

# 1 Sensitivity analysis

To evaluate the sensitivity of our inference to prior specifications in the GPPs, we varied the number of knots ( $\tilde{K}$ ) and the covariance function smoothness parameter ( $v_d$ ). While the manuscript uses  $\tilde{K} = 100$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ , we examined all combinations of  $\tilde{K} \in \{30, 50\}$  and  $v_d \in \{0.5, 1.5, 2.0\}$ , finding stable effect estimates, indicating robustness. These results confirm that our conclusions remain reliable under different priors, supported by trace plots and convergence diagnostics.

$\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ :

1. Inclusion probabilities for eight covariates (Table 1)
2. Posterior estimates of assay accuracy probabilities (Table 2)
3. Effect estimates (Figures 1-3).

$\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ :

1. Inclusion probabilities for eight covariates (Table 3)
2. Posterior estimates of assay accuracy probabilities (Table 4)
3. Effect estimates (Figures 4-6).

$\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ :

1. Inclusion probabilities for eight covariates (Table 5)
2. Posterior estimates of assay accuracy probabilities (Table 6)
3. Effect estimates (Figures 7-9).

$\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ :

1. Inclusion probabilities for eight covariates (Table 7)
2. Posterior estimates of assay accuracy probabilities (Table 8)
3. Effect estimates (Figures 10-12).

$\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ :

1. Inclusion probabilities for eight covariates (Table 9)
2. Posterior estimates of assay accuracy probabilities (Table 10)
3. Effect estimates (Figures 13-15).

$\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ :

1. Inclusion probabilities for eight covariates (Table 11)
2. Posterior estimates of assay accuracy probabilities (Table 12)
3. Effect estimates (Figures 16-18).

Table 1: Sensitivity analysis. Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Posterior mean and 95% highest posterior density (95% HPD) credible intervals are shown.

Parameter	Description	Mean	95% HPD interval
$S_{e(1)}$	Swab individual	0.998	(0.996, 1.000)
$S_{e(2)}$	Urine individual	0.885	(0.692, 0.999)
$S_{e(3)}$	Swab pool	0.920	(0.772, 1.000)
$S_{p(1)}$	Swab individual	0.978	(0.963, 0.993)
$S_{p(2)}$	Urine individual	0.991	(0.978, 1.000)
$S_{p(3)}$	Swab pool	0.999	(0.998, 1.000)

Table 2: Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Inclusion probabilities (IP) for eight covariates. Inclusion probabilities for fixed effects (IPF) and age-varying effects (IPV) are also shown. Note that  $IP = IPF + IPV$ .

Covariate	Description	IP	IPF	IPV
$x_1$	Race	0.991	0.493	0.498
$x_4$	Contact with STD	1.000	0.939	0.061
$x_2$	New partner	0.991	0.815	0.176
$x_6$	Cervical friability	0.789	0.699	0.090
$x_3$	Multiple partners	0.678	0.656	0.022
$x_5$	Symptoms	0.120	0.085	0.035
$x_8$	PID	0.060	0.036	0.023
$x_7$	Cervicitis	0.030	0.024	0.006

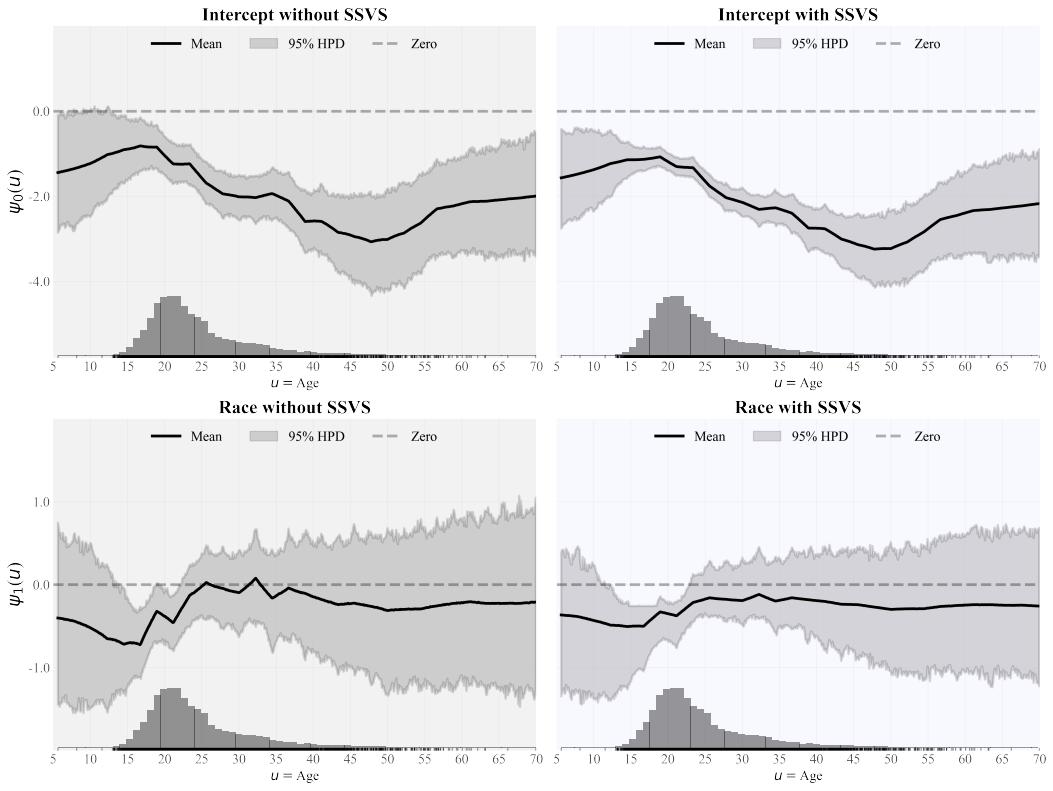


Figure 1: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Top: Age effect estimate without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Bottom: Race effect estimate. Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

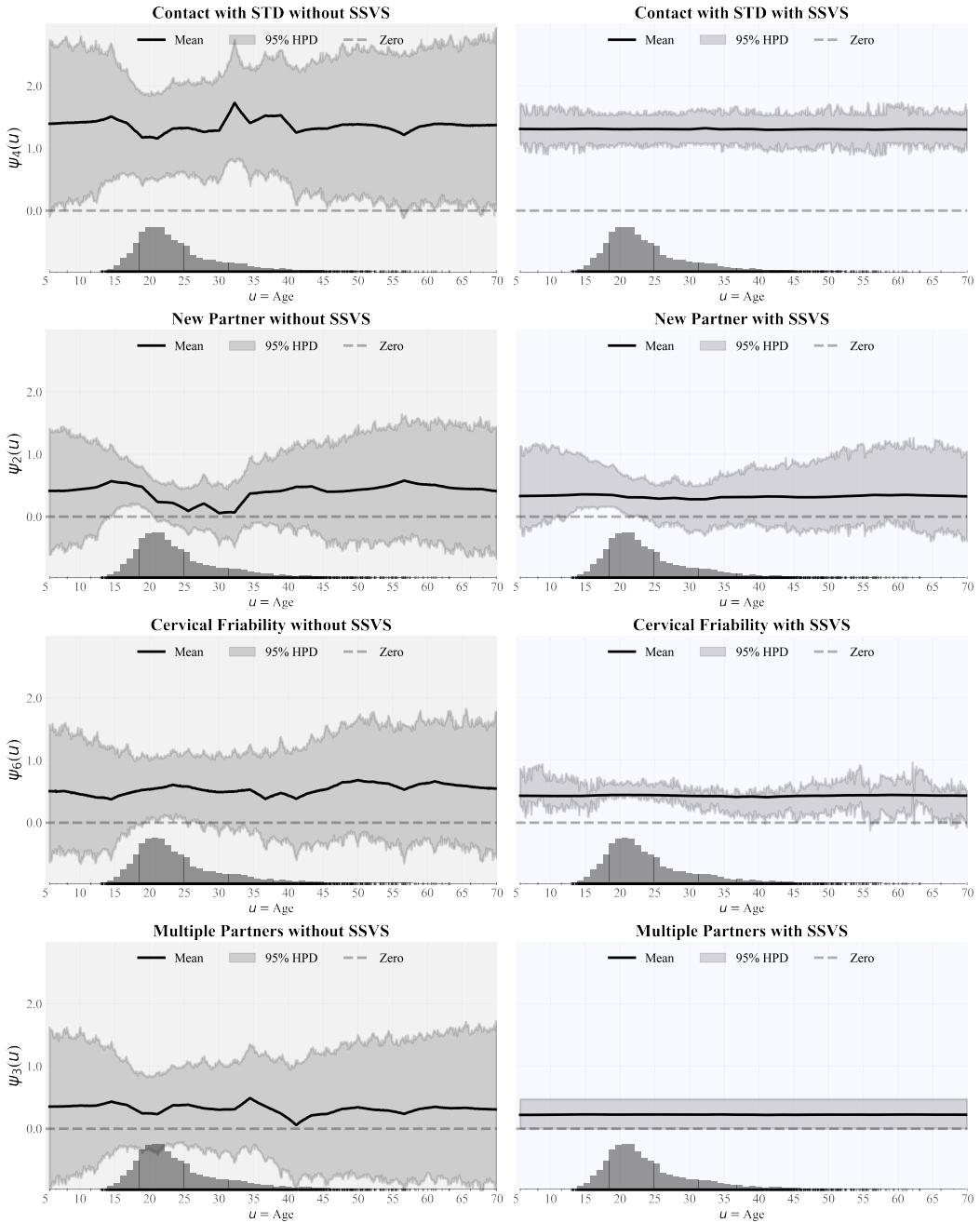


Figure 2: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Effect estimates for contact with STD (Row 1), new partner (Row 2), cervical friability (Row 3), and multiple partners (Row 4) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

