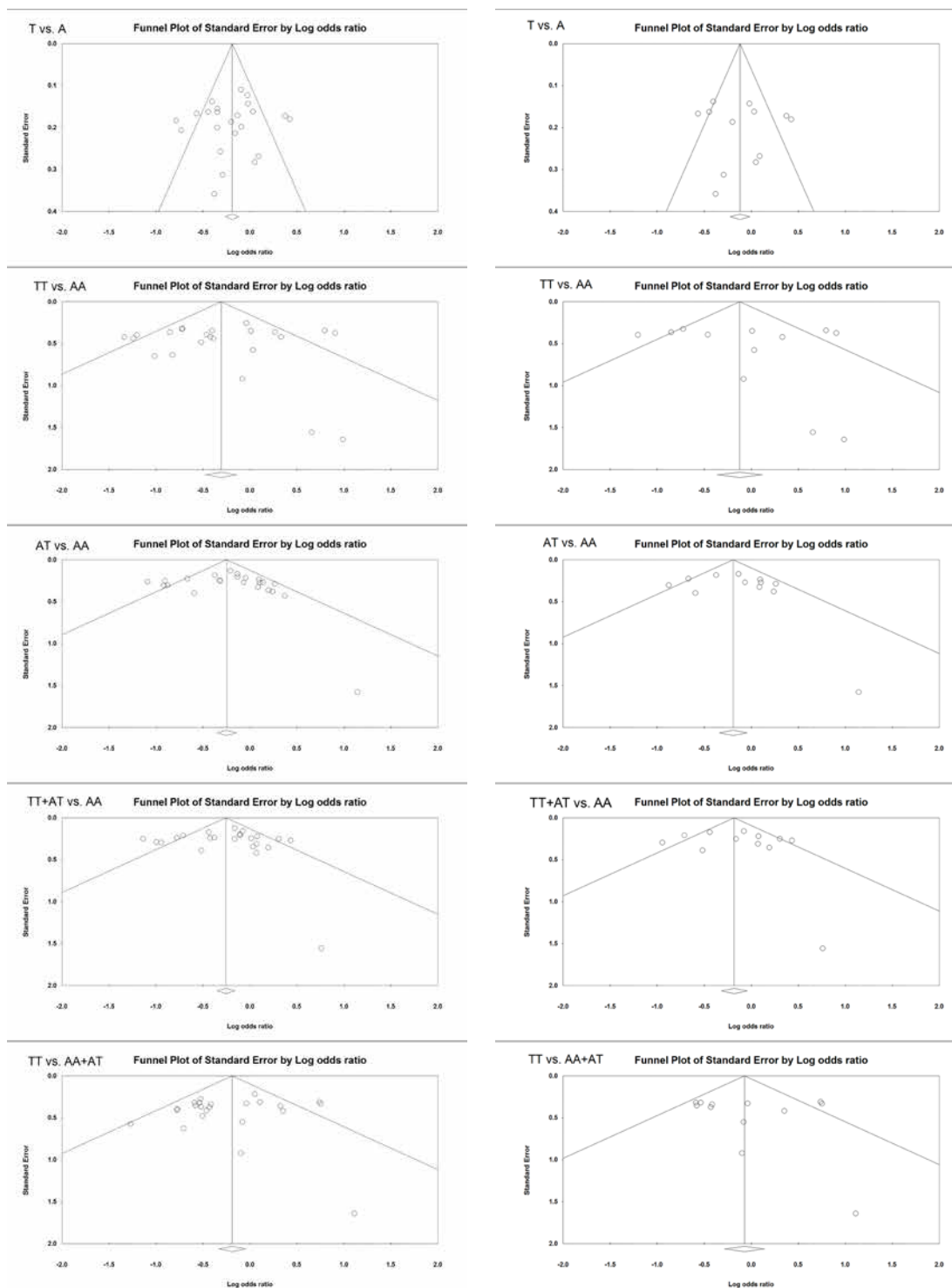
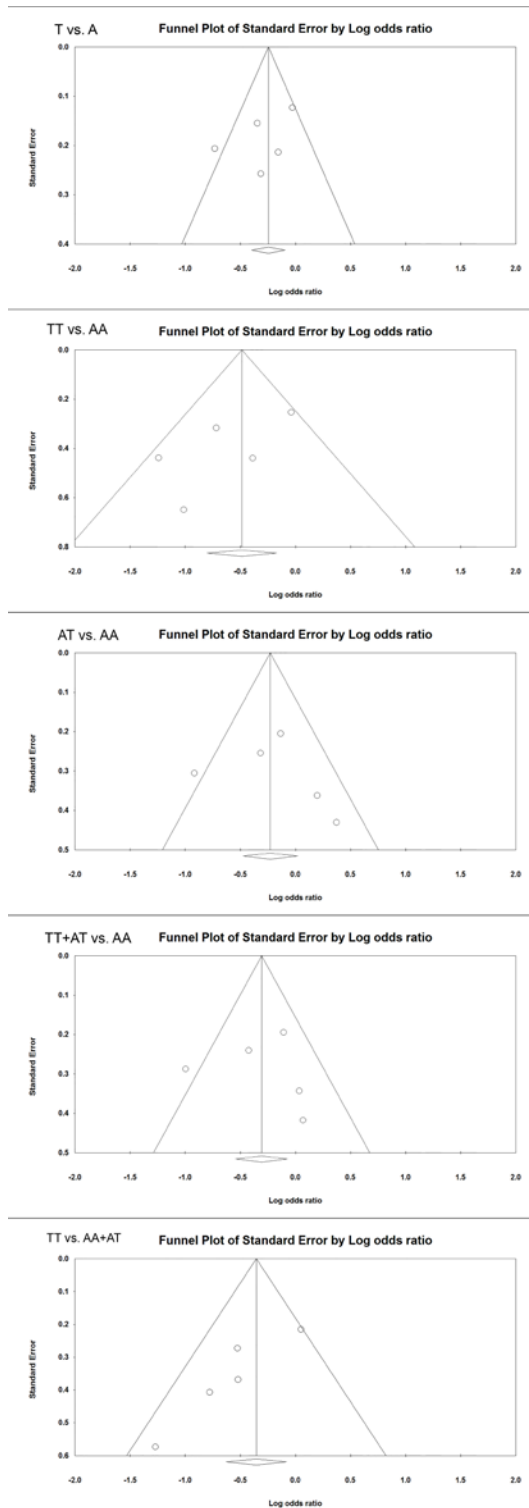


## Supplementary material



**Supplementary Figure S1.** Assessment of publication bias shown with funnel plots in studies assaying odds of PTB associated with the IFN- $\gamma$  +874 A>T gene polymorphism for the overall population

**Supplementary Figure S2.** Assessment of publication bias shown with funnel plots in studies assaying odds of PTB associated with the IFN- $\gamma$  +874 A>T gene polymorphism in the Asian population



**Supplementary Figure S3.** Assessment of publication bias shown with funnel plots in studies assaying odds of PTB associated with the IFN- $\gamma$  +874 A>T gene polymorphism in the Caucasian population