

Supplementary Material:  
A comparative study of augmented inverse propensity weighted estimators  
using outcome-adaptive lasso and other penalized regression methods

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## 1. Appendix: Description and results of numerical experiments

### 1.1 Notation

Let  $Y$  be an outcome variable;  $Z$  ( $Z = 1$  : treatment,  $Z = 0$  : control) be the treatment variable;  $Y(1)$  and  $Y(0)$  be the potential outcomes obtained when allocated to the treatment and control groups, respectively; and  $\mathbf{X}$  be a random variable vector for  $p$  dimensional covariates observed prior to  $Z$ . The uppercase letters with  $i$  for participant  $i$  ( $= 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) represent random variables that are independently and identically distributed, whereas the lowercase letters represent the realized value of the random variable of an uppercase letter.

Regarding the types of  $X$ , the following four sets were defined:  $\mathcal{C}$ , a shorthand for confounders denoting those variables that are related to both the outcome and treatment (confounder);  $\mathcal{P}$ , a shorthand for outcome predictors denoting those variables that only relate to the outcome;  $\mathcal{I}$ , a shorthand for instrumental variables denoting those variables that relate only to the treatment; and  $\mathcal{S}$ , a shorthand for spurious variables denoting those variables that are related to neither the outcome nor treatment. All  $X$  variables only belong to one of the above four variables.

We focus on the popular measure of treatment effect, the average treatment effect (ATE) defined as  $\theta = E[Y(1)] - E[Y(0)]$ .

### 1.2 Penalized regression methods

We used lasso and outcome adaptive lasso to estimate the parameters of the propensity score (PS) model, and lasso, elastic net, smoothly clipped absolute deviation (SCAD), adaptive lasso, adaptive elastic net, log sum penalty (LSP), and minimax concave penalty (MCP) to estimate the parameters of the outcome regression model. Table 1 summarizes the ATE estimators used in the numerical experiments, along with the methods used to estimate the parameters of the PS and outcome models.

The lasso for the PS and outcome models was implemented using the cv.glmnet function of *glmnet* package in R with default arguments. The outcome-adaptive lasso (OAL) was implemented using the cv.glmnet function to select hyperparameters based on a previous method.<sup>1</sup> Adaptive lasso (AdL) was implemented by cv.glmnet function with the penalty factors of  $|\hat{\beta}(\text{ols})|^{-1}$ , where  $\hat{\beta}(\text{ols})$  was the ordinary least square estimates.

Elastic net (EN) was implemented by cv.glmnet function using the elastic net mixing parameter  $\alpha = 0.5$ . The value of  $\alpha$  of 0 or 1 leads to the ridge or lasso penalty, respectively. Adaptive elastic net (AEN) was implemented aenet function of *msaenet* package in R using the elastic net mixing parameter  $\alpha = \{0.2, 0.4, \dots, 0.8\}$ . SCAD and MCP were implemented using the cv.ncvreg function of *ncvreg* package in R, with default arguments. LSP was implemented by repeating adaptive lasso using the first weight  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}^{(0)} = 1$  and updating the weight  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}^{(l+1)} = 1/(|\hat{\beta}^{(l)}| + 0.0001)$ . We set the maximum number of iterations  $l_{\max}$  to four to implement the LSP. The hyperparameters were selected by 10-fold cross validation with default loss except for OAL.

Table 1. The ATE estimators used in the analysis of a clinical trial example and numerical experiments.

Estimator name	ATE estimator	Variable selection method for PS model	Variable selection method for outcome model
naive	Difference in means	-	-
IPW-OAL	IPW	OAL	-
gComp-AdL	g-computation	-	adaptive lasso
AIPW-Targ	AIPW	$x_j   j \in \mathcal{C} \cup \mathcal{P}$	$x_j   j \in \mathcal{C} \cup \mathcal{P}$
AIPW-Las-Las	AIPW	lasso	lasso
AIPW-OAL-Las	AIPW	OAL	lasso
AIPW-OAL-EN	AIPW	OAL	elastic net
AIPW-OAL-AdL	AIPW	OAL	adaptive lasso
AIPW-OAL-AEN	AIPW	OAL	adaptive elastic net
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	AIPW	OAL	SCAD
AIPW-OAL-LSP	AIPW	OAL	log-sum penalty
AIPW-OAL-MCP	AIPW	OAL	MCP
AIPW-Farrell*	AIPW	lasso	lasso

\* The estimator proposed by Farrell<sup>2</sup> uses lasso only to select covariates to be adjusted for and then fits unpenalized PS and outcome models with the selected covariates for the AIPW estimator.

### 1.3 Setup of numerical experiments

Suppose that the covariate  $\mathbf{X}_i$  of the participants  $i$  is an independently and identically distributed random variable following a  $p$ -dimensional multivariate normal distribution, with the mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$ , every variance equal to 1, and every correlation coefficient equal to  $\rho$ . The binary treatment variable  $Z_i$  and the continuous outcome variable  $Y_i$  are generated as follows:

$$\text{logit}\{\Pr(Z_i = 1|X_i)\} = \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j X_{ij},$$

$$Y_i = 0.5Z_i + \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j X_{ij} + \epsilon_i,$$

where  $\epsilon_i$  is an error term denoting an independently and identically distributed random variable following a standard normal distribution. The performance under strong and weak confounding was evaluated using parameters  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  as follows:

Strong confounding:  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \{1,1,0,0,1,1,0, \dots, 0\}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \{0.6,0.6,0.6,0.6,0,0,0, \dots, 0\}$ ,

Weak confounding:  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \{0.4,0.4,0,0,1,1,0, \dots, 0\}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \{0.2,0.2,0.6,0.6,0,0,0, \dots, 0\}$ .

It was more difficult to select confounders than other variables under weak confounding scenarios. In all scenarios,  $\mathcal{C} = \{1,2\}$ ,  $\mathcal{P} = \{3,4\}$ ,  $\mathcal{I} = \{5,6\}$ , and  $\mathcal{S} = \{7, \dots, p\}$ .

We used the transformed variables  $\mathbf{U} = \{3X_1/(1 + \exp X_2), 5 \sin X_2, X_3^3/3, 5 \sin X_4, (X_5 + X_6)/\sqrt{2}, 5 \sin X_6, X_7, \dots, X_p\}$  to evaluate the performance under model misspecification. We used  $\mathbf{U}$  to generate the treatment variable and  $\mathbf{X}$  to generate the outcome variable in the scenario where the PS model is misspecified but the outcome models were correctly specified. We used  $\mathbf{U}$  to generate the outcome variable and the  $\mathbf{X}$  to generate the treatment variable in the scenario where the outcome models were misspecified but the PS model was correctly specified. We used  $\mathbf{U}$  to generate the outcome and treatment variables in the scenario wherein both the PS and outcome models were misspecified. The transformed variable  $\mathbf{U}$  is unobservable; therefore, the PS and outcome regression models always include  $\mathbf{X}$  as an exploratory variable, even when composing the AIPW-Targ estimator.

We used the transformed covariates  $X_{binary}$  to evaluate the performance under binary covariates.  $X_{binary}$  is set to 1 if  $X > 0$ ; otherwise,  $X_{binary}$  is set to -1. Z-score normalization was applied to all covariates before performing penalized regression.

We set  $(n, p) = \{(200,80), (500,200), (1000, 400)\}$  to set the sample size ( $n$ ) and number of covariates ( $p$ ). We set three conditions ( $\rho = 0, 0.2, 0.5$ ) under the scenario where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified for the correlation coefficients  $\rho$  between the covariates. There were 1000 simulations for each condition.

## 1.4 Results under strong confounding scenarios

Figures A.1 to A.6 graphically present the ATE estimates of each method for 1000 simulations under strong confounding. The dashed line indicates the true ATE of 0.5. The white circles represent the means of 1000 ATE estimates using this method. AIPW-Farrell is excluded from the figures due to their tendency to exhibit extremely large or small

values. Similarly, the naive estimates are excluded from the figures because they significantly differed from the other estimates. The AIPW estimators using penalized regression methods with the oracle property for the PS and outcome models are highlighted in gray.

Tables A.1 to A.6 present the bias, standard error, and root-mean-squared error for the ATE estimators under strong confounding. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

$n = 200, p = 80$  (strong confounding, continuous covariates)

