A Bayesian Analysis of Disease Modification Using Doubly Randomized Delayed-Start and Matched-Control Design Paradigms

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- Introduction
- Scientific/Regulatory Considerations
- Existing Trial Designs and Statistical Methods
- Research Initiatives
- Discussion

#### How do Disease Progression and Disease Modification Differ?

- Disease progression: worsening of a disease in terms of symptom severity, underlying pathology, or outcome. The term "disease progression" is most commonly used for chronic and incurable diseases where the stage of the disease is an important determinant of therapy and prognosis
- Disease modification: alteration of the underlying disease pathophysiology that results in a beneficial outcome

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# **Challenges to Drug Development**

- Unmet need for efficacious disease modification drugs over management of symptoms
- Driven by fruitful scientific research and discoveries
- Additional research objectives
  - To establish disease mediation biomarkers
  - To demonstrate clinical evidence of disease modifications

#### Scientific/Regulatory Considerations

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# **Mediation Biomarkers**

- Direct measure of biological or physiological state of disease progression associated with clinical outcomes
- Direct targeted drug effects on biomarkers
- Indirect drug effects on clinical outcomes
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- D'Agostino
  - Second phase observational study with differential drop-out
  - Careful to buy into this design

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- Last-Visit Analysis
  - Biased "completer analysis" (consider, MMRM with treatment contrast for the last visit)
  - "Sensitivity analysis" with un-verifiable assumptions (consider, multiple imputation or pattern mixture models)
  - Lacking serious evaluations of robustness of any analytical method under a range of plausible MNAR models or assumptions

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# **Adaptations with Potential Mediation Biomarkers**

- Early futility, modification of enrollment criteria, or sample size adjustment
- Bias mediation analysis
- Validity of design established mathematically, not via limited and potentially biased simulation studies





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Case 2: Delayed-Start Effects



# **Biomarkers**

- Brain MRI Scans
- ICM volume will be measured Cortical thickness, gray matter and white matter volumes
- No correlations
- No path analysis

# **Lingering Issues**

- Missing data
- Multiplicity

# **Three Key Innovations**

- Randomized Matched Controls
  - Prospective run-in with static and dynamic prognostic factors
  - Matched control or causal inference to quantify retention effect
- Managed Withdrawal with Re-entry
  - Patients who decide to drop out are given necessary medicine(s) other than the study drug for best possible care, and are allowed to re-enter into Part III
  - On-going trials
- Randomized Delayed-Start
  - Verification and quantification of delayed-start effect
  - Disease modification as a clinical judgment based on the totality of evidence (i.e., effect on progress  $\delta_{21}$ , lead effect after early-start  $\delta_{31}$ , delayed-start effect  $\delta_{32}$ , cumulative effect on progression  $\delta_{33}$ , and biomarker effects)

#### **Recall: Disease Modification**



# Objective

- $\delta_{21}$  is the month 9 treatment effect on disease progression  $\delta_{21} = \mu_9^{(PP)} - \mu_9^{(AP)}$
- $\delta_{31}$  is a measure of how much the *AP* / *PP* (delayed start with *PP* or lead treatment effect) subjects caught to the PP/PP subjects  $\delta_{31} = \mu_{18}^{(PP,PP)} - \mu_{18}^{(AP,PP)}$
- $\delta_{32}$  is delayed start treatment effect on disease progression. The amount you may gain switching to *PP*

 $\delta_{32} = \mu_{18}^{(AP,PP)} - \mu_{18}^{(AP,AP)}$ 

•  $\delta_{33}$  is the overall effect of treatment  $\delta_{33} = \mu_{18}^{(PP,PP)} - \mu_{18}^{(AP,AP)}$ 

# Objective

• We will examine catching up by estimating the posterior probabilities:

 $P(\delta_{31} > 0.75\delta_{21}); P(\delta_{31} > 0.50\delta_{21}); P(\delta_{31} > 0.25\delta_{21})$ 

- This is like  $H_0: \ \delta_{31} \le 0.75\delta_{21}$   $H_1: \ \delta_{31} > 0.75\delta_{21}$  indicating that at least 75% of the treatment difference observed at the end of the Part II has been preserved at the end of delayed start period.
- We will also examine Significant Treatment differences by estimating the posterior probabilities:

 $P(\delta_{21} > 0); P(\delta_{31} > 0); P(\delta_{32} > 0); P(\delta_{33} > 0)$ 

#### Notation

• We observe  $Y_{ij}^{(AP)}$ ,  $Y_{ij}^{(PP)}$ , and  $Y_{ij}^{(APPP)}$ ; for subject i (i = 1, ..., n)

$$\begin{split} Y_{ij} &= \mu_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij} \; ; \; \varepsilon_{ij} \sim N(0, \; \tau_j^2) & j = 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 \\ \mu_{ij} &= \theta + \alpha_i + \beta_{ij} M_j \\ \beta_{ij} &= \beta_j + f_{ij} \; ; \; f_{i,\bullet} \sim N(0, \; \Sigma) \end{split}$$

