

Uso de la aleatorización mendeliana en el análisis de la asociación entre niveles de vitamina D y el riesgo de cáncer de mama.

Association between Vitamin D levels and breast cancer risk using a Mendelian randomization approach

Pablo Fernández Navarro

- Several studies have been done to evaluate the association of vitamin D deficiency and breast cancer risk. **There is controversy in the literature about this association.**



- Epidemiologic studies have investigated whether people with higher vitamin D intakes or higher blood levels of vitamin D have lower risks of specific cancers.
- **The results of these studies have been inconsistent**, possibly because of the challenges in carrying out such studies.
- **Several randomized trials** of vitamin D intake have been carried out, but these were designed to assess bone health or other non-cancer outcomes.
- Although some of these trials have yielded information on **cancer incidence and mortality**, **the results need to be confirmed by additional research** because the trials were not designed to study cancer specifically.

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Vitamin D and breast cancer: interpreting current evidence

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- Current evidence regarding vitamin D and breast cancer was reviewed to inform clinical practice and identify potential research directions.
- The evidence was inconsistent, inconclusive as to causality, and insufficient to inform nutritional requirements.
- **Current evidence is sufficient to support further study** of factors influencing 25(OH)D levels, associations between 25(OH)D levels and breast cancer in **premenopausal** and Black women, moderate dose ($\leq 2,000$ IU D3/day) supplemental vitamin D use and breast cancer incidence, and observational studies evaluating whether a threshold higher 25(OH)D level is associated with adverse clinical outcome in **women with breast cancer**.
- **Before routine clinical application of any strategies** targeting vitamin D status for breast cancer prevention or therapy are undertaken, the limitations of the current evidence should be considered.

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Vitamin D Levels and Breast Cancer Outcome

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Highest versus lowest serum concentrations were associated with superior survival.

Controversy has swirled around the relationship between serum vitamin D levels and both the risk for developing breast cancer and the prognosis for those who develop breast cancer. Results from various reports exploring these potential associations have been criticized for issues with methodology and conflicting results.

Now, investigators have conducted a prospective, case-cohort analysis of the Pathways Study (Cancer Causes Control 2008; 19:1065), involving 4505 women (median age, 58.7) in the Kaiser Permanente Northern California health plan who had an incident diagnosis of breast cancer and were followed for outcomes and comorbidities at baseline, 12, 24, 48, 72, and 96 months. Most patients had estrogen-receptor-positive, stage I-III disease and luminal (A, B) subtype, though all stages and subtypes were represented. Blood samples were collected at a median of 69 days from diagnosis.

At baseline, 48% of participants were vitamin D deficient, and 35% were insufficient. African Americans and Hispanics had lower vitamin D levels than whites. Current smokers had lower levels than former smokers, whereas physical activity and vitamin D supplements and dietary intake were associated with higher levels. Body-mass index was inversely associated with vitamin D levels. Across tertiles of vitamin D levels, those in the highest third had superior overall survival, breast cancer-specific survival, and invasive disease-free survival compared with those in the lowest third. The associations were strongest in premenopausal women.

COMMENT

The results of this report add to the body of evidence that vitamin D levels are linked to breast cancer recurrence events and overall mortality. However, the conclusions regarding the impact of vitamin D levels and outcomes selected by clinical subtypes or menopausal status must be interpreted with caution because of limitations in sample size and pathologic information available from the clinical record. Even with those caveats, the baseline finding of almost 85% of patients having vitamin D deficiency or insufficiency is alarming from a bone-health issue alone.



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Randomized controlled trials of vitamin D and cancer incidence: A modeling study

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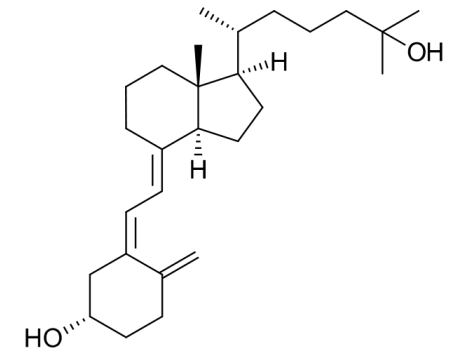
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Abstract

Although geographic ecological studies and observational studies find that ultraviolet B exposure and 25-hydroxyvitamin D [25(OH)D] concentrations are inversely correlated with 15–20 types of cancer, few randomized controlled trials (RCTs) of vitamin D support those findings. The poor design of some RCTs may account for that lack of support. Most vitamin D RCTs to date have considered the vitamin D dose, rather than initial, final, or changes in serum 25(OH)D concentrations. Here a model is developed for use in designing and analyzing vitamin D RCTs with application to cancer incidence. The input variables of the model are vitamin D dose, baseline and achieved 25(OH)D concentrations, known rates of cancer for the population, and numbers of participants for the treatment and placebo arms is estimated—vitamin D dosage and numbers of participants are varied to achieve desired hazard ratio significance, using information from two vitamin D RCTs on cancer incidence conducted in Nebraska with good agreement between the model estimates and reported hazard ratios. Further improvements to the conduct of vitamin D RCTs would be to start the trial with a moderate bolus dose to achieve the desired 25(OH)D concentrations, and bloodspot 25(OH)D assay use in summer and winter annually to monitor seasonal and long-term changes in 25(OH)D concentration and compliance, and to allow dosage adjustment for achievement of desired vitamin D status.



Calcifediol, calcidiol, 25-hydroxycholecalciferol, or 25-hydroxyvitamin D (abbreviated 25(OH)D)

