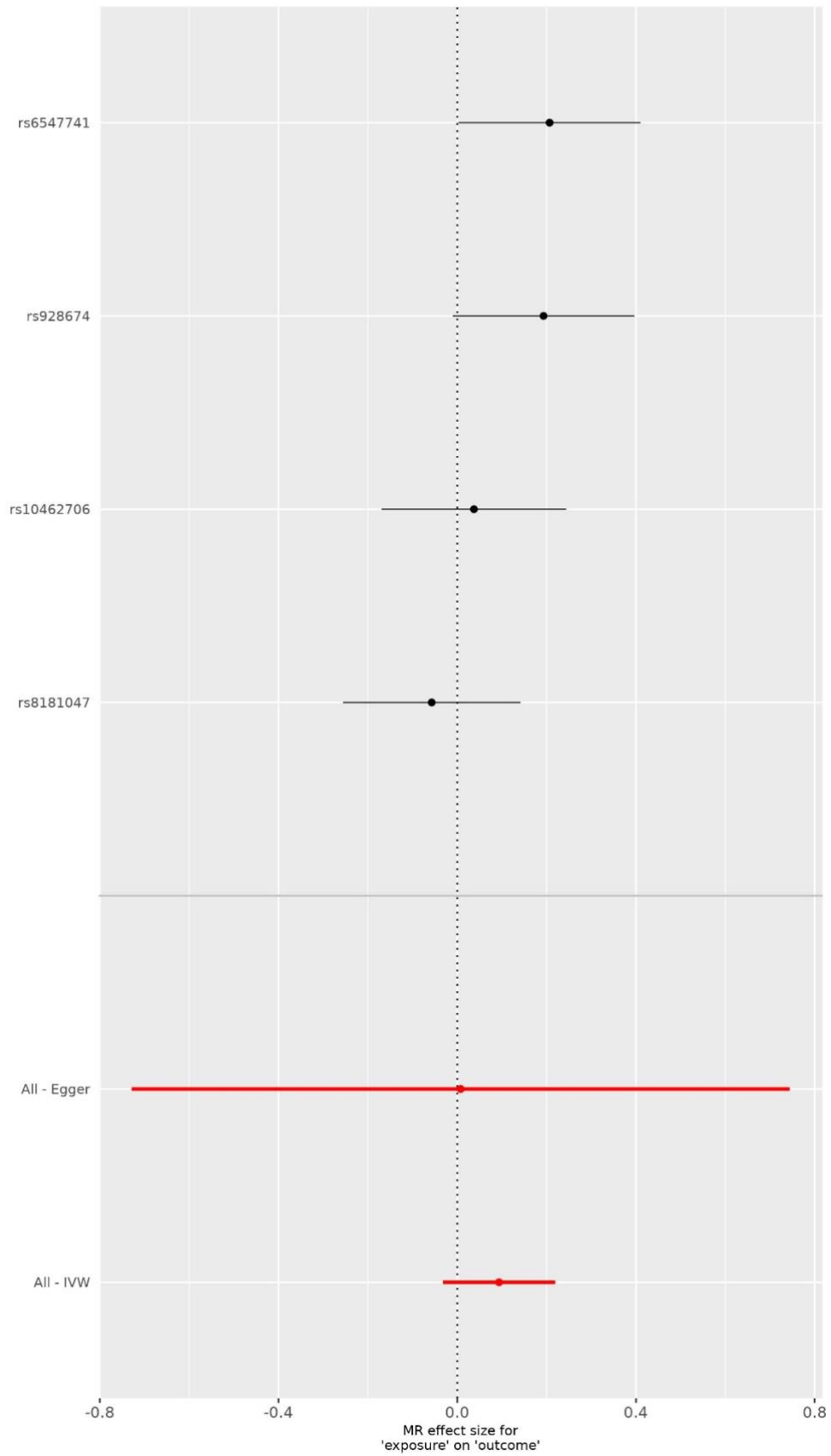
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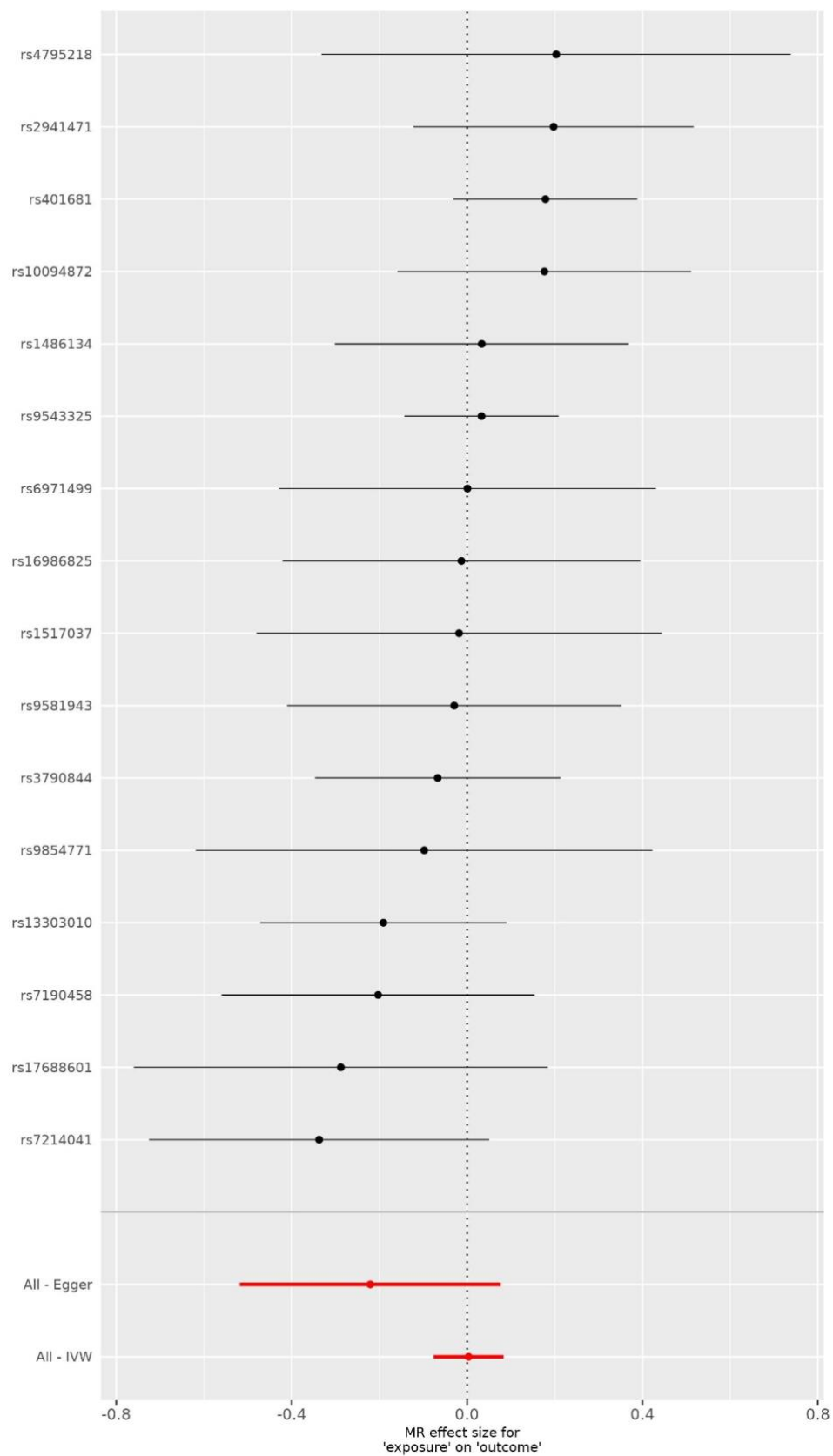
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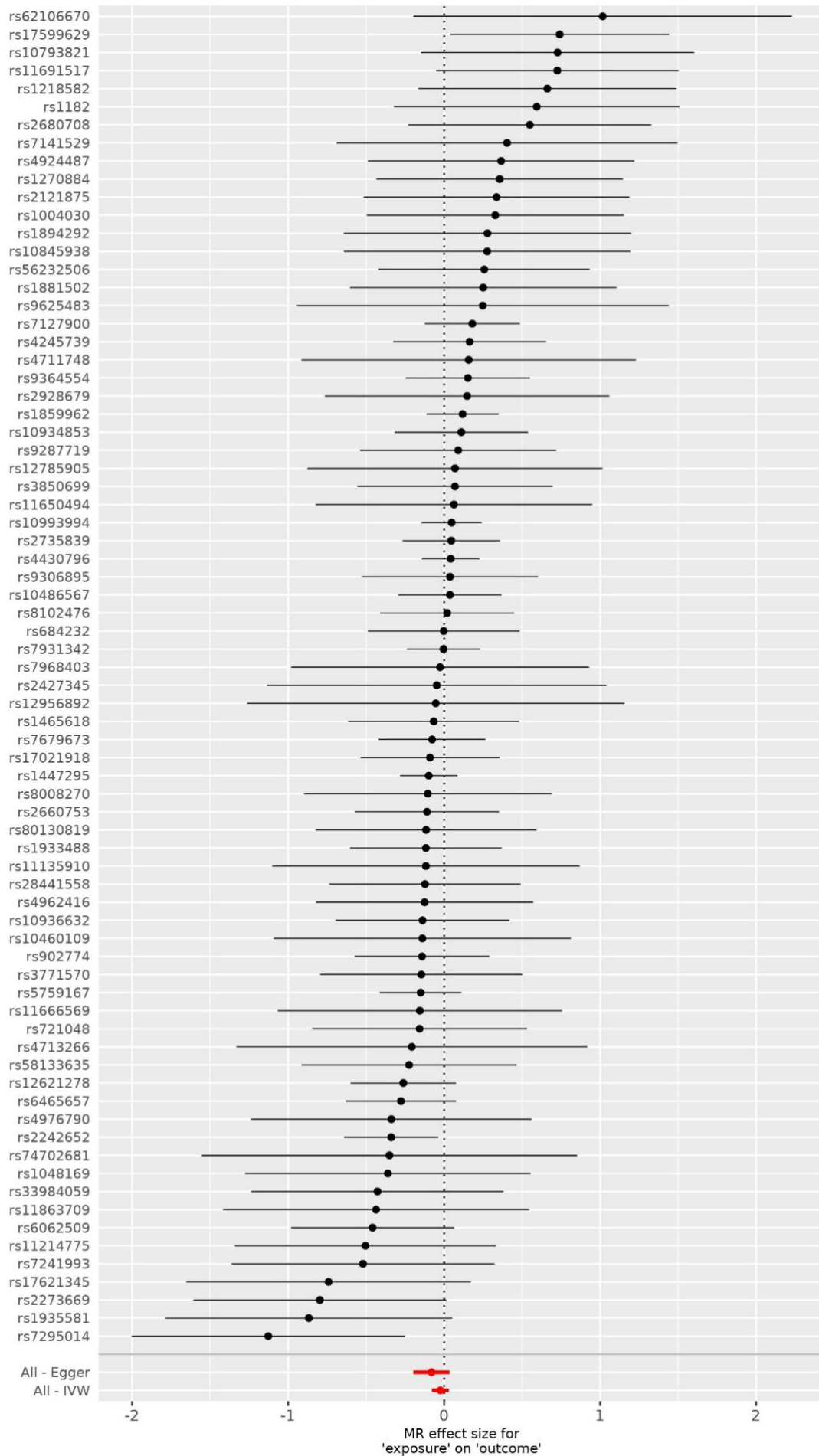


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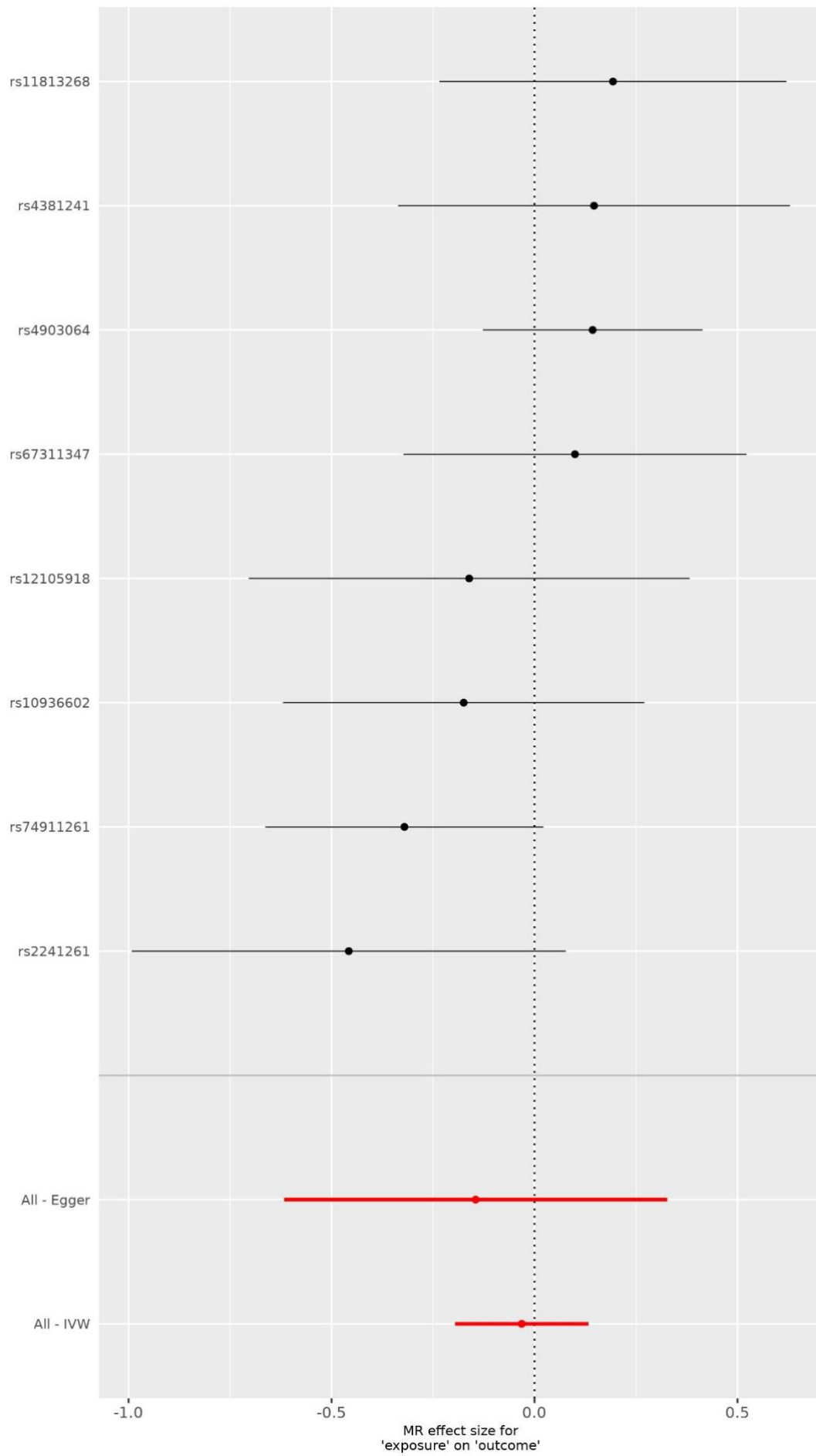




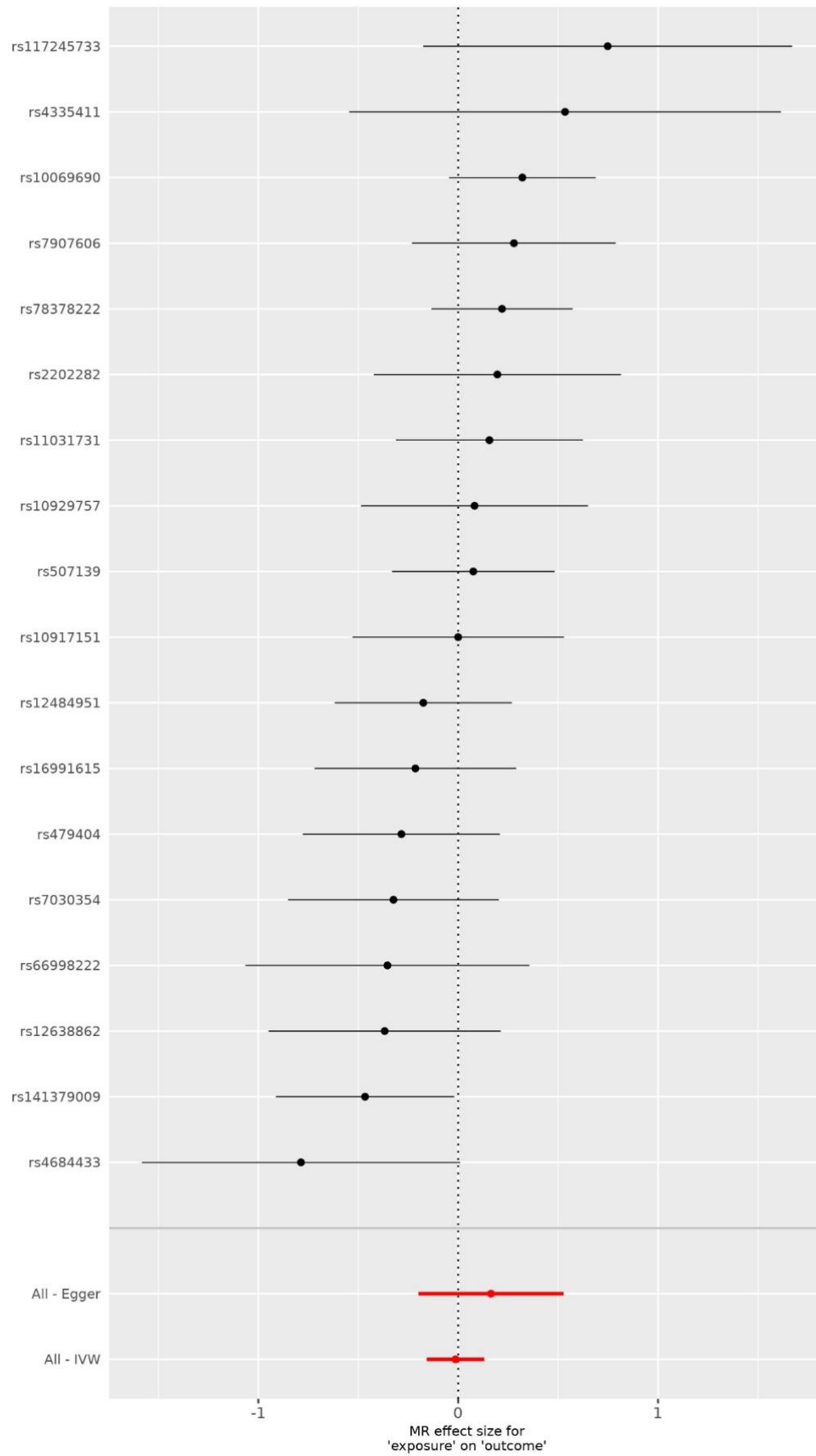
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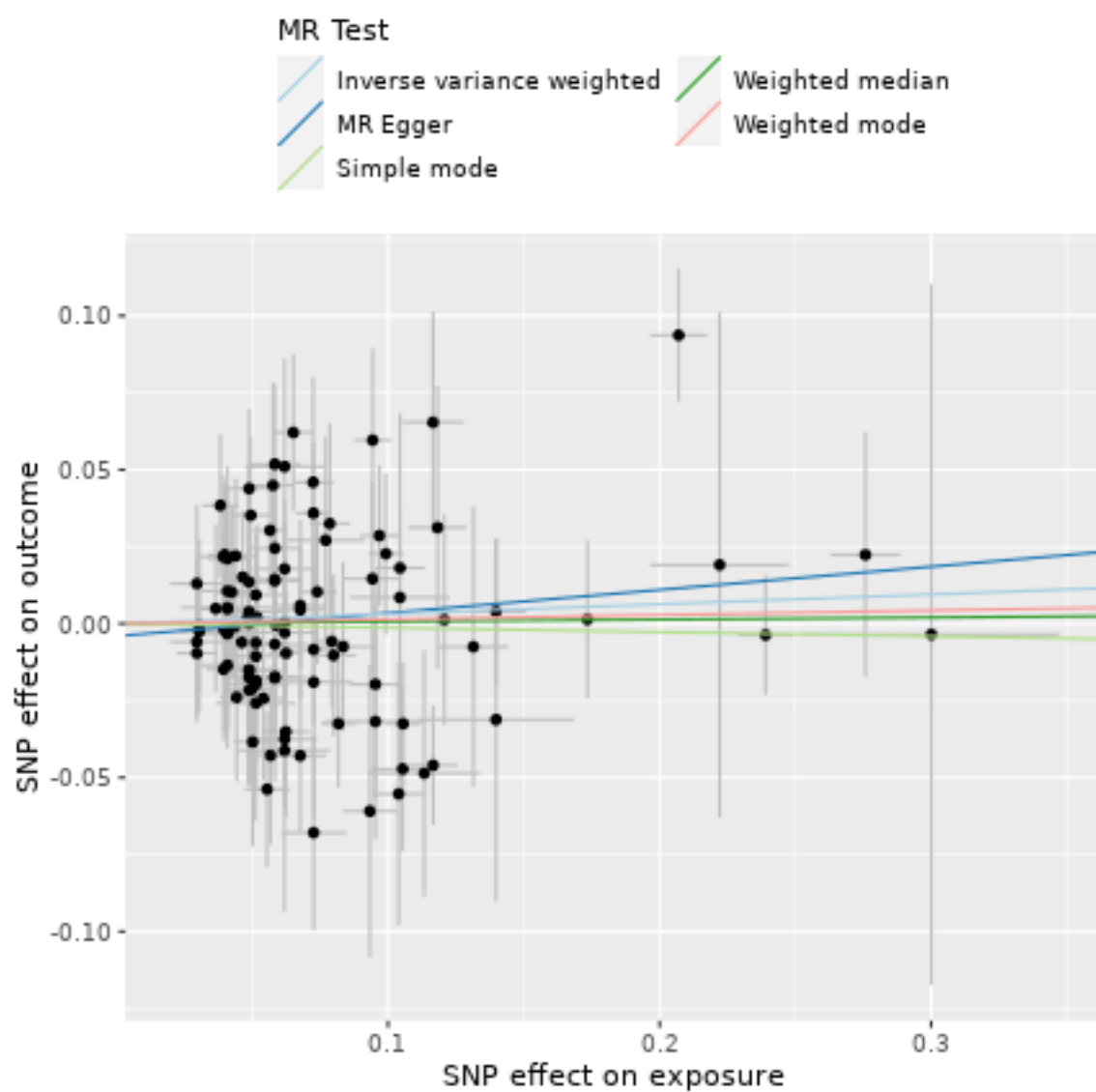
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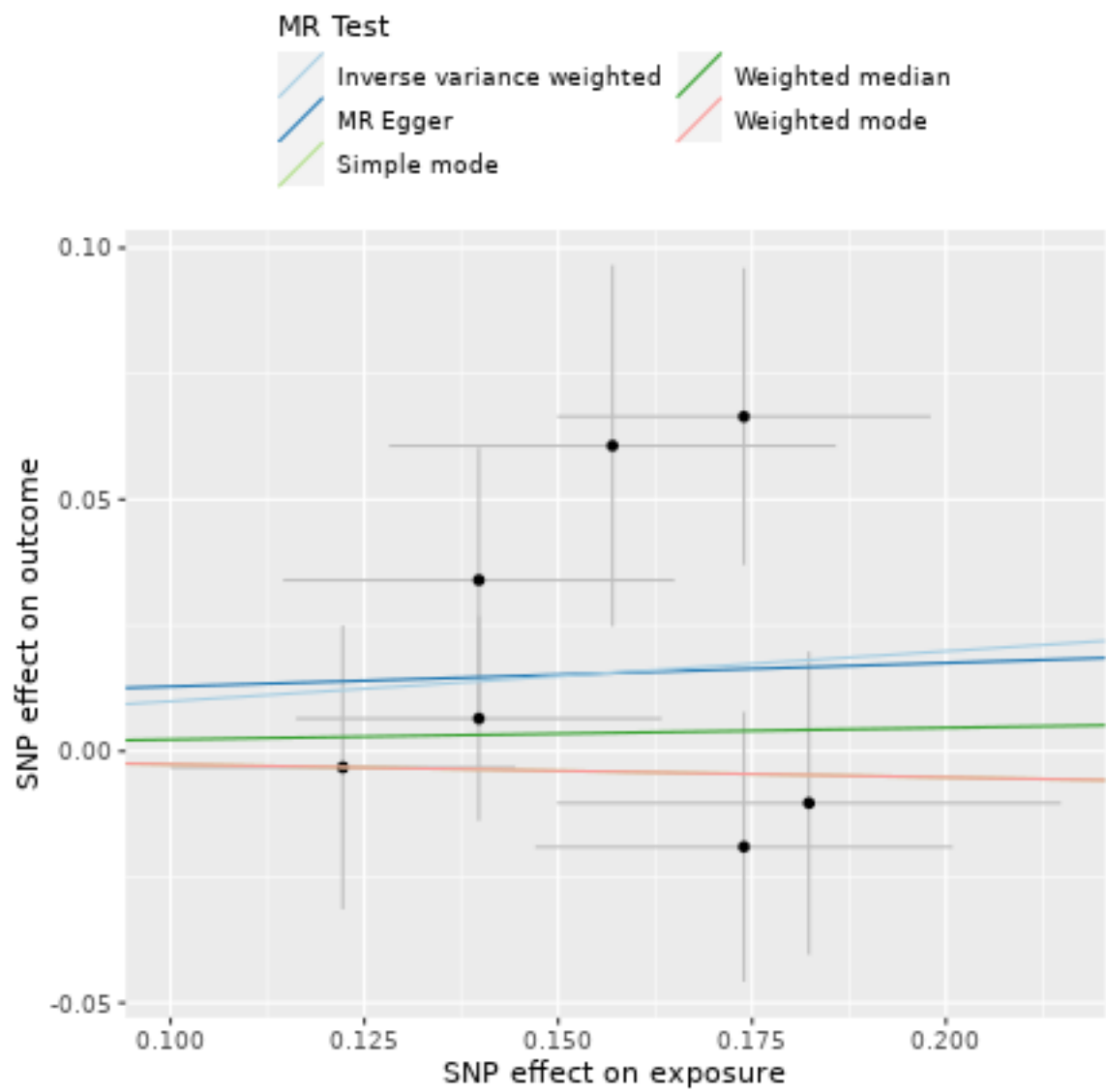
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A plot relating the effect sizes of the SNP-exposure association and the SNP-outcome associations with standard error bars. Lines correspond to causal estimates using each of the methods.

