

Hearing loss meta-analysis

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Methods

Eligibility Criteria

We included peer-review publications in English, involving patients with bilateral congenital and mixed hearing loss and controls with structural Magnetic Resonance Imaging. We included cross-sectional studies with control groups, that investigated the structural relation between MRI changes and the hearing loss. The most common MRI measures were **volume, FA, VBM and thickness**. Each measure was assigned to a specific ROI and to a big brain area. (eg. HG and superior temporal lobe belong to **temporal lobe**). A total of 59 studies were included, 6 of them contained incomplete information. A total of 2778 patients and 4214 controls.

Notes for inclusion:

1. I excluded Xia et al. Chin J Rad, 2008 because I don't understand chinese and it appears to be the same data as Xia et al. Chin J Med Img Tech, 2008.
2. Kim et al. Hear Res 2014 used two groups prelingual deaf and post lingual deaf, I used the average for the main table.
3. Xia et al. Chin J Med Img Tech, 2008 had a total of 40 patients, two groups 9-12 years and 19-22 years, no controls.
4. Zheng et al. Sci Rep, 2017 this variables change; Con rangeLow Con rangeHigh. Why? I didn't find them on the original paper.

Effect size direction was directly include in the Cohen's D value by mutiplying by -1 if the effect was decrease and by 1 if it was none of increased. Forests plots were generated form the meta-regression with subgroups left and right. We measure a general regression for white and gray mater by Etiology (congenital and acquired) with subgroups (left and right).

Effects were summarized across studies using the generic inverse-variance weighting method with DerSimonian and Laird random effects. Studies were weighted by $1/SE^2$ (where SE is the standard error). For the effect size we used Hedges'G, wich takes into account the sample size.

$$Hedges'G = \frac{X_1 - X_2}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}}}$$

Assumptions:

1. We assume that the calculation of the cohen's D is correct.
2. We assume that the direction of the effect is correct.

3. Variance was estimated using the cohen's D and sample size of each study. Our estimated variance was used for all meta-regressions, therefore we could have an additional bias in-between studies variance and heterogeneity calculations. We should have calculated the effect size from the mean and standard deviation from each study. Variance was estimated using the following formula:

$$Variance = \frac{n1 + n2}{n1 \times n2} + \frac{Hedges'G^2}{2 \times (n1 + n2 - 2)}$$

Estimation of heterogeneity per model

We estimated heterogeneity in results using the τ statistic, which represents the standard deviation in the meta-regression models, we used the heterogeneity test x^2 and I^2 .

We performed a multi-level meta-analytic model, over our multiple effect size estimates nested with variables: Etiology, side and Big brain area. We expected that the underlying true effects are more similar for the same level of the grouping variables than true effects arising from different levels.

We can account for the correlation in the true effects by adding a random effect to the model at the level corresponding to the grouping variable.

The dataset contains the result from 54 studies, each comparing different measurements between patients and controls. The difference of between groups was quantified in terms of Hedges'G and Cohen's D.

Total included studies

Table 1: Total unique studies 54

	Hearing Loss	Healthy
Total number of patients	2778	4214
Number mean	47.08	71.42
Number sd	128.5	250.6
Age mean	33.07	30.96
Age SD	22.66	20.5
%Female mean	50.02	55.71
%Female sd	12.05	12.78

Table 2: Acquired studies 13

	Hearing Loss	Healthy
Total number of patients	1766	3146
Number mean	110.4	196.6
Number sd	239	468.2
Age mean	64.6	55.27
Age SD	7.863	13.85
%Female mean	45.1	56.52
%Female sd	15.09	12.9

Table 3: Congenital studies 41

	Hearing Loss	Healthy
Total number of patients	1012	1068
Number mean	23.53	24.84
Number sd	17.18	15.04
Age mean	21.06	20.99
Age SD	12.48	13.06
%Female mean	51.83	55.41
%Female sd	10.37	12.88

Table of included studies (Figure 1.A)

Table 4: Studies with incomplete information (NA)

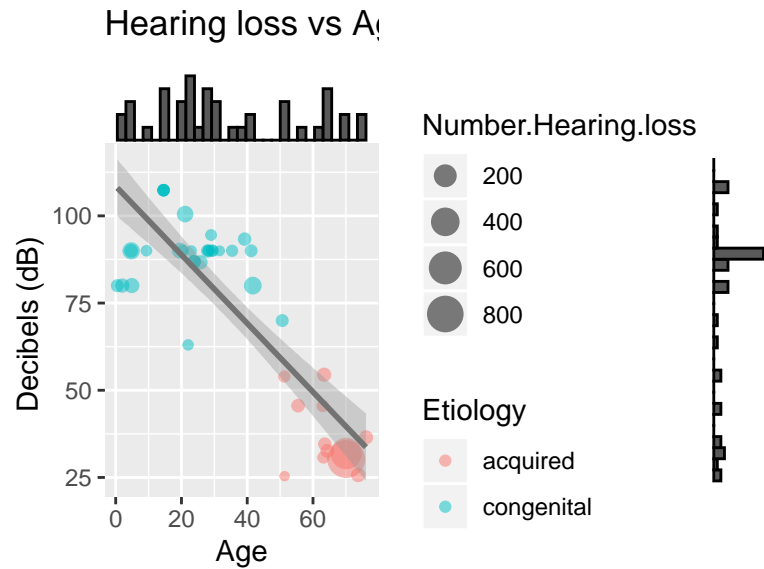
	Source	MRI Tesla	all.techniques	all.measures
5	2006, Kara et al. J Neuroradiol	1.5	VBM	length, Thickness, volume
9	2008, Xia et al. Chin J Med Img Tech	1.5	VBM	volume
12	2010, Husain et al. Brain Res	3	DTI, VBM	FA, volume
26	2014, Lyness et al. Neuroimage	1.5	DTI	FA, MD, RD
41	2017, Karns et al. Hear Res	3	DTI	AD, FA, RD, volume
48	2018, Kumar U, Mishra M. Brain Res	3	VBM	Thickness, VBM

Table 5: Included studies

	Source	MRI Tesla	all.techniques	all.measures
1	2000, Bavelier et al. J Neurosci	1.5	VBM	volume
2	2003, Emmorey et al. PNAS	1.5	VBM	asymmetry, GM+WM, ratio GM/WM, volume
3	2003, Penhune et al. Neuroimage	1.5	VBM	asymmetry, ratio GM/WM, volume
4	2004, Chang et al. Neuroreport	3	DTI	asymmetry, FA
6	2007, Meyer et al. Restor Neurol Neurosci	3	VBM	volume
7	2007, Shibata DK. Am J Neuroradiol	1.5	VBM	volume
8	2008, Allen et al. J Neurosci	1.5	VBM	asymmetry, ratio GM/WM, Vol proportion, volume
10	2009, Kim et al. Neuroreport	3	DTI, VBM	FA, volume
11	2009, Wang et al. Chin J Med Img Tech	3	DTI	FA
13	2010, Leporé et al. Hum Brain Mapp	1.5	VBM	VBM
14	2010, Li, et al. J Clin Rad	1.5	VBM	volume
15	2010, Liu et al. Chin J Med Img Tech	3	CT	FA
16	2011, Smith et al. Cereb Cortex	3	VBM	asymmetry, ratio GM/WM, volume
17	2012, Li et al. Brain Res	3	CT	Thickness
18	2012, Li et al. Hum Brain Mapp	3	DTI	AD, FA, RD
19	2013, Allen et al. Front Neuroanat	1.5	VBM	asymmetry, volume
20	2013, Boyen et al. Hear Res	3	VBM	volume
21	2013, Miao et al. Am J Neuroradiol	3	DTI	FA, RD
22	2013, Pénicaud et al. Neuroimage	1.5	VBM	volume
23	2014, Hribar et al. Hear Res	3	DTI, VBM	AD, FA, Thickness
24	2014, Kim et al. Hear Res	3	VBM	volume
25	2014, Lin et al. Neuroimage	1.5	VBM	volume
27	2014, Olulade et al. J Neurosci	3	VBM	volume
28	2014, Profant et al. Neuroscience	3	DTI, VBM	AD, CT, FA, MD, RD, Surface, volume
29	2014, Profant et al. Neuroscience	3	DTI, VBM	AD, CT, FA, MD, RD, Surface, volume
30	2015, Huang et al. PLoS One	1.5	DTI	FA, MD
31	2015, Tae Investig Magn Reson Imaging	1.5	VBM	VBM
32	2016, Amaral et al. Eur J Neurosci	3	VBM	asymmetry, Thickness
33	2016, Chinnadurai et al. Magn Reson Imaging	1.5	DTI	AD, Axial Kurtosis, FA, Mean Kurtosis, Radial Kurtosis, RD
34	2016, Ma et al. AJNR Am J Neuroradiol	3	DTI	AD, FA, MD, RD
35	2016, Shi et al. Neuroreport	3	VBM	volume
36	2016, Shiell et al. Neural Plasticity	3	CT	Thickness
37	2016, Smittenaar et al. Open Neuroimag J	1.5	CT	CT

	Source	MRI Tesla	all.techniques	all.measures
38	2016, Wu et al. Brain Res	1.5	VBM	ADC, FA
39	2016, Wu et al. Brain Res	1.5	VBM	ADC, FA
40	2016, Wu et al. Brain Res	1.5	VBM	ADC, FA
42	2017, Kim et al. Neuroreport	3	DTI	FA
43	2017, Shiell & Zatorre. Hear Res	3	DTI	AD, MD, RD, volume
44	2017, Zheng et al. Sci Rep	3	DTI	FA, Mean Kurtosis
45	2018, Benetti et al. Neuroimage	4	DTI	AD, FA, RD
46	2018, Chen et al. Behav Neurosci	3	VBM	volume
47	2018, Feng et al. PNAS	3	VBM	VBM
49	2018, Park et al. Biomed Res Int	3	DTI	FA
50	2018, Pereira-Jorge et al. Neural Plast	1.5	VBM	volume
51	2018, Ren et al. Front Neurosci	3	CT, VBM	Thickness, volume
52	2018, Uchida et al. Front Aging Neurosci	3	VBM	volume
53	2018, Uchida et al. Front Aging Neurosci	3	VBM	volume
54	2018, Zou et al. Otol Neurotol	3	DTI	AK, FA, MK, RK
55	2019, Belkhiria et al. Front. Aging Neurosci	3	VBM	CT, volume
56	2019, Belkhiria et al. Front. Aging Neurosci	3	VBM	CT, volume
57	2019, Luan et al. Front Neurosci	3	DTI, VBM	FA, MD, volume
58	2019, Ponticorvo et al. Hum Brain Mapp	3	VBM	volume
59	2019, Xu et al. J Magn Reson Imaging	3	VBM	volume

Relation between hearing loss (dB) and age (Figure 2.D)



Studies characteristics (Figure 2.E, 2.F)

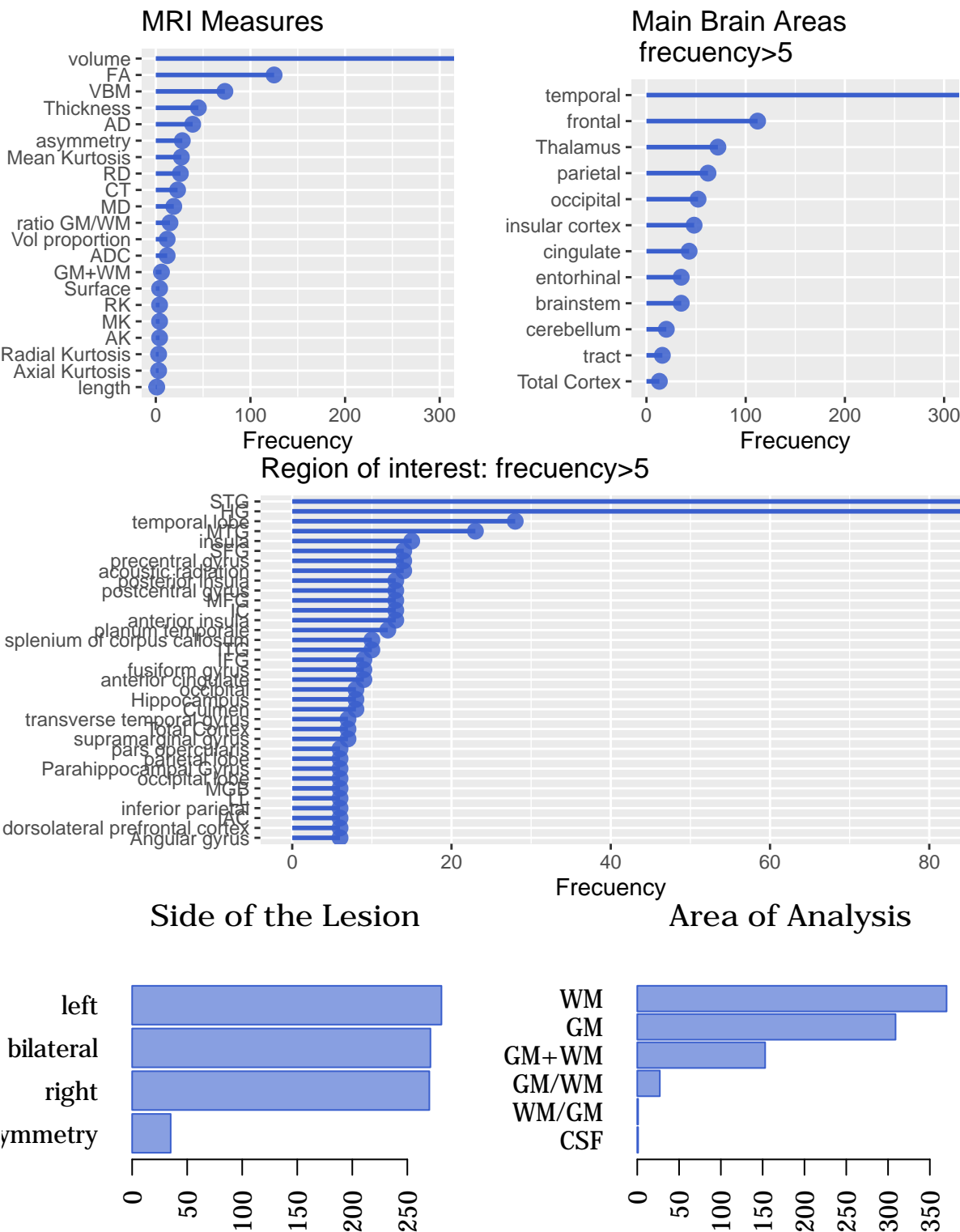


Fig.2.E – Severity

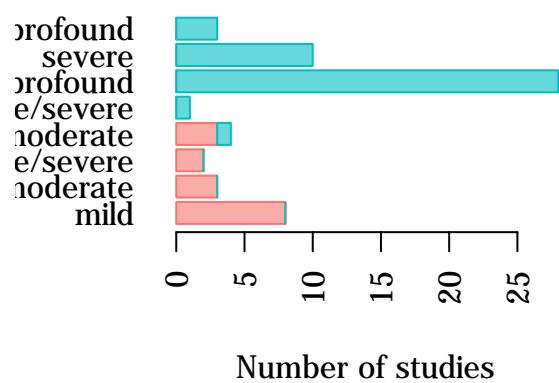
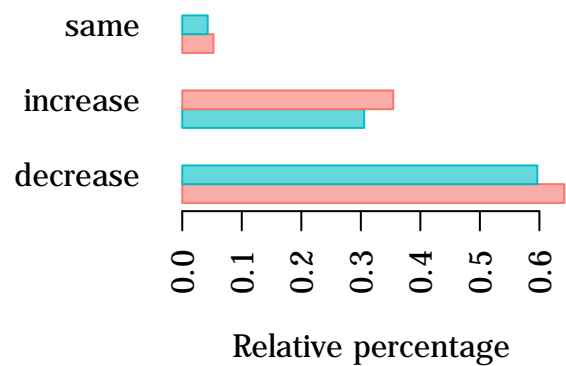


Fig.2.F – Effect direction



Brain structure (GM, WM) and MRI measures

Highlights a. Most of the studies that measured Gray matter focus on cortical changes (volume, thickness and VBM).

b. White matter studies are more heterogeneous in their measurements.

c. Diffusion tensor (DT) derived measurements are the most frequent in white matter, followed by volume.

c.1 It is harder to interpret a meta-analysis of multiple white matter measurements because its effect varies widely in different directions. The measurements derived from DT have the most differences.

We conduct our meta-analysis using the **TWO** most frequent measurements for gray and white matter. We use *volume* for GM and *fractional anisotropy* for WM.

Further meta regressions can be found in the supplementary material.

Gray Matter

- thickness

- VBM

White Matter integrity

- mean diffusivity MD

- radial diffusivity RD

- axial diffusivity AD

- mean kurtosis

White Matter volume

- thickness (I am unsure how they did this)

- VBM

- volume

Biletareal - GM volume

- WM volume

- WM fractional anisotropy

Frequency table: Brain structure (GM, WM) and MRI measures

Table 6: Matter vs measure (continued below)

	AD	ADC	AK	asymmetry	Axial Kurtosis	CT	FA	GM+WM
GM	0	0	2	9	0	23	8	0
WM	39	12	2	8	3	0	117	0

Table 7: Table continues below

	length	MD	Mean Kurtosis	MK	Radial Kurtosis	ratio GM/WM	RD
GM	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
WM	1	17	27	2	3	0	26

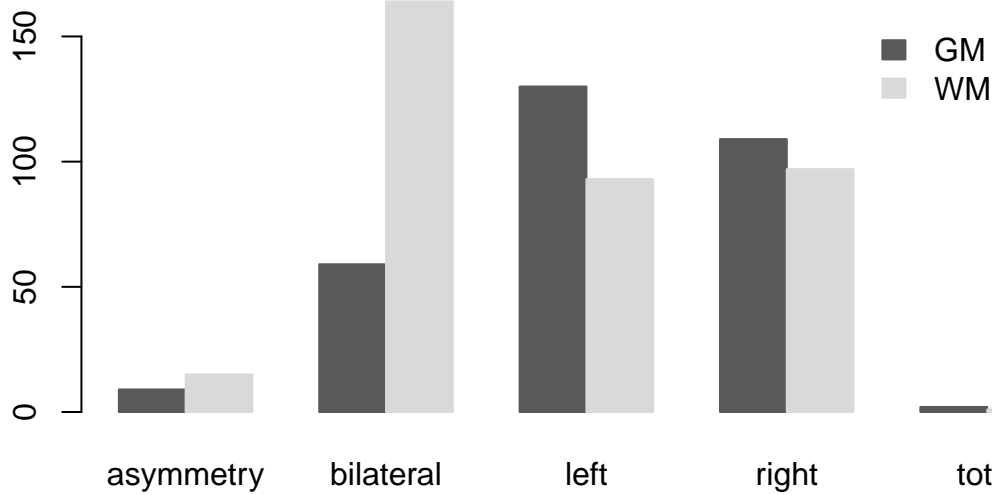
	RK	Surface	Thickness	VBM	Vol proportion	volume
GM	2	4	14	43	6	194
WM	2	0	10	16	6	79

Table 9: Matter vs Side

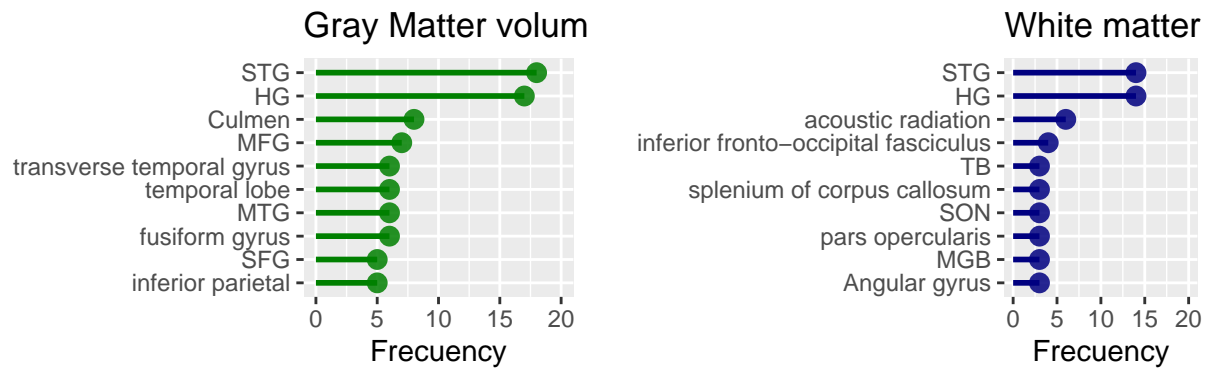
	asymmetry	bilateral	left	right	total
GM	9	59	130	109	2
WM	15	164	93	97	1

Brain structure (GM, WM) and side

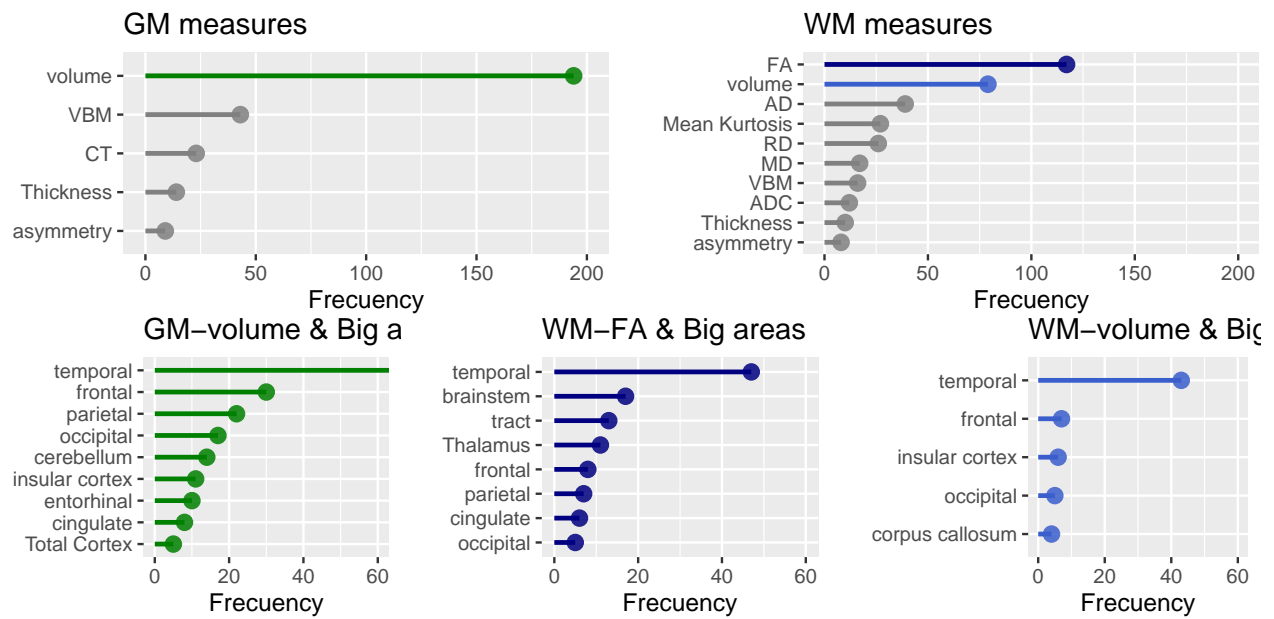
Matter vs Side



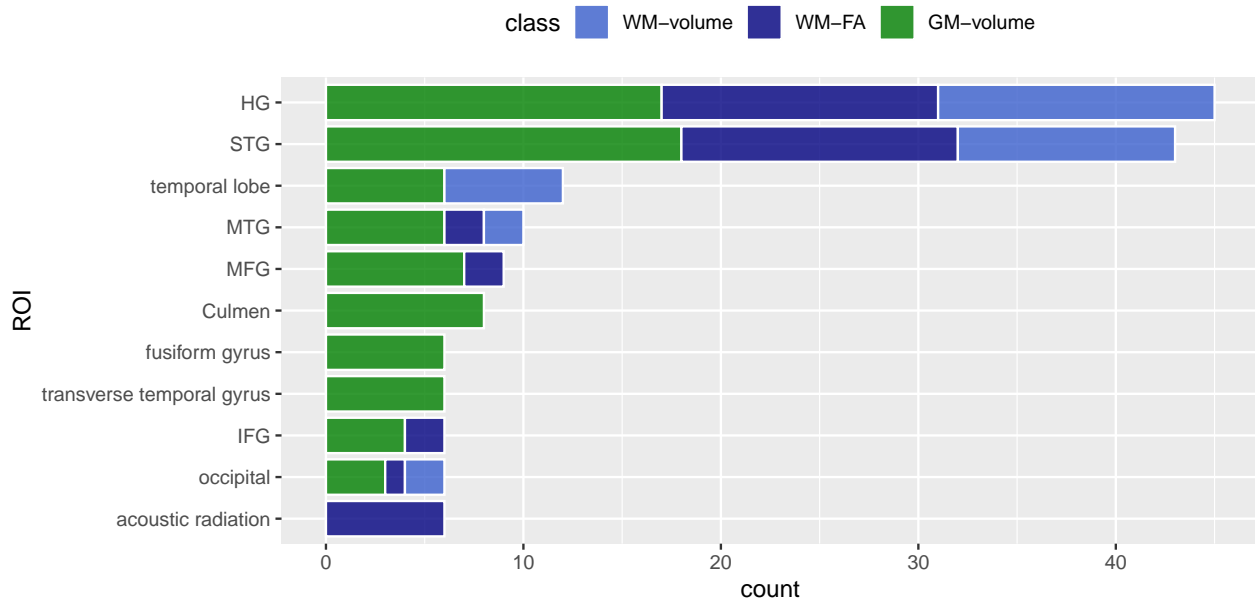
Brain structure (GM, WM) by MRI measure (volume) and ROI



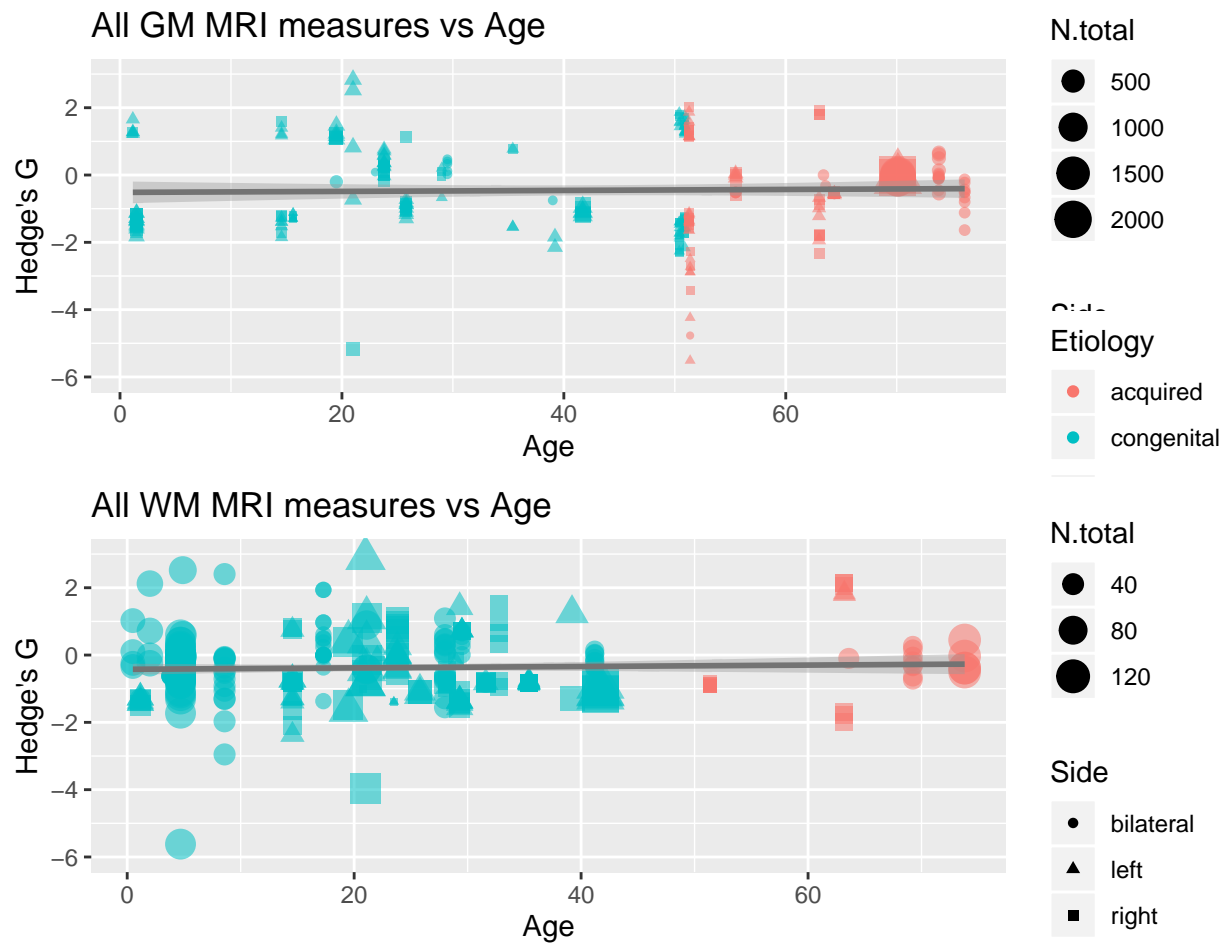
Studies characteristics (Figure 2.A, 2.B): Brain structure (GM, WM) by MRI measure (volume and FA)