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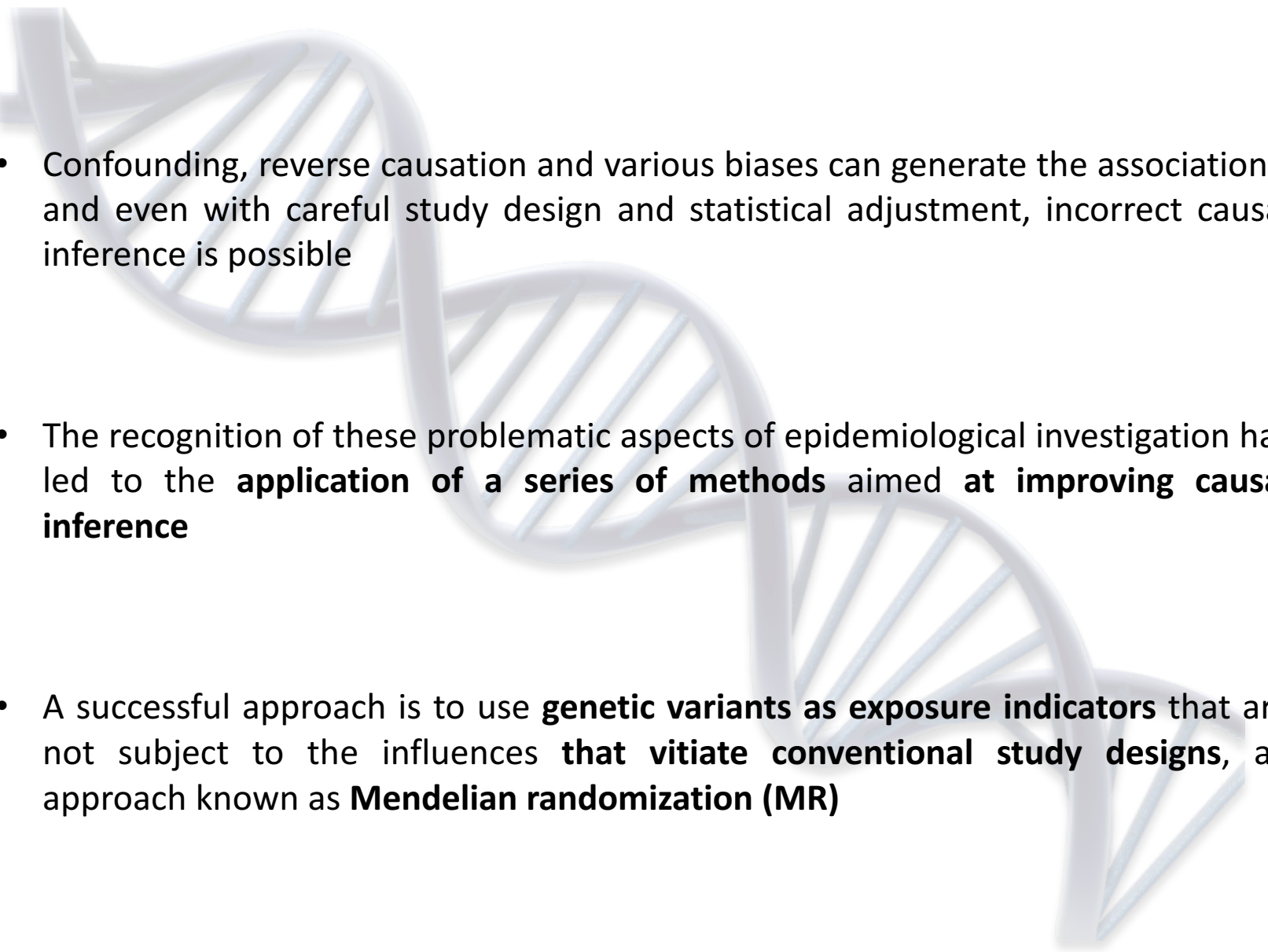
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- Confounding, reverse causation and various biases can generate the associations, and even with careful study design and statistical adjustment, incorrect causal inference is possible
 - The recognition of these problematic aspects of epidemiological investigation has led to the **application of a series of methods aimed at improving causal inference**
 - A successful approach is to use **genetic variants as exposure indicators** that are not subject to the influences **that vitiate conventional study designs**, an approach known as **Mendelian randomization (MR)**

Mendelian Randomization: Genes as Instrumental Variables

- **Mendelian randomization (MR)** is a method of using measured variation in genes of known function to examine the causal effect of a modifiable exposure on disease in non-experimental studies.
- Mendelian randomization is a method that allows one to test for, or in certain cases to estimate, a causal effect from observational data in the presence of confounding factors.
- From a statistical point of view, MR is an application of the technique of instrumental variables with genotype acting as an instrument for the exposure of interest.



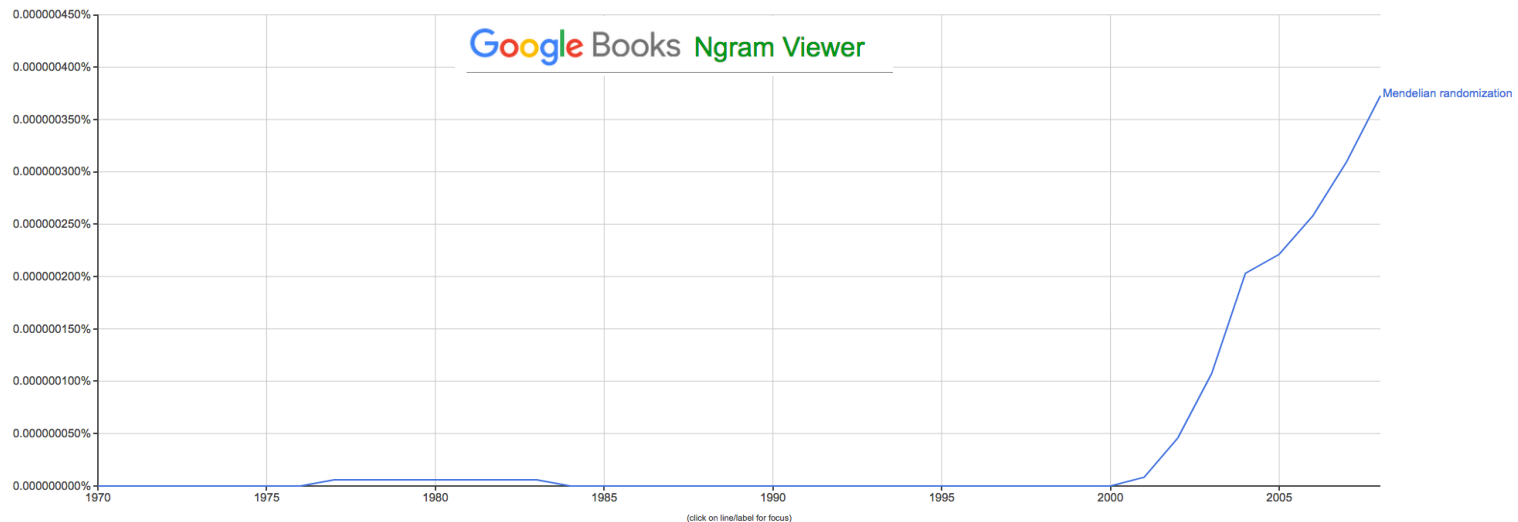
- Because genotypes are assigned randomly when passed from parents to offspring during meiosis, if we assume that choice of mate is not associated with genotype (panmixia), then the **population genotype distribution** should be **unrelated to the confounders** that typically plague observational epidemiology studies.
- In this regard, Mendelian randomization can be thought of as a “**natural**” randomized controlled trial.
- Because the polymorphism is the instrument, Mendelian randomization is dependent on genetic association studies having provided good candidate genes for response to risk exposure.