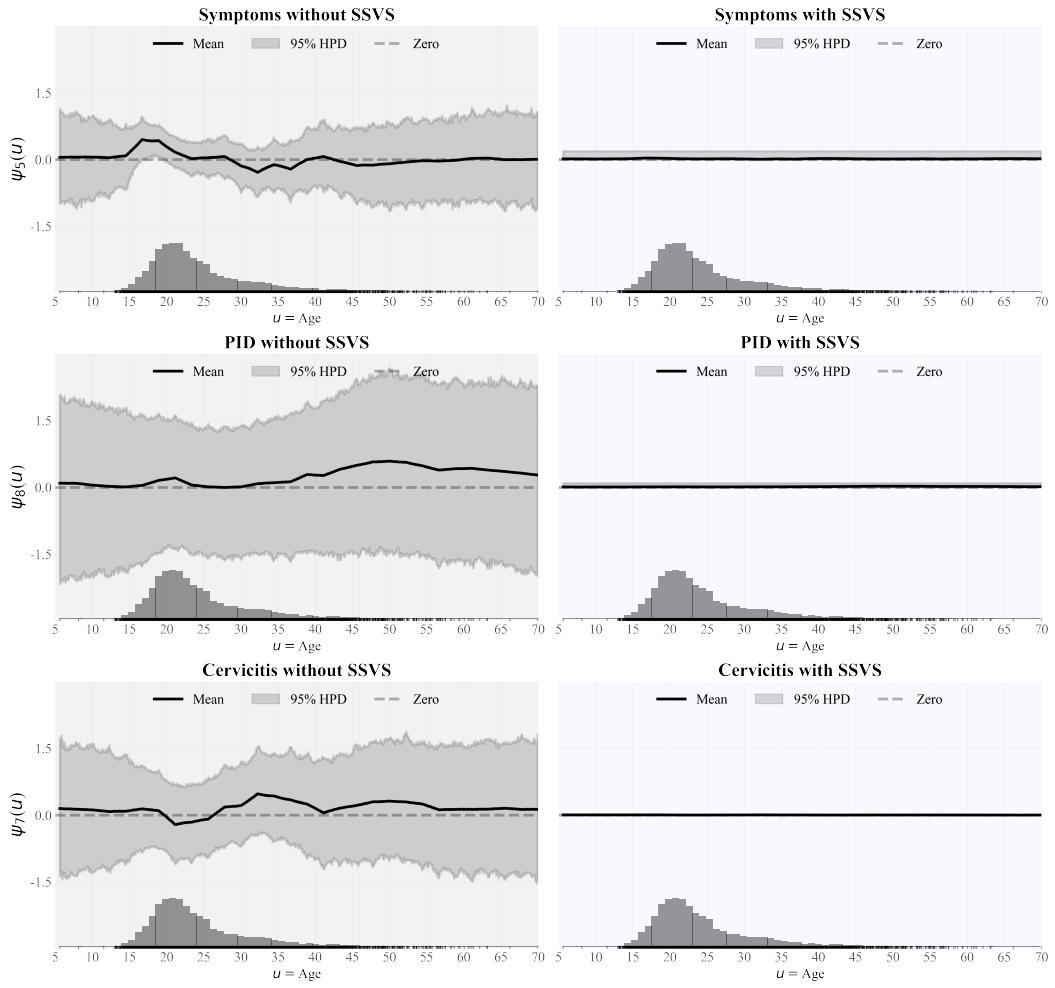


Figure 3: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Effect estimates for symptoms (Row 1), PID (Row 2), and cervicitis (Row 3) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

Table 3: Sensitivity analysis. Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Posterior mean and 95% highest posterior density (95% HPD) credible intervals are shown.

Parameter	Description	Mean	95% HPD interval
$S_{e(1)}$	Swab individual	0.999	(0.996, 1.000)
$S_{e(2)}$	Urine individual	0.887	(0.712, 0.999)
$S_{e(3)}$	Swab pool	0.917	(0.790, 0.999)
$S_{p(1)}$	Swab individual	0.978	(0.964, 0.991)
$S_{p(2)}$	Urine individual	0.992	(0.980, 0.999)
$S_{p(3)}$	Swab pool	0.999	(0.998, 1.000)

Table 4: Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Inclusion probabilities (IP) for eight covariates. Inclusion probabilities for fixed effects (IPF) and age-varying effects (IPV) are also shown. Note that  $IP = IPF + IPV$ .

Covariate	Description	IP	IPF	IPV
$x_1$	Race	0.990	0.512	0.478
$x_4$	Contact with STD	1.000	0.951	0.049
$x_2$	New partner	0.994	0.931	0.063
$x_6$	Cervical friability	0.809	0.733	0.076
$x_3$	Multiple partners	0.685	0.665	0.020
$x_5$	Symptoms	0.181	0.065	0.116
$x_8$	PID	0.068	0.052	0.016
$x_7$	Cervicitis	0.016	0.010	0.006

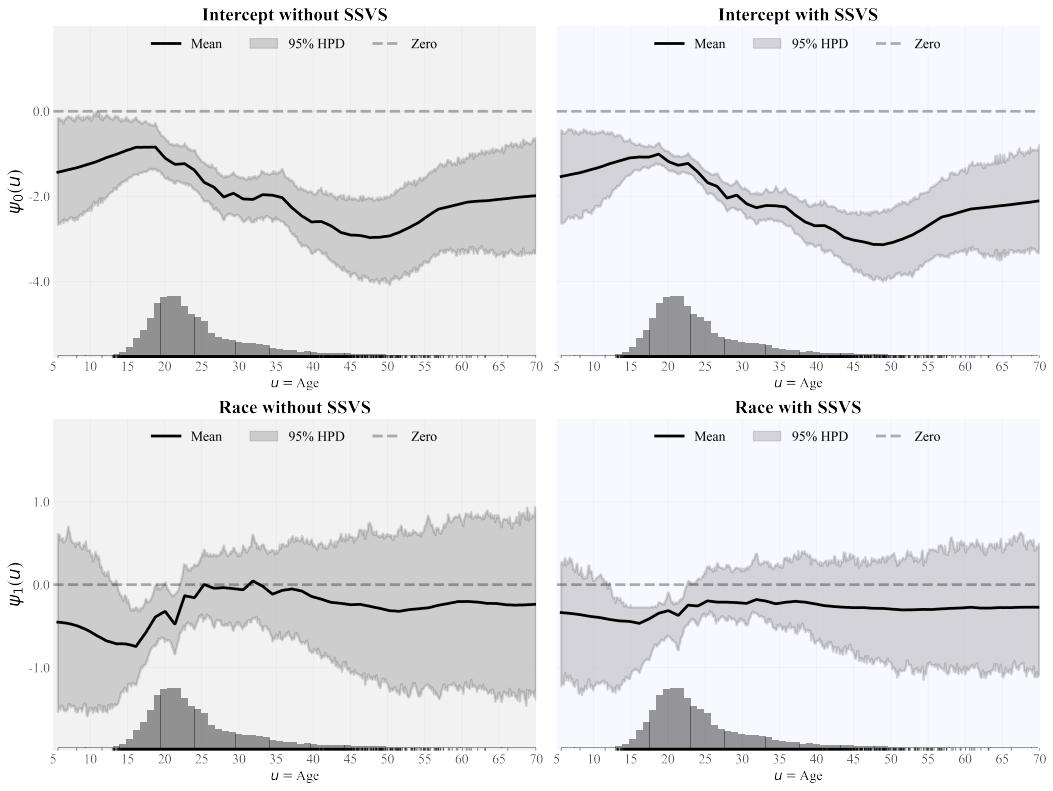


Figure 4: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Top: Age effect estimate without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Bottom: Race effect estimate. Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