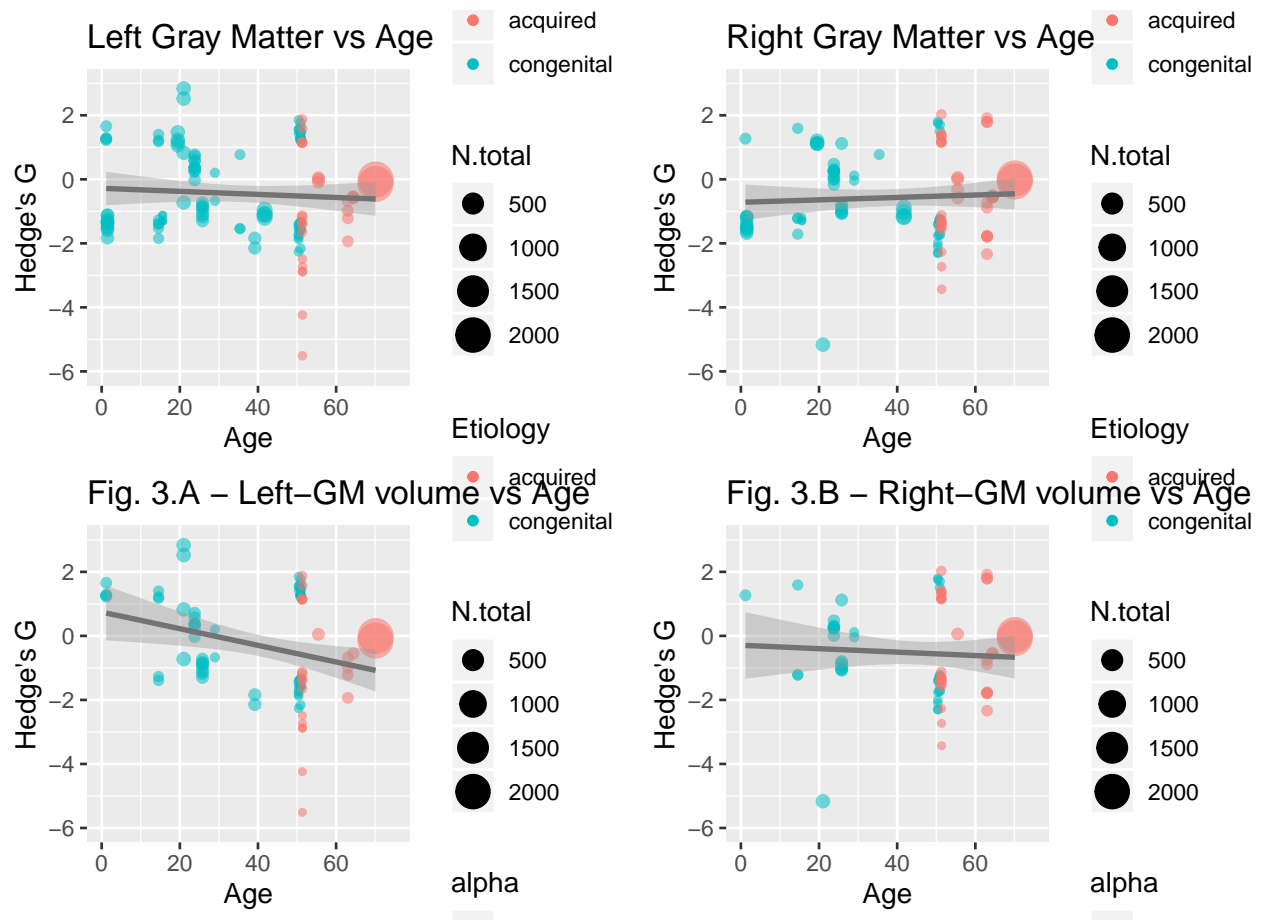
MRI measures by ROI (Figure 2.C)



Relations of all MRI measurements of GM and WM with age



Gray matter relation with Age by volume (Figures 3.A and 3.B)



White matter relation with Age by volume and FA (Figures 3.C, 3.D and 3.F)

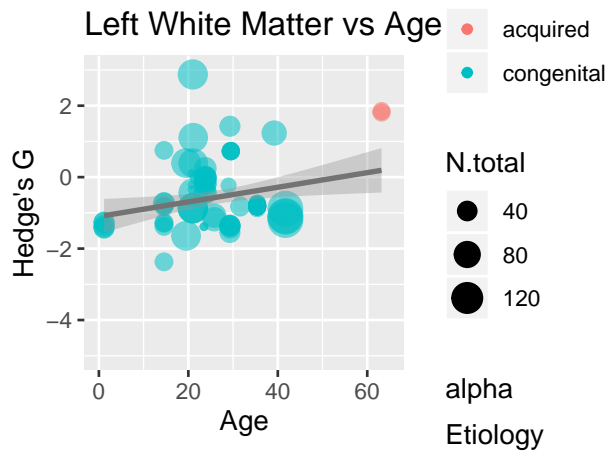


Fig. 3.C – Left-WM Volume vs Age

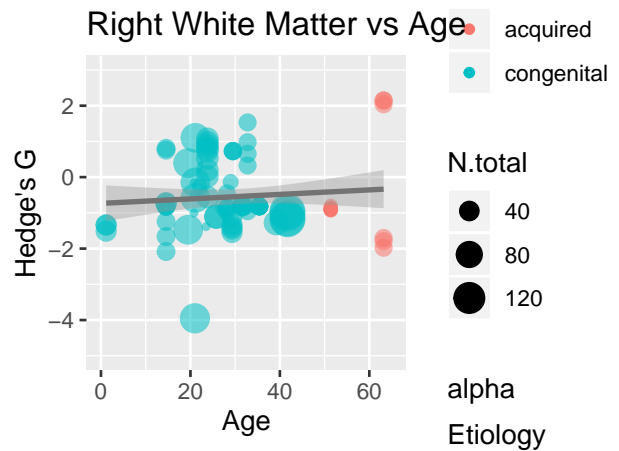


Fig. 3.D – Right-WM Volume vs Age

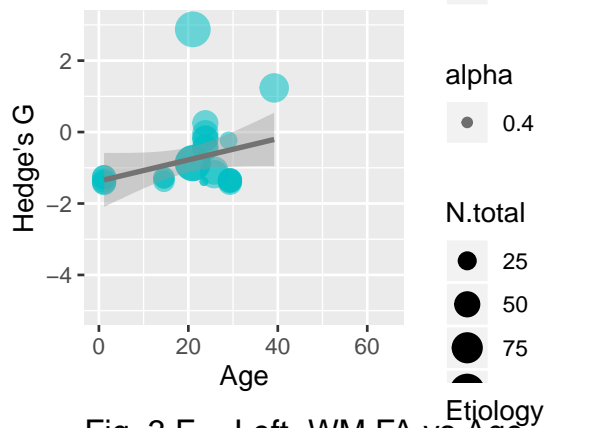


Fig. 3.E – Left-WM FA vs Age

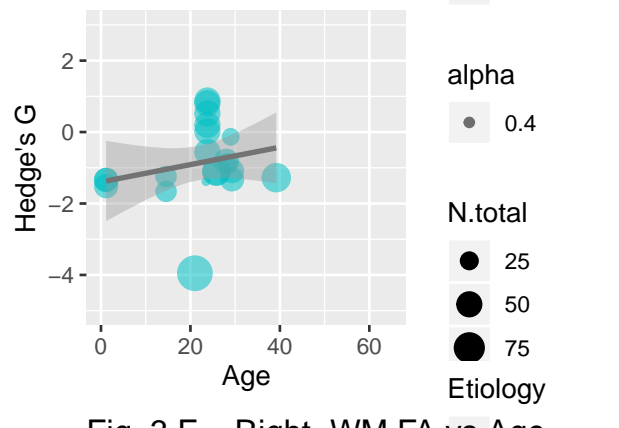
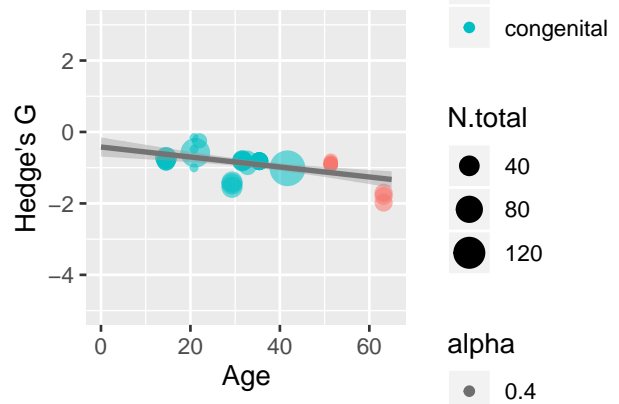
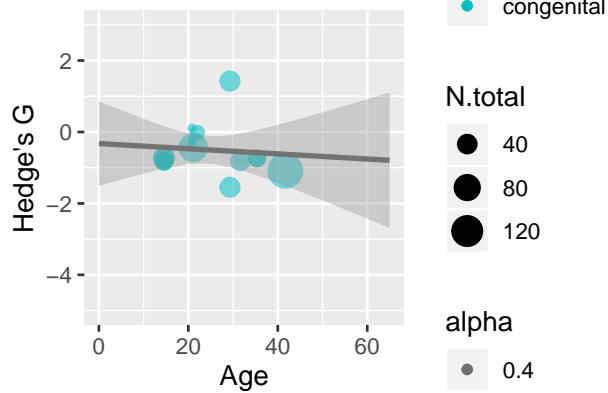


Fig. 3.F – Right-WM FA vs Age



Gray and White matter relation with Age by asymmetry

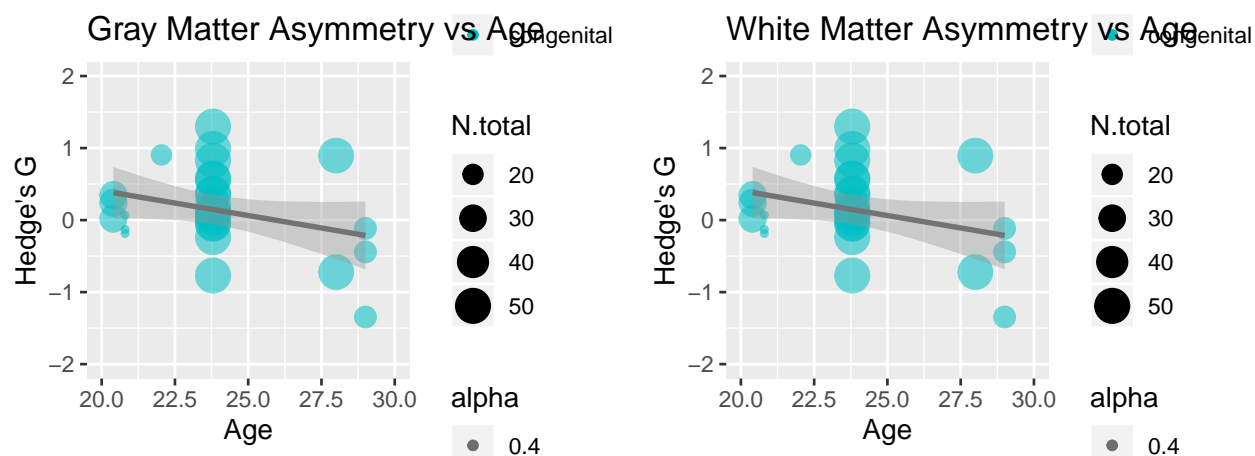
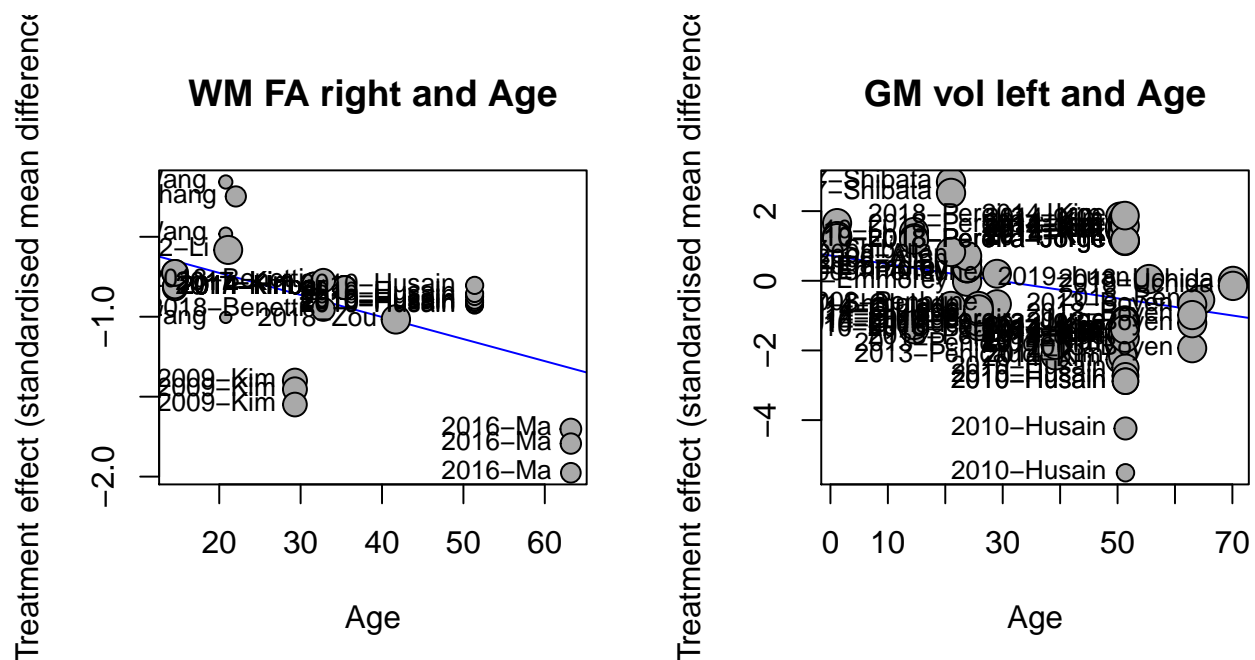
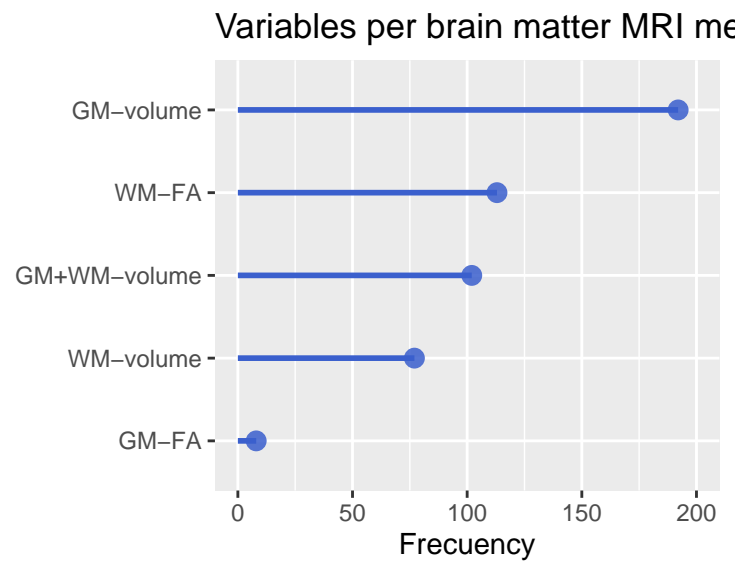


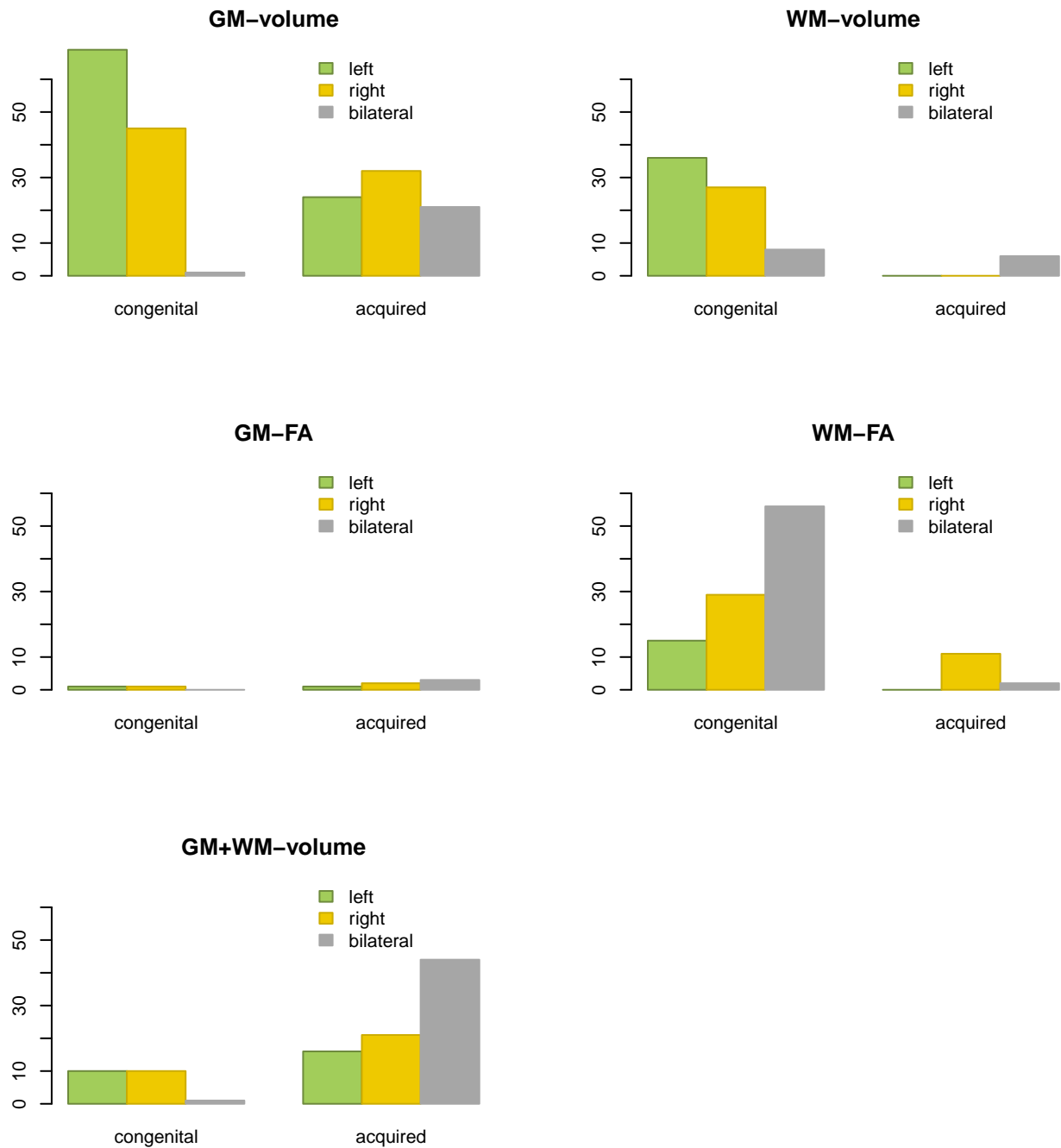
Table of estimates and meta-regression: WM and GM relation with age by MRI measures (volume and FA)

Model	r	p-value	t.stat	df
GM.vol.L	-0.27	0.0103	-2.62	85
WM.vol.L	0.26	0.1687	1.41	28
WM.fa.L	-0.09	0.7393	-0.34	13
GM.vol.R	-0.07	0.5343	-0.62	69
WM.vol.R	0.23	0.316	1.03	19
WM.fa.R	-0.55	2e-04	-4.04	38



Meta-regression: Variables by Etiology, Brain matter and MRI measure





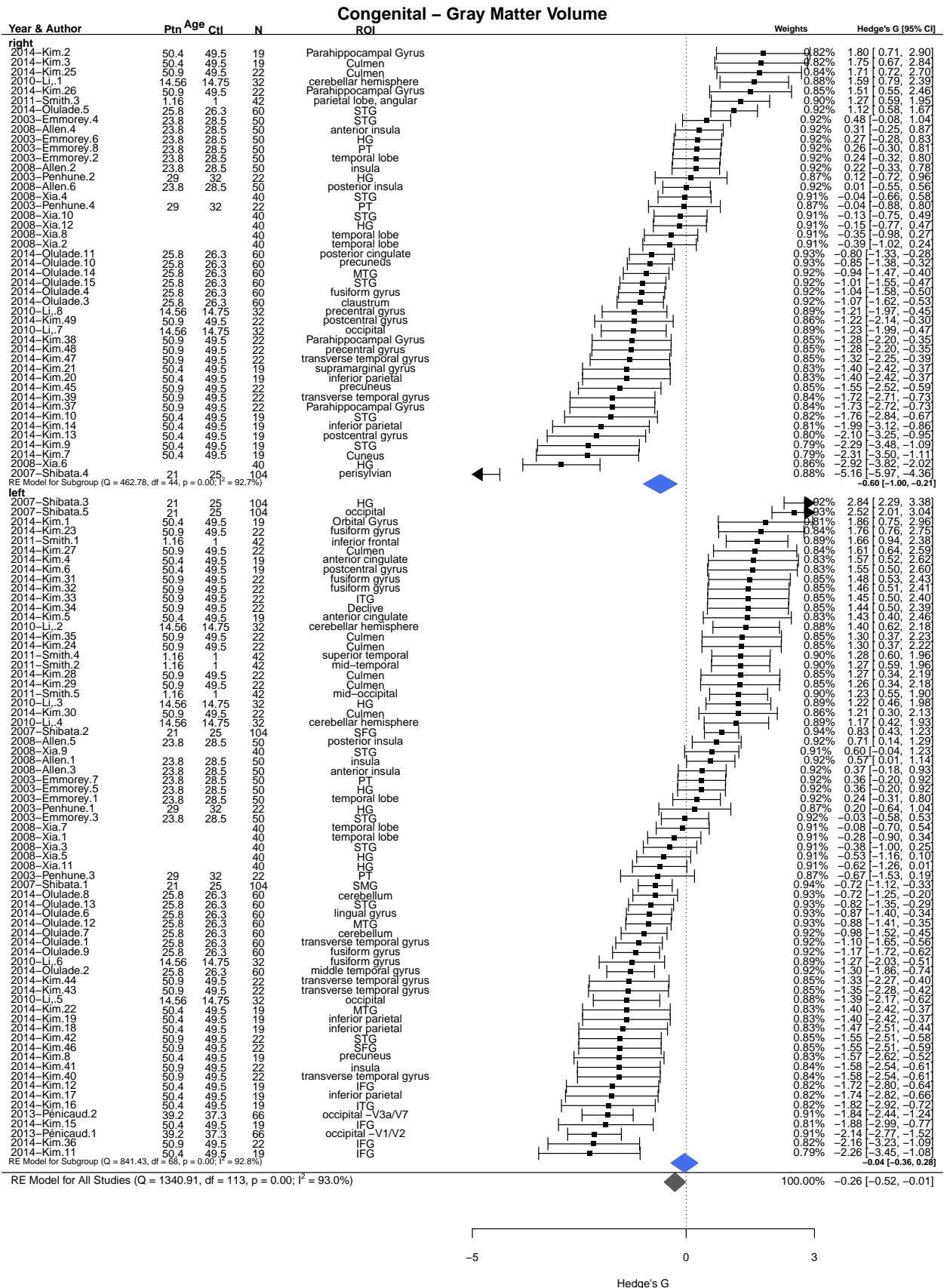
Gray Matter Volume: Random effects model no intercept covariated by Big area

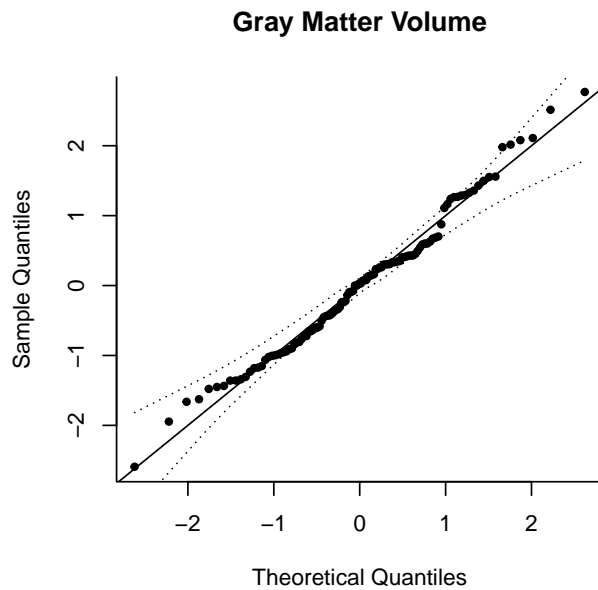
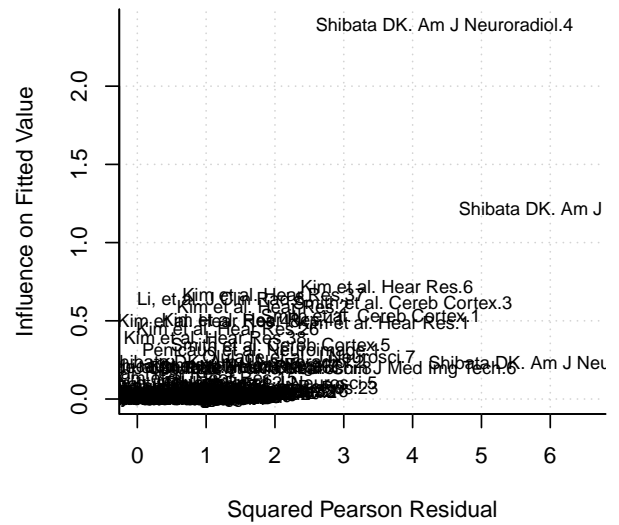
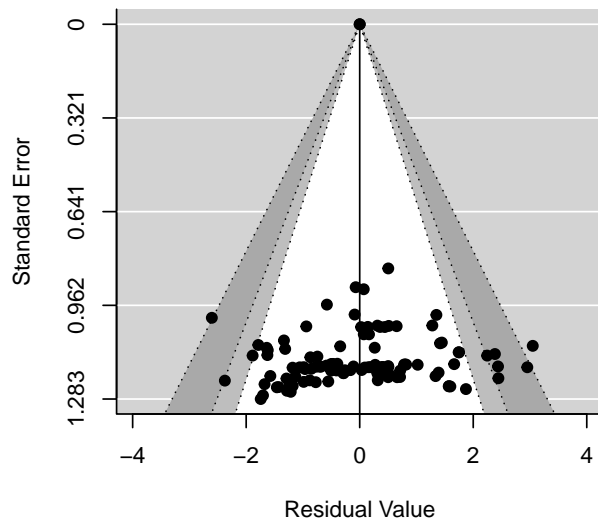
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	HedgeG	se	zval	ci.lo	ci.up
left cerebellum	0.9013	0.3735	2.413	0.1693	1.633
left cingulate	1.5	0.9037	1.66	-0.2712	3.271
left frontal	-0.588	0.4468	-1.316	-1.464	0.2877
left insular cortex	0.0628	0.6065	0.1035	-1.126	1.252
left occipital	-0.5252	0.4567	-1.15	-1.42	0.3699

	HedgeG	se	zval	ci.lo	ci.up
left parietal	-0.8875	0.5149	-1.724	-1.897	0.1217
left temporal	-0.116	0.2235	-0.5189	-0.554	0.3221
left Thalamus	1.282	1.213	1.056	-1.097	3.66
right cerebellum	1.682	0.7284	2.309	0.254	3.109
right cingulate	-0.8018	1.193	-0.6721	-3.14	1.536
right entorhinal	0.05865	0.6339	0.09251	-1.184	1.301
right frontal	-2.559	0.7143	-3.583	-3.959	-1.159
right insular cortex	-0.1339	0.598	-0.2239	-1.306	1.038
right occipital	-1.73	0.8957	-1.932	-3.486	0.02545
right parietal	-1.113	0.4445	-2.503	-1.984	-0.2413
right temporal	-0.5427	0.2729	-1.989	-1.078	-0.007815

	pval
left cerebellum	0.01581
left cingulate	0.09694
left frontal	0.1882
left insular cortex	0.9175
left occipital	0.2502
left parietal	0.08478
left temporal	0.6039
left Thalamus	0.2909
right cerebellum	0.02096
right cingulate	0.5015
right entorhinal	0.9263
right frontal	0.0003399
right insular cortex	0.8228
right occipital	0.05341
right parietal	0.01233
right temporal	0.04675





ACQUIRED - Meta-regressions of Gray Matter by Volume

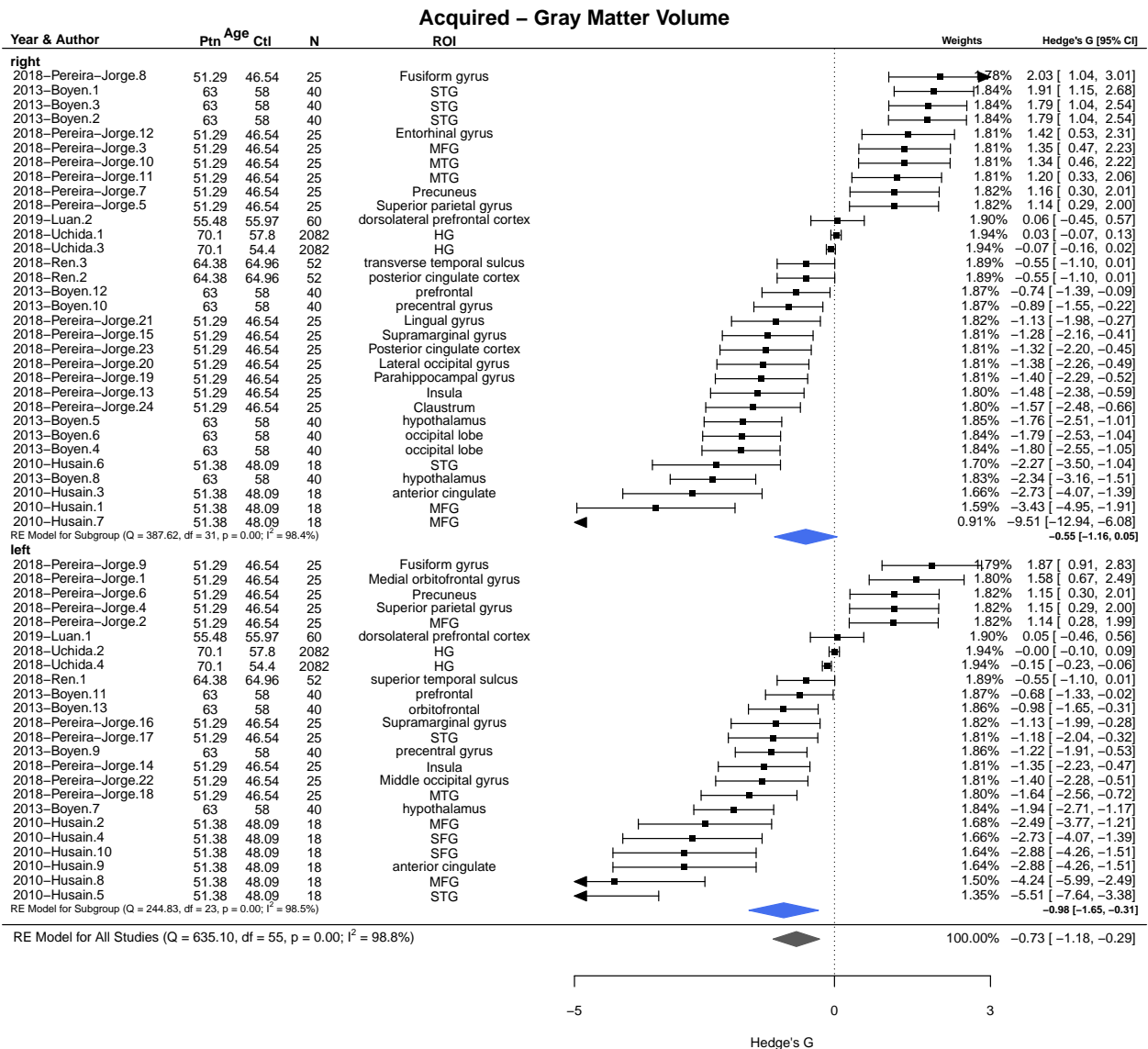
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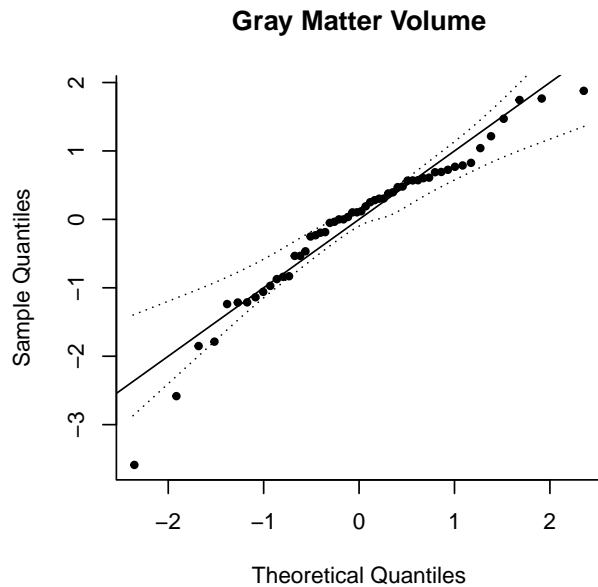
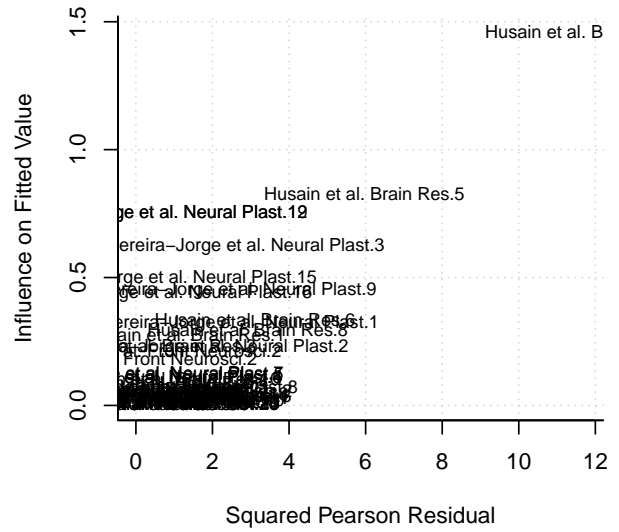
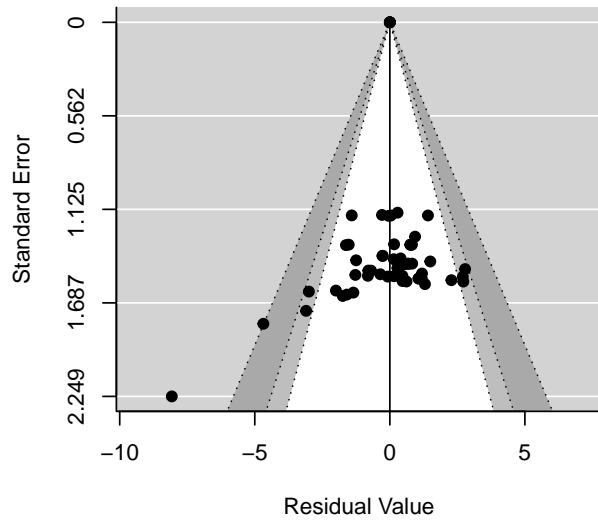
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	HedgeG	se	zval	ci.lo	ci.up
left cingulate	-2.883	1.728	-1.669	-6.269	0.5024
left frontal	-1.14	0.5268	-2.164	-2.173	-0.1076
left hypothalamus	-1.937	1.626	-1.191	-5.124	1.25
left insular cortex	-1.353	1.641	-0.8248	-4.57	1.863
left occipital	-1.398	1.642	-0.8514	-4.616	1.82
left parietal	0.3896	0.9454	0.4121	-1.463	2.243
left temporal	-0.8302	0.6236	-1.331	-2.052	0.3921
right cingulate	-1.483	0.954	-1.554	-3.352	0.3872