- The design of MR was first proposed in **1986**:

Katan MB. Apolipoprotein E isoforms, serum cholesterol, and cancer. Lancet. 1986 Mar 1;1(8479):507-8.

- Gray and Wheatley (**1991**) describe it as a method for obtaining unbiased estimates of the effects of a putative causal variable without conducting a traditional randomized trial. These authors also coined the term Mendelian randomization.

Gray R, Wheatley K. How to avoid bias when comparing bone marrow transplantation with chemotherapy. Bone Marrow Transplant. 1991;7 Suppl 3:9-12. Review



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‘Mendelian randomization’: can genetic epidemiology contribute to understanding environmental determinants of disease?*

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Associations between modifiable exposures and disease seen in observational epidemiology are sometimes confounded and thus misleading, despite our best efforts to improve the design and analysis of studies. Mendelian randomization—the random assortment of genes from parents to offspring that occurs during gamete formation and conception—provides one method for assessing the causal nature of some environmental exposures. The association between a disease and a polymorphism that mimics the biological link between a proposed exposure and disease is not generally susceptible to the reverse causation or confounding that may distort interpretations of conventional observational studies. Several examples where the phenotypic effects of polymorphisms are well documented provide encouraging evidence of the explanatory power of Mendelian randomization and are described. The limitations of the approach include confounding by polymorphisms in linkage disequilibrium with the polymorphism under study, that polymorphisms may have several phenotypic effects associated with disease, the lack of suitable polymorphisms for studying modifiable exposures of interest, and canalization—the buffering of the effects of genetic variation during development. Nevertheless, Mendelian randomization provides new opportunities to test causality and demonstrates how investment in the human genome project may contribute to understanding and preventing the adverse effects on human health of modifiable exposures.

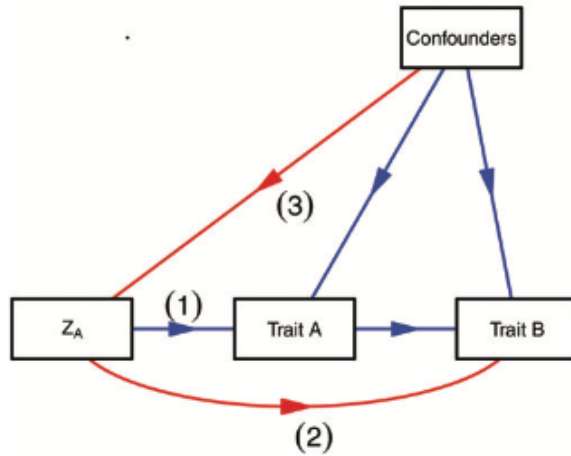
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Mendelian randomization as an instrumental variable approach to causal inference

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In epidemiological research, the causal effect of a modifiable phenotype or exposure on a disease is often of public health interest. Randomized controlled trials to investigate this effect are not always possible and inferences based on observational data can be confounded. However, if we know of a gene closely linked to the phenotype without direct effect on the disease, it can often be reasonably assumed that the gene is not itself associated with any confounding factors – a phenomenon called *Mendelian randomization*. These properties define an instrumental variable and allow estimation of the causal effect, despite the confounding, under certain model restrictions. In this paper, we present a formal framework for causal inference based on Mendelian randomization and suggest using directed acyclic graphs to check model assumptions by visual inspection. This framework allows us to address limitations of the Mendelian randomization technique that have often been overlooked in the medical literature.

- **Frequent use of causal vocabulary** to express something that is more than association between genotypes, intermediate phenotypes and disease.
- While this is common practice in the medical literature where underlying knowledge about the biology of the problem may indeed allow one to deduce the direction of an observed association and where ‘causal pathways’ for disease are familiar concepts, **it is important for our purposes that we make a formal distinction between association and causation.**



Mendelian randomization: genetic anchors for causal inference in epidemiological studies

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Observational epidemiological studies are prone to confounding, reverse causation and various biases and have generated findings that have proved to be unreliable indicators of the causal effects of modifiable exposures on disease outcomes. Mendelian randomization (MR) is a method that utilizes genetic variants that are robustly associated with such modifiable exposures to generate more reliable evidence regarding which interventions should produce health benefits. The approach is being widely applied, and various ways to strengthen inference given the known potential limitations of MR are now available. Developments of MR, including two-sample MR, bidirectional MR, network MR, two-step MR, factorial MR and multiphenotype MR, are outlined in this review. The integration of genetic information into population-based epidemiological studies presents translational opportunities, which capitalize on the investment in genomic discovery research.

Type	Exposure/trait	Disease/outcome	Conclusion
Biomarkers	CRP	Coronary heart disease	Observational association between CRP and coronary heart disease is a result of confounding and/or reverse causation (18)
	Serum iron	Parkinson's disease	Higher serum iron levels lower the risk of Parkinson's disease (19)
	Uric acid	Coronary heart disease	Observational association between uric acid and coronary heart disease is, in part, due to confounding by BMI (20)
	Macrophage migration inhibitory factor (MIF)	Type 2 diabetes	Elevated MIF, amongst other factors, increases the risk of type 2 diabetes (21)
	Interleukin 6 (IL6)	Coronary heart disease	IL6 increases the risk of coronary heart disease (22,23)
Behaviours	Smoking	Anxiety/depression	Anxiety and depression amongst smokers does not appear to be a consequence of smoking (24,25)
Physiological measures	Alcohol consumption	Blood pressure	Alcohol use increases blood pressure (26)
	BMI	Symptomatic gallstone disease	Higher BMI increases the risk of symptomatic gall stone disease (27).
Maternal influences (corrected for genetic correlation between mother and child)	Alcohol consumption	Childhood school performance	The observational finding that moderate maternal alcohol intake is associated with more favourable school performance is due to confounding, and the casual association is in the opposite direction (28)
	Maternal BMI	Fat mass of offspring	Fat mass in children aged 9–11 is not strongly influenced by BMI of mothers during pregnancy (29)



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Methodological challenges in Mendelian randomization

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Abstract

We give critical attention to the assumptions underlying Mendelian randomization analysis and their biological plausibility. Several scenarios violating the Mendelian randomization assumptions are described, including settings with inadequate phenotype definition, the setting of time-varying exposures, the presence of gene-environment interaction, the existence of measurement error, the possibility of reverse causation, and the presence of linkage disequilibrium. Data analysis examples are given illustrating that the inappropriate use of instrumental variable techniques when the Mendelian randomization assumptions are violated can lead to biases of enormous magnitude. To help address some of the strong assumptions being made, three possible approaches are suggested. First, the original proposal of Katan (*Lancet*. 1986; 1:507-508) for Mendelian randomization was not to use instrumental variable techniques to obtain estimates, but merely to examine genotype-outcome associations to test for the presence of an effect of the exposure on the outcome. We show that this more modest goal and approach can circumvent many, though not all of, the potential biases described. Second, we discuss the use of sensitivity analysis in evaluating the consequences of violations in the assumptions and attempts to correct for those violations. Third, we suggest that a focus on negative, rather than positive, Mendelian randomization results may turn out to be more reliable.