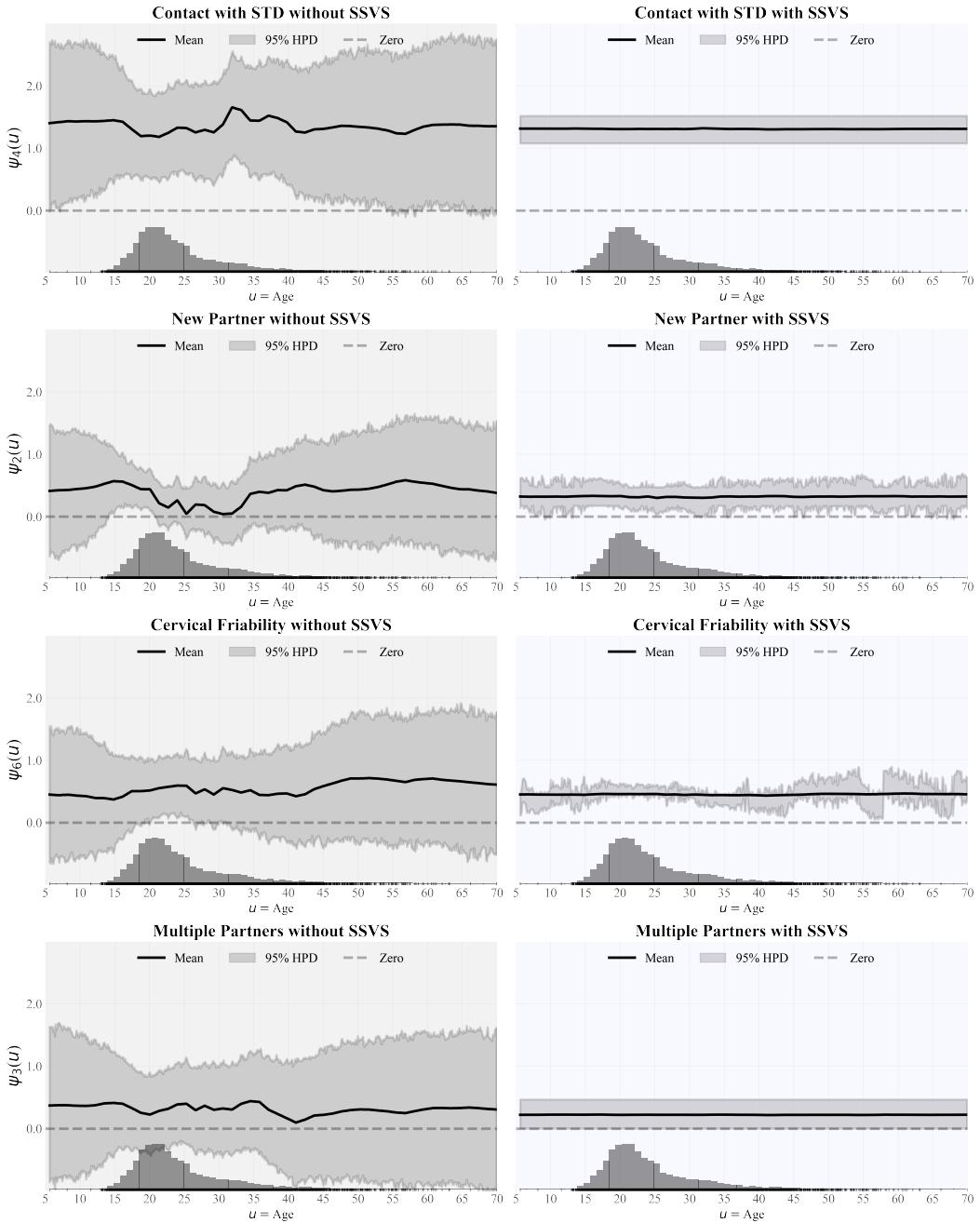


Figure 5: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Effect estimates for contact with STD (Row 1), new partner (Row 2), cervical friability (Row 3), and multiple partners (Row 4) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

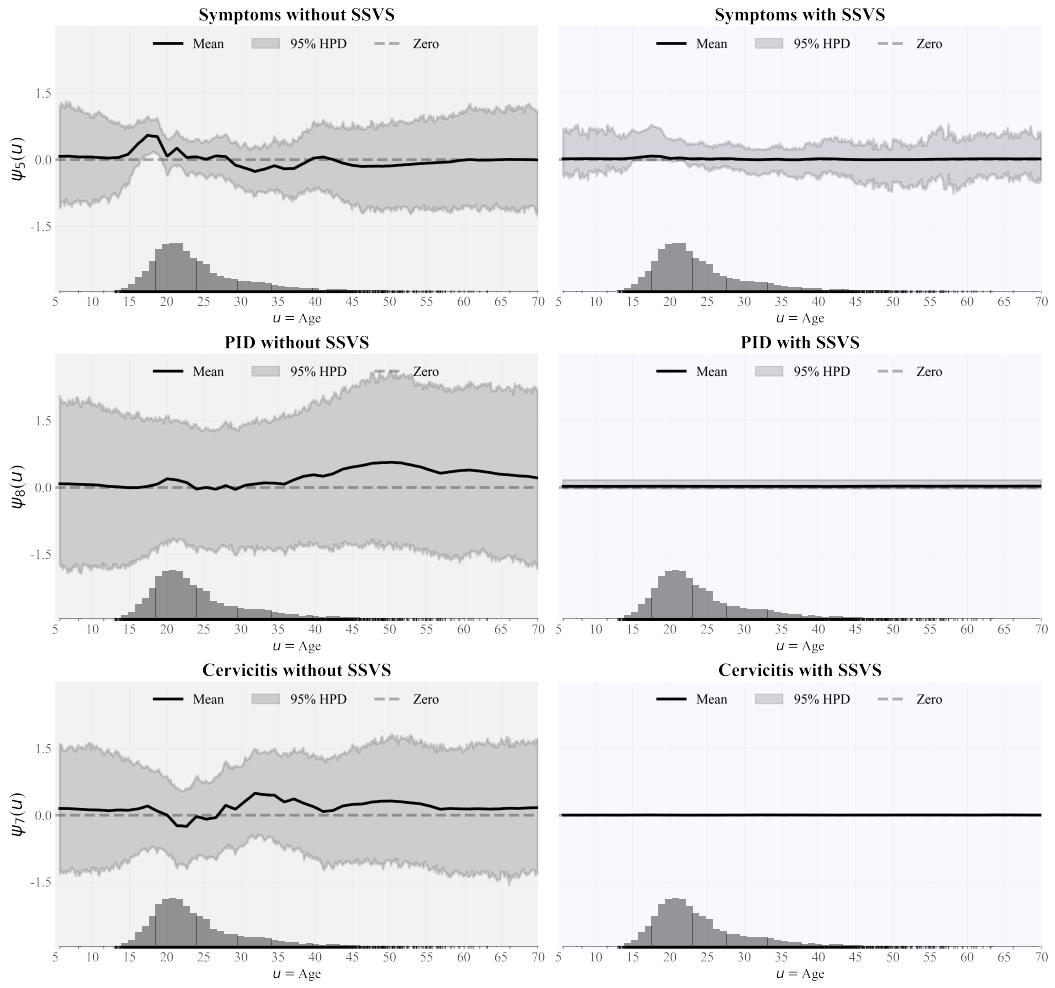


Figure 6: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 0.5$ . Effect estimates for symptoms (Row 1), PID (Row 2), and cervicitis (Row 3) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

Table 5: Sensitivity analysis. Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Posterior mean and 95% highest posterior density (95% HPD) credible intervals are shown.

Parameter	Description	Mean	95% HPD interval
$S_{e(1)}$	Swab individual	0.998	(0.996, 1.000)
$S_{e(2)}$	Urine individual	0.903	(0.718, 0.999)
$S_{e(3)}$	Swab pool	0.932	(0.792, 0.999)
$S_{p(1)}$	Swab individual	0.977	(0.964, 0.992)
$S_{p(2)}$	Urine individual	0.992	(0.980, 0.999)
$S_{p(3)}$	Swab pool	0.999	(0.998, 1.000)

Table 6: Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Inclusion probabilities (IP) for eight covariates. Inclusion probabilities for fixed effects (IPF) and age-varying effects (IPV) are also shown. Note that  $IP = IPF + IPV$ .

