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## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1. Ethics and data access statements for each study**

<b>NSHD, NCDS, BCS70, NS and MCS</b>	The most recent sweeps of the <b>NSHD, NCDS, BCS70, Next Steps</b> and <b>MCS</b> have all been granted ethical approval by the National Health Service (NHS) Research Ethics Committee and all participants have given informed consent. Data for NCDS (SN 6137), BCS70 (SN 8547), Next Steps (SN 5545), MCS (SN 8682) and all four COVID-19 surveys (SN 8658) are available through the UK Data Service. NSHD data are available on request to the NSHD Data Sharing Committee. Interested researchers can apply to access the NSHD data via a standard application procedure. Data requests should be submitted to <a href="mailto:mrclha.swifinfo@ucl.ac.uk">mrclha.swifinfo@ucl.ac.uk</a> ; further details can be found at <a href="http://www.nshd.mrc.ac.uk/data.aspx">http://www.nshd.mrc.ac.uk/data.aspx</a> . doi:10.5522/NSHD/Q101; doi:10.5522/NSHD/Q10.
<b>ALSPAC</b>	Ethical approval was obtained from the <b>ALSPAC</b> Ethics and Law Committee and the Local Research Ethics Committees. The study website contains details of all the data that is available through a fully searchable data dictionary and variable search tool: <a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alspac/researchers/our-data">http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alspac/researchers/our-data</a> . ALSPAC data is available to researchers through an online proposal system. Information regarding access can be found on the ALSPAC website ( <a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/alspac/documents/researchers/data-access/ALSPAC_Access_Policy.pdf">http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/alspac/documents/researchers/data-access/ALSPAC_Access_Policy.pdf</a> ). Study data were collected and managed using REDCap electronic data capture tools hosted at the University of Bristol. <b>REDCap</b> (Research Electronic Data Capture) is a secure, web-based software platform designed to support data capture for research studies.
<b>USOC</b>	The University of Essex Ethics Committee has approved all data collection for the <b>Understanding Society</b> main study and COVID-19 waves. No additional ethical approval was necessary for this secondary data analysis. All data are available through the UK Data Service (SN 6614 and SN 8644).
<b>ELSA</b>	Waves 1-9 of <b>ELSA</b> were approved through the National Research Ethics Service, while the COVID-19 Sub-study was approved by the UCL Research Ethics Committee. All participants provided informed consent. All data are available through the UK Data Service (SN 8688 and 5050).
<b>GS</b>	<b>Generation Scotland</b> obtained ethical approval from the East of Scotland Committee on Medical Research Ethics (on behalf of the National Health Service). Reference number 20/ES/0021. Access to data is approved by the Generation Scotland Access Committee. See <a href="https://www.ed.ac.uk/generation-scotland/for-researchers/access">https://www.ed.ac.uk/generation-scotland/for-researchers/access</a> or email <a href="mailto:access@generationscotland.org">access@generationscotland.org</a> for further details.
<b>TWINSUK</b>	All wave of <b>TwinsUK</b> have received ethical approval associated with TwinsUK Biobank (19/NW/0187), TwinsUK (EC04/015) or Healthy Ageing Twin Study (H.A.T.S) (07/H0802/84) studies from NHS Research Ethics Committees at the Department of Twin Research and Genetic Epidemiology, King's College London. The TwinsUK Resource Executive Committee (TREC) oversees management, data sharing and collaborations involving the TwinsUK registry (for further details see <a href="https://twinsuk.ac.uk/resources-for-researchers/access-our-data/">https://twinsuk.ac.uk/resources-for-researchers/access-our-data/</a> ).

**Table S2. Details of mental health measures in each longitudinal study**

<b>Study</b>	<b>Details of mental health measures</b>
<b>MCS</b>	The K-6 is a 6-item measure of psychological distress (i.e., general anxiety and depression). Responses are rated on a 5-point Likert-type scale, and capture distress over a period of four weeks prior to administration of the scale. Scores range from 0 to 24, with a conservative cut-off of 13+ applied to indicate probable psychological distress.
<b>ALSPAC</b>	Self-reported depressive symptoms were measured using the short mood and feelings questionnaire (SMFQ). The SMFQ is a 13-item questionnaire that measures the presence of depression symptoms in the previous two weeks and was administered via postal questionnaire or in research clinics. Each item is scored between 0-2, resulting in a summed score between 0-26. Depression severity can be rated in the following score bands: 0-4 none, 5-9 mild, 10-14 moderate, 15-19 moderately severe, 20-27 severe. ALSPAC also used the seven-item Generalized Anxiety Disorder Scale (GAD-7), which is a validated, self-report measure of anxiety used widely by healthcare professionals. Individuals were asked to consider how frequently they have been bothered by a number of problems in the previous two weeks and respond on a four-point Likert scale from 0 “Not at all” to 3 “Nearly every day”. The cut-off points for mild, moderate and severe anxiety, are 5, 10, and 15 respectively, and the maximum score is 21.
<b>NS</b>	The 12-item General Health Questionnaire (GHQ) was used to detect symptoms of psychological distress in NS and USoc. The GHQ is a screening instrument designed to detect symptoms of psychological distress (i.e. general anxiety and depression). Each item is scored 0-3 resulting in scores ranging from 0-36. There is an alternative scoring where each item is scored as 0-0-1-1.
<b>BCS70, NCDS</b>	The 9-item version of the Malaise Inventory was used to assess general psychological distress. Items are scored using a simple ‘Yes/No’ response, meaning continuous scores range from 0-9. Scores of four or more are indicative of probable psychiatric distress.
<b>NSHD</b>	The General Health Questionnaire (GHQ) was also used to detect symptoms of psychological distress in NSHD. For the pre-pandemic sweep, the 28-item GHQ was used, though the 12-item GHQ was used for the subsequent 3 sweeps. Each item is scored as 0-0-1-1, resulting in scores ranging from 0-12 with higher scores indicating greater likelihood of mental ill health, and a threshold of 4 was used for binary analyses.
<b>USoc</b>	The 12-item General Health Questionnaire (GHQ) was used, as described for NS.
<b>ELSA</b>	Depressive symptoms were measured using an abbreviated 8-item version of the validated Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (CES-D). Respondents were asked whether they had experienced any depressive symptoms, such as feeling sad or having restless sleep, in the week prior to interview. For the binary classification, we considered respondents who reported four or more depressive symptoms on the CES-D scale as having elevated depressive symptoms.
<b>GS</b>	Depression and anxiety were assessed during the pandemic sweeps using the GAD-7 and the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9). The PHQ-9 is a nine-item, validated tool for the assessment of depressive symptoms experienced in the previous two weeks. Participants are asked to indicate how often they have been bothered by problems such as “Little interest or pleasure in doing things?” on a four-point Likert scale from 0 “Not at all” to 3 “Nearly every day”. The score is the sum of the nine items, to a total of 27. A score of 10 or more indicates major depression. The 28-item GHQ was used to assess pre-pandemic psychological distress, and so a comparable composite measure was created from the GAD-7 and the PHQ-9 scales to enable evaluation of change over time. Correlations between each GHQ-28 item and items of the GAD-7 and PHQ-9 scales were examined, and the text of the most highly correlated ( $r > 0.25$ ) questions was then reviewed and sense-checked; matched items are presented in the table below. Cut-off scores were determined using ROC curves, which found a general cut-off of $>4$ , a depression cut-off of $>5$ and an anxiety cut-off of $>2$ . The latter matched the general “proportion” of PHQ-9/GAD-7 scores required for a cut-off.
<b>TwinsUK</b>	The Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS) is a 14-item scale used to measure levels of psychiatric distress in non-psychiatric patient populations. Responses are indicated on a 4-point ordinal Likert scale.

Further information on specific items, response options and coding for all involved variables in this study can be found here: <https://osf.io/x2mu5/>

**Table S3. Descriptives for reporting of COVID-19 infection in each wave of data collection and % for the ever-COVID-19 exposure variable per wave of each included study**

Study	Wave Timing (month-year)	N per wave	N reporting C-19 (per wave)	% Time updated ever- COVID-19
MCS	May-20	2350	320	13.6
MCS	Sept-Oct 2020	2807	954	34.2
MCS	Feb-March 2021	3837	1523	45.1
ALSPAC-G1	April 2020	2011	302	15.0
ALSPAC-G1	May-20	2261	441	19.5
ALSPAC-G1	December 2020	2777	647	23.3
NS	May-20	1678	324	19.3
NS	Sept-Oct 2020	3093	946	30.9
NS	Feb-March 2021	3482	1171	39.8
BCS70	May-20	3,436	661	19.2
BCS70	Sept-Oct 2020	4253	1161	27.8
BCS70	Feb-March 2021	4629	1305	34.6
NCDS	May-20	4456	637	14.3
NCDS	Sept-Oct 2020	5345	1074	20.5
NCDS	Feb-March 2021	5784	1184	26.0
NSHD	May-June 2020	1432	87	5.4
NSHD	Sept-Oct 2020	1677	145	7.6
NSHD	Feb-March 2021	1536	173	11.1
USoC	Apr-20	12,871	1,539	11.5
USoC	May-20	11,642	1,502	12.3
USoC	Jun-20	11,189	1,499	12.7
USoC	Jul-20	10,944	1,551	13.4
USoC	Sep-20	10,332	1,631	15.4
USoC	Nov-20	9,742	1,756	17.7
USoC	Jan-21	9,646	2,109	22.1
USoC	Mar-21	10,150	2,395	23.8
ELSA	June-July 2020	4710	402	9.9
ELSA	Nov-Dec 2020	4889	129	12.4
GS	Apr-20	3937	314	8.0
GS	Jul-20	2924	421	10.7
GS	Feb-21	2728	540	13.7
ALSPAC-G0	April 2020	2774	342	12.3
ALSPAC-G0	May-20	2997	431	14.4
ALSPAC-G0	December 2020	3483	585	16.7



TwinsUK	Jul-20	2437	293	9.3
TwinsUK	Oct-20	2291	308	15.9
TwinsUK	Apr-21	1932	294	19

*Note.* MCS (Millennium Cohort Study); ALSPAC G1 (Children of the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children); NS (Next Steps); BCS 70 (1970 British Cohort Study), NCDS (National Child Development Study); USoc (Understanding Society); ELSA (English Longitudinal Study of Ageing); GS (Generation Scotland: the Scottish Family Health Study); ALSPAC G0 (parents of ALSPAC); TwinsUK (UK Adult Twin Registry)

**Table S4. Counts and percentages for those self-reporting suspected and confirmed COVID-19 per wave of each included study**

<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Wave Timing</b>	<b>Total N</b>	<b>N (%) reporting no C-19</b>		<b>N (%) reporting C-19 suspected</b>		<b>N (%) reporting C-19 confirmed</b>		<b>N reporting unsure as to whether had C-19</b>
MCS_CM	May-20	2350	1710	(72.77)	143	(6.09)	6	(0.26)	491
MCS_CM	Sept-Oct 2020	2807	1853	(66.01)	301	(10.72)	50	(1.78)	603
MCS_CM	Feb-March 2021	3837	2314	(60.31)	461	(12.01)	500	(13.03)	562
MCS_CM (unsure recoded)	May-20	2350	2030	(86.38)	314	(13.36)	6	(0.26)	
MCS_CM (unsure recoded)	Sept-Oct 2020	2807	1853	(66.01)	904	(32.21)	50	(1.78)	
MCS_CM (unsure recoded)	Feb-March 2021	3837	2314	(60.31)	1023	(26.66)	500	(13.03)	
ALSPAC-G1	April 2020	2011	1709	(85)	264	(13.1)	38	(1.9)	
ALSPAC-G1	May-20	2261	1820	(80.5)	395	(17.5)	46	(2)	
ALSPAC-G1	December 2020	2777	2130	(76.7)	499	(18)	148	(5.3)	
NS	May-20	1678	1125	(67.04)	164	(9.77)	12	(0.72)	377
NS	Sept-Oct 2020	3093	2147	(69.41)	318	(10.28)	67	(2.17)	561
NS	Feb-March 2021	3482	2311	(66.37)	371	(10.65)	331	(9.51)	469
NS (unsure recoded)	May-20	1678	1354	(80.69)	312	(18.59)	12	(0.72)	
NS (unsure recoded)	Sept-Oct 2020	3093	2147	(69.41)	879	(28.42)	67	(2.17)	
NS (unsure recoded)	Feb-March 2021	3482	2311	(66.37)	840	(24.12)	331	(9.51)	
BCS70	May-20	3436	2342	(68.16)	291	(8.47)	13	(0.38)	790
BCS70	Sept-Oct 2020	4253	3092	(72.7)	380	(8.93)	63	(1.48)	718
BCS70	Feb-March 2021	4629	3280	(70.86)	415	(8.97)	317	(6.85)	617
BCS70 (unsure recoded)	May-20	3436	2775	(80.76)	648	(18.86)	13	(0.38)	
BCS70 (unsure recoded)	Sept-Oct 2020	4253	3092	(72.7)	1098	(25.82)	63	(1.48)	
BCS70 (unsure recoded)	Feb-March 2021	4629	3324	(71.81)	988	(21.34)	317	(6.85)	
NCDS	May-20	4456	3353	(75.25)	241	(5.41)	17	(0.38)	845
NCDS	Sept-Oct 2020	5345	4271	(79.91)	330	(6.17)	47	(0.88)	697
NCDS	Feb-March 2021	5784	4600	(79.53)	342	(5.91)	258	(4.46)	584
NCDS (unsure recoded)	May-20	4456	3819	(85.7)	620	(13.91)	17	(0.38)	
NCDS (unsure recoded)	Sept-Oct 2020	5345	4271	(79.91)	1027	(19.21)	47	(0.88)	

NSHD	May-June 2020	1432	1278	(89.33)	27	(1.64)	3	(0.1)	124
NSHD	Sept-Oct 2020	1677	1532	(92.00)	43	(2.58)	10	(0.38)	92
NSHD	Feb-March 2021	1536	1396	(87.87)	37	(3.45)	26	(1.29)	77
NSHD (unsure recoded)	May-June 2020	1432	1345	(94.57)	84	(5.32)	3	(0.1)	
NSHD (unsure recoded)	Sept-Oct 2020	1677	1540	(92.77)	127	(6.85)	10	(0.38)	
NSHD (unsure recoded)	Feb-March 2021	1536	1402	(91.45)	108	(7.26)	26	(1.29)	
USoC	Apr-20	12,871	11,375	(88.80)	1,477	(11.00)	19	(0.15)	
USoC	May-20	11,642	11,347	(97.55)	281	(2.28)	14	(0.17)	
USoC	Jun-20	11,189	11,028	(98.62)	140	(1.25)	21	(0.14)	
USoC	Jul-20	10,944	10,817	(98.80)	118	(1.10)	9	(0.07)	
USoC	Sep-20	10,332	10,178	(98.33)	136	(1.50)	18	(0.16)	
USoC	Nov-20	9,742	9,475	(97.20)	130	(1.42)	137	(1.38)	
USoC	Jan-21	9,646	9,214	(95.08)	141	(0.02)	291	(3.42)	
ELSA*	June-July 2020	4710	4308	(90.14)	375	(9.15)	27	(0.68)	
ELSA	Nov-Dec 2020	4889	4760	(96.22)	11	(0.3)	118	(3.47)	
GS	Apr-20	3937	3622	(92.00)	305	(7.75)	9	(0.23)	
GS	Jul-20	2924	2652	(90.70)	260	(8.89)	12	(0.41)	
GS	Feb-21	2728	2420	(88.71)	232	(8.50)	74	(2.71)	
GS	Total	3937	3397	(86.28)	460	(11.68)	80	(2.03)	
ALSPAC-G0	April 2020	2774	2432	(87.7)	319	(11.5)	23	(0.8)	
ALSPAC-G0	May-20	2997	2566	(85.6)	407	(13.6)	24	(0.8)	
ALSPAC-G0	December 2020	3483	2899	(83.2)	498	(14.3)	87	(2.5)	
TwinsUK	Jul-20	2766	2473	(89.4)	270	(9.8)	23	(0.8)	
TwinsUK	Oct-20	2299	1991	(86.6)	163	(7.1)	145	(6.3)	
TwinsUK	Apr-21	1968	1709	(86.8)	166	(8.4)	93	(4.7)	
TwinsUK	Total	3322	2688	(81)	325	(9.8)	307	(9.2)	

\*Weighted

**Table S5. Descriptive statistics for self-reported COVID-19 infection and time since infection**

Study	Wave Timing (month-year)	N per wave	*No COVID-19		*COVID-19 in last 4 weeks		*COVID-19 in last 4-12 weeks		*COVID-19 in last 12+ weeks	
			N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)			
MCS	May-20	2350	2030 (86.38)	33 (1.4)	188 (8.0)	99 (4.21)				
MCS	Sept-Oct 2020	3544	2535 (71.53)	131 (3.7)	39 (1.1)	839 (23.67)				
MCS	Feb-March 2021	4633	2708 (58.45)	54 (1.17)	192 (4.14)	1679 (36.24)				
ALSPAC-G1	April 2020	2003	1709 (85.3)	121 (6.0)	124 (6.2)	39 (2.5)				
ALSPAC-G1	May-20	1856	1538 (82.9)	9 (0.5)	139 (7.5)	170 (9.2)				
ALSPAC-G1	December 2020	2646	2234 (84.4)	42 (1.6)	57 (2.2)	313 (11.8)				
NS	May-20	1678	1354 (80.69)	37 (2.21)	189 (11.26)	98 (5.84)				
NS	Sept-Oct 2020	3384	2400 (70.92)	75 (2.22)	19 (0.56)	890 (26.3)				
NS	Feb-March 2021	4069	2522 (61.98)	58 (1.43)	179 (4.4)	1310 (32.19)				
BCS70	May-20	3436	2775 (80.76)	77 (2.24)	362 (10.54)	222 (6.46)				
BCS70	Sept-Oct 2020	4858	3619 (74.5)	42 (0.86)	21 (0.43)	1176 (24.21)				
BCS70	Feb-March 2021	5538	3739 (67.52)	59 (1.07)	178 (3.21)	1562 (28.21)				
NCDS	May-20	4456	3819 (85.7)	79 (1.77)	420 (9.43)	138 (3.1)				
NCDS	Sept-Oct 2020	5795	4671 (80.6)	16 (0.28)	12 (0.21)	1096 (18.91)				
NCDS	Feb-March 2021	6393	4791 (74.94)	55 (0.86)	142 (2.22)	1405 (21.98)				
NSHD	May-June 2020	1428	1345 (94.79)	0 (0.00)	36 (2.12)	47 (3.09)				
NSHD	Sept-Oct 2020	1674	1532 (92.54)	4 (0.3)	5 (0.26)	133 (6.89)				
NSHD	Feb-March 2021	1532	1363 (89.1)	3 (0.19)	5 (0.21)	161 (10.49)				
USoC	Apr-20	12,955	11,311 (87.3)	1,625 (13)	19 (0.00)	0 (0.00)				
USoC	May-20	11,730	10,141 (86.5)	167 (1.4)	1,422 (12.1)	0 (0.00)				
USoC	Jun-20	11,184	9,631 (86.1)	94 (0.8)	194 (1.7)	1,265 (11.3)				
USoC	Jul-20	10,892	9,278 (85.1)	80 (0.7)	258 (2.4)	1,276 (11.7)				
USoC	Sep-20	10,138	8,458 (83.4)	1 (0)	281 (2.8)	1,398 (13.8)				
USoC	Nov-20	9,588	7,794 (81.3)	10 (0.1)	258 (2.7)	1,526 (15.9)				
USoC	Jan-21	9,432	7,297 (77.4)	0 (0)	376 (4.00)	1,759 (18.7)				
USoC	Mar-21	10,010	7,567 (75.6)	84 (0.8)	72 (0.7)	2,287 (22.9)				
ALSPAC-G0	April 2020	2740	2432 (88.8)	75 (2.7)	156 (5.7)	77 (2.8)				
ALSPAC-G0	May-20	2079	1737 (83.6)	<5** (NA)	147 (7.1)	191 (9.2)				
ALSPAC-G0	December 2020	3168	2850 (89)	36 (1.1)	36 (1.1)	246 (7.8)				
TwinsUK	Jul-20	3001	2704 (90.1)	29 (0.96)	5 (0.2)	263 (8.0)				
TwinsUK	Oct-20	2799	2406 (85.96)	25 (0.8)	21 (0.6)	153 (4.6)				
TwinsUK	Apr-21	2370	2023 (85.36)	109 (3.3)	131 (4.0)	40 (1.2)				

\*After first wave of assessment values are based on “updated ever had COVID-19 infection” variable. \*\*Collapsed due to small cell counts and potentially identifiable data in ALSPAC.