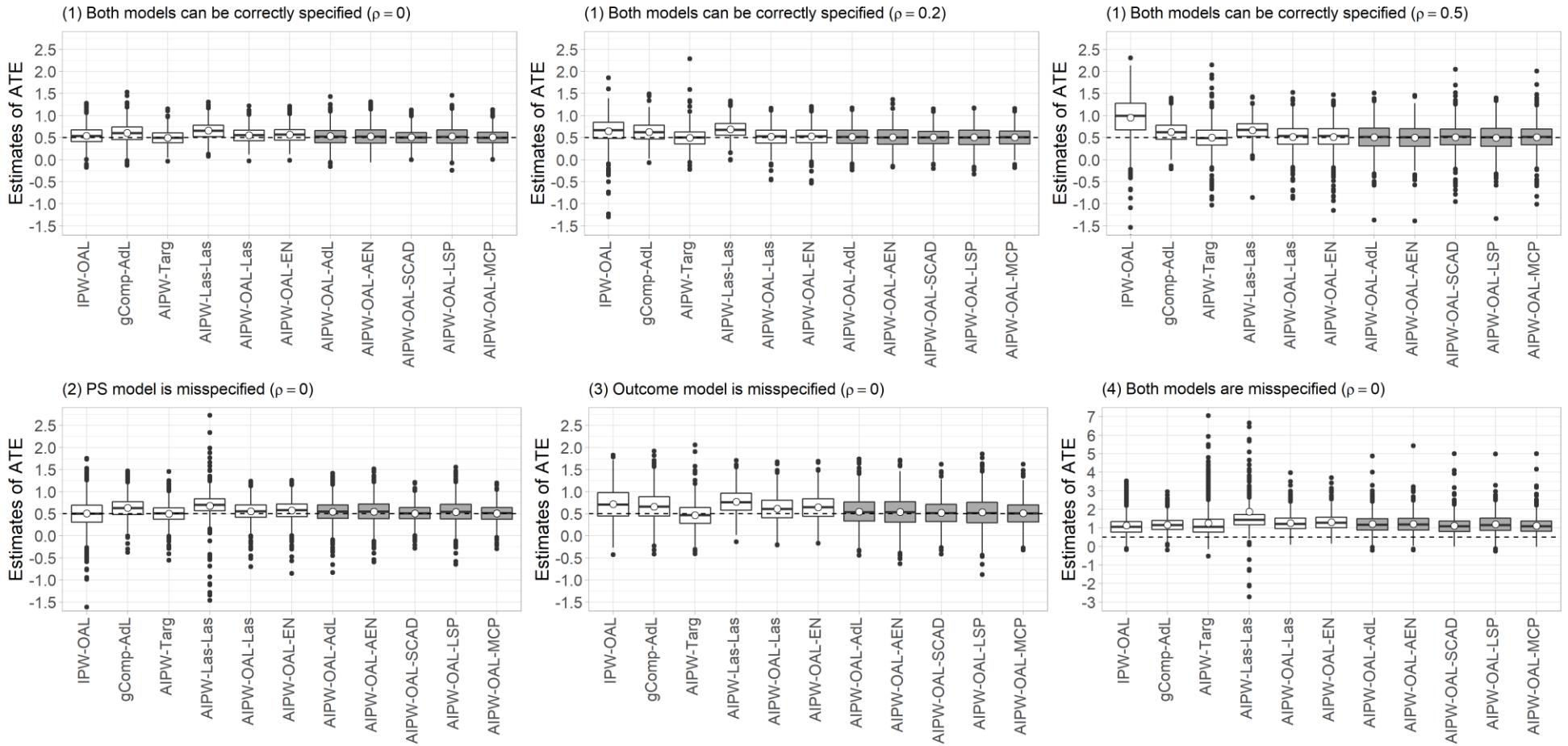


Figure A.1. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (200, 80)$  under strong confounding. The vertical axis range is different only in the bottom-right plot (4).

Table A.1. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (200, 80)$  under strong confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

$n = 200, p = 80$  (strong confounding, binary covariates)

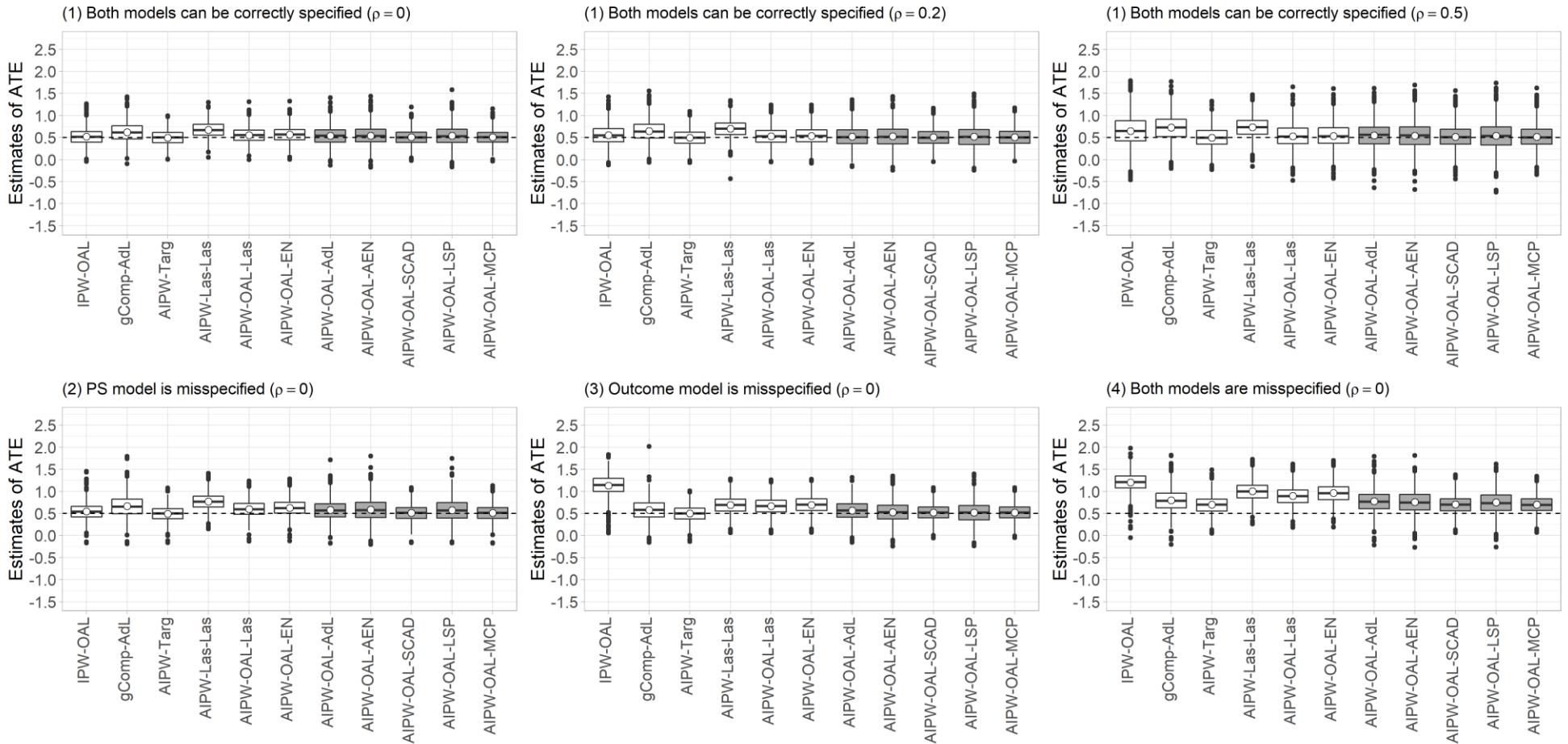


Figure A.2. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (200, 80)$  under strong confounding.

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	(1) $\rho = 0$			(1) $\rho = 0.2$			(1) $\rho = 0.5$			(2) $\rho = 0$			(3) $\rho = 0$			(4) $\rho = 0$		
	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.754	0.215	0.784	1.321	0.230	1.341	2.154	0.229	2.167	0.793	0.208	0.820	2.156	0.518	2.217	2.576	0.521	2.628
IPW-OAL	0.023	0.192	0.193	0.055	0.228	0.235	0.149	0.345	0.376	0.047	0.201	0.207	0.633	0.238	0.676	0.703	0.223	0.738
gComp-AdL	0.123	0.220	0.252	0.147	0.242	0.284	0.227	0.306	0.381	0.165	0.256	0.305	0.078	0.227	0.240	0.297	0.263	0.396
AIPW-Targ	-0.002	0.166	0.166	-0.005	0.191	0.191	-0.006	0.236	0.236	-0.004	0.167	0.167	-0.002	0.193	0.193	0.199	0.201	0.283
AIPW-Las-Las	0.174	0.182	0.252	0.204	0.203	0.288	0.234	0.243	0.337	0.271	0.189	0.330	0.190	0.204	0.278	0.501	0.220	0.547
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.052	0.182	0.190	0.030	0.206	0.209	0.030	0.278	0.280	0.102	0.194	0.219	0.165	0.194	0.255	0.395	0.214	0.449
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.067	0.183	0.195	0.038	0.205	0.209	0.033	0.277	0.279	0.127	0.195	0.233	0.193	0.199	0.277	0.463	0.222	0.513
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.041	0.215	0.219	0.025	0.237	0.238	0.049	0.319	0.322	0.080	0.246	0.259	0.063	0.222	0.230	0.278	0.262	0.382
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.043	0.230	0.234	0.026	0.249	0.250	0.044	0.327	0.330	0.084	0.270	0.283	0.028	0.236	0.237	0.257	0.280	0.380
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	0.006	0.179	0.179	0.005	0.203	0.203	0.012	0.277	0.277	0.015	0.184	0.185	0.022	0.193	0.194	0.203	0.207	0.289
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.039	0.236	0.239	0.022	0.258	0.259	0.041	0.338	0.340	0.072	0.276	0.285	0.018	0.236	0.236	0.250	0.280	0.375
AIPW-OAL-MCP	0.006	0.179	0.179	0.005	0.203	0.203	0.013	0.275	0.276	0.013	0.182	0.183	0.020	0.193	0.194	0.199	0.205	0.286
AIPW-Farrell	-0.072	2.957	2.958	-0.557	17.071	17.080	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.058	2.368	2.369	-	-	-

$n = 500, p = 200$  (strong confounding, continuous covariates)

