

Survivability Factors for Cyclists Hit by Motor Vehicles

Evidence from the Canadian
National Collision Database

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OBJECTIVES





5,860,405 NCDB records

122,907 cyclists

895 cyclist fatalities

KEY FINDINGS

1. **Age matters.**
2. **Head-on and rear-end collisions are bad.**
3. **Traffic controls matter.**
4. **Helmets save lives.**

DATA WRANGLING



DATA GAP

**MISSING:
IMPOSSIBLE**

Multiple Imputations



Canadian NCDB Data

LASSO
(Model 1)

ANALYTICAL STRATEGY

Logistic Regression

20 key factors
identified by LASSO

Multiple
Imputation

Imputed Dataset 1
(122,907 records)

Imputed Dataset 2
(122,907 records)

Imputed Dataset 3
(122,907 records)

Imputed Dataset 4
(122,907 records)

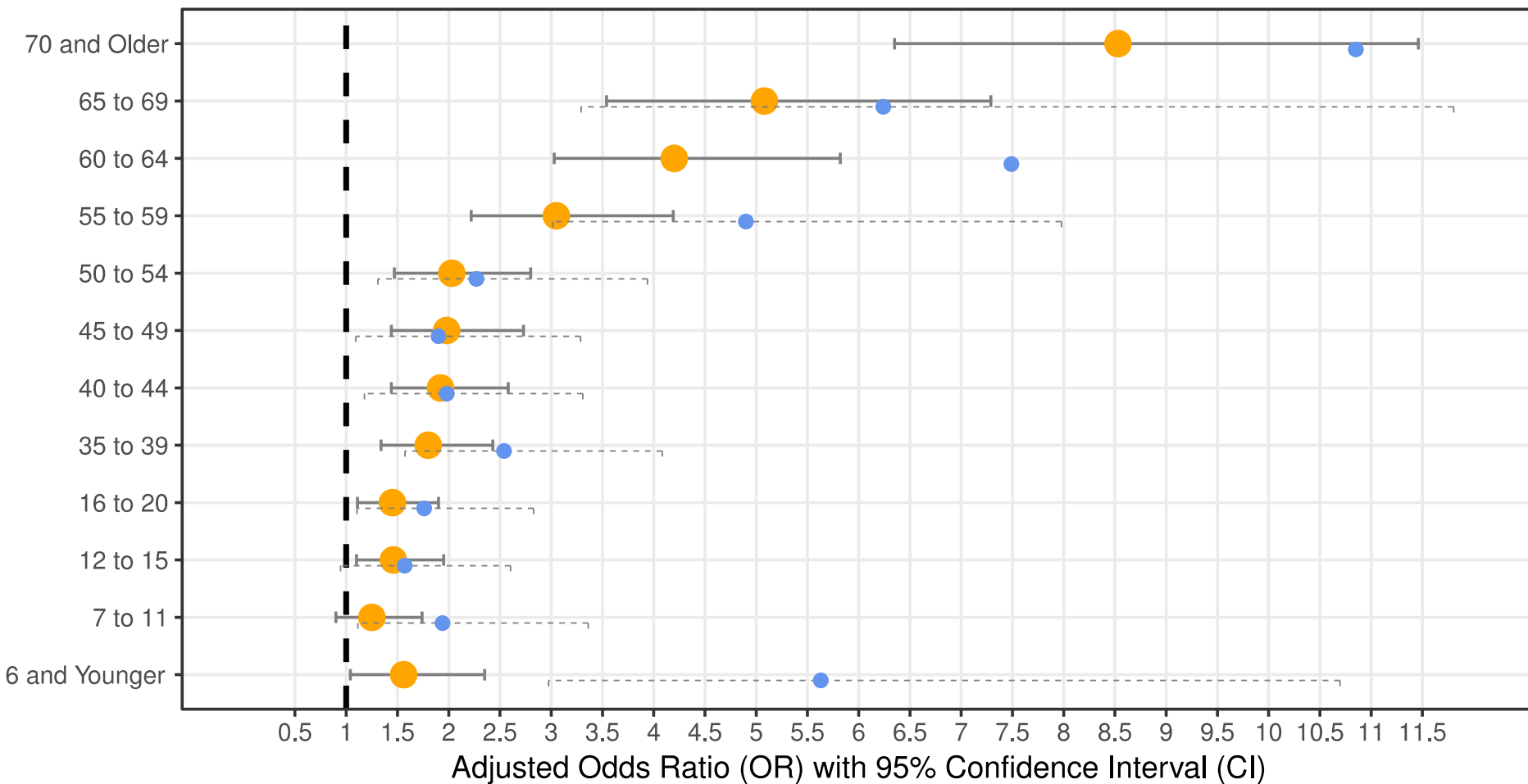
Imputed Dataset 5
(122,907 records)