**Table S6. Descriptives for COVID-19 cases based on self-report and serology data**

Study	N with self-report and serology measures	Serology measure	Both self-report and serology positive	Both self-report and serology negative	Self-reported COVID-19, negative serology	No self-reported COVID-19, positive serology
			N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
MCS	952	Antibody tests with immunoassay qualitative detection of antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid (N) protein - positive result (N-assay)	172 (18.07)	436 (45.8)	302 (31.72)	42 (4.41)
NS	1007	As above	128 (12.71)	554 (55.01)	299 (29.69)	26 (2.58)
BCS70	1927	As above	162 (8.41)	1328 (68.92)	384 (19.93)	53 (2.75)
NCDS	2643	As above	176 (6.66)	1848 (69.92)	573 (21.68)	46 (1.74)
NSHD	697	As above	18 (2.58)	605 (86.8)	59 (8.46)	15 (2.15)
USoC	4,867	As above	337 (8.24)	3544 (69.97)	851 (18.89)	135 (2.9)
TwinsUK	3137	Antibody tests with immunoassay qualitative detection of antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid (N) protein - positive result (N-assay) or a positive anti-Spike result prior to vaccination definition	263 (8.84)	1998 (63.7)	333 (10.6)	543 (17.3)

*Note.* MCS (Millennium Cohort Study); NS (Next Steps); BCS 70 (1970 British Cohort Study), NCDS (National Child Development Study); USoc (Understanding Society); GS (Generation Scotland: the Scottish Family Health Study); TwinsUK (UK Adult Twin Registry); CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Table S7. Descriptives for COVID-19 cases based on self-report (test-confirmed vs suspected) and serology data**

Study	N with suspected vs test-confirmed (self-report) and serology measures	No Covid-19 (self-report test-confirmed or suspected), positive serology		No Covid-19 (self-report test-confirmed or suspected), negative serology		Suspected COVID-19 (self-report), positive serology		Suspected COVID-19 (self-report), negative serology		Test-confirmed (self-reported) COVID-19, positive serology		Test-confirmed (self-reported) COVID-19, negative serology	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
MCS	952	42	19.63	436	59.08	78	36.45	289	39.16	94	43.93	13	1.76
NS	1007	26	16.88	554	64.95	57	37.01	291	34.11	71	46.1	8	0.94
BC70	2072	54	23.38	1284	69.74	81	35.06	546	29.66	96	41.56	11	0.6
NCDS	2643	46	20.72	1848	76.33	91	40.99	566	23.38	85	38.29	7	0.29
NSHD	697	15	2.15	605	86.8	12	1.72	58	8.32	<10	0.86	<10	0.14
USoc	4,867	143	3.32	3,794	75.49	119	2.53	579	12.65	210	5.29	22	0.73
TwinsUK	3137	543	17.3	1998	63.7	70	8.7	239	10.3	193	23.9	94	0.4

**Table S8. Covariate adjustment in GEE models**

<b>Study</b>	<b>Fully adjusted model covariates</b>	<b>Exceptions and notes</b>
<b>MCS</b>	Sex, parent education, country of residence, ethnicity, time period of pandemic, occupational social class, prior chronic health conditions and disabilities, pre-pandemic mental health and pre-pandemic self-rated health	“Country of residence” omitted due to non-convergence in interaction model by pre-pandemic mental health.
<b>ALSPAC-G1</b>	Sex, education, ethnicity, time period of pandemic, parental social class, living alone status, pre-pandemic mental health and pre-pandemic life-satisfaction (wellbeing), pre-pandemic self-rated health	Pre-pandemic life-satisfaction was assessed using mental wellbeing measures
<b>NS</b>	Sex, education, country of residence, ethnicity, time period of pandemic, occupational social class, partnership status, prior chronic health conditions, pre-pandemic mental health and pre-pandemic life-satisfaction, pre-pandemic self-rated health	“Country of residence” omitted due to non-convergence in models with binary outcomes for satisfaction with life and interaction terms + binary outcomes
<b>BCS70</b>	Sex, education, country of residence, time period of pandemic, occupational social class, partnership status, prior chronic health conditions and disabilities, pre-pandemic mental health, pre-pandemic life-satisfaction, pre-pandemic self-rated health	
<b>NCDS</b>	Sex, education, country of residence, time period of pandemic, occupational social class, partnership status, prior chronic health conditions, pre-pandemic mental health, pre-pandemic life-satisfaction, pre-pandemic self-rated health	“Country of residence” omitted due to non-convergence in interaction models with binary outcomes.
<b>NSHD</b>	Sex, education, country of residence, time period of pandemic, occupational social class, partnership status, prior chronic health conditions and disabilities, pre-pandemic mental health and pre-pandemic life-satisfaction pre-pandemic self-rated health	RQ2 - for binary life satisfaction outcome, country variable excluded due to non-convergence
<b>USoc</b>	Age, sex, country of residence, time period of pandemic, education, ethnicity, partnership status, pre-pandemic limiting longstanding illness, pandemic disability, pandemic self-related health, pre-pandemic psychological distress, pre-pandemic life-satisfaction.	Pre-pandemic measures were continuous/ binary depending on operationalisation of the outcome.
<b>ALSPAC-G0</b>	Age, sex, education, ethnicity, time period of pandemic, social class, living alone status, pre-pandemic mental health, pre-pandemic self-rated health	
<b>ELSA</b>	Age (categorical), sex, time period of pandemic, education, ethnicity, partnership status, occupational social class, limiting longstanding illness, self-related health, pre-pandemic psychological distress, pre-pandemic life-satisfaction, pre-pandemic anxiety	Pre-pandemic measures were continuous/ binary depending on operationalisation of the outcome.
<b>GS</b>	Age (categorical), sex, time period of pandemic, education, ethnicity, partnership status, occupational social class, pre-pandemic psychological distress	Pre-pandemic measures were continuous/ binary depending on operationalisation of the outcome
<b>TwinsUK</b>	Age, sex, time period of the pandemic, country, education, ethnicity, partnership status, pandemic disability, pre-pandemic self-rated health, pre-pandemic psychological distress	Pre-pandemic measures were continuous/ binary depending on operationalisation of the outcome

**Table S9. Sample descriptives**

<b>Characteristics (n (%))</b>	<b>MCS</b>	<b>ALSPAC-G1</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>BCS 70</b>	<b>NCDS</b>	<b>NSHD</b>	<b>USoc</b>	<b>ALSPAC-G0</b>	<b>ELSA</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>TwinsUK</b>
<b>Analytic sample</b>	4652	2498	4092	5545	6696	1721	14154	3258	4752	3937	3137
<b>Sex</b>											
Men	1845 (54.97)	779 (31.2)	1530 (37.39)	2425 (43.73)	3157 (43.73)	810 (47.1)	5966 (47.7)	809 (24.8)	2127 (44.8)	1480 (37.6)	314 (10)
Women	2807 (45.02)	1719 (68.8)	2562 (62.61)	3120 (56.27)	3539 (56.27)	911 (52.9)	8188 (52.3)	2449 (75.2)	2625 (55.2)	2457 (62.4)	2823 (90)
<b>Age group</b>											
16-29	5014	2498 (100)	-	-	-	-	1573 (18.6)	-	909 (19.1)	38 (1.0)	42 (1.3)
30-49	-	-	4092 (100)	-	-	-	4256 (28.8)	57 (1.8)	1515 (31.9)	781 (19.8)	409 (13)
50-69	-	-	-	5545 (100)	6696 (100)	-	5951 (33.9)	3140 (96.4)	1356 (28.5)	2295 (58.3)	1420 (45.3)
70+	-	-	-	-	-	1721 (100)	2374 (18.7)	61 (1.9)	972 (20.5)	823 (20.9)	1266 (40.4)
<b>Education</b>											
Degree	2745 (54.75)	1621 (64.9)	2088 (51.03)	2557 (46.11)	2801 (41.83)	444 (25.8)	5931 (33.3)	946 (29)	3698 (77.8)	1857 (47.2)	1552 (49.5)
Non-Degree	1,927 (38.43)	877 (35.1)	2004 (48.97)	2988 (53.89)	3596 (53.70)	1277 (74.2)	6543 (56.1)	2312 (71)	1054 (22.2)	2080 (52.8)	1462 (46.6)
<i>missing</i>	342 (6.82)	-	-	-	299 (4.47)	-	1680 (10.6)	-	-	-	123 (3.9)
<b>Ethnicity</b>											
White	4179 (83.35)	2424 (97)	2,997 (74.28)	-	-	-	12559 (92.4)	3206 (98.4)	4458 (93.8)	3912 (99.4)	3077 (98.1)
Non-White	812 (16.19)	74 (3)	1038 (25.72)	-	-	-	1595 (7.6)	52 (1.6)	294 (6.2)	25 (0.6)	47 (1.5)
<i>missing</i>	23 (0.46)	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13 (0.4)
<b>Pre-pandemic mental health</b>											
Clin. symptomatic	903 (18.01)	576 (23.1)	1057 (25.83)	982 (17.71)	855 (12.77)	204 (11.9)	2574 (20.2)	592 (18.2)	552 (11.6)	676 (17.2)	200 (6.4)
Non symptomatic	4111 (81.99)	1922 (76.9)	3035 (74.17)	4,563 (82.29)	5841 (87.23)	1517 (88.1)	11580 (79.8)	2666 (81.8)	4200 (88.4)	3261 (82.8)	2937 (93.6)
<b>Pre-pandemic life satisfaction</b>											
Satisfied	-	-	3710 (90.71)	4821 (87.18)	5058 (79.07)	-	10745 (72.4)	-	-	-	-
Not Satisfied	-	-	380 (9.29)	709 (12.92)	1339 (20.93)	-	3409 (27.7)	-	-	-	-



**Table S10a. Mental health outcomes descriptives**

Longitudinal study	Mental health outcome	Measure	Time 1			Time 2			Time 3		
			N	Mean score (SD)	High symptoms (%)	N	Mean score (SD)	High symptoms (%)	N	Mean score (SD)	High symptoms (%)
MCS	Psychological distress	K-6	2,260	7.98 (5.09)	18.98	2,813	8.46 (5.52)	24.75	4,051	8.32 (5.73)	24.66
	Depression	PHQ-2	2,259	1.84 (1.65)	28.78	2,805	1.75 (1.70)	27.31	4,050	1.90 (1.75)	30.01
	Anxiety	GAD-2	2,257	1.73 (1.79)	26.44	2,806	2.02 (1.87)	31.70	4,051	1.97 (1.79)	30.02
	Life satisfaction	SWL	2,291	2.291 (2.21)	35.06	2,834	6.34 (2.09)	30.72	4,075	5.89 (2.27)	41.24
ALSPAC-G1	Depression	SMFQ	1789	5.94 (5.36)	16.34	1623	6.23 (5.57)	19.70	2337	6.36 (5.97)	20.4
	Anxiety	GAD-7	1788	6.0 (5.2)	22.82	1623	5.76 (5.08)	21.38	2343	6.48 (5.37)	26.12
	Life satisfaction	WEMWBS	1780	44.55 (8.28)	29.27	1628	44.76 (8.53)	29.91	2327	45.18 (9.31)	29.52
NS	Psychological distress	GHQ-12	1,544	13.46 (6.03)	35.52	3,105	13.23 (5.74)	30.52	3052	13.40 (5.85)	34.40
	Depression	PHQ-2	1,567	1.41 (1.56)	16.65	3,117	1.29 (1.63)	18.66	3,569	1.42 (1.59)	20.13
	Anxiety	GAD-2	1,570	1.43 (1.68)	18.98	3,119	1.59 (1.73)	22.48	3,568	1.51 (1.76)	21.55
	Life satisfaction	SWL	1,585	6.95 (2.06)	20.52	3,131	6.81(2.17)	21.96	3,581	6.53 (2.21)	28.93
BCS70	Psychological distress	MAL	3,276	1.79 (2.00)	18.10	4169	2.08 (2.17)	22.73	4528	1.92 (2.11)	21.19
	Depression	PHQ-2	3284	0.99 (1.46)	12.65	4170	0.96 (1.50)	12.40	4532	1.05 (1.50)	13.26
	Anxiety	GAD-2	3280	0.99 (1.42)	11.28	4170	1.06 (1.52)	14.03	4535	0.97 (1.49)	12.02
	Life satisfaction	SWL	3303	7.09 (2.01)	19.73	4,184	6.93 (2.10)	23.38	4,547	6.84 (2.11)	24.08
NCDS	Psychological distress	MAL	4,325	1.35 (1.82)	12.21	5,507	1.61(1.97)	15.87	5,949	1.50 (1.91)	14.77
	Depression	PHQ-2	4,367	0.71 (1.32)	8.12	5,502	0.70(1.28)	7.90	5,968	0.87 (1.42)	11.71
	Anxiety	GAD-2	4,355	0.77 (1.36)	9.26	5,508	0.80(1.33)	8.29	5,975	0.82 (1.43)	9.50
	Life satisfaction	SWL	4,400	7.36 (2.12)	14.79	5,519	7.34(1.96)	16.28	5,985	7.07 (2.12)	20.80
NSHD	Psychological distress	GHQ-12	1324	2.06 (2.51)	20.11	1625	1.91 (2.53)	20.88	1507	1.76 (2.84)	18.04
	Life satisfaction	SWL	1024	7.61 (1.96)	23.19	1664	7.01 (2.19)	34.84	1524	6.83 (2.26)	38.85
USOC	Psychological distress	GHQ-12	See Table S10b below								
	Life satisfaction	SWL	See Table S10b below								
ELSA	Depression	CESD	4889	1.9 (2.1)	19.95	4889	2.3 (2.4)	27.08	NA	NA	NA
	Anxiety	GAD-7	4889	3.2 (4.2)	8.52	4889	3.6 (4.5)	10.77	NA	NA	NA
	Life satisfaction	SWL	4889	7.0 (2.2)	33.45	4889	6.9 (2.2)	36.14	NA	NA	NA
GS	Psychological distress	PHQ-9 and GAD-7	3776	3.56 (3.87)	28.5	2784	3.30 (3.76)	25.2	2571	4.17 (4.05)	33.2
	Depression	PHQ-9 (subset)	3836	2.33 (2.74)	11.8	2831	2.33 (2.75)	11.6	2612	2.85 (2.89)	15.7
	Anxiety	GAD-7 (subset)	3854	1.27 (1.48)	15.9	2847	1.02 (1.36)	11.5	2642	1.35 (1.51)	17.6
	Life satisfaction	SWL	3927	6.44 (2.27)	44.4	2898	7.14 (2.00)	29.6	2698	6.17 (2.22)	47.9
ALSPAC-G0	Depression	SMFQ	2461	2.90 (3.59)	4.06	2490	3.17 (3.89)	5.54	2881	3.31 (3.94)	6.0
	Anxiety	GAD-7	2502	3.41 (4.09)	9.1	2529	3.25 (4.15)	8.62	2905	4.22 (4.55)	13.46
TWINS UK	Psychological distress	HADS	2765	10.2 (5.52)	7.02	2623	10.5 (5.77)	10.23	2085	9.04 (6.26)	179
	Depression	HADS	2764	5.28 (2.32)	1.92	2620	5.55 (2.50)	2.67	2090	4.46 (3.11)	3.25
	Anxiety	HADS	2758	4.91 (3.79)	6.24	2617	4.95 (3.86)	5.54	2161	4.66 (3.86)	67.10
	Life satisfaction	SWL	NA	NA	NA	2763	7.28 (2.01)	25.0	2631	7.38 (1.92)	22.3

NA = Not available, K-6= Kessler psychological distress scale, PHQ=Patient Health Questionnaire, GAD= Generalised anxiety disorder questionnaire, SWL= Satisfaction with Life (1 item), SMFQ= Short Mood and Feelings Questionnaire, WEMWBS = Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scales, GHQ= General Health Questionnaire, MAL= Malaise Inventory, CES= Centre for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale, HADS= Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale

**Table S10b. Outcome descriptive statistics – Mental health – USOC**

Time	Psychological distress – GHQ12			Life satisfaction - SWL 0-7 Scale		
	<i>N</i>	Mean score (SD)	High symptoms (%)	<i>N</i>	Mean score (SD)	High symptoms (%)
April 2020	12,548	12.62 (6.20)	29.94			
May 2020	11,473	12.45 (6.12)	26.70	11,511	4.80 (1.55)	36.28
June 2020	10,975	12.56 (6.23)	25.62			
July 2020	10,751	11.79 (5.75)	20.65	10,783	4.94 (1.58)	31.14
Sept 2020	10,042	11.89 (5.71)	20.92	10,070	4.87 (1.51)	33.37
Nov 2020	9,497	12.84 (6.18)	26.07	9,524	4.88 (1.52)	32.78
Jan 2021	9,360	12.82 (6.14)	26.72	9,393	4.65 (1.53)	40.14
March 2021	10,038	12.49 (6.06)	24.00	10,069	4.86 (1.52)	33.05

**Table S11. Meta-analysed associations between COVID-19 and continuous mental health outcomes**

		<b>Mental health outcome</b>			
		<b>Psychological distress</b>	<b>Depression</b>	<b>Anxiety</b>	<b>Life satisfaction</b>
		Coefficient (95% CI)	Coefficient (95% CI)	Coefficient (95% CI)	Coefficient (95% CI)
<b>RQ1) COVID-19</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	<b>COVID-19 (unadjusted)</b>	0.13 (0.08 - 0.18)	0.11 (0.06 - 0.17)	0.11 (0.08 - 0.13)	-0.09 (-0.12 - -0.06)
	% I <sup>2</sup> & T <sup>2</sup>	70.6 ; 0.00	79.1 ; 0.00	26.9 ; 0.00	52.9 ; 0.00
	95% PI	-0.03 - 0.29	-0.08 - 0.30	0.04 - 0.16	-0.17 - - 0.00
	<b>COVID-19 (adjusted)</b>	0.10 (0.06 - 0.13)	0.08 (0.05 - 0.10)	0.08 (0.05 - 0.10)	-0.06 (-0.08 - -0.04)
	% I <sup>2</sup> & T <sup>2</sup>	42.8 ; 0.00	20.8 ; 0.00	0 ; 0.00	29.2 ; 0.00
	95% PI	0.01 - 0.17	0.02 - 0.12	0.04 - 0.10	-0.11 - -0.00
<b>RQ2) Duration</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	<b>&lt;4 weeks</b>	0.10 (0.04 - 0.16)	0.13 (0.05 - 0.22)	0.07 (0.01 - 0.13)	-0.03 (-0.10 - 0.03)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	0	54.3	0	0.6
	<b>4-12 weeks</b>	0.10 (0.04 - 0.17)	0.03 (-0.01 - 0.08)	0.07 (0.03 - 0.11)	-0.02 (-0.09 - 0.06)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	21.6	23.8	0	60.2
	<b>12+ weeks</b>	0.10 (0.04 - 0.15)	0.07 (0.04 - 0.10)	0.09 (0.06 - 0.12)	-0.07 (-0.12 - -0.02)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	62.8	0	0	55
	<b>Duration in weeks (continuous)</b>	-0.0001 (-0.004 - 0.002)	0.001 (-0.002 - 0.003)	0.001 (-0.001 - 0.002)	-0.001 (-0.003 - 0.002)
	% I <sup>2</sup> & T <sup>2</sup>	53.7 ; 0.00	43.5 ; 0.00	0.01 ; 0.00	55.36 ; 0.00
	95% PI	-0.009 - 0.007	-0.002 - 0.003	-0.001 - 0.003	-0.008 - 0.007
		<b>16-29</b>	0.08 (-0.05 - 0.20)	0.05 (-0.00 - 0.11)	0.04 (-0.02 - 0.10)
<b>RQ3) Age stratified</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	% I <sup>2</sup>	38.5	0	9.5	0
	<b>30-49</b>	0.06 (0.01 - 0.10)	0.04 (-0.03 - 0.10)	0.04 (-0.04 - 0.12)	-0.03 (-0.11 - 0.05)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	0	0	17.9	65
	<b>50-69</b>	0.13 (0.10 - 0.15)	0.10 (0.06 - 0.15)	0.10 (0.06 - 0.13)	-0.07 (-0.11 - 0.04)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	0	44.2	0	30.1
	<b>70+</b>	0.08 (0.02 - 0.13)	0.10 (-0.06 - 0.15)	0.10 (-0.03 - 0.23)	-0.07 (-0.15 - 0.01)
<b>RQ3) Interactions</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	% I <sup>2</sup>	0	71.6	49.8	0
	<b>Education</b>	0.03 (-0.04 - 0.10)	0.02 (-0.05 - 0.08)	0.02 (-0.06 - 0.11)	0.00 (-0.06 - 0.07)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	57	47	71.4	46.7
	<b>Ethnicity</b>	-0.00 (-0.14 - 0.13)	-0.03 (-0.19 - 0.14)	-0.01 (-0.19 - 0.17)	0.08 (-0.02 - 0.18)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	0	24.9	58.7	0
	<b>Prior mental health</b>	0.06 (-0.04 - 0.17)	-0.00 (-0.09 - 0.09)	0.06 (-0.04 - 0.15)	-0.04 (-0.13 - 0.05)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	45.2	49	19.5	23.8
	<b>Prior life satisfaction</b>	-	-	-	0.04 (-0.02, 0.10)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	0
	<b>Sex</b>	0.04 (-0.01 - 0.08)	0.03 (-0.01 - 0.07)	0.03 (-0.02 - 0.09)	0.00 (-0.04 - 0.05)
	% I <sup>2</sup>	32.3	0	35.3	0
	<b>RQ4A) Test-confirmed vs suspected</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	<b>Suspected COVID-19</b>	0.09 (0.07 - 0.11)	0.07 (0.05 - 0.10)	0.08 (0.05 - 0.10)
% I <sup>2</sup>		0	0	0	43.2
<b>Test-confirmed COVID-19</b>		0.11 (0.02 - 0.19)	0.07 (-0.01 - 0.14)	0.04 (0.00 - 0.09)	-0.00 (-0.06 - 0.05)
% I <sup>2</sup>	68.3	60.3	0	23.3	

<b>RQ4B) Serology vs self-report (ref. no COVID-19)</b>	<b>No self-report case, positive serology-</b>	-0.02 (-0.10 – 0.05)	-0.03 (-0.14 – 0.07)	-0.03 (-0.13 – 0.06)	0.13 (-0.04 – 0.30)
	% I2	0	0	0	0
	<b>Self-report case, negative serology</b>	0.11 (0.06 – 0.16)	0.13 (0.07 – 0.19)	0.11 (0.04 – 0.17)	-0.12 (-0.23 – -0.02)
	% I2	29.5	0	0	34.1
	<b>Self-report case, positive serology</b>	0.06 (0.00 – 0.13)	0.02 (-0.06 – 0.11)	0.01 (-0.08 – 0.10)	-0.06 (-0.17 – 0.05)
	% I2	10	0	9.1	0

**Table S12. Meta-analysed associations between COVID-19 and binary mental health outcomes**

		<b>Mental health outcome</b>			
		<b>Psychological distress</b>	<b>Depression</b>	<b>Anxiety</b>	<b>Life satisfaction</b>
		RR (95% CI)	RR (95% CI)	RR (95% CI)	RR (95% CI)
<b>RQ1) COVID-19</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	<b>COVID-19 (unadjusted)</b>	1.21 (1.09 – 1.36)	1.21 (1.07 – 1.37)	1.20 (1.09 – 1.32)	1.11 (1.06 – 1.17)
	% I2	93	90	84.2	45.7
	<b>COVID-19 (adjusted)</b>	1.15 (1.05 – 1.25)	1.12 (1.02 – 1.23)	1.12 (1.04 – 1.21)	1.09 (1.02 – 1.15)
	% I2	88.8	76.8	63.5	59.9
<b>RQ2) Duration</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	<b>&lt;4 weeks</b>	1.12 (0.95 – 1.32)	1.28 (1.02 – 1.60)	1.02 (0.98 – 1.06)	1.08 (0.88 – 1.33)
	% I2	47.3	70.3	0	46.6
	<b>4-12 weeks</b>	1.12 (0.98 – 1.27)	1.03 (0.92 – 1.16)	1.05 (0.98 – 1.12)	1.05 (0.90 – 1.22)
	% I2	59.3	42.7	7	56.1
	<b>12+ weeks</b>	1.13 (0.98 – 1.31)	1.05 (0.96 – 1.16)	1.14 (1.03 – 1.26)	1.12 (1.02 – 1.24)
	% I2	88.4	58.4	72.4	59.7
<b>RQ4A) Test-confirmed vs suspected</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	<b>Suspected COVID-19</b>	1.14 (1.05 – 1.24)	1.14 (1.04 – 1.24)	1.13 (1.04 – 1.22)	1.10 (1.05 – 1.15)
	% I2	83.9	67.5	62.8	21.2
	<b>Test-confirmed COVID-19</b>	1.20 (1.03 – 1.39)	1.09 (0.93 – 1.26)	1.04 (0.98 – 1.11)	1.05 (0.97 – 1.13)
	% I2	83.9	63.2	8.2	11
<b>RQ4B) Serology vs self-report</b> (ref. no COVID-19)	<b>No self-report case, positive serology</b>	1.01 (0.74 – 1.38)	1.10 (0.66 – 1.83)	1.20 (0.74 – 1.94)	1.02 (0.79 – 1.30)
	% I2	0	0	0	0
	<b>Self-report case, negative serology</b>	1.22 (1.08 – 1.39)	1.22 (1.01 – 1.48)	1.28 (1.07 – 1.54)	1.18 (1.05 – 1.33)
	% I2	25	4.7	0	29
	<b>Self-report case, positive serology</b>	1.20 (1.02 – 1.40)	1.10 (0.84 – 1.44)	1.12 (0.82 – 1.54)	1.02 (0.87 – 1.18)
	% I2	0	0	26	0

## Supplementary Figures - Forest plots

Figure S1. RQ1) Association between COVID-19 infection and mental health (unadjusted; continuous outcome)