	HedgeG	se	zval	ci.lo	ci.up
right entorhinal	0.007072	1.161	0.006091	-2.269	2.283
right frontal	-1.438	0.7012	-2.05	-2.812	-0.06331
right hypothalamus	-2.047	1.151	-1.778	-4.304	0.2095
right insular cortex	-1.525	1.163	-1.311	-3.803	0.7542
right occipital	-1.524	0.8158	-1.868	-3.123	0.07522
right parietal	0.3405	0.9459	0.36	-1.513	2.194
right temporal	0.727	0.5141	1.414	-0.2806	1.735

	pval
left cingulate	0.09509
left frontal	0.03045
left hypothalamus	0.2335
left insular cortex	0.4095
left occipital	0.3945
left parietal	0.6803
left temporal	0.1831
right cingulate	0.1202
right entorhinal	0.9951
right frontal	0.04034
right hypothalamus	0.0754
right insular cortex	0.1898
right occipital	0.0618
right parietal	0.7189
right temporal	0.1573





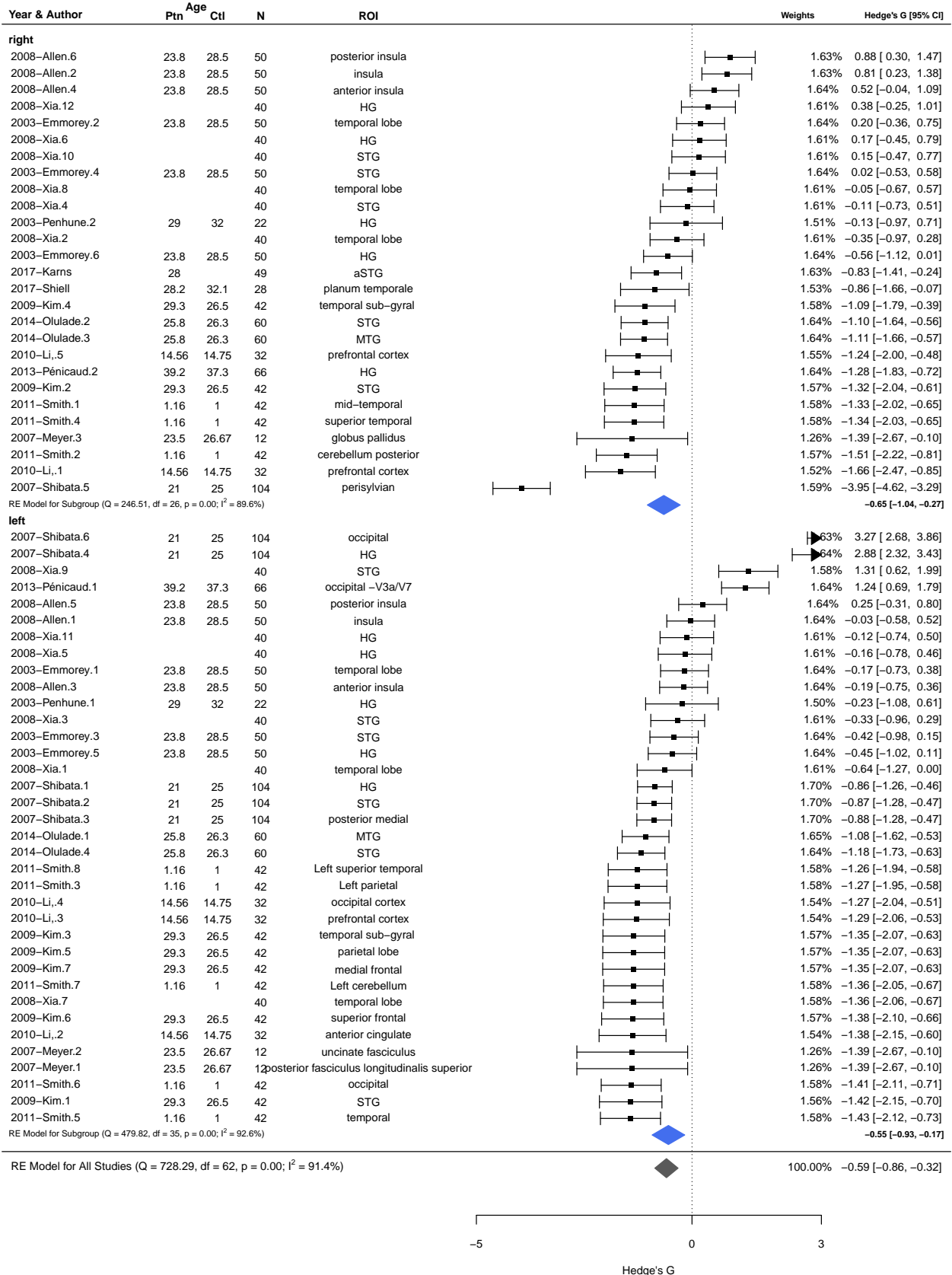
CONGENITAL - White Matter by VOLUME

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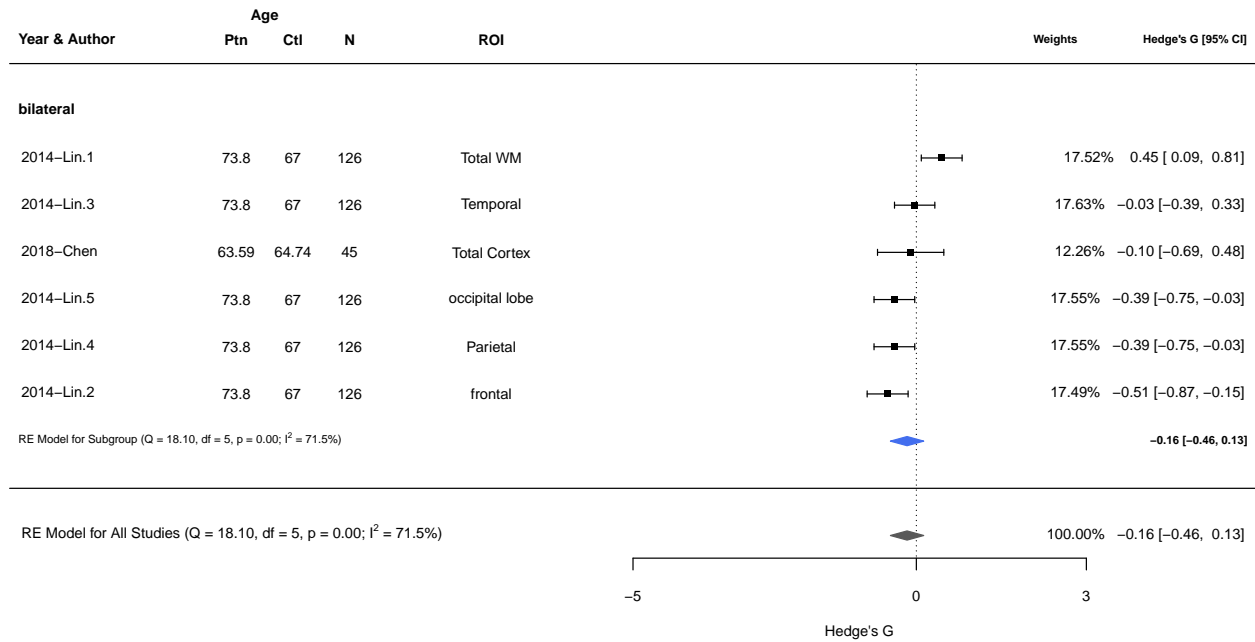
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left cingulate	-1.379	0.9926	-1.389	-3.324	0.5668	1
left frontal	-1.34	0.5684	-2.358	-2.454	-0.2262	3
left insular cortex	0.007913	0.5504	0.01438	-1.071	1.087	3
left occipital	0.5024	0.4846	1.037	-0.4475	1.452	4
left parietal	-1.308	0.6914	-1.892	-2.663	0.04705	2
left temporal	-0.478	0.2211	-2.163	-0.9113	-0.04478	19
left tract	-1.386	0.7931	-1.747	-2.94	0.1688	2
right cerebellum	-1.513	0.9789	-1.546	-3.432	0.4051	1
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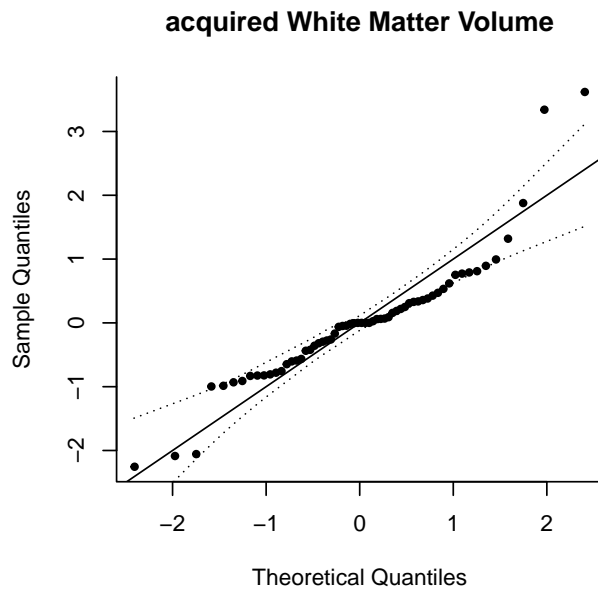
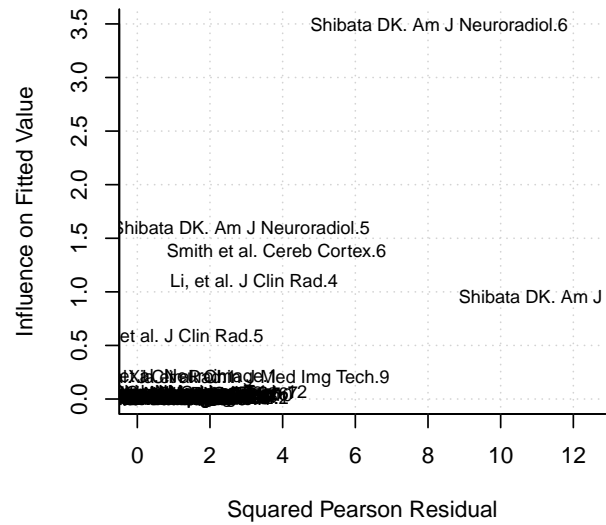
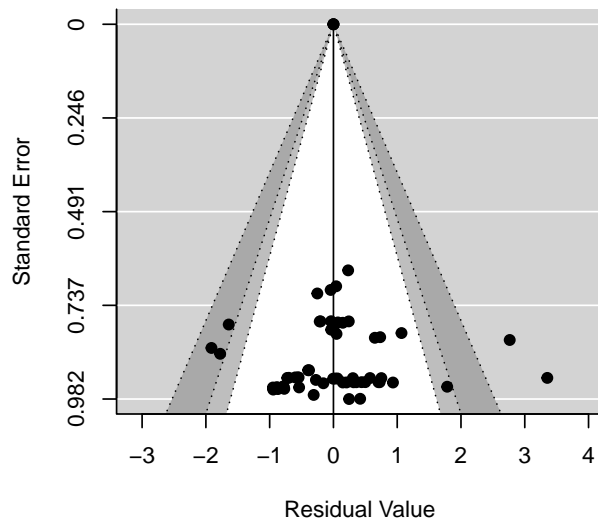
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right frontal	-2.31	0.5697	-4.055	-3.426	-1.193	3
right insular cortex	0.737	0.5521	1.335	-0.3451	1.819	3
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Congenital White Matter Volume



acquired White Matter Volume





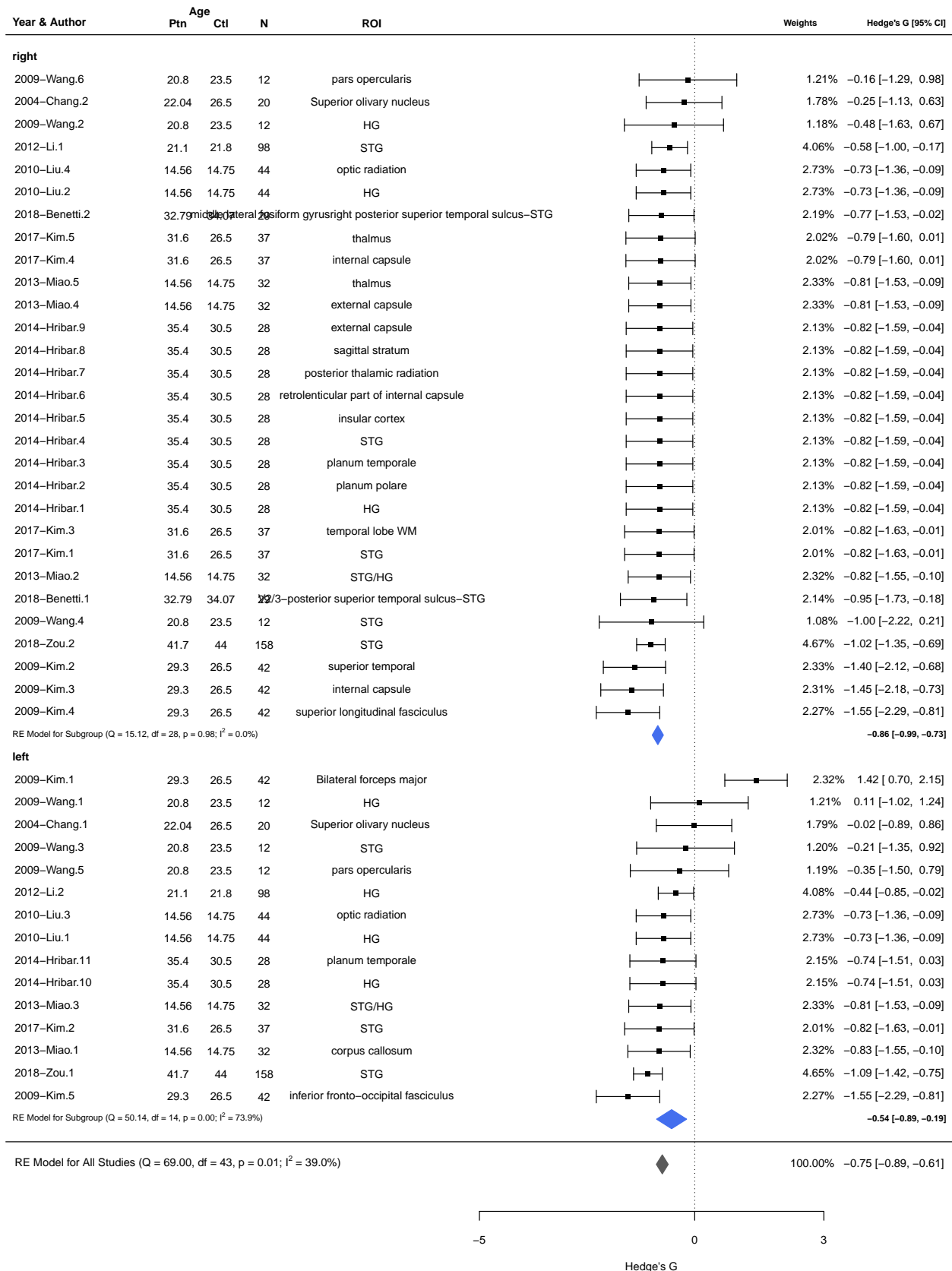
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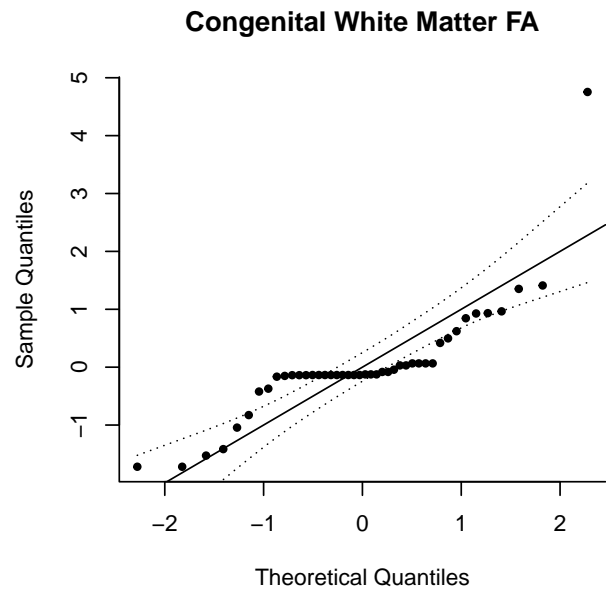
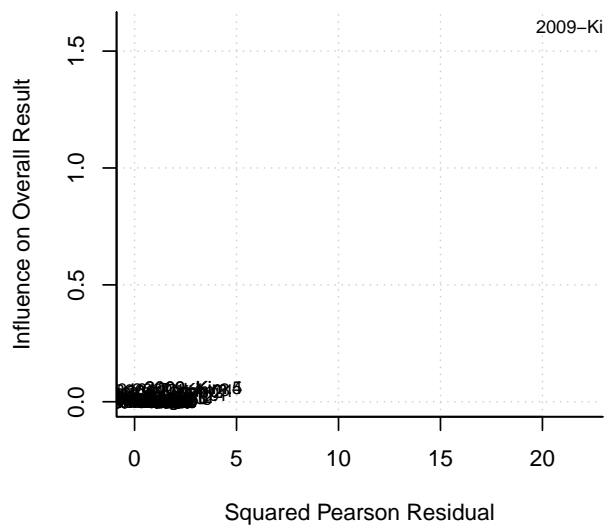
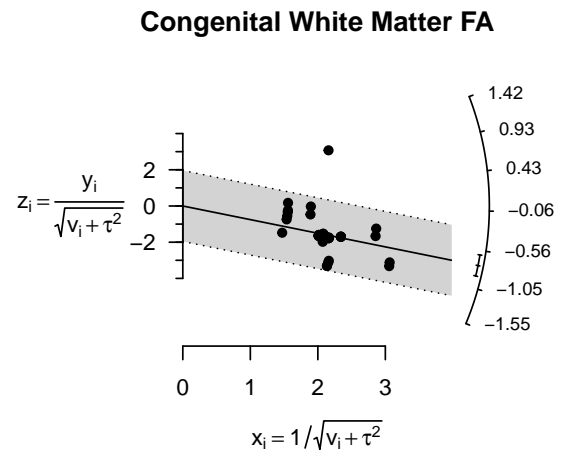
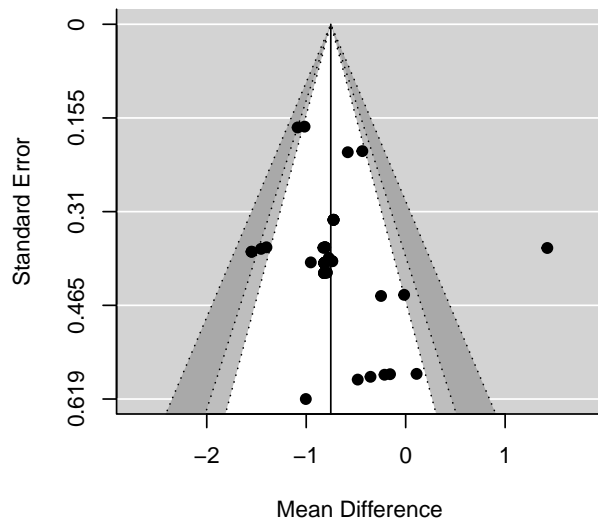
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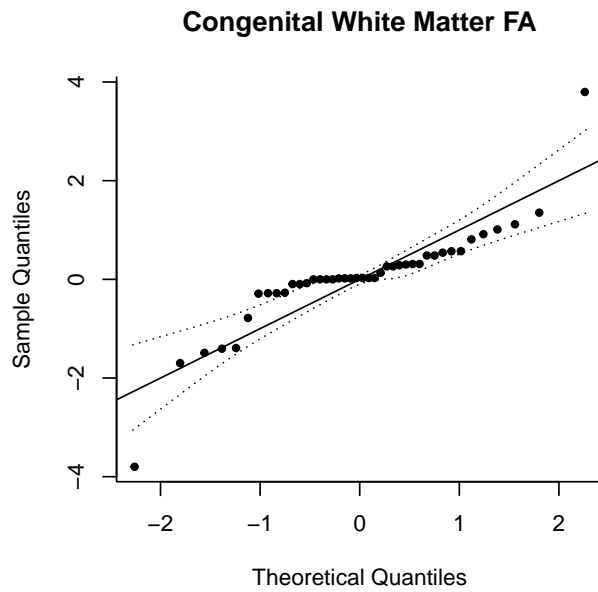
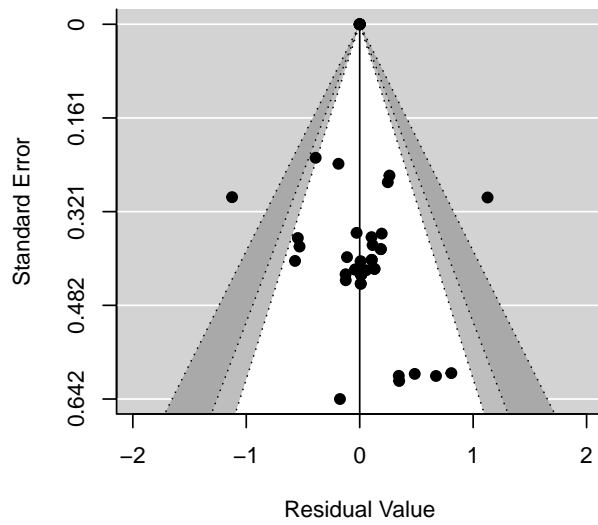
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left cingulate	0.297	0.2965	1.002	-0.2841	0.8781	2
left occipital	-0.7254	0.3791	-1.914	-1.468	0.01755	1
left temporal	-0.698	0.1265	-5.518	-0.946	-0.4501	10
left tract	-1.549	0.425	-3.645	-2.382	-0.7163	1
right brainstem	-0.2476	0.4908	-0.5044	-1.21	0.7145	1
right insular cortex	-0.8178	0.4415	-1.852	-1.683	0.04759	1
right occipital	-0.7254	0.3791	-1.914	-1.468	0.01755	1
right temporal	-0.8298	0.1036	-8.013	-1.033	-0.6269	16
right Thalamus	-0.9238	0.1789	-5.164	-1.274	-0.5732	6

	HedgeG	se	zval	ci.lo	ci.up	N
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Congenital White Matter FA





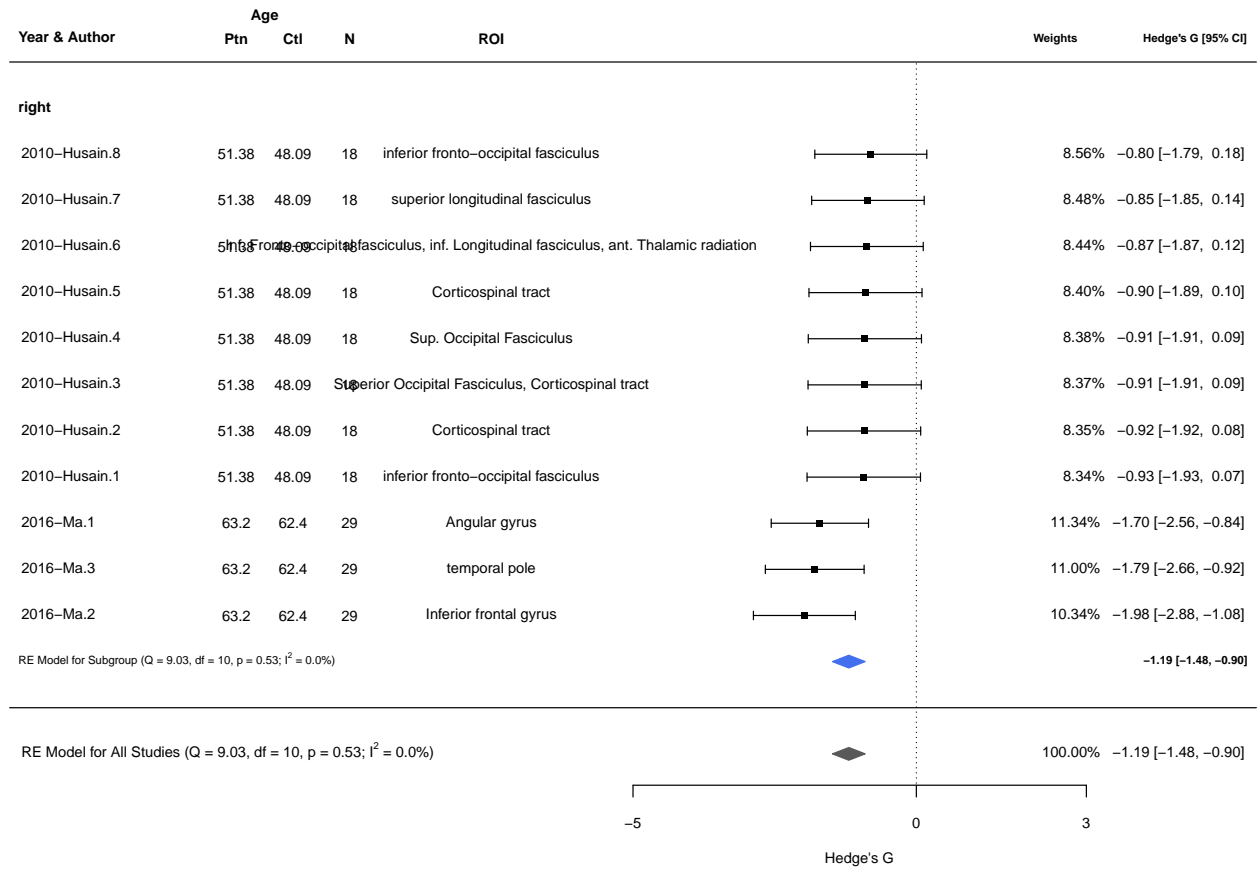


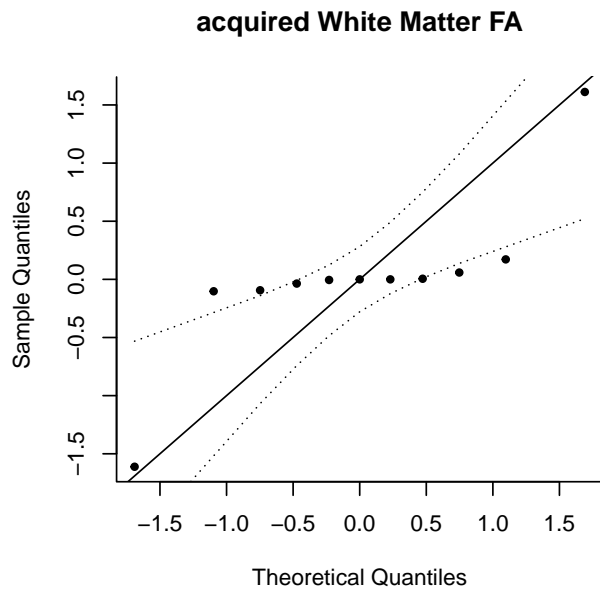
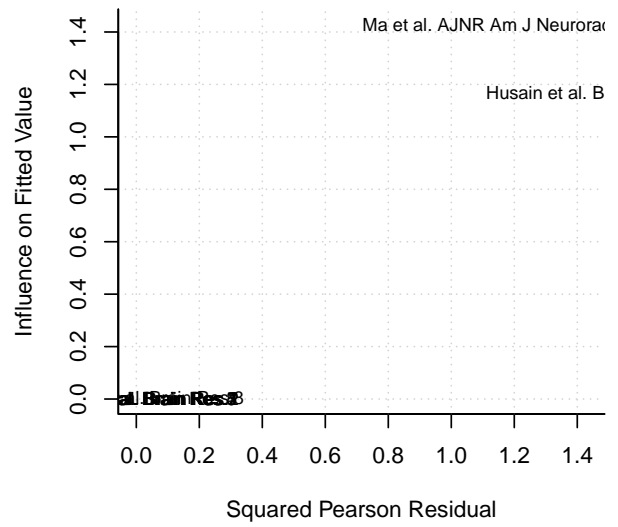
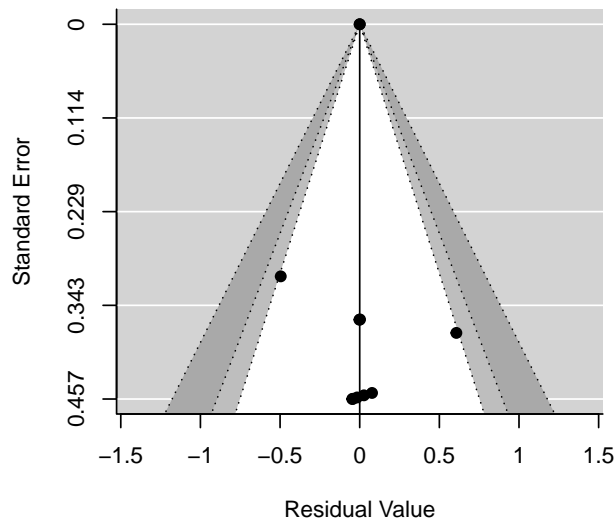
ACQUIRED - White Matter by FA fractional anisotropy