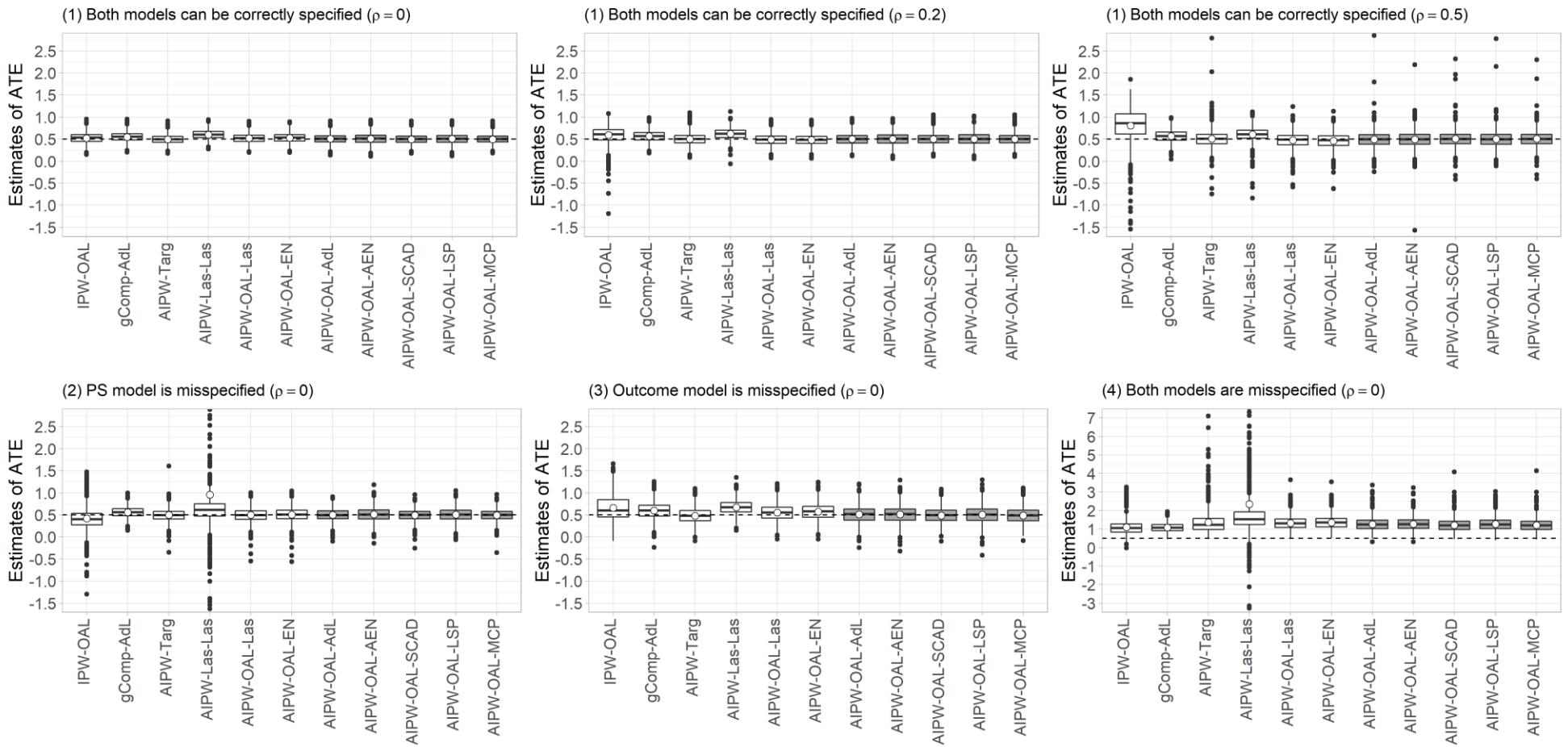


Figure A.3. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (500, 200)$  under strong confounding. The vertical axis range is different only in the bottom-right plot (4).

Table A.3. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (500, 200)$  under strong confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

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	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.731	0.134	0.743	1.498	0.145	1.505	2.379	0.155	2.384	0.734	0.137	0.747	1.685	0.273	1.707	2.191	0.276	2.208
IPW-OAL	0.024	0.117	0.119	0.092	0.212	0.231	0.304	0.442	0.537	-0.080	0.296	0.307	0.158	0.302	0.340	0.598	0.460	0.754
gComp-AdL	0.051	0.109	0.120	0.065	0.123	0.139	0.067	0.137	0.153	0.058	0.122	0.135	0.097	0.178	0.203	0.584	0.239	0.631
AIPW-Targ	-0.002	0.103	0.103	0.003	0.133	0.133	0.008	0.248	0.248	-0.003	0.145	0.145	-0.018	0.179	0.180	0.873	0.645	1.086
AIPW-Las-Las	0.101	0.105	0.146	0.119	0.126	0.173	0.106	0.161	0.193	0.456	13.334	13.342	0.172	0.168	0.241	1.840	6.053	6.326
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.020	0.105	0.107	-0.010	0.132	0.132	-0.026	0.181	0.183	-0.003	0.155	0.155	0.051	0.184	0.191	0.818	0.347	0.889
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.029	0.105	0.109	-0.015	0.132	0.133	-0.035	0.181	0.184	0.007	0.160	0.160	0.072	0.185	0.199	0.857	0.339	0.922
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.006	0.109	0.109	0.001	0.133	0.133	-0.003	0.192	0.192	0.001	0.141	0.141	0.015	0.188	0.188	0.764	0.357	0.843
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.010	0.120	0.120	0.003	0.143	0.143	-0.004	0.196	0.196	0.014	0.153	0.154	0.016	0.195	0.196	0.775	0.358	0.854
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	-0.002	0.103	0.103	0.004	0.131	0.131	0.007	0.193	0.193	-0.003	0.131	0.131	-0.010	0.172	0.173	0.716	0.364	0.804
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.006	0.120	0.120	0.002	0.147	0.147	-0.001	0.199	0.199	0.009	0.153	0.153	0.009	0.198	0.198	0.765	0.355	0.844
AIPW-OAL-MCP	-0.002	0.103	0.103	0.004	0.131	0.131	0.009	0.202	0.202	-0.003	0.130	0.130	-0.012	0.173	0.173	0.716	0.368	0.805
AIPW-Farrell	0.027	0.432	0.433	0.039	0.540	0.542	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.013	0.641	0.641	-	-	-

$n = 500, p = 200$  (strong confounding, binary covariates)

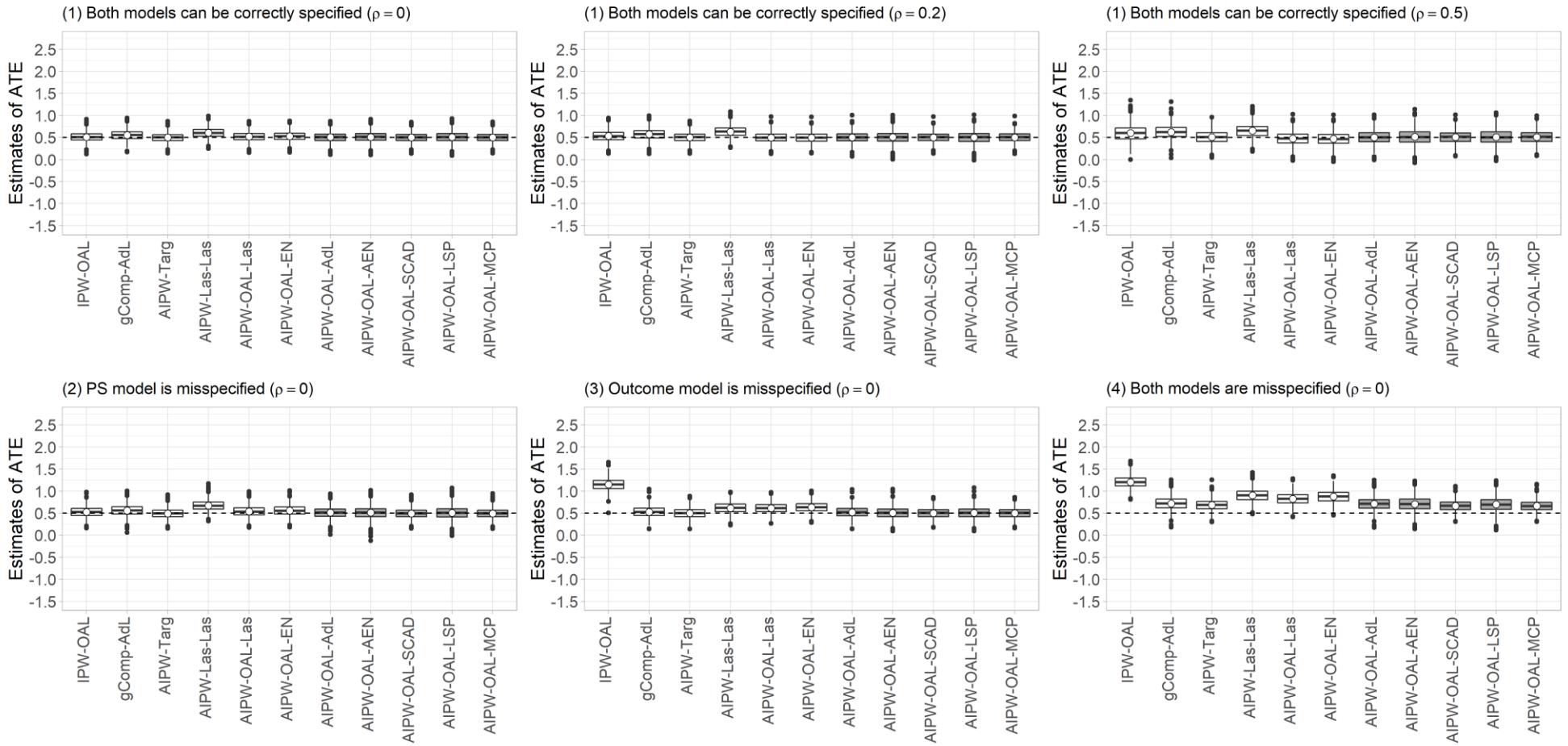


Figure A.4. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (500, 200)$  under strong confounding.

Table A.4. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (500, 200)$  under strong confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

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	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.749	0.136	0.761	1.322	0.142	1.329	2.150	0.144	2.155	0.785	0.139	0.797	2.136	0.346	2.164	2.549	0.339	2.571
IPW-OAL	0.011	0.106	0.106	0.033	0.124	0.128	0.099	0.185	0.210	0.027	0.113	0.116	0.650	0.133	0.664	0.704	0.137	0.717
gComp-AdL	0.053	0.116	0.127	0.072	0.127	0.146	0.123	0.151	0.195	0.063	0.131	0.145	0.029	0.125	0.129	0.220	0.149	0.266
AIPW-Targ	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.004	0.115	0.115	0.011	0.143	0.143	-0.006	0.108	0.108	0.001	0.120	0.120	0.187	0.129	0.227
AIPW-Las-Las	0.105	0.110	0.152	0.130	0.124	0.180	0.151	0.150	0.213	0.172	0.118	0.209	0.114	0.124	0.169	0.402	0.141	0.426
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.020	0.104	0.106	-0.003	0.117	0.117	-0.023	0.150	0.151	0.038	0.115	0.121	0.115	0.116	0.164	0.325	0.134	0.351
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.029	0.105	0.109	-0.004	0.117	0.117	-0.031	0.151	0.154	0.056	0.117	0.130	0.135	0.117	0.178	0.377	0.139	0.401
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.006	0.112	0.112	0.001	0.123	0.123	0.001	0.154	0.154	0.011	0.127	0.128	0.023	0.125	0.127	0.212	0.149	0.259
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.011	0.124	0.124	0.005	0.135	0.135	0.012	0.166	0.167	0.011	0.146	0.147	0.007	0.131	0.131	0.206	0.165	0.264
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.004	0.115	0.115	0.010	0.144	0.144	-0.005	0.109	0.109	0.003	0.115	0.115	0.165	0.121	0.205
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.006	0.127	0.127	0.002	0.137	0.137	0.009	0.167	0.167	0.005	0.145	0.145	0.006	0.133	0.133	0.198	0.169	0.261
AIPW-OAL-MCP	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.004	0.115	0.115	0.012	0.144	0.144	-0.005	0.109	0.109	0.002	0.115	0.115	0.165	0.122	0.205
AIPW-Farrell	-0.032	0.933	0.933	0.030	1.339	1.339	-0.388	33.013	33.015	-	-	-	-0.012	1.243	1.243	-	-	-

