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Analyzing marginal outcomes in pilot cancer clinical trials

The analysis of small randomized cancer clinical trials poses known difficulty when the outcome measure is based on a marginal relative effects estimate. Confidence intervals for marginal relative effect estimates tend to be overly conservative and have little value in practice. In this presentation, we present a modified multinomial procedure for estimating marginal relative effect estimates and provide simulation results comparing the empirical and expected coverage of the estimated values.

Biography

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