Covariate	Description	IP	IPF	IPV
$x_1$	Race	0.990	0.492	0.498
$x_4$	Contact with STD	1.000	0.930	0.070
$x_2$	New partner	0.992	0.758	0.234
$x_6$	Cervical friability	0.849	0.691	0.158
$x_3$	Multiple partners	0.673	0.564	0.110
$x_5$	Symptoms	0.086	0.070	0.016
$x_8$	PID	0.060	0.042	0.018
$x_7$	Cervicitis	0.027	0.016	0.011

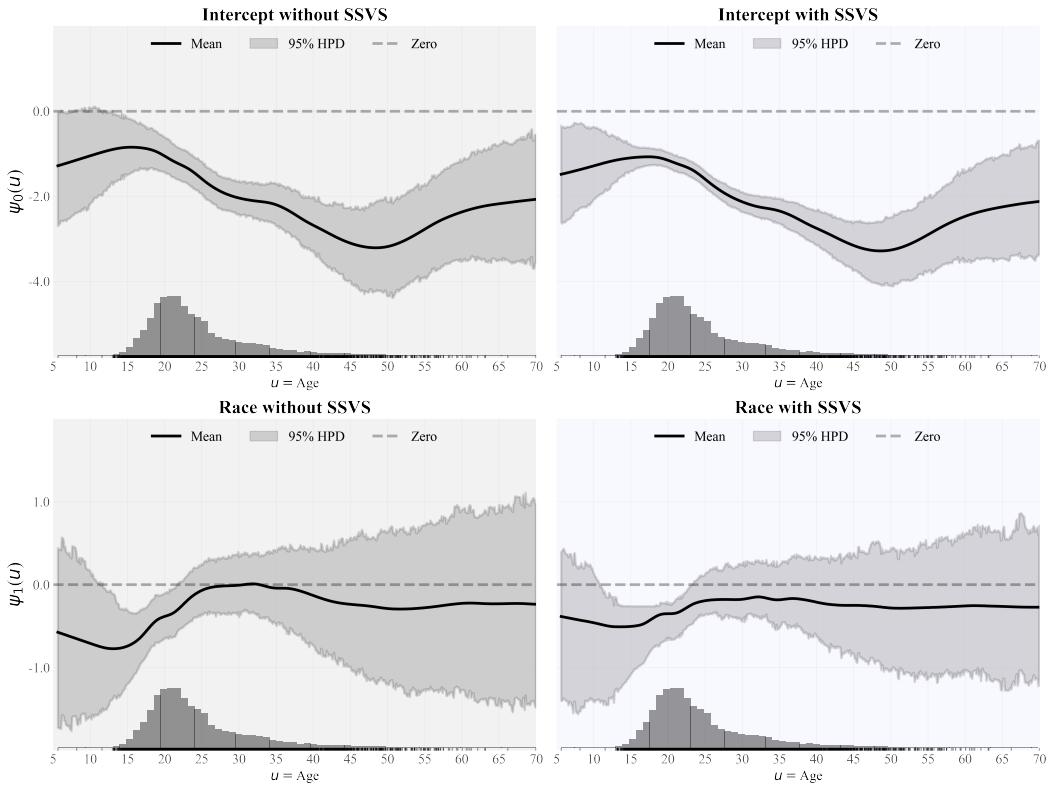


Figure 7: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Top: Age effect estimate without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Bottom: Race effect estimate. Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

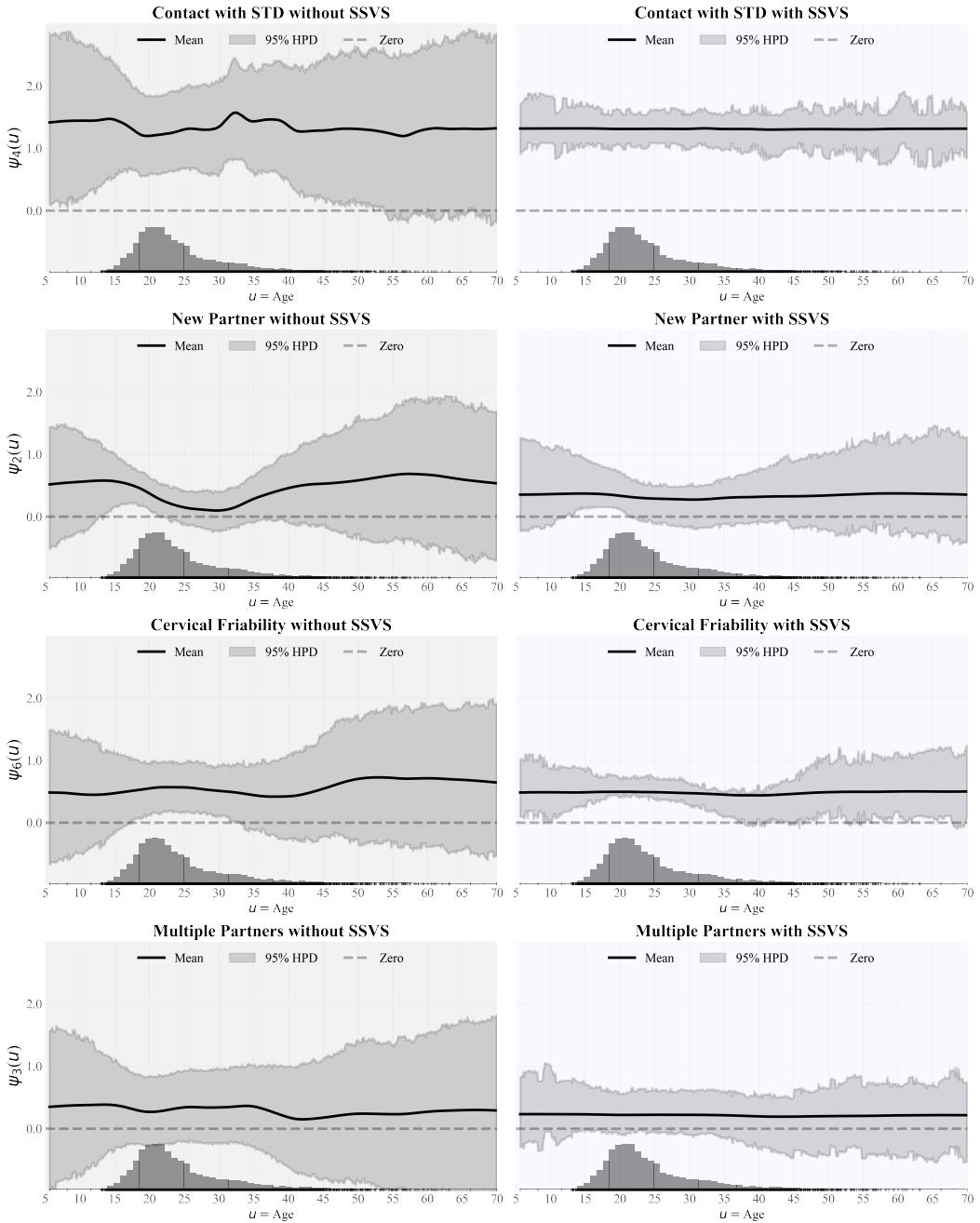


Figure 8: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Effect estimates for contact with STD (Row 1), new partner (Row 2), cervical friability (Row 3), and multiple partners (Row 4) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

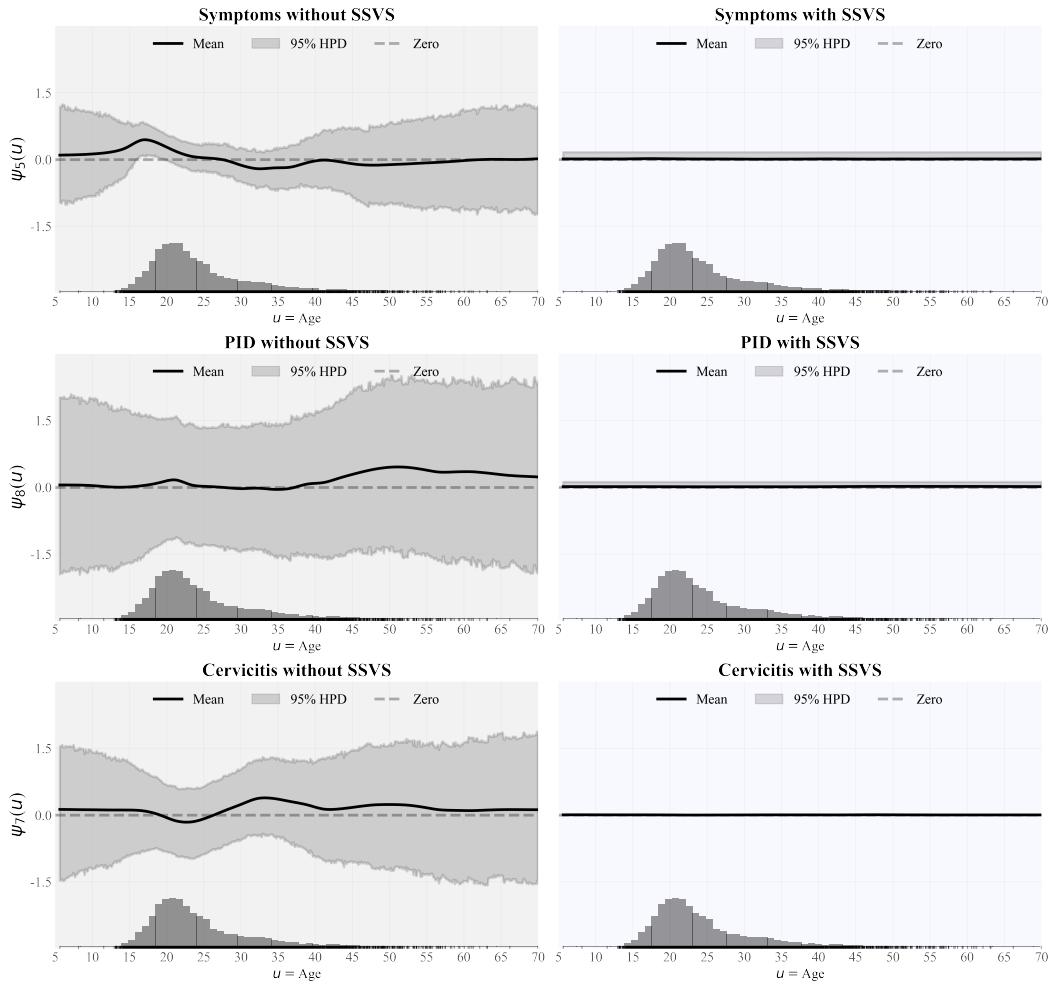


Figure 9: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Effect estimates for symptoms (Row 1), PID (Row 2), and cervicitis (Row 3) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

Table 7: Sensitivity analysis. Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Posterior mean and 95% highest posterior density (95% HPD) credible intervals are shown.