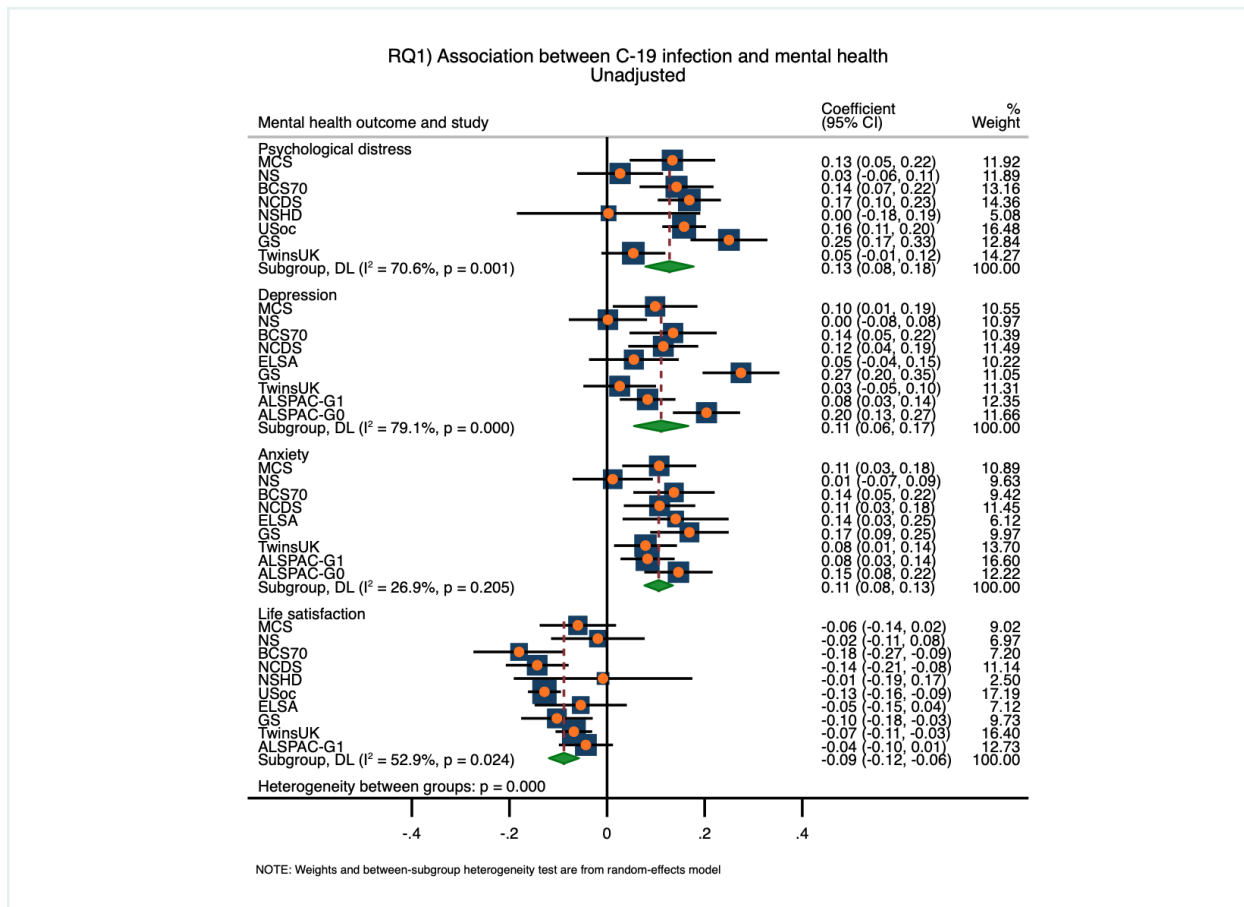
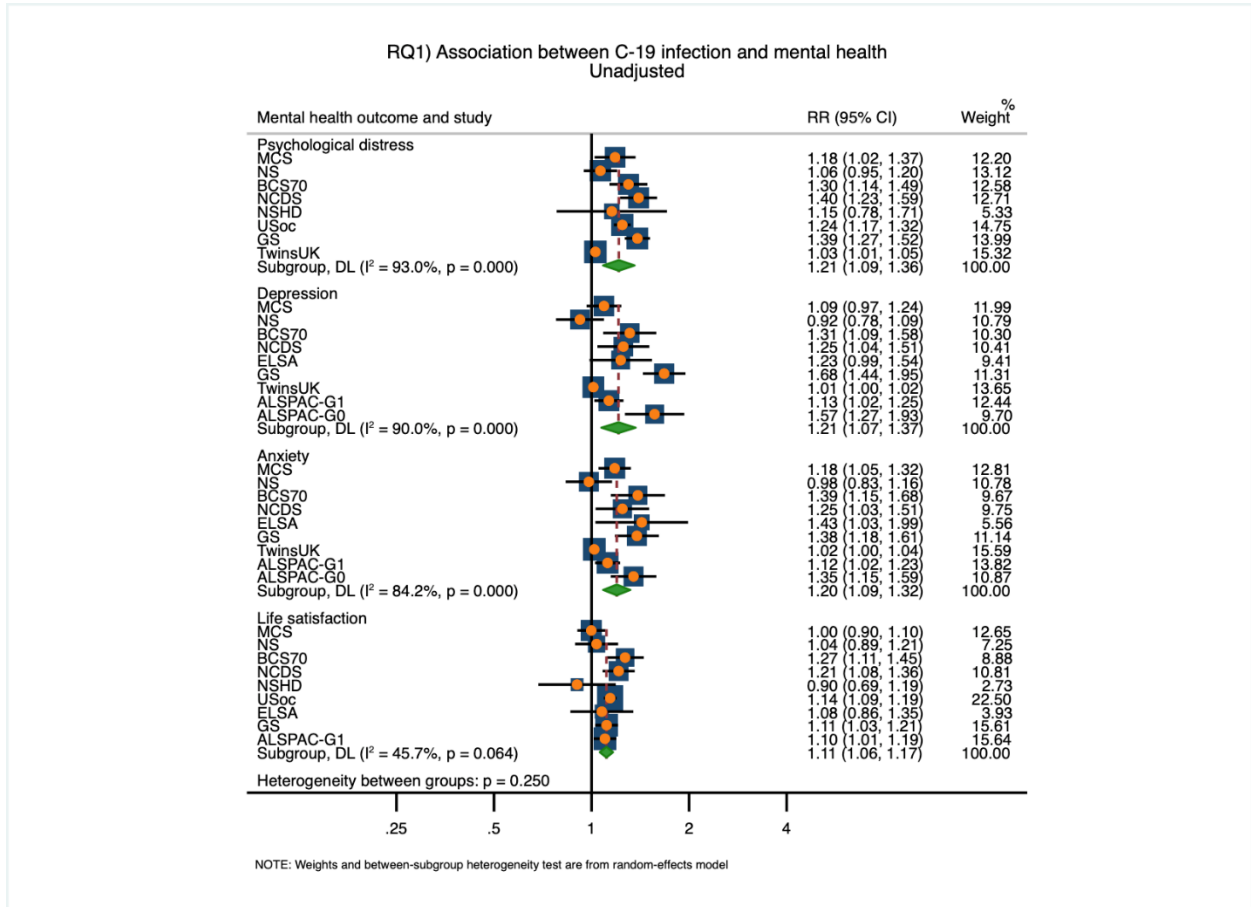


Figure S2. RQ1) Association between COVID-19 infection and mental health (unadjusted; binary outcome)



**Figure S3. RQ2) Time since COVID-19 and psychological distress (adjusted; binary outcome)**

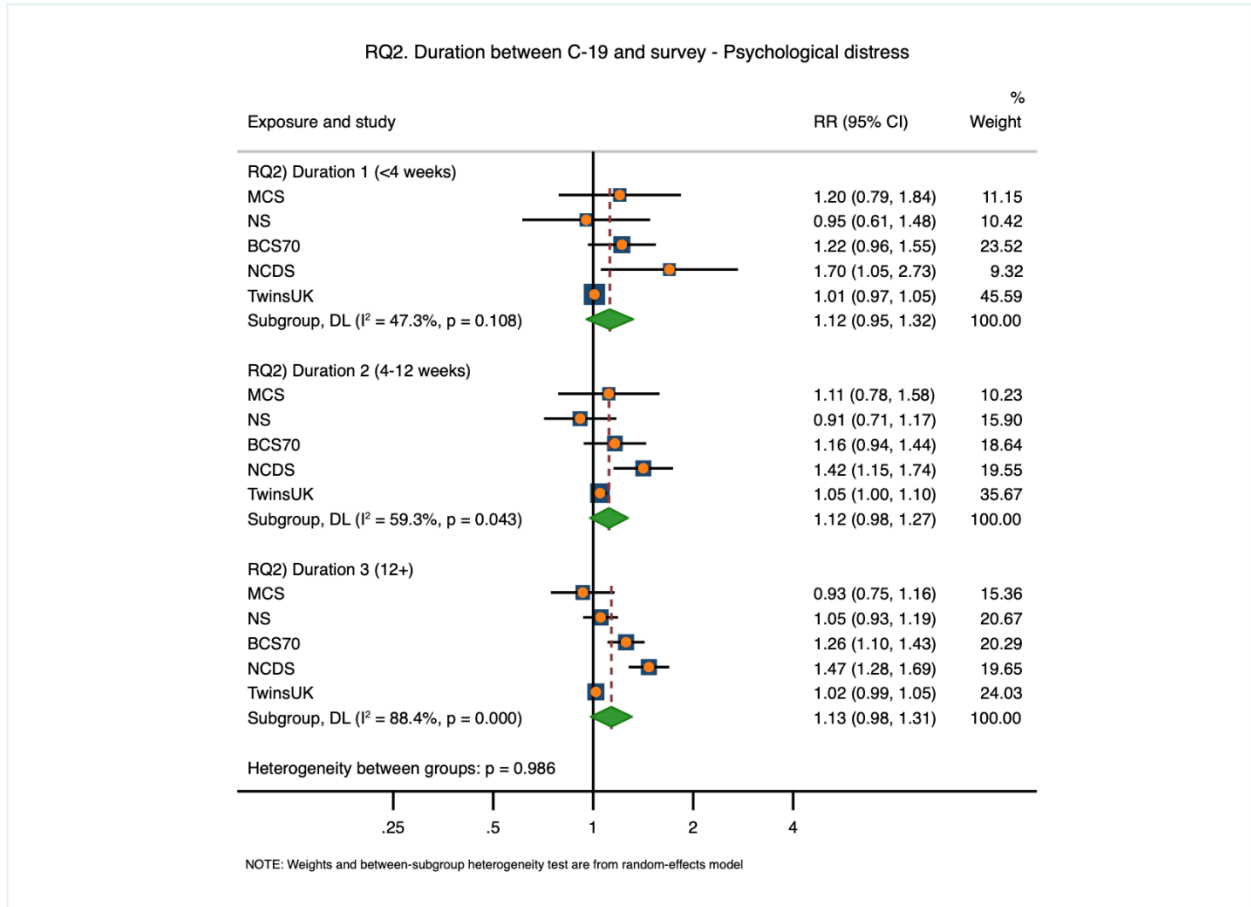
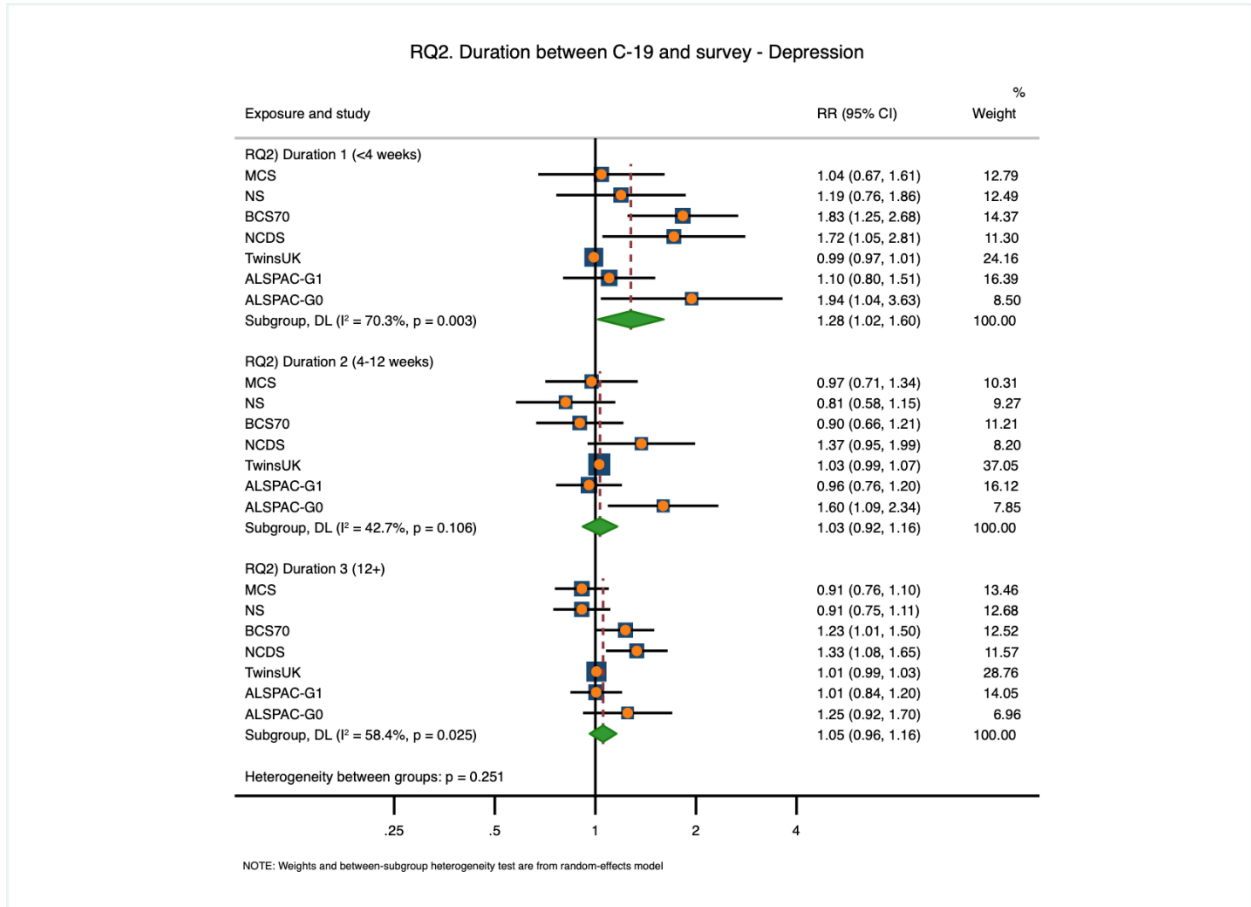
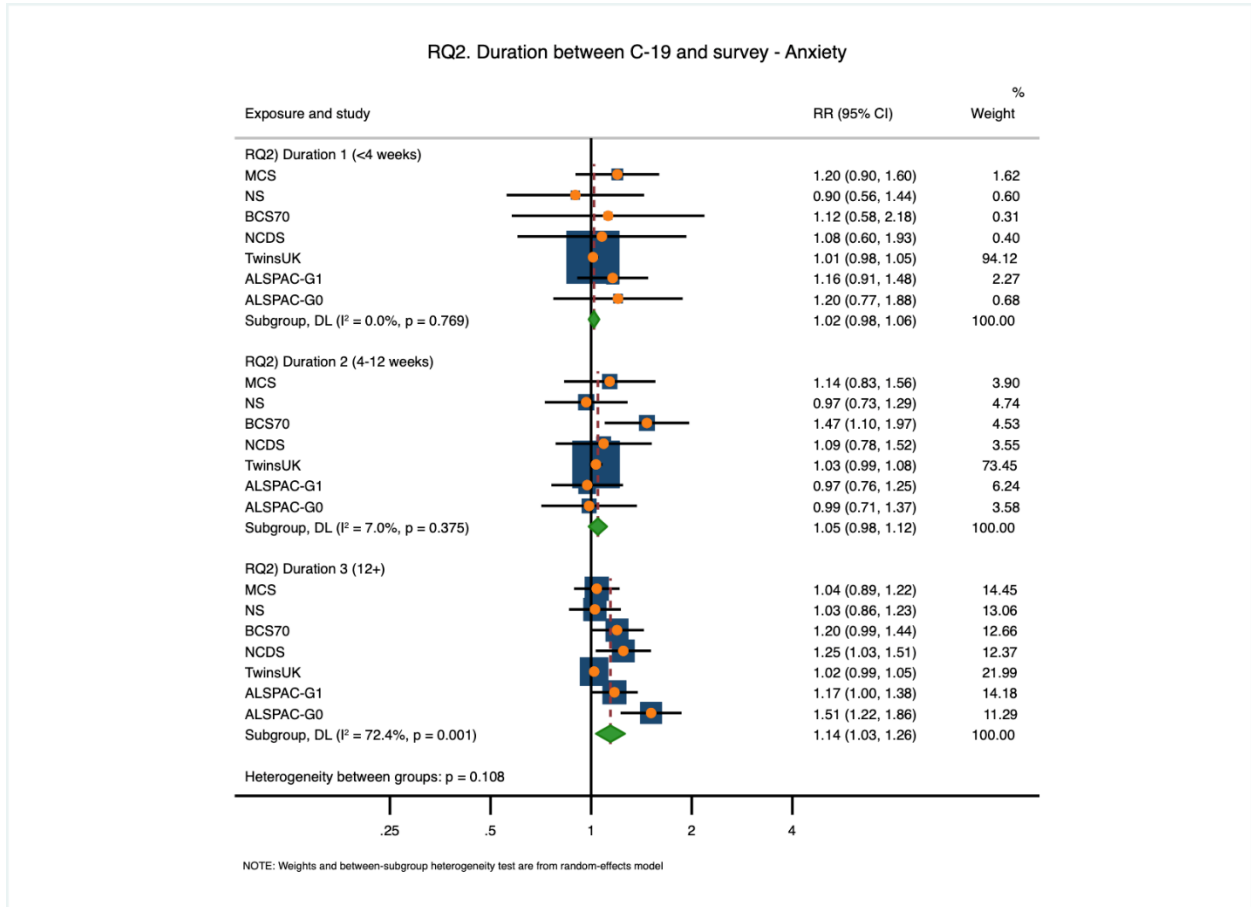




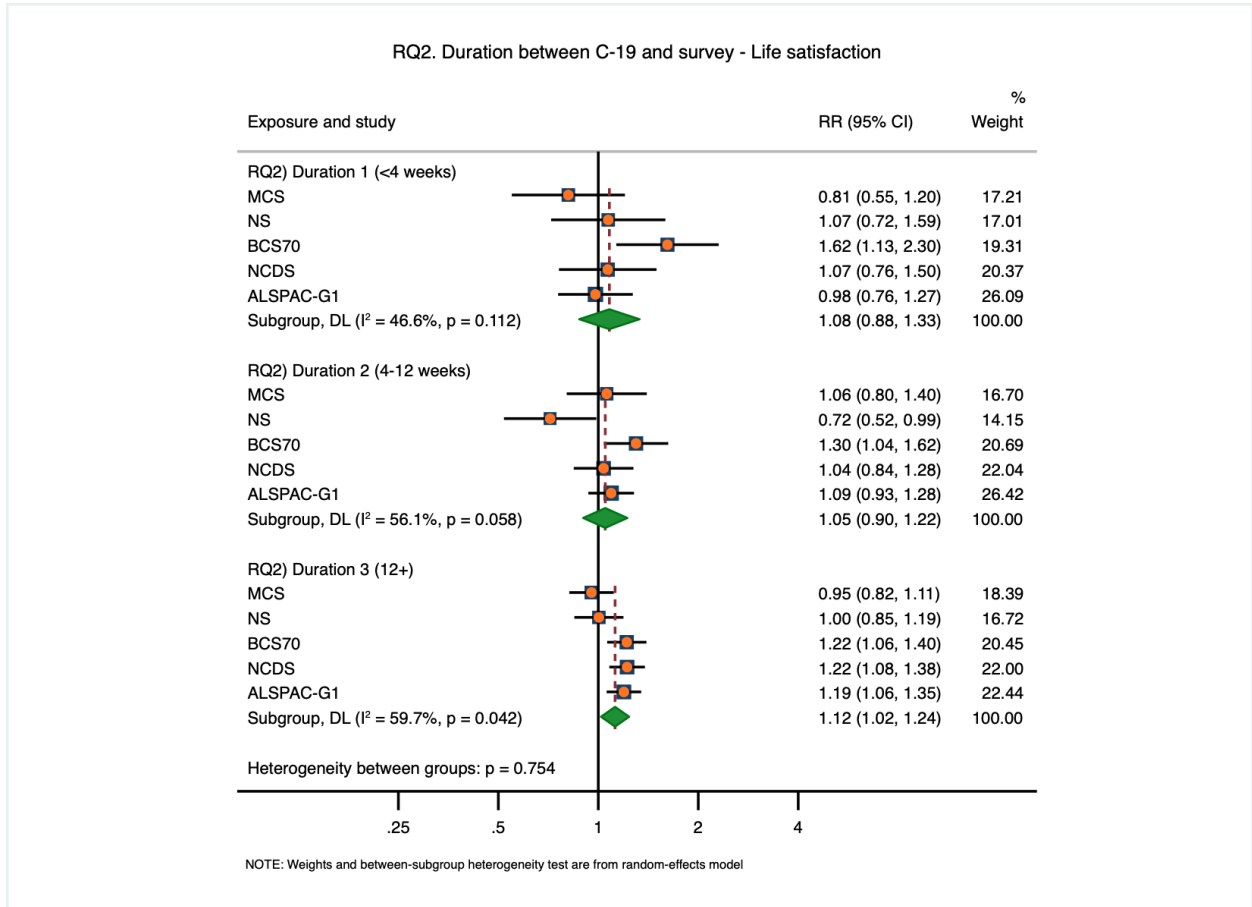
Figure S4. RQ2) Time since COVID-19 and depression (adjusted; binary outcome)



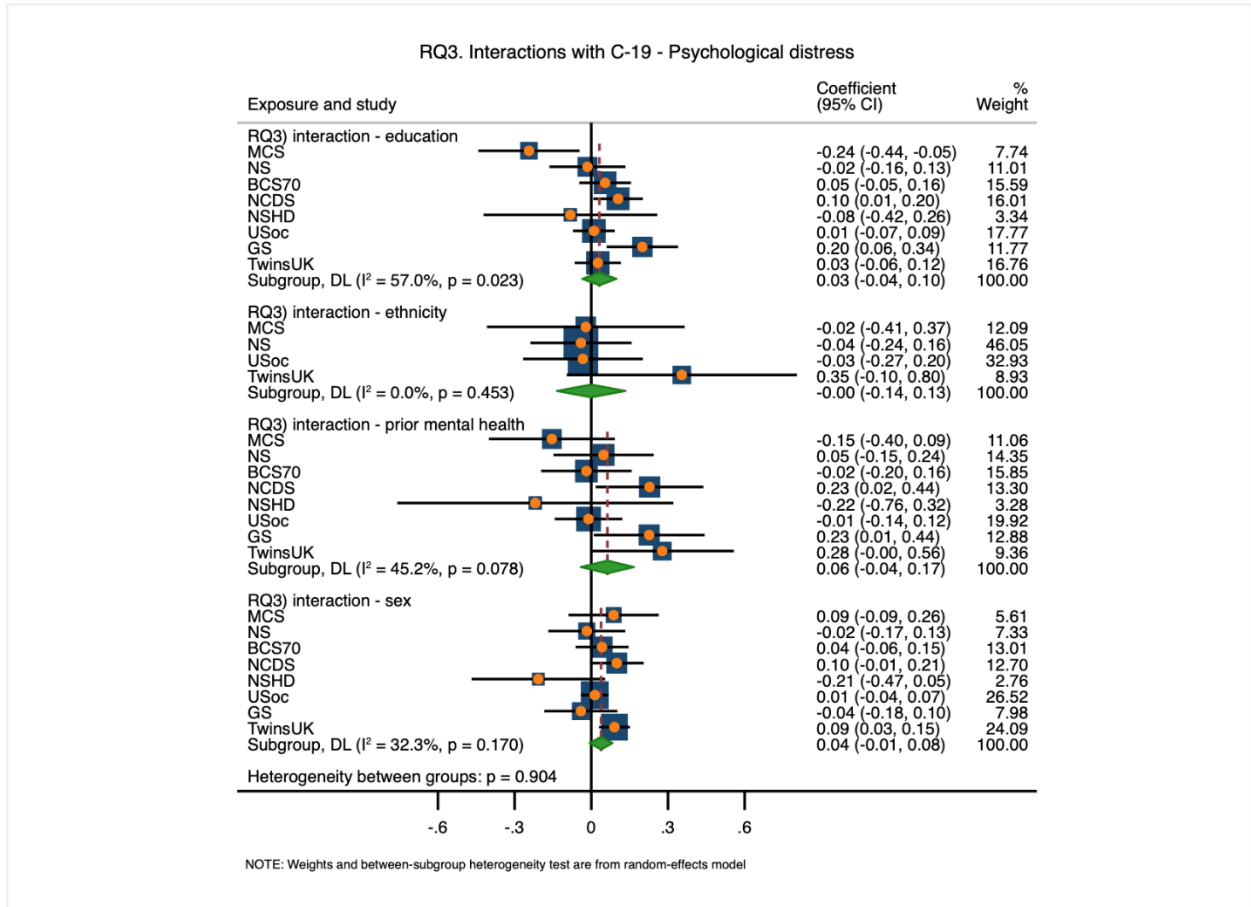
**Figure S5. RQ2) Time since COVID-19 and anxiety (adjusted; binary outcome)**



