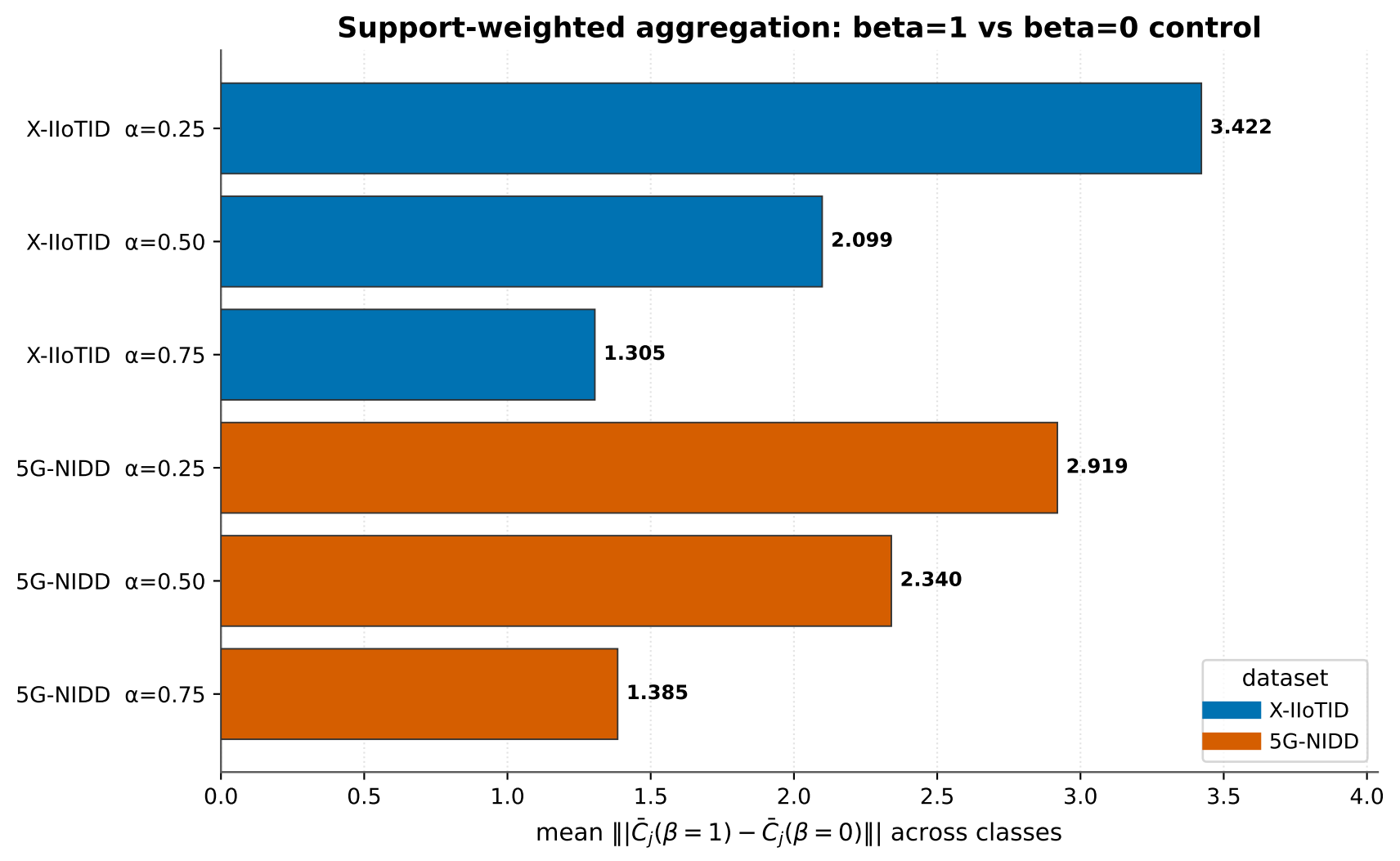


Direct aggregation effect on fixed round-0 snapshots using identical local prototypes and N_ij; no retraining.
beta=0 is the reference CONTROL (equal weighting over S_j) and is NOT automatically identical to original_protean.
Displacement is a representation metric, not detection quality.