Parameter	Description	Mean	95% HPD interval
$S_{e(1)}$	Swab individual	0.998	(0.996, 1.000)
$S_{e(2)}$	Urine individual	0.895	(0.735, 0.999)
$S_{e(3)}$	Swab pool	0.924	(0.799, 0.999)
$S_{p(1)}$	Swab individual	0.978	(0.964, 0.992)
$S_{p(2)}$	Urine individual	0.992	(0.980, 0.999)
$S_{p(3)}$	Swab pool	0.999	(0.998, 1.000)

Table 8: Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Inclusion probabilities (IP) for eight covariates. Inclusion probabilities for fixed effects (IPF) and age-varying effects (IPV) are also shown. Note that  $IP = IPF + IPV$ .

Covariate	Description	IP	IPF	IPV
$x_1$	Race	0.983	0.554	0.428
$x_4$	Contact with STD	1.000	0.938	0.062
$x_2$	New partner	0.995	0.844	0.150
$x_6$	Cervical friability	0.884	0.711	0.173
$x_3$	Multiple partners	0.699	0.640	0.059
$x_5$	Symptoms	0.160	0.064	0.096
$x_7$	Cervicitis	0.028	0.019	0.009
$x_8$	PID	0.024	0.020	0.004

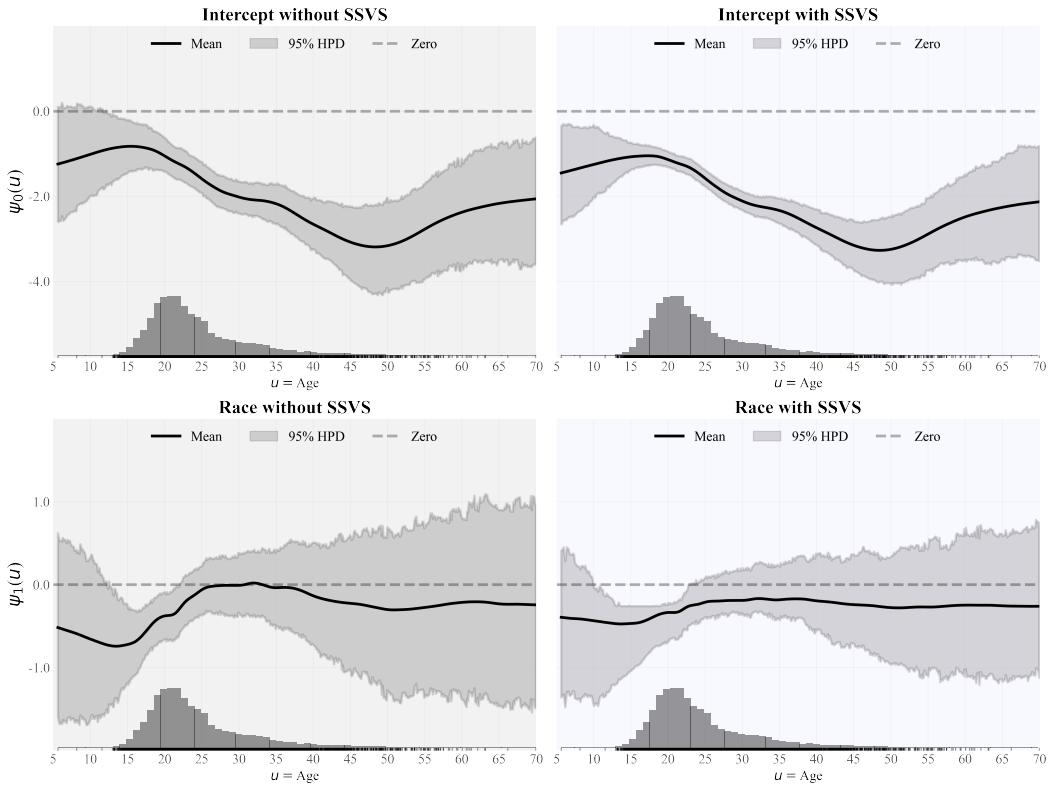


Figure 10: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Top: Age effect estimate without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Bottom: Race effect estimate. Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

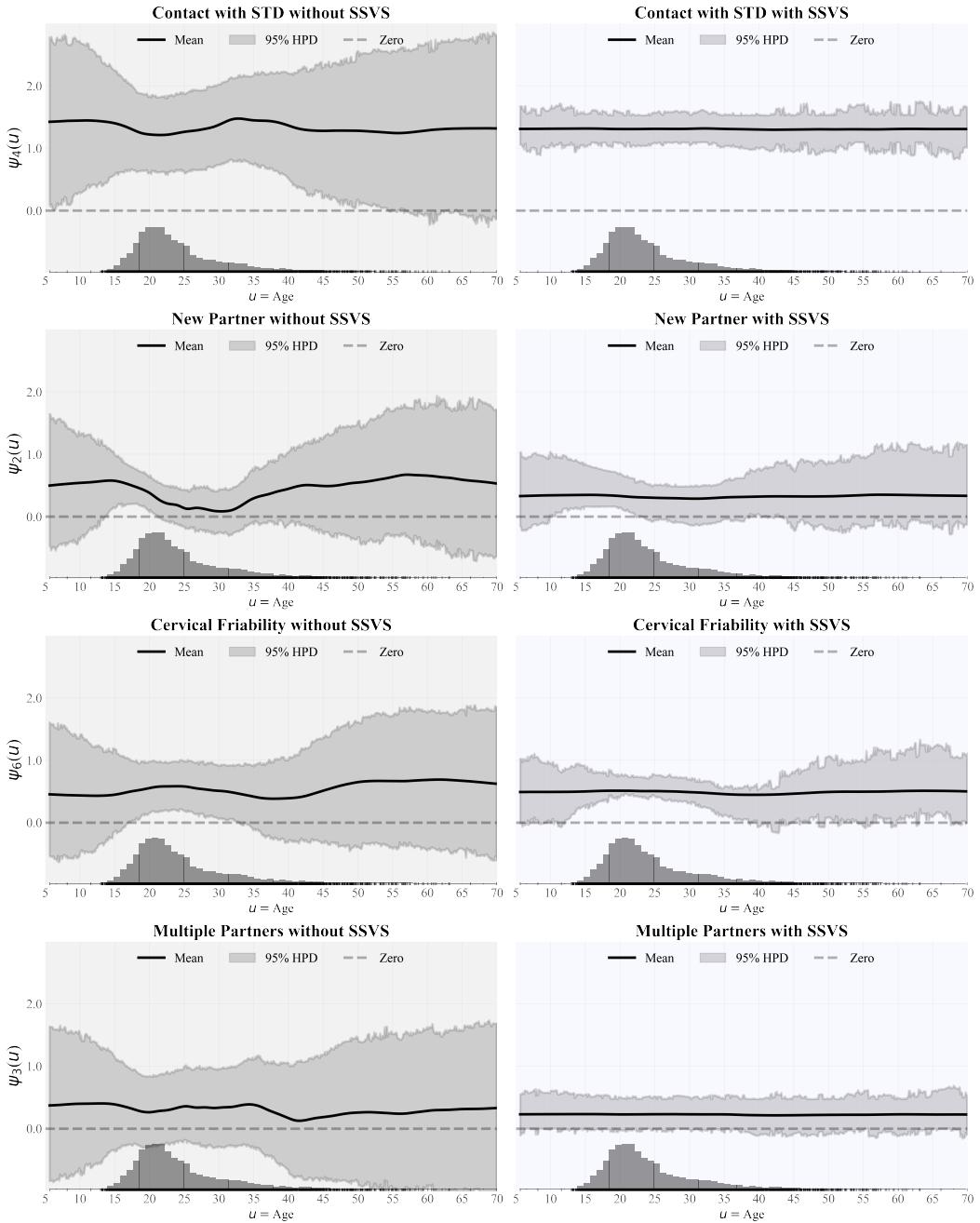


Figure 11: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Effect estimates for contact with STD (Row 1), new partner (Row 2), cervical friability (Row 3), and multiple partners (Row 4) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