**Figure S6. RQ2) Time since COVID-19 and low life satisfaction (adjusted; binary outcome)**



**Figure S7. RQ3) Interactions with COVID-19 - psychological distress (adjusted; continuous outcome)**



**Figure S8. RQ3) Interactions with COVID-19 - depression (adjusted; continuous outcomes)**

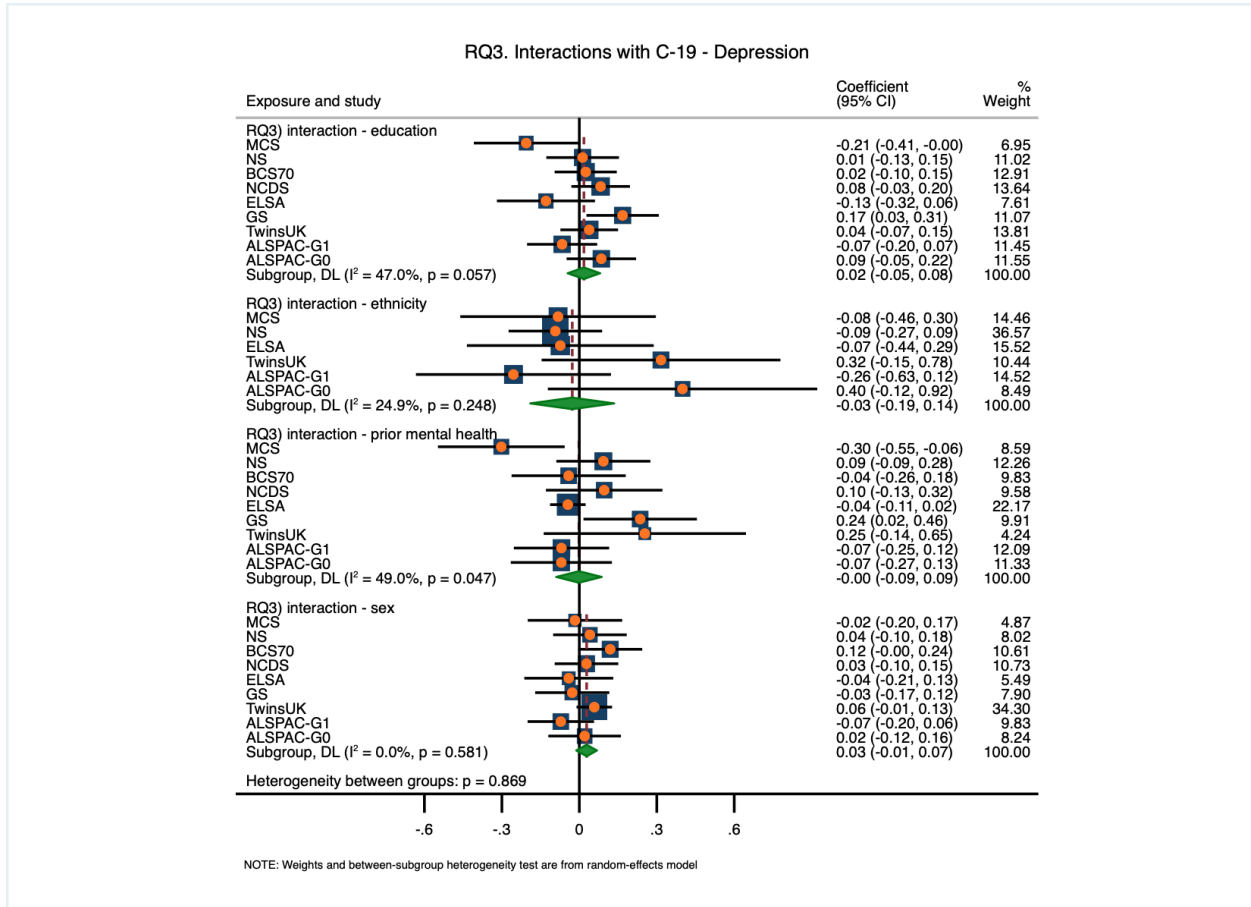


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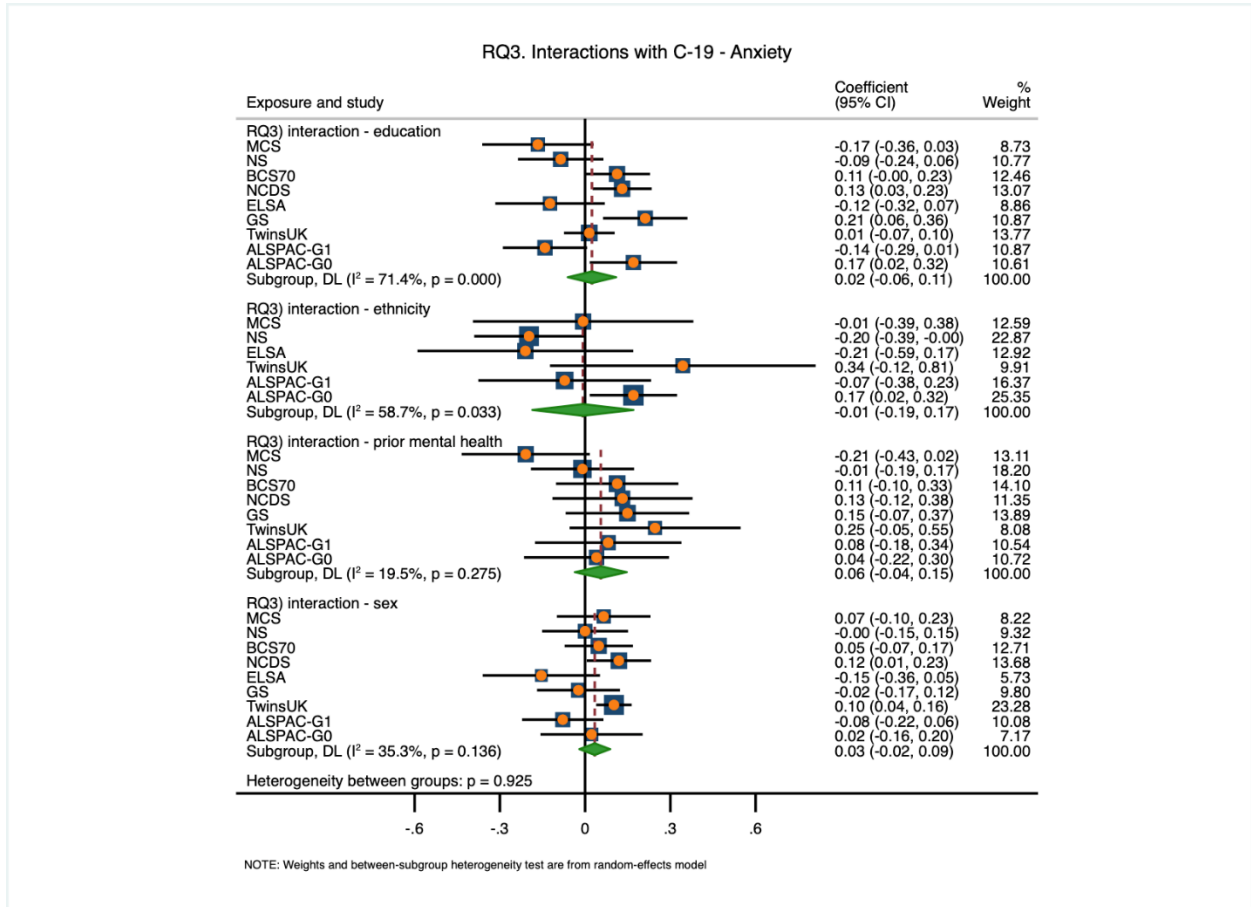
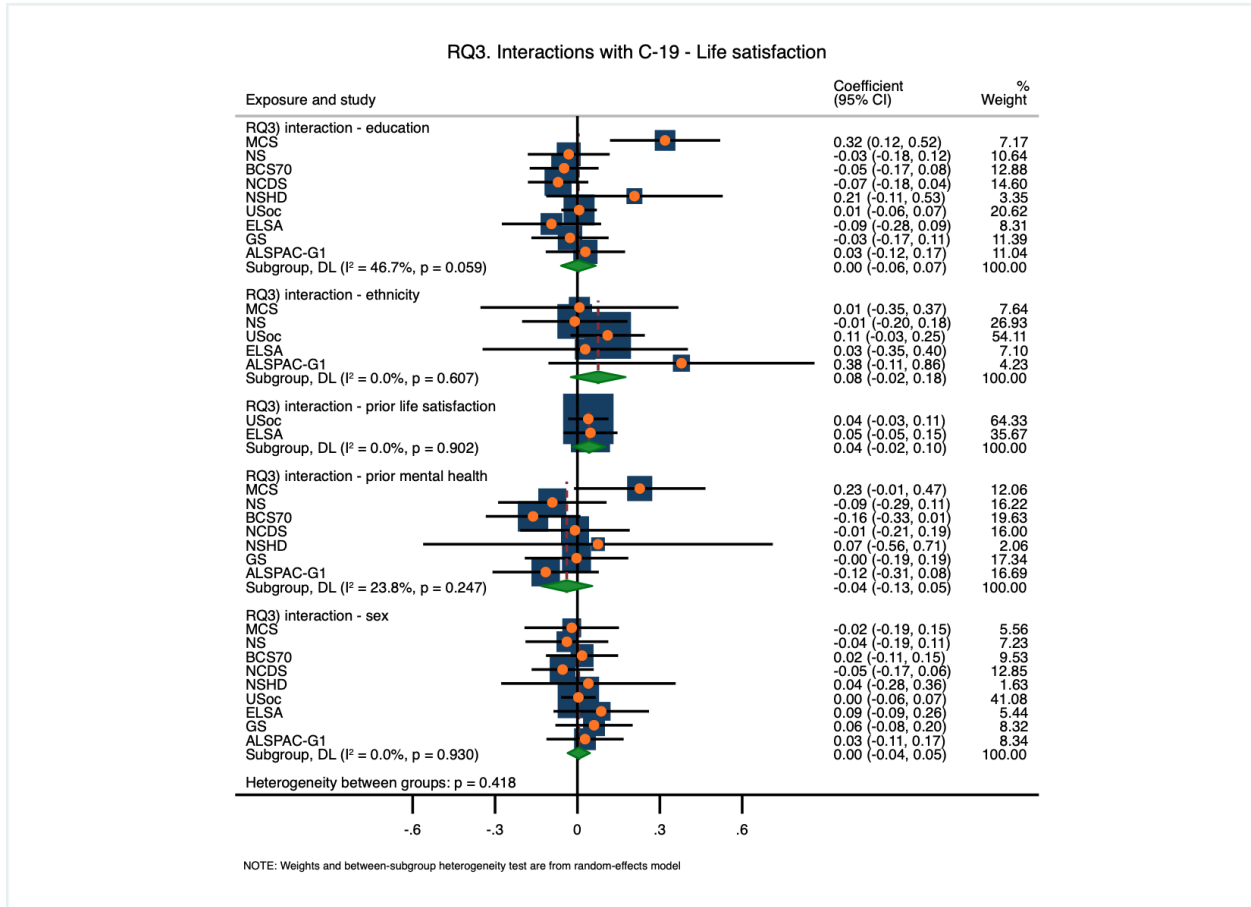
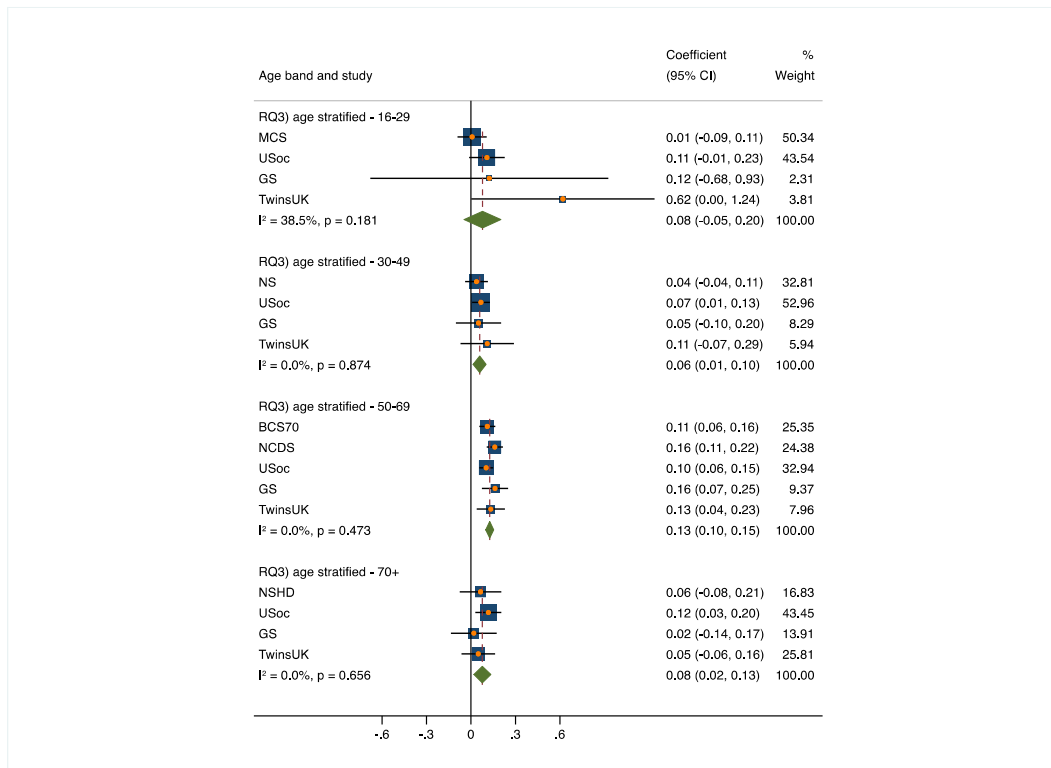


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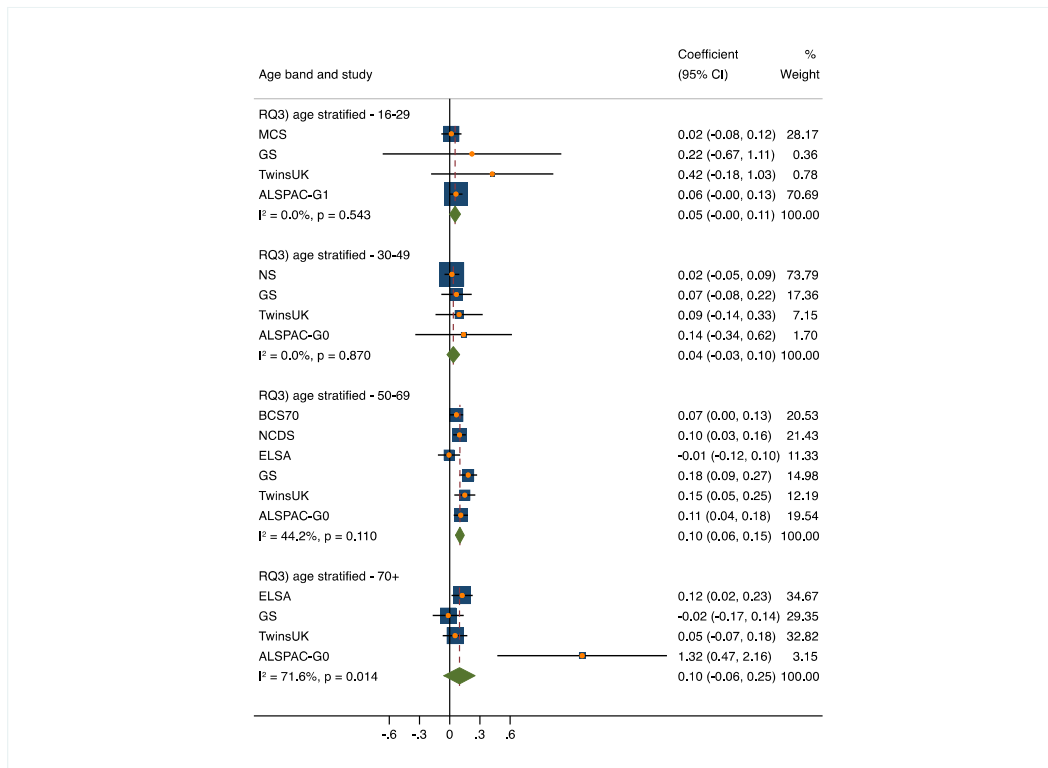


**Figure S11. RQ3) Age stratified association between COVID-19 and psychological distress (adjusted; continuous outcomes)**

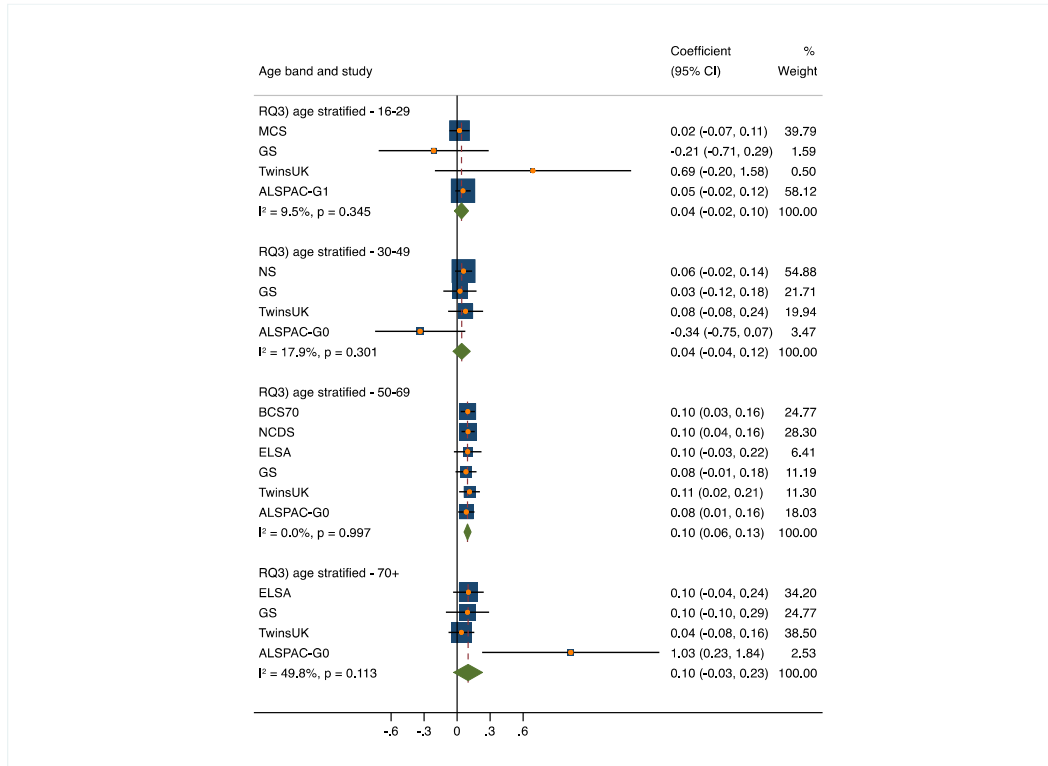




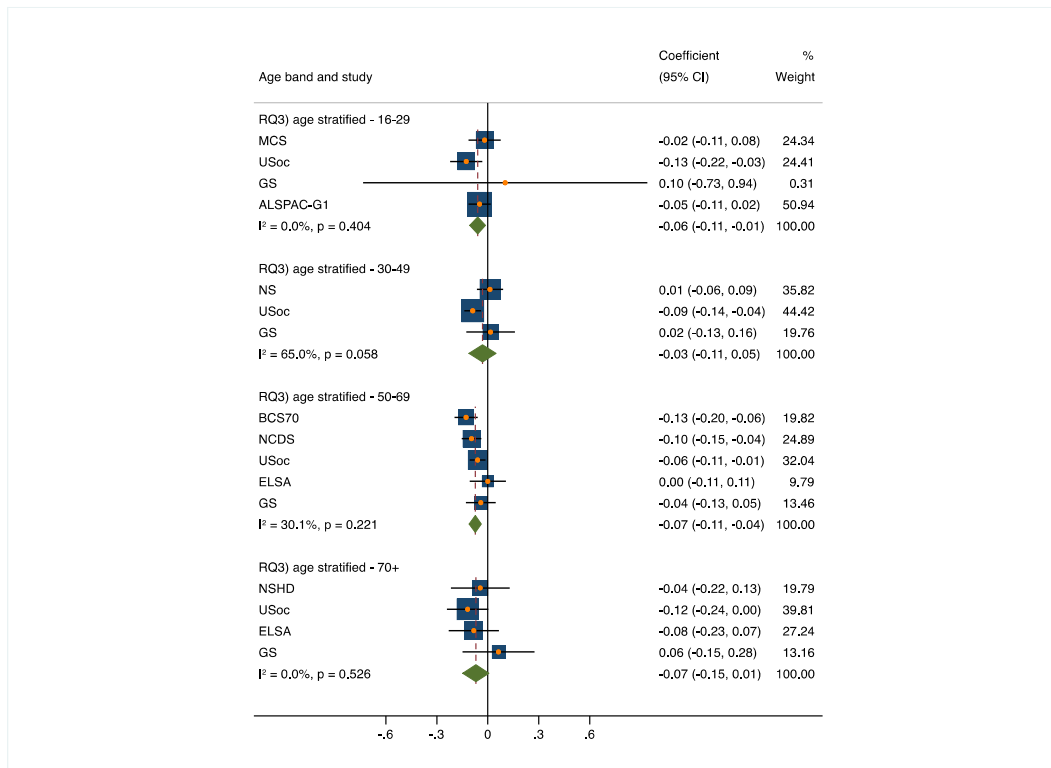
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**Figure S13. RQ3) Age stratified association between COVID-19 and anxiety (adjusted; continuous outcomes)**