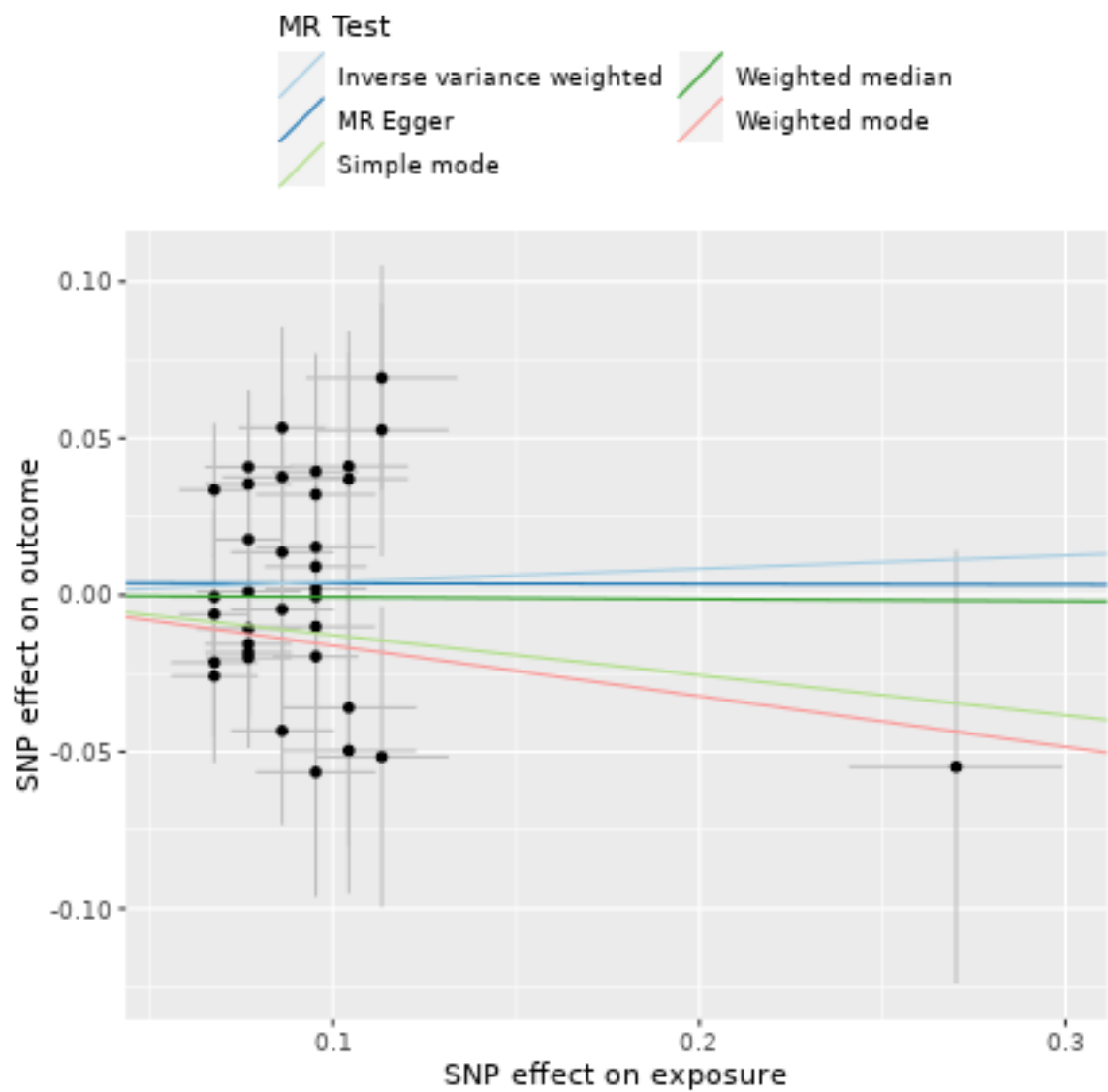
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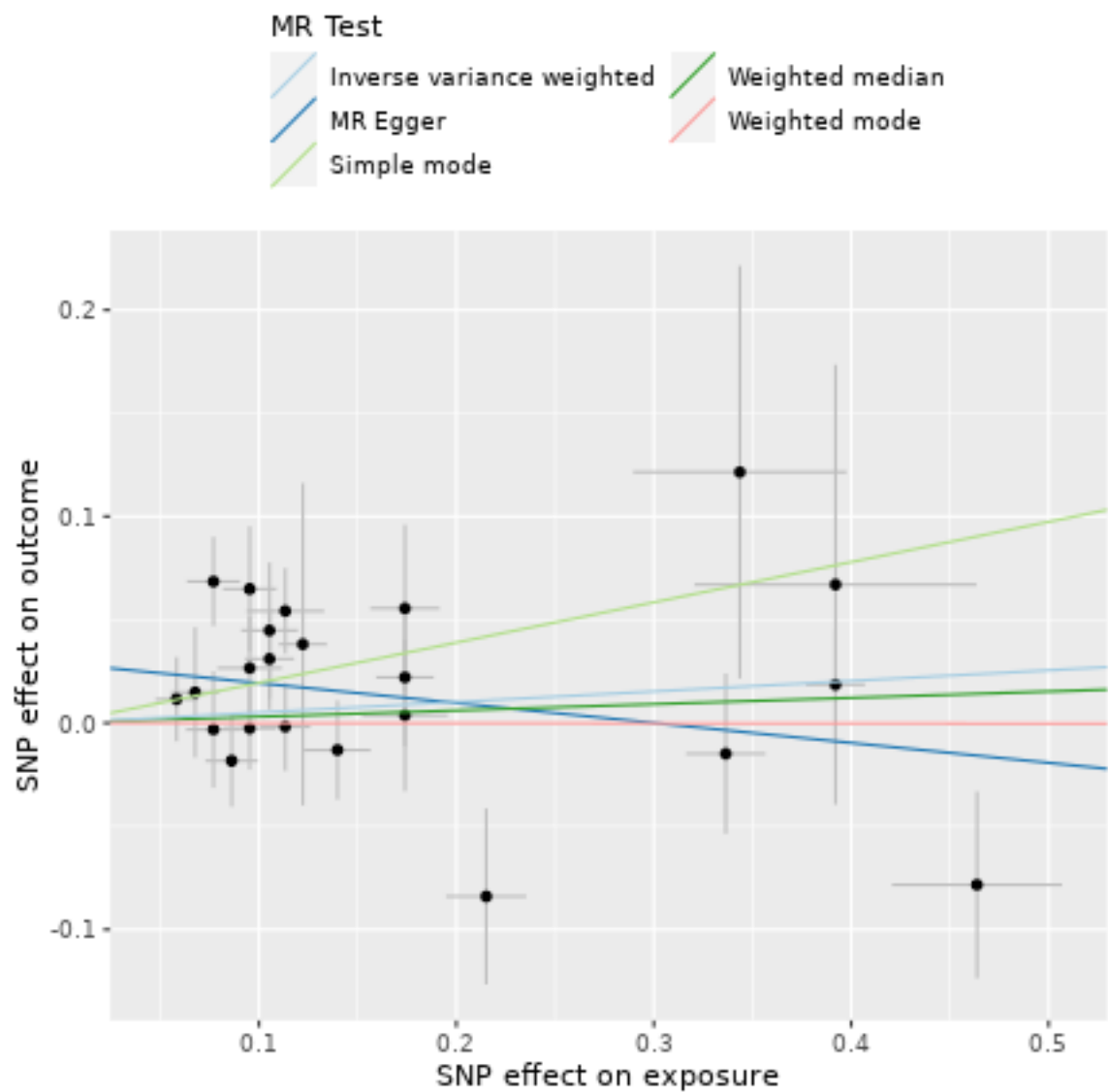
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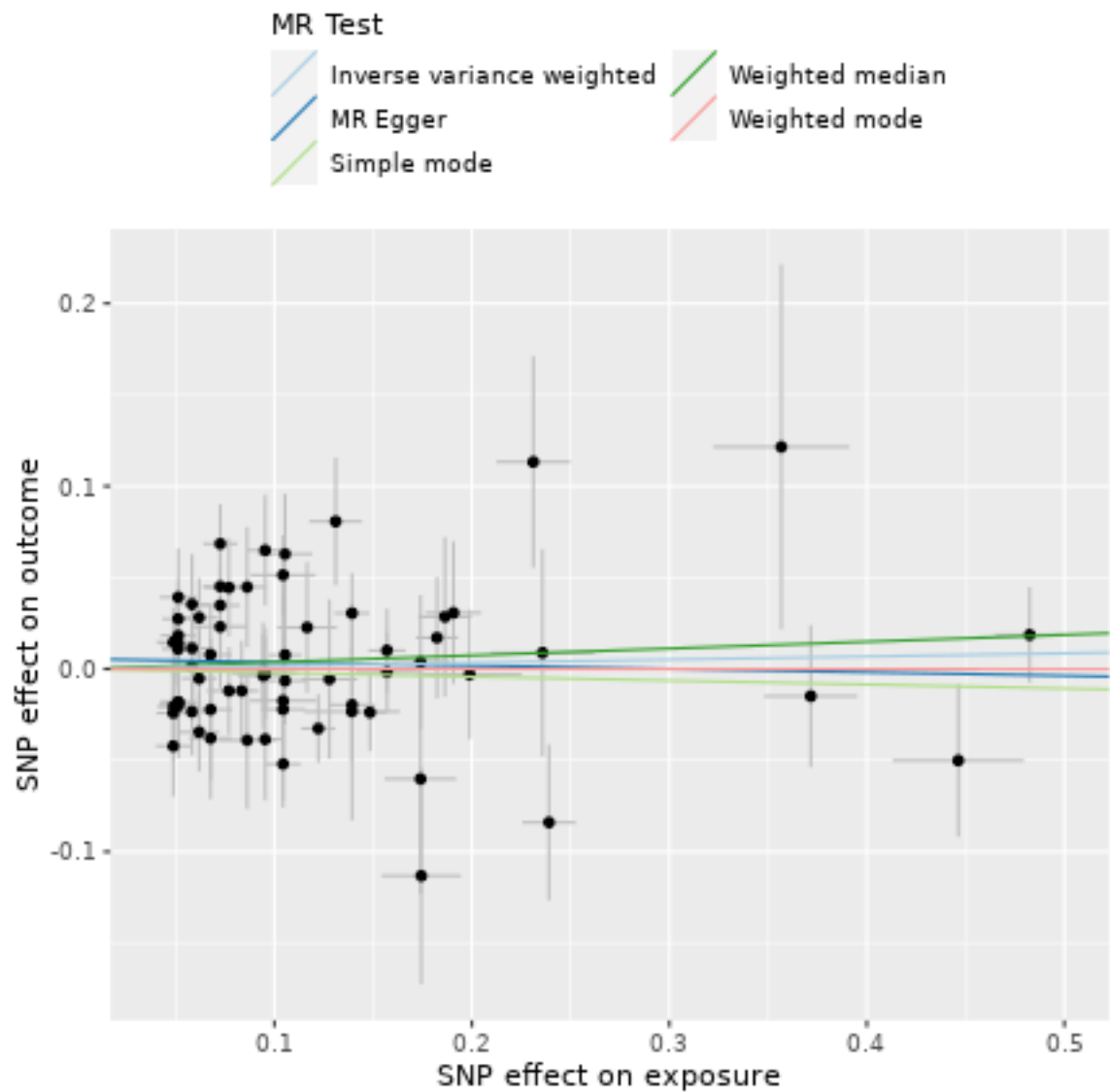


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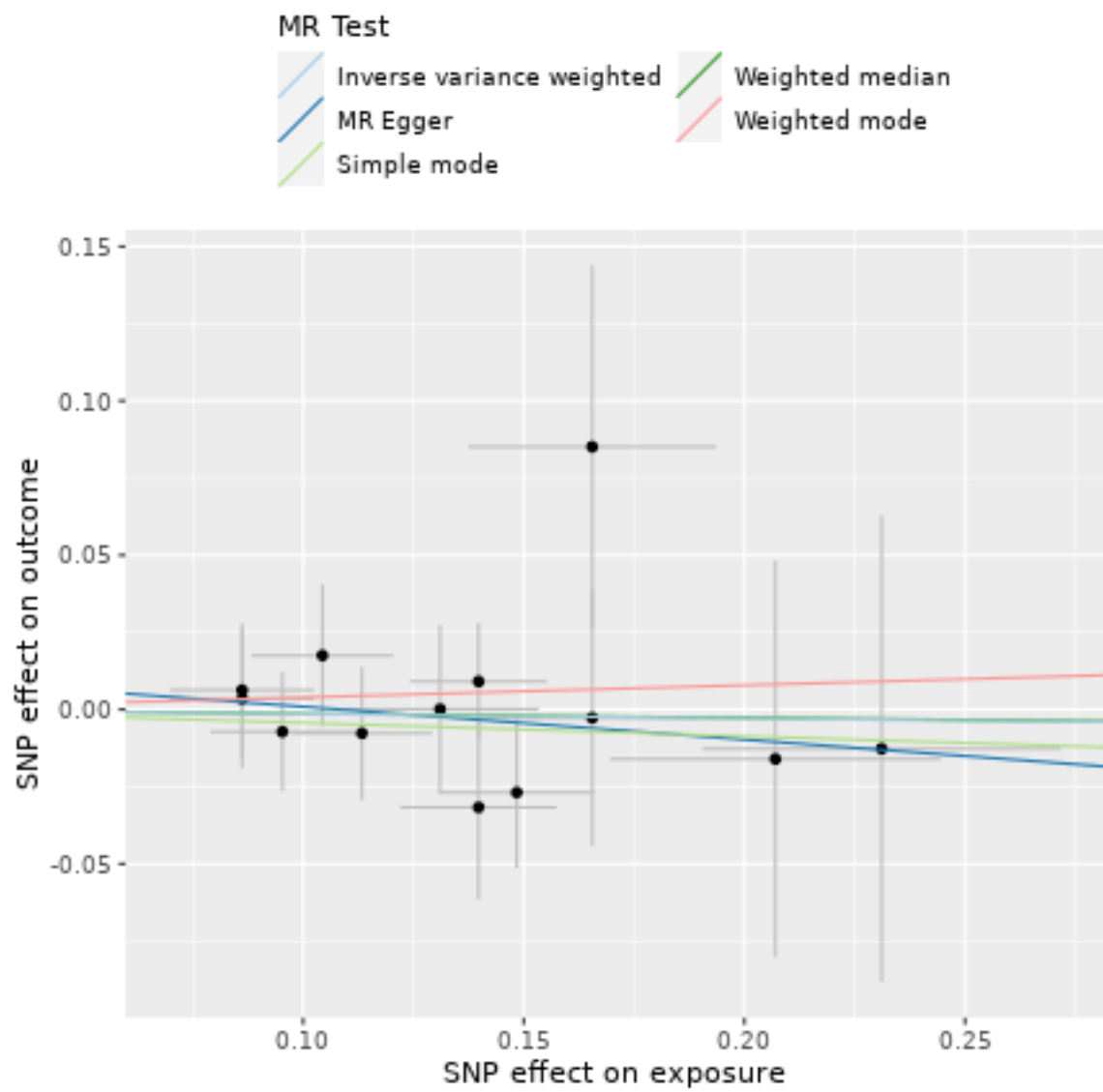