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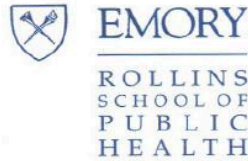
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To Whom It May Concern,

This summer, Denis Whelan, a second-year PhD student in Biostatistics intends to participate in a research rotation from June 19, 2017 to August 11, 2017 with the Bioinformatics and Research Group in Genetic & Environmental Epidemiology at the National Center for Epidemiology at Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII). Given that he will receive funding from the Laney Graduate School at Emory University, we understand that ISCIII is not responsible for covering his expenses and is not liable for any work-related injury. Furthermore, as Denis is covered under Emory Student Health Aetna Insurance Plan, he will not seek insurance coverage from ISCIII.

This project will expose him to causal inference methods applied to genetic data and will provide him with the opportunity to work towards a peer-reviewed publication in a scientific journal. Specifically, this project will involve using Mendelian randomization techniques to analyze polymorphisms involved in the relationship between Vitamin D and breast cancer. Using data from MCC-Spain, a large, population-based multi case-control study of five common tumors in Spain, this project will contribute to a deepened understanding of the complex causal relationship between Vitamin D and breast cancer risk.

Under the mentorship of the Drs. Pablo Fernández Navarro and Marina Pollán, Denis intends to deepen his understanding of concepts of causal inference and contribute to ISCIII's mission of using innovative scientific methods to prevent disease. This research experience provides a unique opportunity to enhance Denis's doctoral training and supports his long-term career goals of working as a biostatistician in an international context.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Objective: To assess the association between Vitamin D levels (blood 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels (25(OH)D) and breast cancer risk using a Mendelian randomization approach.

Design: MCC-Study (Case-Control, “Breast Cancer”)

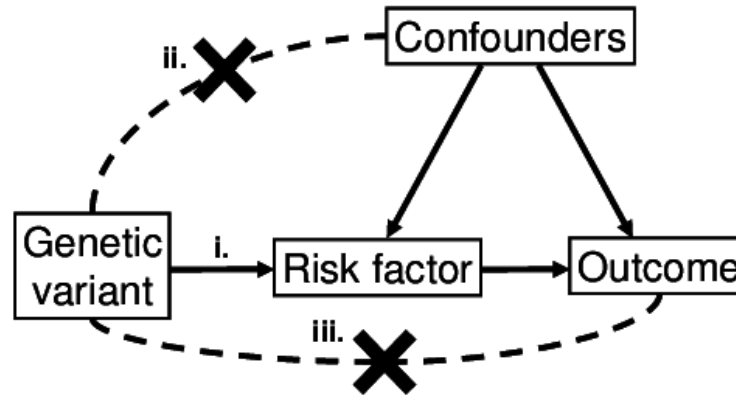
1. SNPs related with Vitamin D levels (SNPs VD)
2. Association Vitamin D levels and SNPs VD (vs Polygenic Risk Score) (Additive model)
(N=432) (linear regression models)
3. Association SNPs VD and Breast Cancer risk (vs Polygenic Risk Score) (Additive model)
(Cases=1019, Controls=1195) (mixed logistic regression models)
4. MR causal estimates and MR assumptions

Genotyping: MCC-Exome Array

Polygenic Risk Scores (Vitamin D) (Our final proposal of instrumental variable)

- Unweighted
- Weighted

Software: R Software



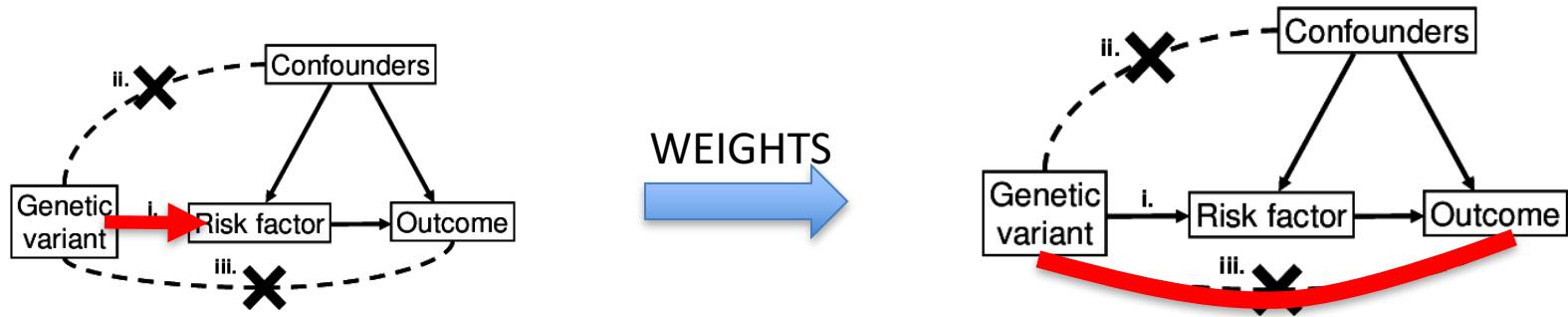
(1) The instrumental variable assumptions:

- i. the genetic variant is associated with the risk factor.
- ii. the genetic variant is not associated with confounders of the risk factor–outcome relationship.
- iii. the genetic variant is not associated with the outcome conditional on the risk factor and confounders of the risk factor–outcome relationship.

(2) In addition to direct effects of the instrument on the disease misleading the analyst:

- Misleading conclusions may also arise in the presence of **linkage disequilibrium** with unmeasured directly-causal variants, **genetic heterogeneity**, **pleiotropy** (often detected as a genetic correlation), or **population stratification**.