$n = 1000, p = 400$  (strong confounding, continuous covariates)

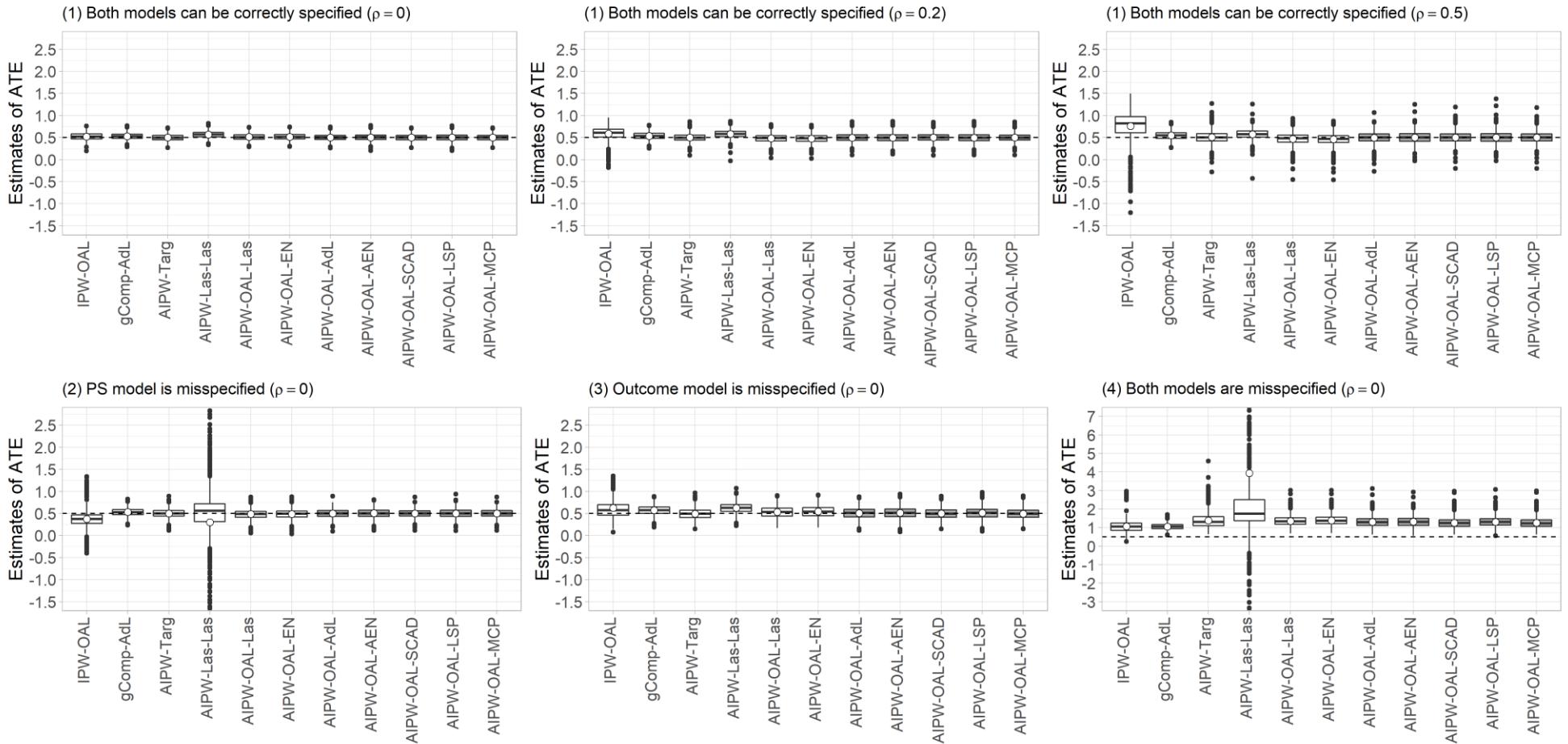


Figure A.5. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (1000, 400)$  under strong confounding. The vertical axis range is different only in the bottom-right plot (4).

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	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.728	0.097	0.734	1.503	0.105	1.506	2.385	0.112	2.387	0.737	0.097	0.744	1.685	0.201	1.697	2.196	0.196	2.205
IPW-OAL	0.024	0.080	0.084	0.087	0.157	0.179	0.260	0.342	0.429	-0.124	0.203	0.238	0.124	0.240	0.270	0.565	0.342	0.661
gComp-AdL	0.030	0.071	0.077	0.038	0.083	0.091	0.048	0.089	0.101	0.032	0.079	0.085	0.074	0.110	0.133	0.552	0.168	0.577
AIPW-Targ	0.001	0.071	0.071	-0.001	0.092	0.092	0.005	0.139	0.139	0.001	0.096	0.096	-0.006	0.125	0.125	0.880	0.427	0.978
AIPW-Las-Las	0.068	0.076	0.102	0.079	0.094	0.123	0.075	0.118	0.140	-0.196	4.784	4.788	0.125	0.121	0.174	3.448	25.144	25.379
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.012	0.071	0.072	-0.017	0.095	0.096	-0.029	0.135	0.138	-0.016	0.102	0.103	0.032	0.130	0.134	0.854	0.277	0.897
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.017	0.072	0.074	-0.024	0.095	0.098	-0.039	0.136	0.141	-0.012	0.105	0.106	0.045	0.130	0.138	0.887	0.271	0.927
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.003	0.073	0.073	-0.003	0.093	0.093	-0.002	0.130	0.130	-0.003	0.097	0.097	0.009	0.124	0.125	0.804	0.283	0.852
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.005	0.080	0.081	-0.004	0.098	0.098	0.000	0.131	0.131	0.005	0.104	0.104	0.013	0.132	0.133	0.816	0.281	0.863
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	0.001	0.070	0.070	-0.001	0.092	0.092	0.005	0.132	0.132	0.001	0.092	0.092	-0.003	0.123	0.123	0.760	0.288	0.812
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.003	0.081	0.081	-0.005	0.099	0.099	0.001	0.134	0.134	0.001	0.105	0.105	0.010	0.130	0.130	0.812	0.284	0.860
AIPW-OAL-MCP	0.001	0.071	0.071	-0.001	0.091	0.091	0.004	0.133	0.133	0.001	0.092	0.092	-0.003	0.123	0.123	0.759	0.291	0.812
AIPW-Farrell	0.012	0.243	0.244	0.027	0.377	0.378	0.718	20.051	20.064	-	-	-	0.021	0.416	0.416	-	-	-

$n = 1000, p = 400$  (strong confounding, binary covariates)

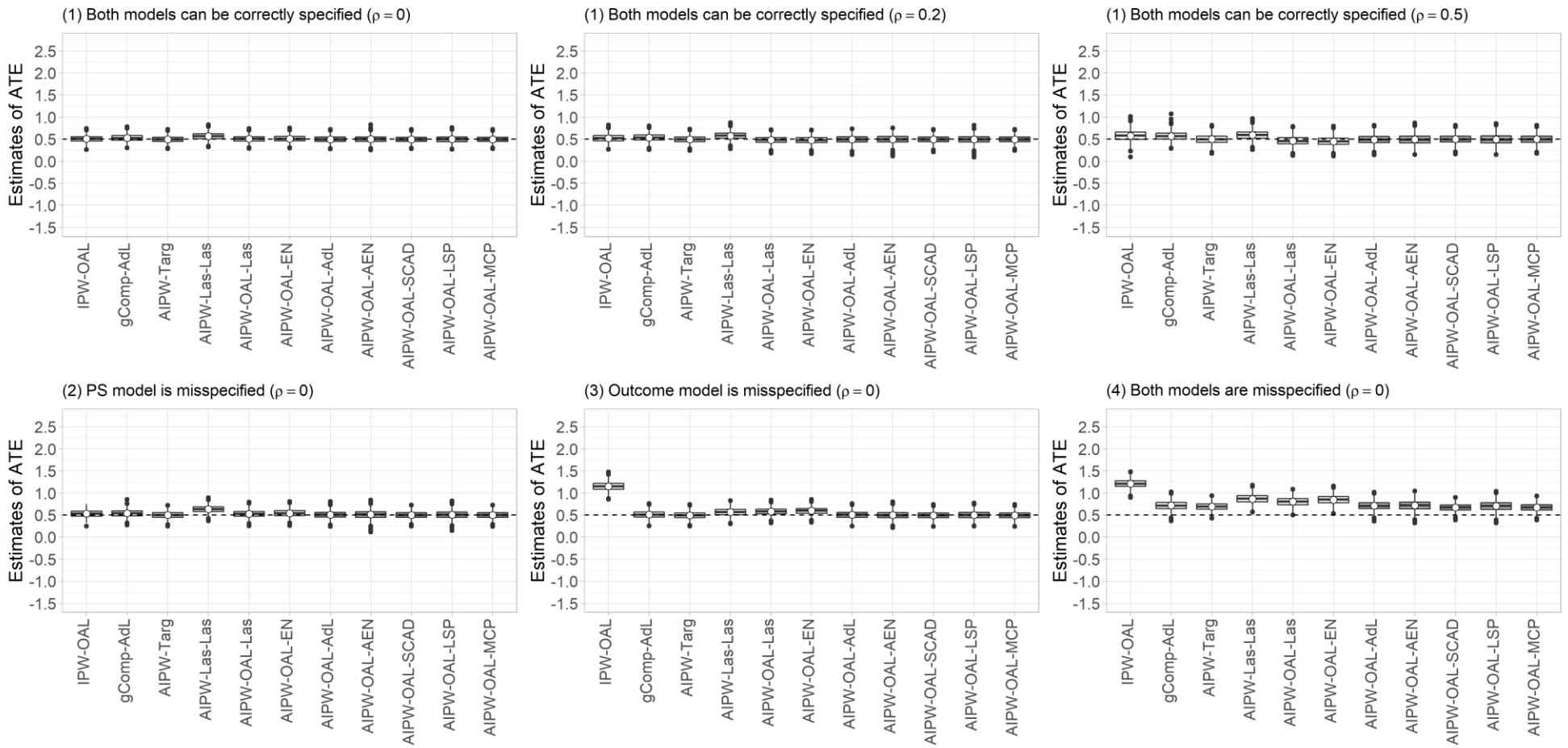


Figure A.6. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (1000, 400)$  under strong confounding.