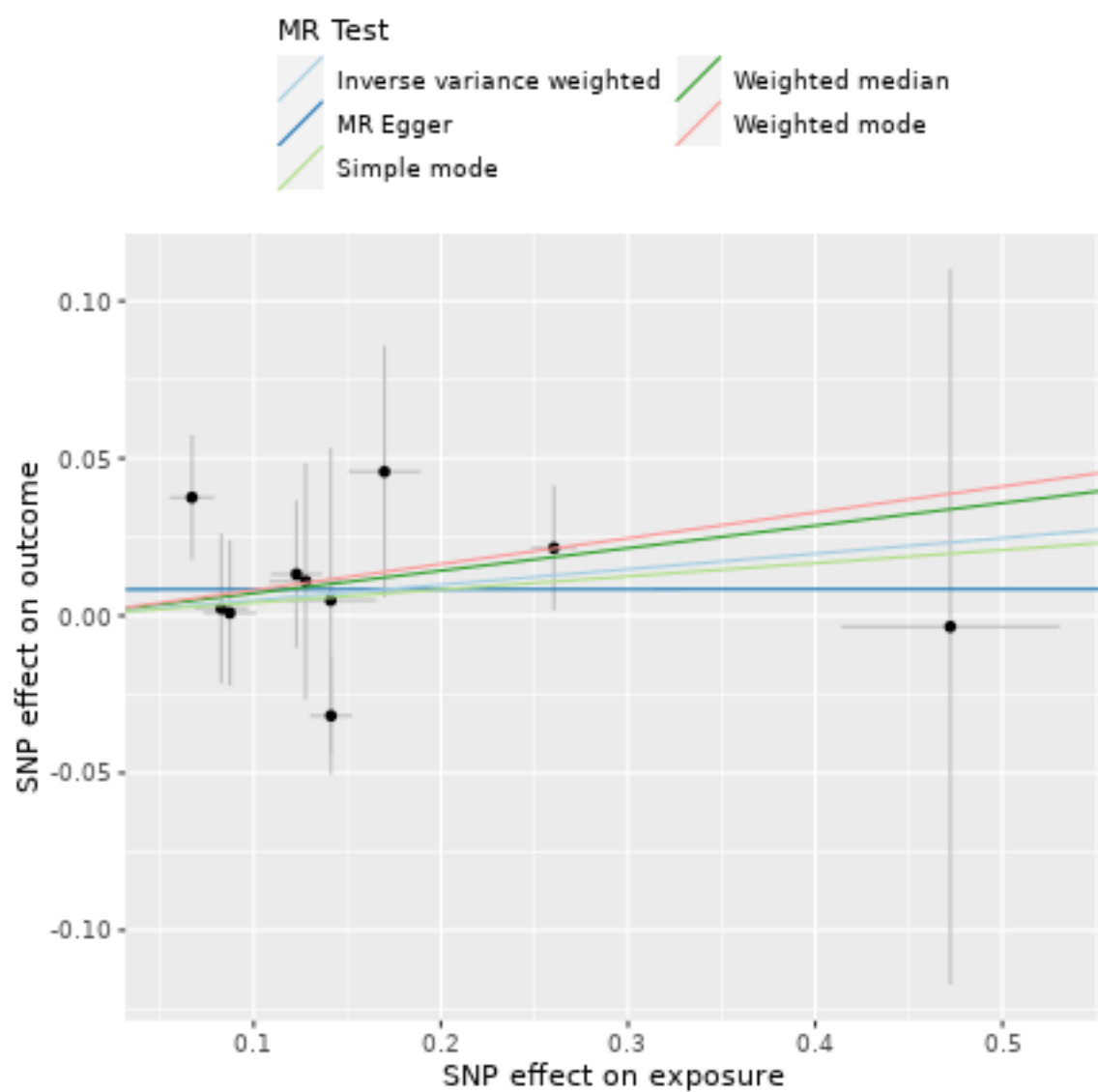
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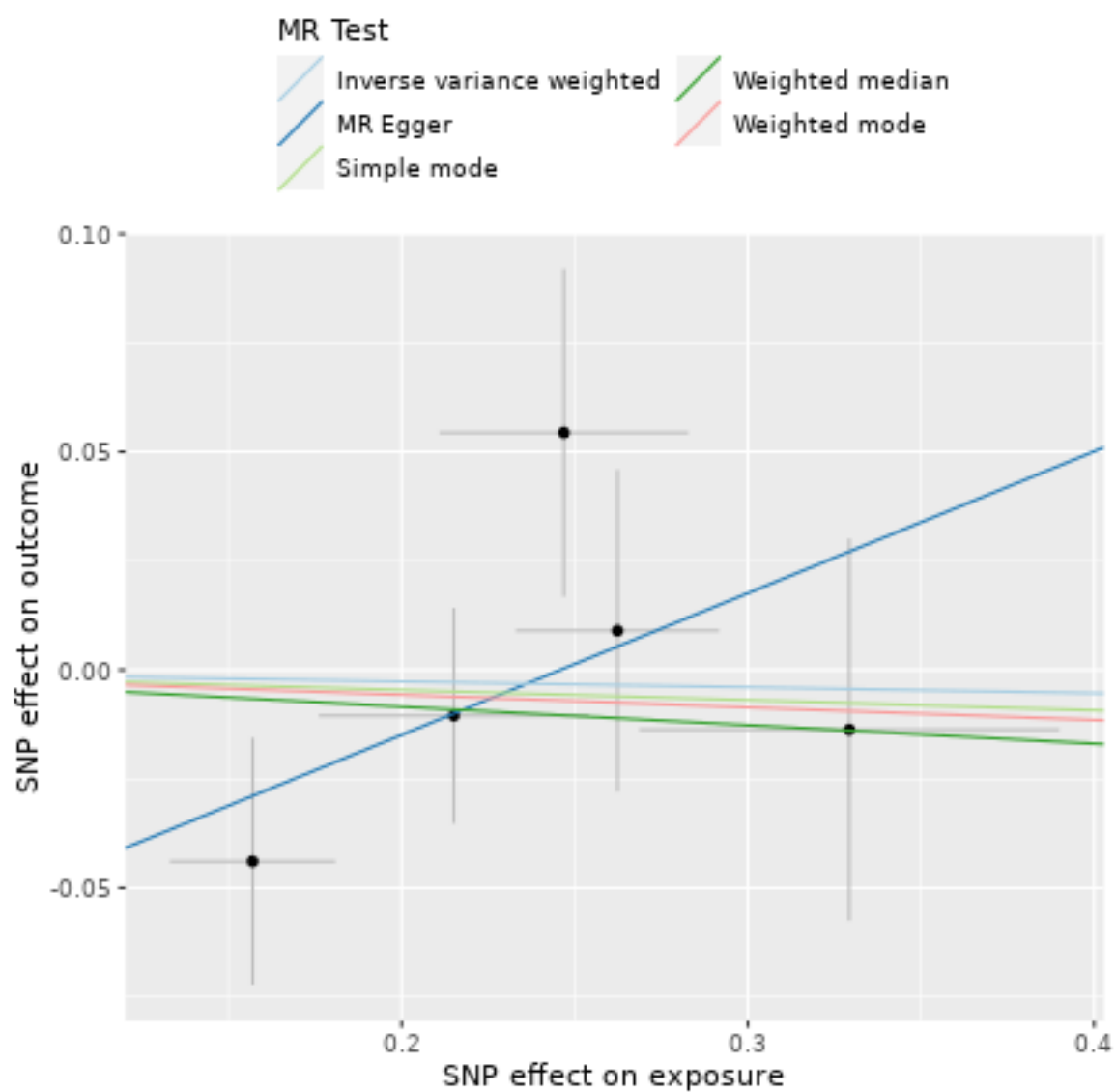
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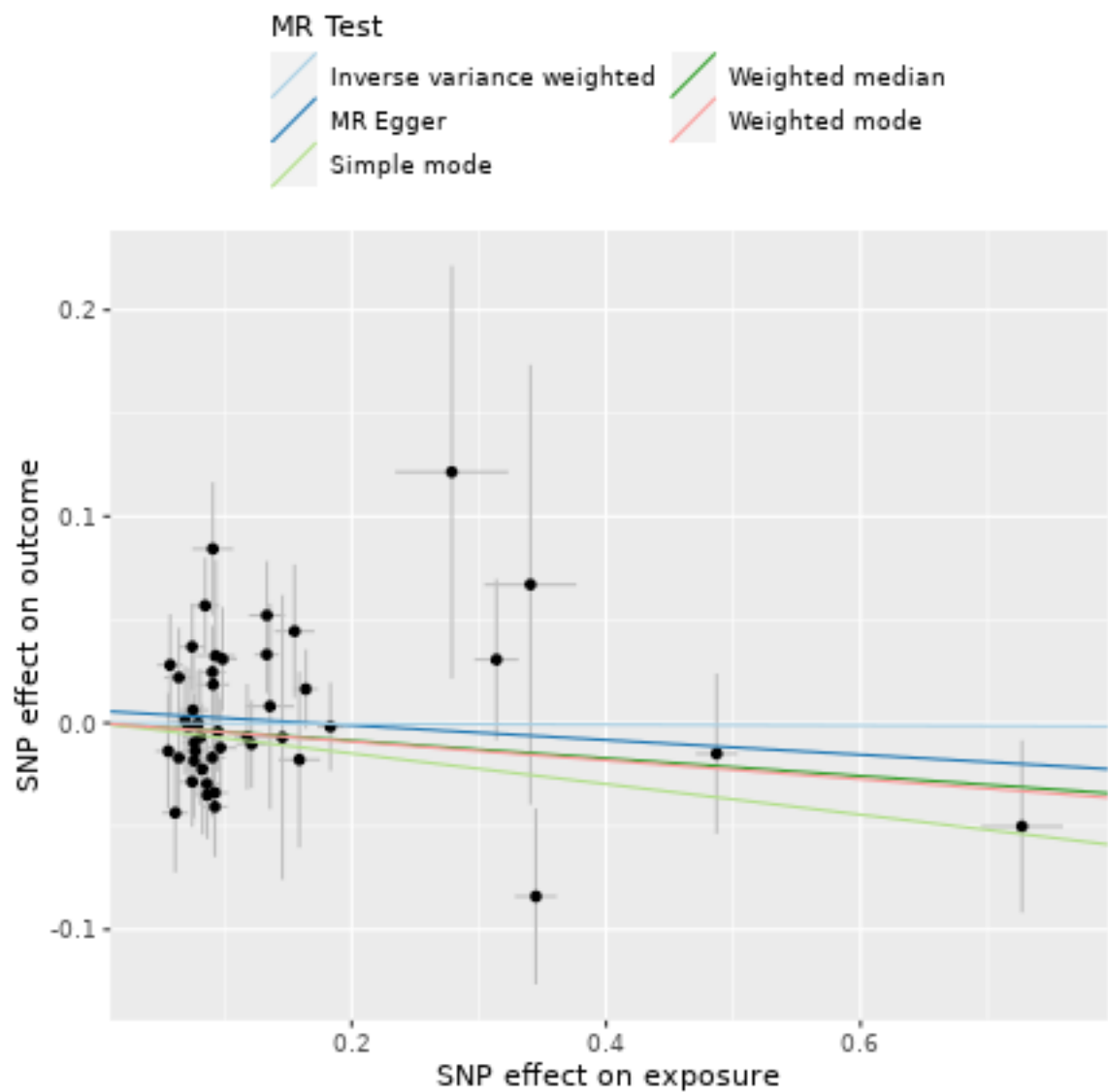
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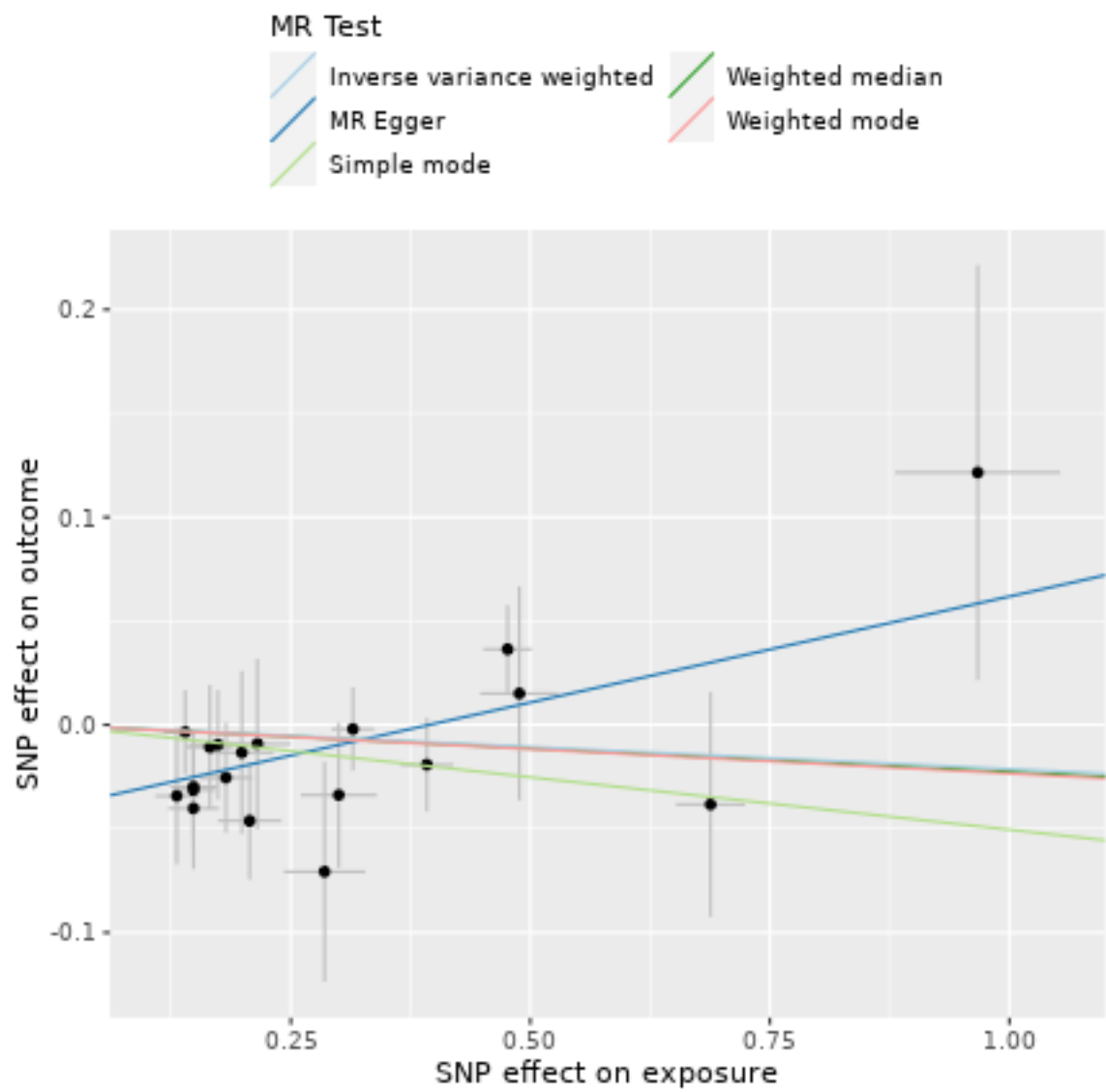
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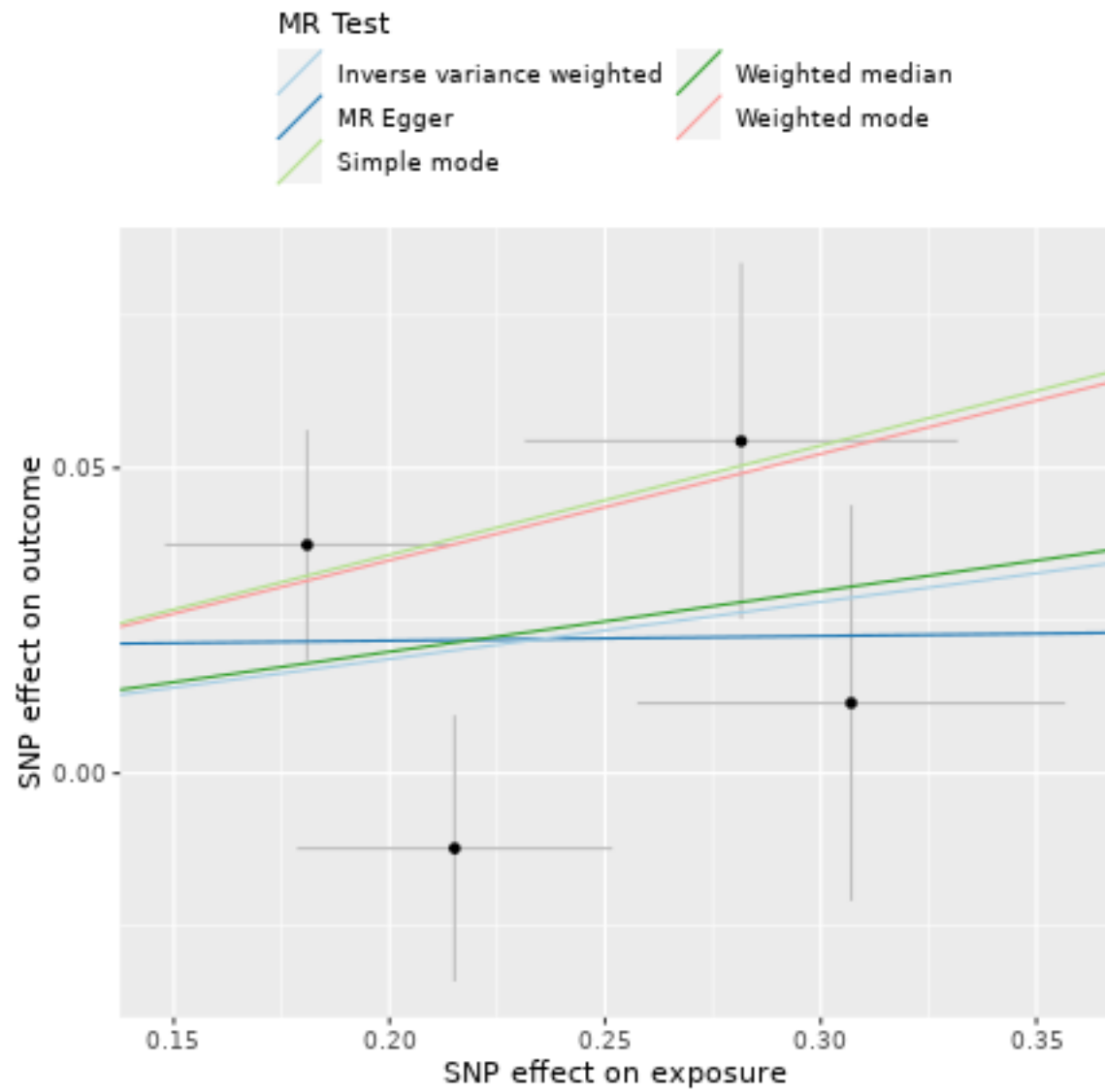
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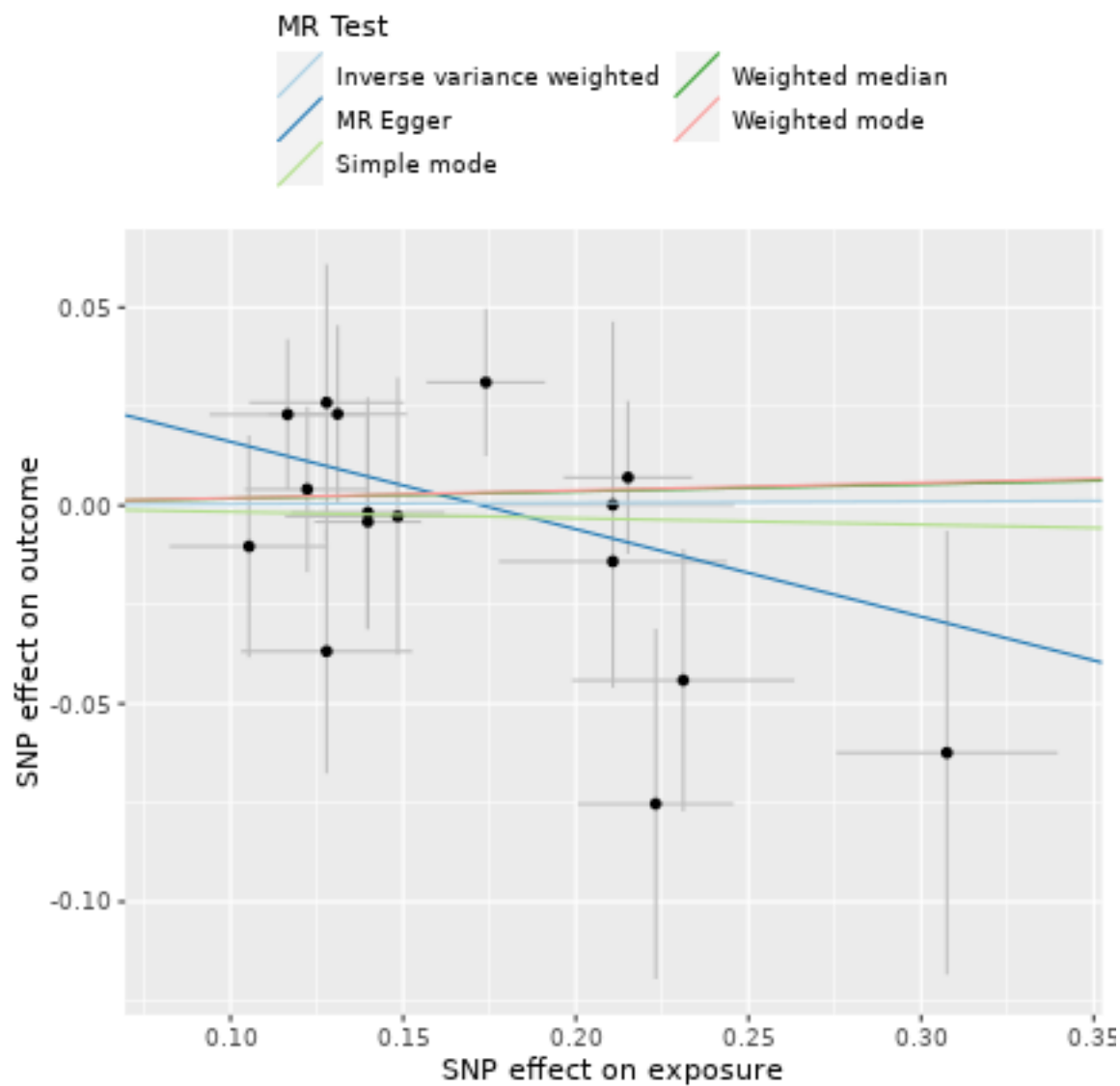
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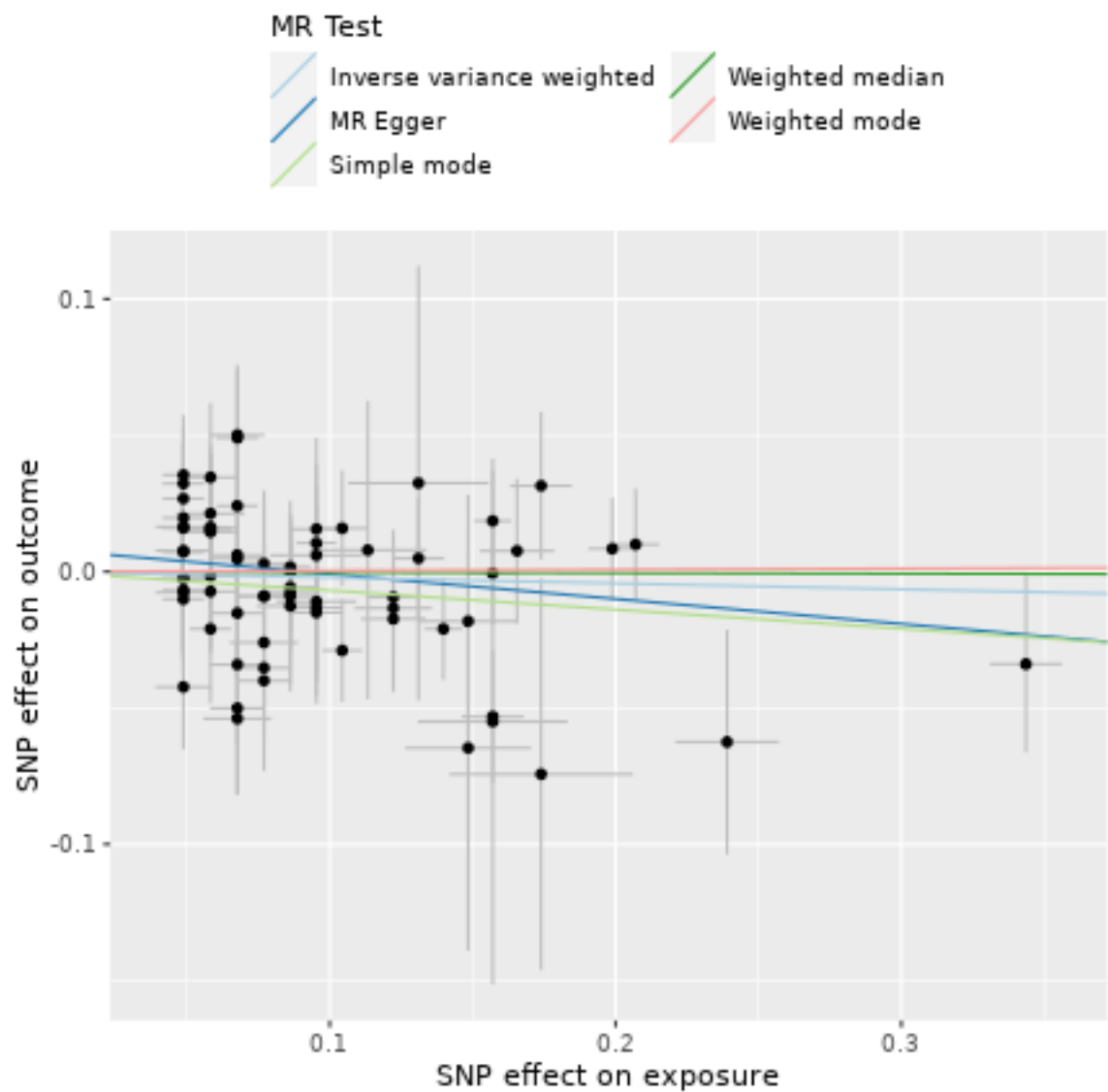