**Figure S14. RQ3) Age stratified association between COVID-19 and life satisfaction (adjusted; continuous outcomes)**



**Figure S15. RQ4A) Test-confirmed vs suspected COVID-19 and psychological distress (adjusted; binary outcome)**

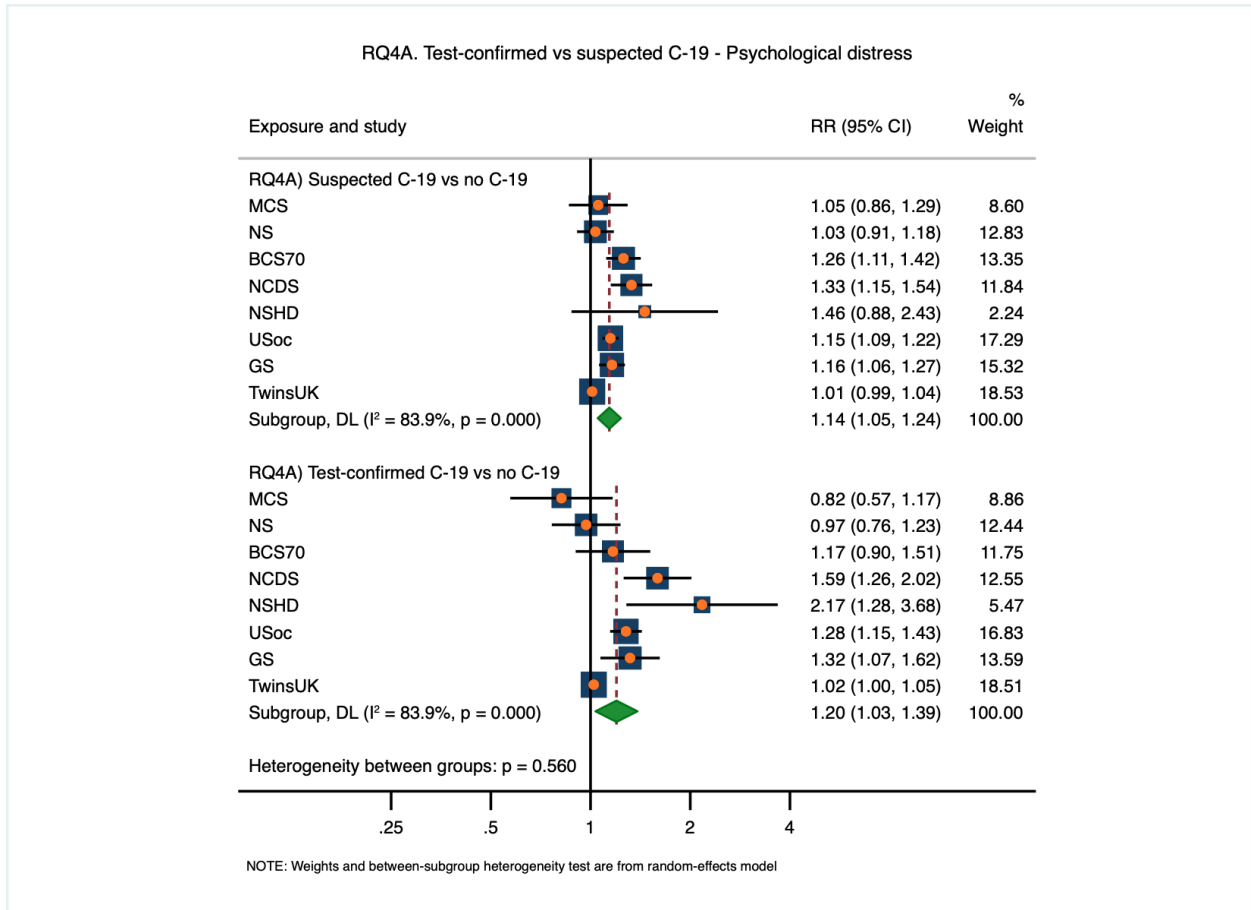


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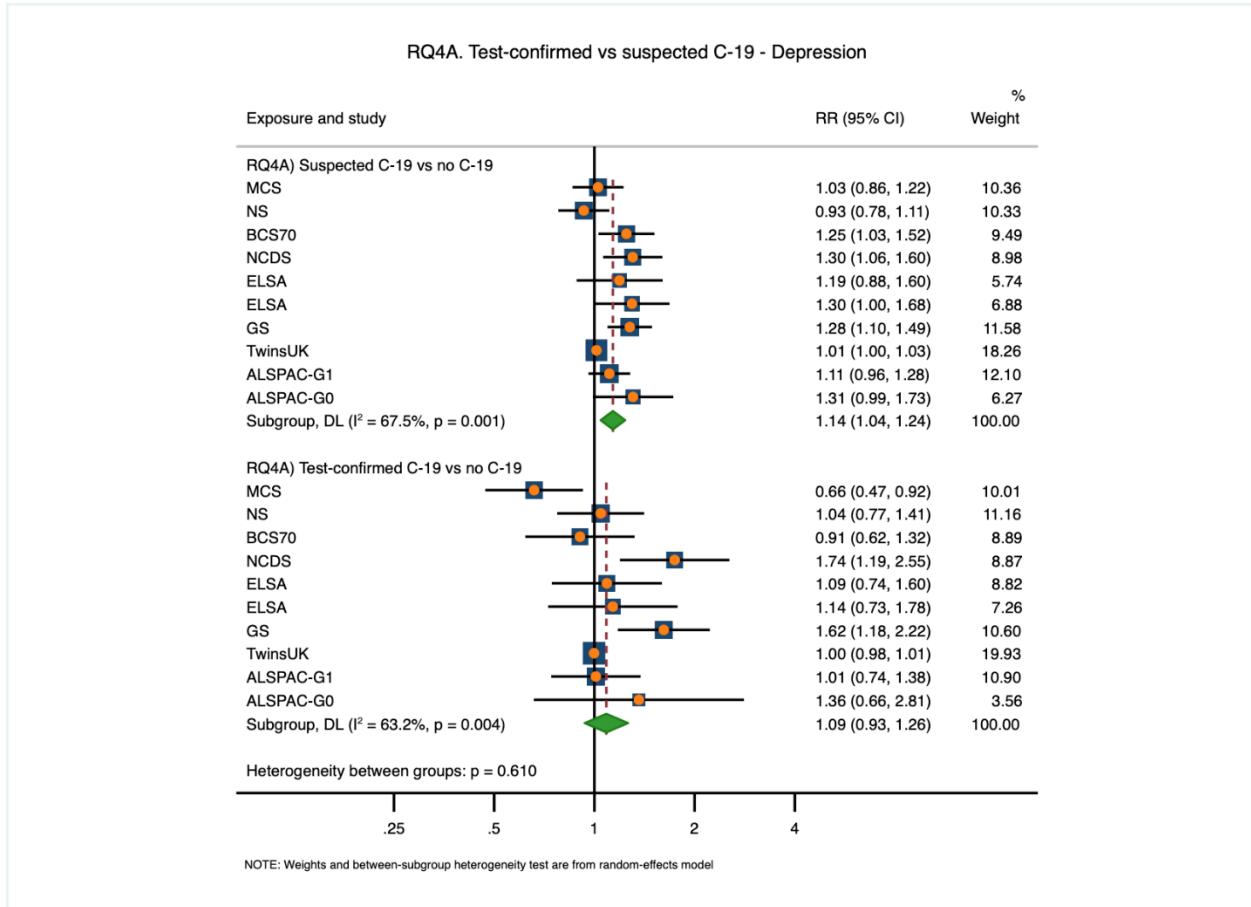
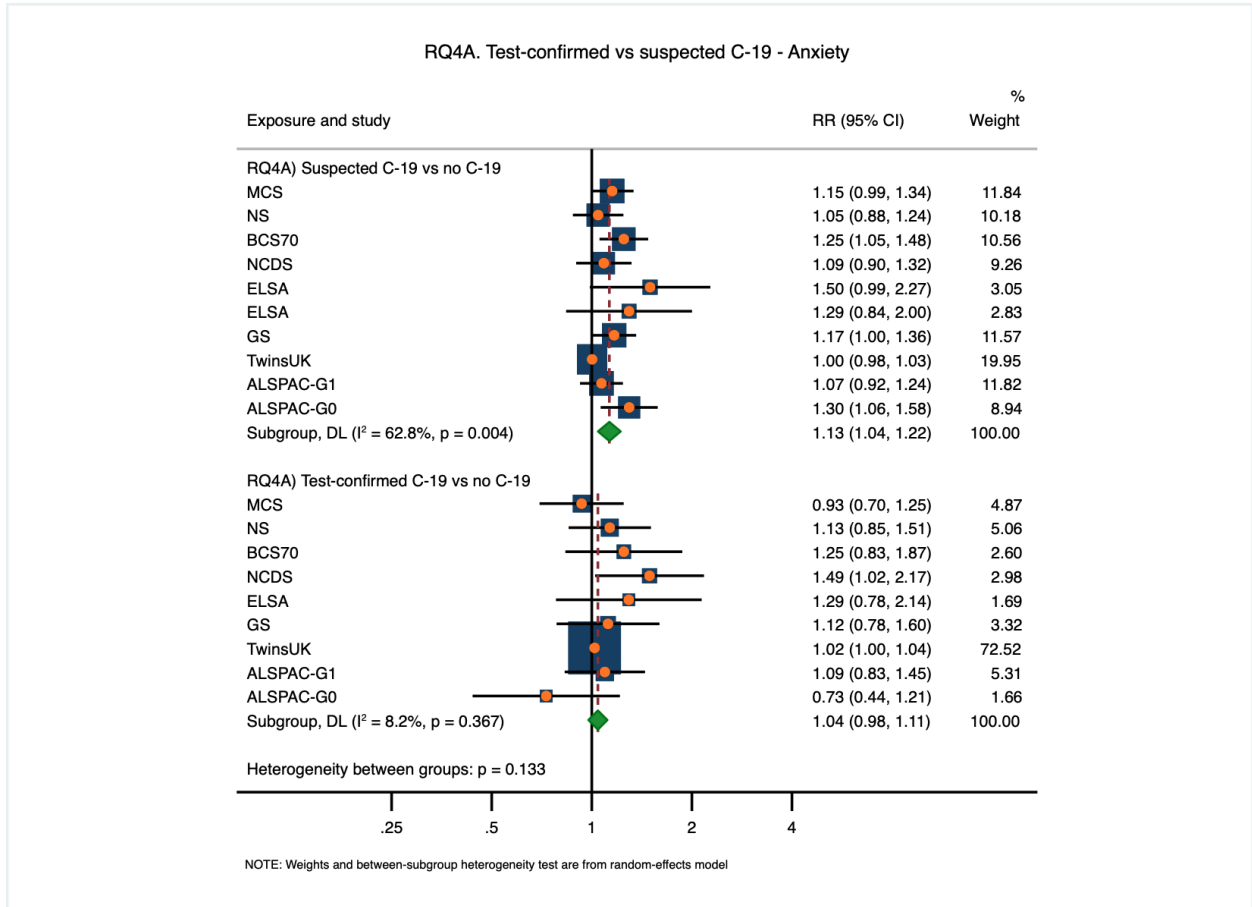


Figure S17. RQ4A) Test-confirmed vs suspected COVID-19 and anxiety (adjusted; binary outcome)



**Figure S18. RQ4A) Test-confirmed vs suspected COVID-19 and low life satisfaction (adjusted; binary outcome)**

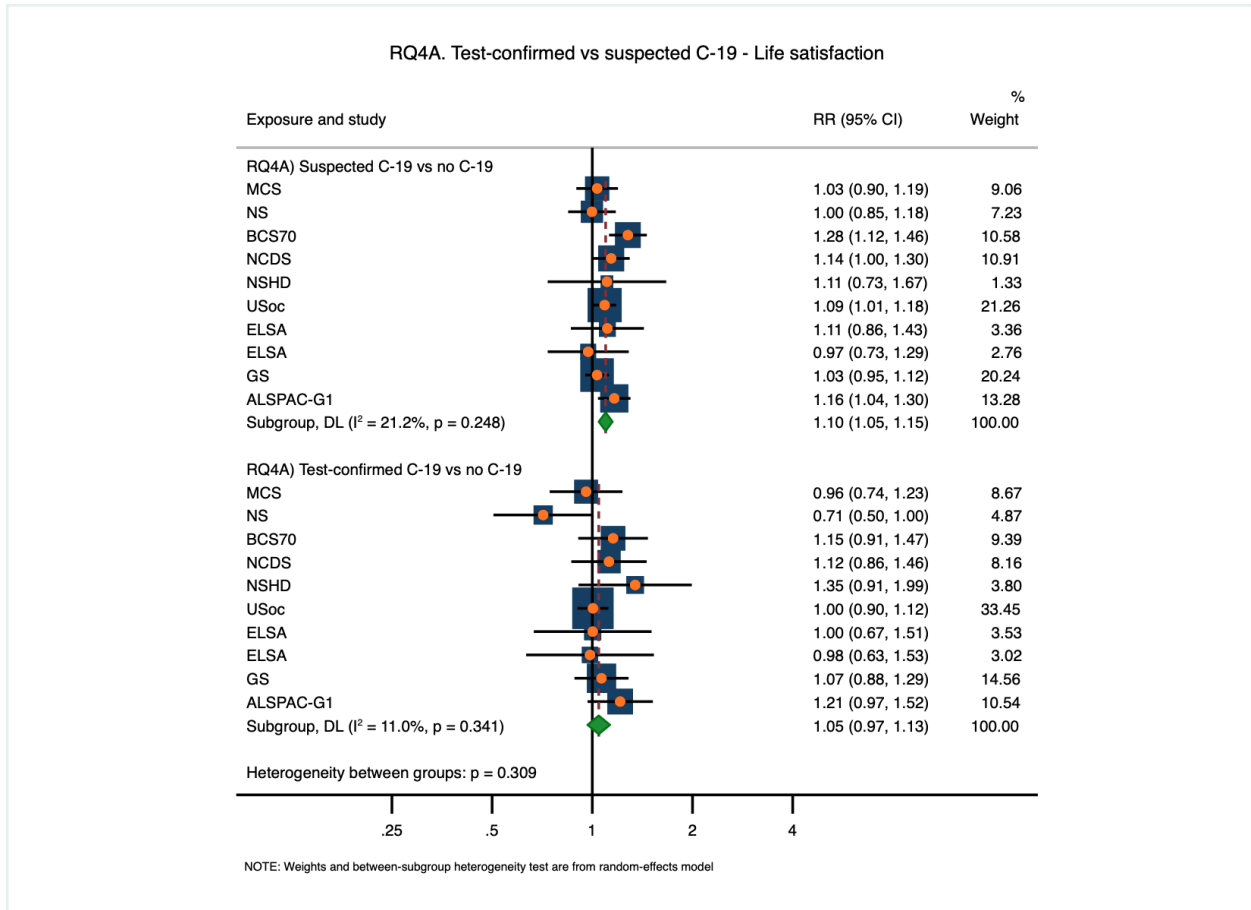


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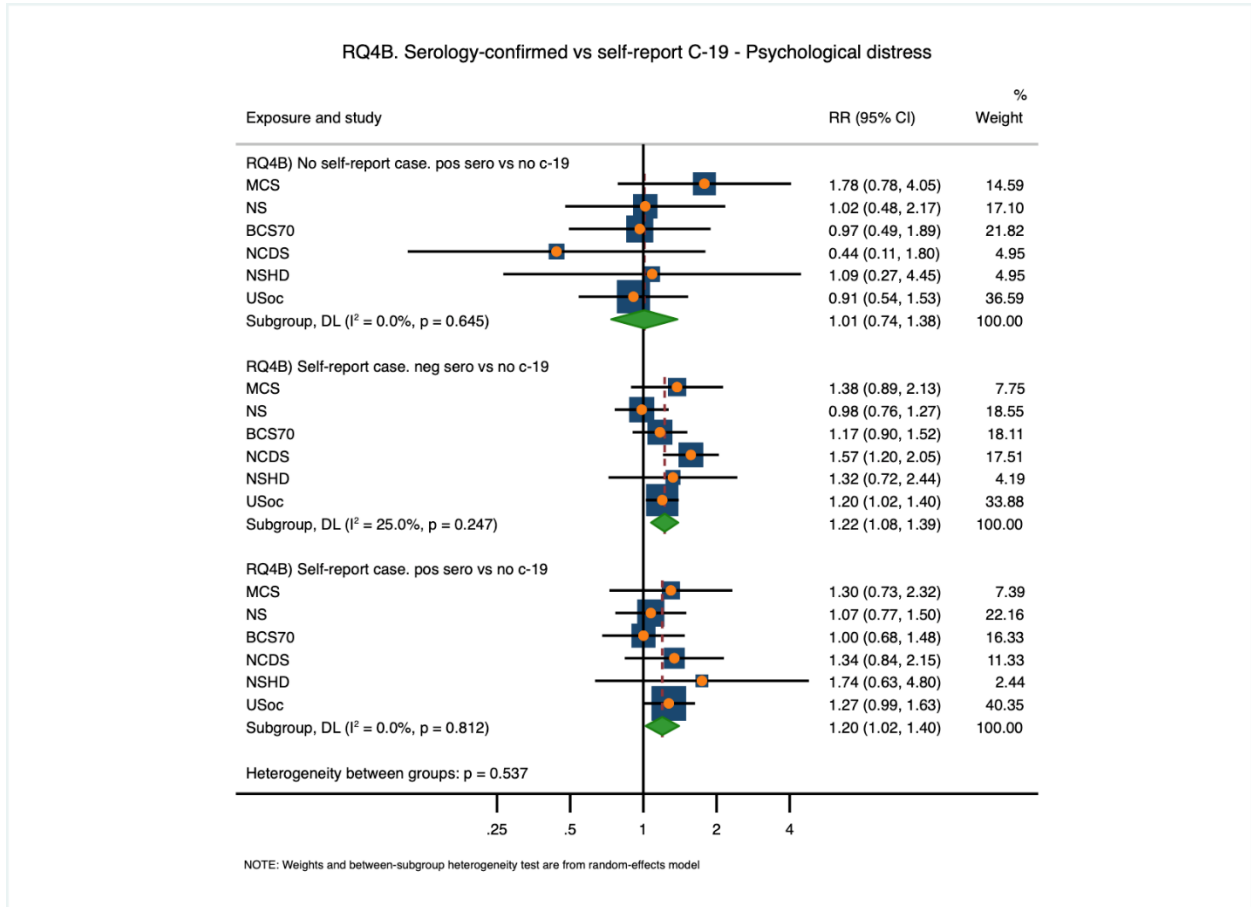




Figure S20. RQ4B) Serology and self-report - depression (adjusted; binary outcome)

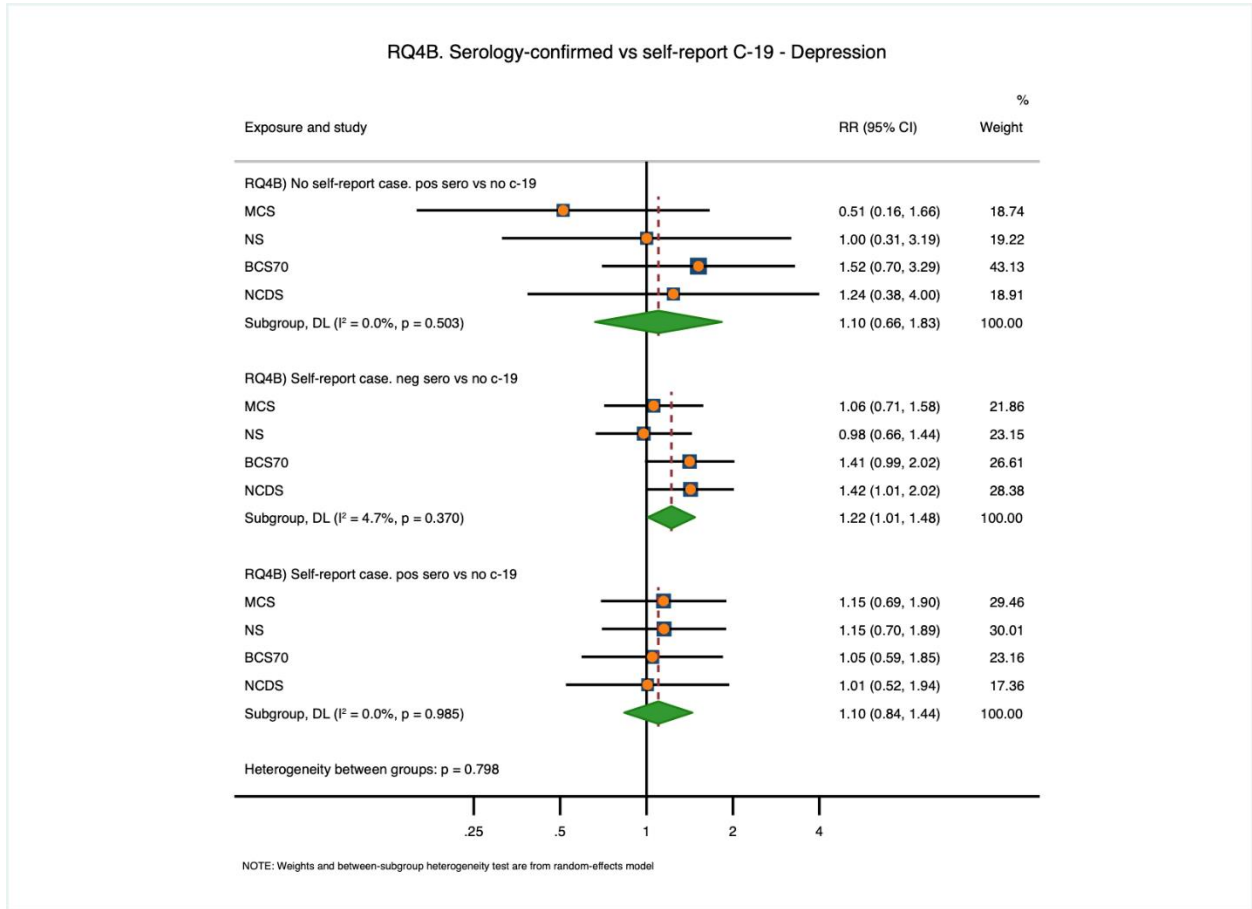


Figure S21. RQ4B) Serology and self-report - anxiety (adjusted; binary outcome)

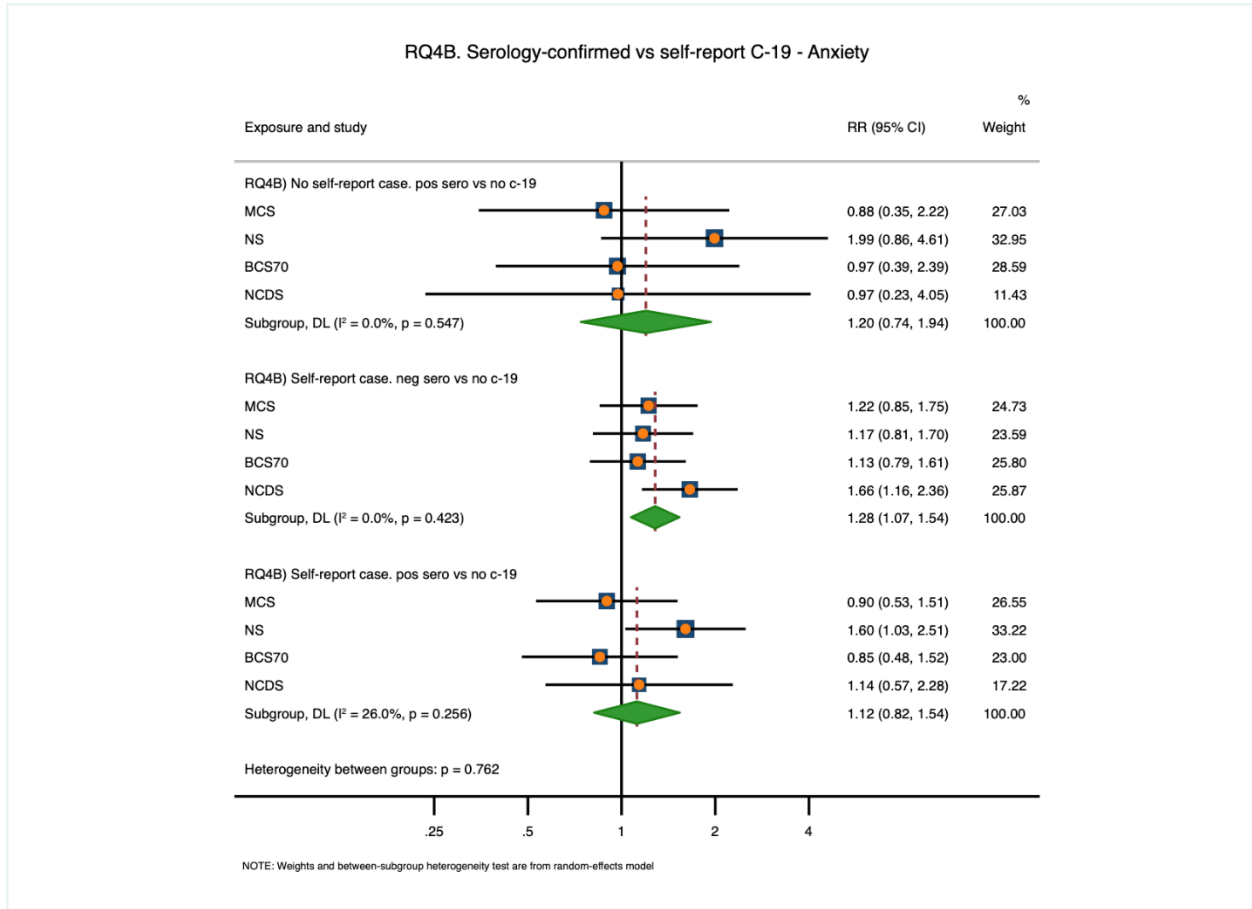
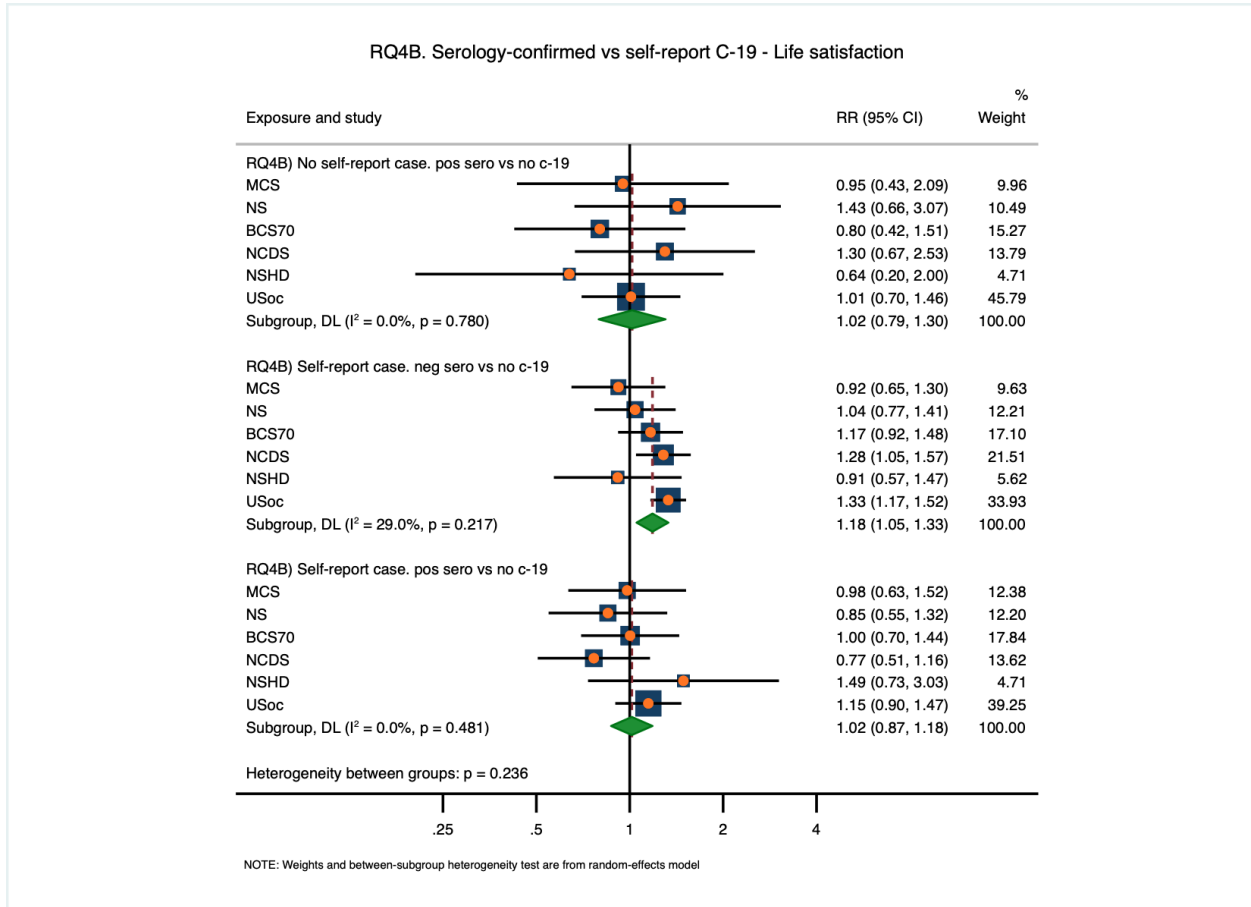