Weighted Polygenic Risk Score



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GENETIC VARIANTS ASSOCIATED WITH VITAMIN D



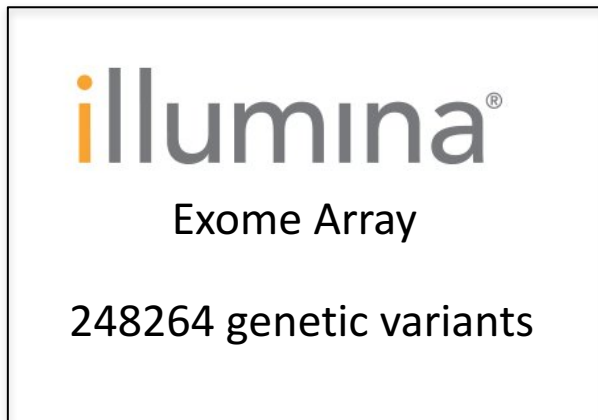
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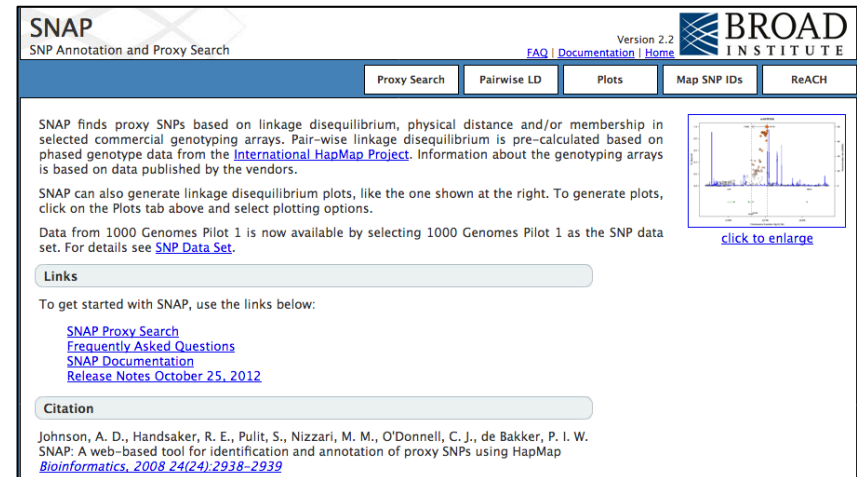
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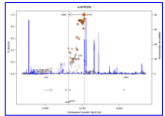
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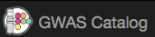
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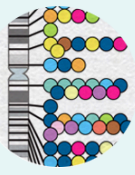


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rs1155563	GC	Ahn 2009
rs12512631	GC	Wang 2010
rs2282679	GC	Wang 2010
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rs7041	GC	Ahn 2009
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rs1017993	SULT2A1	SUNLIGHT Consortium, not validated
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rs296381	SULT2A1	SUNLIGHT Consortium, not validated
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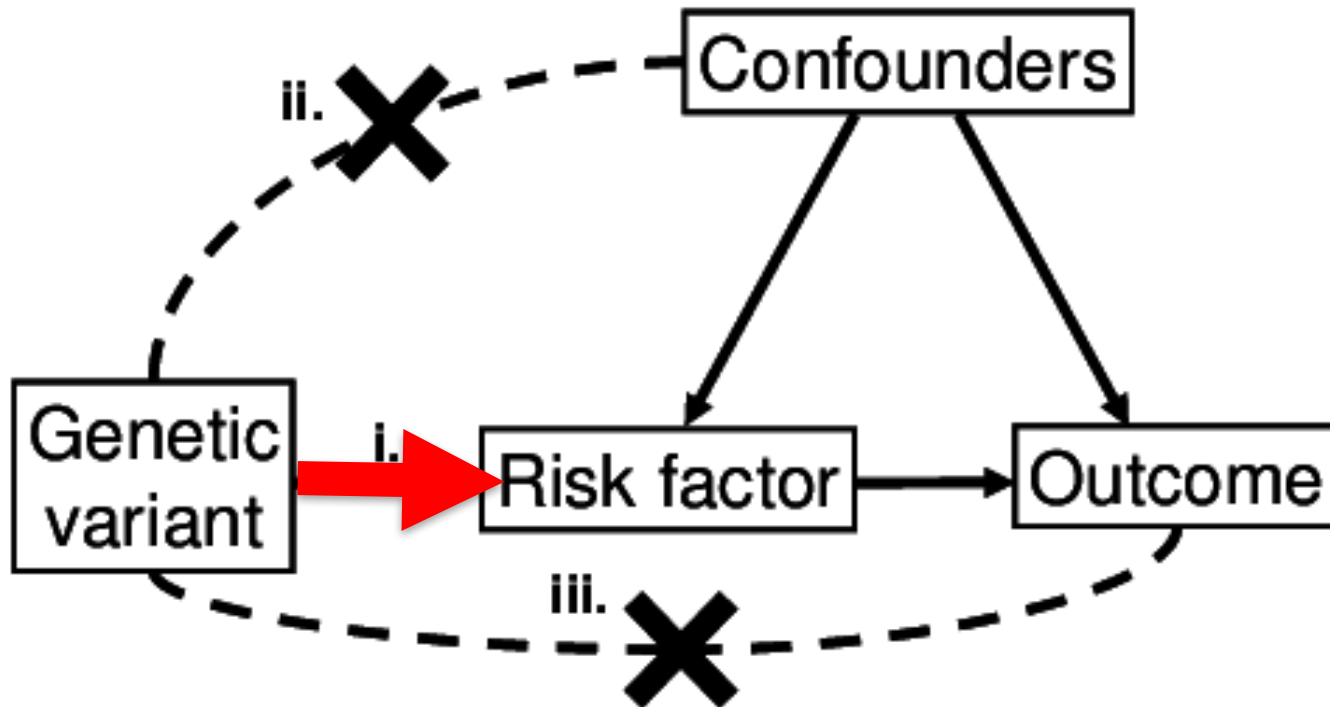
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904 women with 25-hydroxyvitamin D

- **432 controls**
- 472 breast cancer cases

Characteristic	(N=432)
Age	56.4 ± 12.1
Autonomous community/study site	
Madrid	106 (25)
Barcelona	32 (7)
Navarra	33 (8)
Guipúzcoa	129 (30)
León	49 (11)
Asturias	34 (8)
Huelva	2 (0)
Cantabria	39 (9)
Valencia	3 (1)
Gerona	5 (1)
Highest level of education	
Primary school or less	54 (12)
General basic education	129 (30)
Secondary school	150 (35)
University	99 (23)
Family history of breast cancer	54 (12)
None	378 (88)
Second grade only	25 (6)
First grade	29 (7)
Body Mass Index (BMI, kg/m ²)	
<18.5	4 (1)
18.5-24.9	224 (52)
25-29.9	147 (34)
≥30	57 (13)
Nulliparous	1 (0)

