Two tools to study Composite Endpoints: CompARE and CompAREdesign

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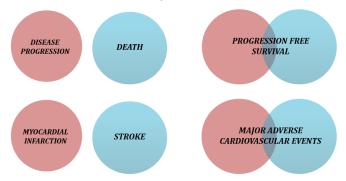




Software for Clinical Trial Designs

Framework:

- Two treatment comparison (Phase III Trials)
- Time-to-event/Binary outcomes
- More than one relevant outcome to measure the efficacy of an intervention.
 - Composite outcomes $\varepsilon_* = \varepsilon_1 \cup \varepsilon_2$
 - **PFS** in oncology trials: Disease Progression (ε_1) and Death (ε_2).
 - **MACE** in cardiovascular trials: Myocardial infarction (ε_1) and Stroke (ε_2).



CompARE: Main questions

Asymptotic Relative Efficiency (ARE)

Is it efficient to use the CE as a composite endpoint?

- If $ARE > 1 \Longrightarrow$ choose ε_*
- If $ARE \le 1 \Longrightarrow$ choose ε_1

Effect size

Time-to-event studies

- The (non-constant) hazard ratio of the CE over time is provided in a graphical way.
- Summary measures such as RMST or gAHR of the CE are provided

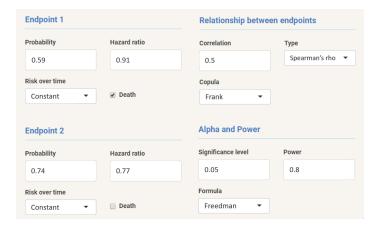
Binary endpoints

Summary measures such as OR or RR of the CE are provided

Sample size

■ What sample size is required for a prededined α and power?

CompARE: Input Parameters and Assumptions



Assumptions

- HR_1 and HR_2 constant over time
- \blacksquare Weibull distributions for T_1 and T_2 with common shape parameter in both arms
- Same correlation (ρ) between T_1 and T_2 in both arms

CompARE

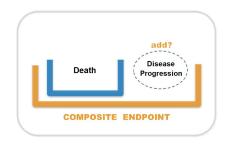
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CompAREdesign

install.packages(CompAREdesign)
library(CompAREdesign)

ZODIAC Trial⁽¹⁾

- **Population**: patients with advanced non-small-cell lung cancer
- Double-blind, randomised, phase 3 trial
- Experimental intervention (1): vandetanib plus docetaxel
- Reference intervention (0): placebo plus docetaxel
- **Endpoint** (\mathcal{E}_1): Time to *Death*
- **Endpoint** (ε_2): Time to *Disease progression*
- Composite endpoint (ε_*): Time to PFS (*Death* or *Progression*)



⁽¹⁾Herbst RS et al. (2010). The Lancet Oncology

Initial seeds of CompARE