Figure S22. RQ4B) Serology and self-report - low life satisfaction (adjusted; binary outcome)



**Figure S23. Exploratory analysis – binary serology exposure – positive serology vs negative serology (continuous outcomes)**

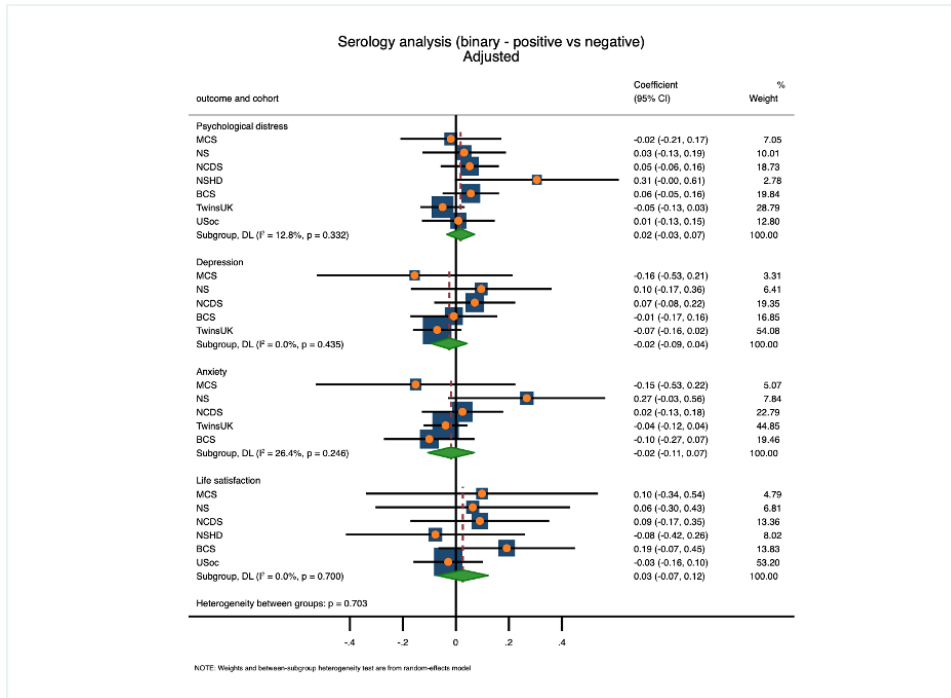
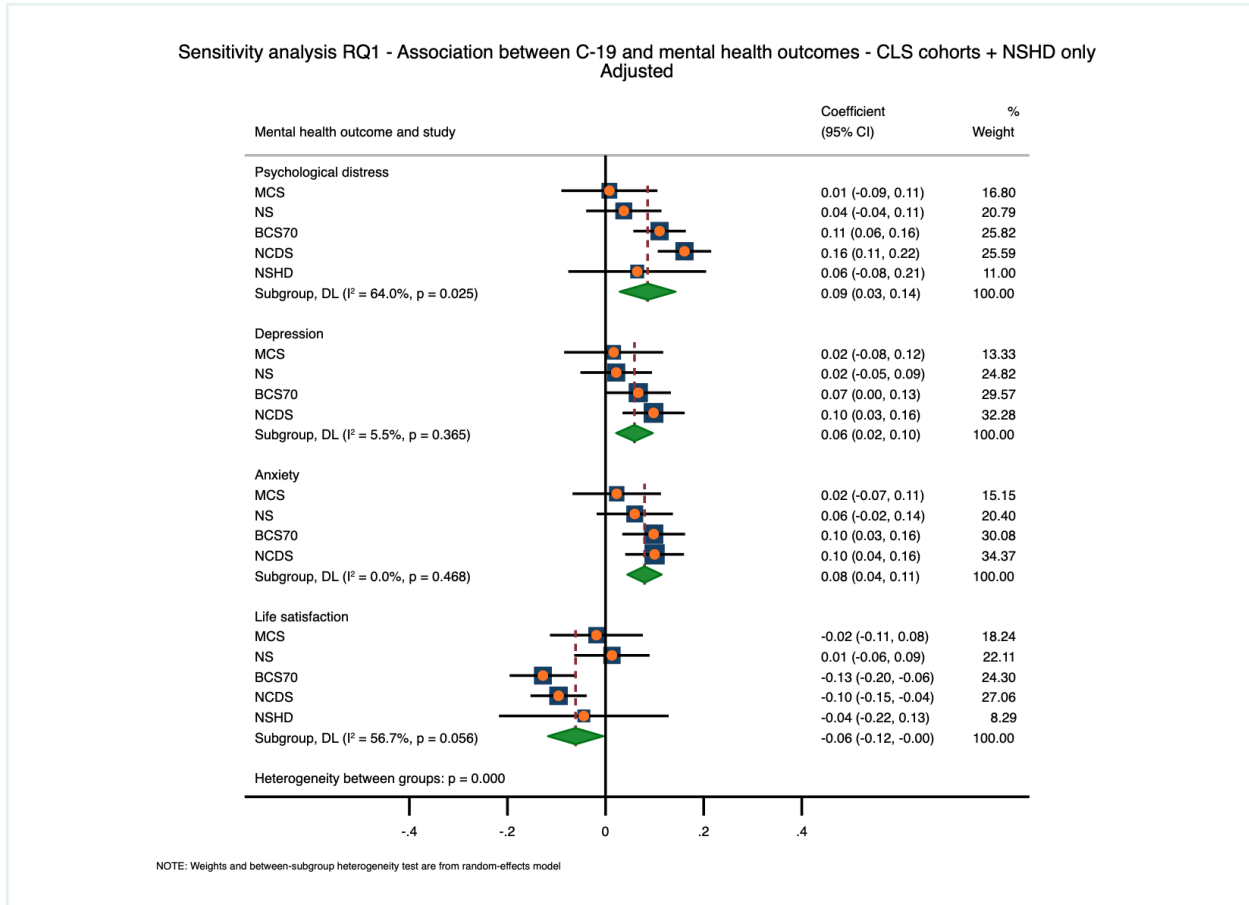
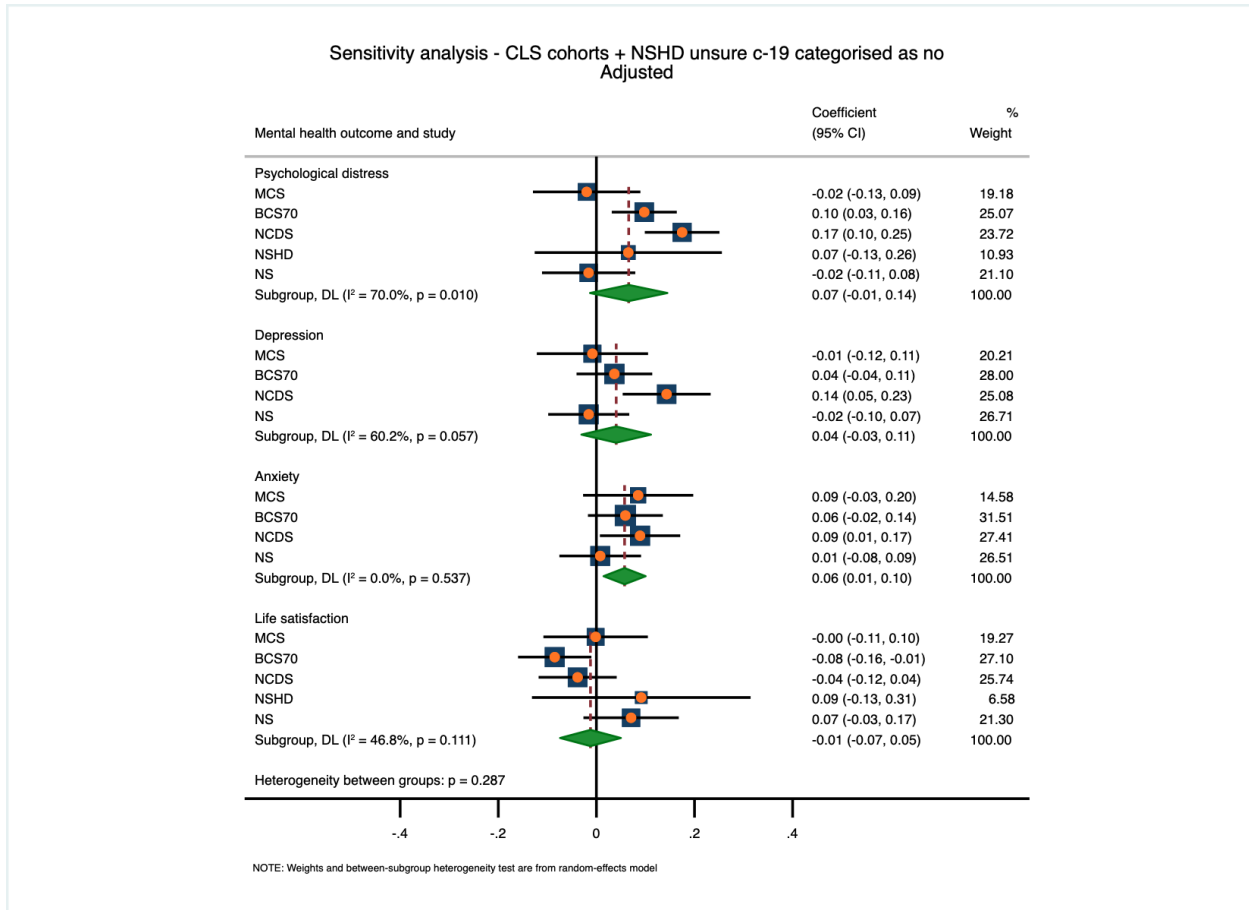


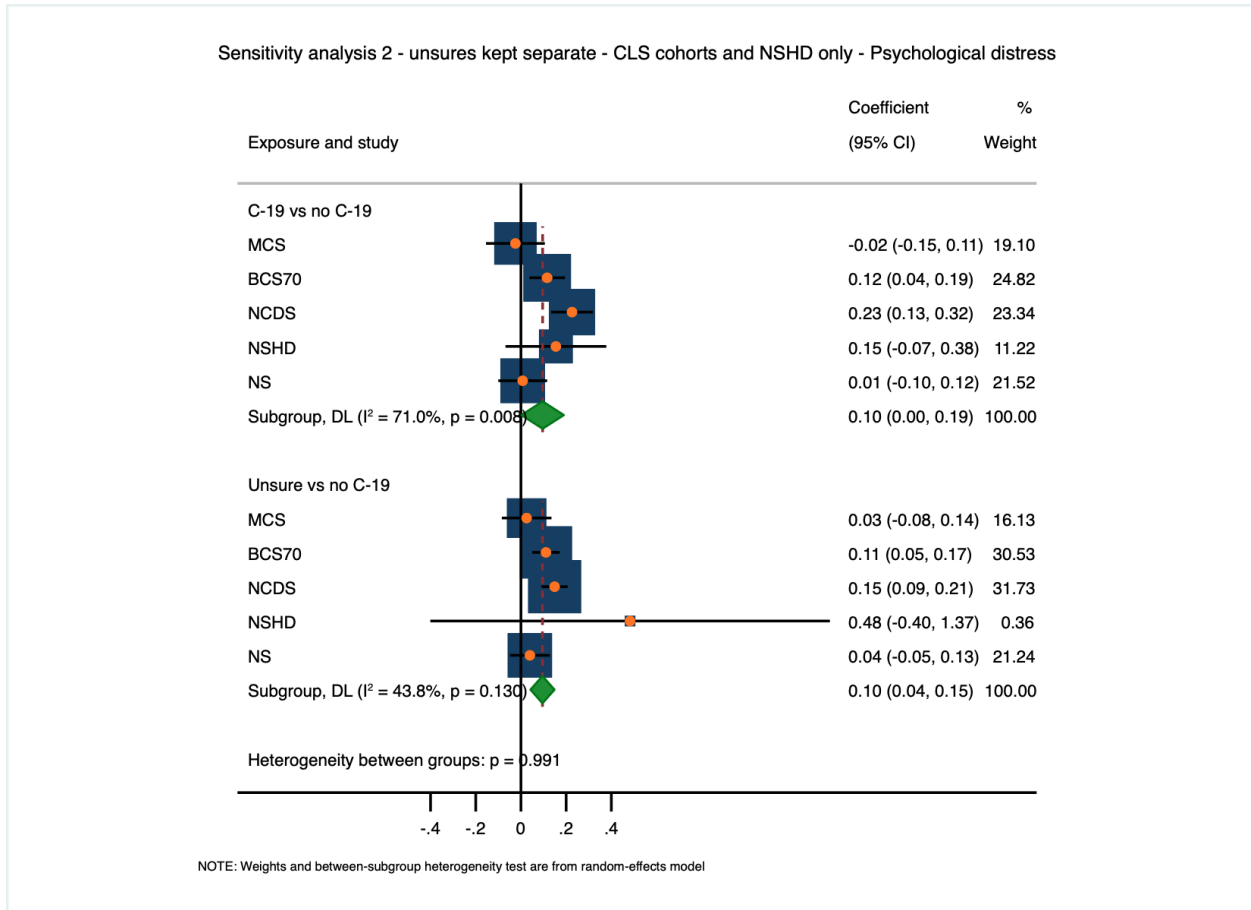
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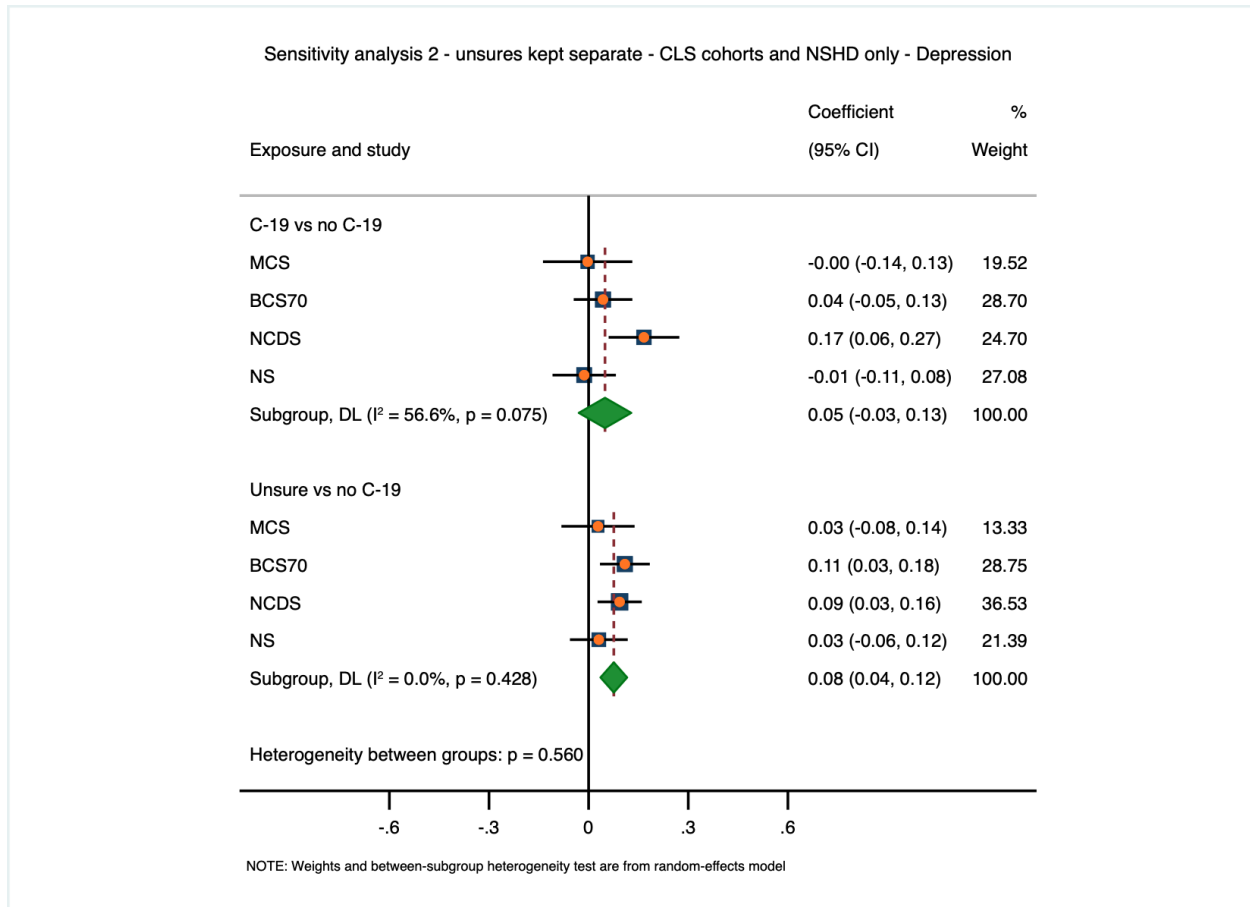
**Figure S25. Sensitivity analysis 1 - Unsure COVID-19 grouped as ‘no COVID-19’ (adjusted; continuous outcome)**



**Figure S26. Sensitivity analysis 2 - Unsure COVID-19 separate - psychological distress (adjusted; continuous outcome)**