Characteristic	(N=432)
Age at first delivery	
<20 y	13 (4)
20-24 y	95 (28)
25-29 y	133 (39)
>29 y	100 (29)
Postmenopausal	278 (64)
Biopsy	8 (2)
Use of TSH	33 (8)
NA	17 (4)
Recreational Activity in metabolic equivalent* (kcal*kg ⁻¹ *h ⁻¹)	13.4 ± 21.6
Vitamin D levels (25(OH)D)	49.9 ± 20.0
Skin color	
Pale white	36 (8)
White	196 (45)
Fair	148 (34)
Brown	52 (12)
Cholesterol	
Normal levels	306 (71)
High, untreated	96 (22)
High, treated	30 (7)
Season	
Spring	157 (36)
Summer	56 (13)
Fall	92 (21)
Winter	127 (29)

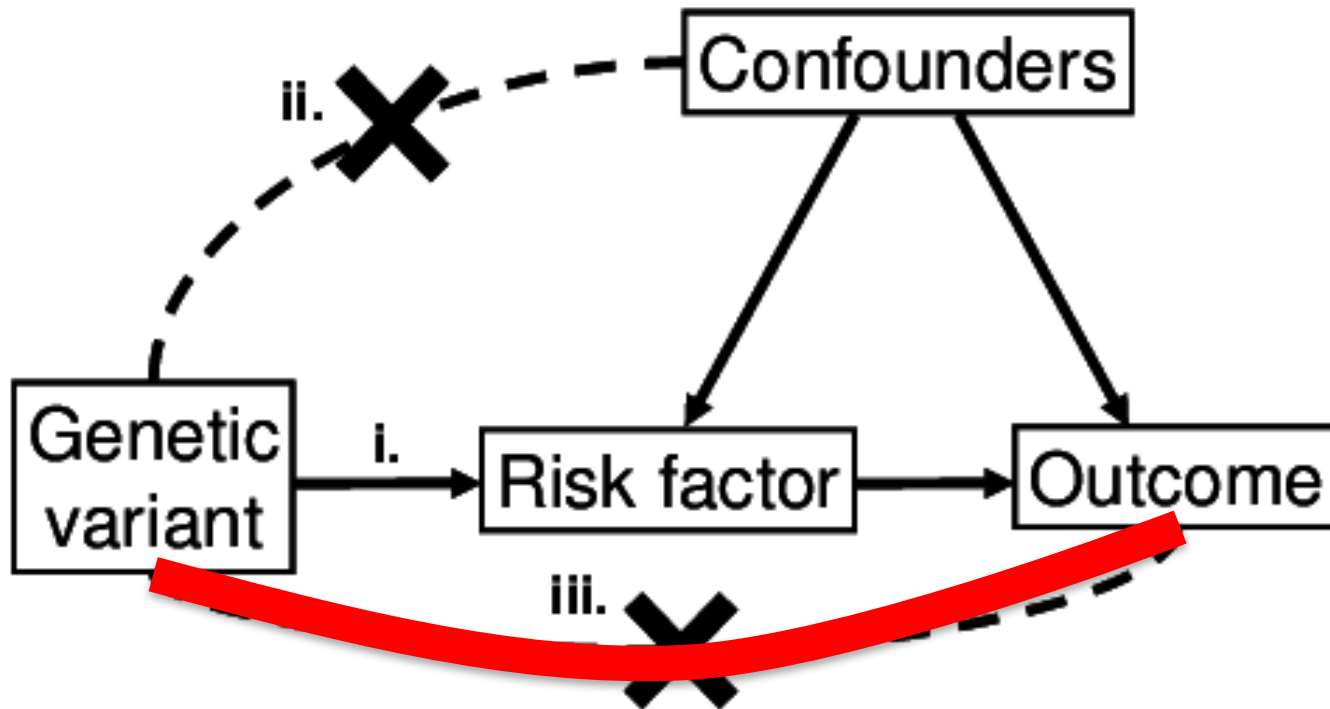
Confounders: Latitude, BMI, Skin color, cholesterol , sample day, recreational Activity in metabolic equivalent (kcal*kg⁻¹*h⁻¹)

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
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rs70411	-6.371	1.317	-4.838	0.000
rs104851651	2.063	1.699	1.215	0.225
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rs127858781	-0.680	1.364	-0.498	0.618
rs38292511	-0.608	1.521	-0.400	0.689
rs47626511	0.435	1.345	0.324	0.746
rs105075771	-2.124	2.264	-0.938	0.349
rs25472311	2.739	1.853	1.478	0.140
rs60138971	0.080	1.654	0.048	0.962

Weighted Risk Score
 Weighted Risk Score/sd

0.938	0.154	6.094	0.000
5.457	0.896	6.094	0.000

sd= 5.815915



2214 women

- 1195 controls
- 1019 breast cancer cases

Characteristic	Cases (N=1019)	Controls (N=1195)
Age	57.2 ± 12.4	58.8 ± 13.2
Autonomous community/study site		
Madrid	223 (22)	312 (26)
Barcelona	121 (12)	182 (15)
Navarra	115 (11)	96 (8)
Guipúzcoa	202 (20)	223 (19)
León	186 (18)	108 (9)
Asturias	66 (6)	100 (8)
Cantabria	106 (10)	174 (15)
Highest level of education		
Primary school or less	150 (15)	213 (18)
General basic education	344 (34)	371 (31)
Secondary school	329 (32)	367 (31)
University	196 (19)	244 (20)
Family history of breast cancer		
None	759 (74)	1,021 (85)
Second grade only	112 (11)	79 (6)
First grade	148 (15)	104 (9)
Body Mass Index (BMI, kg/m ²)		
<18.5	15 (1)	23 (2)
18.5-24.9	459 (45)	585 (49)
25-29.9	363 (36)	397 (33)
≥30	182 (18)	190 (16)
Nulliparous	100 (21)	90 (21)
Age at first pregnancy		
<20 y	37 (5)	33 (3)
20-24 y	227 (29)	284 (29)
25-29 y	312 (39)	381 (40)
>29 y	215 (27)	266 (23)
NA	9 (1)	4 (0)

