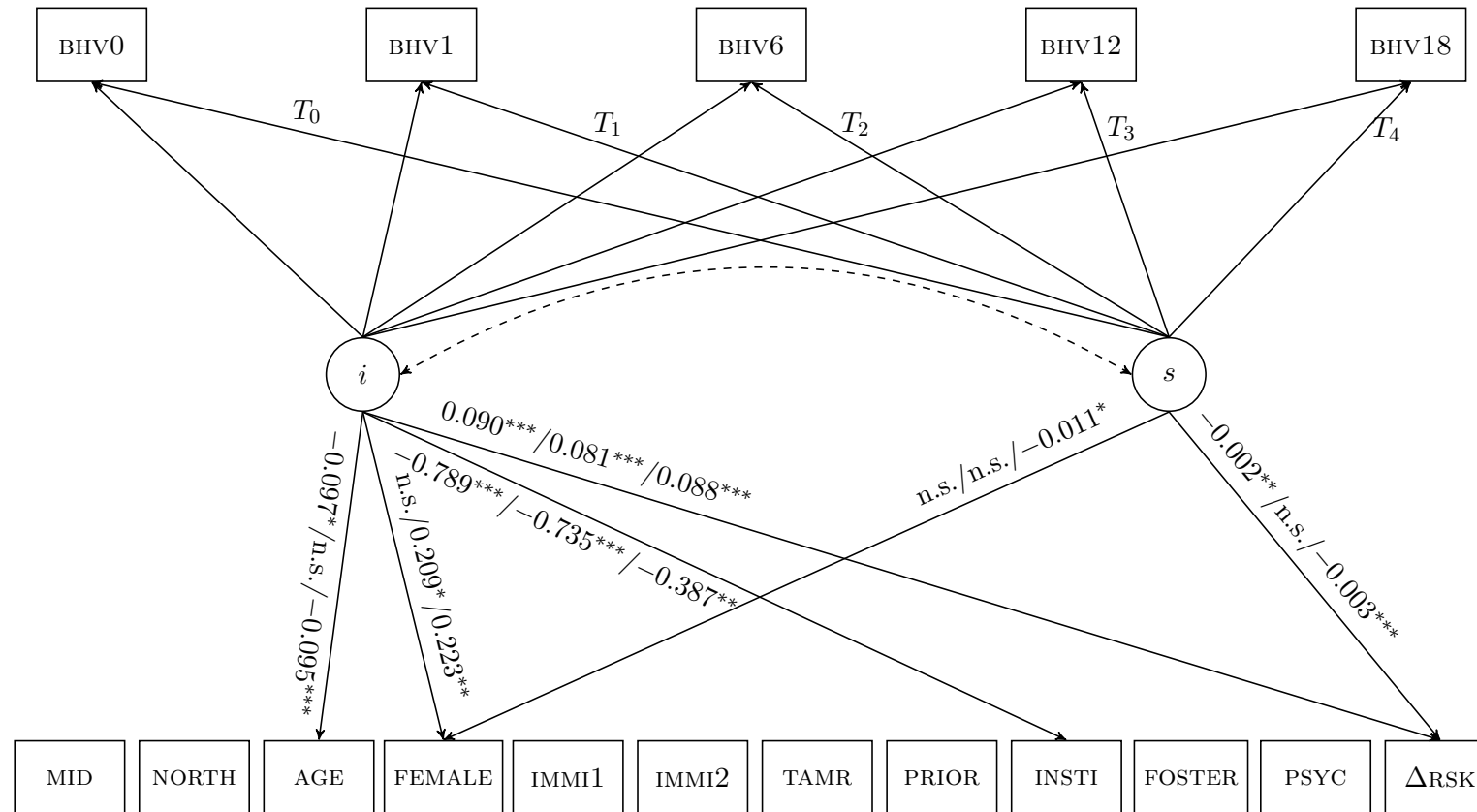


Figure 2

Latent Growth Curve Models for MST Effectiveness



Note. These latent growth curve models evaluate variables associated with MST effectiveness across the COVID-19 pandemic. The intercept (i) carries factor loadings of 1s (omitted) to all outcome variables while the slope (s) carries time stamps measured in months as factor loadings from T_0 to T_4 . Intervals between admission (T_0) and discharge (T_1) vary by clients. All subsequent time points are six months apart, representing 6-, 12-, and 18-months follow-up measures. The dashed arrow suggests no significant covariations between intercepts and slopes, hence growth curves do not fan in or out. Unstandardised coefficients are reported in the order BEFORE/DURING/AFTER COVID-19 lockdowns at MST admissions. Covariates receiving no arrows provide insufficient explanatory power for growth curves.

n.s. = not significant at $\alpha = .05$ level, * $p < .05$, ** $p < .01$, *** $p < .001$.