Table A.6. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (1000, 400)$  under strong confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

	(1) $\rho = 0$			(1) $\rho = 0.2$			(1) $\rho = 0.5$			(2) $\rho = 0$			(3) $\rho = 0$			(4) $\rho = 0$		
	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.746	0.095	0.752	1.318	0.100	1.322	2.153	0.101	2.155	0.790	0.094	0.796	2.139	0.244	2.153	2.565	0.230	2.576
IPW-OAL	0.007	0.075	0.075	0.024	0.086	0.090	0.076	0.126	0.147	0.032	0.078	0.085	0.649	0.094	0.655	0.711	0.096	0.718
gComp-AdL	0.026	0.075	0.080	0.037	0.081	0.089	0.071	0.101	0.123	0.038	0.080	0.089	0.010	0.082	0.083	0.217	0.101	0.239
AIPW-Targ	-0.004	0.073	0.073	-0.006	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.076	0.076	-0.004	0.083	0.083	0.192	0.089	0.211
AIPW-Las-Las	0.066	0.078	0.102	0.078	0.088	0.118	0.093	0.110	0.144	0.132	0.079	0.154	0.069	0.089	0.112	0.366	0.098	0.379
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.006	0.073	0.073	-0.018	0.081	0.083	-0.039	0.104	0.111	0.027	0.079	0.084	0.082	0.079	0.114	0.304	0.094	0.318
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.012	0.073	0.074	-0.022	0.081	0.084	-0.050	0.105	0.116	0.041	0.081	0.091	0.097	0.079	0.125	0.347	0.096	0.360
AIPW-OAL-AdL	-0.002	0.075	0.075	-0.006	0.083	0.083	-0.009	0.106	0.106	0.008	0.082	0.083	0.007	0.082	0.082	0.212	0.101	0.235
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.001	0.081	0.081	-0.004	0.092	0.092	-0.007	0.113	0.113	0.010	0.098	0.098	-0.001	0.086	0.086	0.217	0.112	0.244
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	-0.004	0.073	0.073	-0.006	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.102	0.102	0.000	0.076	0.076	-0.004	0.078	0.078	0.171	0.083	0.190
AIPW-OAL-LSP	-0.001	0.080	0.080	-0.005	0.092	0.092	-0.005	0.113	0.113	0.006	0.097	0.097	0.001	0.086	0.086	0.204	0.112	0.233
AIPW-OAL-MCP	-0.004	0.073	0.073	-0.006	0.079	0.080	0.001	0.102	0.102	0.000	0.076	0.076	-0.004	0.078	0.078	0.172	0.084	0.191
AIPW-Farrell	0.018	0.302	0.303	0.037	0.336	0.338	0.055	0.590	0.592	-	-	-	0.007	0.330	0.330	-	-	-

## 1.5 Results under weak confounding scenarios

Figures A.7 to A.12 graphically present the ATE estimates of each method for 1000 simulations under weak confounding. The dashed line indicates the true ATE of 0.5. The white circles represent the means of 1000 ATE estimates using this method. AIPW-Farrell is excluded from the figures due to their tendency to exhibit extremely large or small values. Similarly, the naive estimates are excluded from the figures because they significantly differed from the other estimates. The AIPW estimators using penalized regression methods with the oracle property for the PS and outcome models are highlighted in gray.

Tables A.7 to A.12 present the bias, standard error, and root-mean-squared error for the ATE estimators under weak confounding. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

$n = 200, p = 80$  (weak confounding, continuous covariates)

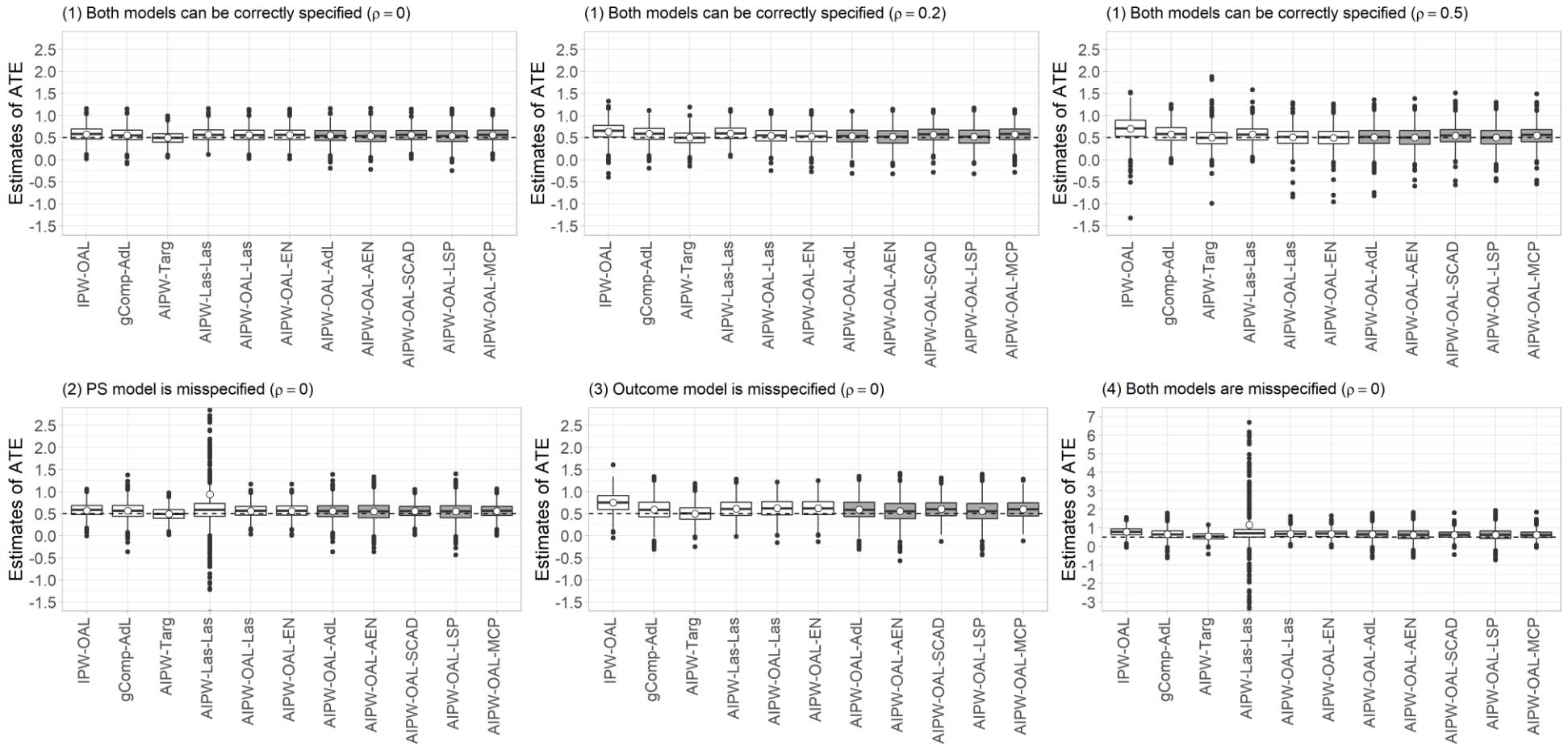


Figure A.7. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (200, 80)$  under weak confounding. The vertical axis range is different only in the bottom-right plot (4).

Table A.7. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (200, 80)$  under weak confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

$n = 200, p = 80$  (weak confounding, binary covariates)

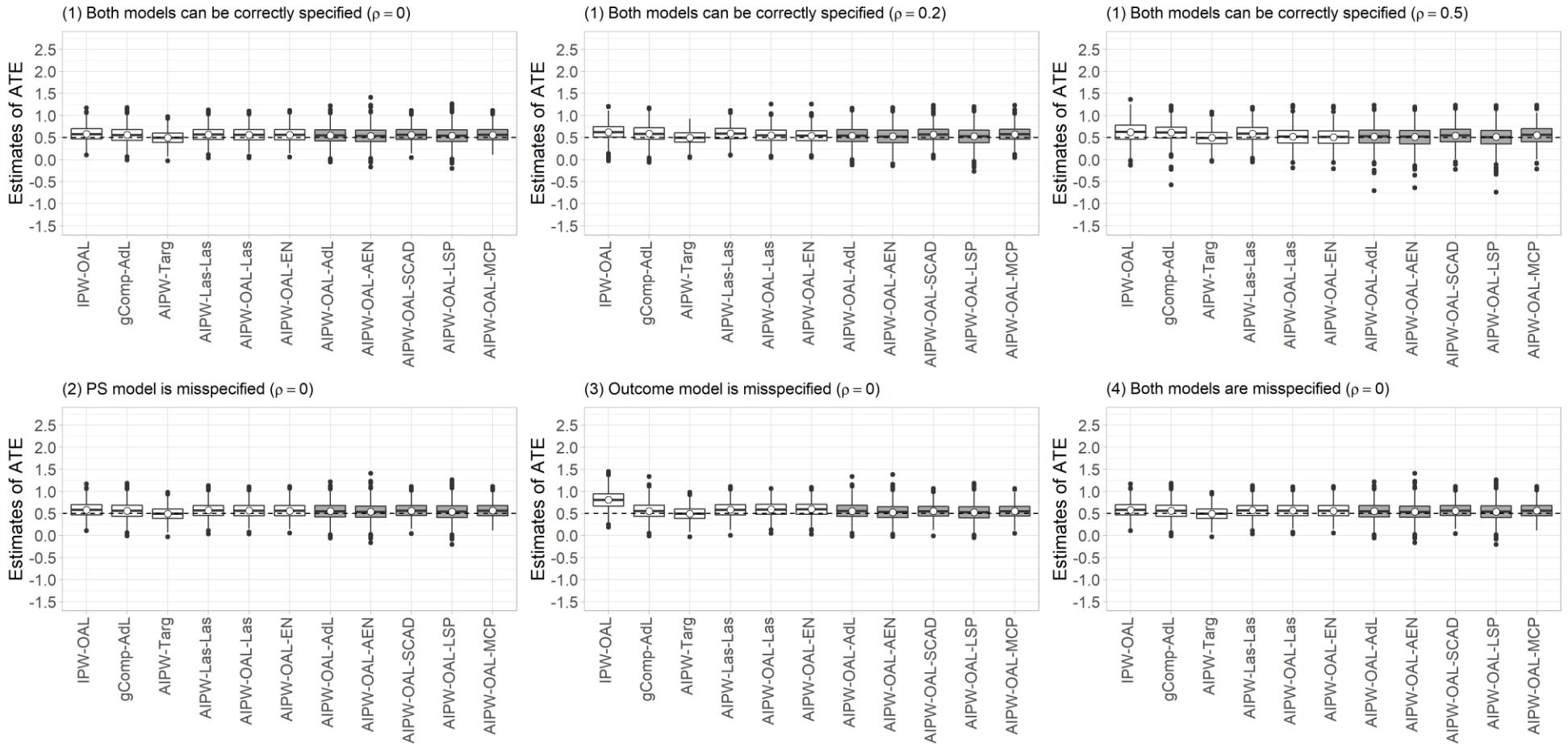


Figure A.8. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (200, 80)$  under weak confounding.