Random effects model no intercept covariated by Big area

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right frontal	-1.48	0.3403	-4.35	-2.147	-0.8134	2
right occipital	-0.9105	0.3603	-2.527	-1.617	-0.2042	2
right parietal	-1.703	0.4379	-3.888	-2.561	-0.8443	1
right temporal	-1.793	0.4446	-4.034	-2.665	-0.922	1
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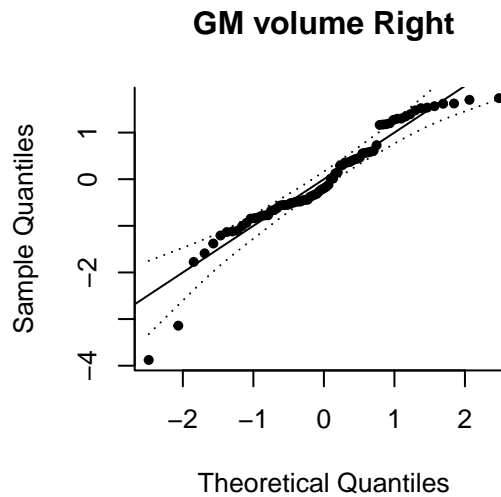
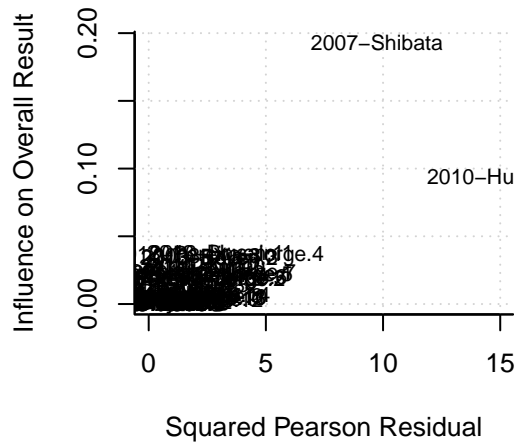
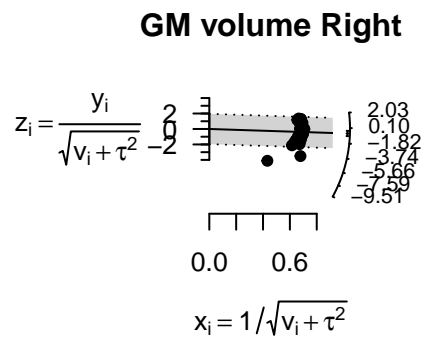
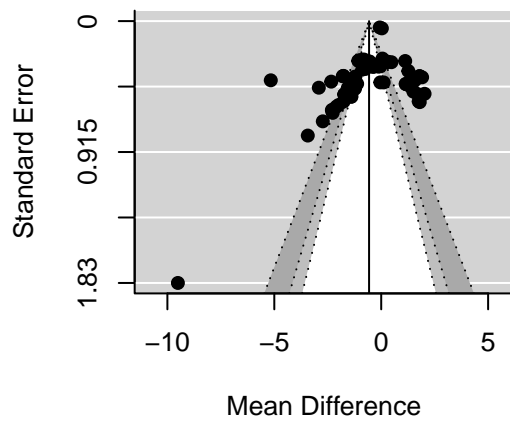
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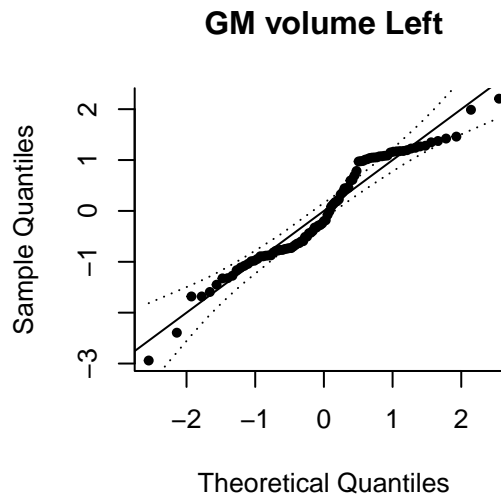
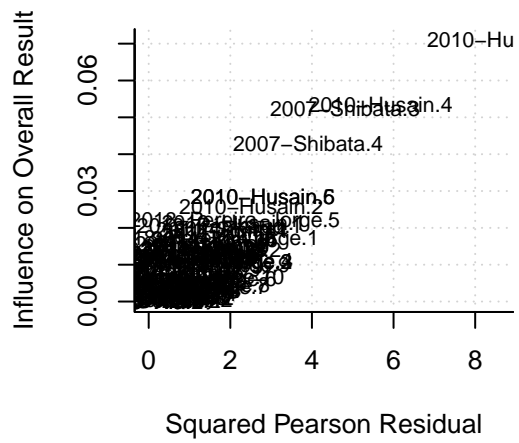
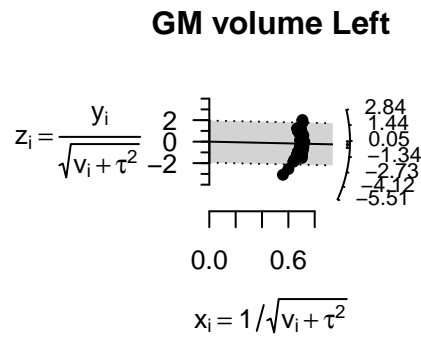
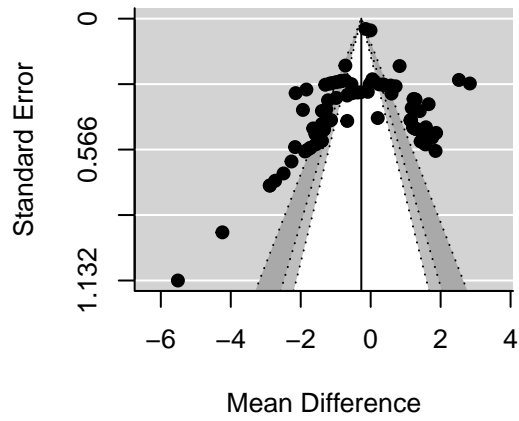


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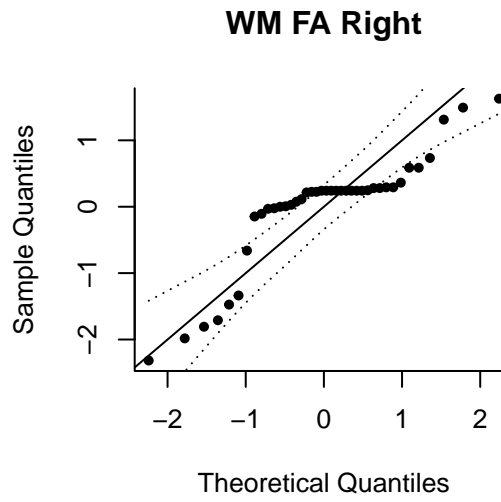
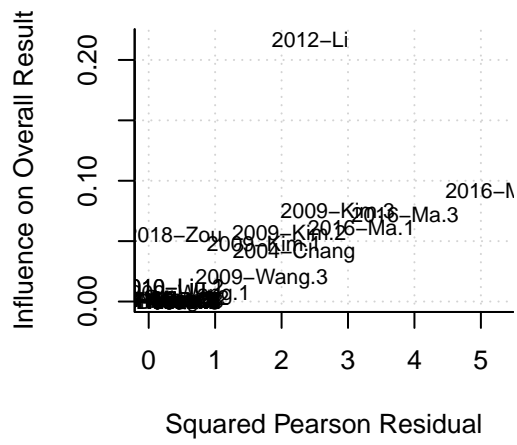
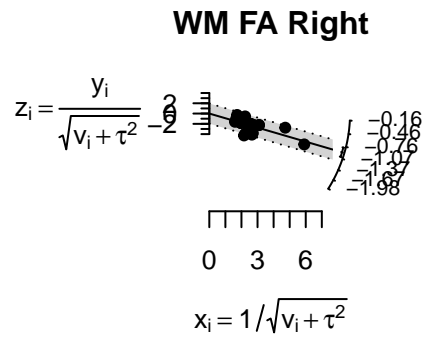
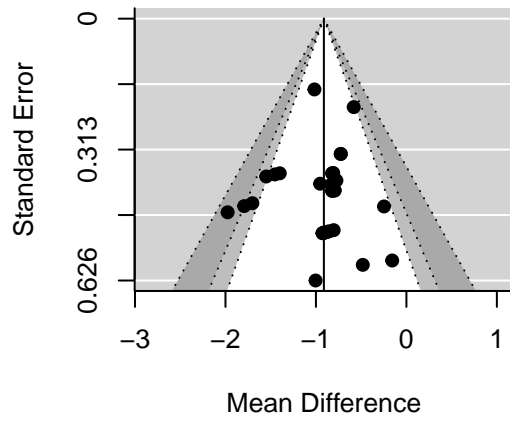
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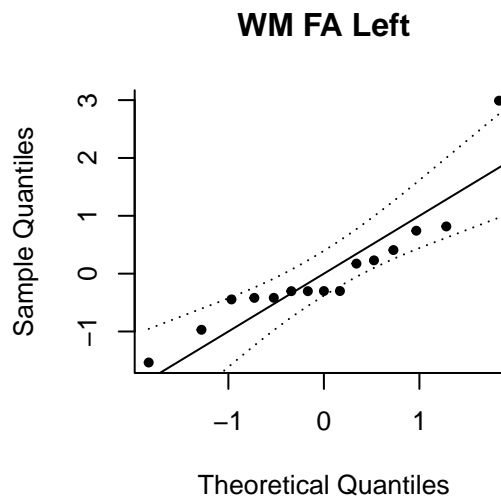
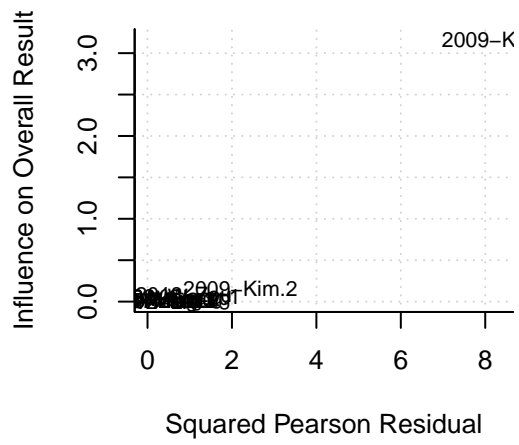
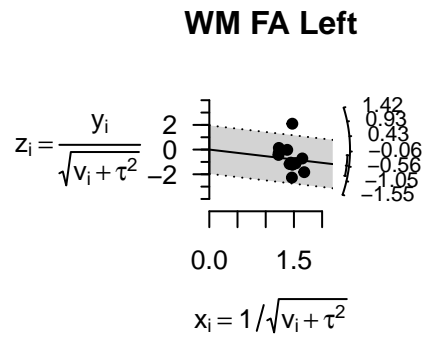
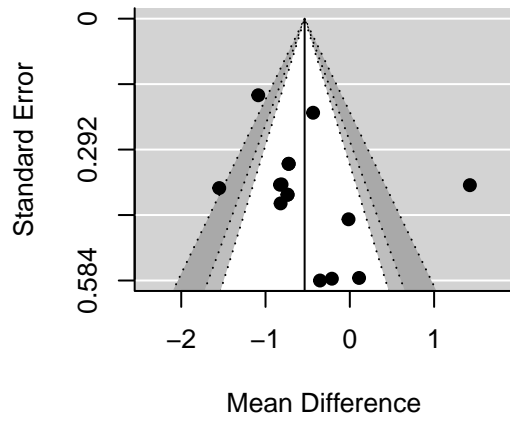
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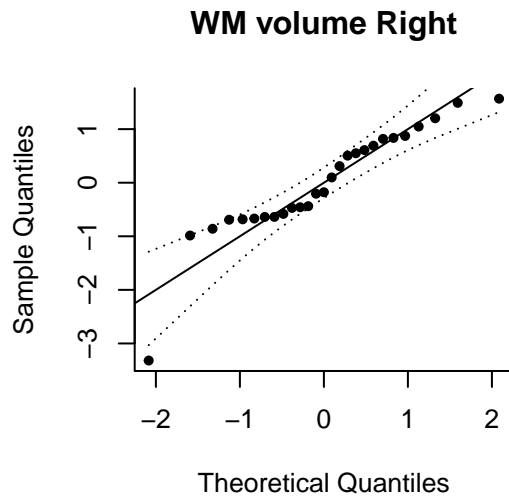
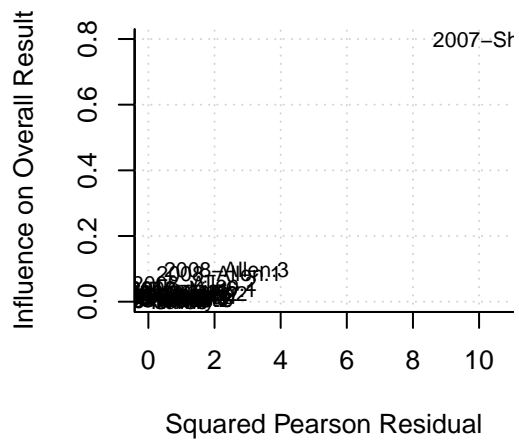
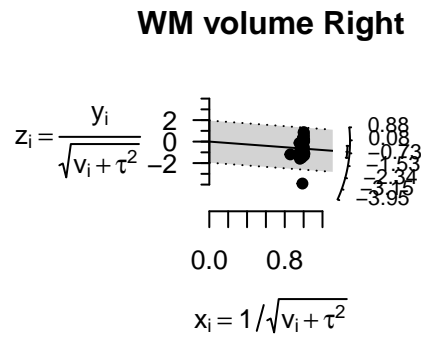
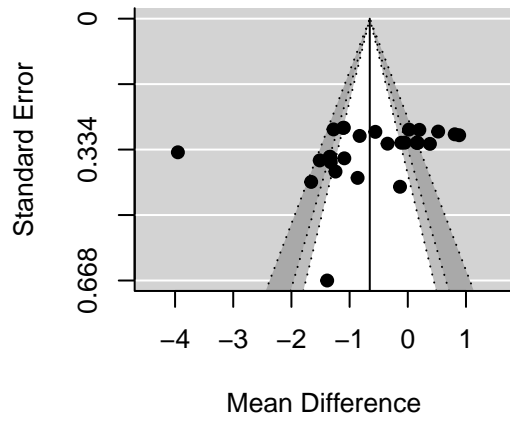
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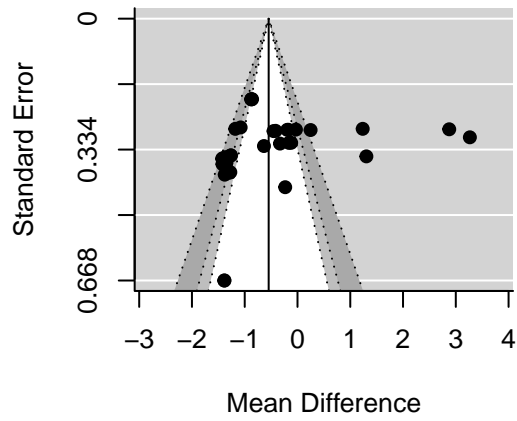
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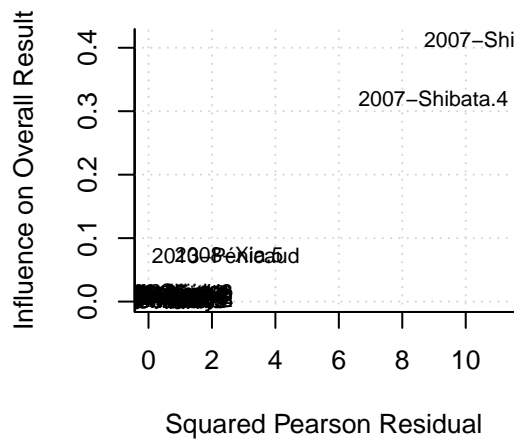
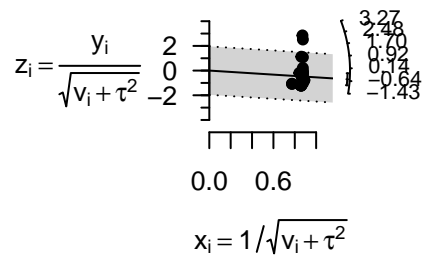
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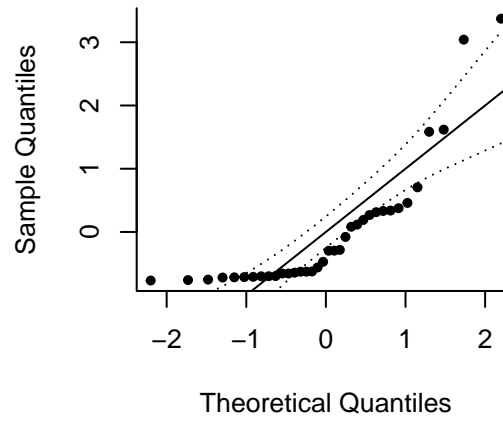
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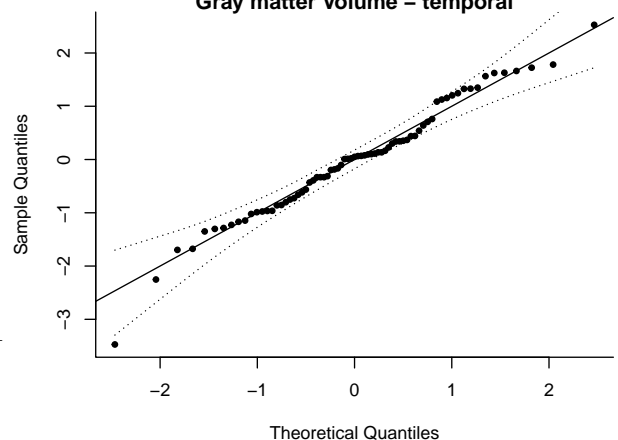


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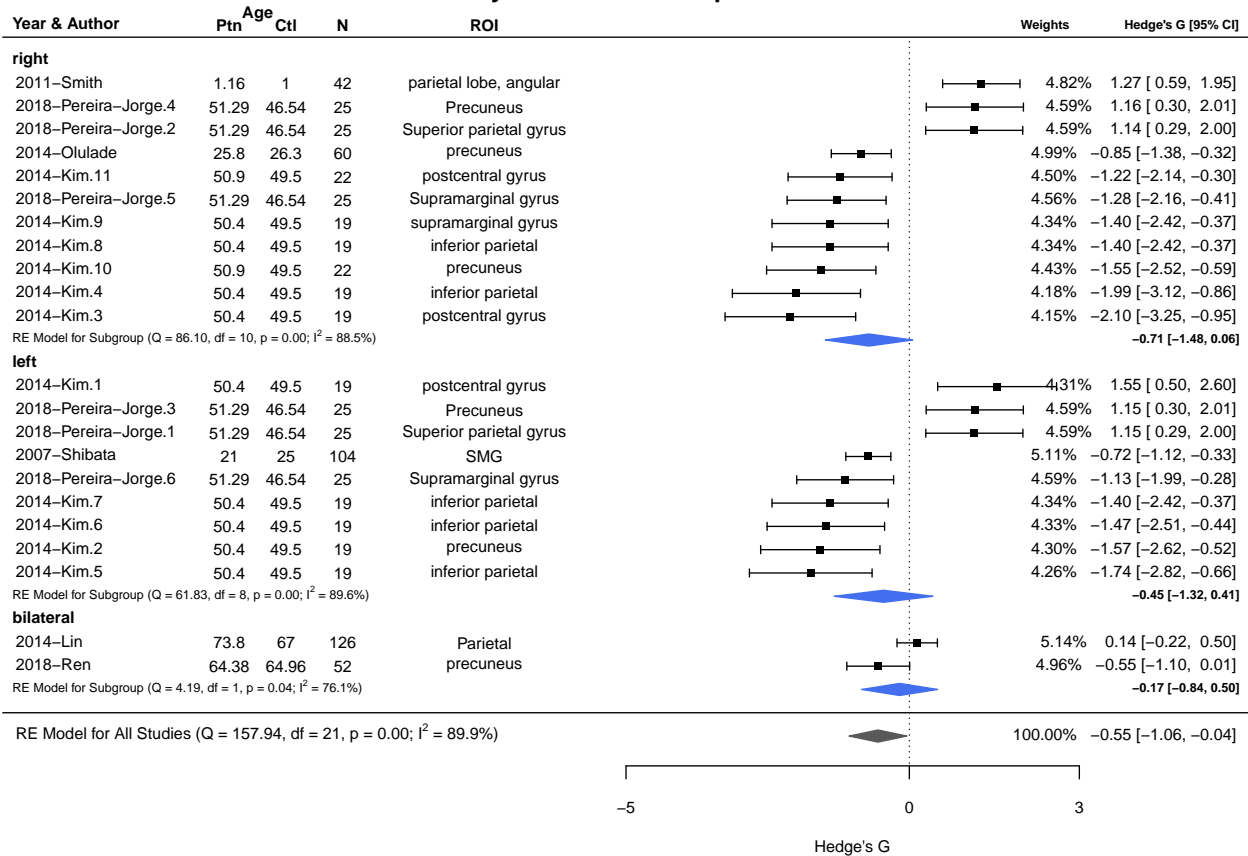


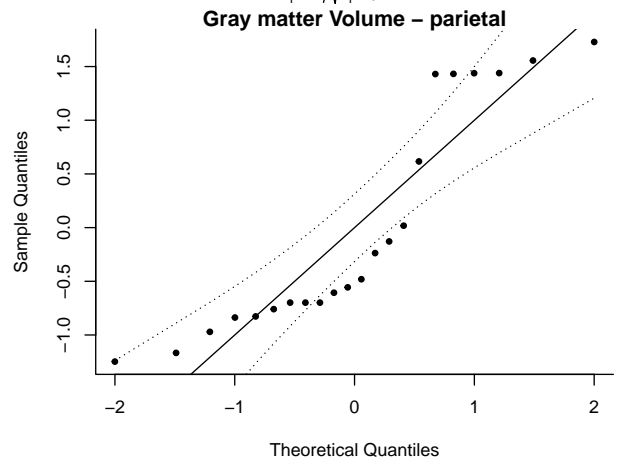
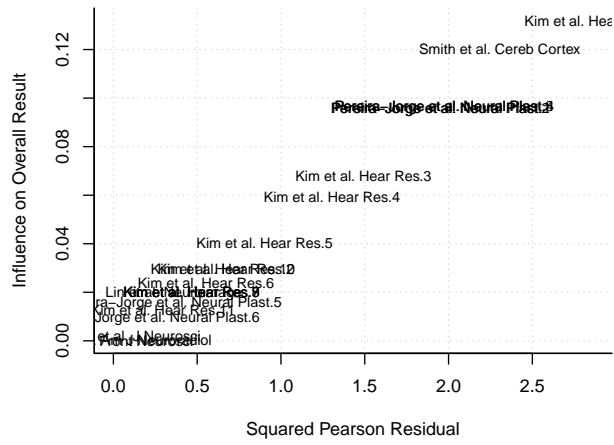
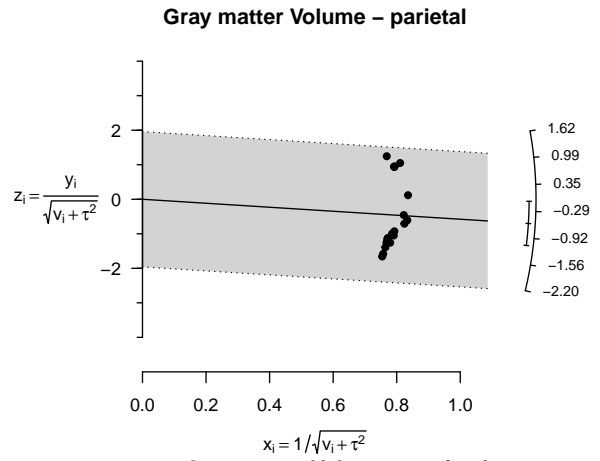
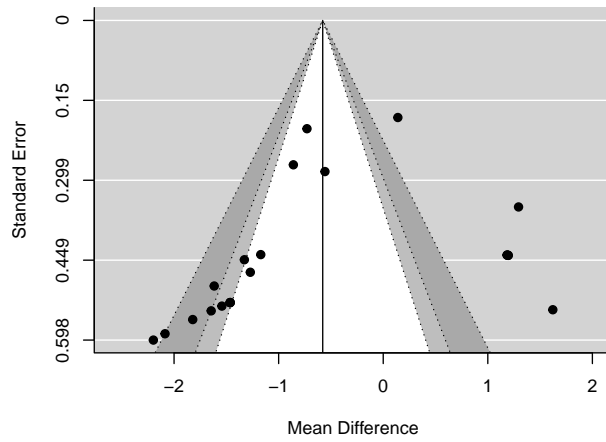
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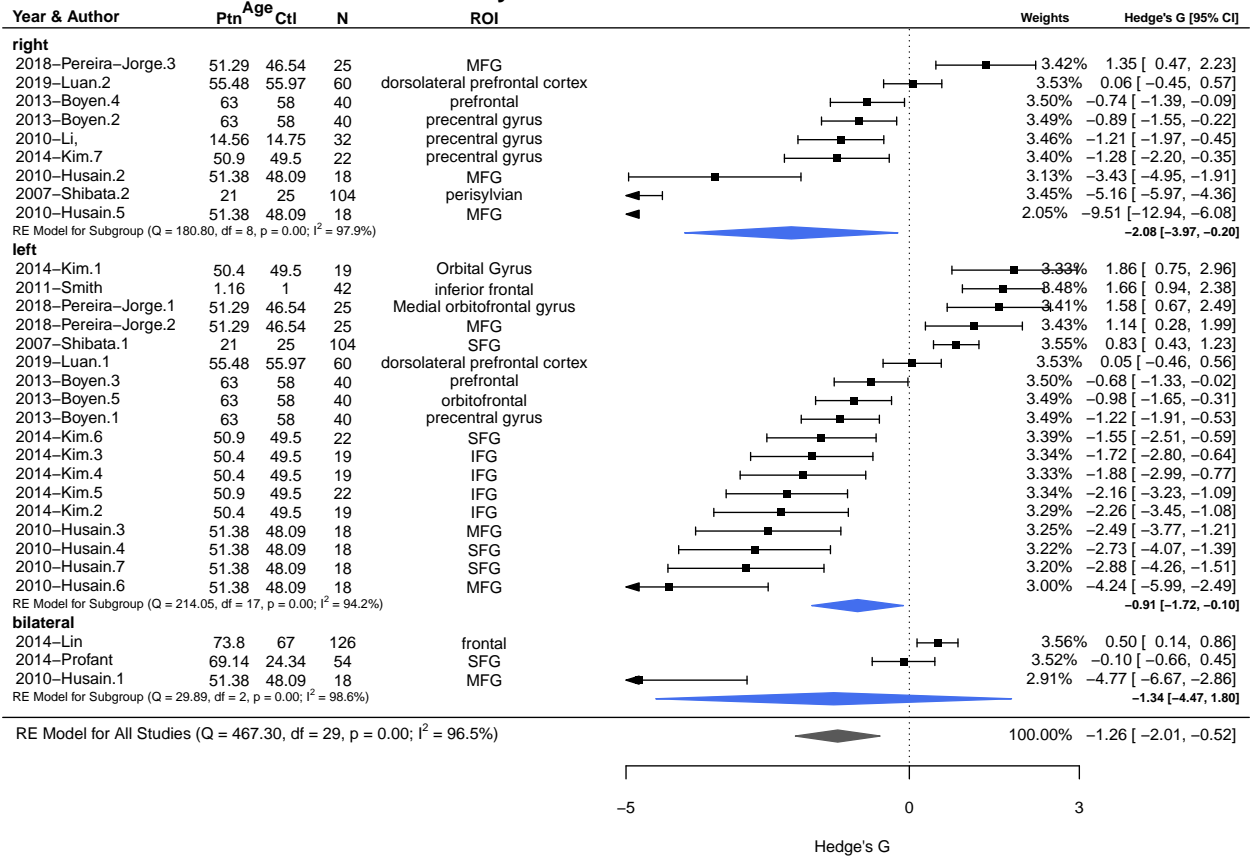