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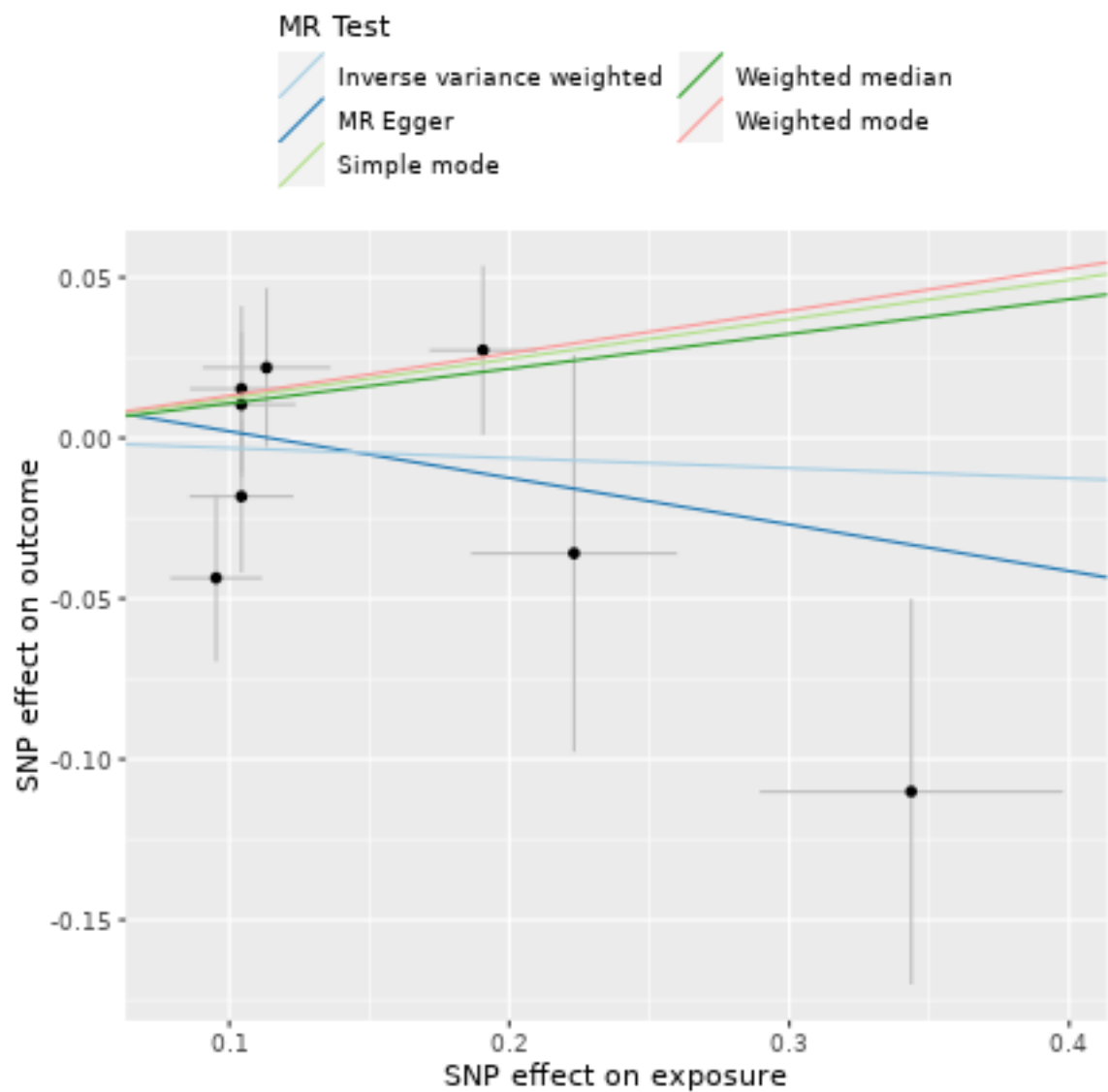




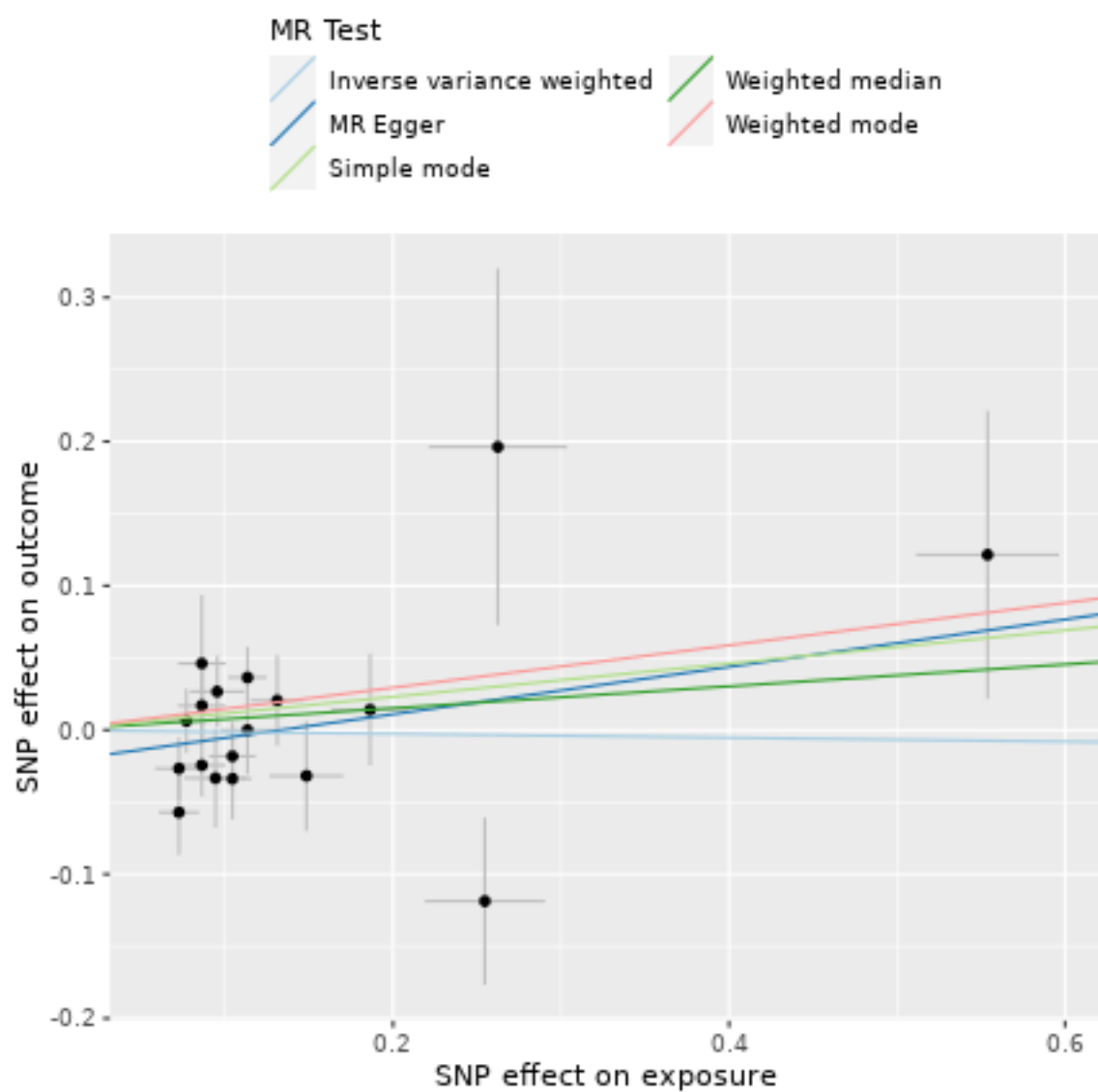
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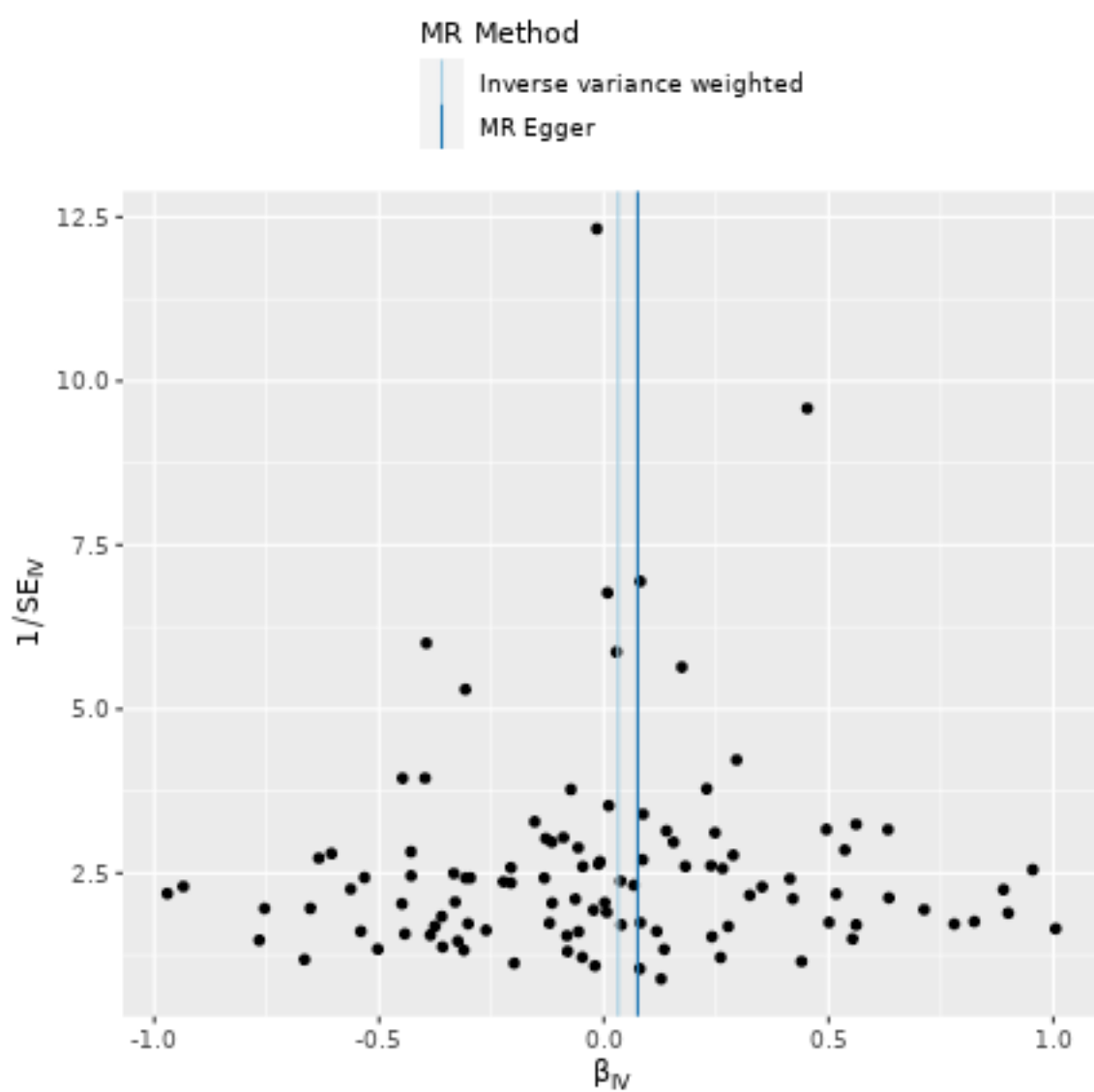
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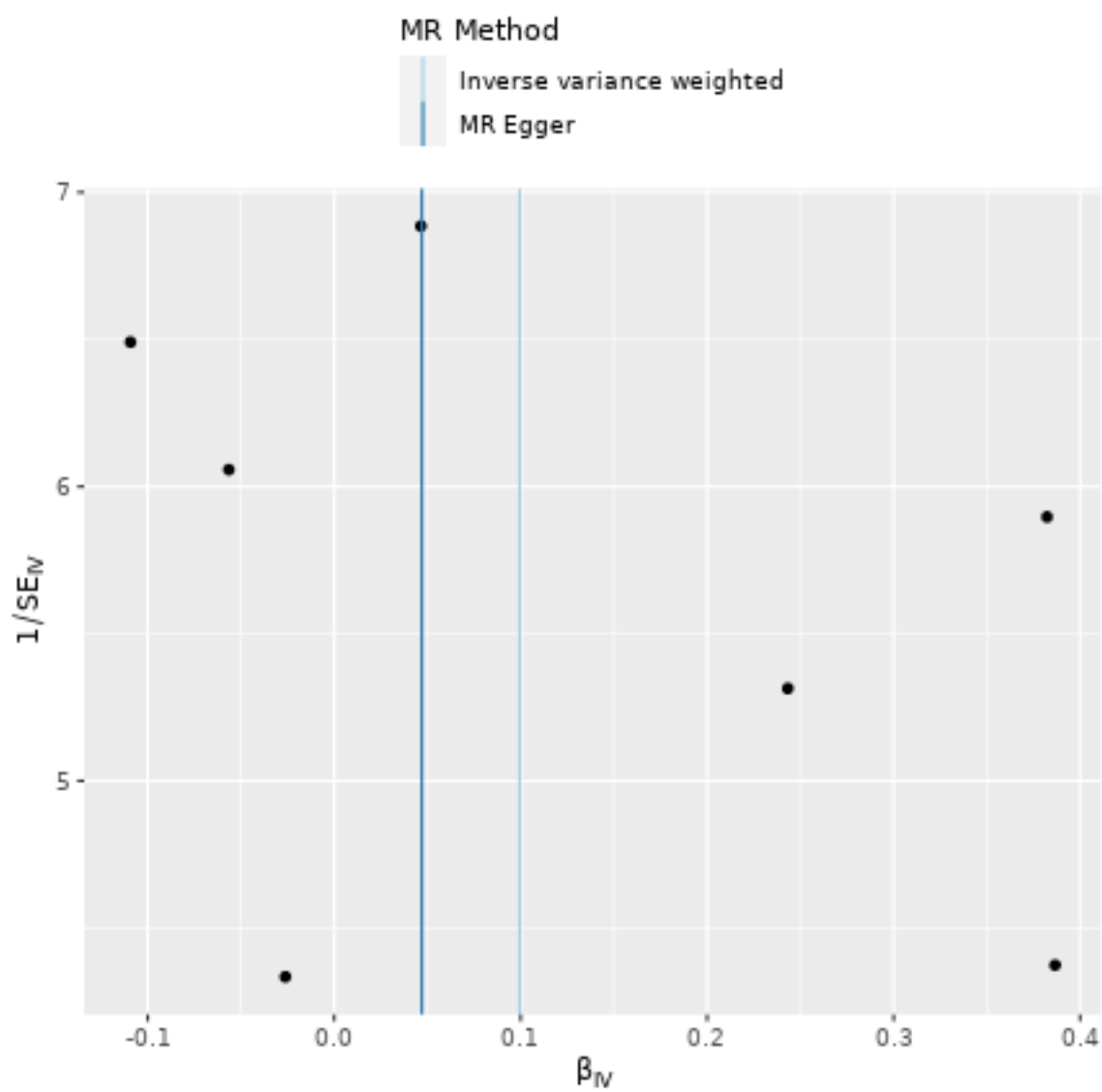
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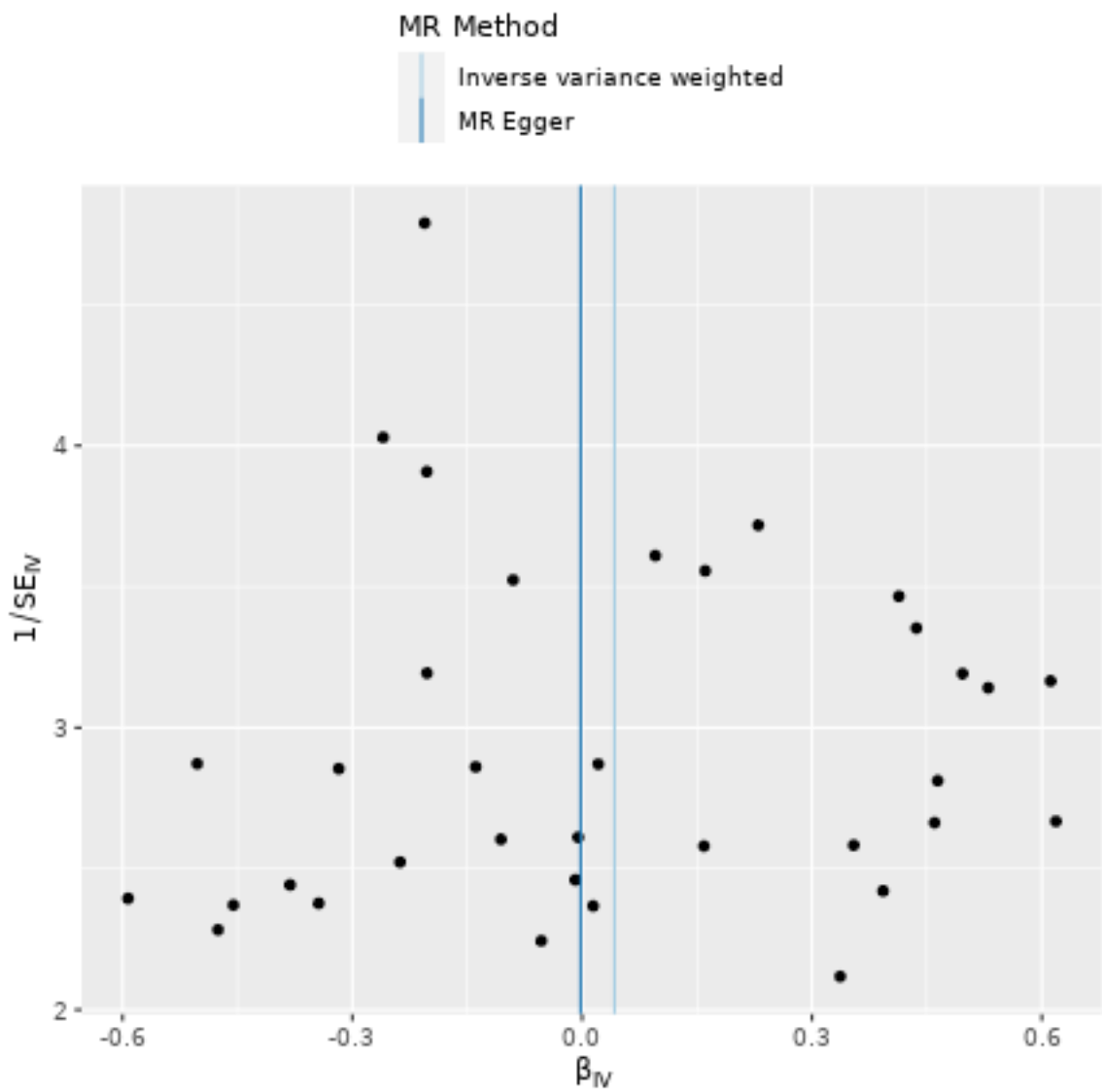
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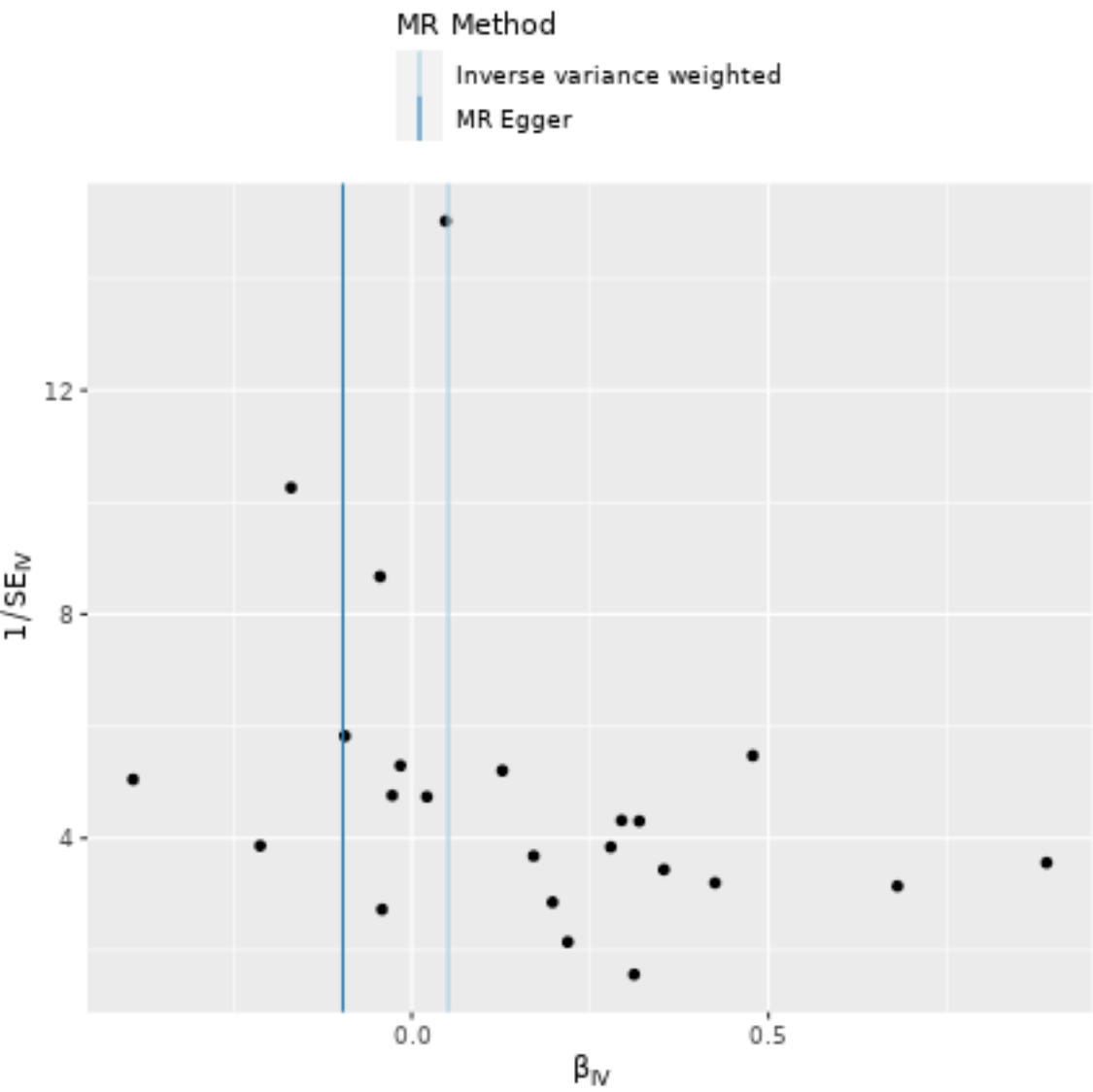
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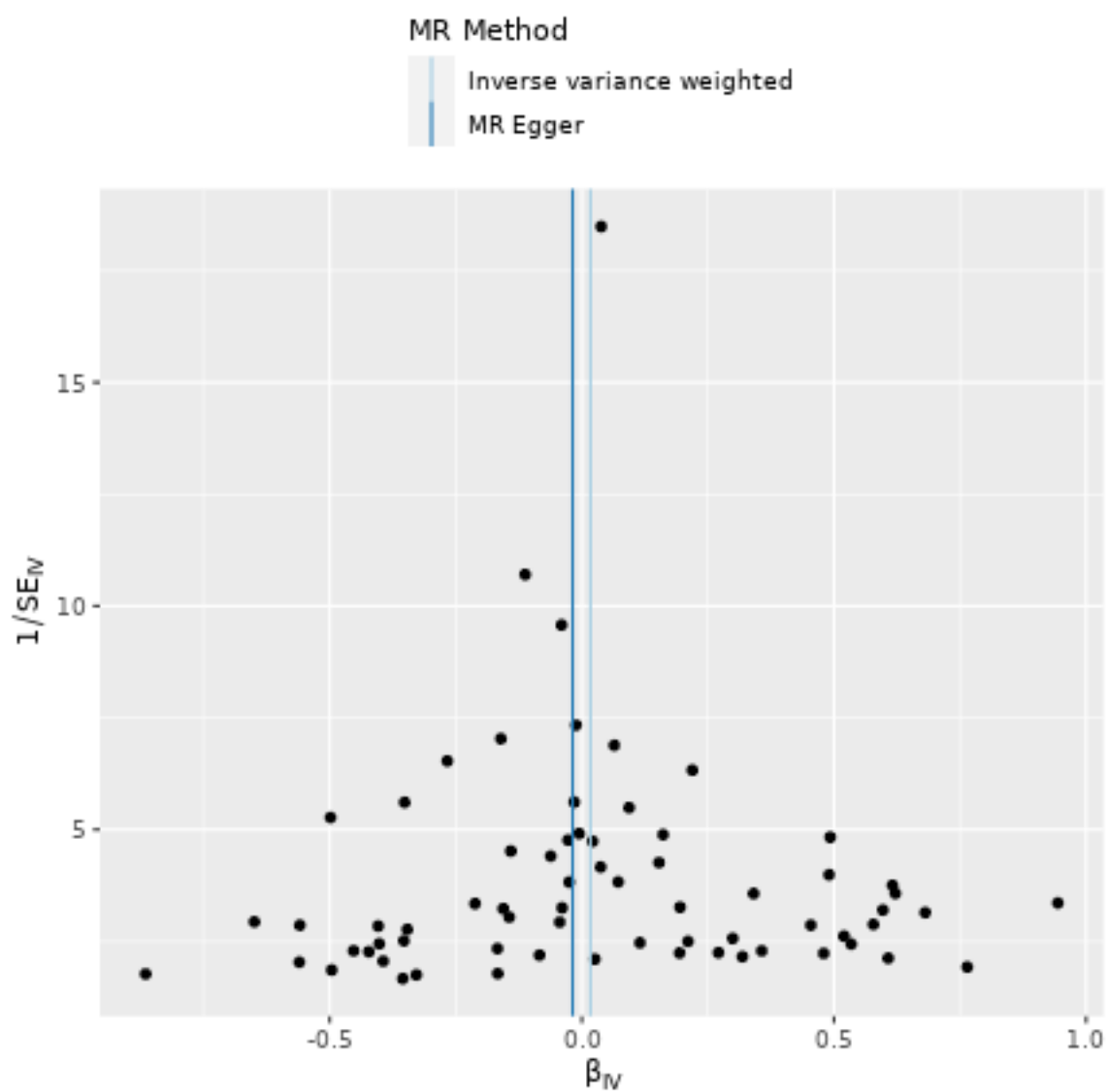