Table A.8. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (200, 80)$  under weak confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

	(1) $\rho = 0$			(1) $\rho = 0.2$			(1) $\rho = 0.5$			(2) $\rho = 0$			(3) $\rho = 0$			(4) $\rho = 0$		
	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.110	0.193	0.222	0.485	0.202	0.525	1.061	0.196	1.079	0.110	0.193	0.222	0.326	0.408	0.522	0.110	0.193	0.222
IPW-OAL	0.080	0.168	0.186	0.121	0.189	0.225	0.119	0.235	0.263	0.080	0.168	0.186	0.312	0.204	0.373	0.080	0.168	0.186
gComp-AdL	0.061	0.185	0.195	0.086	0.193	0.212	0.112	0.204	0.233	0.061	0.185	0.195	0.056	0.190	0.198	0.061	0.185	0.195
AIPW-Targ	-0.005	0.150	0.150	-0.002	0.158	0.158	-0.008	0.175	0.176	-0.005	0.150	0.150	-0.005	0.151	0.151	-0.005	0.150	0.150
AIPW-Las-Las	0.070	0.166	0.180	0.094	0.176	0.200	0.091	0.193	0.213	0.070	0.166	0.180	0.085	0.168	0.188	0.070	0.166	0.180
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.064	0.165	0.177	0.051	0.178	0.185	0.021	0.209	0.210	0.064	0.165	0.177	0.096	0.161	0.188	0.064	0.165	0.177
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.063	0.165	0.176	0.042	0.176	0.181	0.011	0.207	0.207	0.063	0.165	0.176	0.098	0.163	0.190	0.063	0.165	0.176
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.051	0.189	0.196	0.042	0.200	0.204	0.023	0.226	0.227	0.051	0.189	0.196	0.055	0.190	0.198	0.051	0.189	0.196
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.037	0.203	0.207	0.025	0.211	0.213	0.014	0.236	0.236	0.037	0.203	0.207	0.029	0.198	0.200	0.037	0.203	0.207
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	0.063	0.165	0.176	0.071	0.180	0.194	0.045	0.211	0.216	0.063	0.165	0.176	0.052	0.159	0.167	0.063	0.165	0.176
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.039	0.204	0.208	0.026	0.217	0.218	0.012	0.245	0.245	0.039	0.204	0.208	0.030	0.200	0.202	0.039	0.204	0.208
AIPW-OAL-MCP	0.063	0.165	0.177	0.077	0.180	0.195	0.052	0.213	0.219	0.063	0.165	0.177	0.050	0.160	0.168	0.063	0.165	0.177
AIPW-Farrell	-0.823	25.845	25.858	0.096	1.912	1.914	-0.393	36.593	36.595	-0.823	25.845	25.858	-1.126	35.279	35.297	-0.823	25.845	25.858

$n = 500, p = 200$  (weak confounding, continuous covariates)

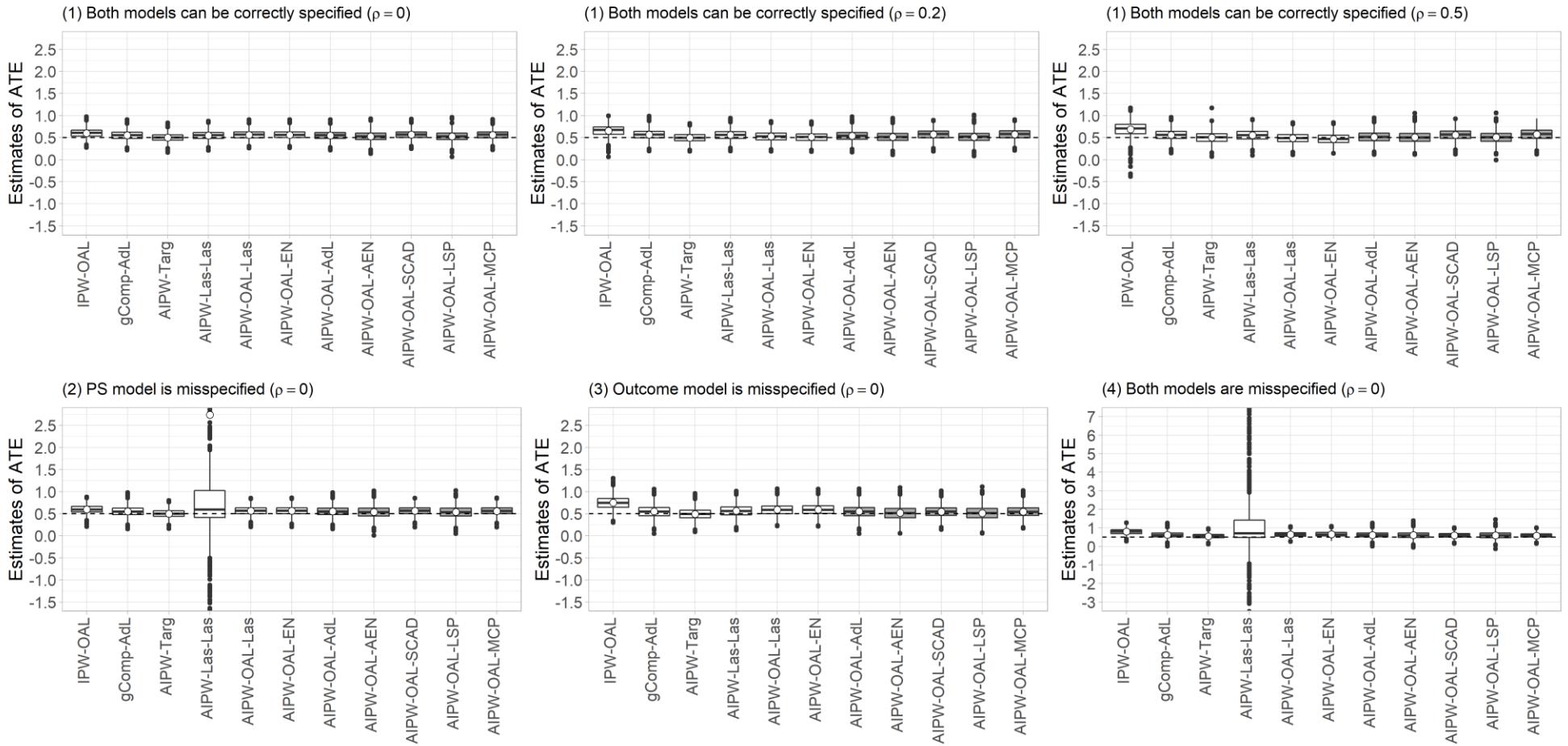


Figure A.9. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (500, 200)$  under weak confounding. The vertical axis range is different only in the bottom-right plot (4).

Table A.9. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (500, 200)$  under weak confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

	(1) $\rho = 0$			(1) $\rho = 0.2$			(1) $\rho = 0.5$			(2) $\rho = 0$			(3) $\rho = 0$			(4) $\rho = 0$		
	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.113	0.122	0.166	0.645	0.127	0.657	1.303	0.132	1.309	0.105	0.122	0.161	0.253	0.226	0.340	0.304	0.225	0.378
IPW-OAL	0.103	0.101	0.144	0.155	0.128	0.201	0.186	0.176	0.256	0.098	0.098	0.138	0.249	0.155	0.293	0.296	0.149	0.332
gComp-AdL	0.052	0.104	0.117	0.067	0.112	0.131	0.064	0.122	0.138	0.055	0.117	0.129	0.051	0.143	0.152	0.118	0.155	0.195
AIPW-Targ	0.000	0.094	0.094	-0.002	0.099	0.099	0.003	0.126	0.126	0.003	0.092	0.092	-0.005	0.132	0.132	0.051	0.123	0.133
AIPW-Las-Las	0.050	0.101	0.113	0.059	0.110	0.125	0.056	0.127	0.139	2.241	142.220	142.238	0.065	0.142	0.156	-5.012	192.469	192.534
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.063	0.098	0.117	0.027	0.107	0.111	-0.010	0.124	0.125	0.066	0.099	0.119	0.090	0.134	0.161	0.144	0.132	0.196
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.063	0.099	0.117	0.013	0.106	0.107	-0.028	0.125	0.128	0.067	0.099	0.120	0.093	0.134	0.163	0.152	0.134	0.203
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.049	0.106	0.116	0.039	0.116	0.122	0.016	0.128	0.129	0.054	0.118	0.129	0.050	0.143	0.152	0.117	0.156	0.195
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.028	0.116	0.120	0.014	0.127	0.127	0.008	0.139	0.139	0.038	0.142	0.147	0.017	0.157	0.158	0.104	0.185	0.212
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	0.066	0.100	0.119	0.073	0.114	0.135	0.064	0.130	0.145	0.067	0.098	0.119	0.049	0.134	0.143	0.091	0.128	0.157
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.028	0.116	0.120	0.016	0.125	0.126	0.008	0.139	0.139	0.037	0.144	0.148	0.016	0.158	0.159	0.099	0.188	0.212
AIPW-OAL-MCP	0.062	0.100	0.118	0.076	0.116	0.138	0.074	0.134	0.153	0.063	0.098	0.116	0.046	0.134	0.142	0.086	0.128	0.154
AIPW-Farrell	0.009	0.243	0.243	0.036	0.227	0.229	0.039	0.472	0.474	-	-	-	0.008	0.302	0.302	-	-	-