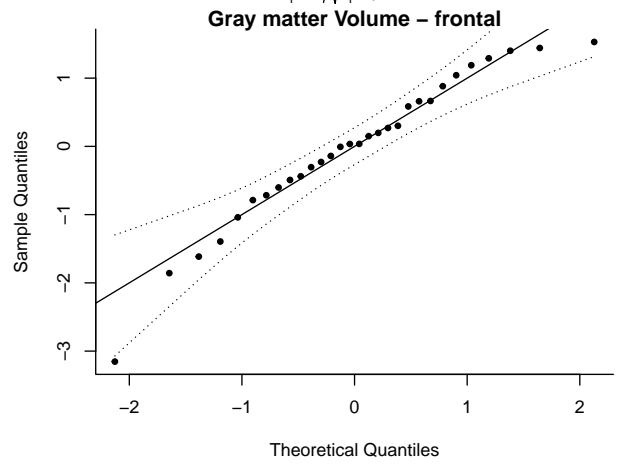
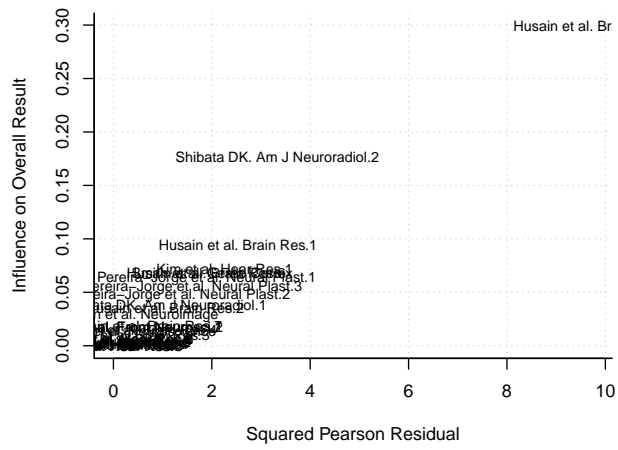
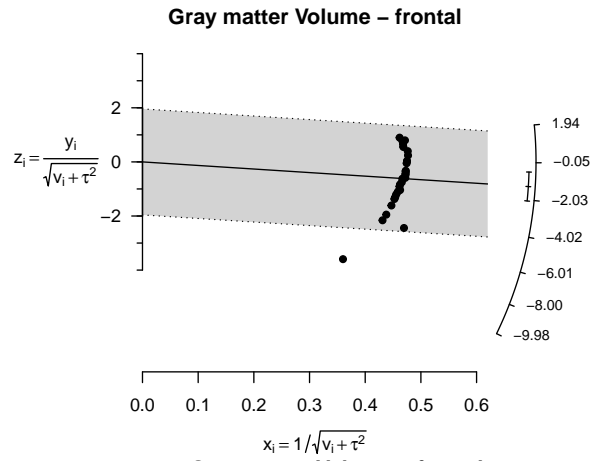
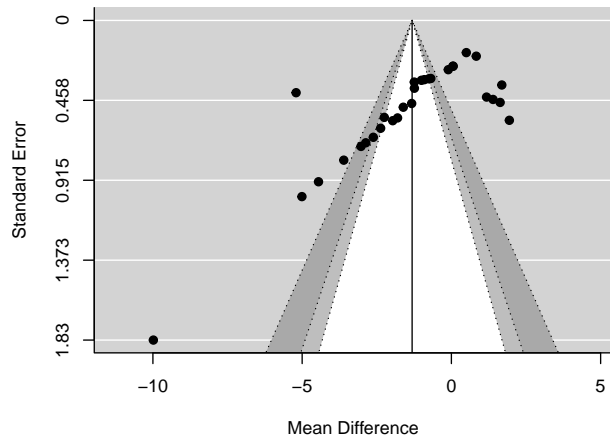
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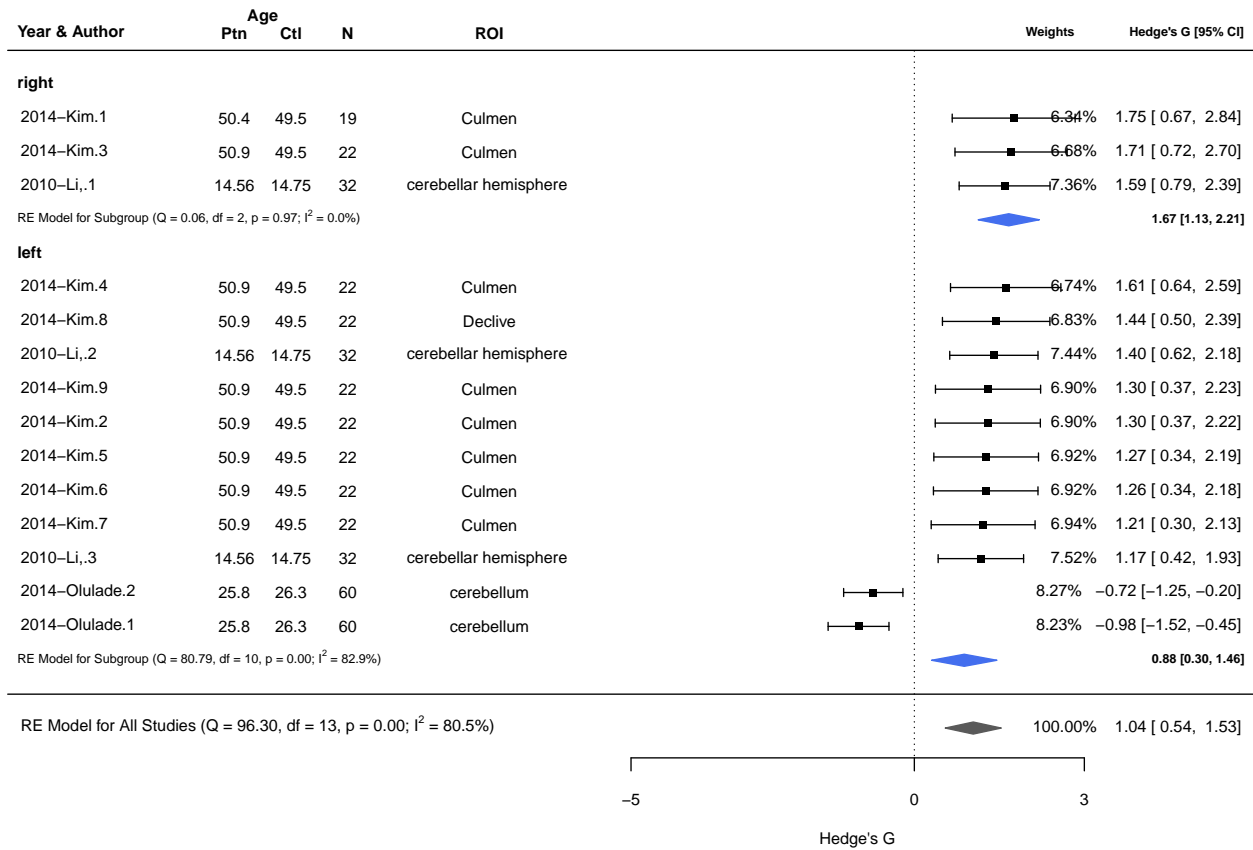


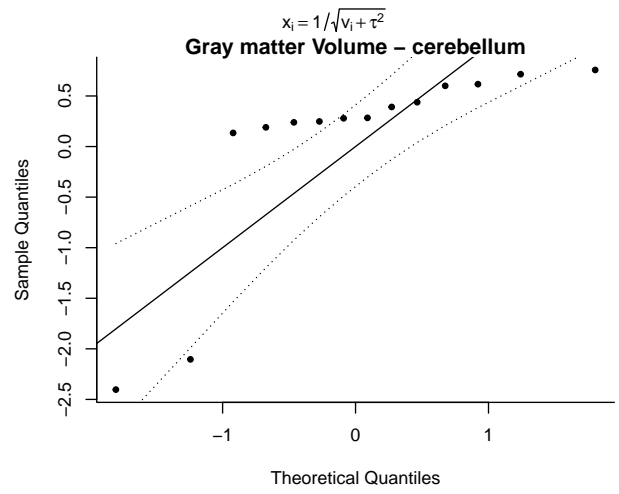
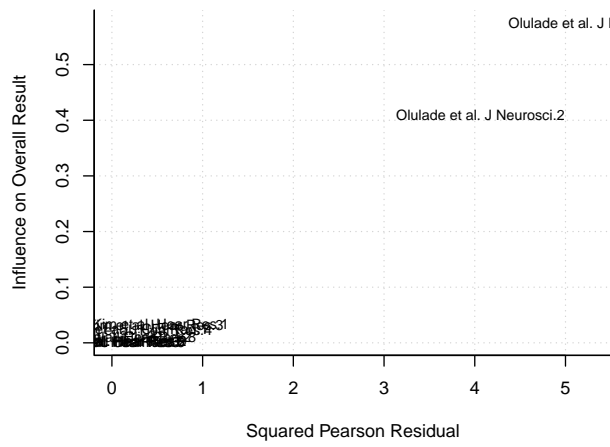
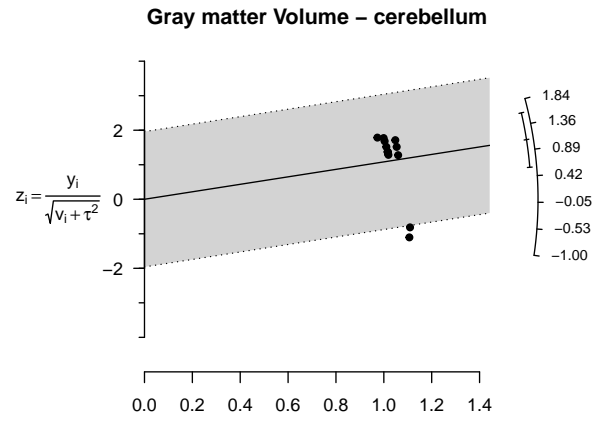
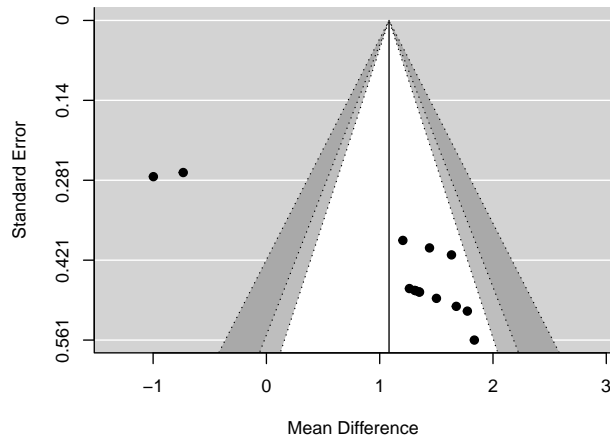
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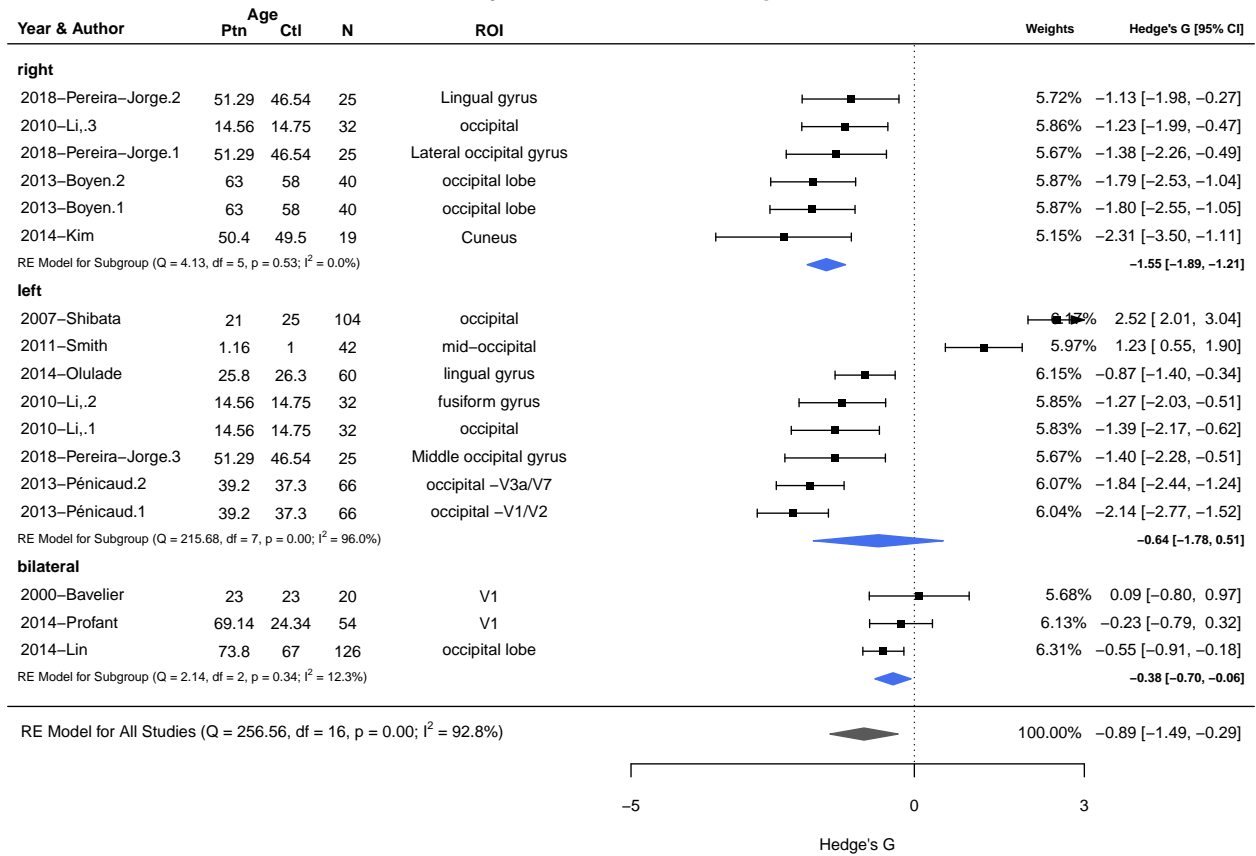


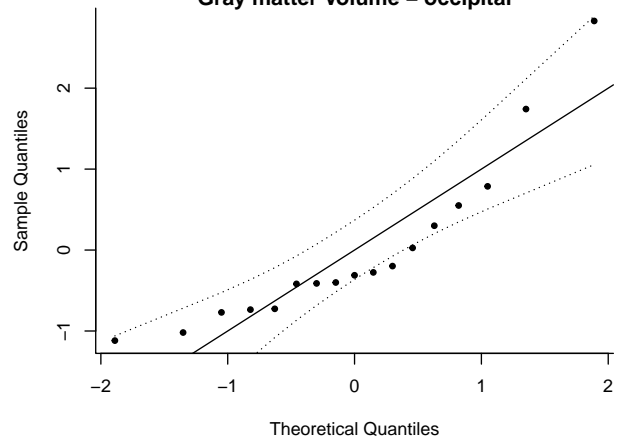
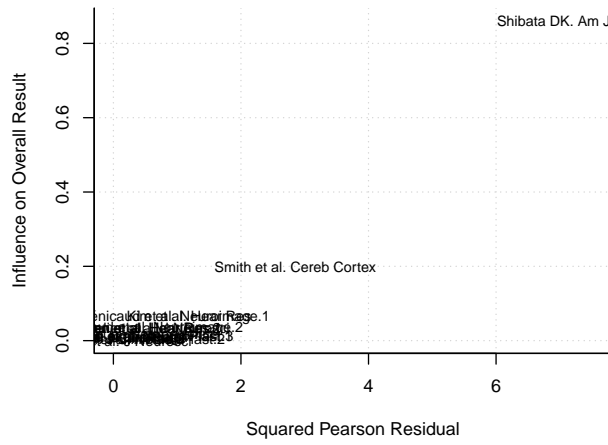
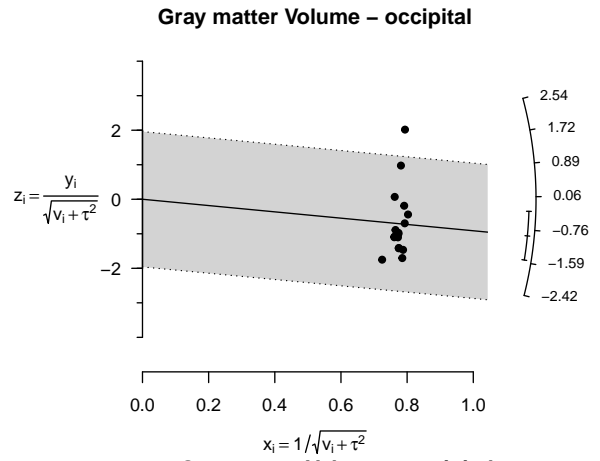
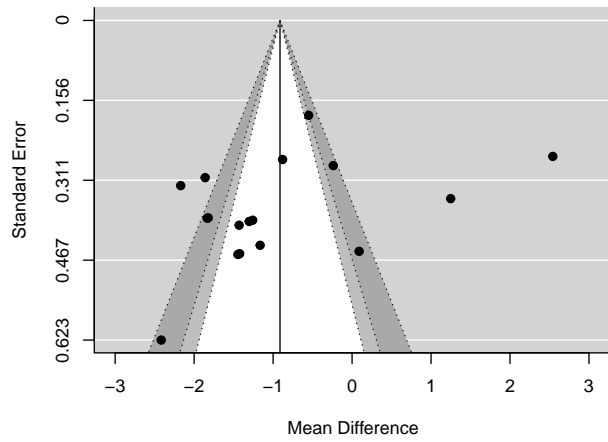
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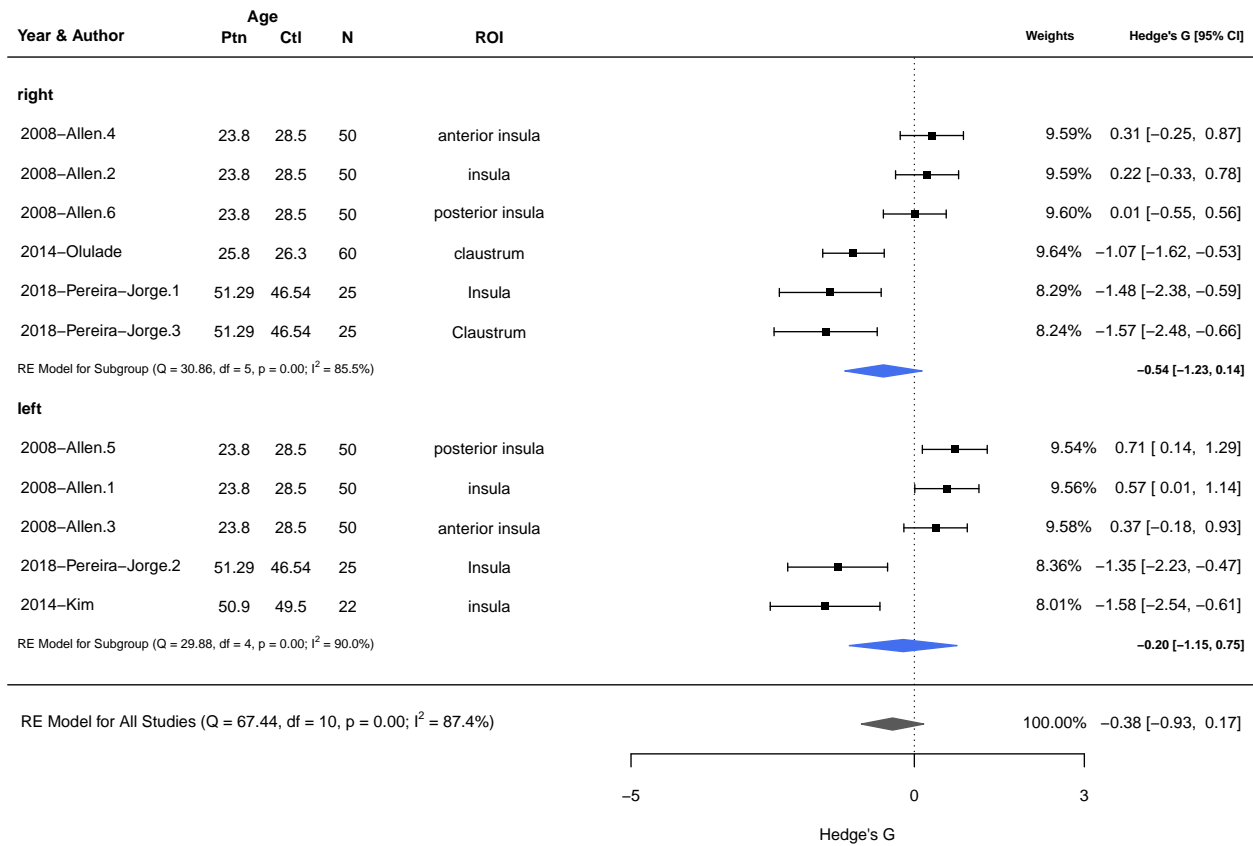


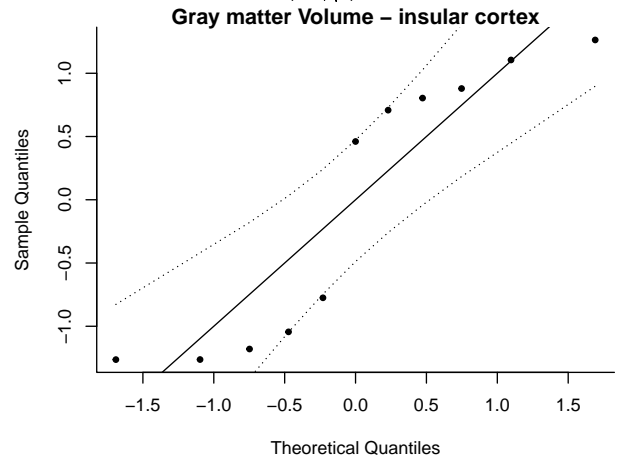
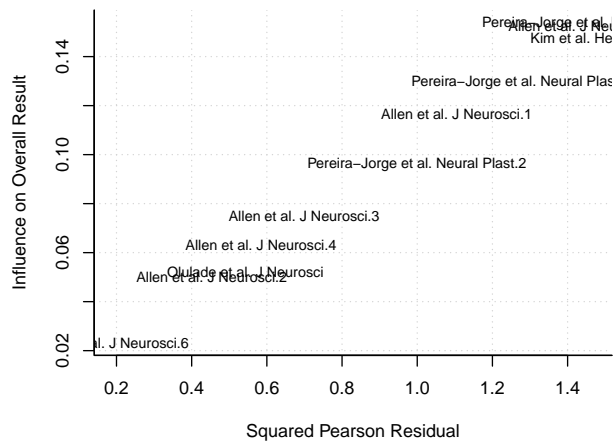
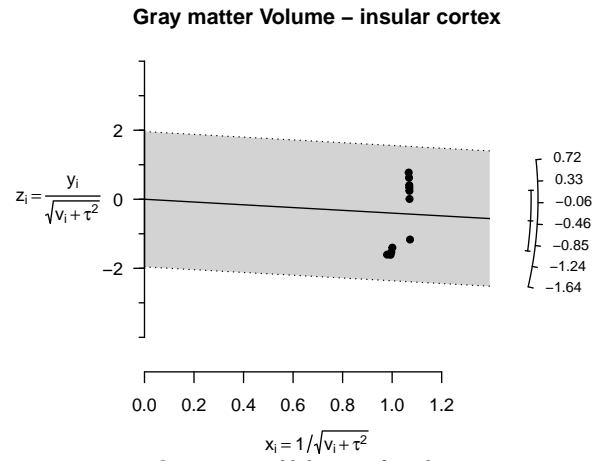
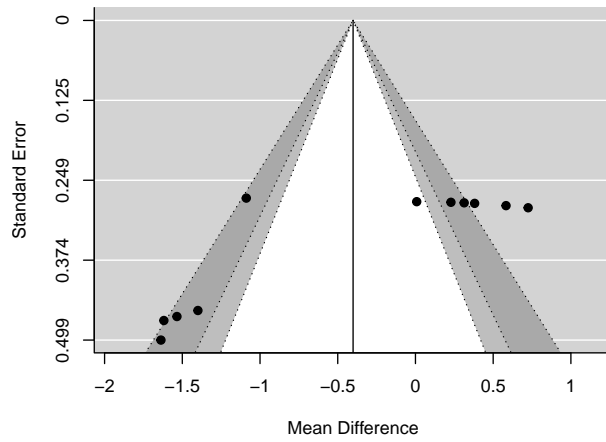
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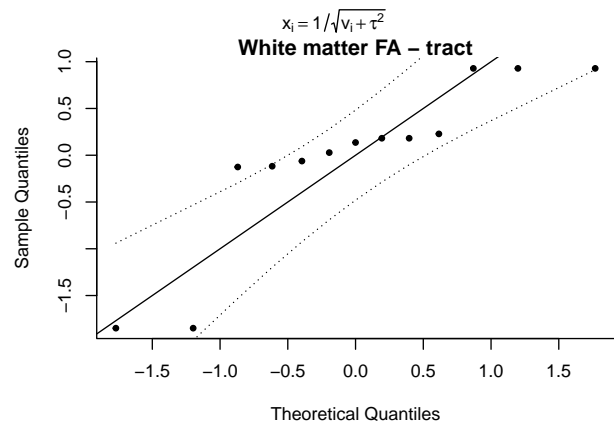
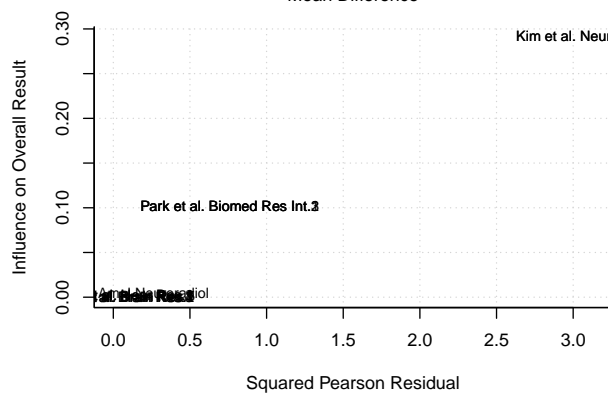
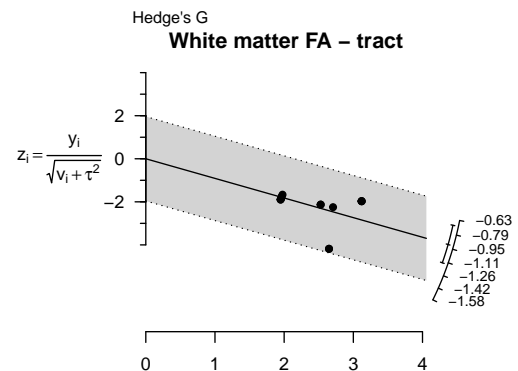
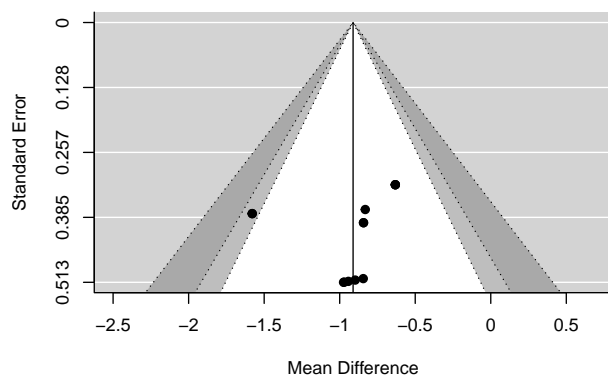
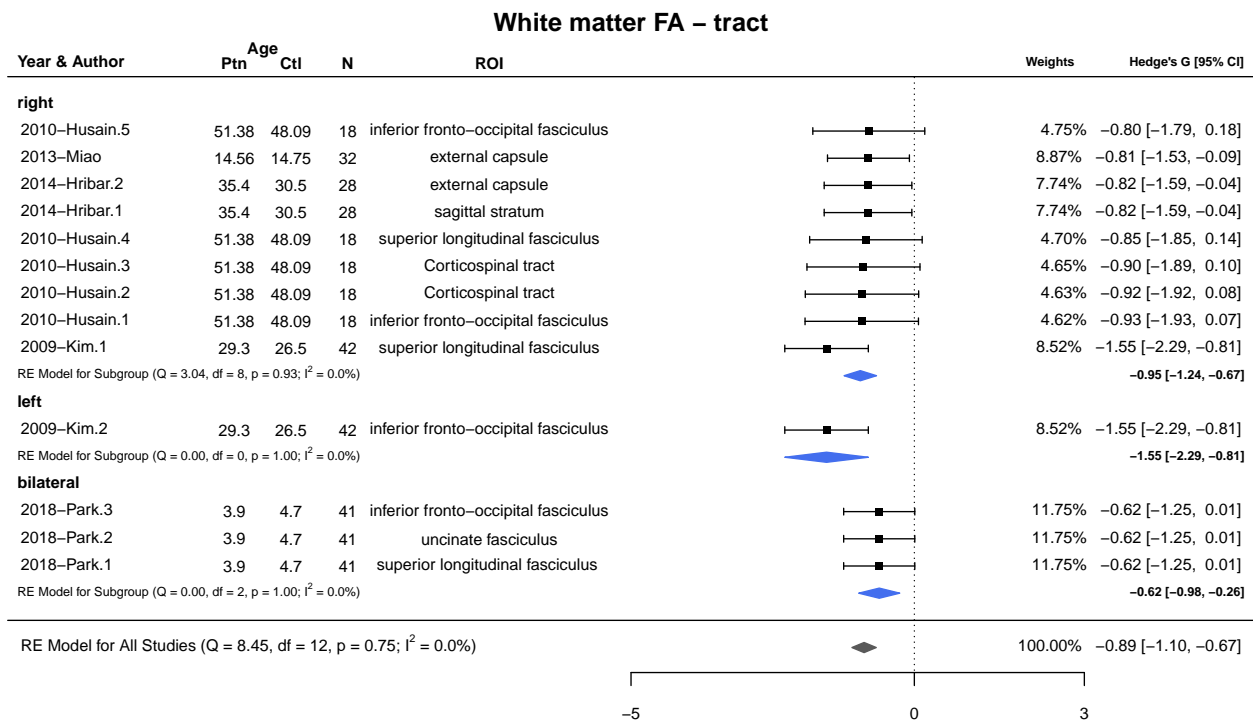


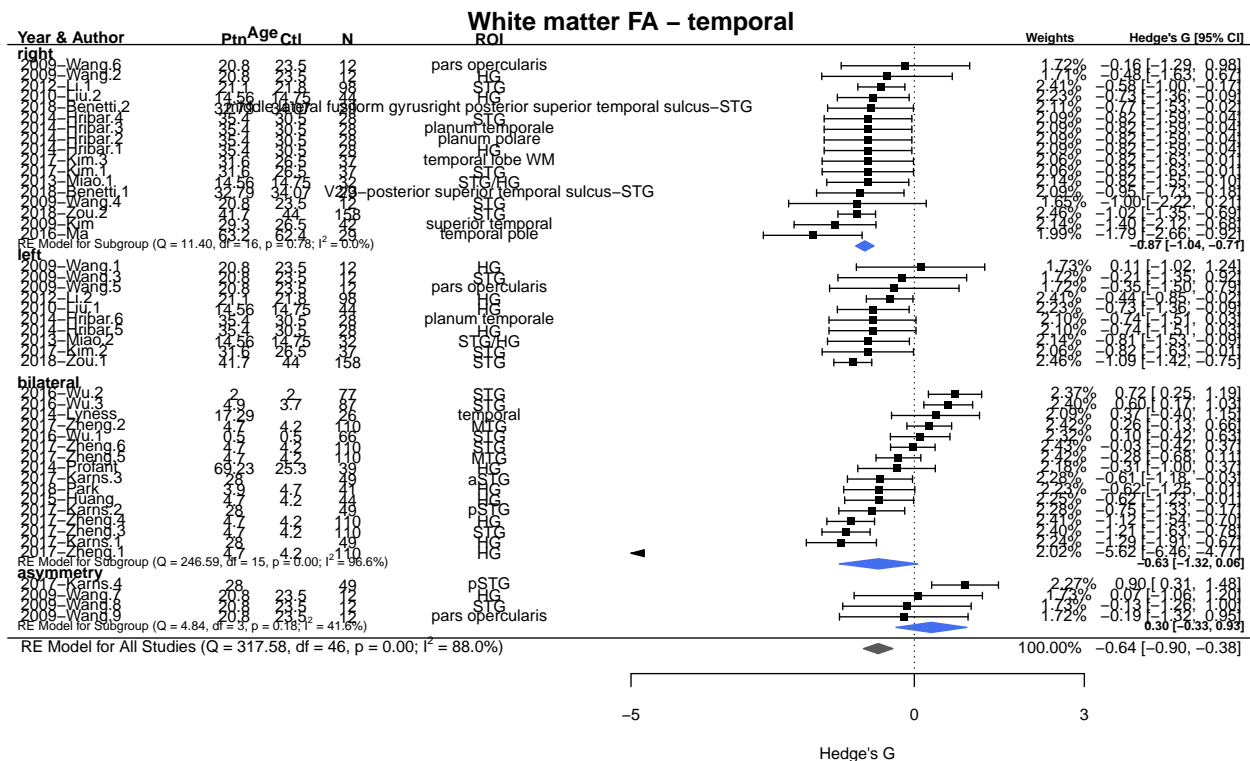
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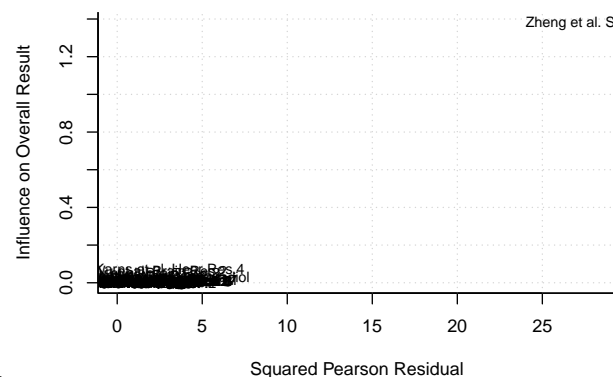
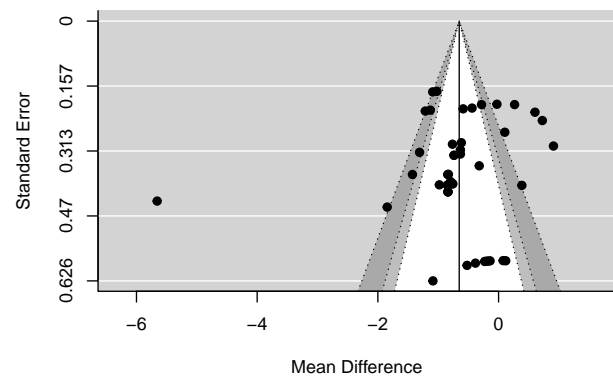