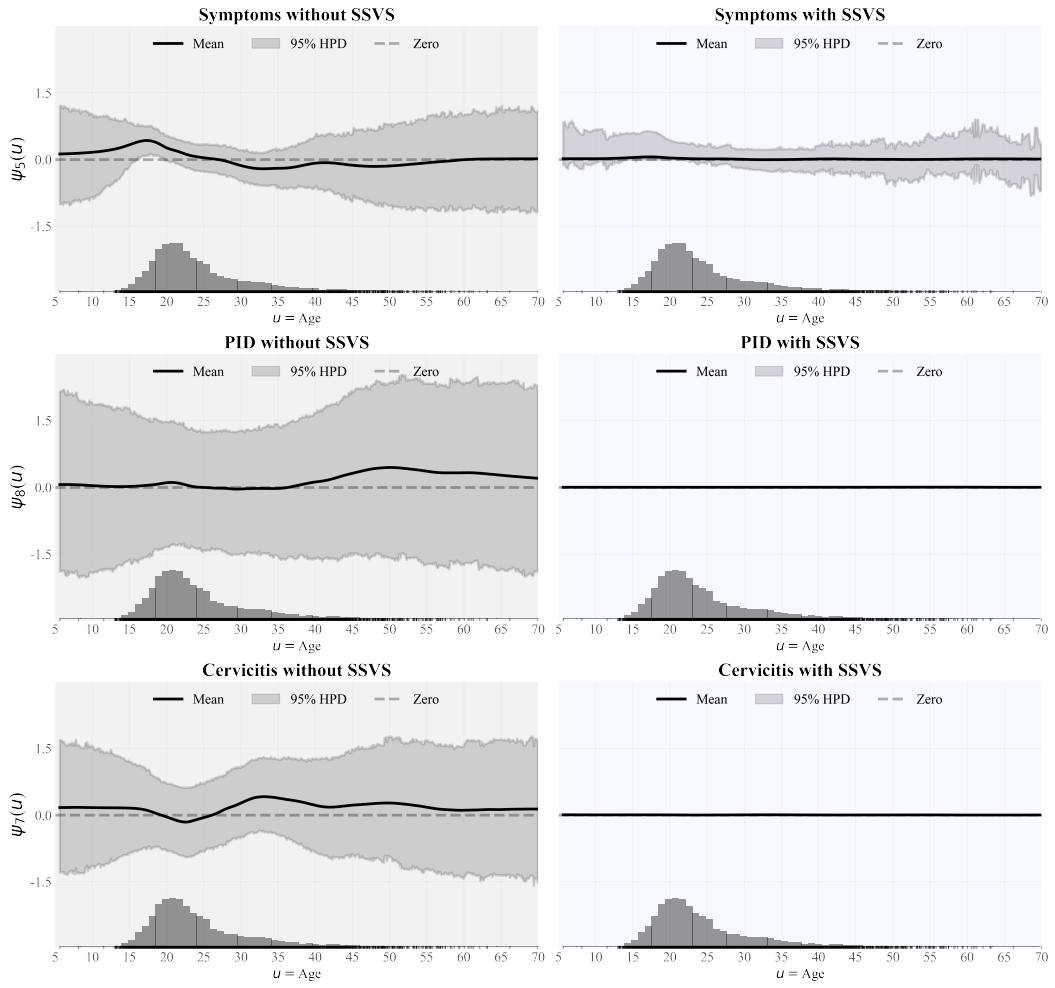


Figure 12: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 1.5$ . Effect estimates for symptoms (Row 1), PID (Row 2), and cervicitis (Row 3) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

Table 9: Sensitivity analysis. Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Posterior mean and 95% highest posterior density (95% HPD) credible intervals are shown.

Parameter	Description	Mean	95% HPD interval
$S_{e(1)}$	Swab individual	0.999	(0.996, 1.000)
$S_{e(2)}$	Urine individual	0.913	(0.744, 0.999)
$S_{e(3)}$	Swab pool	0.929	(0.809, 0.999)
$S_{p(1)}$	Swab individual	0.977	(0.964, 0.992)
$S_{p(2)}$	Urine individual	0.993	(0.982, 0.999)
$S_{p(3)}$	Swab pool	0.999	(0.998, 1.000)

Table 10: Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Inclusion probabilities (IP) for eight covariates. Inclusion probabilities for fixed effects (IPF) and age-varying effects (IPV) are also shown. Note that  $IP = IPF + IPV$ .

Covariate	Description	IP	IPF	IPV
$x_1$	Race	0.994	0.368	0.625
$x_4$	Contact with STD	1.000	0.971	0.029
$x_2$	New partner	0.992	0.756	0.236
$x_6$	Cervical friability	0.846	0.639	0.206
$x_3$	Multiple partners	0.731	0.674	0.056
$x_5$	Symptoms	0.160	0.068	0.092
$x_8$	PID	0.086	0.058	0.028
$x_7$	Cervicitis	0.018	0.010	0.007

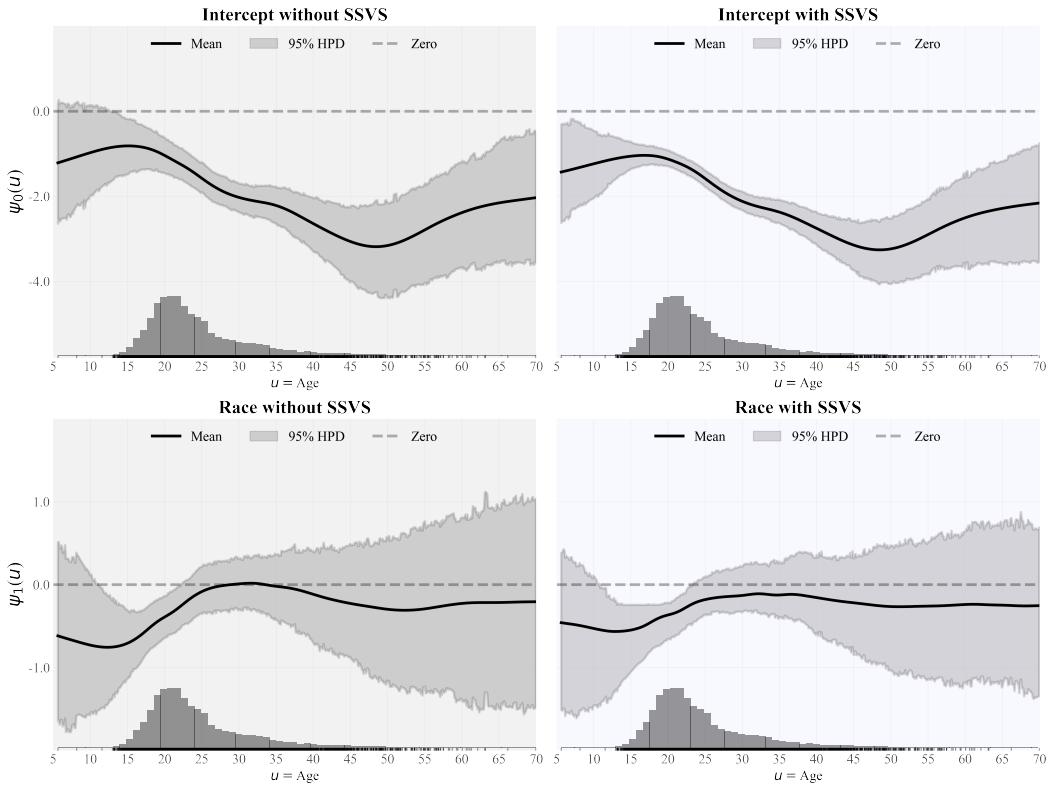


Figure 13: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Top: Age effect estimate without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Bottom: Race effect estimate. Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

