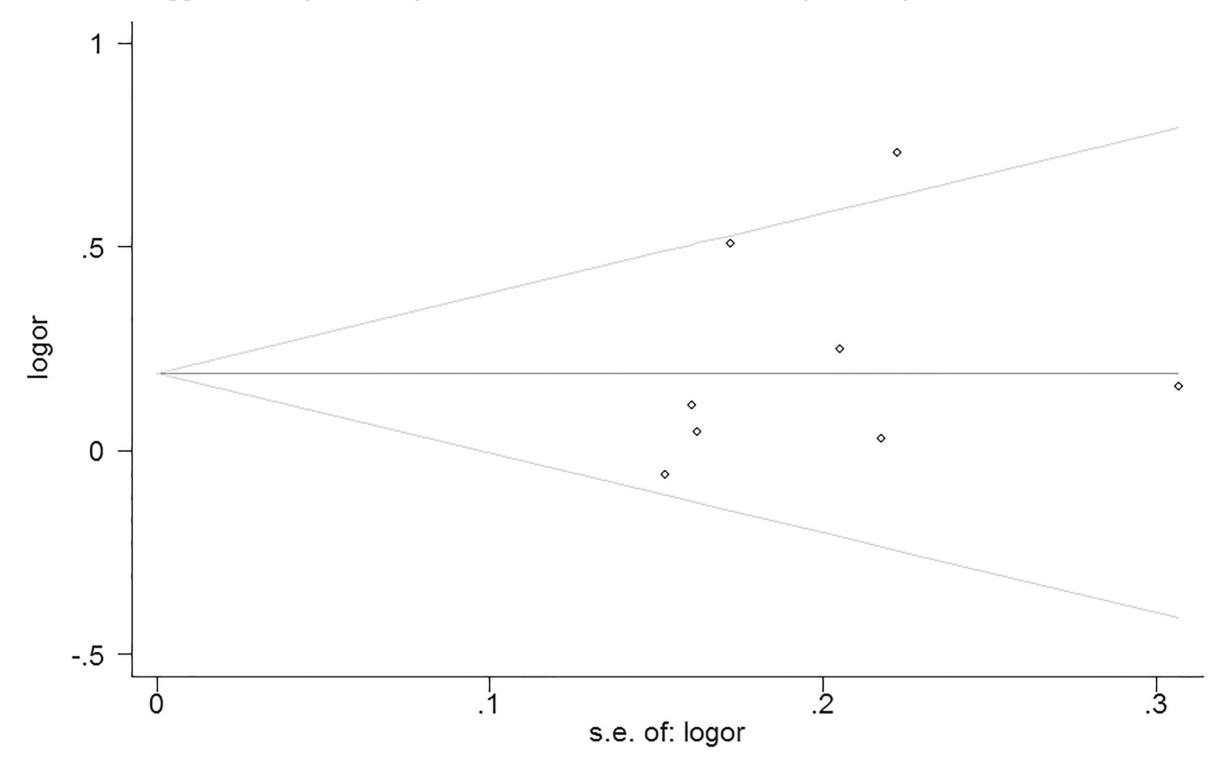
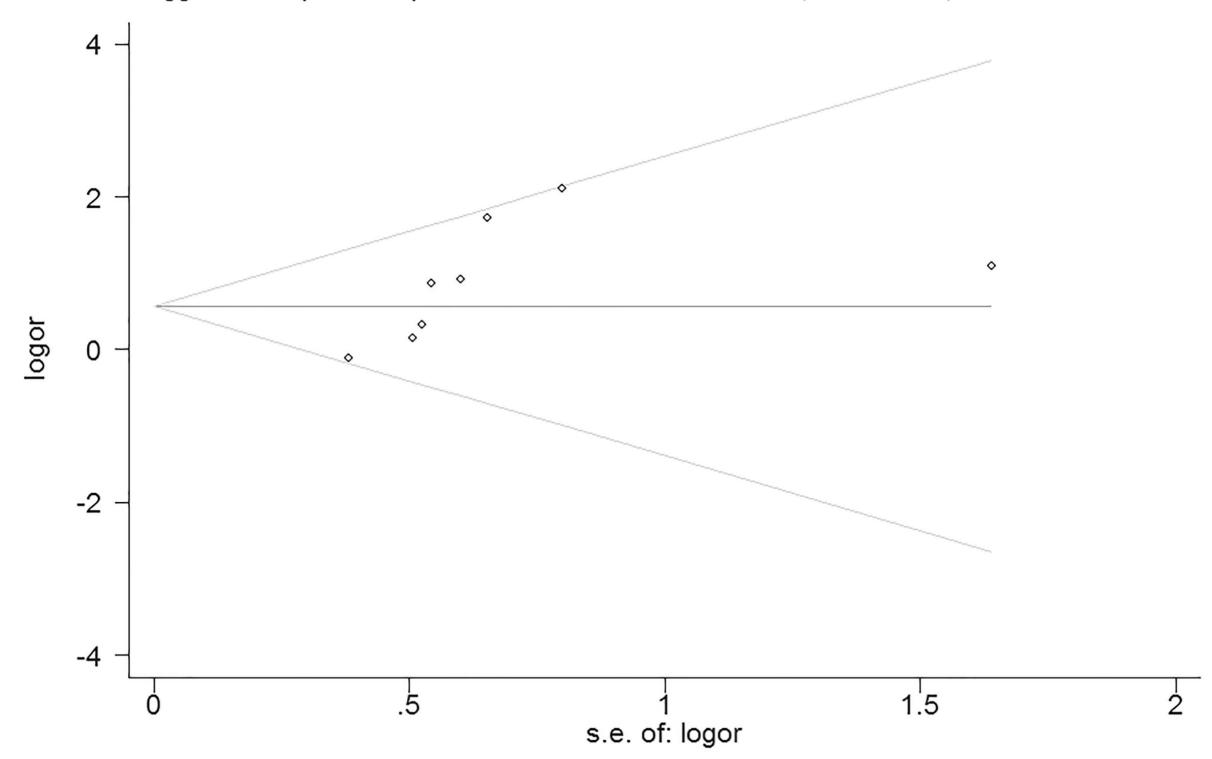


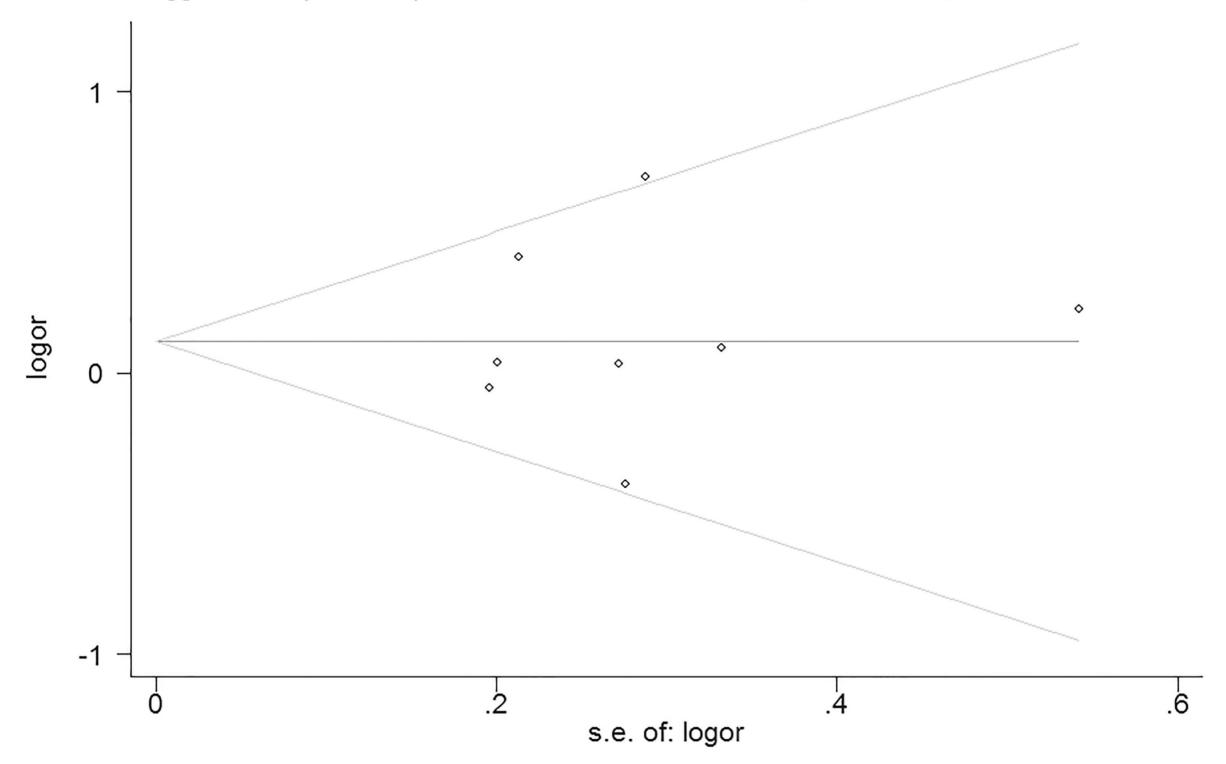
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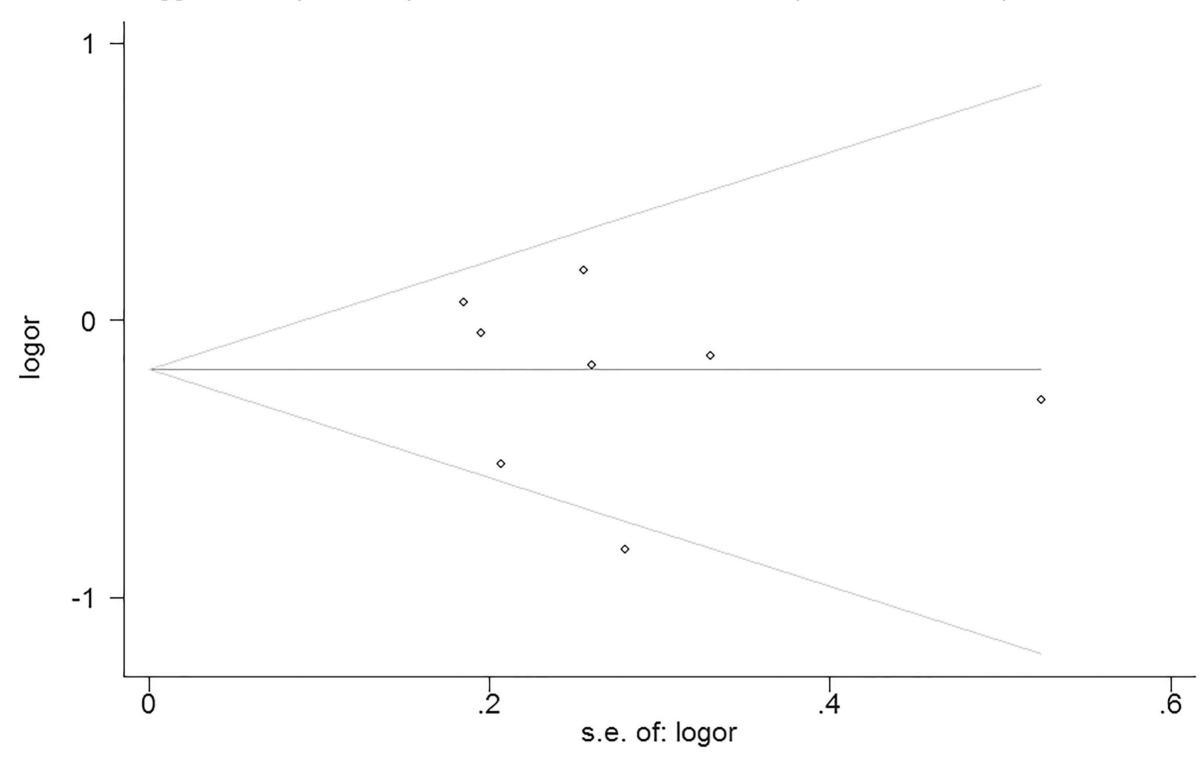
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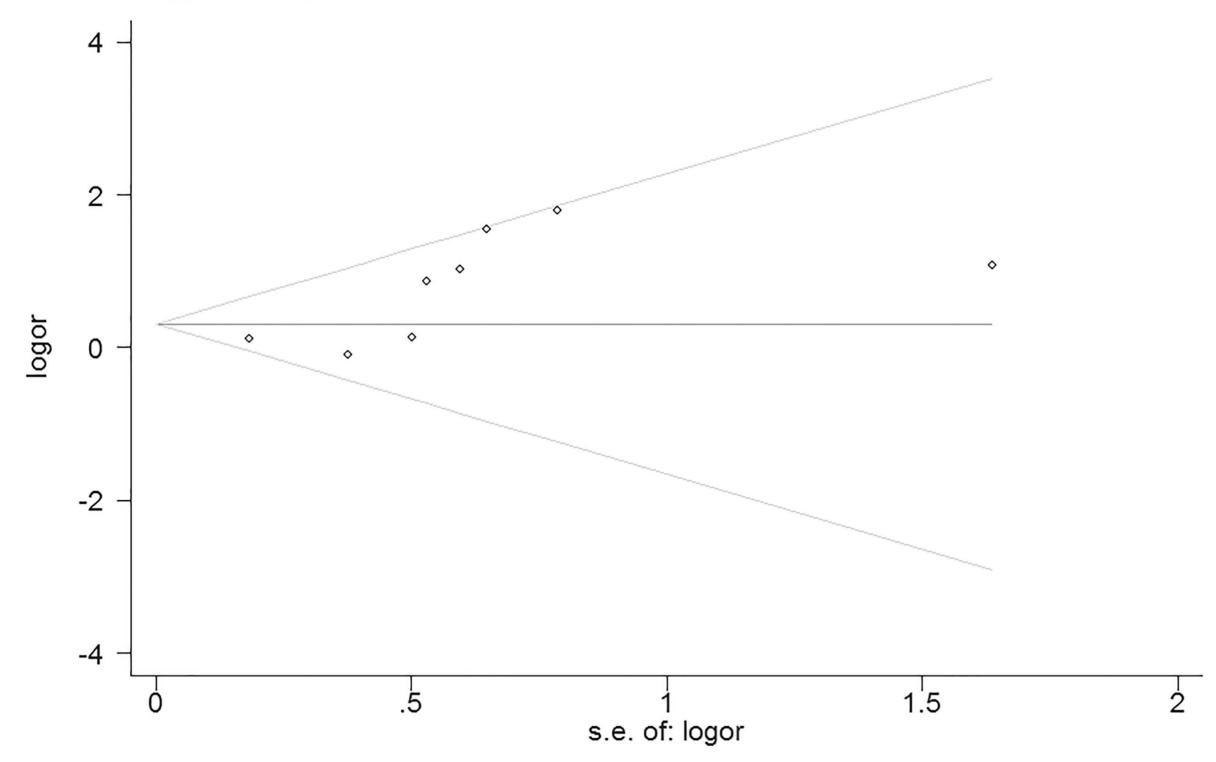
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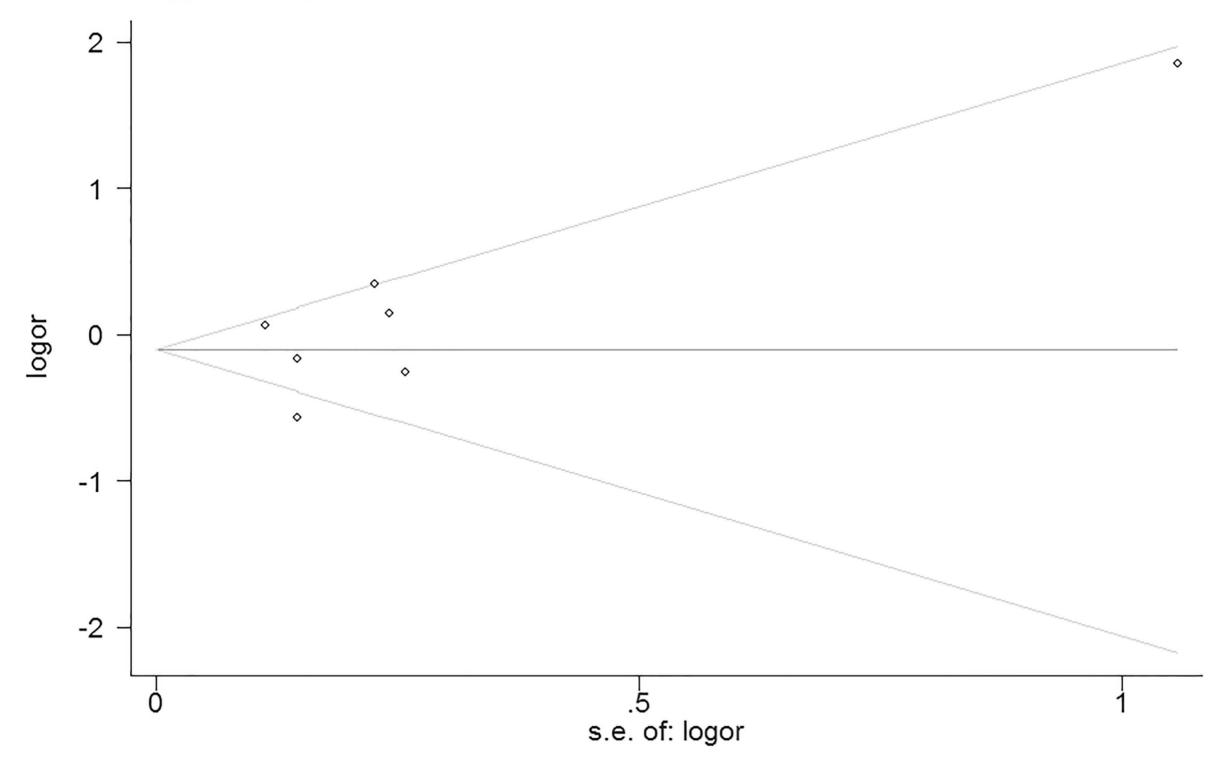