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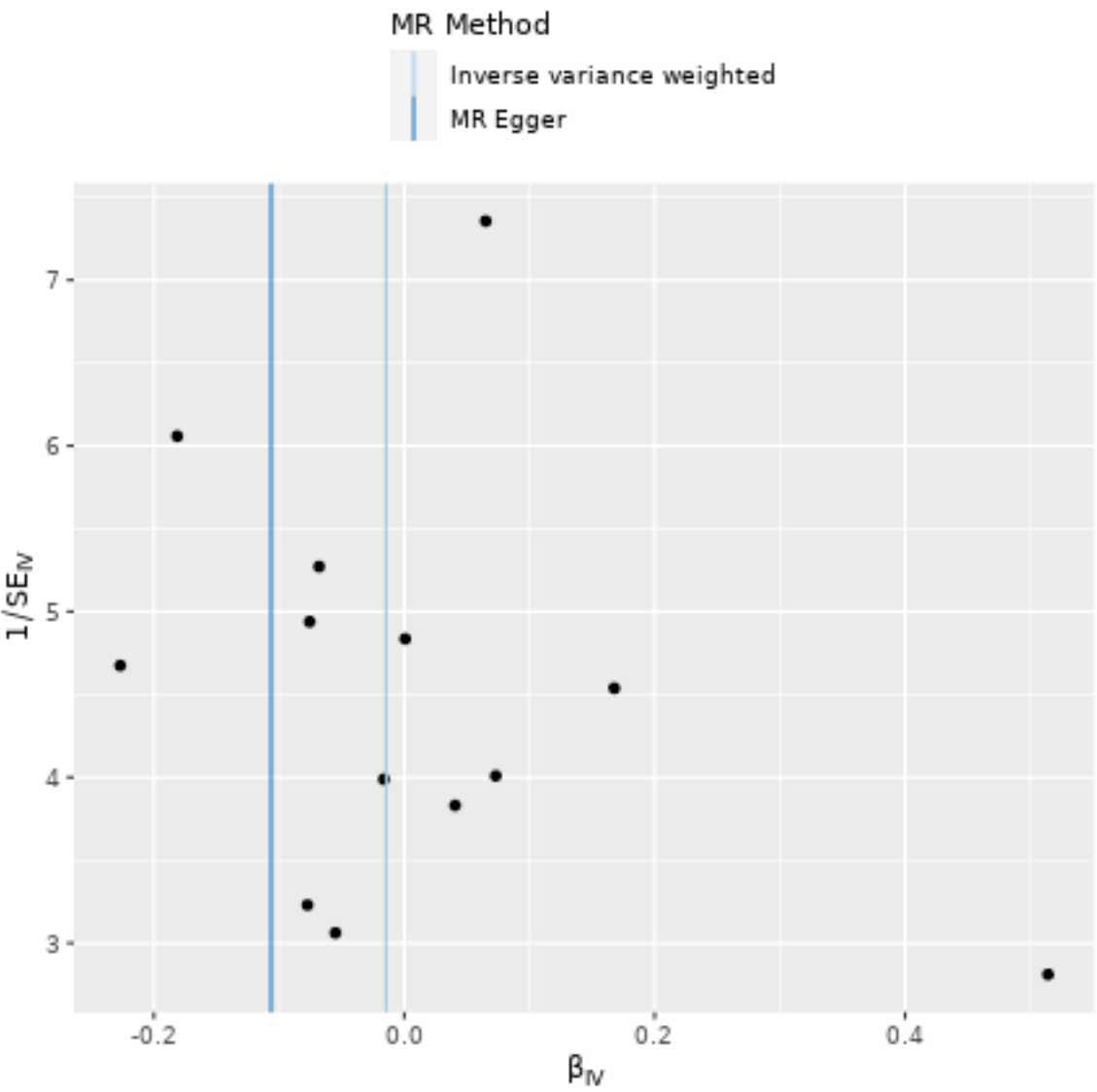




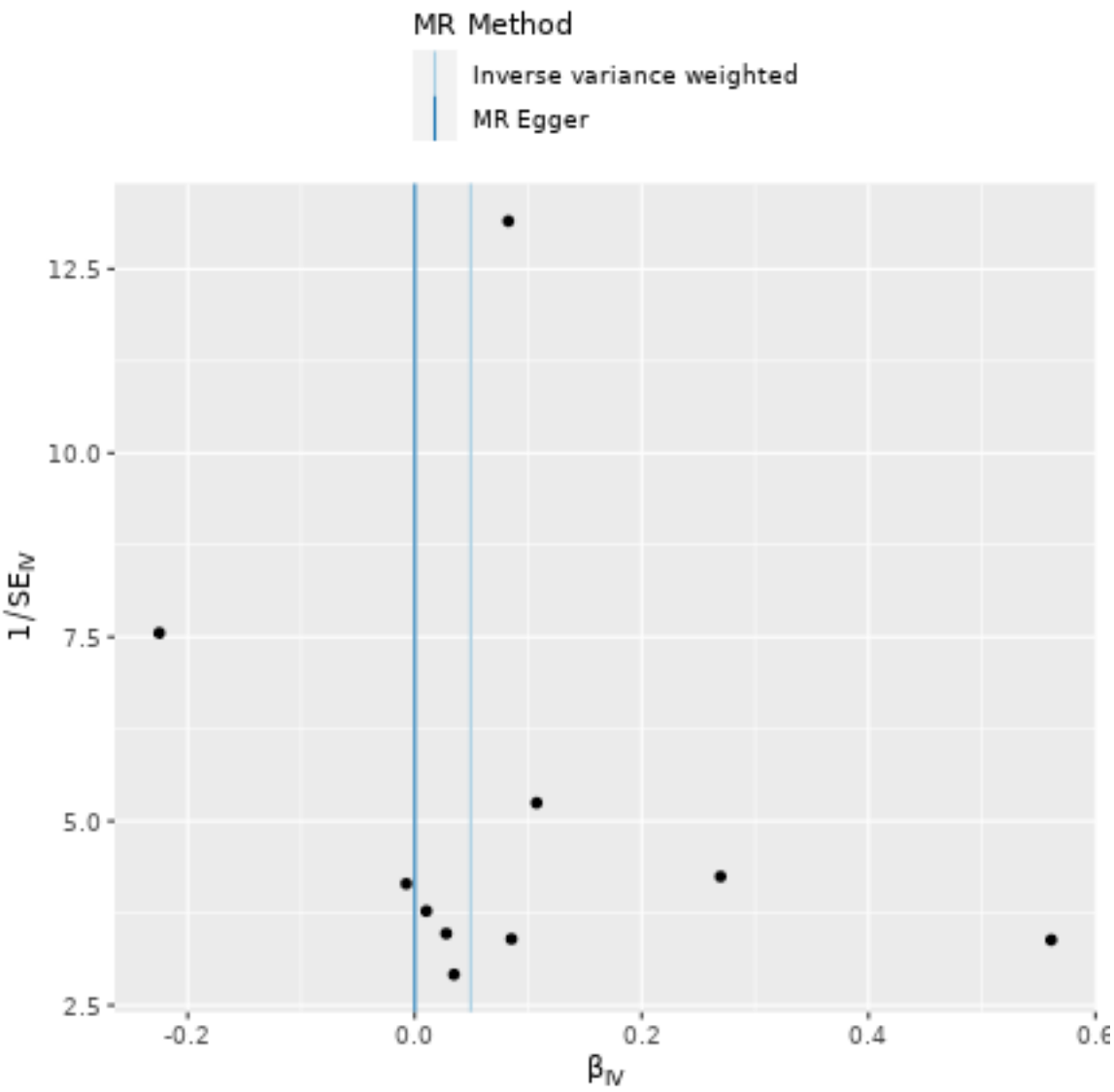
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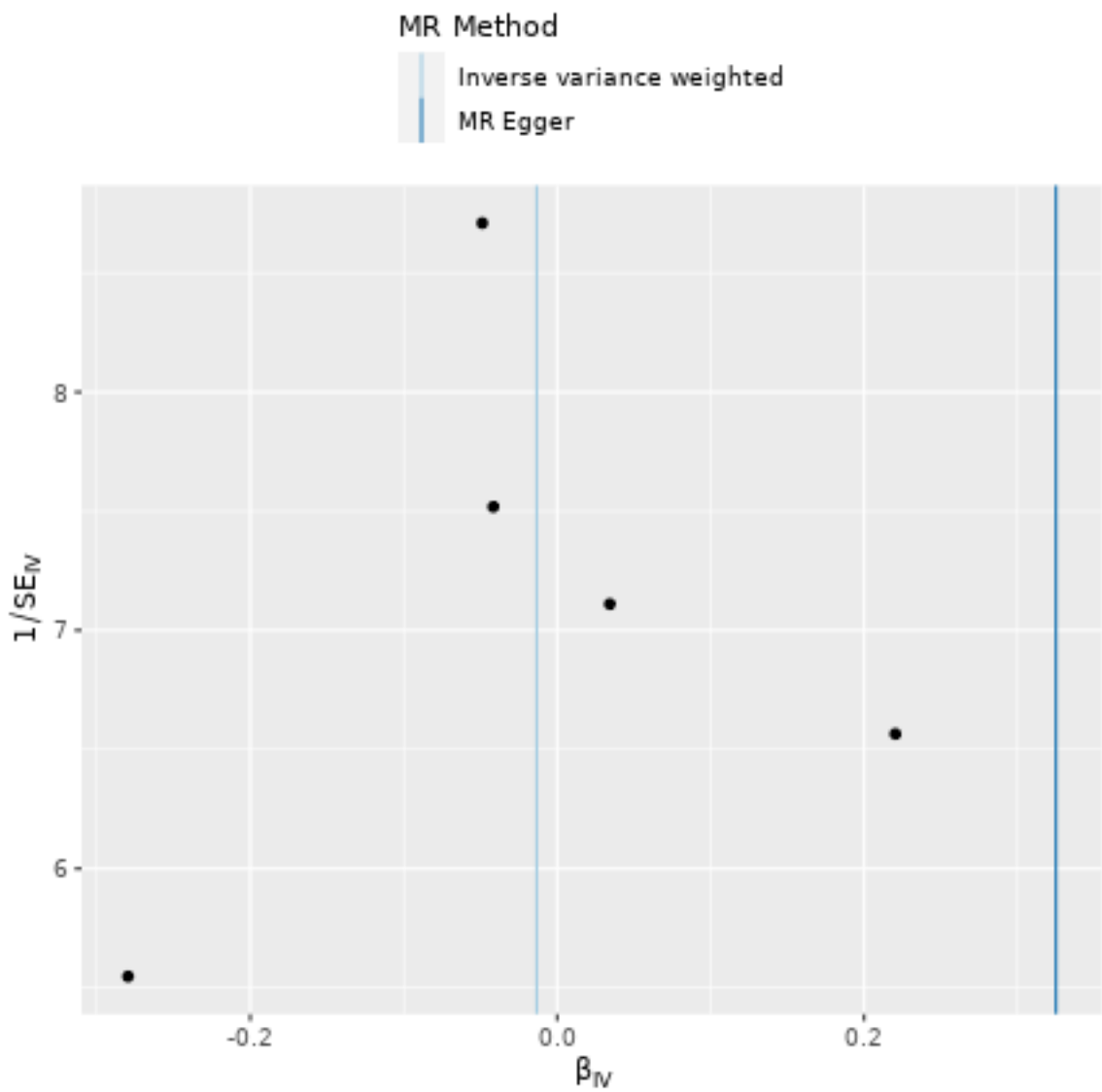
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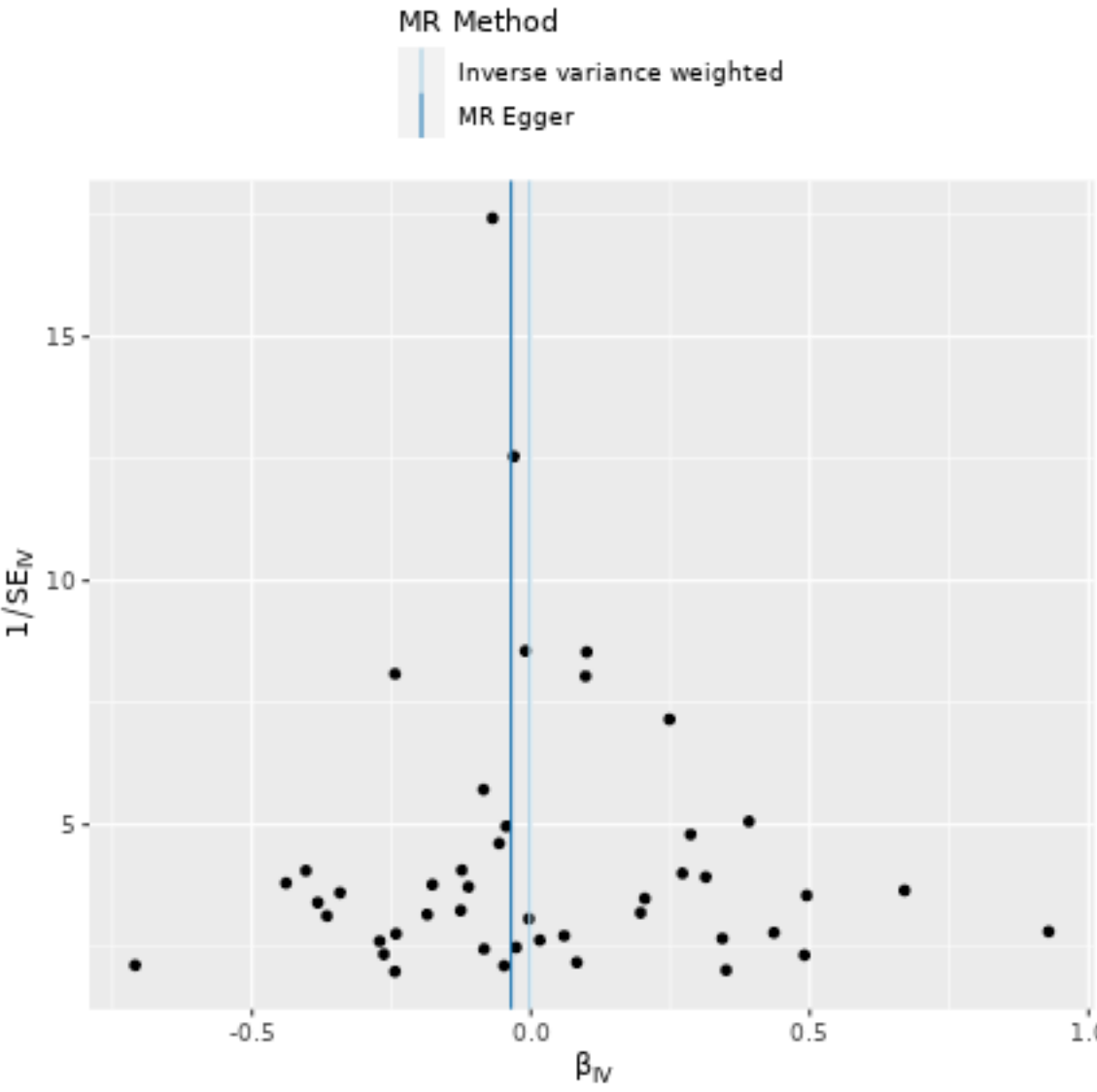
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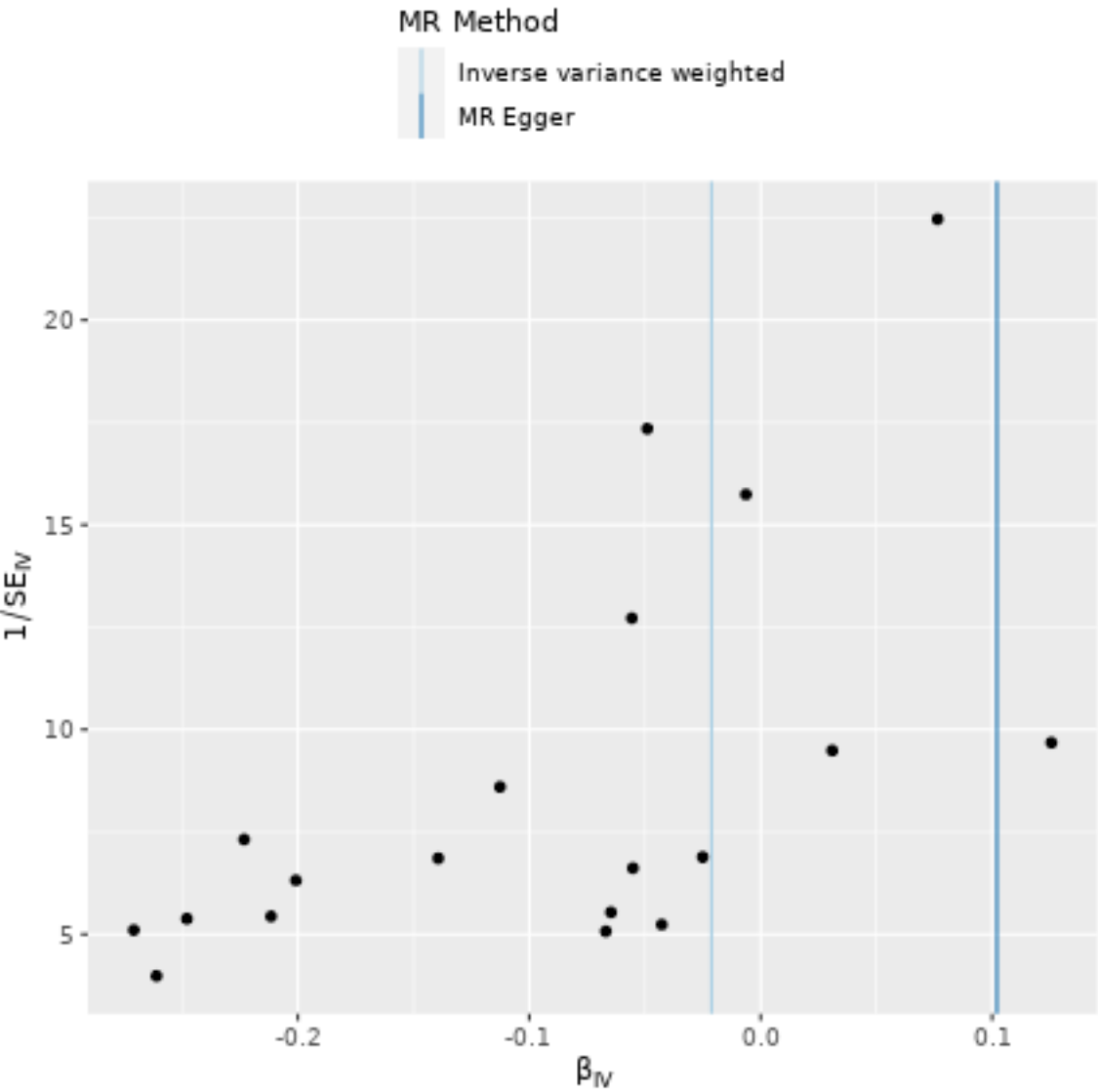
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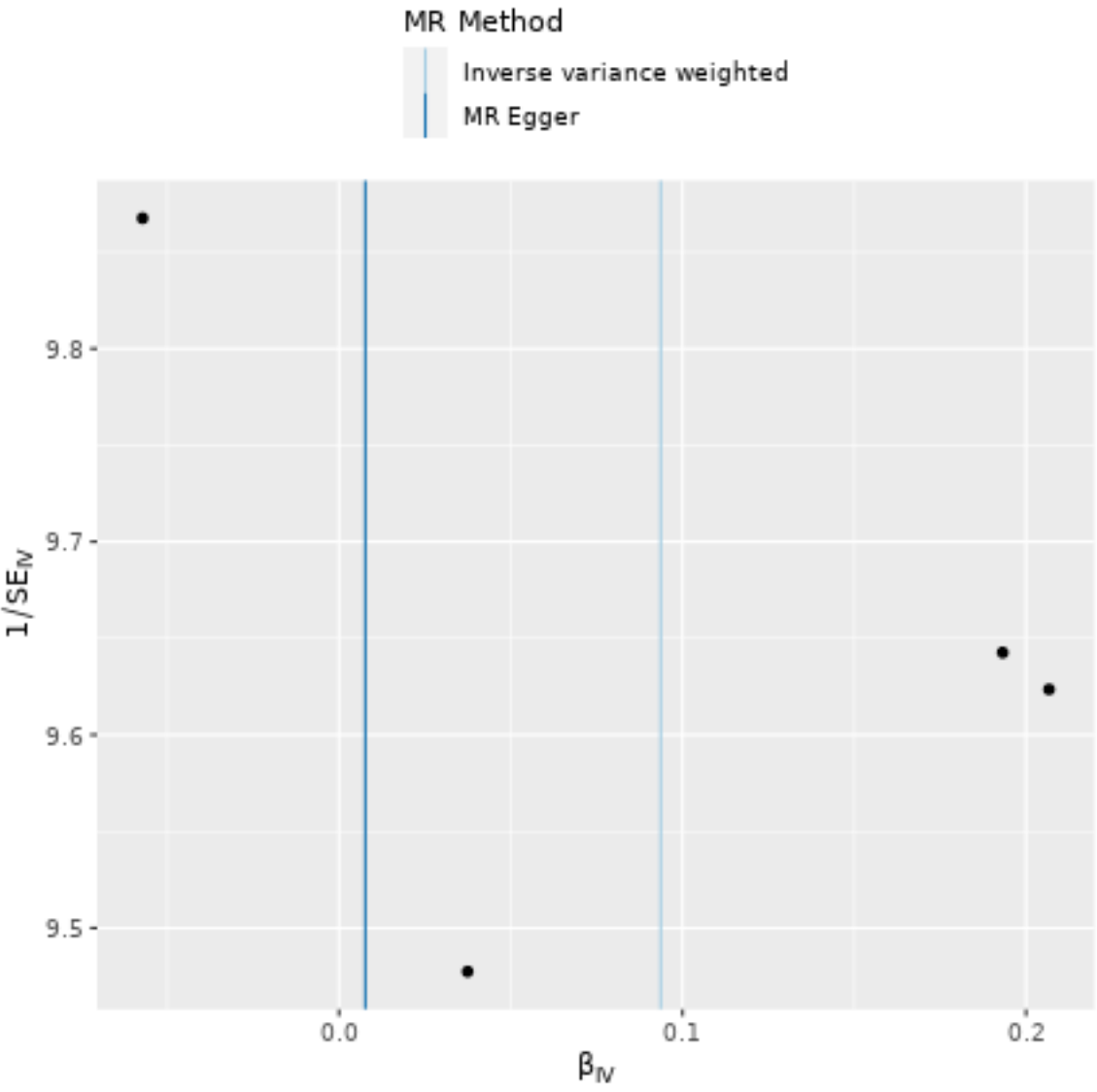
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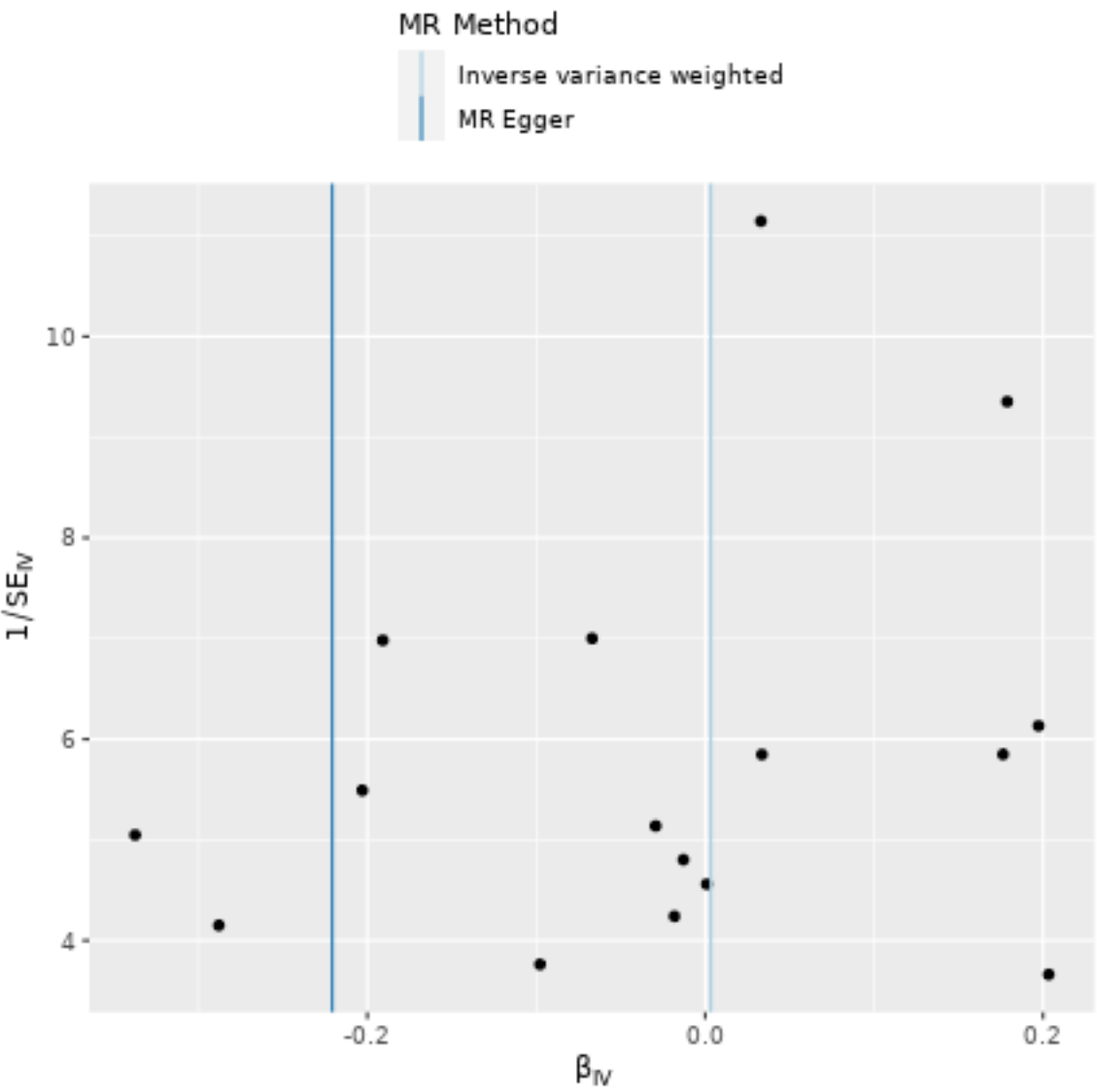
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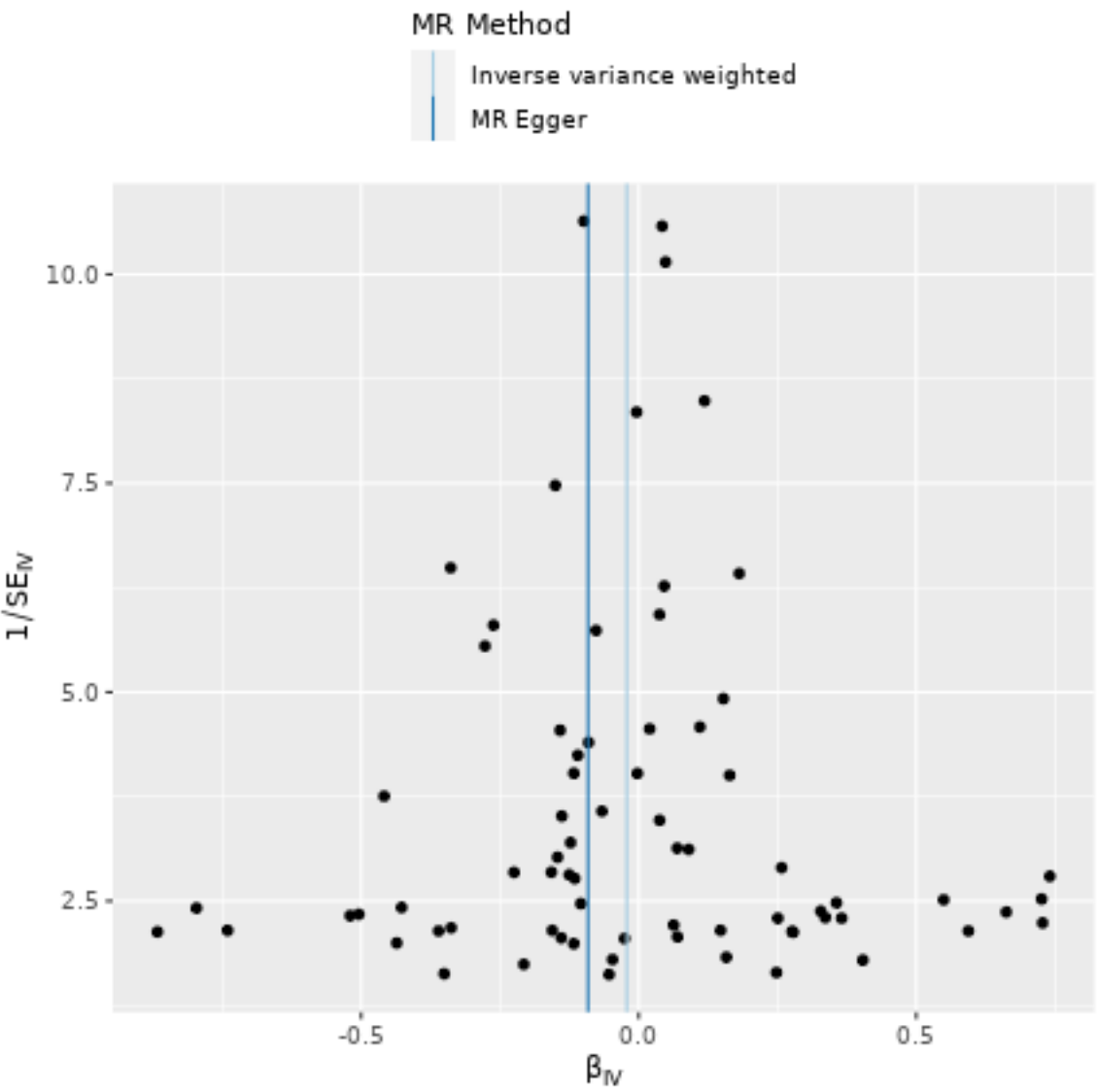