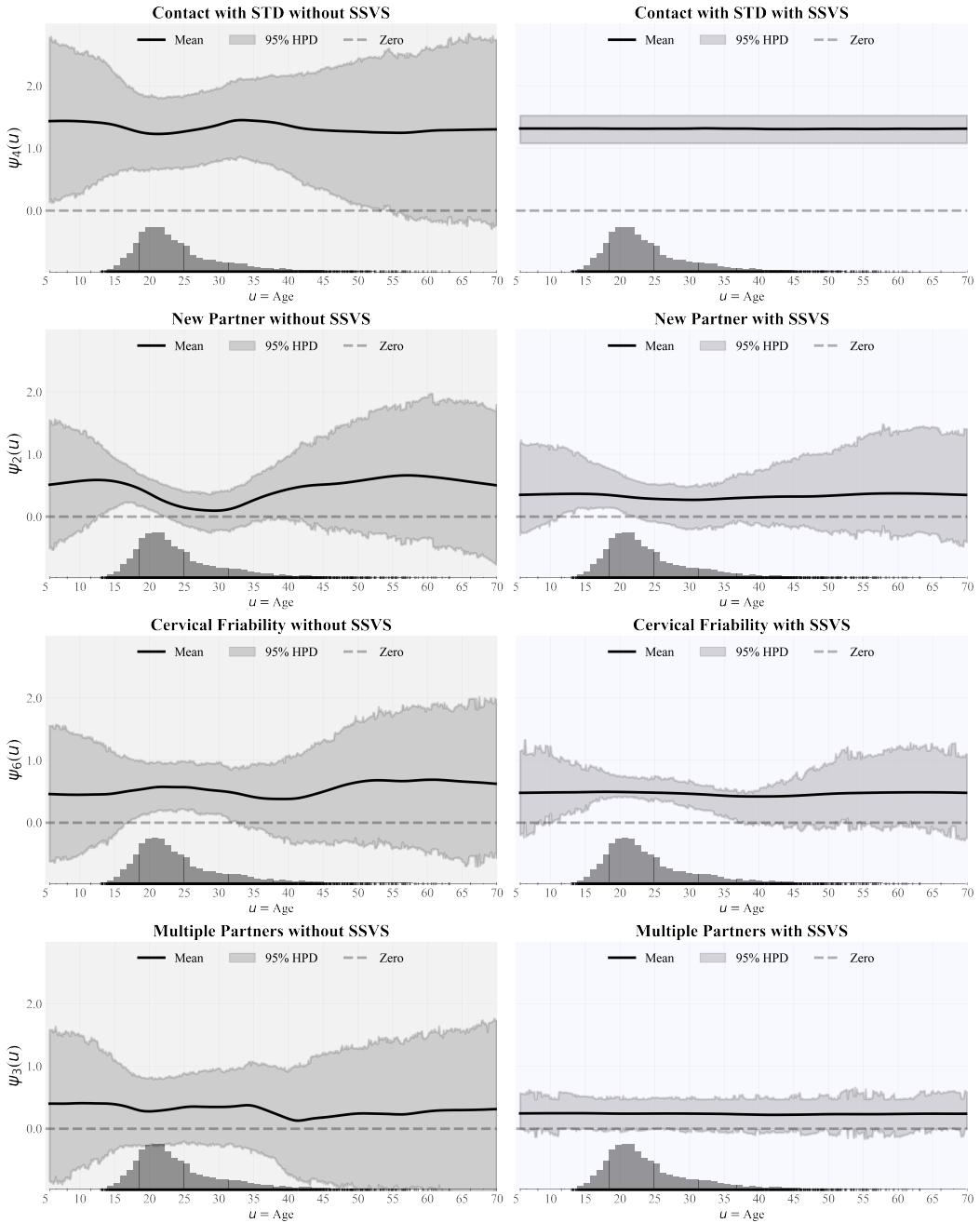


Figure 14: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Effect estimates for contact with STD (Row 1), new partner (Row 2), cervical friability (Row 3), and multiple partners (Row 4) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

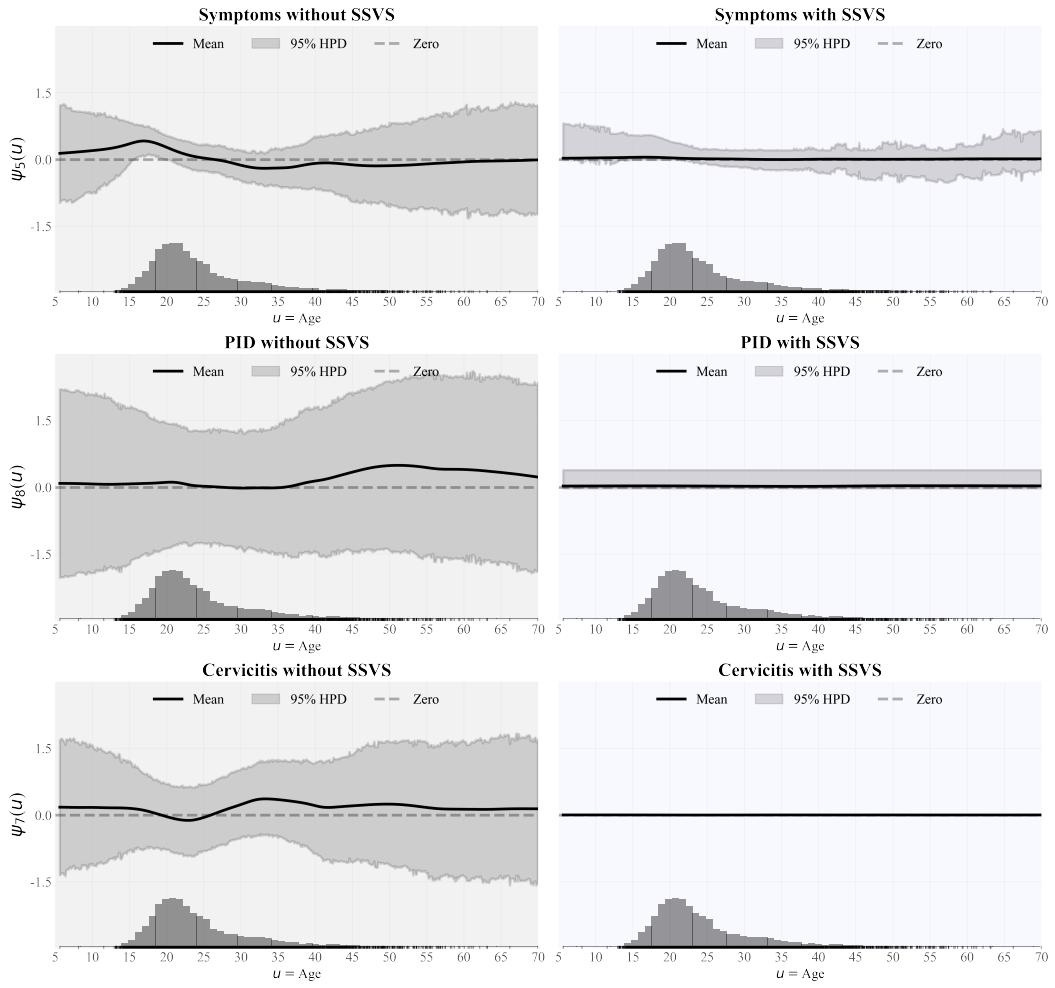


Figure 15: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 30$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Effect estimates for symptoms (Row 1), PID (Row 2), and cervicitis (Row 3) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

Table 11: Sensitivity analysis. Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Posterior mean and 95% highest posterior density (95% HPD) credible intervals are shown.

Parameter	Description	Mean	95% HPD interval
$S_{e(1)}$	Swab individual	0.998	(0.996, 1.000)
$S_{e(2)}$	Urine individual	0.879	(0.709, 0.999)
$S_{e(3)}$	Swab pool	0.911	(0.769, 0.999)
$S_{p(1)}$	Swab individual	0.979	(0.964, 0.992)
$S_{p(2)}$	Urine individual	0.992	(0.979, 0.999)
$S_{p(3)}$	Swab pool	0.999	(0.998, 1.000)

Table 12: Iowa chlamydia data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Inclusion probabilities (IP) for eight covariates. Inclusion probabilities for fixed effects (IPF) and age-varying effects (IPV) are also shown. Note that  $IP = IPF + IPV$ .

Covariate	Description	IP	IPF	IPV
$x_1$	Race	0.992	0.339	0.653
$x_4$	Contact with STD	1.000	0.870	0.130
$x_2$	New partner	0.995	0.778	0.216
$x_6$	Cervical friability	0.866	0.807	0.058
$x_3$	Multiple partners	0.670	0.582	0.089
$x_5$	Symptoms	0.161	0.069	0.092
$x_8$	PID	0.054	0.047	0.007
$x_7$	Cervicitis	0.021	0.020	0.001

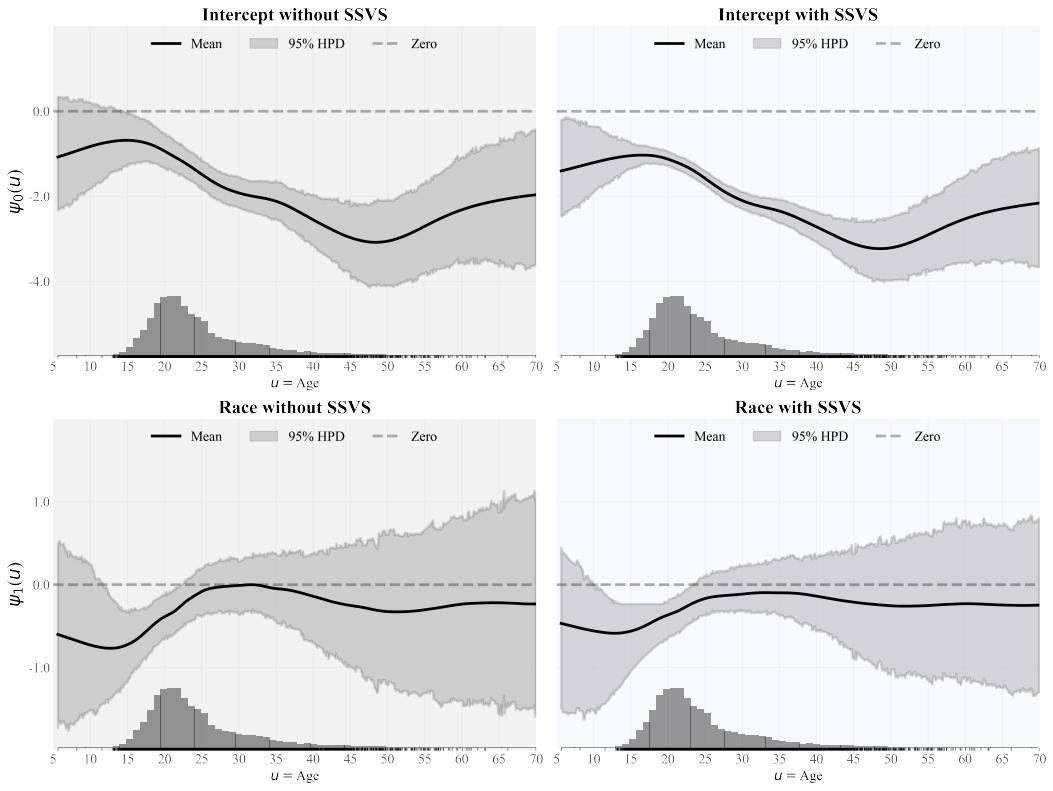


Figure 16: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Top: Age effect estimate without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Bottom: Race effect estimate. Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