Meta-regressions of White Matter FA & Brain Areas: Random effects model no intercept covariated by Side



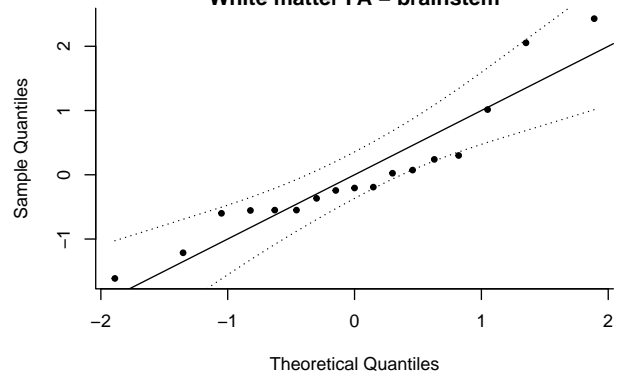
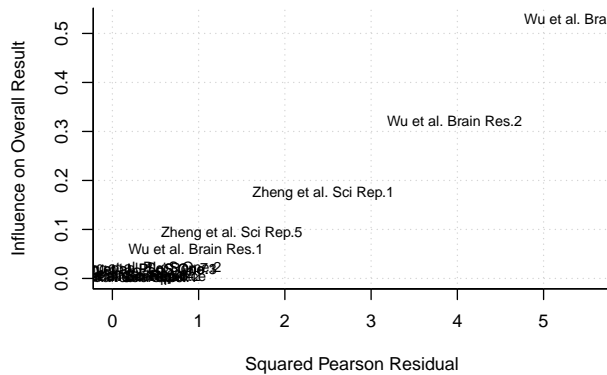
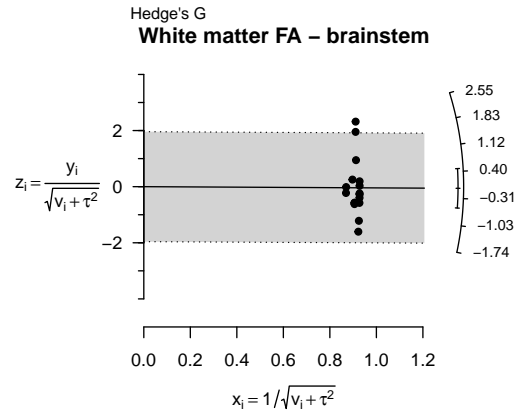
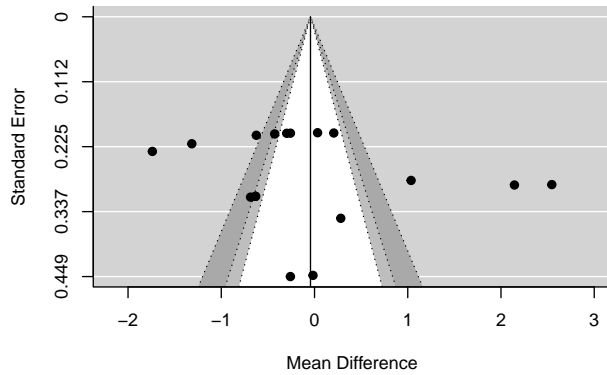
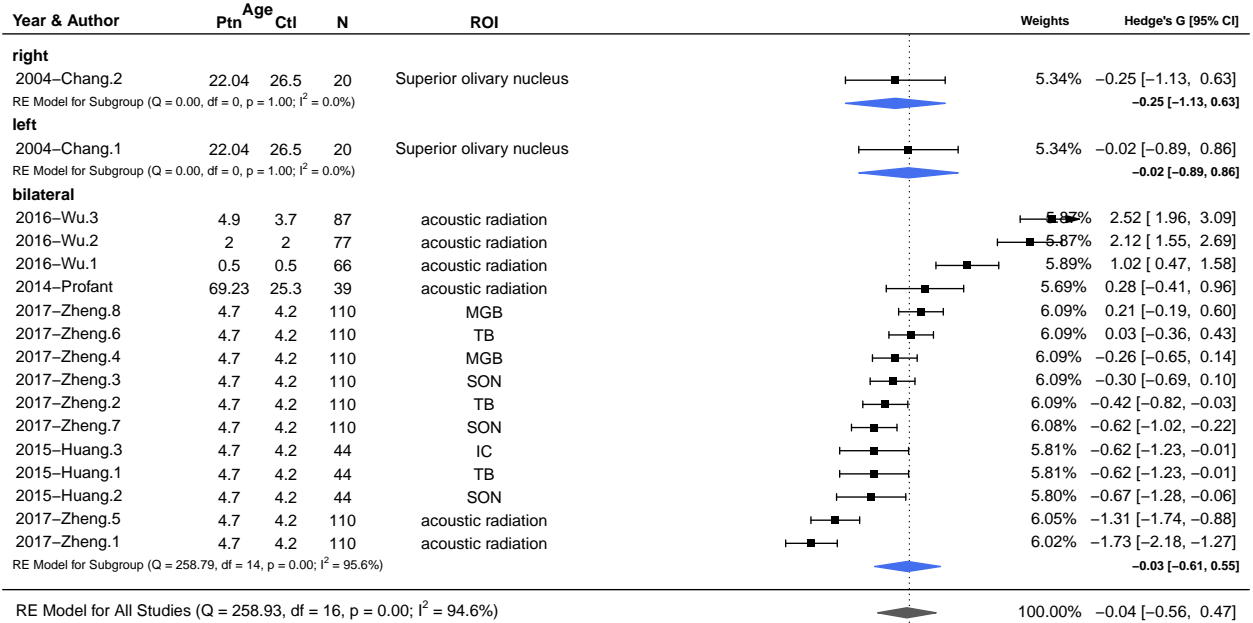


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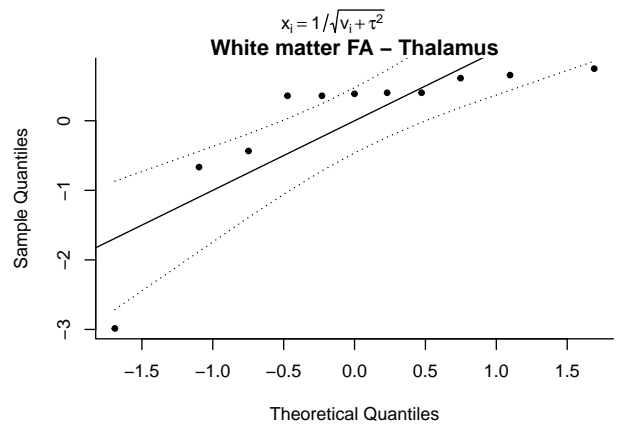
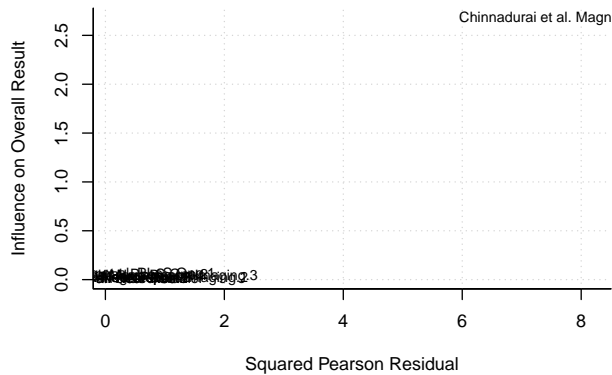
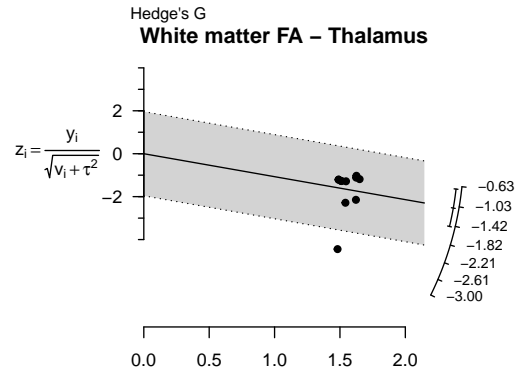
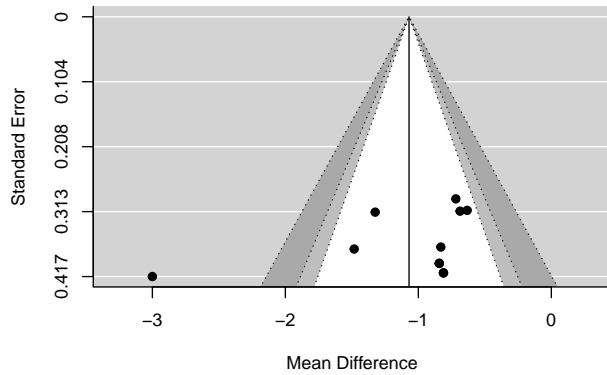
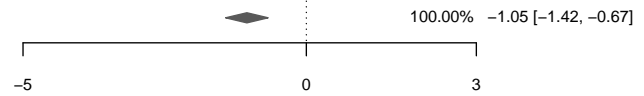
White matter FA – brainstem



White matter FA – Thalamus

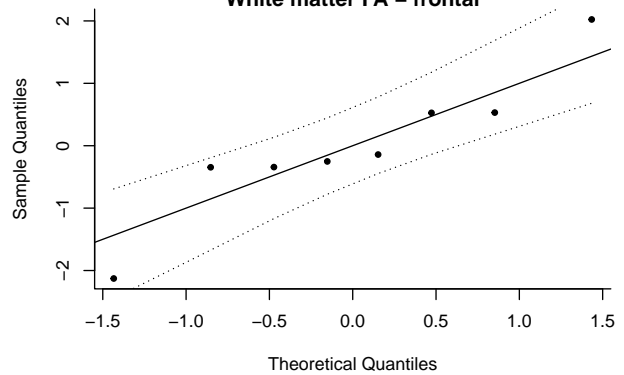
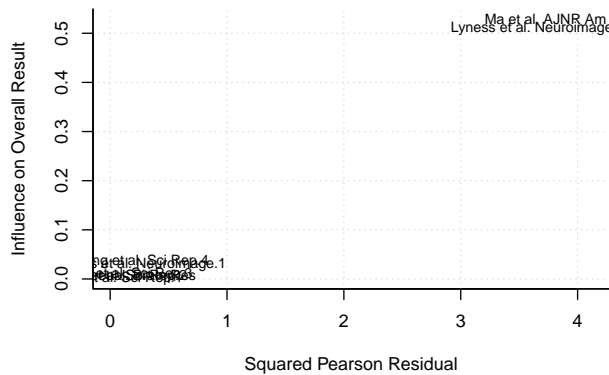
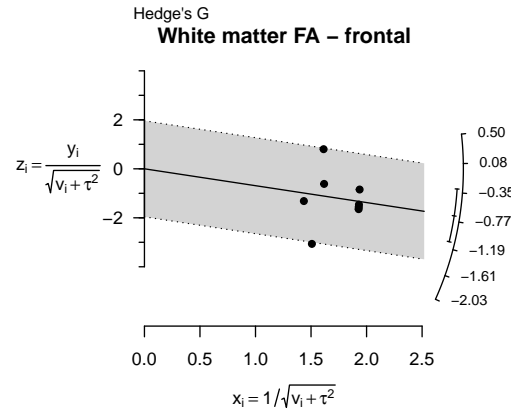
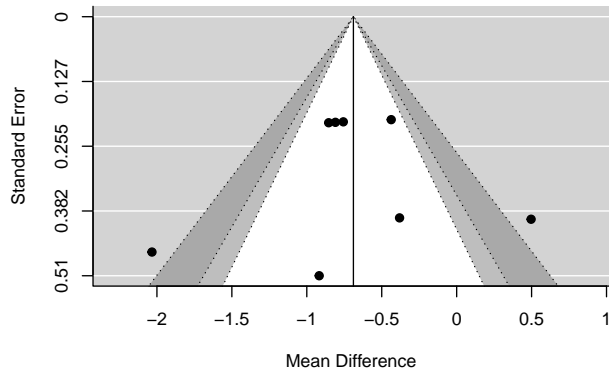
Year & Author	Age		N	ROI		Weights	Hedge's G [95% CI]
	Ptn	Ctl					
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2017–Kim.2	31.6	26.5	37	thalamus		8.32%	-0.79 [-1.60, 0.01]
2017–Kim.1	31.6	26.5	37	internal capsule		8.32%	-0.79 [-1.60, 0.01]
2013–Miao	14.56	14.75	32	thalamus		8.98%	-0.81 [-1.53, -0.09]
2014–Hribar.2	35.4	30.5	28	posterior thalamic radiation		8.57%	-0.82 [-1.59, -0.04]
2014–Hribar.1	35.4	30.5	28	retrolenticular part of internal capsule		8.57%	-0.82 [-1.59, -0.04]
2009–Kim	29.3	26.5	42	internal capsule		8.94%	-1.45 [-2.18, -0.73]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 2.48, df = 5, p = 0.78; I ² = 0.0%)							-0.93 [-1.24, -0.61]
bilateral							
2015–Huang.1	4.7	4.2	44	MGB		9.95%	-0.62 [-1.23, -0.01]
2015–Huang.2	4.7	4.2	44	AR		9.92%	-0.67 [-1.28, -0.06]
2016–Chinnadurai.3	8.58	8.58	50	LL		10.25%	-0.71 [-1.28, -0.13]
2016–Chinnadurai.2	8.58	8.58	50	IC		9.91%	-1.30 [-1.92, -0.69]
2016–Chinnadurai.1	8.58	8.58	50	IAC		8.27%	-2.95 [-3.76, -2.14]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 26.57, df = 4, p = 0.00; I ² = 88.3%)							-1.22 [-2.05, -0.39]

RE Model for All Studies (Q = 29.55, df = 10, p = 0.00; I² = 68.4%)











White matter FA – frontal

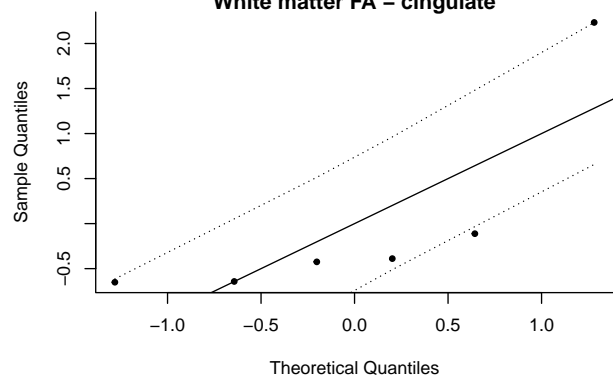
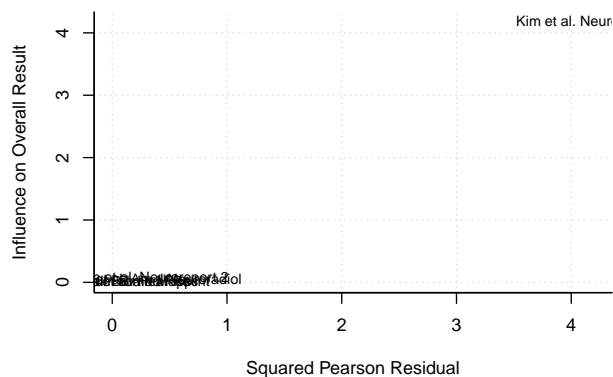
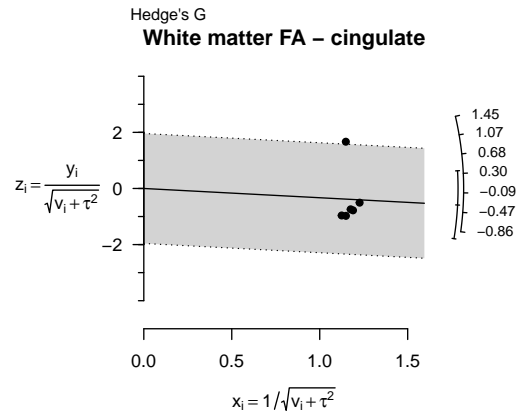
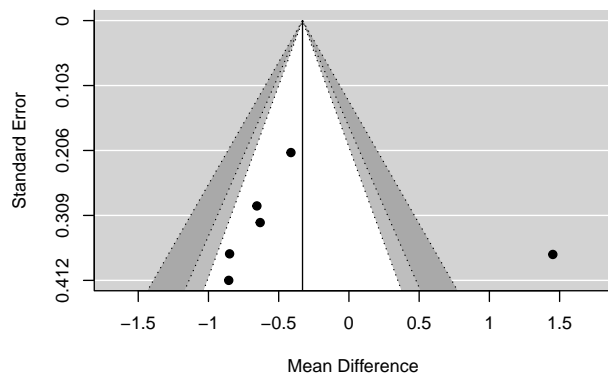
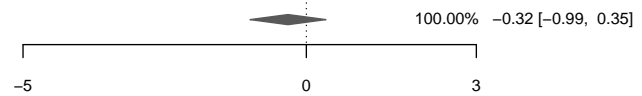
Year & Author	Age		N	ROI		Weights	Hedge's G [95% CI]
	Ptn	Ctl					
right							
2010–Husain	Inf 5 to 40	40	18	Inferior longitudinal fasciculus, inf. Longitudinal fasciculus, ant. Thalamic radiation		8.20%	-0.87 [-1.87, 0.12]
2016–Ma	63.2	62.4	29	Inferior frontal gyrus		9.14%	-1.98 [-2.88, -1.08]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 2.60, df = 1, p = 0.11; I² = 61.5%)							-1.45 [-2.53, -0.37]
bilateral							
2014–Lyness.2	17.29		26	precentral gyrus		10.46%	0.48 [-0.30, 1.26]
2014–Lyness.1	17.29		26	frontal		10.51%	-0.37 [-1.14, 0.41]
2017–Zheng.4	4.7	4.2	110	IFG		15.52%	-0.43 [-0.83, -0.04]
2017–Zheng.1	4.7	4.2	110	MFG		15.41%	-0.75 [-1.16, -0.35]
2017–Zheng.2	4.7	4.2	110	IFG		15.39%	-0.80 [-1.21, -0.40]
2017–Zheng.3	4.7	4.2	110	MFG		15.36%	-0.85 [-1.26, -0.44]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 11.26, df = 5, p = 0.05; I² = 55.6%)							-0.55 [-0.85, -0.26]
RE Model for All Studies (Q = 19.84, df = 7, p = 0.01; I² = 73.3%)							100.00% -0.68 [-1.06, -0.30]







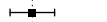
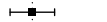

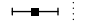

White matter FA – cingulate

Year & Author	Age		N	ROI		Weights	Hedge's G [95% CI]
	Ptn	Ctl					
left							
2009–Kim	29.3	26.5	42	Bilateral forceps major		16.06%	1.42 [0.70, 2.15]
2013–Miao	14.56	14.75	32	corpus callosum		16.07%	-0.83 [-1.55, -0.10]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 18.57, df = 1, p = 0.00; i² = 94.6%)							0.30 [-1.91, 2.51]
bilateral							
2012–Li	21.1	21.8	98	splenium of corpus callosum		18.41%	-0.41 [-0.82, 0.00]
2018–Park	3.9	4.7	41	forceps major		16.85%	-0.62 [-1.25, 0.01]
2017–Karns	28		49	splenium of corpus callosum		17.25%	-0.64 [-1.22, -0.07]
2017–Kim	31.6	26.5	37	splenium of corpus callosum		15.37%	-0.84 [-1.64, -0.03]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 1.09, df = 3, p = 0.78; i² = 0.0%)							-0.56 [-0.83, -0.28]

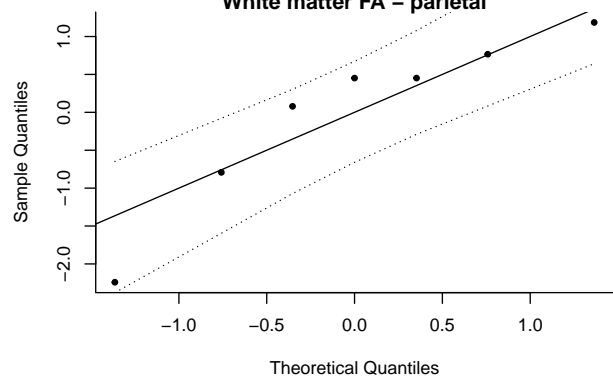
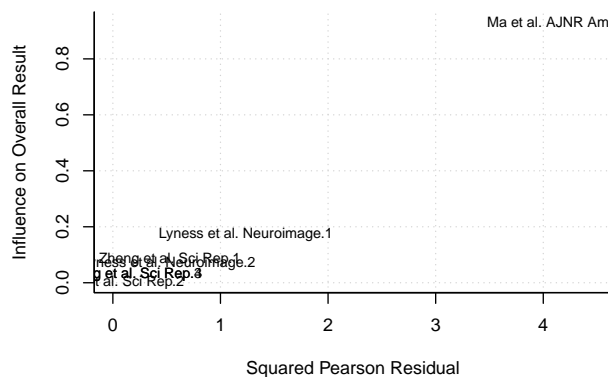
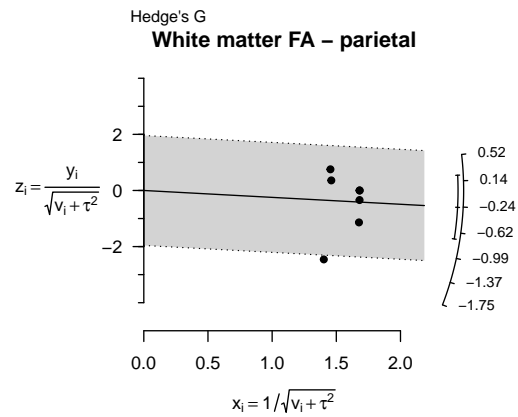
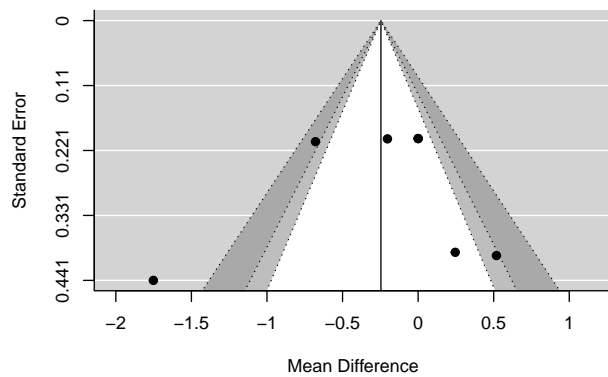
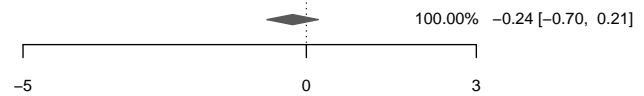
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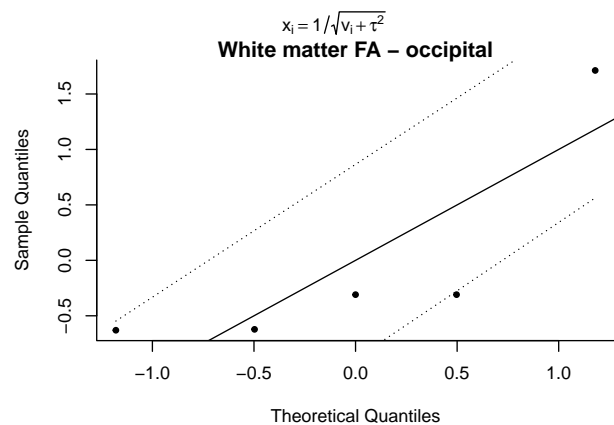
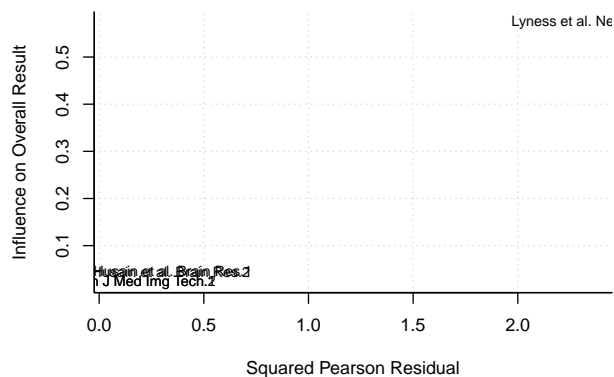
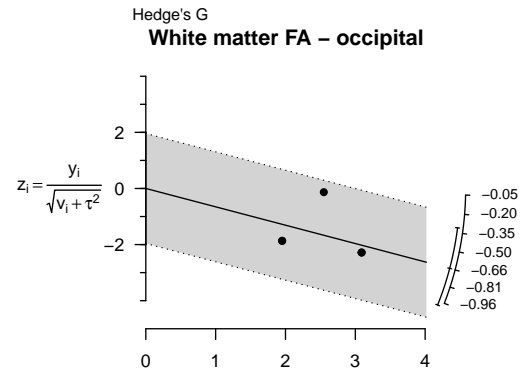
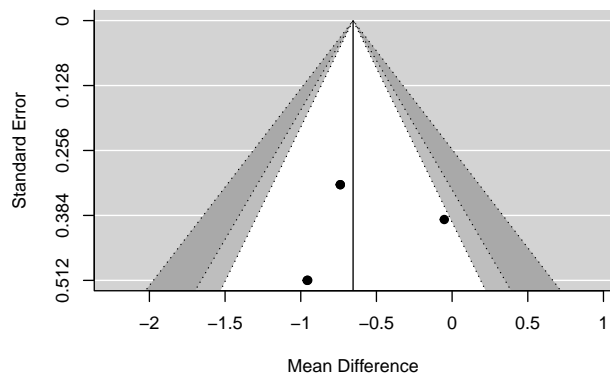
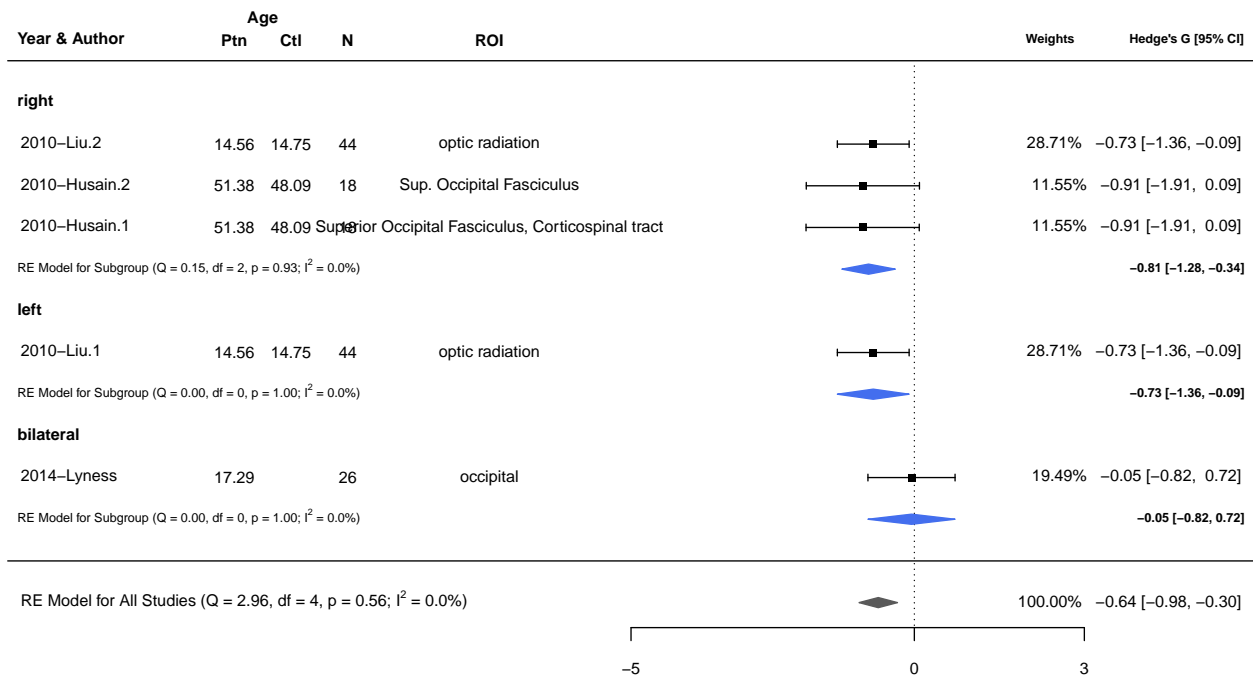
White matter FA – parietal

Year & Author	Age		N	ROI		Weights	Hedge's G [95% CI]
	Ptn	Ctl					
right							
2016–Ma	63.2	62.4	29	Angular gyrus		11.13%	-1.70 [-2.56, -0.84]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 0.00, df = 0, p = 1.00; I ² = 0.0%)							-1.70 [-2.56, -0.84]
bilateral							
2014–Lyness.1	17.29		26	postcentral gyrus		11.94%	0.50 [-0.28, 1.28]
2014–Lyness.2	17.29		26	parietal lobe		12.05%	0.24 [-0.53, 1.01]
2017–Zheng.4	4.7	4.2	110	supramarginal gyrus		16.25%	0.00 [-0.39, 0.39]
2017–Zheng.3	4.7	4.2	110	Angular gyrus		16.25%	0.00 [-0.39, 0.39]
2017–Zheng.2	4.7	4.2	110	supramarginal gyrus		16.24%	-0.20 [-0.60, 0.19]
2017–Zheng.1	4.7	4.2	110	Angular gyrus		16.15%	-0.67 [-1.08, -0.27]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 11.32, df = 5, p = 0.05; I ² = 56.5%)							-0.10 [-0.40, 0.20]