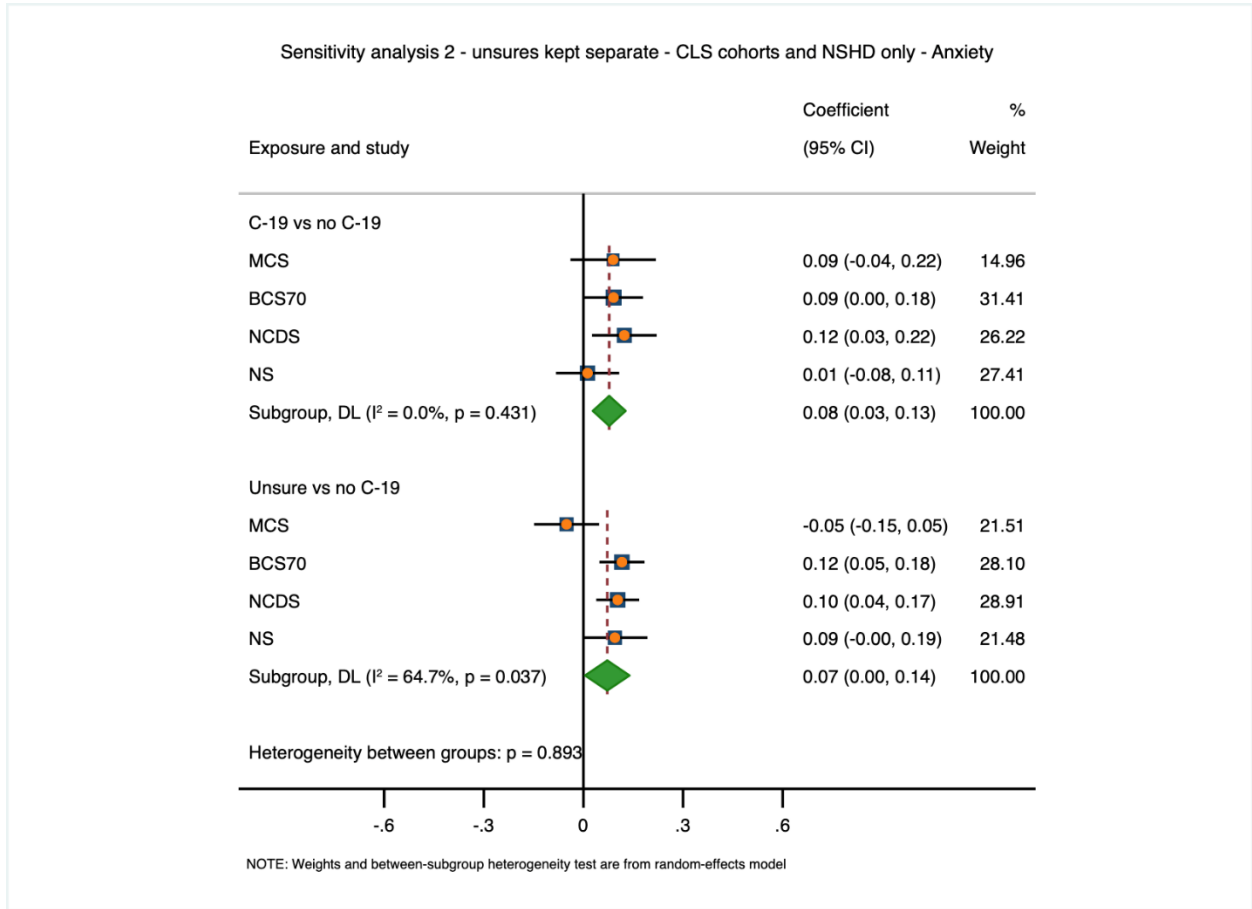


**Figure S27. Sensitivity analysis 2 - Unsure COVID-19 separate - depression (adjusted; continuous outcome)**

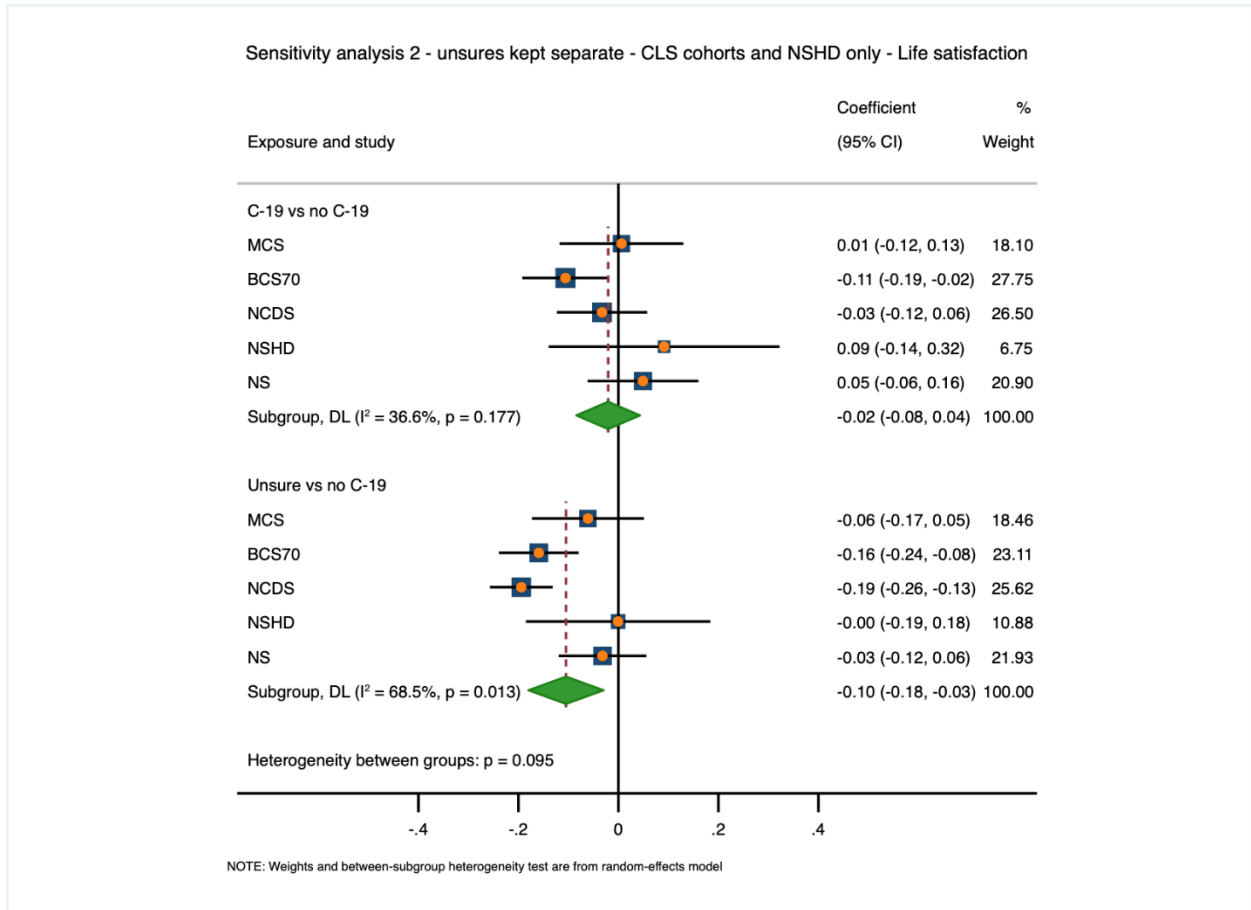




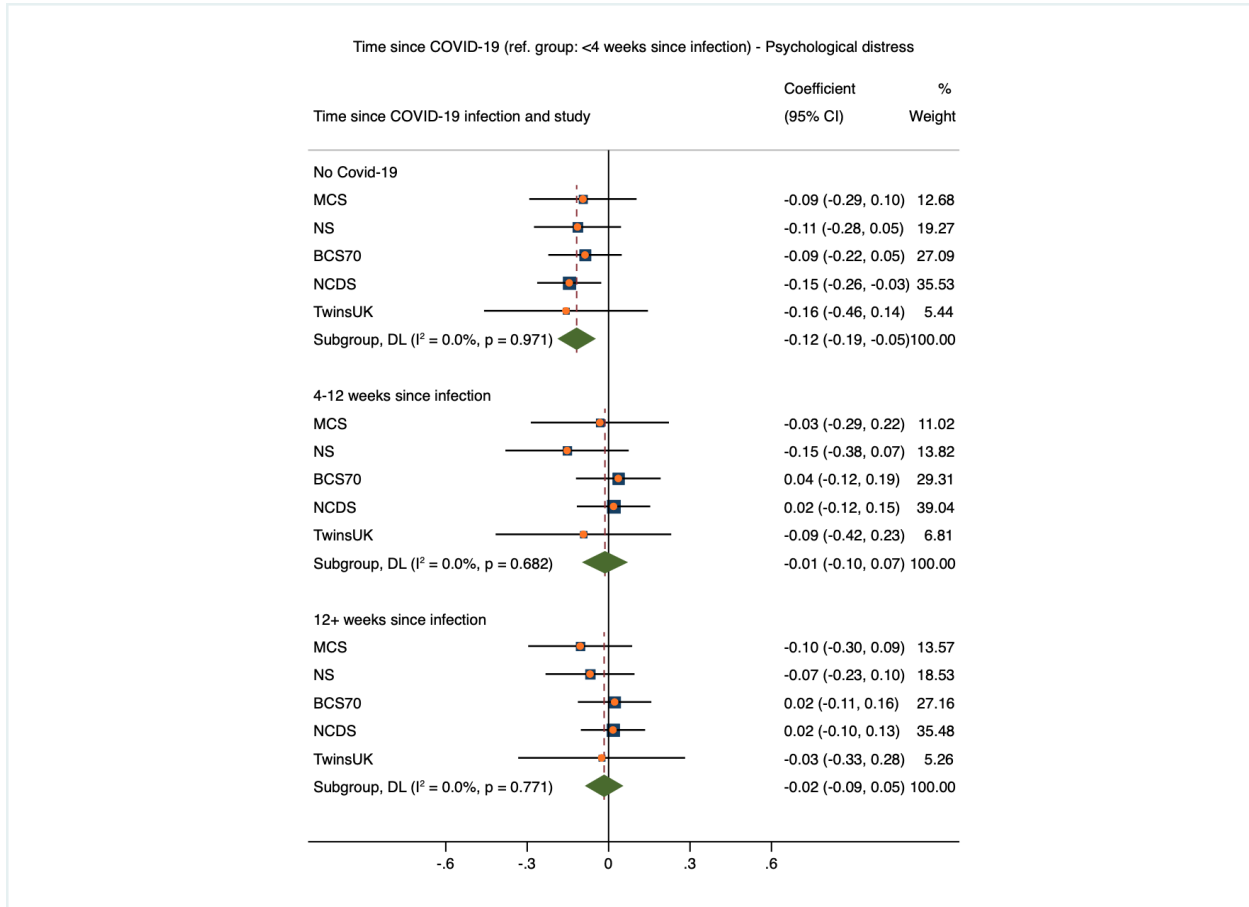
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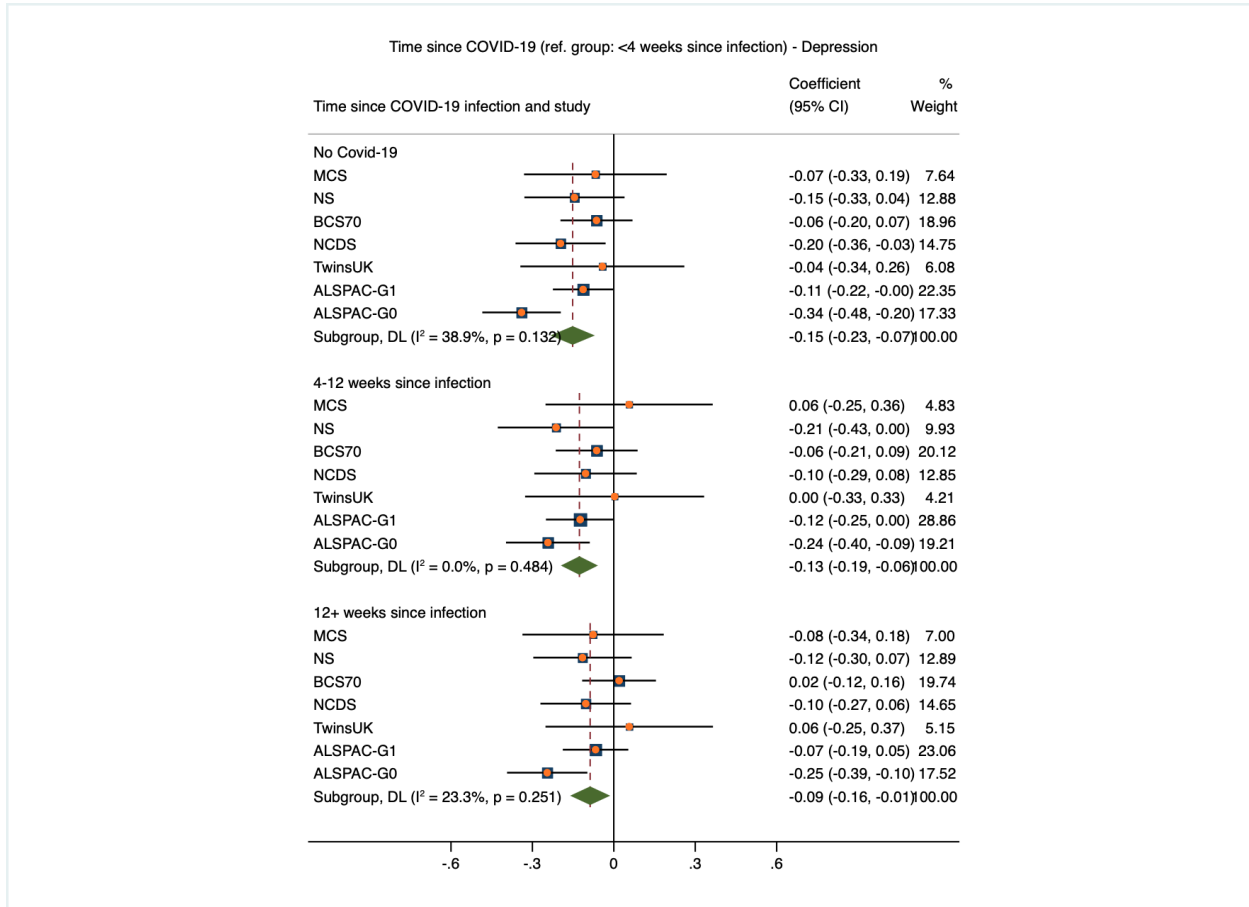
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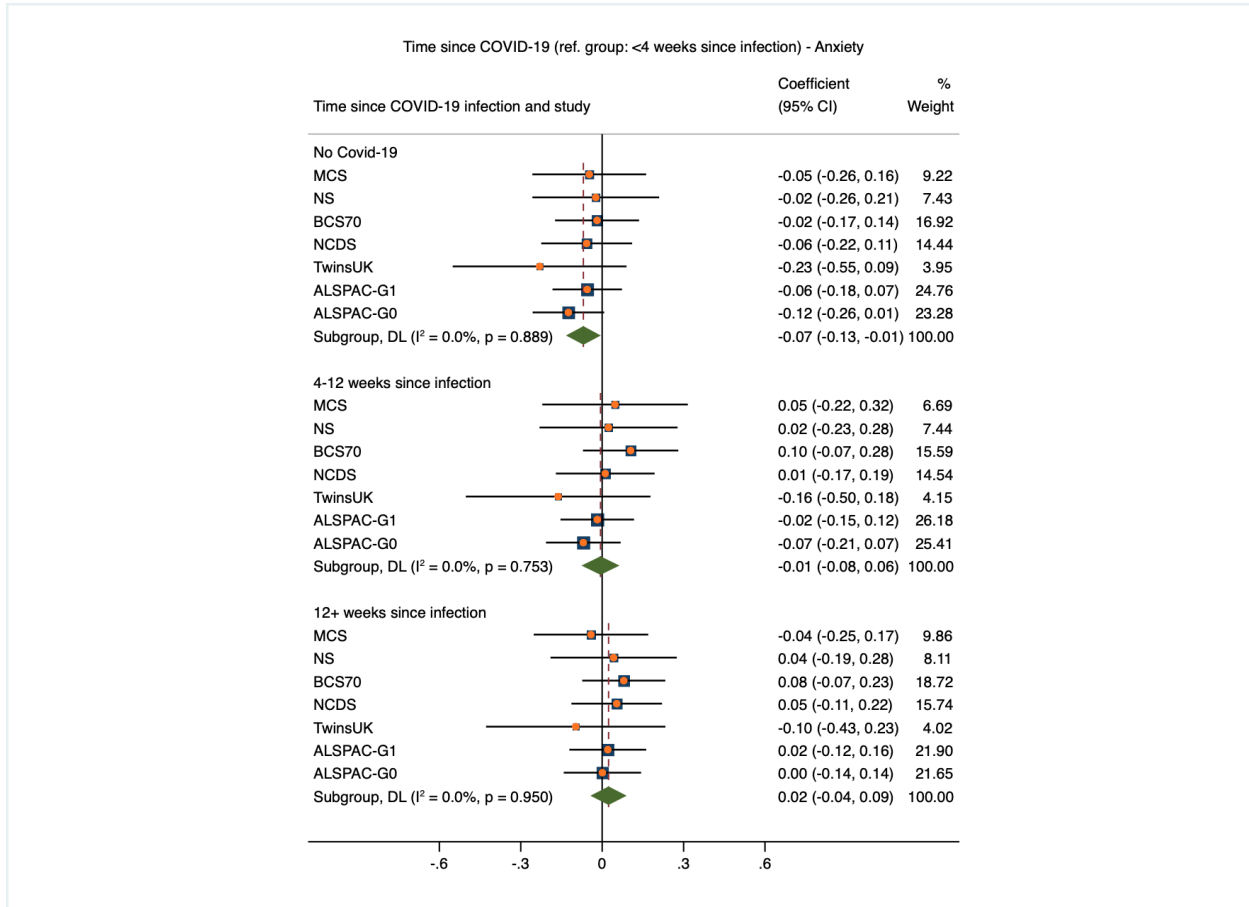
**Figure S30. Time since COVID-19 and psychological distress (<4 weeks since infection as reference group)**



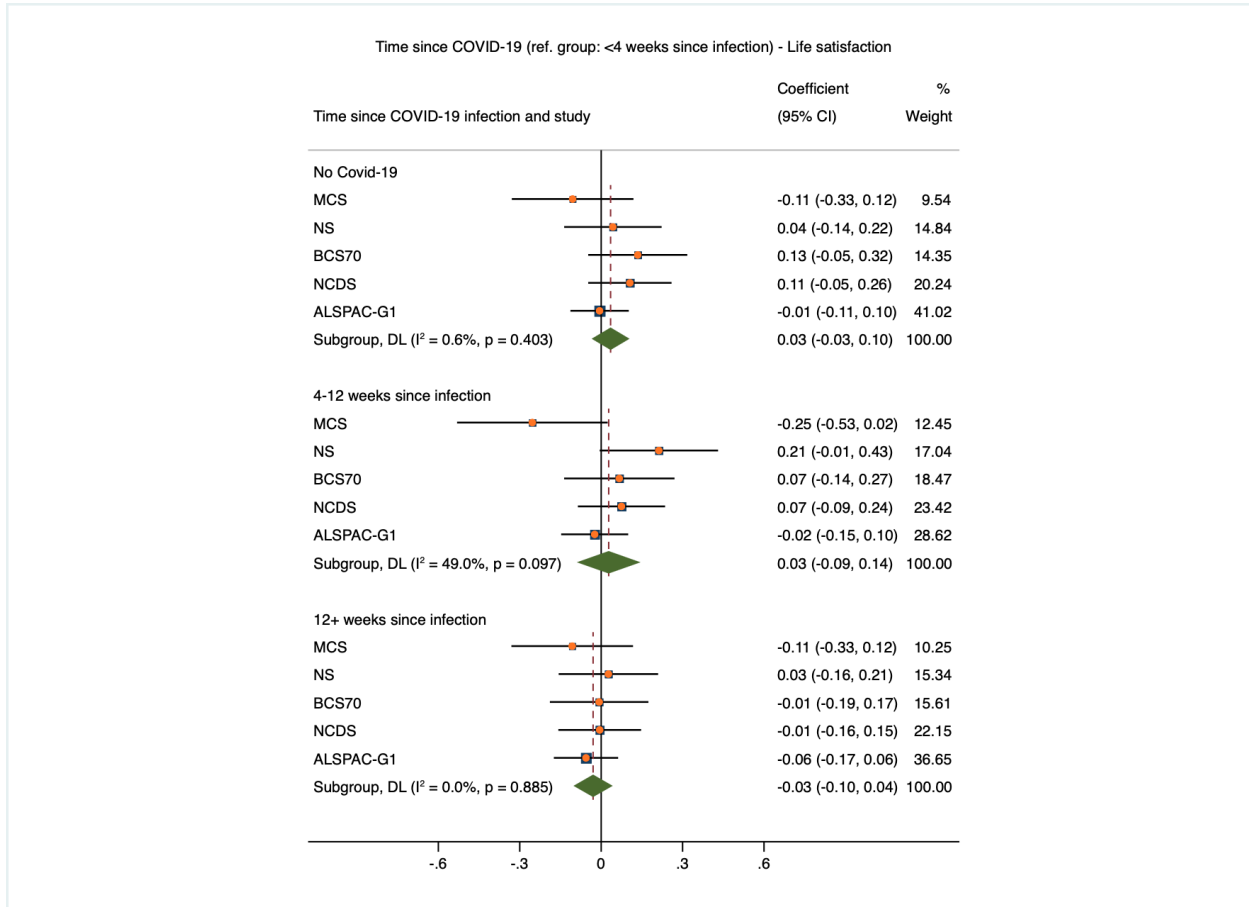
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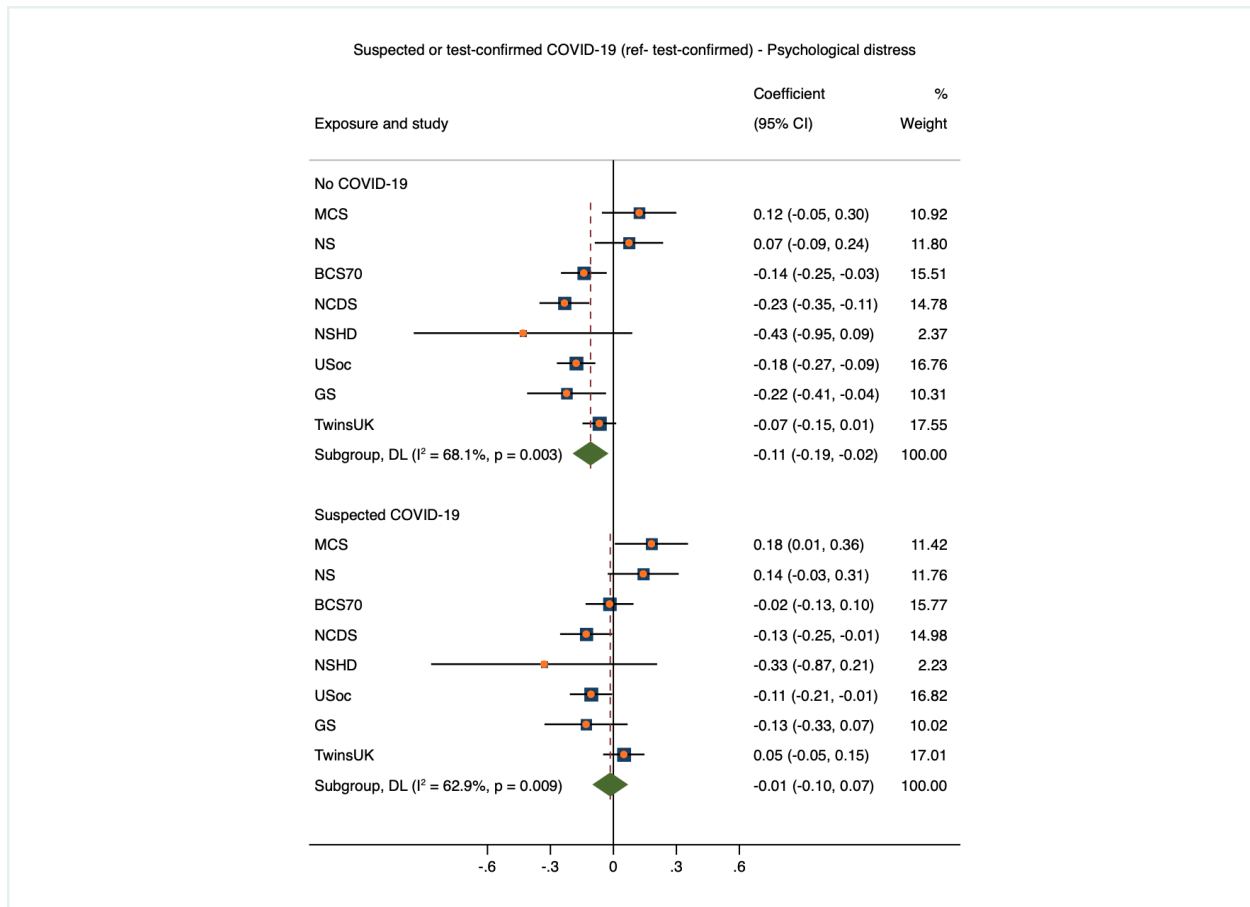
**Figure S32. Time since COVID-19 and anxiety (<4 weeks since infection as reference group)**