$n = 500, p = 200$  (weak confounding, binary covariates)

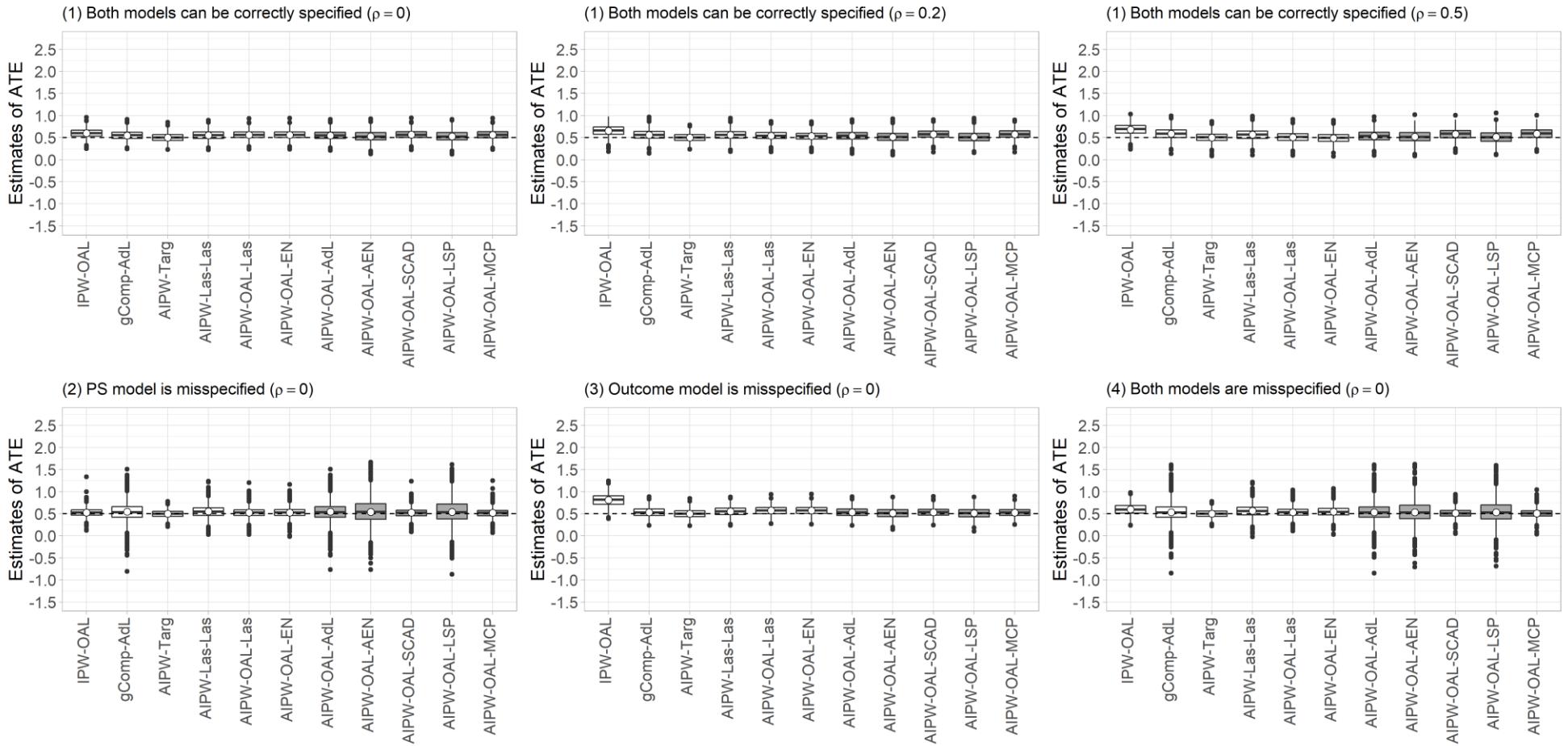


Figure A.10. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (500, 200)$  under weak confounding.

Table A.10. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (500, 200)$  under weak confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

	(1) $\rho = 0$			(1) $\rho = 0.2$			(1) $\rho = 0.5$			(2) $\rho = 0$			(3) $\rho = 0$			(4) $\rho = 0$		
	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.112	0.123	0.167	0.488	0.124	0.504	1.062	0.127	1.070	0.027	0.121	0.124	0.318	0.269	0.416	0.100	0.262	0.280
IPW-OAL	0.101	0.100	0.142	0.152	0.120	0.193	0.178	0.136	0.224	0.030	0.100	0.105	0.310	0.132	0.337	0.099	0.127	0.161
gComp-AdL	0.051	0.109	0.120	0.064	0.113	0.129	0.091	0.124	0.154	0.043	0.248	0.252	0.030	0.107	0.111	0.035	0.249	0.251
AIPW-Targ	0.000	0.094	0.094	0.000	0.098	0.098	0.003	0.109	0.109	-0.002	0.090	0.090	0.000	0.094	0.094	0.003	0.091	0.091
AIPW-Las-Las	0.052	0.103	0.116	0.061	0.109	0.125	0.068	0.125	0.142	0.052	0.142	0.151	0.054	0.104	0.117	0.067	0.146	0.160
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.063	0.098	0.117	0.044	0.106	0.115	0.011	0.116	0.116	0.028	0.118	0.121	0.070	0.098	0.120	0.036	0.116	0.122
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.062	0.098	0.116	0.032	0.105	0.110	-0.008	0.116	0.116	0.030	0.119	0.123	0.072	0.098	0.122	0.046	0.124	0.132
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.048	0.110	0.120	0.042	0.115	0.122	0.034	0.127	0.132	0.044	0.249	0.253	0.030	0.107	0.111	0.035	0.249	0.251
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.027	0.122	0.124	0.013	0.125	0.125	0.019	0.135	0.137	0.043	0.330	0.333	0.011	0.114	0.115	0.034	0.302	0.304
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	0.066	0.099	0.119	0.077	0.111	0.136	0.080	0.126	0.149	0.023	0.109	0.111	0.031	0.097	0.101	0.010	0.104	0.104
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.029	0.121	0.125	0.014	0.125	0.126	0.016	0.137	0.137	0.042	0.327	0.330	0.012	0.116	0.116	0.033	0.314	0.315
AIPW-OAL-MCP	0.063	0.100	0.118	0.077	0.112	0.136	0.086	0.129	0.155	0.020	0.108	0.110	0.025	0.097	0.100	0.009	0.106	0.106
AIPW-Farrell	0.016	0.203	0.203	0.033	0.225	0.227	0.046	0.298	0.302	-	-	-	0.019	0.209	0.210	-	-	-

$n = 1000, p = 400$  (weak confounding, continuous covariates)

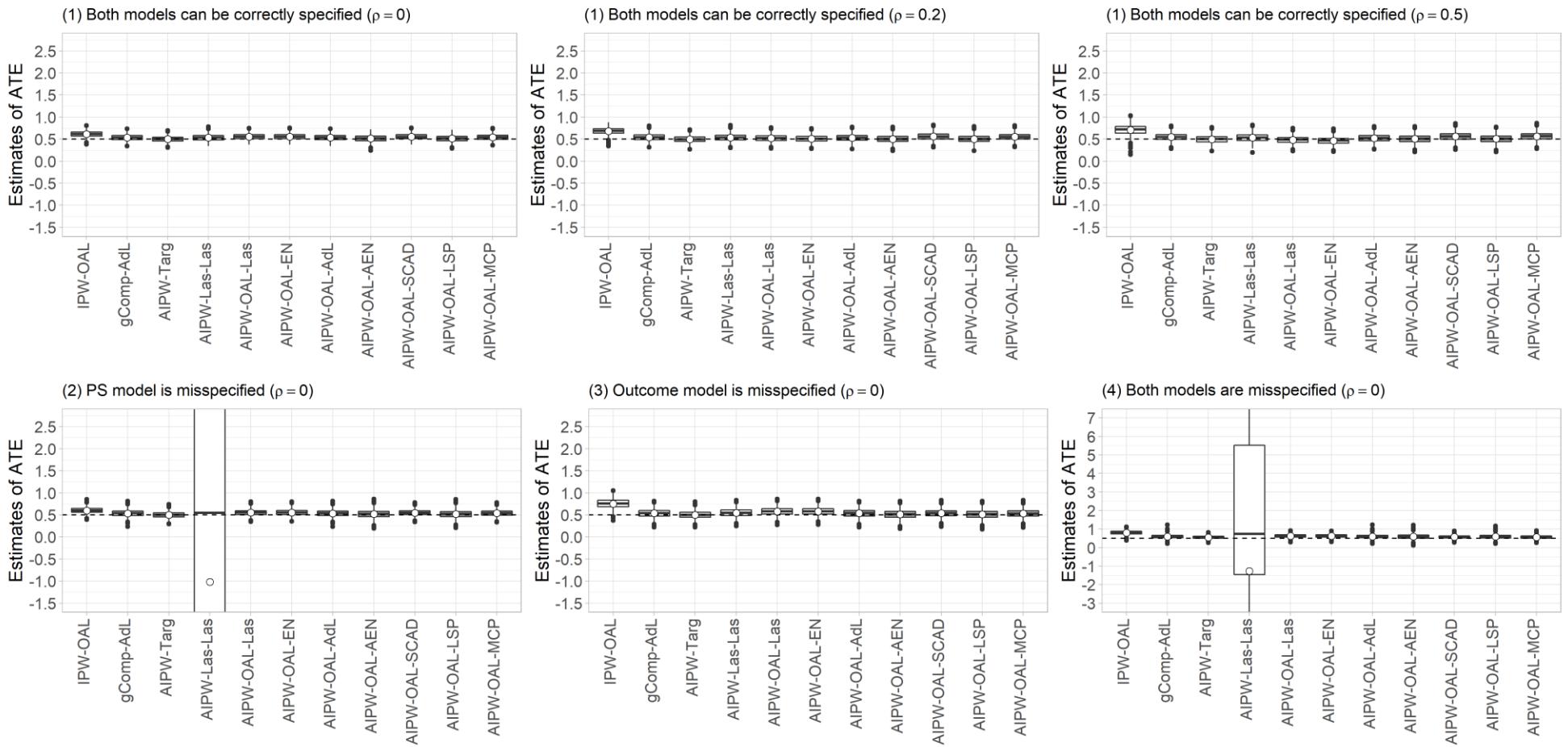


Figure A.11. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (1000, 400)$  under weak confounding. The vertical axis range is different only in the bottom-right plot (4).