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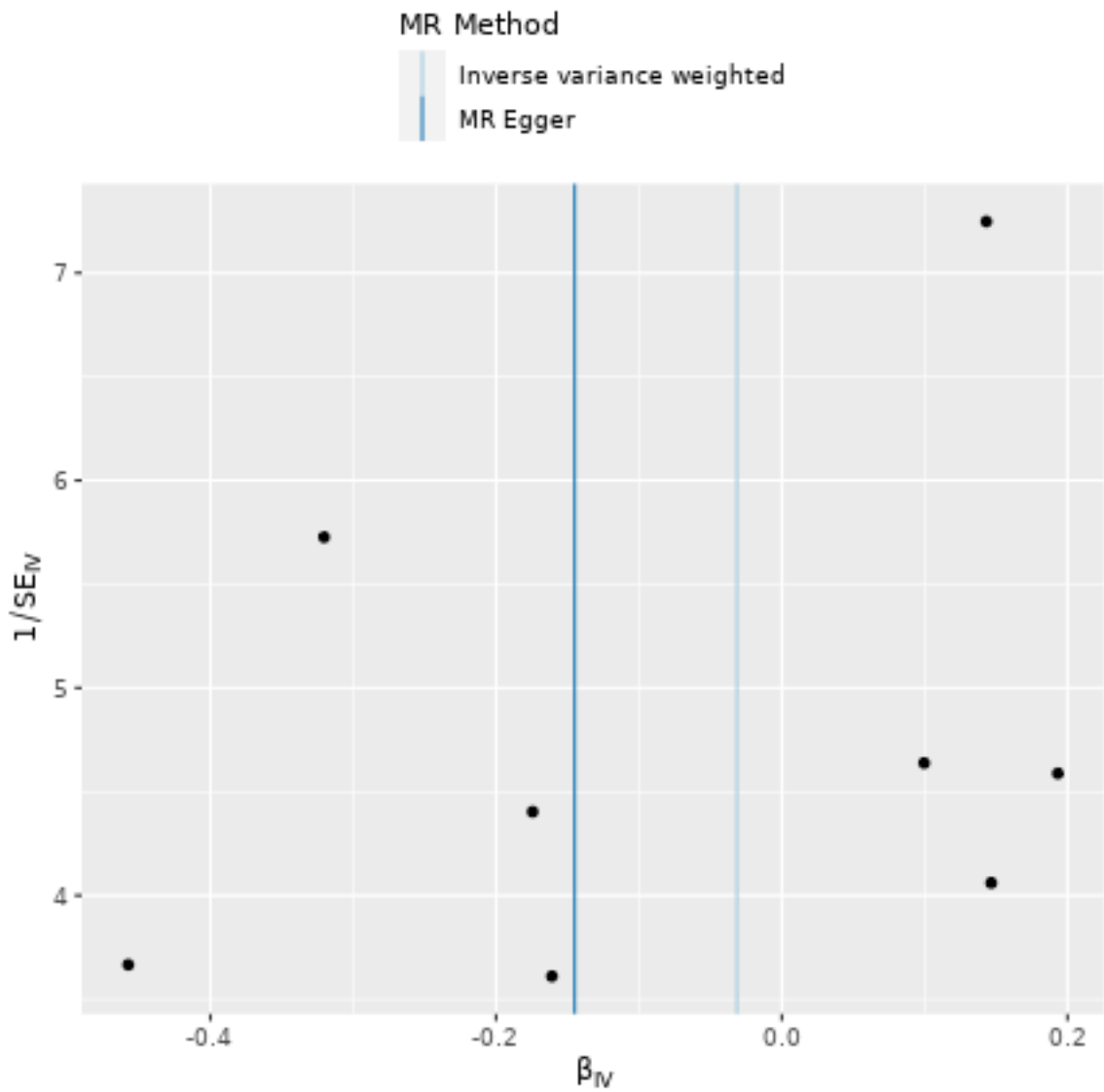




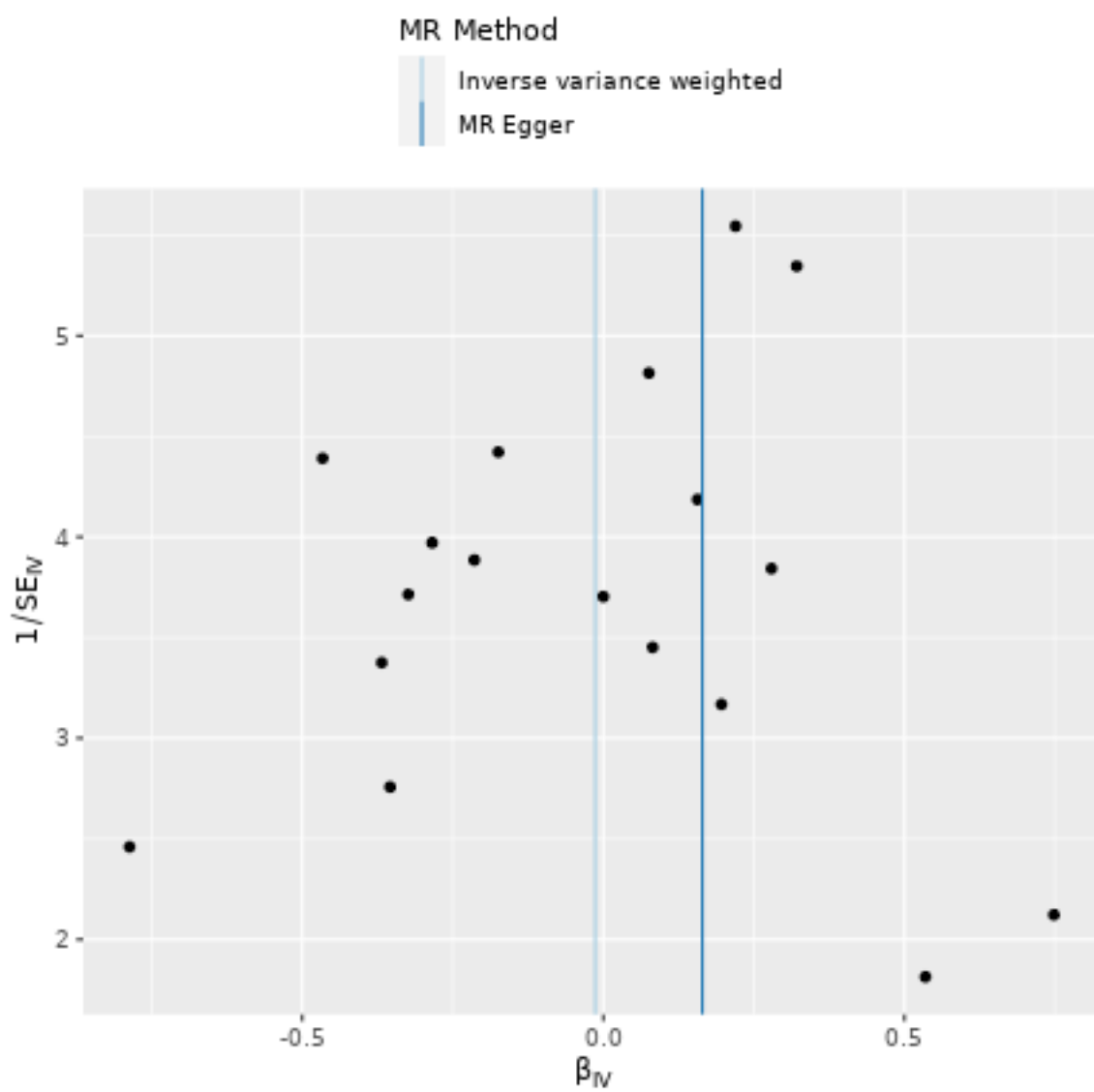
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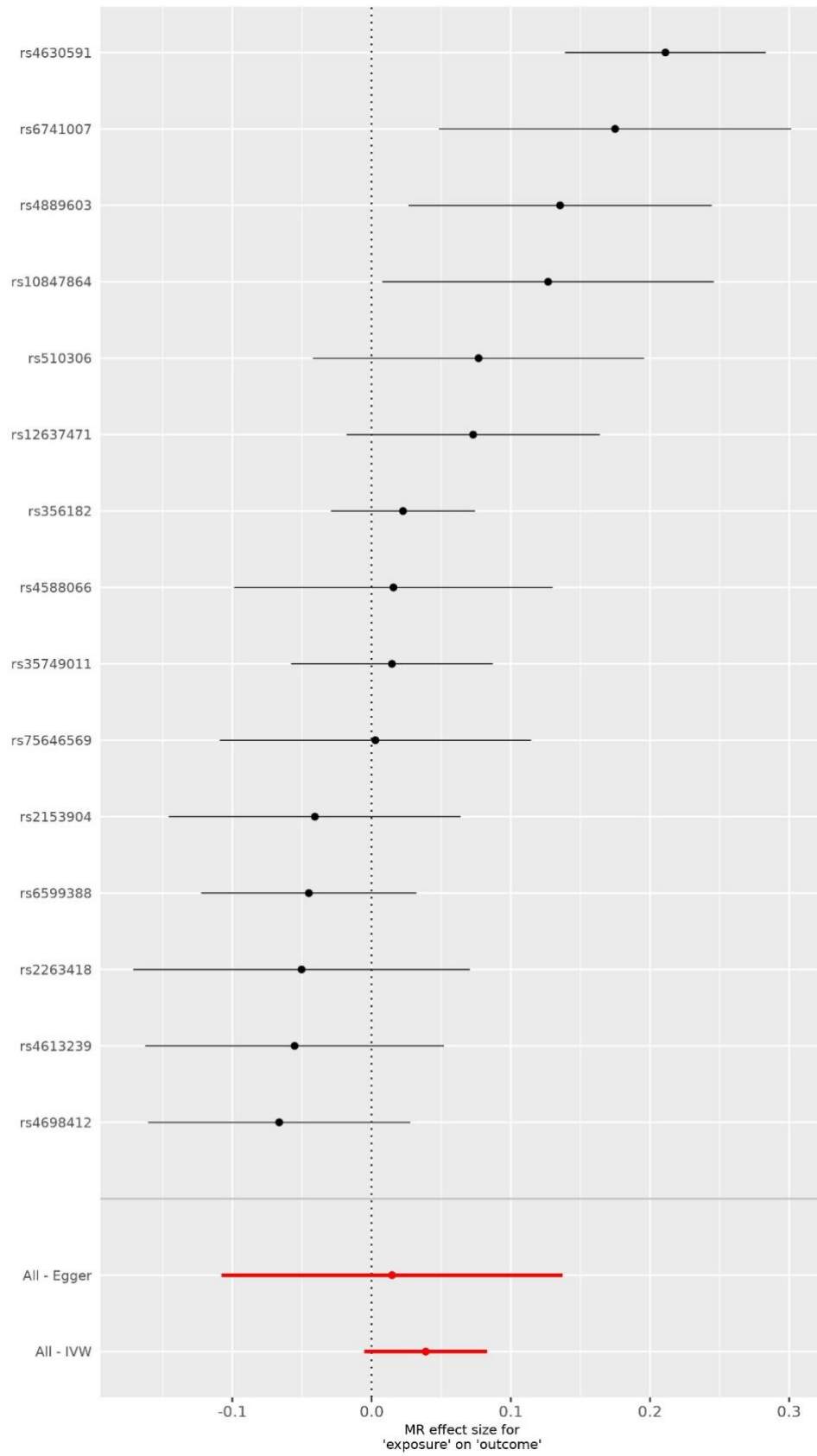


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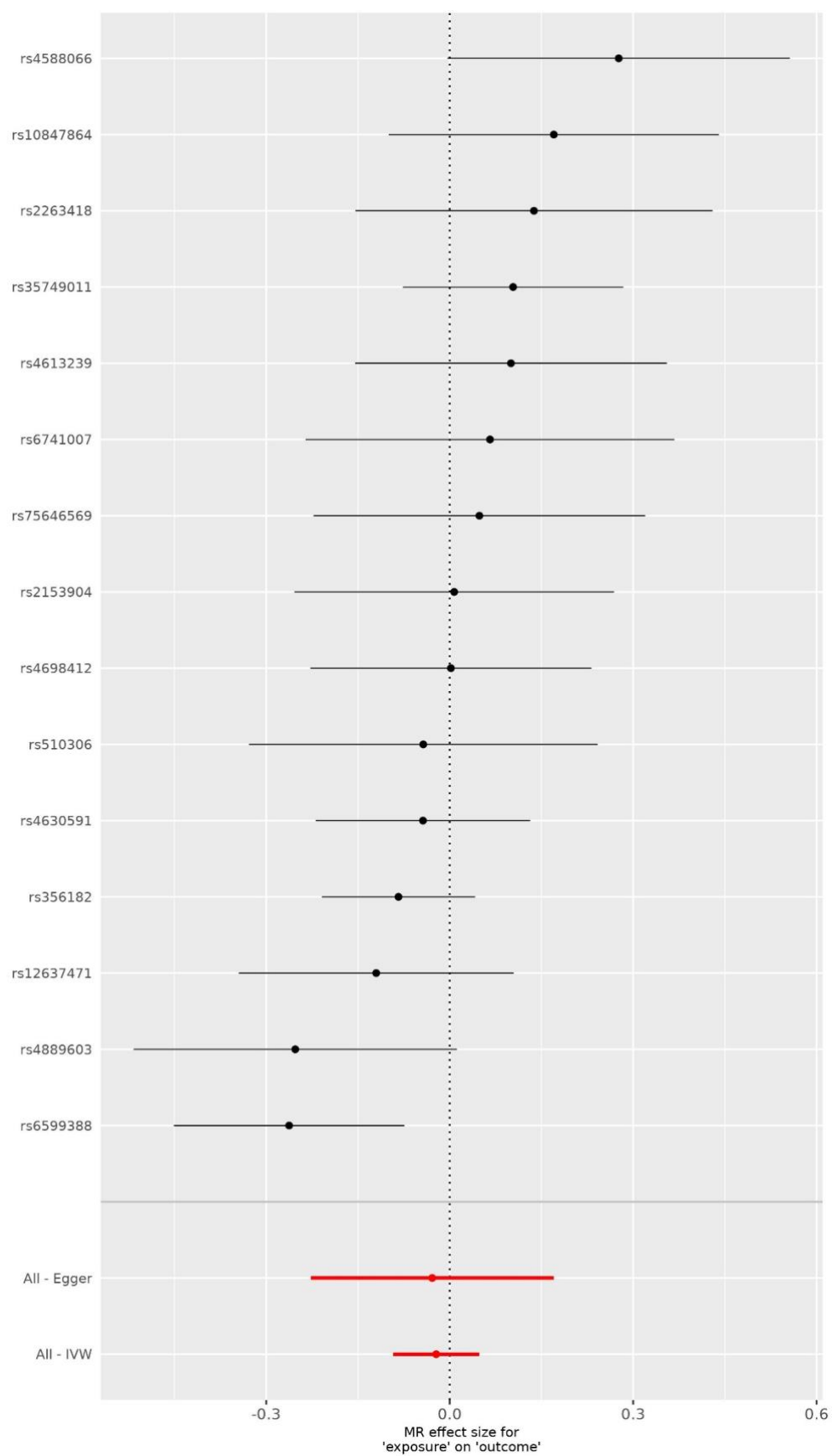