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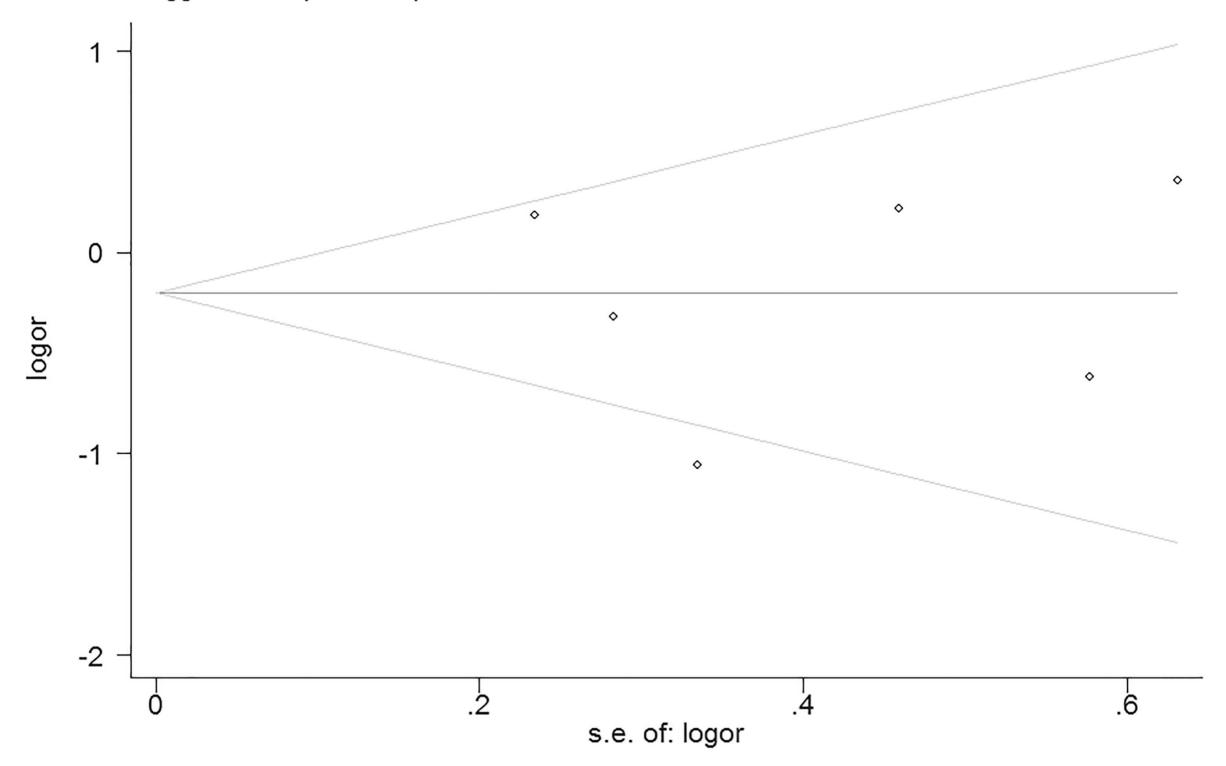
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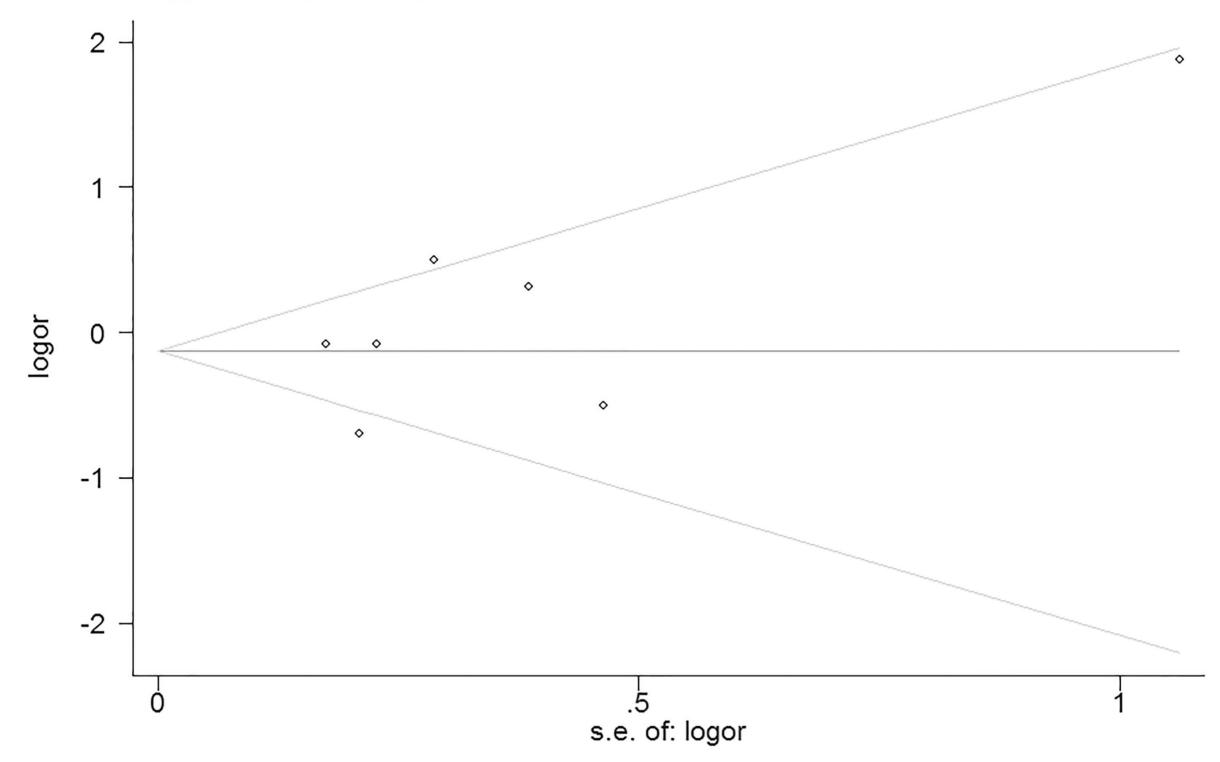
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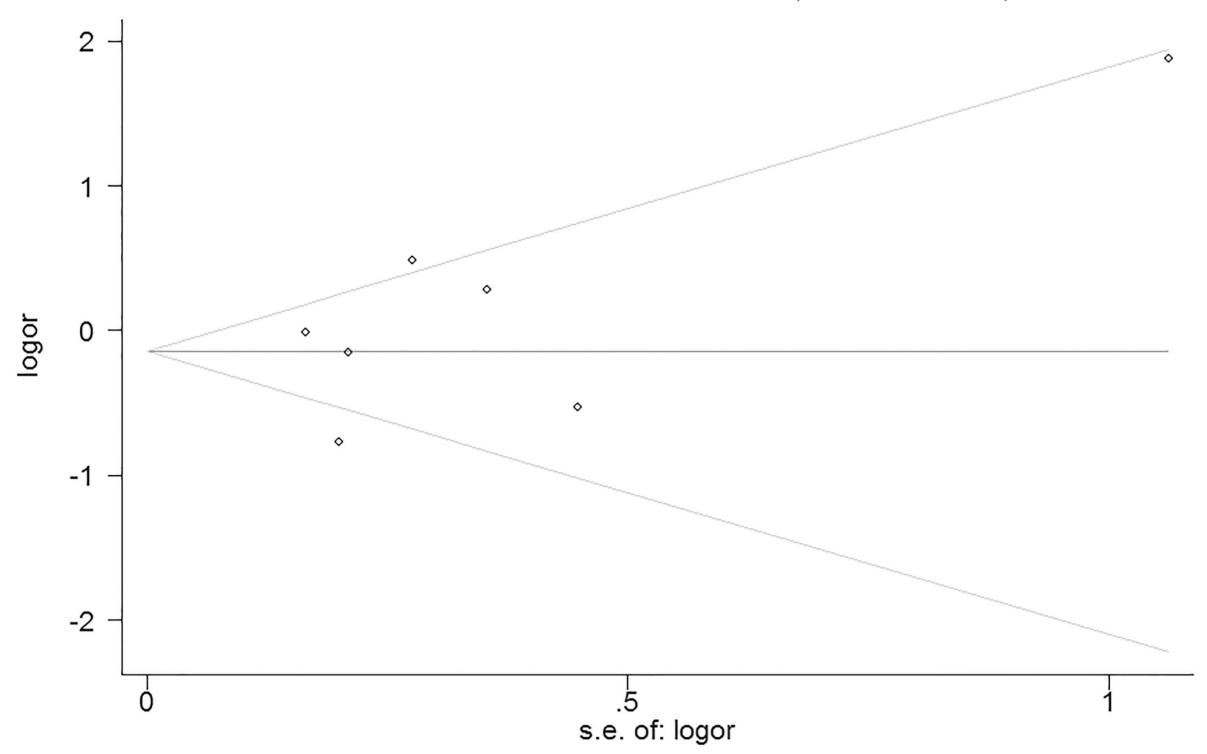
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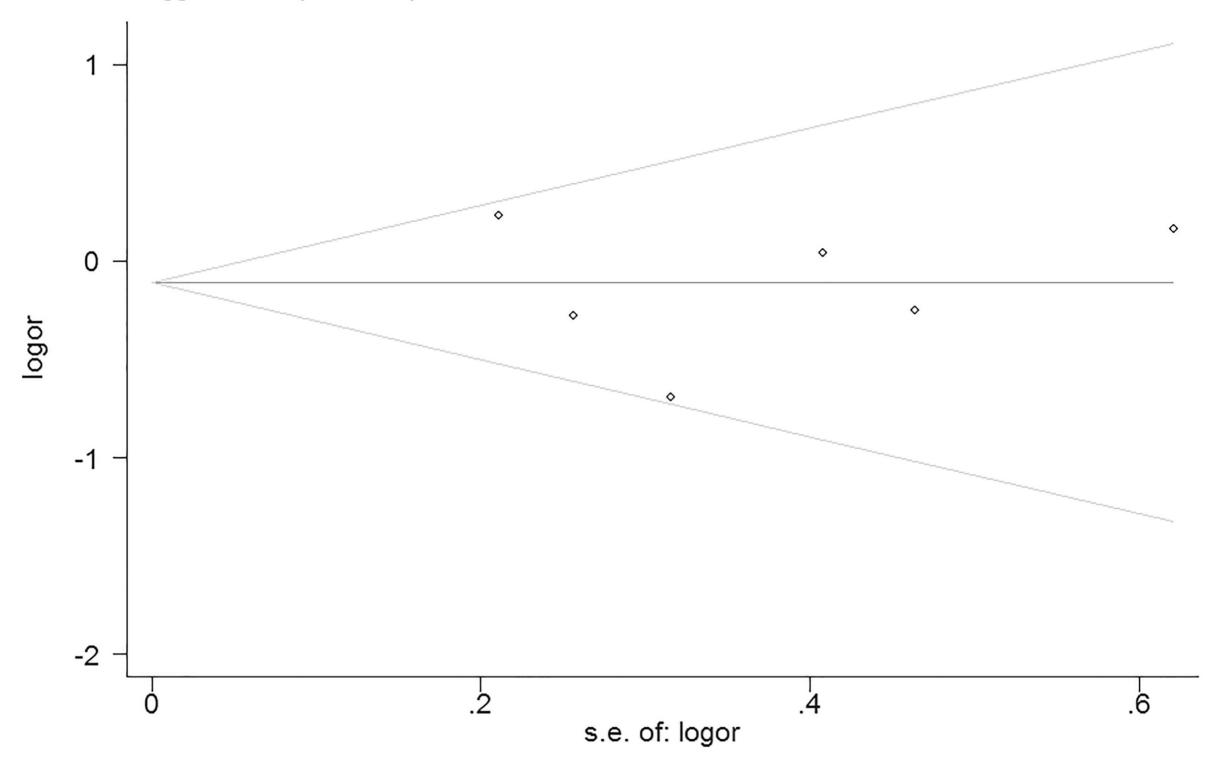
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Begg's funnel plot with pseudo 95% confidence limits (CC vs. GC+GG)