Characteristic	Cases (N=1019)	Controls (N=1195)
Postmenopausal	675 (66)	342 (70)
Biopsy	80 (8)	23 (2)
Use of TSH	78 (8)	93 (8)
NA	28 (3)	42 (4)
Recreational Activity in metabolic equivalent* (kcal*kg ⁻¹ *h ⁻¹)	13.8 ± 22.3	14.0 ± 22.3
Vitamin D levels (25(OH)D)	43.2 ± 22.5	49.9 ± 19.8
Skin color		
Pale white	71 (7)	89 (7)
White	458 (45)	521 (44)
Fair	367 (36)	448 (37)
Brown	123 (12)	137 (11)
Cholesterol		
Normal levels	780 (77)	844 (71)
High, untreated	177 (17)	279 (23)
High, treated	62 (6)	72 (6)
Season		
Spring	288 (28)	395 (33)
Summer	210 (21)	168 (14)
Fall	269 (26)	274 (23)
Winter	252 (25)	358 (30)

Confounders: Family history of breast cancer, age, BMI, education level, menopausal status, age at first delivery, use of TSH, biopsy

Random effect: CCAA

	OR	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
rs12512631	0.8885831	0.06591437	-1.79212925	0.07311226
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rs10741657	0.9961653	0.06546969	-0.05868540	0.95320269
rs12785878	0.9961062	0.06611953	-0.05900468	0.95294838
rs3829251	0.9660456	0.07615066	-0.45363069	0.65009466
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rs10507577	0.9254790	0.10886948	-0.71134618	0.47686974
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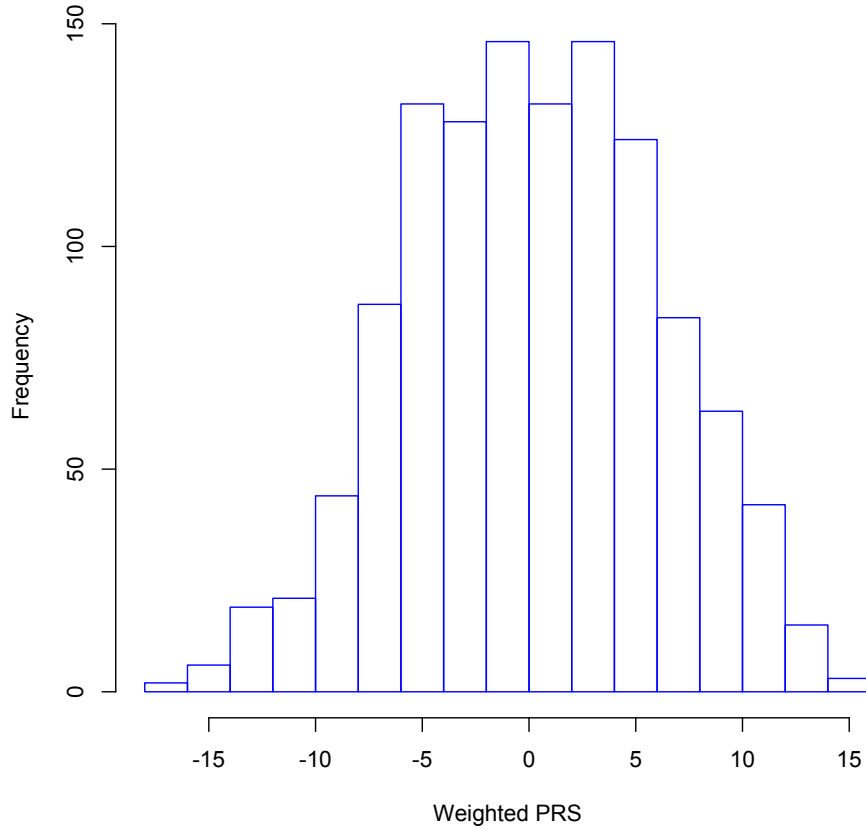
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Weighted Risk Score/sd