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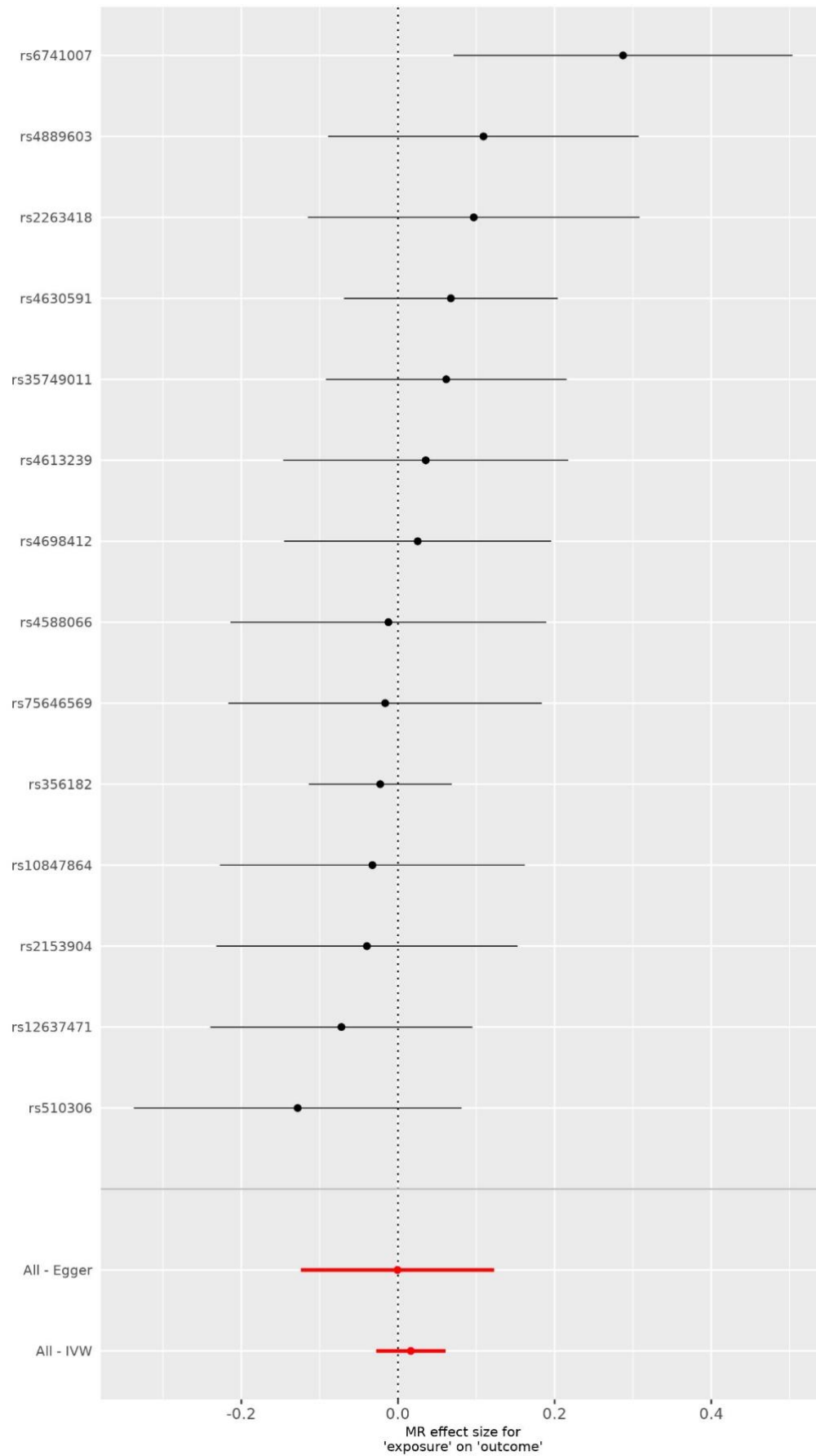
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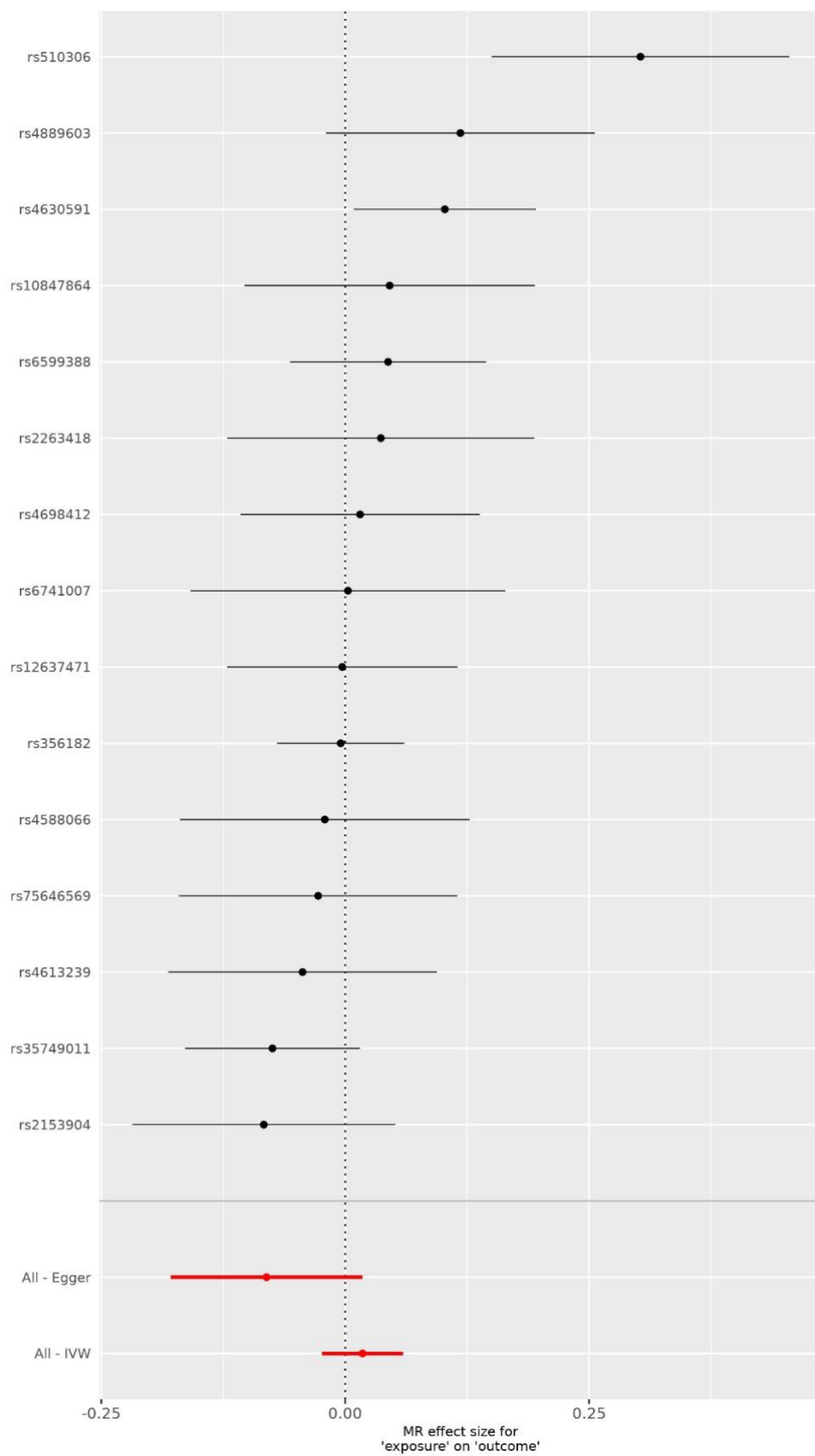
## Endometrial cancer as outcome



## Melanoma as outcome

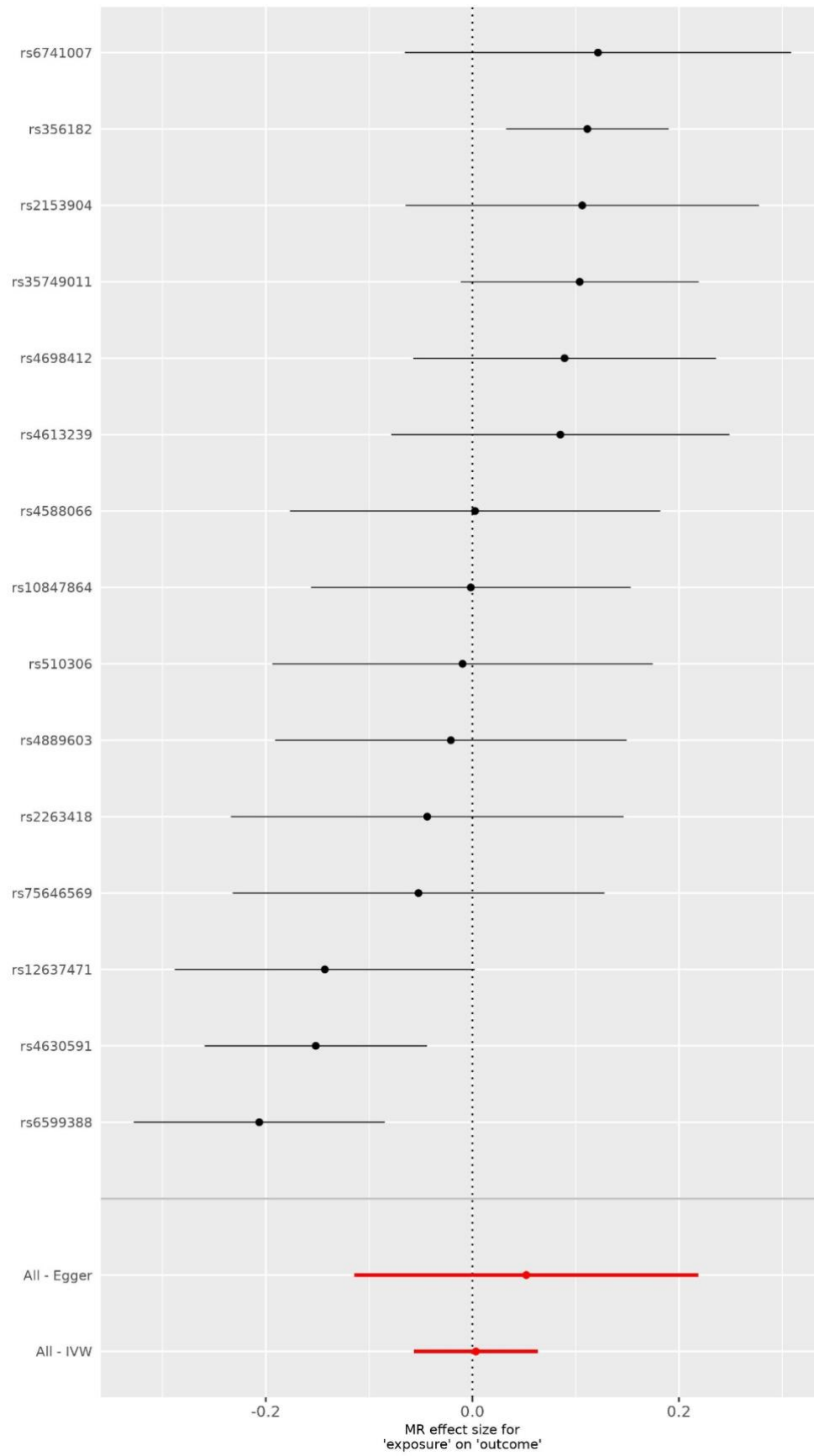


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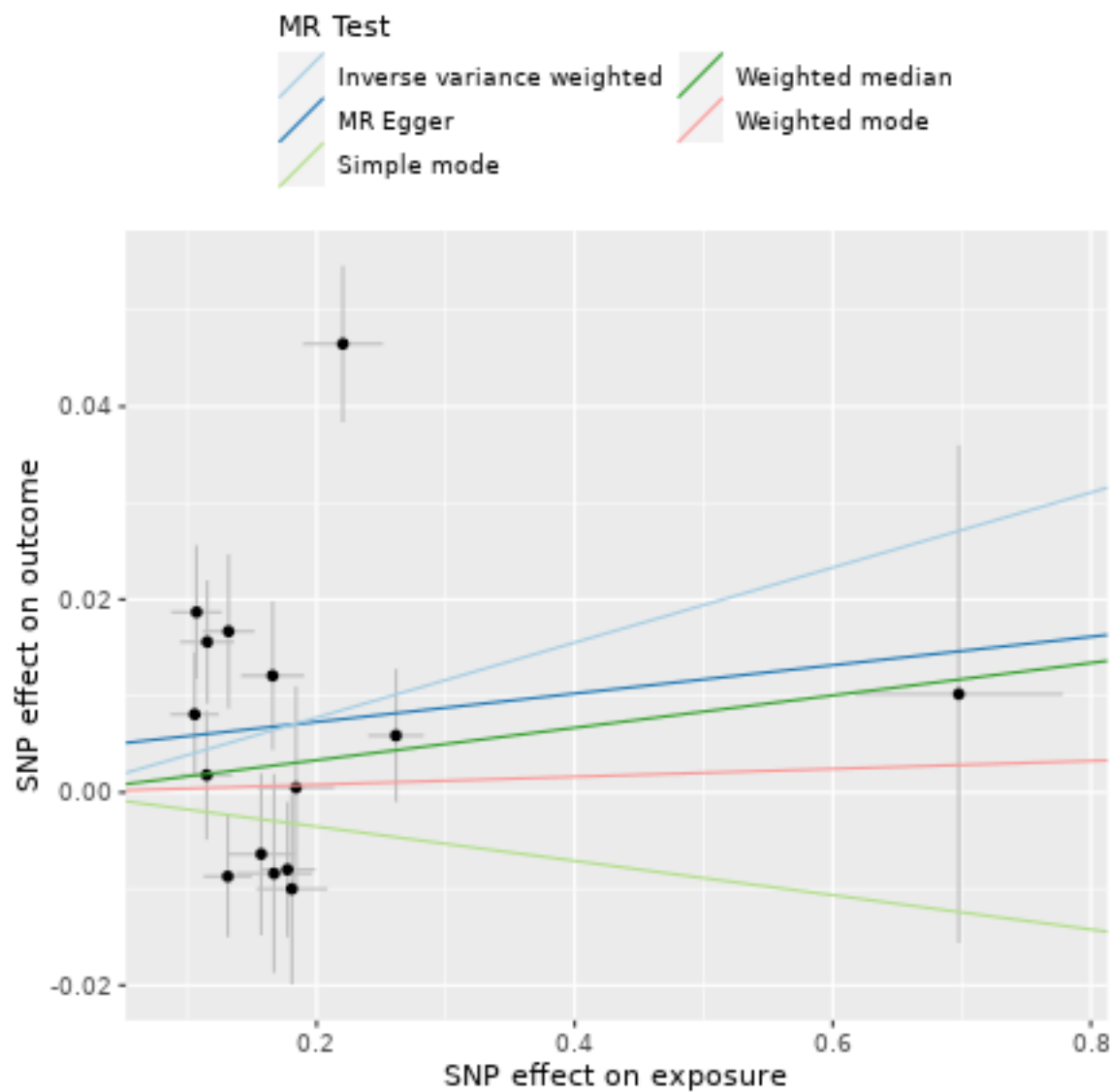


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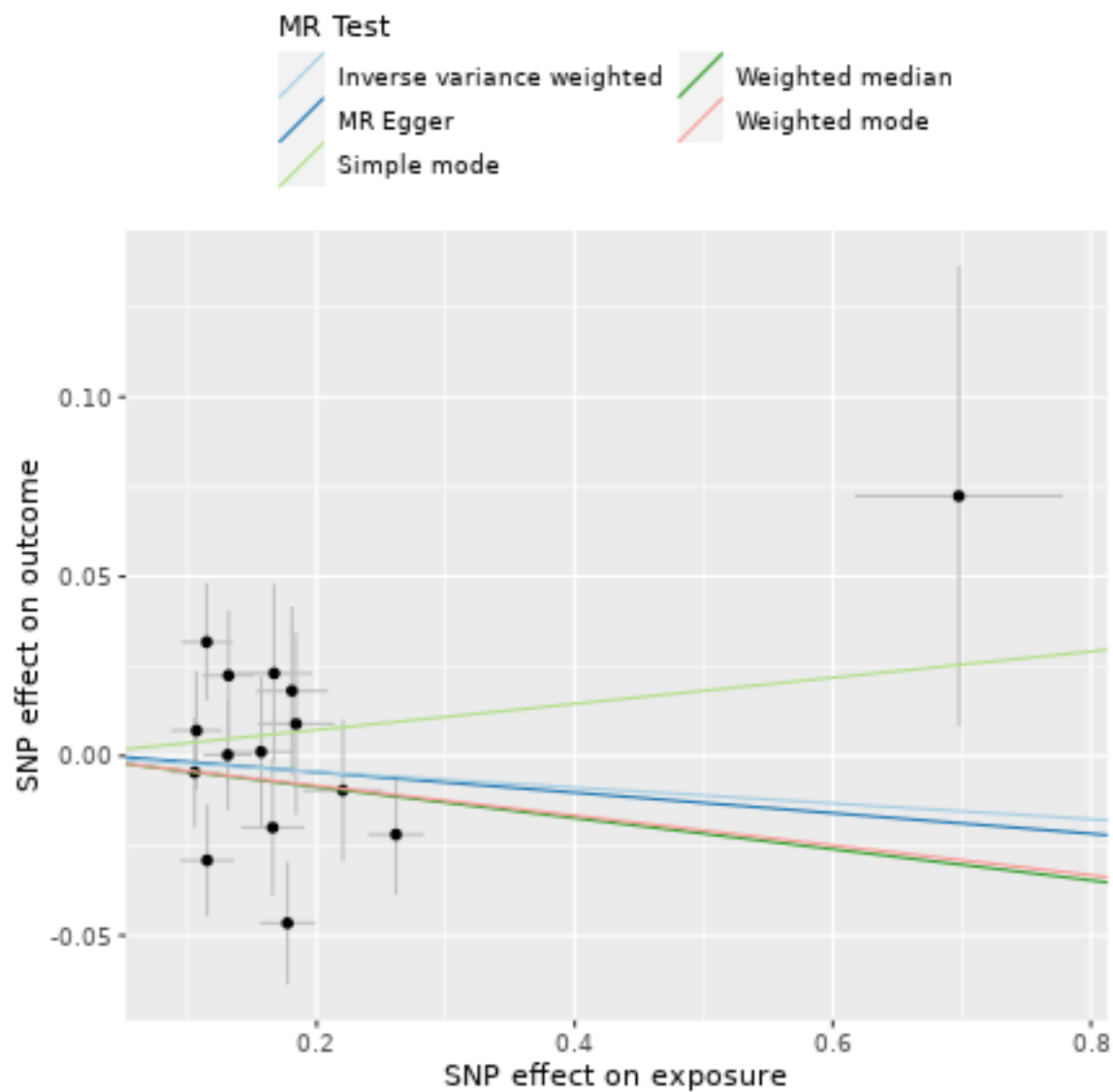