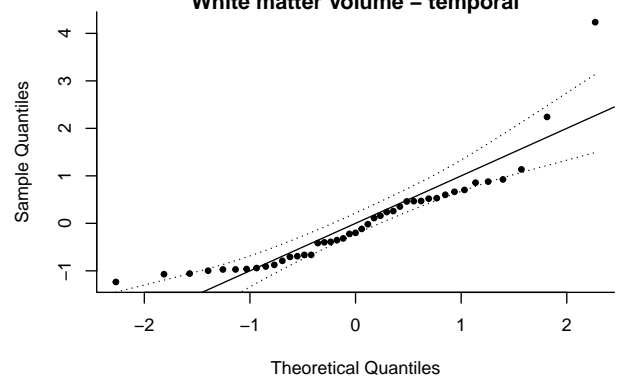
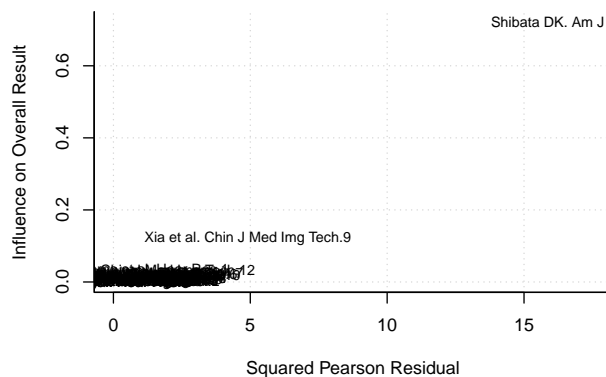
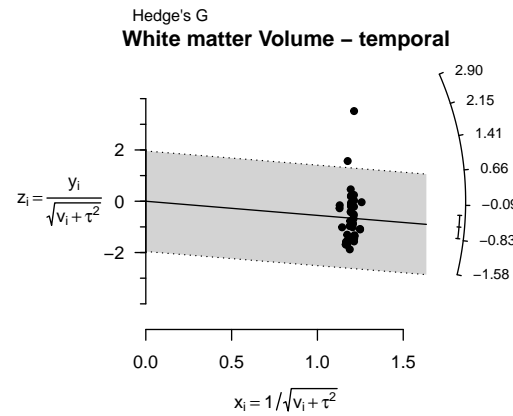
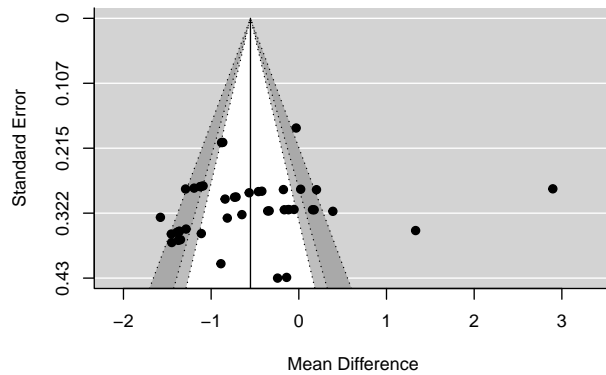
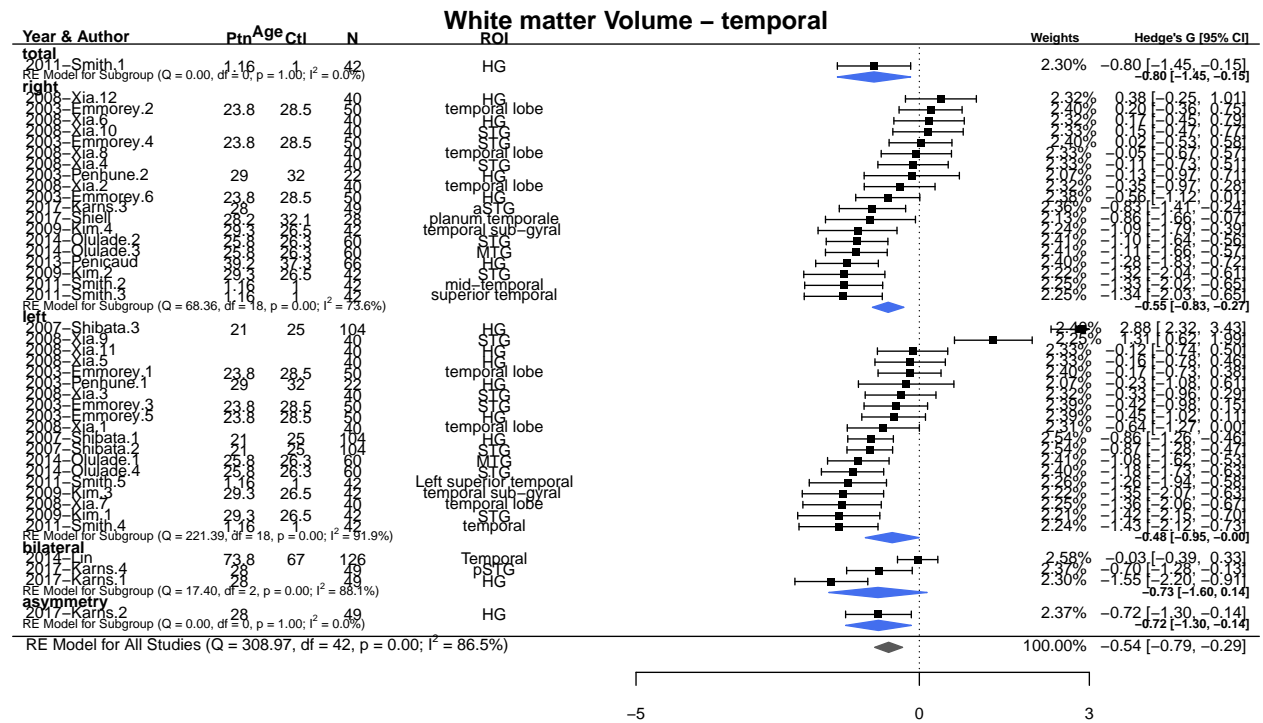
RE Model for All Studies (Q = 23.38, df = 6, p = 0.00; I² = 82.0%)



White matter FA – occipital



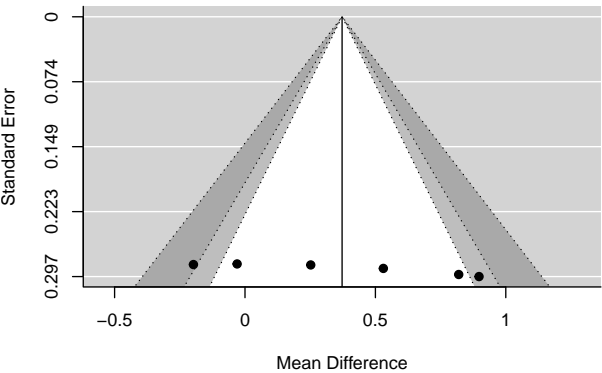
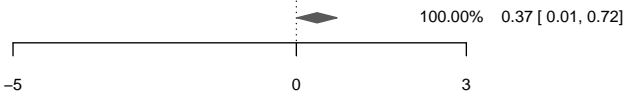
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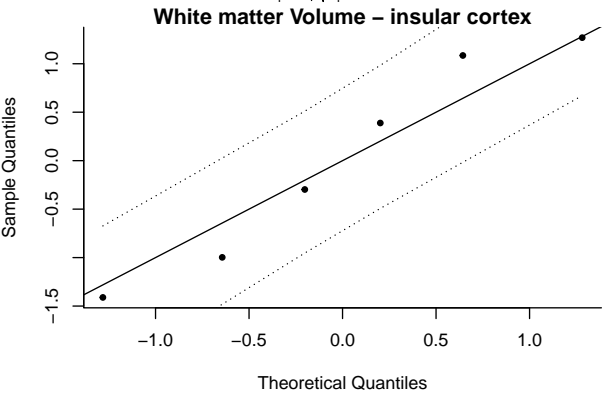
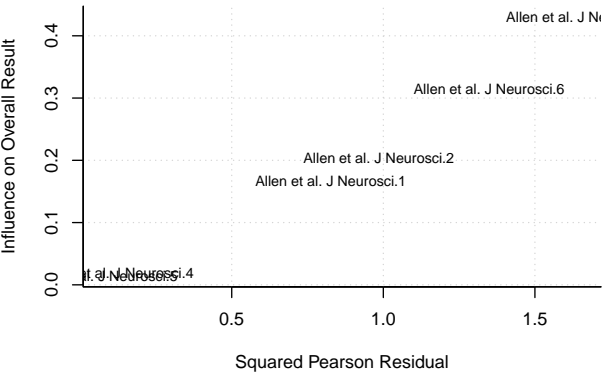
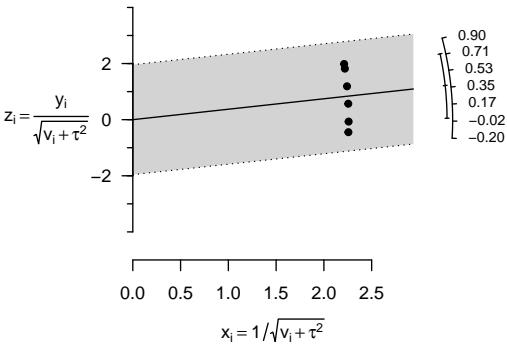
White matter Volume – insular cortex

Year & Author	Age		N	ROI		Weights	Hedge's G [95% CI]
	Ptn	Ctl					
right							
2008–Allen.6	23.8	28.5	50	posterior insula		16.24%	0.88 [0.30, 1.47]
2008–Allen.2	23.8	28.5	50	insula		16.35%	0.81 [0.23, 1.38]
2008–Allen.4	23.8	28.5	50	anterior insula		16.69%	0.52 [−0.04, 1.09]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 0.86, df = 2, p = 0.65; I ² = 0.0%)							0.73 [0.40, 1.06]
left							
2008–Allen.5	23.8	28.5	50	posterior insula		16.88%	0.25 [−0.31, 0.80]
2008–Allen.1	23.8	28.5	50	insula		16.94%	−0.03 [−0.58, 0.52]
2008–Allen.3	23.8	28.5	50	anterior insula		16.90%	−0.19 [−0.75, 0.36]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 1.24, df = 2, p = 0.54; I ² = 0.0%)							0.01 [−0.31, 0.33]











RE Model for All Studies (Q = 11.60, df = 5, p = 0.04; I² = 57.0%)



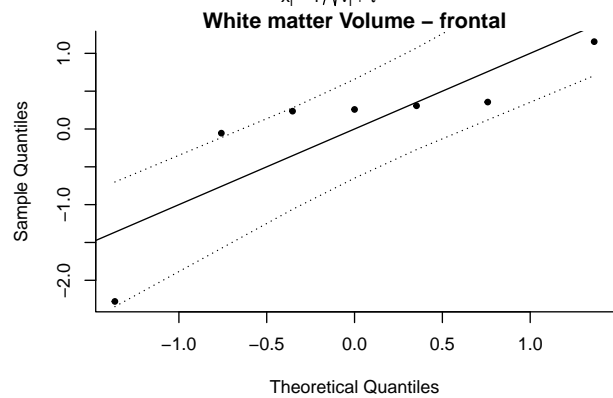
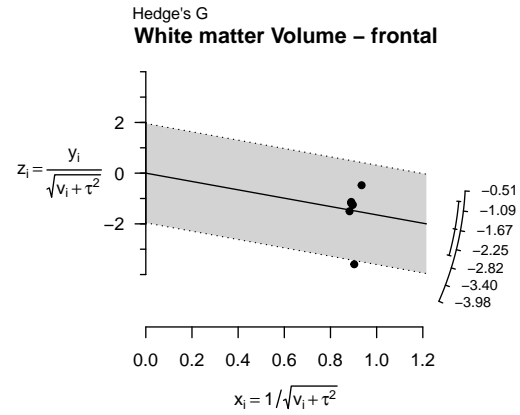
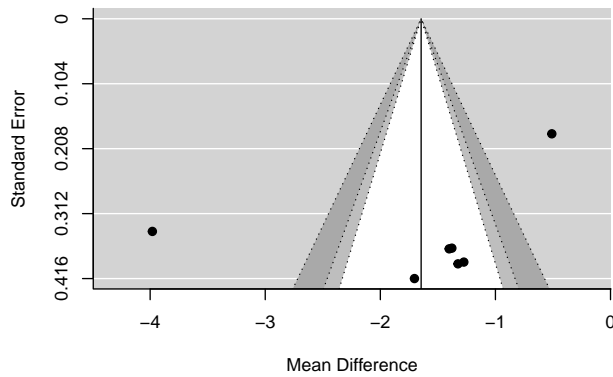
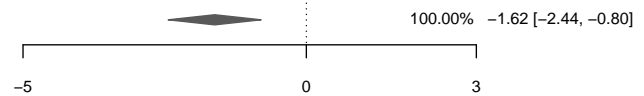
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White matter Volume – insular cortex



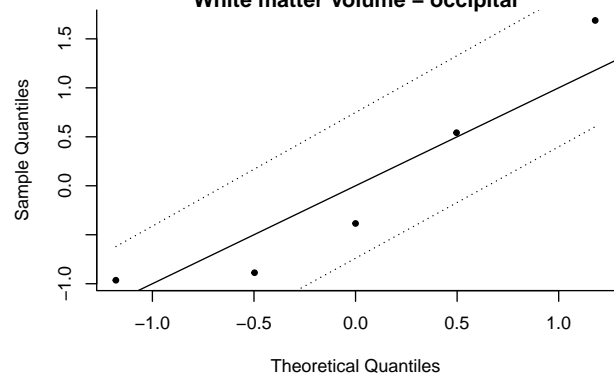
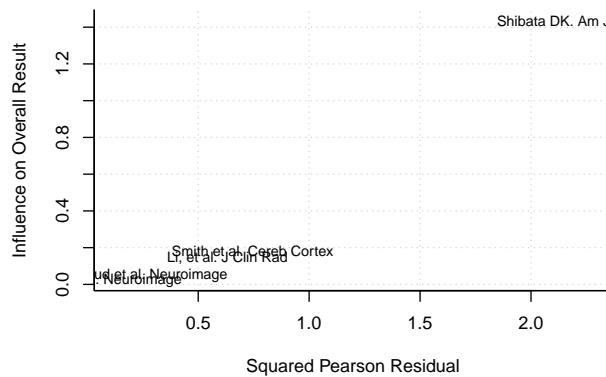
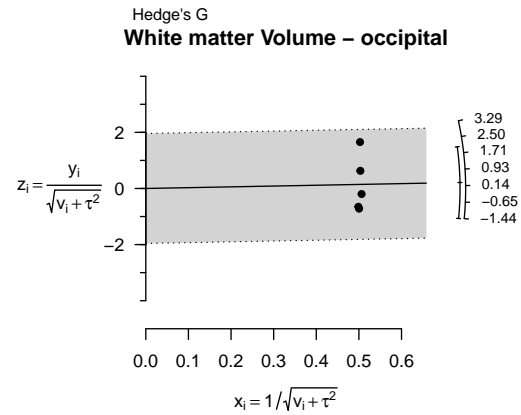
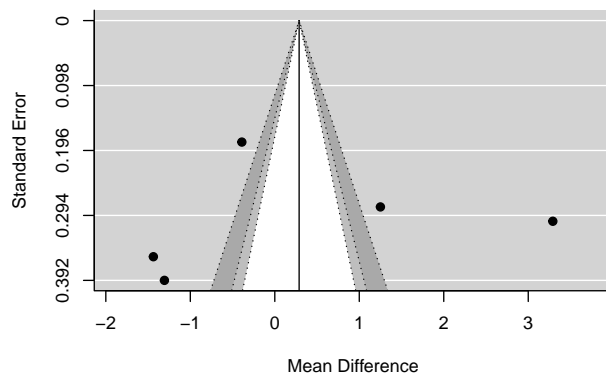
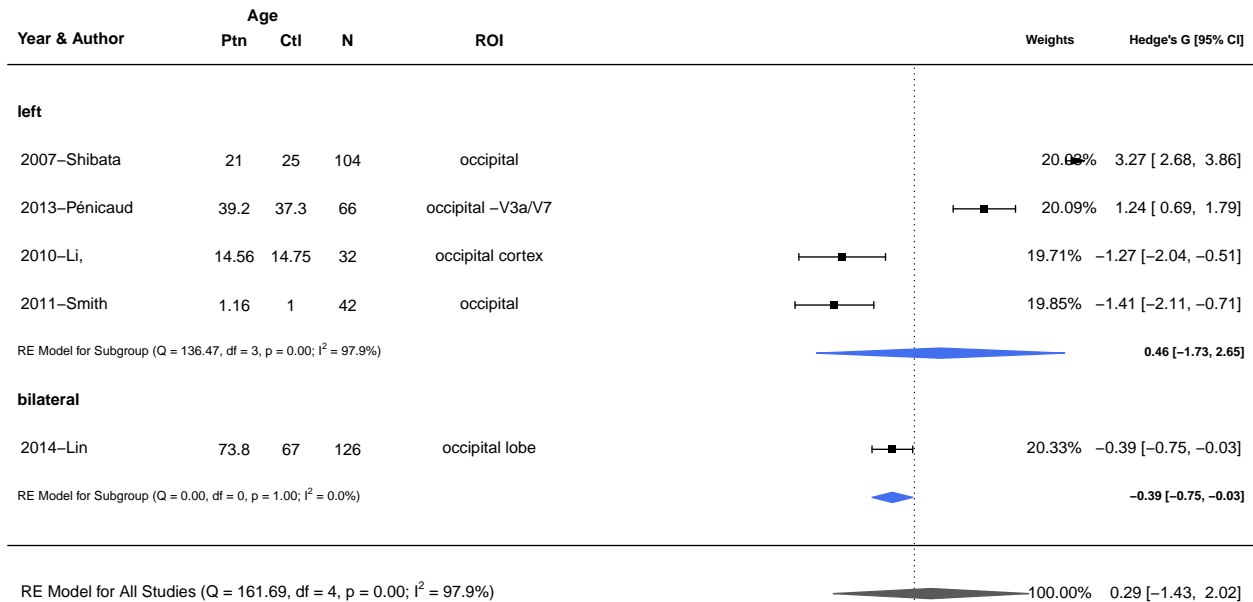
White matter Volume – frontal

Year & Author	Age		N	ROI		Weights	Hedge's G [95% CI]
	Ptn	Ctl					
right							
2010–Li,3	14.56	14.75	32	prefrontal cortex		14.00%	–1.24 [–2.00, –0.48]
2010–Li,1	14.56	14.75	32	prefrontal cortex		13.78%	–1.66 [–2.47, –0.85]
2007–Shibata	21	25	104	perisylvian		14.42%	–3.95 [–4.62, –3.29]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 32.91, df = 2, p = 0.00; I ² = 93.3%)							–2.30 [–3.96, –0.63]
left							
2010–Li,2	14.56	14.75	32	prefrontal cortex		13.98%	–1.29 [–2.06, –0.53]
2009–Kim.2	29.3	26.5	42	medial frontal		14.19%	–1.35 [–2.07, –0.63]
2009–Kim.1	29.3	26.5	42	superior frontal		14.18%	–1.38 [–2.10, –0.66]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 0.03, df = 2, p = 0.99; I ² = 0.0%)							–1.34 [–1.77, –0.92]
bilateral							
2014–Lin	73.8	67	126	frontal		15.45%	–0.51 [–0.87, –0.15]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 0.00, df = 0, p = 1.00; I ² = 0.0%)							–0.51 [–0.87, –0.15]

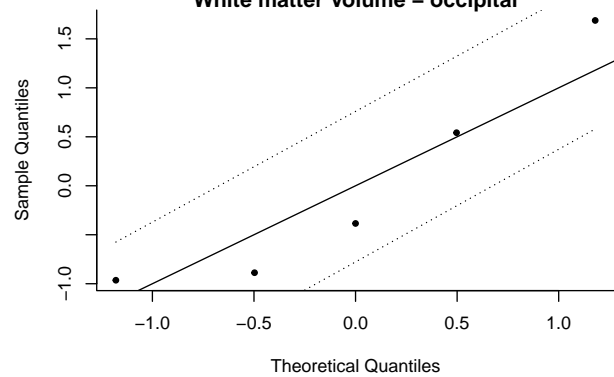
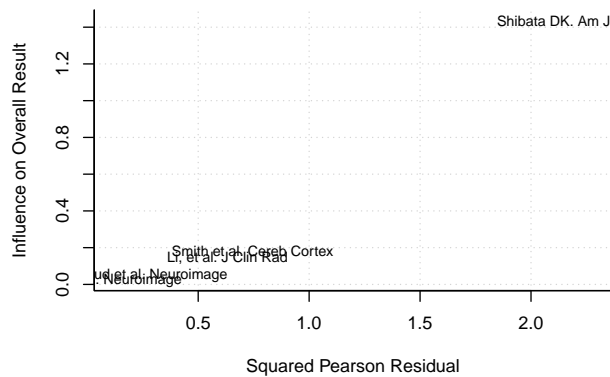
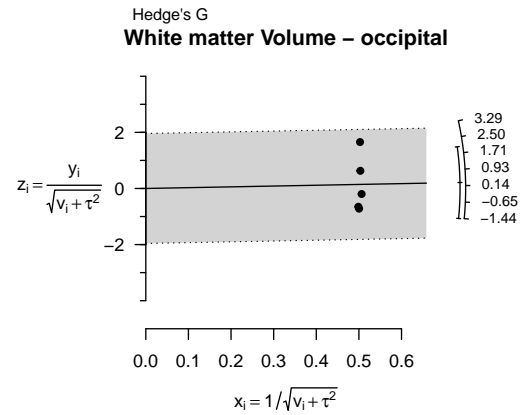
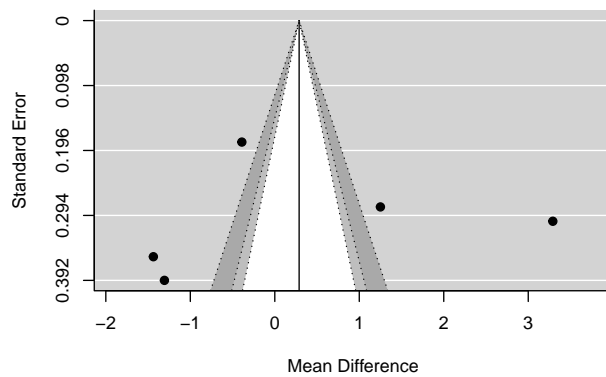
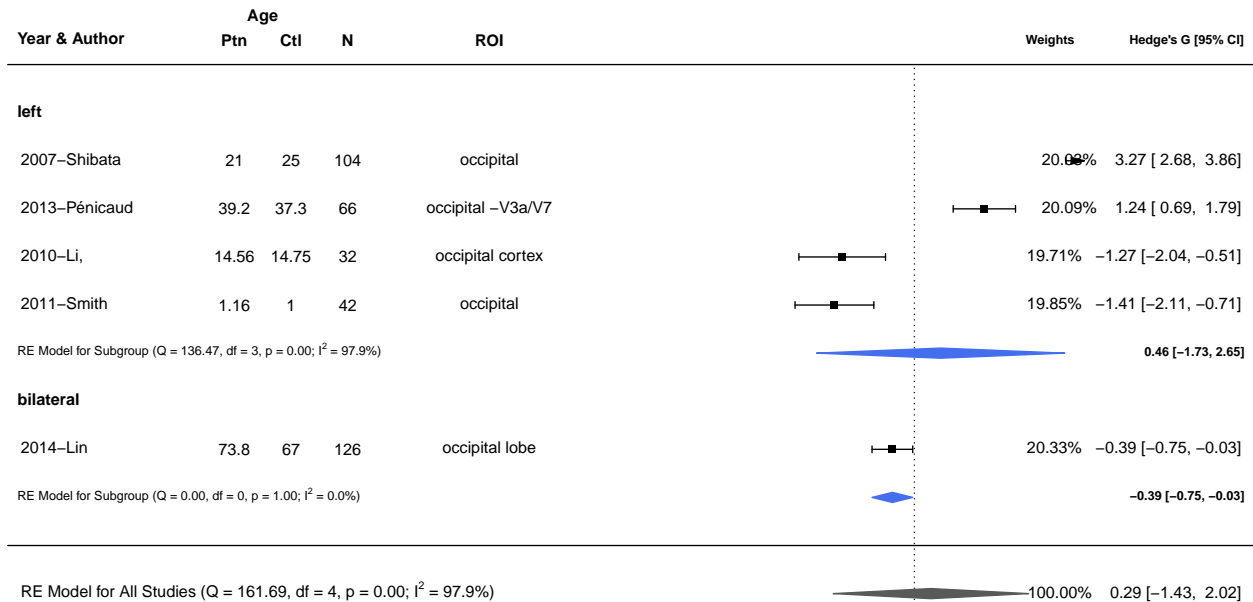
RE Model for All Studies (Q = 80.40, df = 6, p = 0.00; I² = 91.1%)



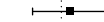




White matter Volume – occipital

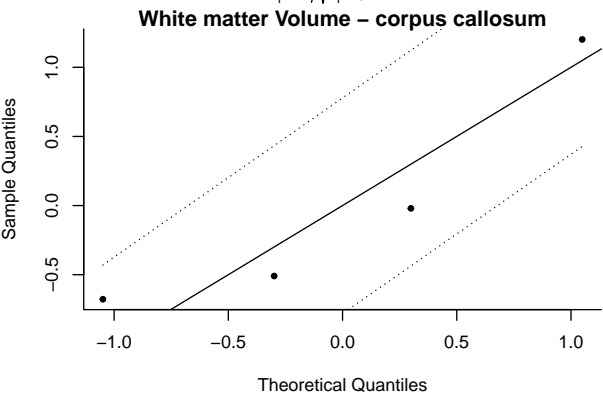
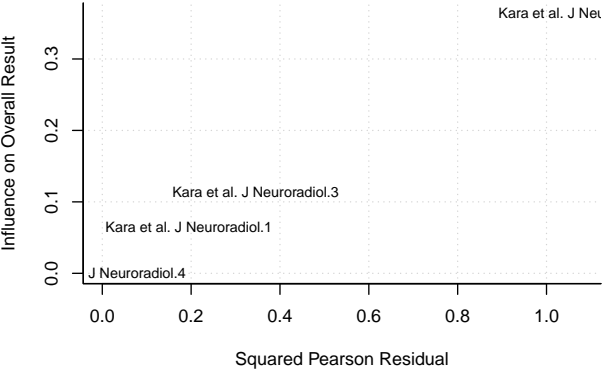
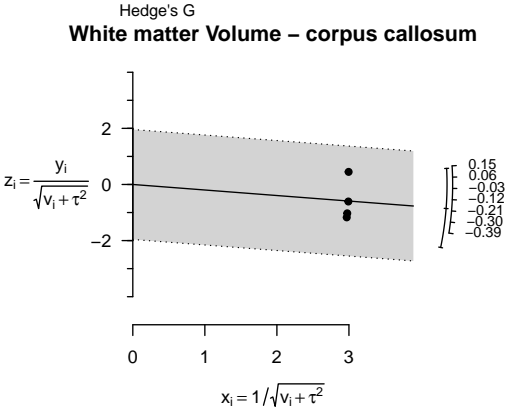
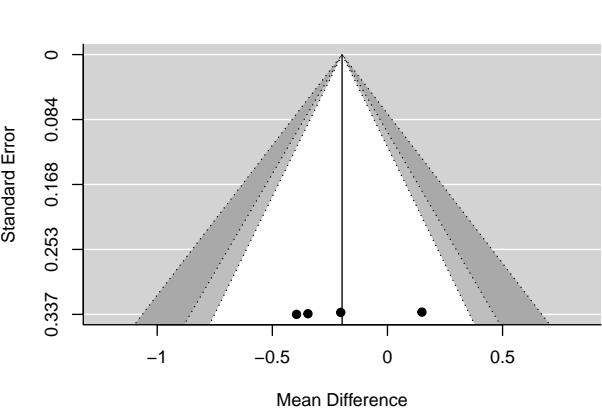
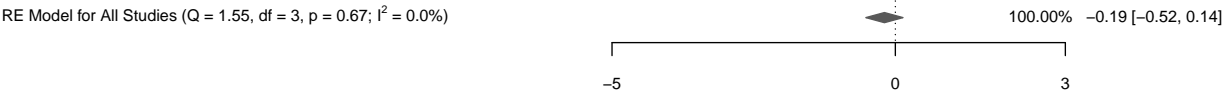