Table A.11. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with continuous covariates and  $(n, p) = (1000, 400)$  under weak confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

	(1) $\rho = 0$			(1) $\rho = 0.2$			(1) $\rho = 0.5$			(2) $\rho = 0$			(3) $\rho = 0$			(4) $\rho = 0$		
	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.114	0.085	0.142	0.651	0.092	0.657	1.304	0.094	1.307	0.103	0.082	0.132	0.262	0.156	0.305	0.309	0.154	0.345
IPW-OAL	0.112	0.068	0.131	0.180	0.089	0.201	0.207	0.115	0.237	0.102	0.068	0.123	0.255	0.108	0.276	0.299	0.114	0.320
gComp-AdL	0.035	0.070	0.079	0.044	0.079	0.090	0.049	0.084	0.097	0.036	0.075	0.083	0.037	0.092	0.100	0.094	0.108	0.143
AIPW-Targ	0.002	0.065	0.065	-0.004	0.071	0.071	-0.002	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.066	0.066	0.002	0.087	0.087	0.052	0.092	0.106
AIPW-Las-Las	0.034	0.072	0.080	0.037	0.079	0.087	0.034	0.094	0.100	-1.519	96.111	96.123	0.048	0.095	0.107	-1.765	136.825	136.837
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.055	0.066	0.086	0.021	0.074	0.077	-0.017	0.084	0.085	0.052	0.067	0.085	0.078	0.089	0.118	0.125	0.096	0.157
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.055	0.066	0.086	0.007	0.074	0.074	-0.037	0.083	0.091	0.053	0.067	0.085	0.081	0.090	0.121	0.132	0.097	0.163
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.035	0.070	0.078	0.031	0.079	0.085	0.020	0.088	0.090	0.036	0.075	0.083	0.037	0.093	0.100	0.094	0.108	0.143
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.014	0.078	0.080	0.005	0.083	0.083	0.006	0.093	0.093	0.018	0.091	0.093	0.014	0.100	0.101	0.087	0.127	0.154
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	0.052	0.068	0.085	0.058	0.079	0.098	0.060	0.092	0.110	0.048	0.068	0.083	0.038	0.089	0.097	0.073	0.094	0.119
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.014	0.076	0.077	0.004	0.083	0.083	0.006	0.093	0.093	0.017	0.090	0.092	0.013	0.101	0.102	0.086	0.124	0.151
AIPW-OAL-MCP	0.044	0.067	0.080	0.052	0.078	0.094	0.062	0.093	0.112	0.039	0.068	0.078	0.032	0.089	0.095	0.068	0.094	0.116
AIPW-Farrell	0.007	0.150	0.151	0.034	0.196	0.199	0.009	0.229	0.230	-	-	-	0.005	0.181	0.181	-	-	-

$n = 1000, p = 400$  (weak confounding, binary covariates)

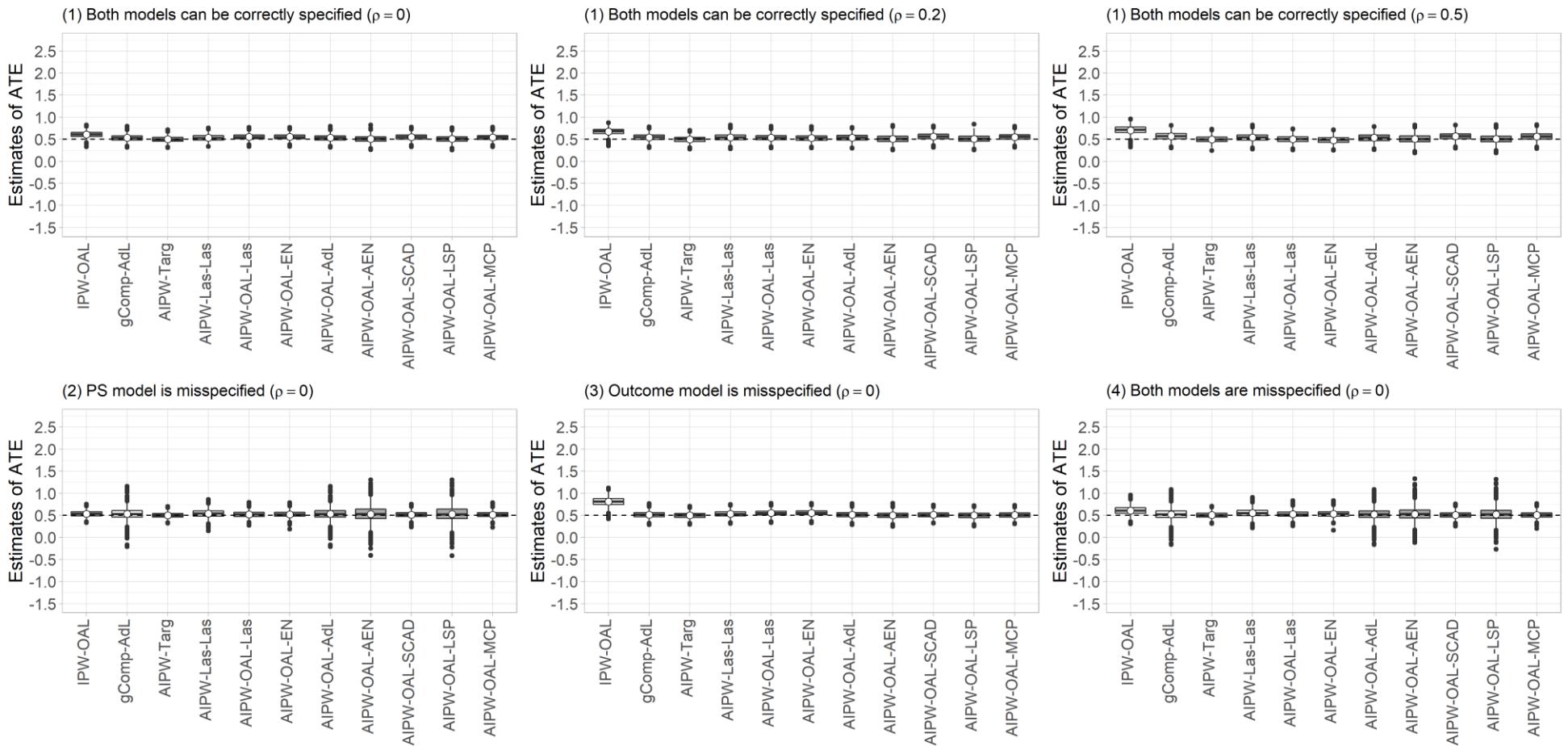


Figure A.12. Box plots of 1000 estimates for the average treatment effect (ATE) with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (1000, 400)$  under weak confounding.

Table A.12. Bias, standard error (SE), and root-mean-squared error (RMSE) for the ATE estimators with binary covariates and  $(n, p) = (1000, 400)$  under weak confounding. (1), (2), (3), and (4) represent the scenarios where both PS and outcome models can be correctly specified, PS model is misspecified, the outcome model is misspecified, and both PS and outcome models are misspecified, respectively. Values exceeding  $10^8$  or falling below  $-10^8$  are displayed with a hyphen.

	(1) $\rho = 0$			(1) $\rho = 0.2$			(1) $\rho = 0.5$			(2) $\rho = 0$			(3) $\rho = 0$			(4) $\rho = 0$		
	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE	Bias	SE	RMSE
naive	0.109	0.085	0.139	0.490	0.092	0.498	1.064	0.089	1.068	0.030	0.084	0.089	0.321	0.183	0.370	0.110	0.183	0.214
IPW-OAL	0.109	0.068	0.128	0.172	0.080	0.190	0.203	0.104	0.228	0.032	0.066	0.074	0.311	0.101	0.327	0.109	0.093	0.143
gComp-AdL	0.032	0.072	0.079	0.044	0.077	0.088	0.067	0.086	0.110	0.032	0.144	0.147	0.013	0.070	0.072	0.023	0.139	0.141
AIPW-Targ	-0.001	0.065	0.065	-0.003	0.068	0.068	-0.002	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.062	0.062	-0.001	0.065	0.065	0.004	0.062	0.062
AIPW-Las-Las	0.032	0.072	0.079	0.040	0.080	0.089	0.040	0.088	0.097	0.040	0.091	0.100	0.032	0.073	0.079	0.054	0.094	0.108
AIPW-OAL-Las	0.052	0.066	0.084	0.036	0.073	0.081	-0.001	0.080	0.080	0.020	0.068	0.071	0.052	0.067	0.085	0.027	0.071	0.076
AIPW-OAL-EN	0.053	0.066	0.085	0.025	0.072	0.077	-0.022	0.079	0.082	0.021	0.070	0.073	0.055	0.067	0.087	0.034	0.075	0.083
AIPW-OAL-AdL	0.032	0.072	0.079	0.035	0.078	0.085	0.034	0.089	0.095	0.032	0.144	0.147	0.013	0.070	0.072	0.023	0.139	0.141
AIPW-OAL-AEN	0.010	0.080	0.080	0.009	0.088	0.088	0.007	0.093	0.094	0.028	0.198	0.200	0.001	0.073	0.073	0.026	0.173	0.175
AIPW-OAL-SCAD	0.049	0.068	0.084	0.061	0.075	0.097	0.066	0.090	0.111	0.016	0.066	0.068	0.011	0.067	0.068	0.007	0.066	0.067
AIPW-OAL-LSP	0.010	0.079	0.079	0.009	0.085	0.086	0.005	0.091	0.092	0.025	0.199	0.200	0.000	0.074	0.074	0.022	0.178	0.180
AIPW-OAL-MCP	0.041	0.068	0.079	0.051	0.074	0.090	0.063	0.089	0.109	0.013	0.066	0.067	0.008	0.066	0.067	0.006	0.065	0.066
AIPW-Farrell	0.009	0.178	0.178	0.032	0.158	0.161	0.025	0.151	0.153	-	-	-	0.010	0.216	0.216	-	-	-

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