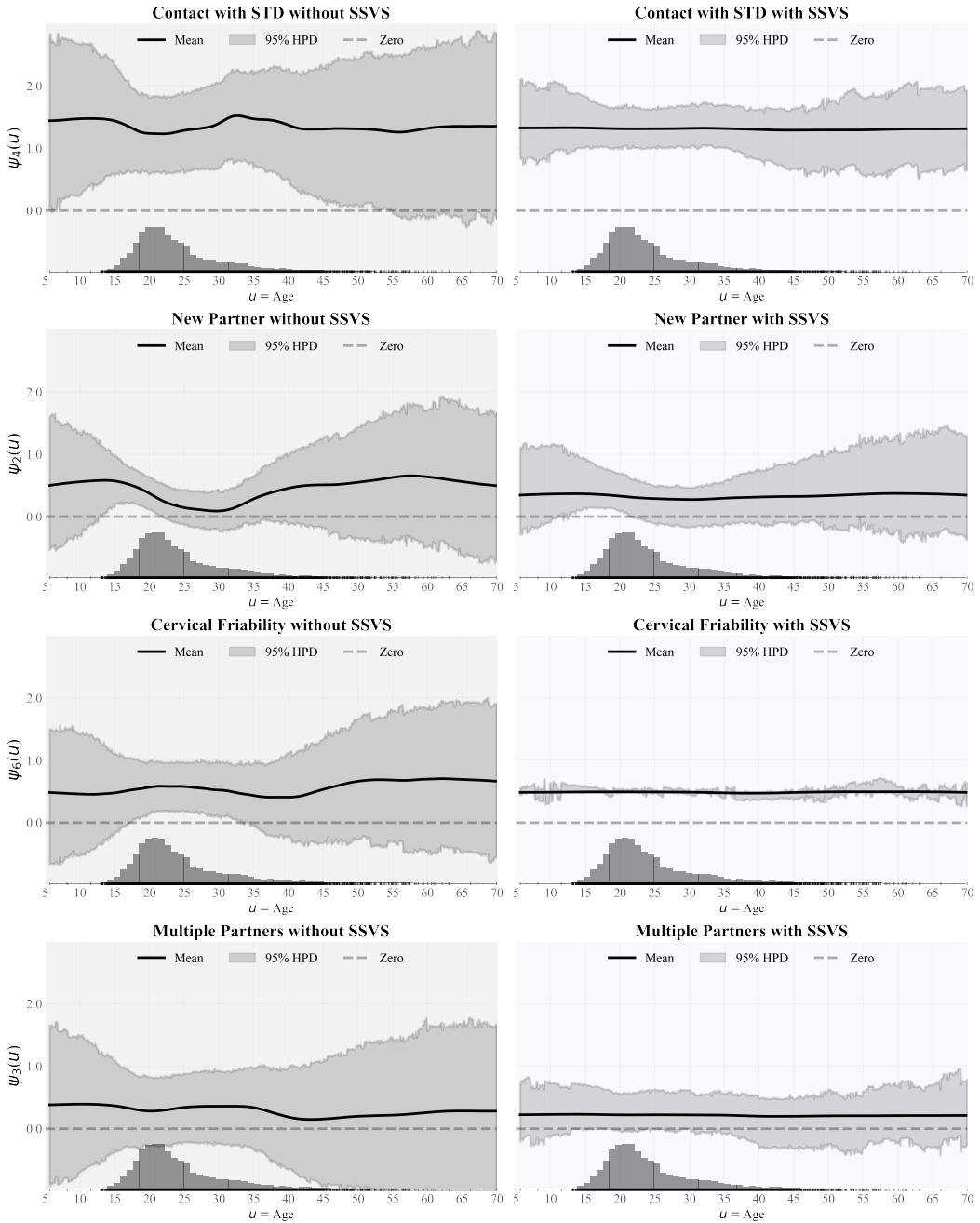


Figure 17: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Effect estimates for contact with STD (Row 1), new partner (Row 2), cervical friability (Row 3), and multiple partners (Row 4) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.

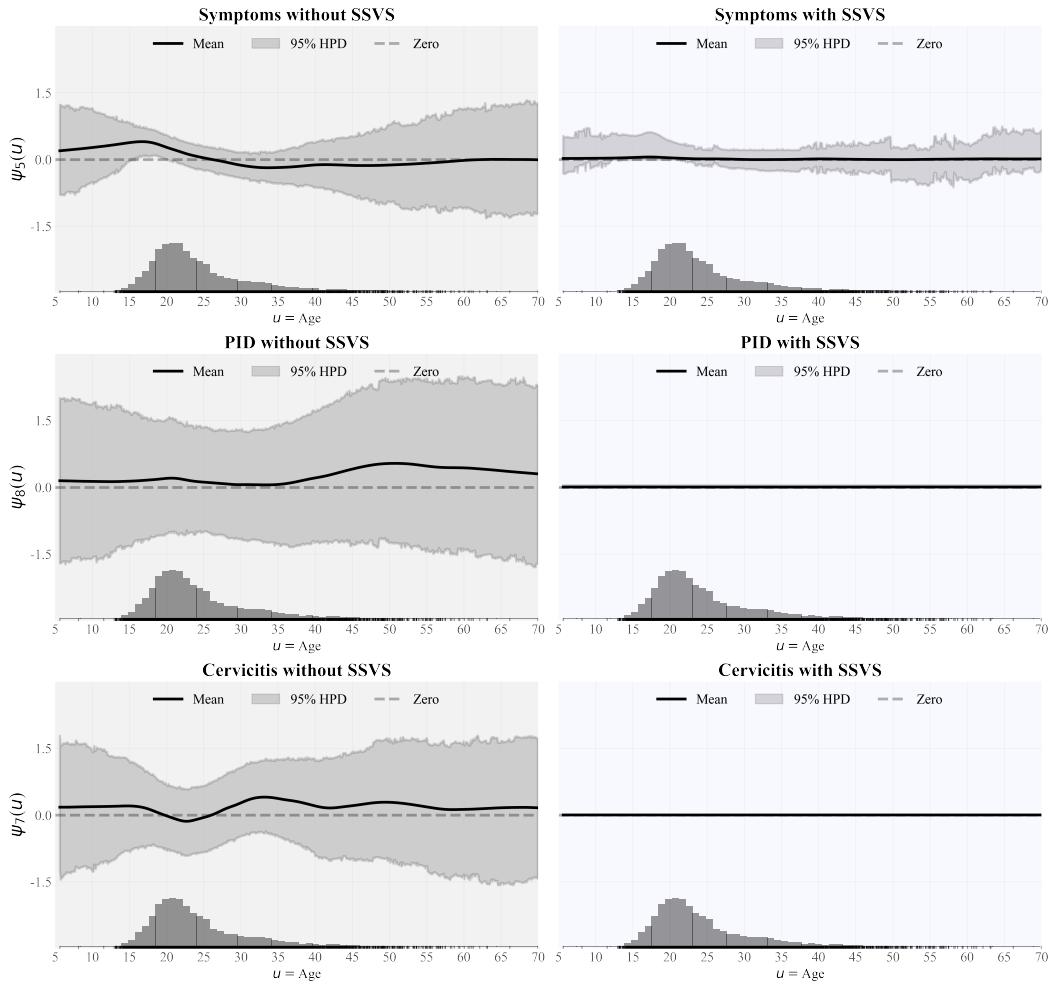


Figure 18: Iowa group testing data under  $\tilde{K} = 50$  and  $v_d = 2.0$ . Effect estimates for symptoms (Row 1), PID (Row 2), and cervicitis (Row 3) without SSVS (left) and with SSVS (right). Each subfigure shows the posterior mean (Mean) estimate and pointwise 95% HPD credible band (95% HPD). The zero reference line is shown dotted. A histogram of the ages is included at the bottom of each subfigure.