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Title	e 1 Identify the report as a systematic review, meta-analysis, or both.						
ABSTRACT							
Structured summary	Provide a structured summary including, as applicable: background; objectives; data sources; study eligibility criteria, participants, and interventions; study appraisal and synthesis methods; results; limitations; conclusions implications of key findings; systematic review registration number.		2				
INTRODUCTION							
Rationale	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.						
Objectives	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS).						
METHODS							
		Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and, if available, provide registration information including registration number.					
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale.	6-7				
Information sources	7	Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched.					
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.					
Study selection	State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if application included in the meta-analysis).		5-7				
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Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	5-6				
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Results of individual studies	20	For all outcomes considered (benefits or harms), present, for each study: (a) simple summary data for each intervention group (b) effect estimates and confidence intervals, ideally with a forest plot.	10-11		
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Conclusions	26	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence, and implications for future research.	17		
FUNDING					
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hor	Selection				Comparability		Outcome Assessment			Total
	1	2	3	4	5A	5B	6	7	8	
(2007)		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
(2003)		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
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a, Y. R.	*		*	*	*		*	*	*	7
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J. R.			*	*	*		*	*	*	6
, F.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
na, T.	*		*		*		*	*	*	6
R.	*		*		*	*	*	*	*	7
L. Y.	*		*		*		*	*		5
, N.					*		*	*	*	4
, A.	*		*	*			*	*		5
s, V. F.	*		*				*	*		4

se definition adequate, 2 = representativeness of the cases, 3 = selection of Controls, 4 = definition of Controls, 5A = comparability of ontrols = main factor: age/sex, 5B = comparability of cases and controls = secondary factor, 6 = ascertainment of exposure, 7 = same secretainment for cases and controls, 8 = Non-Response rate.