White matter Volume – occipital



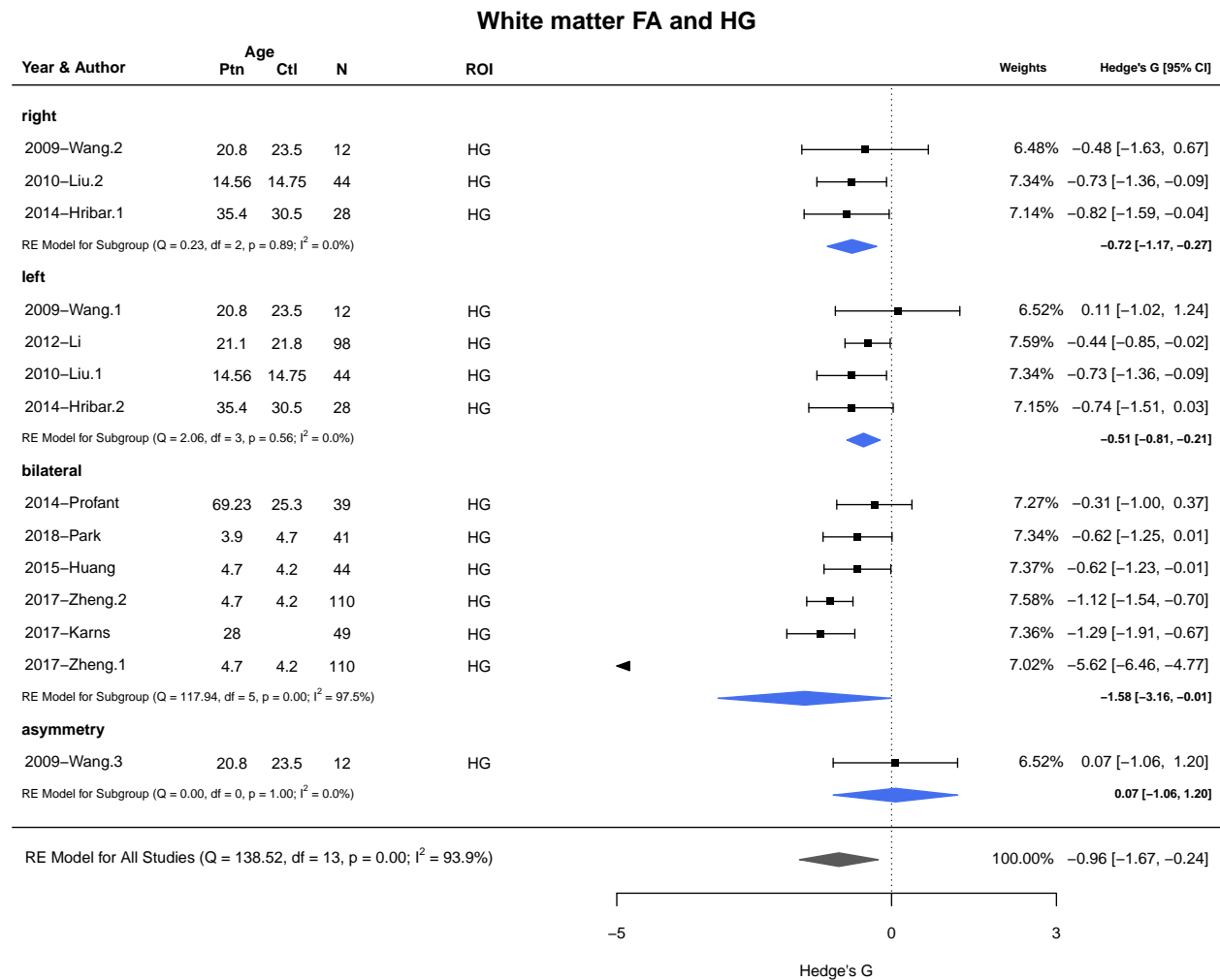
White matter Volume – corpus callosum

Year & Author	Age			ROI		Weights	Hedge's G [95% CI]
	Ptn	Ctl	N				
bilateral							
2006–Kara.2	41.2	36.4	36	corpus callosum (middle area)		25.20%	0.15 [–0.51, 0.80]
2006–Kara.4	41.2	36.4	36	corpus callosum (total area)		25.14%	–0.20 [–0.85, 0.46]
2006–Kara.1	41.2	36.4	36	corpus callosum (anterior area)		24.89%	–0.34 [–1.00, 0.32]
2006–Kara.3	41.2	36.4	36	corpus callosum (posterior area)		24.78%	–0.39 [–1.05, 0.27]
RE Model for Subgroup (Q = 1.55, df = 3, p = 0.67; I ² = 0.0%)							–0.19 [–0.52, 0.14]

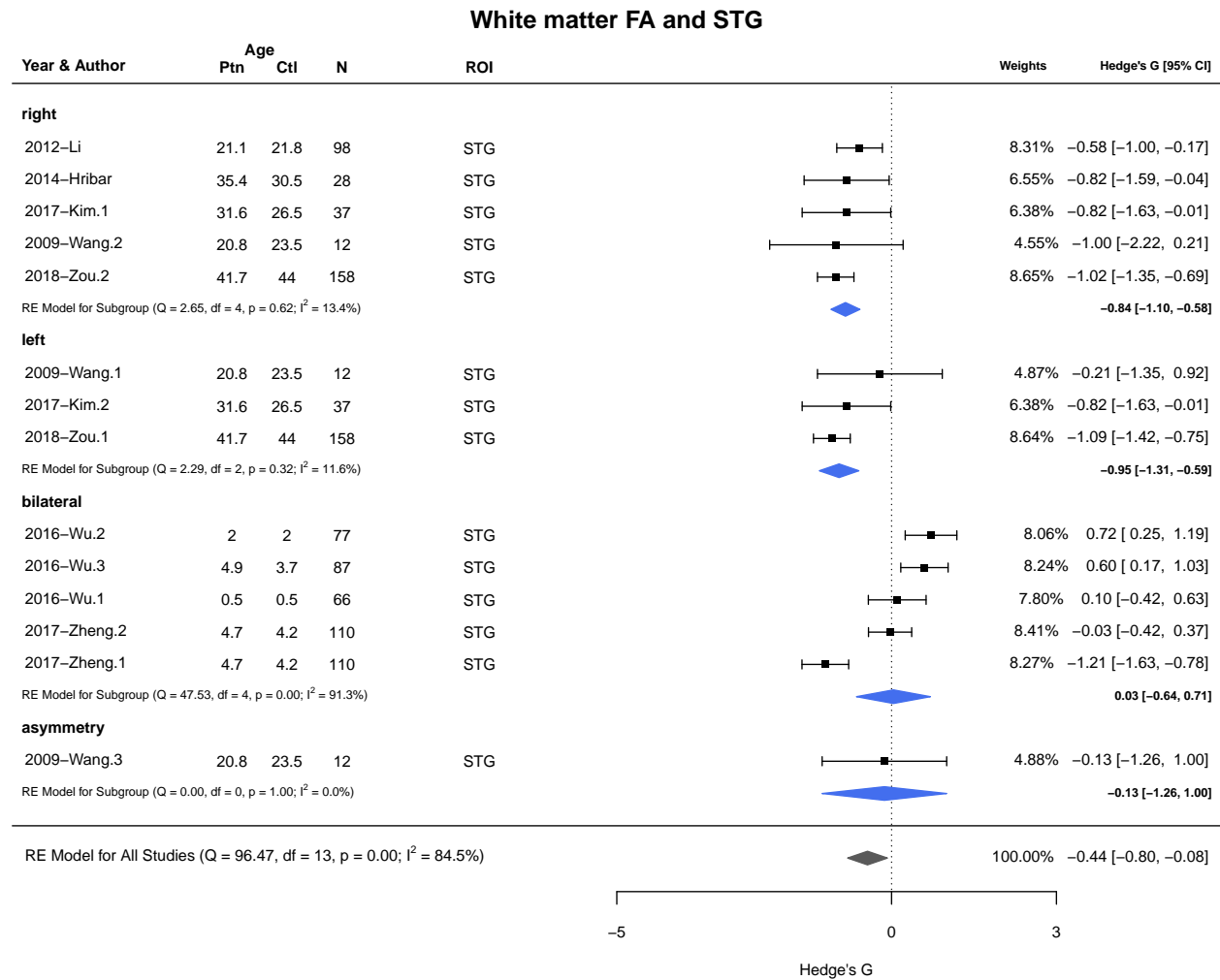


Supplementary material: Forest-plots of other Measures

Hesch gyrus FA white matter

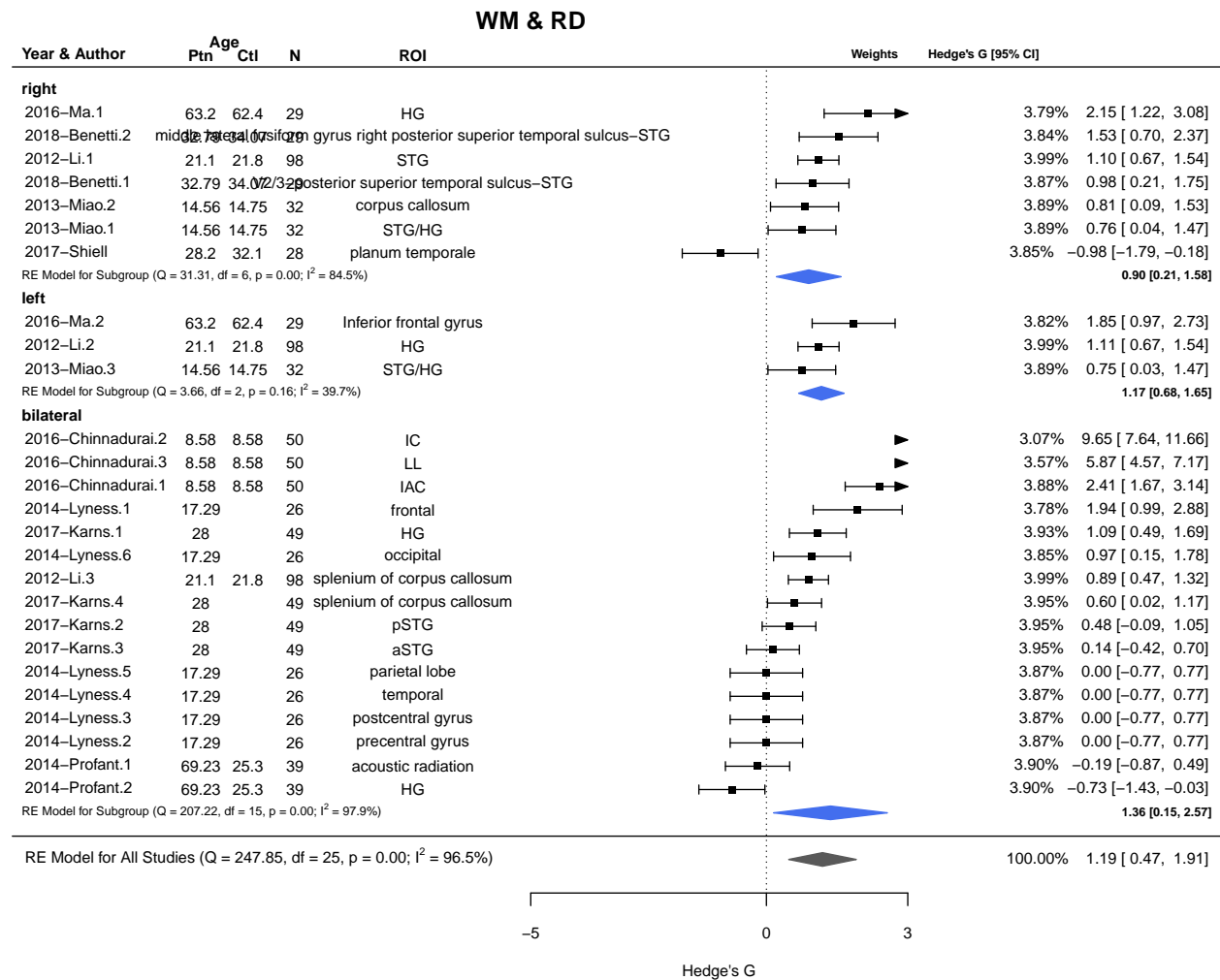


STG Volume White matter

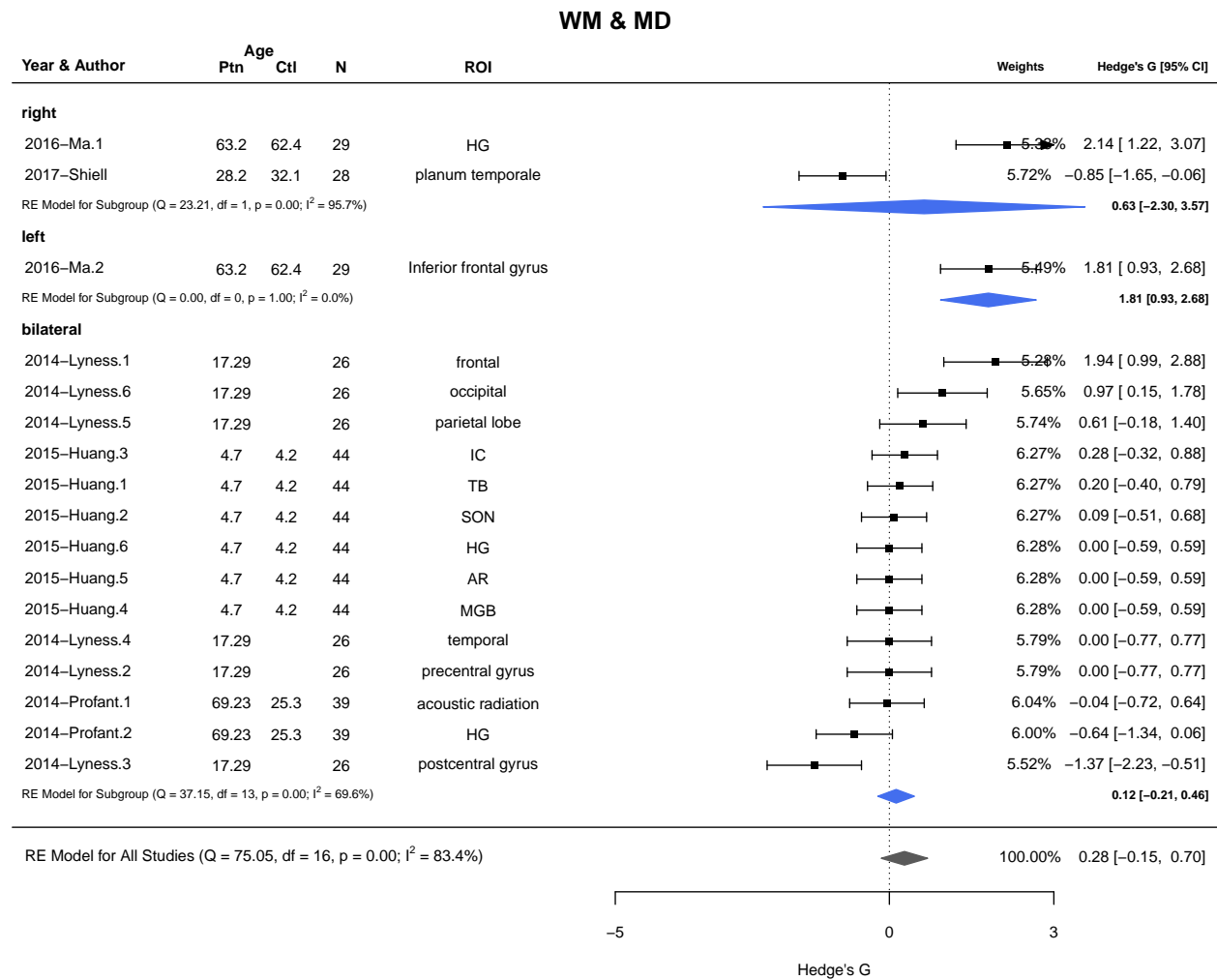


Measures of White matter Integrity

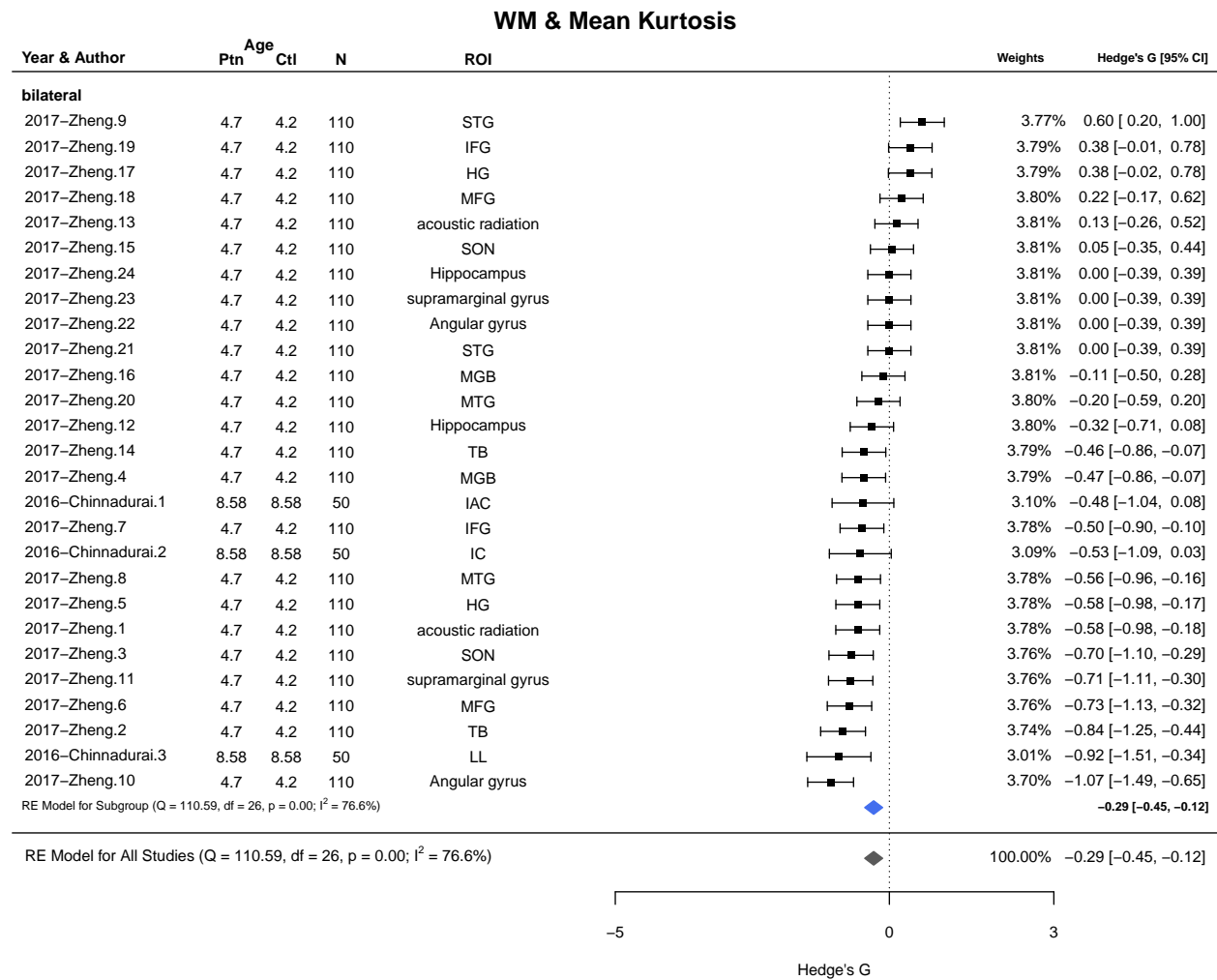
White matter: RD



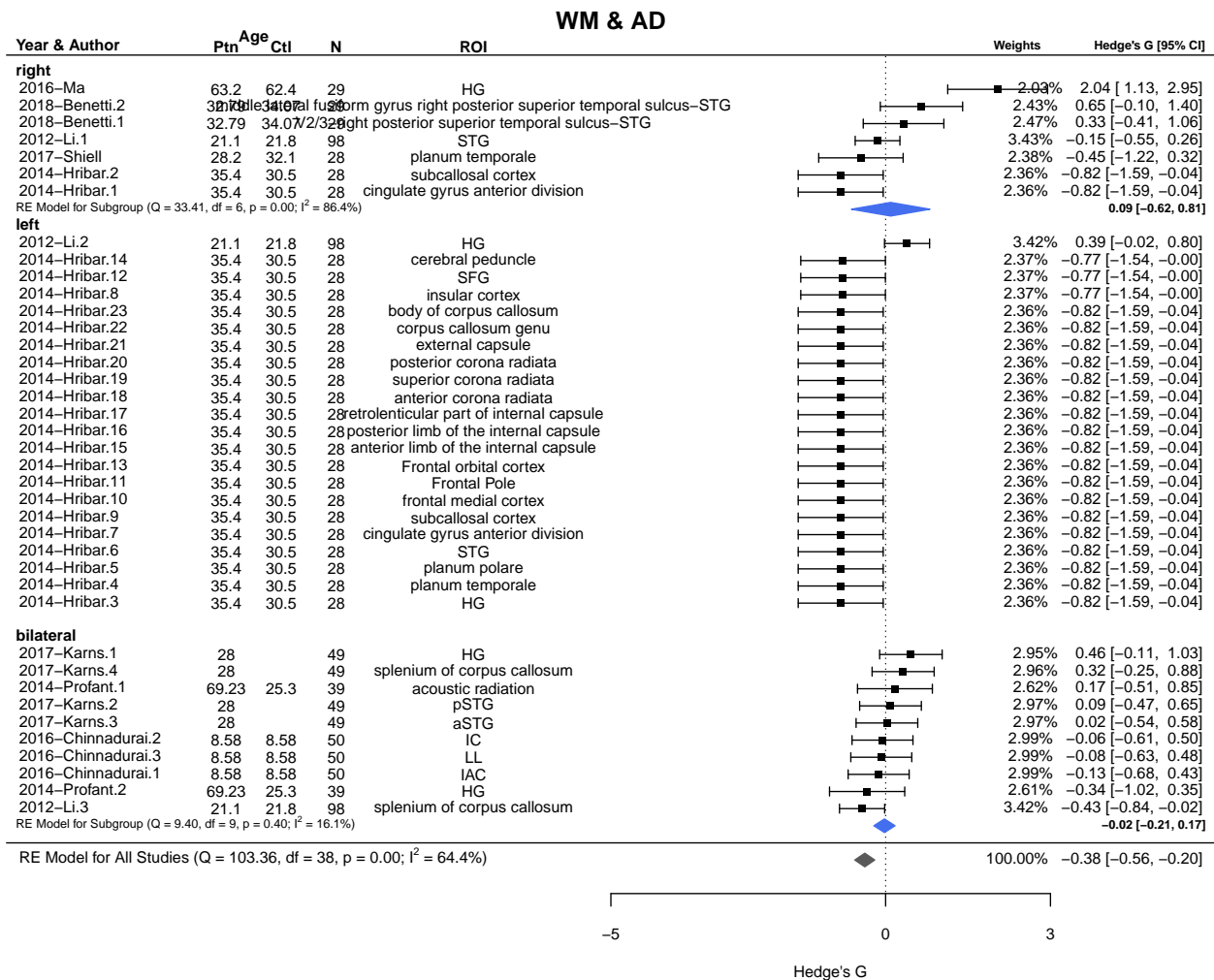
White matter: MD



White matter: Mean Kurtosis



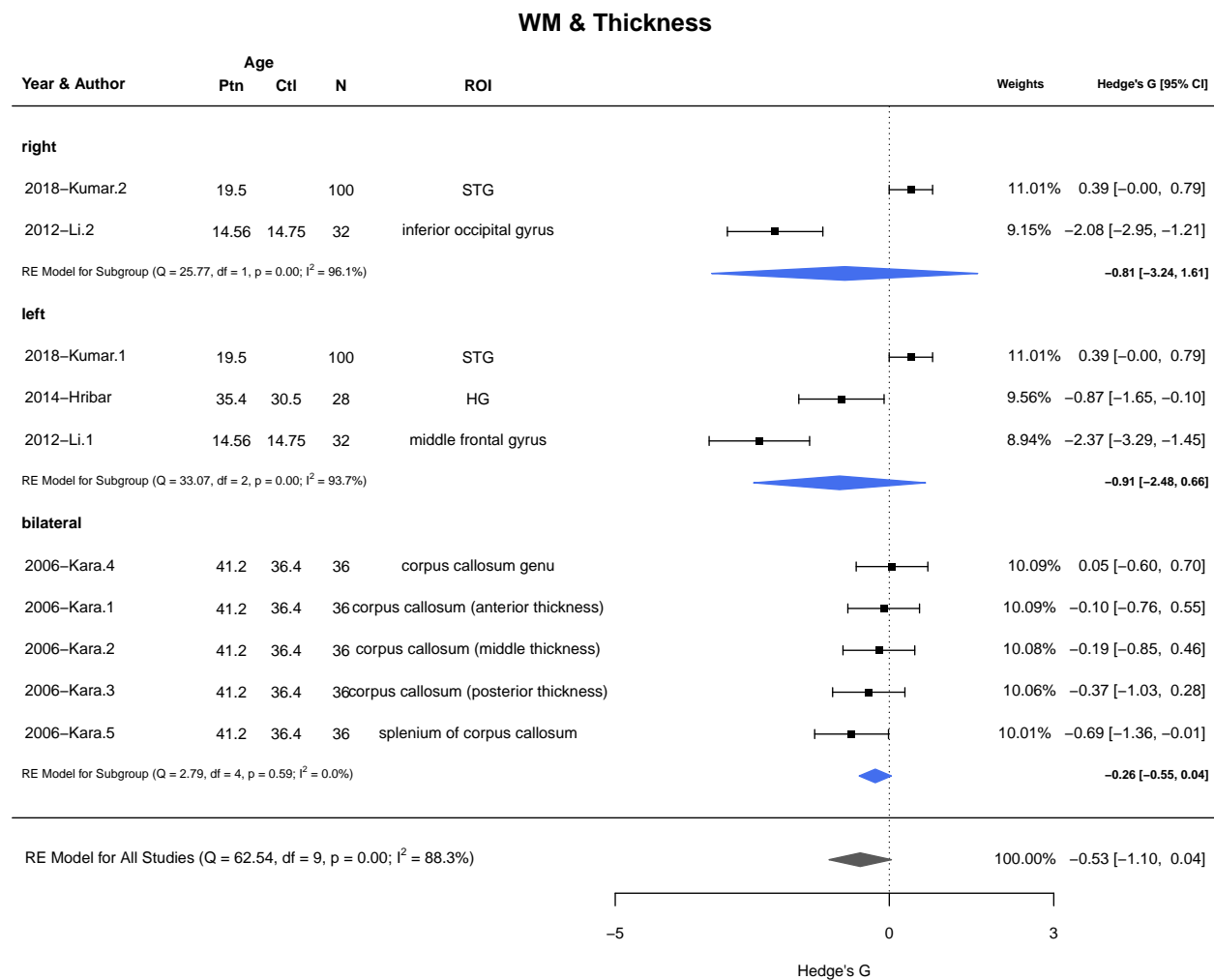
White matter: AD



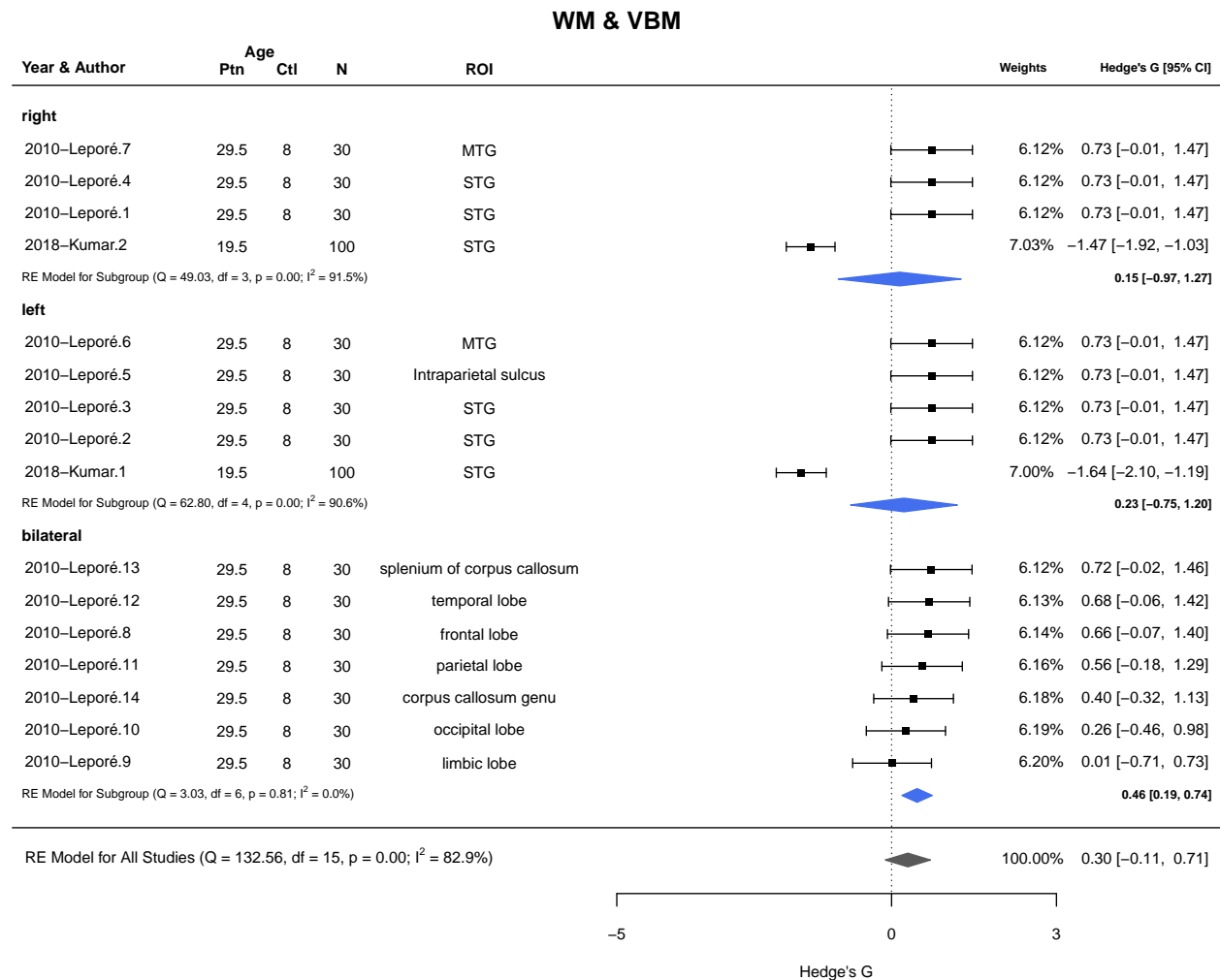
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Other Measures of White Matter

White matter: Thickness



White matter: VBM



Meta Plots

The L'Abbé plot

In a L'Abbé plot (based on L'Abbé, Detsky, & O'Rourke, 1987), the arm-level outcomes for two experimental groups (e.g., treatment and control group) are plotted against each other. is treatment versus effect, since you have the cohen's d this should be relatively simple.

> WE DON'T HAVE TWO EXPERIMENTAL GROUPS

Baujat plot to identify studies contributing to heterogeneity

The plot shows the contribution of each study to the overall Q-test statistic for heterogeneity on the horizontal axis versus the influence of each study (defined as the standardized squared difference between the overall estimate based on a fixed-effects model with and without the ith study included in the model) on the vertical axis 2.17. Funnel plot to illustrate publication bias

Galbraith plot

Radial plot (radial) of variables and cohen's d - Galbraith, Rex (1988). "Graphical display of estimates having differing standard errors". *Technometrics*. *Technometrics*, Vol. 30, No. 3. 30 (3): 271–281.

2.18.2. We want to see this type of error plot over time for our patient cohorts by age. we want this for each measure WM and GM versus age on the x-axis so we can see GM and WM over time! Do a monte carlo simulation to connect different age population and create the error.

For a fixed-effects model, the plot shows the inverse of the standard errors on the horizontal axis against the individual observed effect sizes or outcomes standardized by their corresponding standard errors on the vertical axis. On the right hand side of the plot, an arc is drawn corresponding to the individual observed effect sizes or outcomes. A line projected from (0,0) through a particular point within the plot onto this arc indicates the value of the individual observed effect size or outcome for that point.

Resources

We are following Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses guidelines: Moher, D., Liberati, A., Tetzlaff, J., Altman, D. G., and Prisma Group. (2009). Preferred reporting items for systematic reviews and meta-analyses: the PRISMA statement. *PLoS Med.* 6:e1000097. doi: 10.1371/journal.pmed.1000097 AND <https://www.bmj.com/content/339/bmj.b2535>

- <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/14426637/how-to-do-bubble-plot>
- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/296680807_Menstrual_hygiene_management_among_adolescent_girls_in_India_A_Systematic_review_and_meta-analysis/figures?lo=1

Good explanation of some of the plots:

- https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:ff78831d-6f82-4187-97cc-349058e9abde/download_file?file_format=pdf&safe_filename=Rahimi%2Bet%2Bal%252C%2BData%2Bvisualisation%2Bfor%2Bmeta-analysis.pdf&type_of_work=Journal+article