

# Package: MRAPSS (via r-universe)

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**Title** The MRAPSS package implement the MR-APPSS approach to test for the causal effect of an exposure on a outcome disease.

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**Description** The MRAPSS package implement the MR-APPSS approach to test for the causal effects between an exposure and a outcome disease. The MR-APPSS is a unified approach to Mendelian Randomization accounting for polygenicity, pleiotropy and sample structure using genome-wide summary statistics. Specifically, MR-APPSS uses a background-foreground model to characterize both SNP-exposure effects and SNP-outcome effects estimates, where the background model accounts for confounding from genetic correlation and sample structure and the foreground model captures the valid signal for causal inference.

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clump	<i>Perform LD clumping</i>
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### Description

Perform LD clumping, to prune SNPs in LD within a window. Keep the most significant ones.

### Usage

```
clump(
  dat,
  IV.Threshold = 5e-05,
  SNP_col = "SNP",
  pval_col = "pval.exp",
  clump_kb = 1000,
  clump_r2 = 0.001,
  clump_p = 0.999,
  pop = "EUR",
  bfile = NULL,
  plink_bin = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

dat	a data frame must have columns with information about SNPs and p values
SNP_col	column with SNP rsid. The default is "SNP"
pval_col	column with p value. The default is "pval"
clump_kb	clumping window in kb. Default is 1000.
clump_r2	clumping r2 threshold. Default is 0.001.
clump_p	clumping significance level for index variants. Default = 5e-05
bfile	bfile as LD reference panel. If this is provided, then will use local PLINK. Default = NULL.
plink_bin	path to local plink binary. Default = NULL.

### Value

data frame of clumped SNPs

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est_paras	<i>A function harmonising datasets and estimate background parameters by LD score regression.</i>
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## Description

A function harmonising datasets and estimate background parameters by LD score regression.

## Usage

```
est_paras(  
  dat1,  
  dat2,  
  trait1.name = "exposure",  
  trait2.name = "outcome",  
  LDSC = T,  
  h2.fix.intercept = F,  
  ldscore.dir = NULLL  
)
```

## Arguments

**dat1:** formmated summary statistics for trait 1.

**dat2:** formmated summary statistics for trait 2.

**trait1.name:** specify the name of trait 1, default 'exposure'.

**trait2.name:** specify the name of trait 2, default 'outcome'.

**LDSC:** whether to run LD score regression, default 'TRUE'. If 'FALSE', the function will not give the parameter estimates but will do harmonising.

**h2.fix.intercept:** whether to fix LD score regression intercept to 1, default 'FALSE'.

**ldscore.dir:** specify the path to the LD score files.

## Value

List with the following elements:

**Mdat** Homonised data set

**C** the estimated C matrix capturing the effects of sample structure

**Omega** the estimated variance-covariance matrix for polygenic effects

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format\_data

*Format GWAS summary data.*


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### Description

Reads in GWAS summary data. Infer Zscores from p-values and signed statistics. This function is adapted from the format\_data() function in MRCIEU/TwoSampleMR.

### Usage