Empirical Estimates (Model 2)
(28,360 useable records)

Pooled Results (Model 3)
(5 regressions × 122,907 synthetic records)

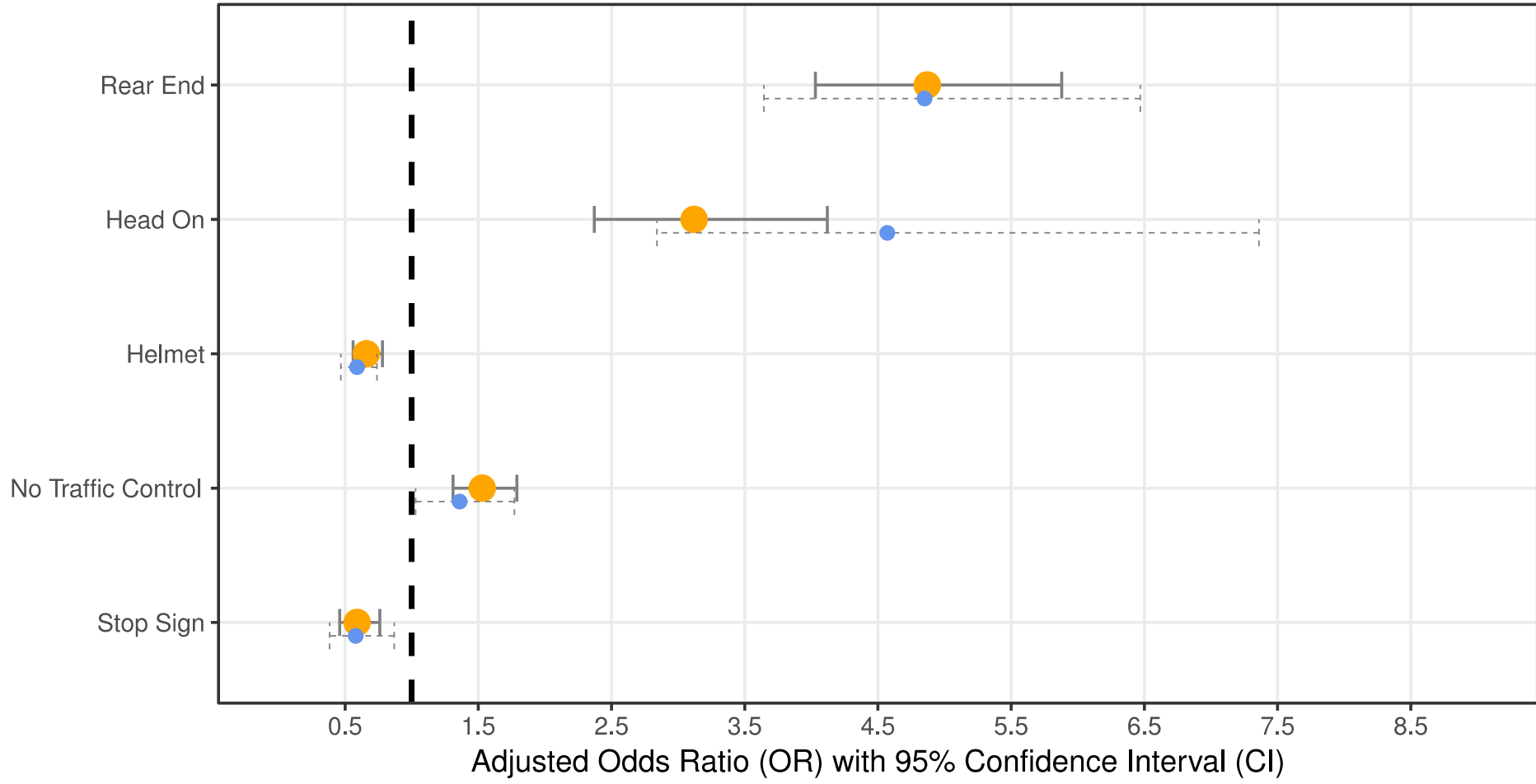
Logit Regression Results

Baseline: 21–34 Age Group



Logit Regression Results

Baseline: fully operational traffic signals, no helmet.



YOU ARE DOING IT WRONG.



CAVEATS

$\Pr(\text{Die in Bicycle Collision})$

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$\Pr(\text{Die} \mid \text{Bicycle Collision}) \times \Pr(\text{Bicycle Collision})$

RECAP

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THANK YOU!

Questions?

Comments?

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