**Figure S33. Time since COVID-19 and life satisfaction (<4 weeks since infection as reference group)**



**Figure S34. Test-confirmed vs suspected COVID-19 and psychological distress (test-confirmed as reference group)**



**Figure S35. Test-confirmed vs suspected COVID-19 and depression (test-confirmed as reference group)**

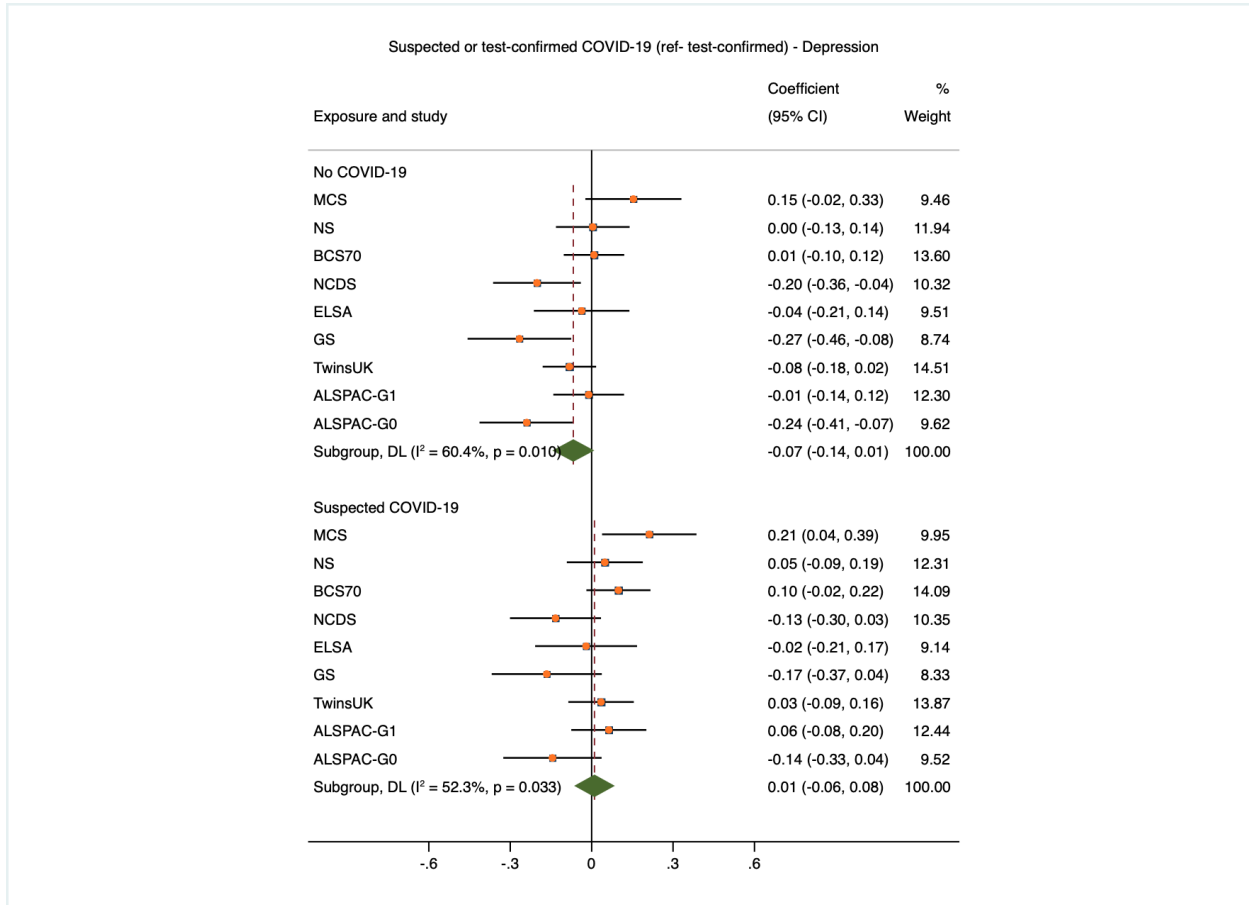
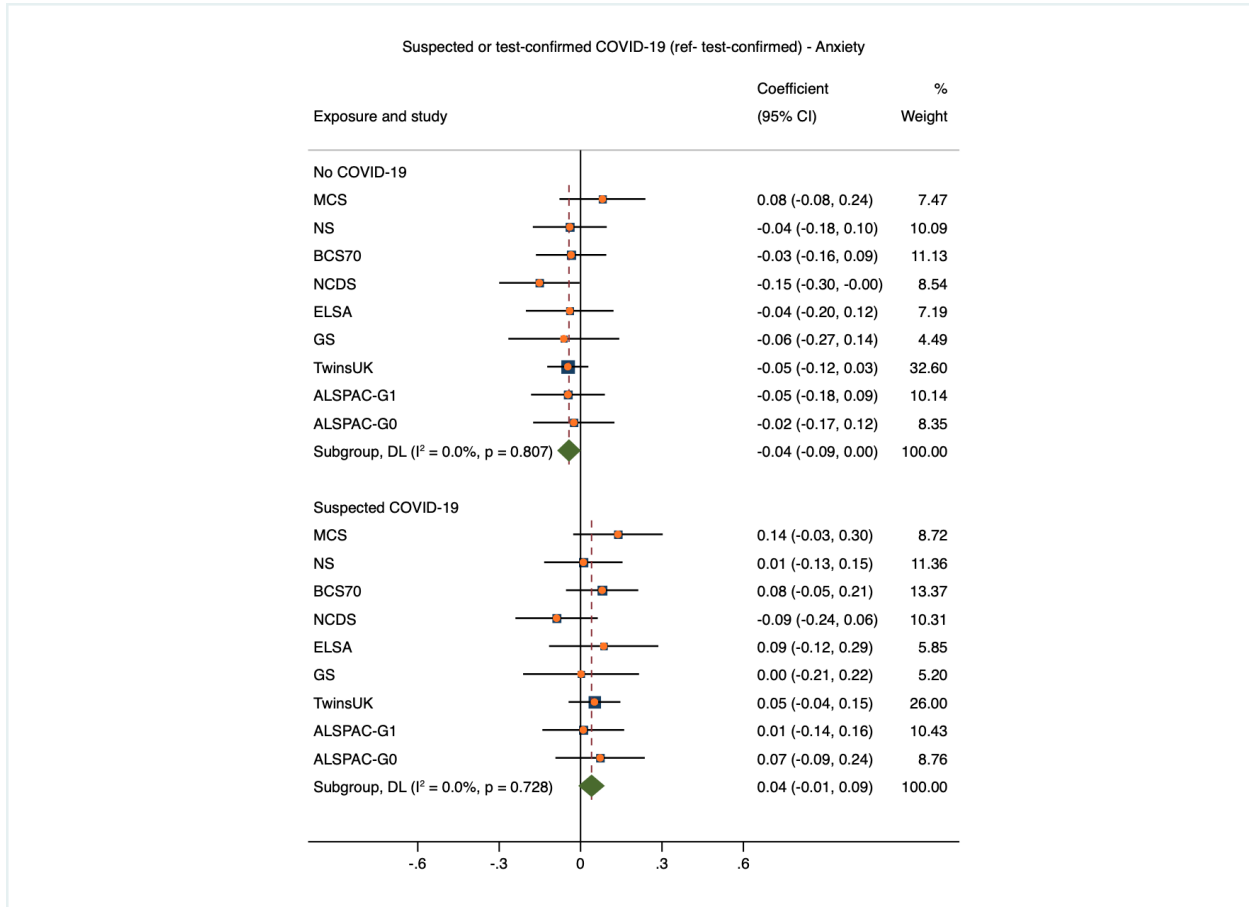
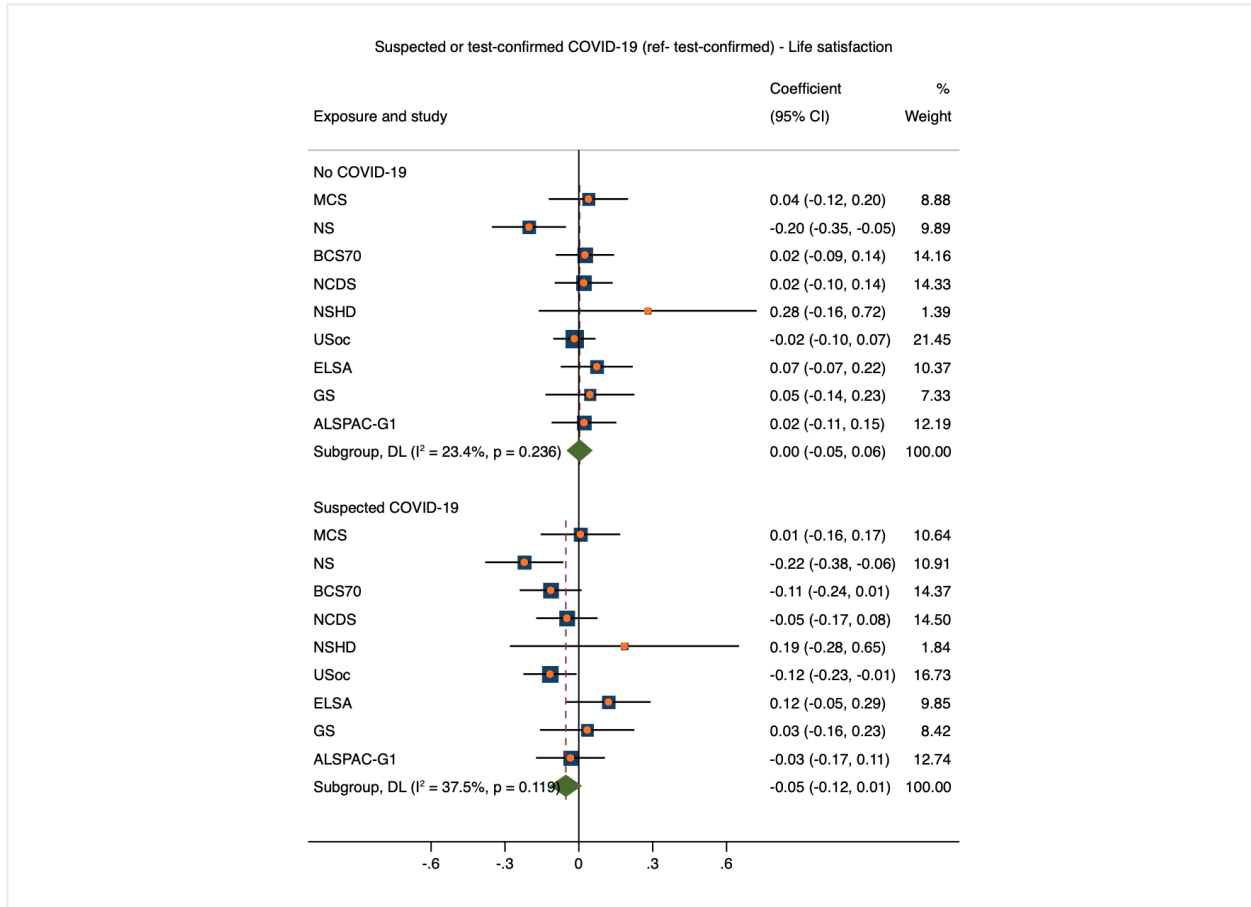




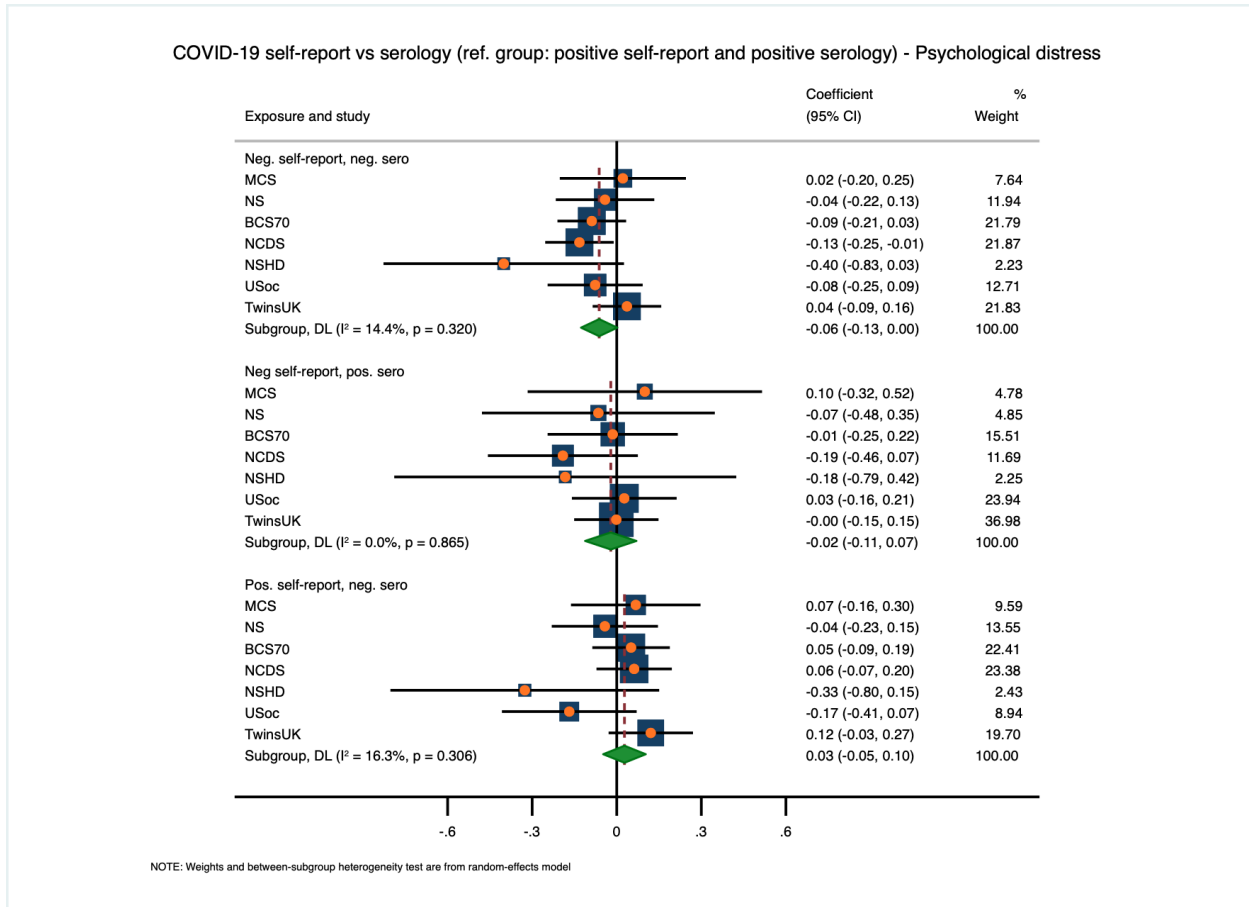
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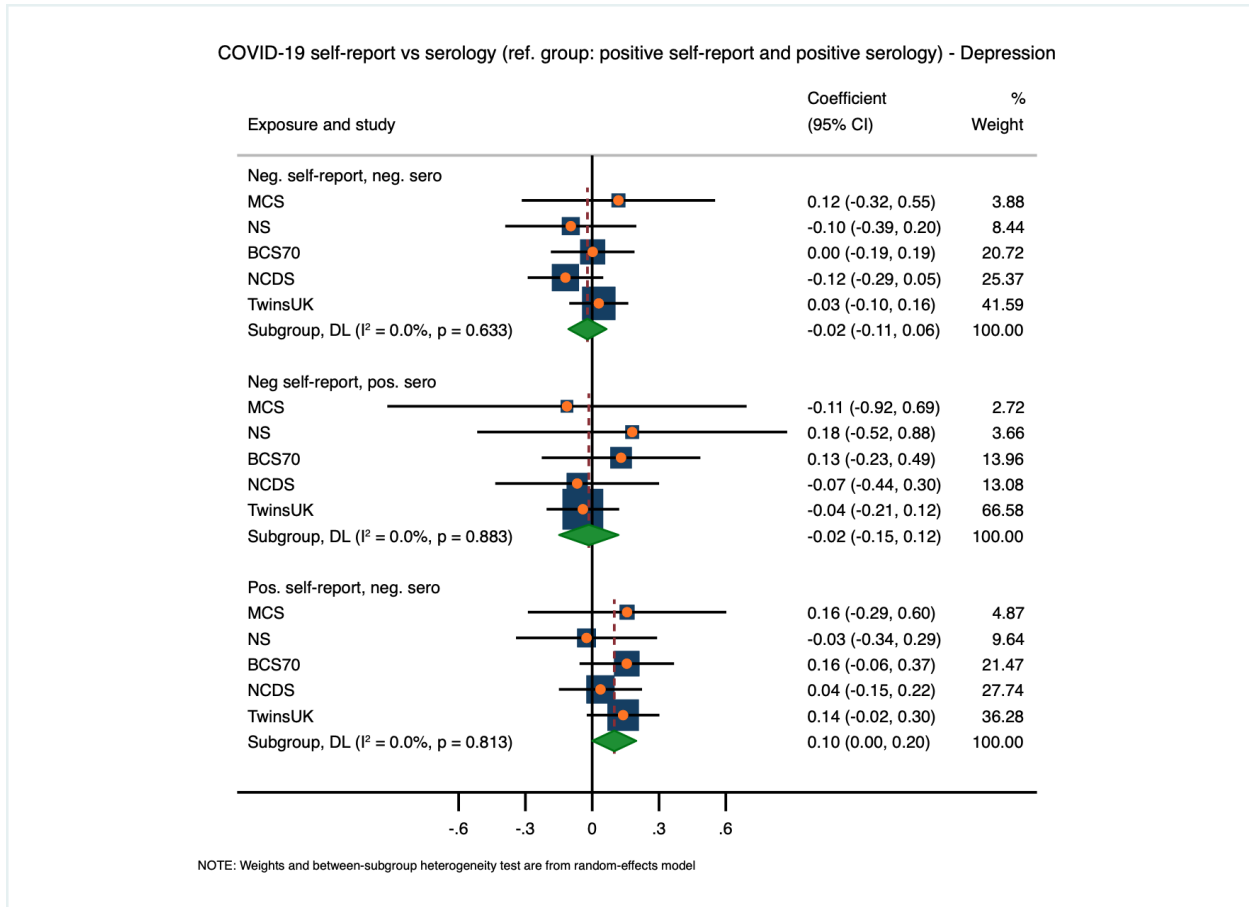
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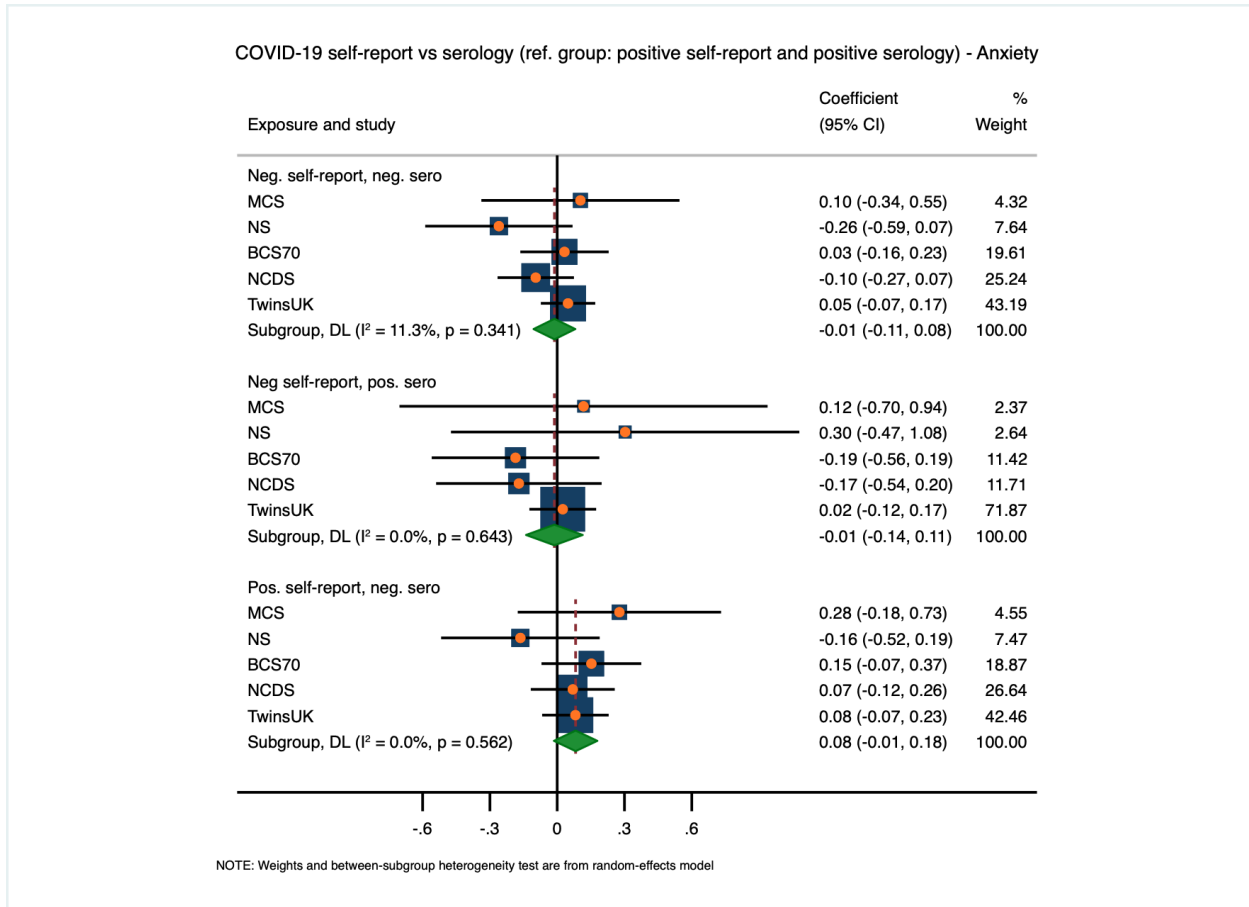
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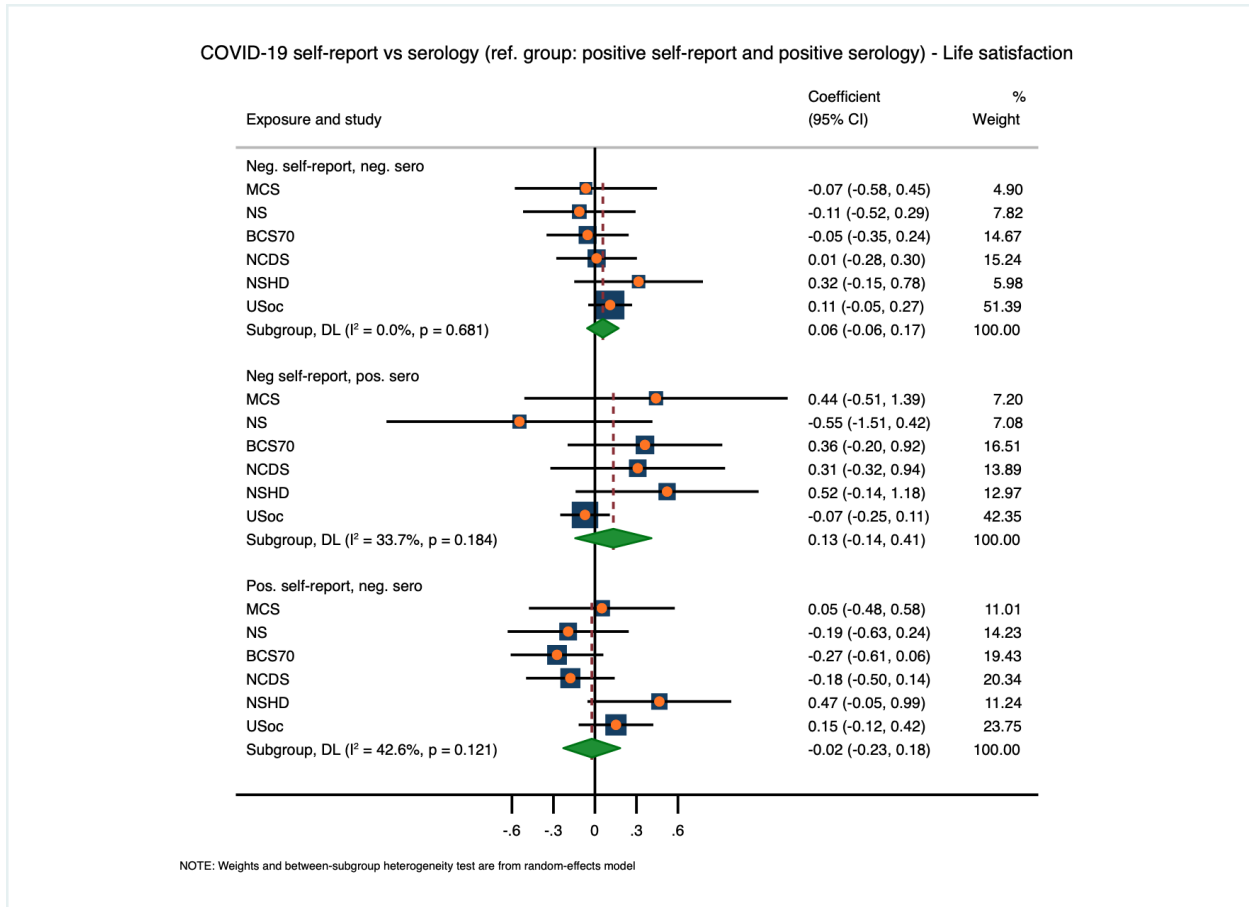
**Figure S39. Self-report vs serology COVID-19 and depression (positive self-report and positive serology as reference group)**



**Figure S40. Self-report vs serology COVID-19 and anxiety (positive self-report and positive serology as reference group)**



**Figure S41. Self-report vs serology COVID-19 and life satisfaction (positive self-report and positive serology as reference group)**



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Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	5
Participants	6	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up  (b) For matched studies, give matching criteria and number of exposed and unexposed	5
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Data sources/ measurement	8*	For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group	5-7; supplement
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		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	5
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<b>Results</b>			
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		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Supplement
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	
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		(c) Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)	8
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Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (eg, 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included	8-9
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