```
format_data(
  dat,
  snps.merge = w_hm3.snplist,
  snps.remove = MHC.SNPs,
  snp_col = "SNP",
  b_col = "b",
  or_col = "or",
  se_col = "se",
  freq_col = "freq",
  A1_col = "A1",
  A2_col = "A2",
  p_col = "p",
  ncase_col = "ncase",
  ncontrol_col = "ncontrol",
  n_col = "n",
  n = NULL,
  z_col = "z",
  info_col = "INFO",
  log_pval = FALSE,
  chi2_max = NULL,
  min_freq = 0.05
)
```

### Arguments

dat	Data frame. Must have header with at least SNP A1 A2 signed statistics pvalue and sample size.
snps.merge	Data frame with SNPs to extract. must have headers: SNP A1 and A2. For example, the hapmap3 SNPList.
snps.remove	a set of SNPs needed to be removed. For example, the SNPs in MHC region.
snp_col	column with SNP rs IDs. The default is SNP.
b_col	Name of column with effect sizes. The default is b.
se_col	Name of column with standard errors. The default is se.
freq_col	Name of column with effect allele frequency. The default is freq.

A1_col	Name of column with effect allele. Must contain only the characters "A", "C", "T" or "G". The default is A1.
A2_col	Name of column with non effect allele. Must contain only the characters "A", "C", "T" or "G". The default is A2.
p_col	Name of column with p-value. The default is p.
ncase_col	Name of column with number of cases. The default is ncase.
ncontrol_col	Name of column with number of controls. The default is ncontrol.
n_col	Name of column with sample size. The default is n.
n	Sample size
z_col	Name of column with Zscore. The default is z.
info_col	Name of column with inputation Info. The default is info.
log_pval	The pval is $-\log_{10}(p\_col)$ . The default is FALSE.
chi2_max	SNPs with tested $\chi^2$ statistics large than chi2_max will be removed. The default is 80
min_freq	SNPs with allele frequency less than min_freq will be removed. The default is 0.05
or_col:	Name of column with odds ratio. The default is or.
n_qc	Whether to remove SNPs according to the sample size of SNPs. The default is FALSE.

### Value

data frame with headers: SNP: rsid; A1: effect allele; A2: non effect allele; Z: Z score; N: sample size; chi2: chi square statistics; P: p-value.

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MRAPSS

*A function for implementing MR-APSS.*

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### Description

MR-APSS: a unified approach to Mendelian Randomization accounting for pleiotropy and sample structure using genome-wide summary statistics. MA-APSS uses a variational EM algorithm for estimation of parameters. MR-APSS uses likelihood ratio test for inference.

### Usage

```
MRAPSS(
  MRdat = NULL,
  exposure = "exposure",
  outcome = "outcome",
  pi0 = NULL,
  sigma.sq = NULL,
  tau.sq = NULL,
```

```

C = matrix(c(1, 0, 0, 1), 2, 2),
Omega = matrix(0, 2, 2),
Cor.SelectionBias = T,
tol = 1e-08,
ELBO = F
)

```

### Arguments

MRdat	data frame at least contain the following variables: b.exp b.out se.exp se.out L2 Threshold. L2:LD score, Threshold: modified IV selection threshold for correction of selection bias
exposure	exposure name
outcome	outcome name
pi0	initial value for pi0, default 'NULL' will use the default initialize procedure.
sigma.sq	initial value for sigma.sq , default 'NULL' will use the default initialize procedure.
tau.sq	initial value for tau.sq , default 'NULL' will use the default initialize procedure.
C	the estimated C matrix capturing the effects of sample structure. default 'diag(2)'.
Omega	the estimated variance-covariance matrix of polygenic effects. default 'matrix(0,2,2)'.
Cor.SelectionBias	Whether use the selection Threshold for correction of selection bias. If FALSE, the model won't correct for selection bias.
tol	tolerance, default '1e-08'
ELBO	Whether check the evidence lower bound or not, if 'FALSE', check the maximum likelihood instead. default 'FALSE'.

### Value

a list with the following elements:

- MRdat:** Input data frame
- exposure:** exposure of interest
- outcome:** outcome of interest
- beta:** causal effect estimate
- beta.se:** standard error
- pval:** p-value
- sigma.sq:** variance of foreground exposure effect
- tau.sq:** variance of foreground outcome effect
- pi0:** The probability of a SNP with foreground signal after selection
- post:** Posterior estimates of latent variables
- method:** "MR-APSS"

**Examples**

```
library(MRAPSS)
exposure = "BMI"
outcome = "T2D"
Threshold = 5e-05 # IV selection Threshold
data(C)
data(Omega)
data(MRdat)
MRres = MRAPSS(MRdat,
               exposure = "BMI",
               outcome = "T2D",
               C = C,
               Omega = Omega,
               Cor.SelectionBias = T)
MRplot(MRres, exposure = "BMI", outcome = "T2D")
```

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MRplot

*Visualize the MRAPSS results*

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**Description**

Visualize the MRAPSS results

**Usage**

```
MRplot(MRres, exposure = "trait 1", outcome = "trait 2")
```

**Arguments**

outcome : outcome name  
MRres: MRAPSS fit results  
exposure: exposure name

**Value**

Plot of SNP-exposure effect and SNP-outcome effect with the causal effect and 95% confidence interval.

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