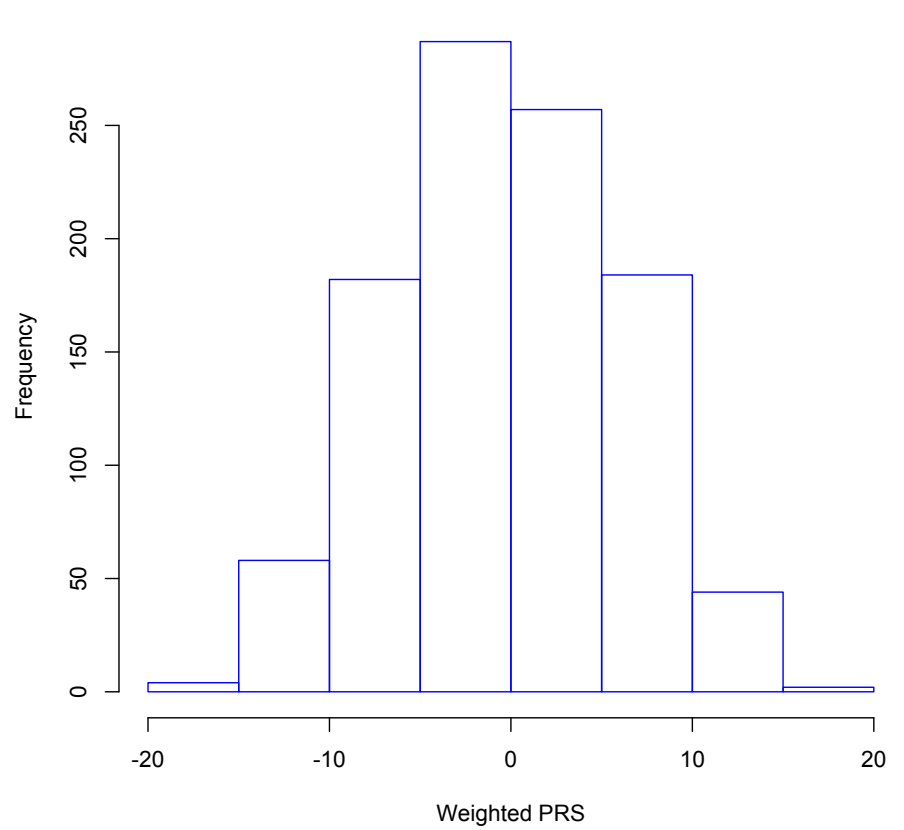
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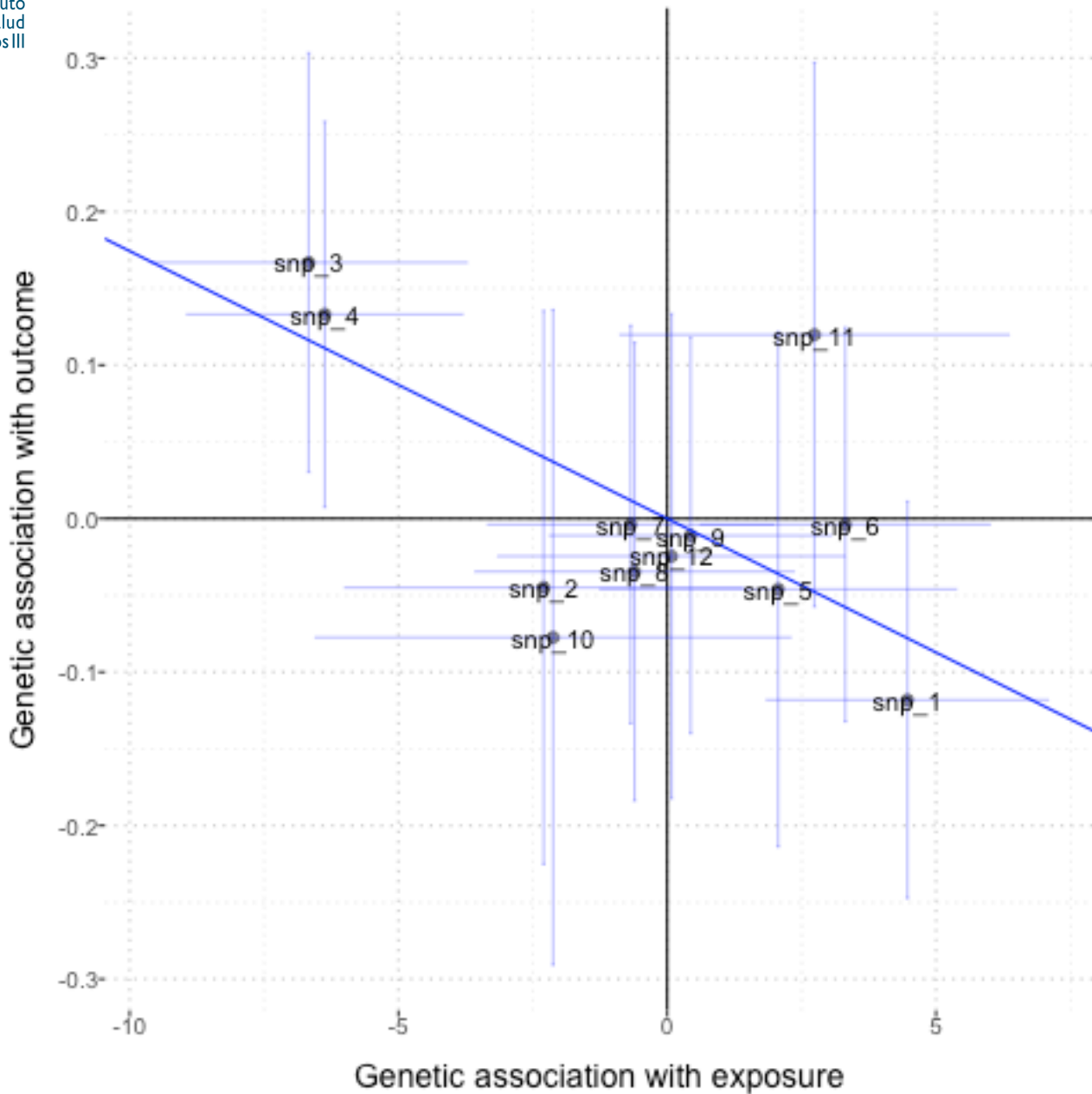
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Weighted Polygenetic Risk Score (Controls)



Weighted Polygenetic Risk Score (Cases)





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snp_7	rs12785878
snp_8	rs3829251
snp_9	rs4762651
snp_10	rs10507577
snp_11	rs2547231
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Inverse-variance weighted method
(variants uncorrelated, random-effect model)

Number of Variants : 12

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Method Estimate Std Error 95% CI      p-value
  IWV   -0.017     0.006 -0.029, -0.006  0.003
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Residual standard error = 0.831

Residual standard error is set to 1 in calculation of confidence interval when its estimate is less than 1.

Heterogeneity test statistic = 7.5958 on 11 degrees of freedom, (p-value = 0.7490)

OR= 0.98 (0.97-0.99)

MR-Egger method
(variants uncorrelated, random-effect model)

Number of Variants = 12

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Method Estimate Std Error 95% CI      p-value
MR-Egger  -0.026     0.009 -0.044, -0.007  0.006
(intercept) 0.039     0.034 -0.028,  0.107  0.251
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Residual Standard Error : 0.792

Residual standard error is set to 1 in calculation of confidence interval when its estimate is less than 1.

Heterogeneity test statistic = 6.2787 on 10 degrees of freedom, (p-value = 0.7913)

I²_GX statistic: 63.2%

OR= 0.97 (0.96-0.99)

Results from Various Mendelian Randomization Methods for Adjusted Models

Method	Estimate	Std Error	95% CI		P-value
Simple median	-0.011	0.014	-0.038	0.016	0.421
Weighted median	-0.022	0.008	-0.038	-0.006	0.007
Penalized weighed median	-0.022	0.008	-0.038	-0.006	0.007
IVW	-0.017	0.006	-0.029	-0.006	0.004
Penalized IVW	-0.017	0.006	-0.029	-0.006	0.004
Robust IVW	-0.019	0.008	-0.034	-0.004	0.004
Penalized robust IVW	-0.019	0.008	-0.034	-0.004	0.004
MR-Egger	-0.026	0.009	-0.044	-0.007	0.006
(intercept)	0.039	0.027	-0.014	0.093	0.148
Penalized MR-Egger	-0.026	0.009	-0.044	-0.007	0.006
(intercept)	0.039	0.027	-0.014	0.093	0.148
Robust MR-Egger	-0.026	0.005	-0.036	-0.016	0.000
(intercept)	0.036	0.022	-0.007	0.079	0.102
Penalized robust MR-Egger	-0.026	0.005	-0.036	-0.016	0.000
(intercept)	0.036	0.022	-0.007	0.079	0.102

Type of Analysis	Heterogeneity	Pleiotropy	Max LD (Theoretical)	Max LD (Empirical)	Population Stratification
Adjusted Individual SNPs Model	0.749	0.251	<0.8	0.54	Caucasian women only



- Subtypes of breast cancer
- Premenopausal and postmenopausal women, and other possible interactions.
- Analysis with other non-related SNPs
- Other approximations without controls included in the Vitamin D and SNPs study
- Exclude SNPs associated with breast cancer
- Analysis of association with confounders



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