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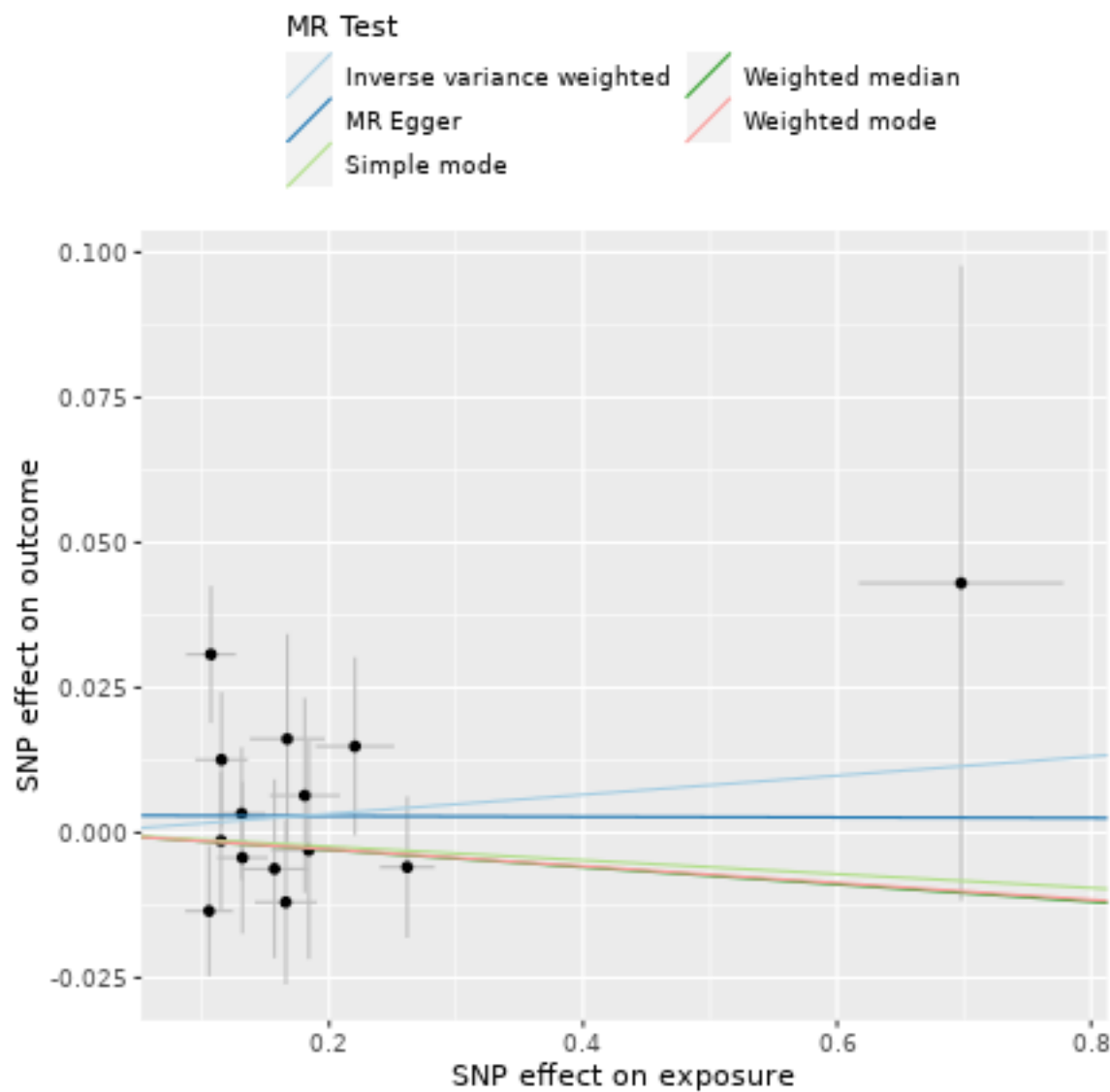
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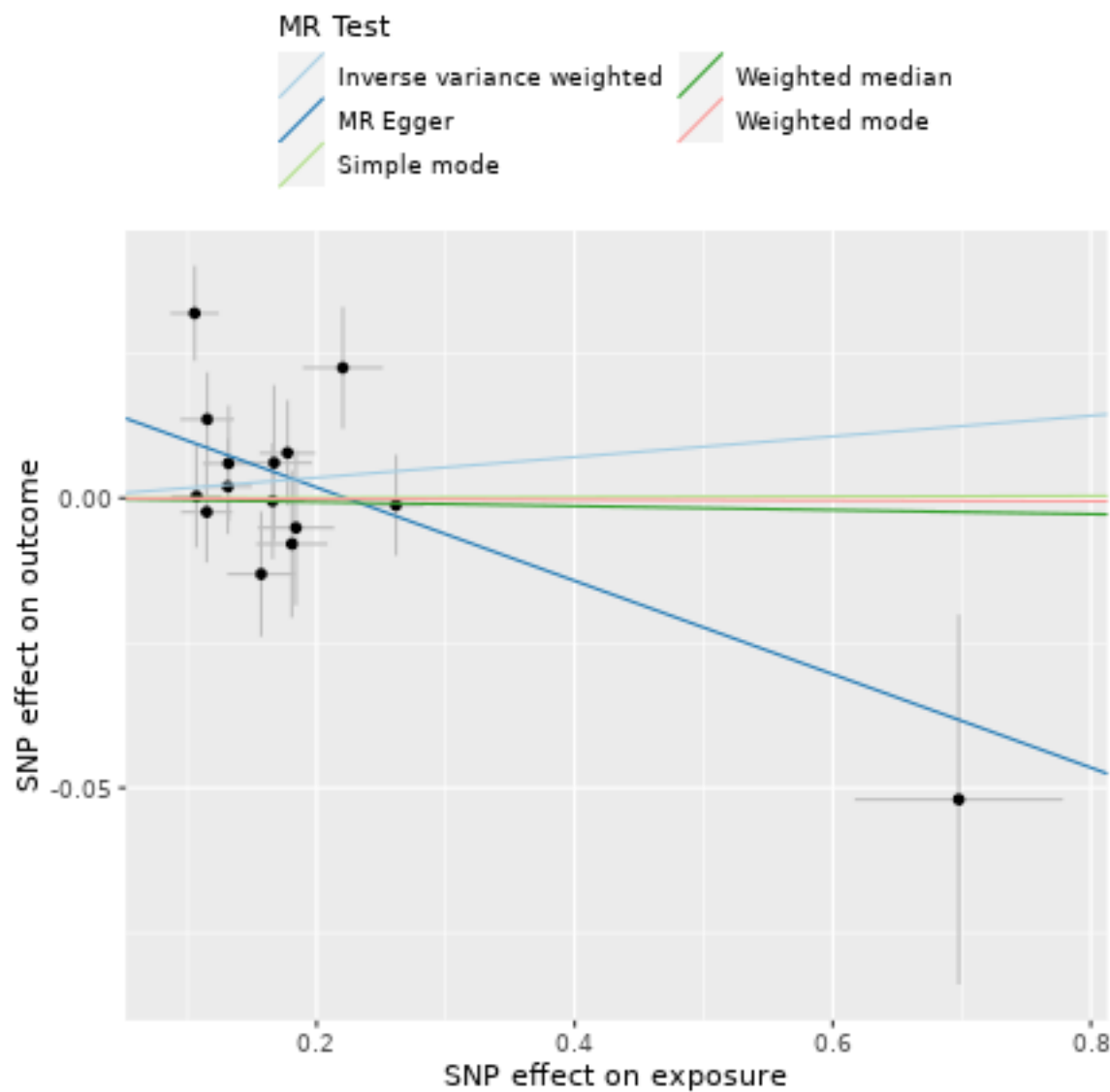
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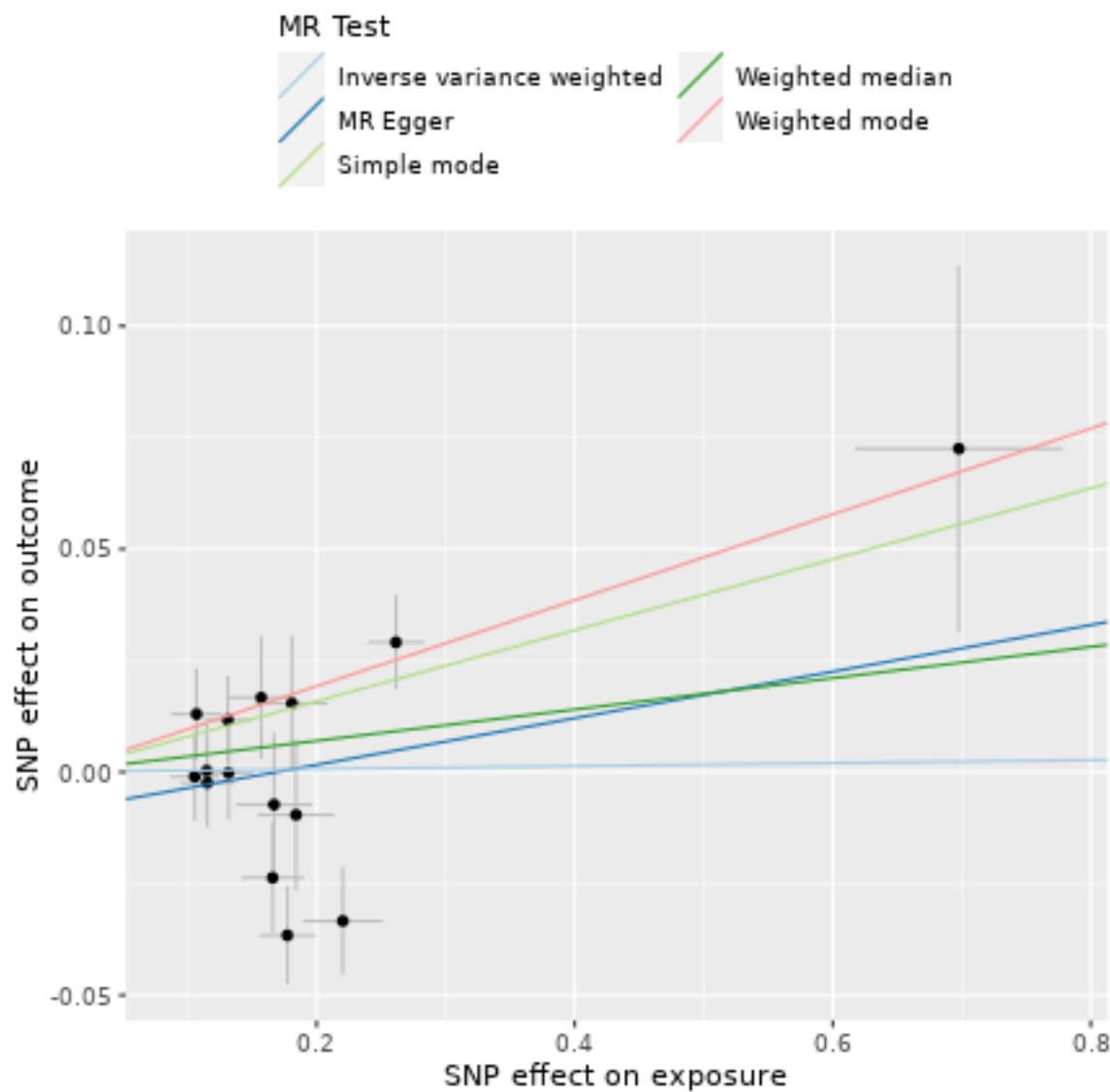
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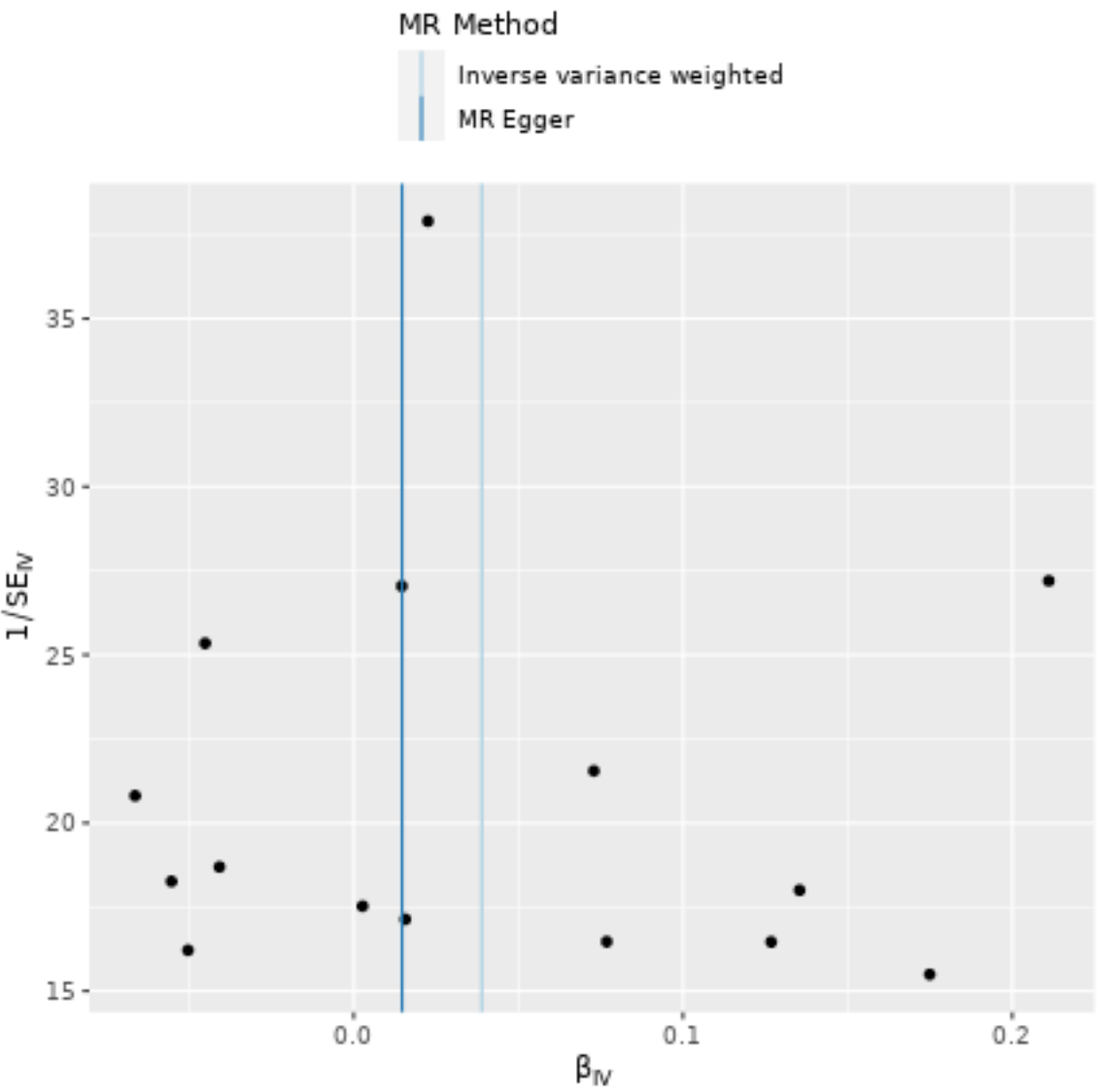
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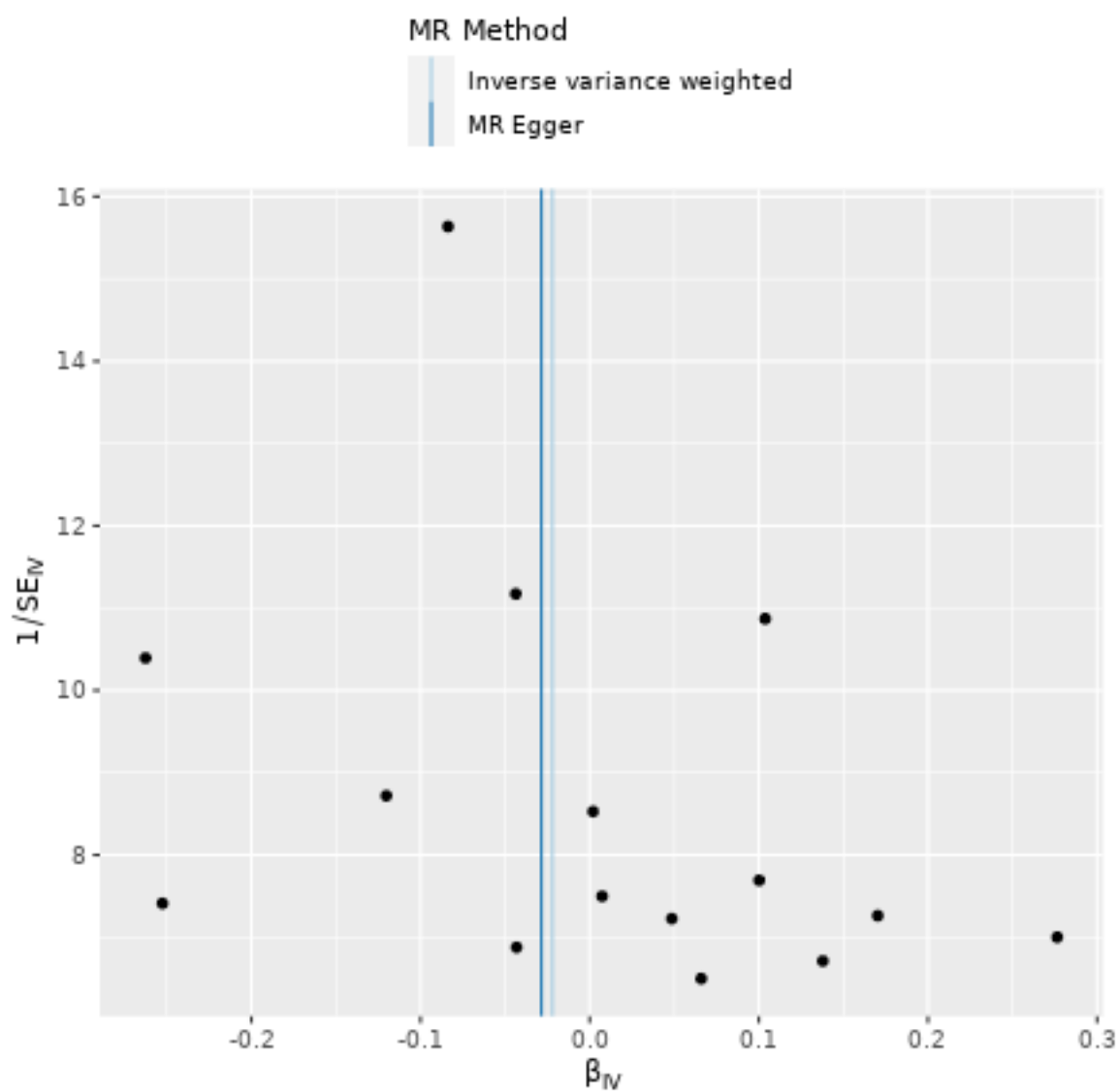
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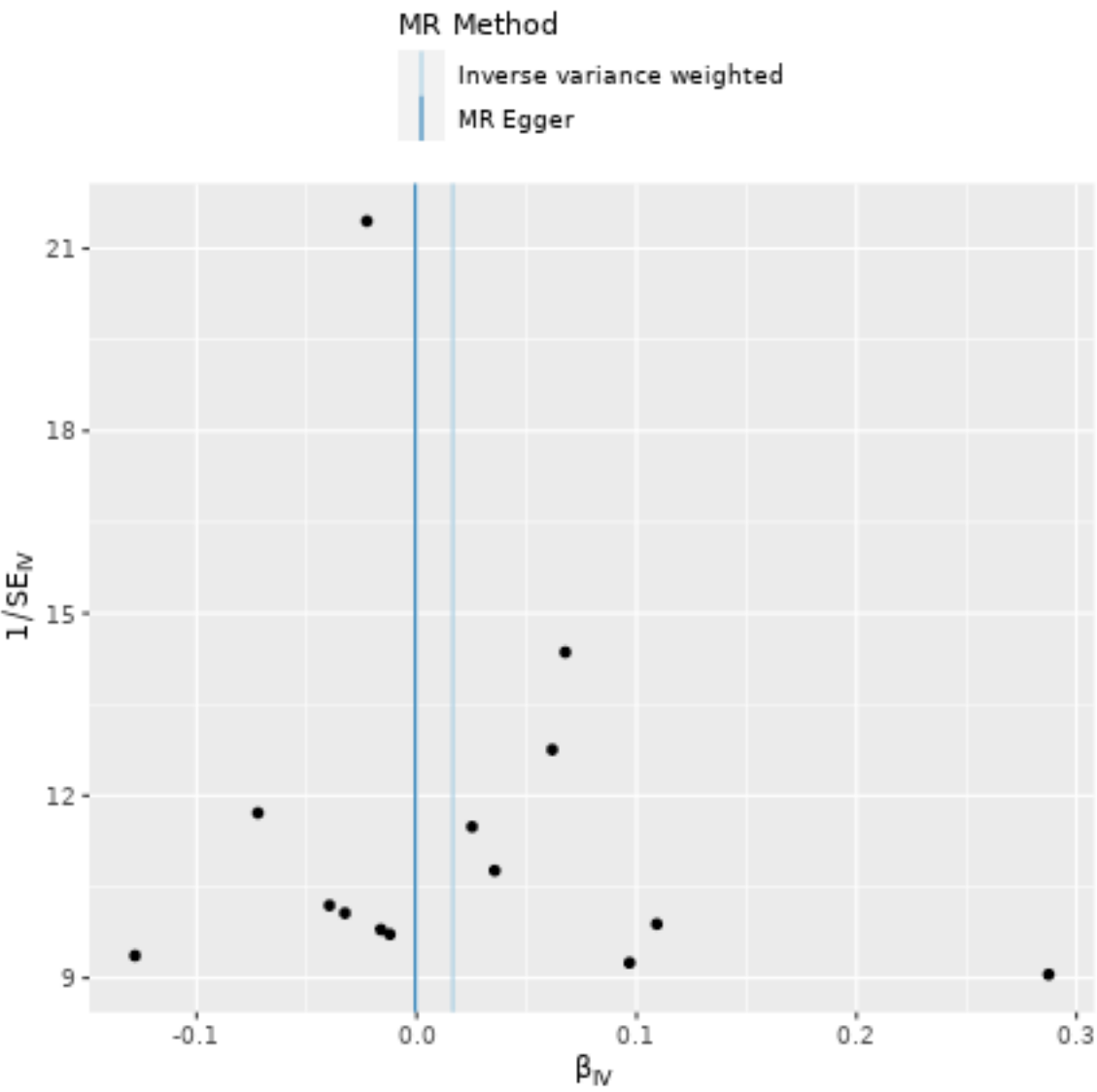
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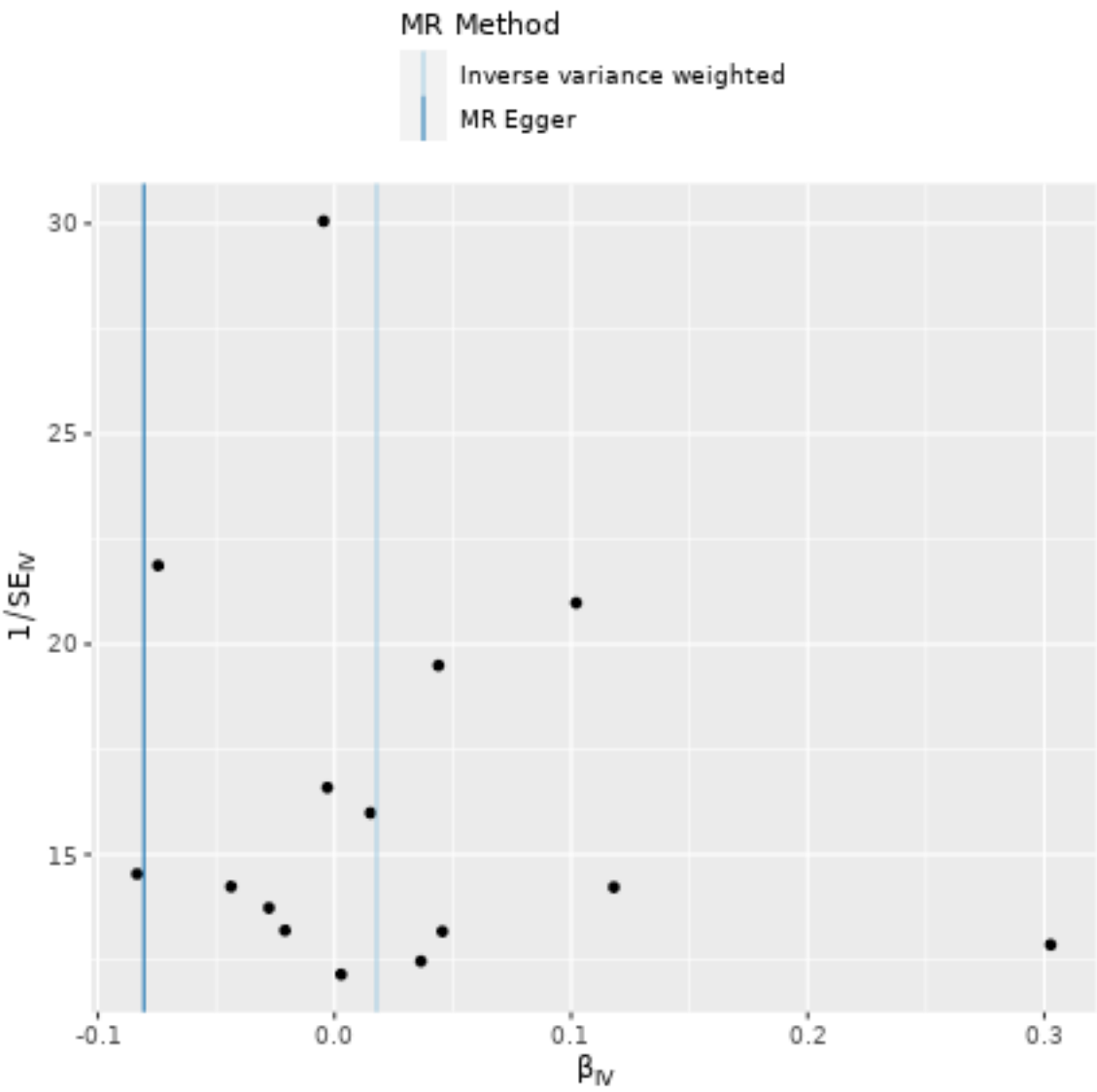
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