- $\mu_{ii}$  is the average response of patient *i* at month *j*
- $\alpha_i$  is the random intercept for patient *i*
- $\theta$  is the baseline response
- $\beta_{ii}$  is the rate of change exhibited by patient *i* at month *j*
- $\beta_i$  is the aggregated average rate of change
- $\varepsilon_{ii}$  is the residual error for response  $Y_{ii}$
- $\tau_i$  is the standard deviation of the error
- $f_{ij}$  is the residual error for the rate of change exhibited by patient *i* at month *j*
- $\Sigma$  is the covarinace matrix for residual errors

#### Notation

• Likelihood for the general model under a generic treatment regime



# **Models of Interest**

- Linear
- Random Intercept
- Random Intercept and Random Slope
- Autoregressive

Nonlinear Models

Spline models with random intercept

Spline models with random intercept and random slope

# **Model Evaluation**

• Deviance Information Criterion (DIC)

$$D(\mu,\tau) = \sum_{i,j} \frac{(Y_{ij} - \mu_{ij})^2}{\tau_j^2}, \quad D(\bar{\mu},\bar{\tau}) = \sum_{i,j} \frac{(Y_{ij} - \bar{\mu}_{ij})^2}{\bar{\tau}_j^2}$$

*DIC* is defined as the posterior average of:  $DIC^* = 2 \times D(\mu, \tau) - D(\overline{\mu}, \overline{\tau})$ 

• Bayesian p-value is based on comparing predictive posterior residual with their observed counterparts

Predicted Residuals  $resid_{ij}^* = \frac{(Y_{ij}^* - \mu_{ij})}{\tau_j}$ , Observed Residuals  $resid_{ij} = \frac{(Y_{ij} - \mu_{ij})}{\tau_j}$ 

Bayesian p-value

$$P\left\{\sum_{i,j} \frac{(Y_{ij}^* - \mu_{ij})^2}{\tau_j^2} > \sum_{i,j} \frac{(Y_{ij} - \mu_{ij})^2}{\tau_j^2}\right\}$$

## Central parameters have the prior distributions

$$\Sigma \sim IW(8, \frac{I}{\varepsilon})$$
  
$$\beta_{j} \sim N(0, \frac{I}{\varepsilon})$$
  
$$\tau_{j}^{2} \sim \frac{\varepsilon}{\chi_{1}^{2}}; \quad \sigma^{2} \sim \frac{\varepsilon}{\chi_{1}^{2}}$$

### Posteriors

Posteriors will be computed for

 $\theta$ 

 $\alpha_{i}$ 

 $\beta_{ij}$ 

Σ

 ${ au}_j^2$ 

 $\beta_j$  aggregated rate of change for treatment groups

# Linear Model under generic treatment regime

• We assume that

$$Y_{ij} = \mu_j + \varepsilon_{ij} ; \quad \varepsilon_{ij} \sim N(0, \tau_j^2)$$
$$\mu_{ij} = \theta I(j=0) + \beta_{j>0} M_{j>0}$$

- $\theta$  is the means for subjects at month 0
- $\beta_j$  is the rate of change for monh j
- $\varepsilon_{ij}$  is the residual error assumed to be normal with standard deviation  $\tau_j$
- Priors: We assume standard normal indifference priors for  $\theta$  and  $\beta_j$ , and standard chi-square indifference priors for  $\tau_j$

### Linear Model under generic treatment regime, Likelihood

$$Y_{ij} = \mu_j + \varepsilon_{ij}$$
$$\mu_{ij} = \theta I(j=0) + \beta_j M_j$$



# Linear Model under generic treatment regime, Posteriors

$$\theta \sim N \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i} \frac{Y_{i0}}{\tau_0^2}}{n / \tau_0^2}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{n / \tau_0^2}} \right\}$$

$$\beta_{j} \sim N \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i} Y_{ij}}{nM_{j}^{2} / \tau_{j}^{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{nM_{j}^{2} / \tau_{j}^{2}}} \right\}$$

$$\tau_0^2 \sim \frac{\sum_i (Y_{i0} - \theta)^2}{\chi_n^2}$$

$$\tau_j^2 \sim \frac{\sum_i \left(Y_{ij} - \beta_j M_j\right)^2}{\chi_n^2}$$

# Linear Model under generic treatment regime, Model Check

• 
$$DIC = 2 \times D(\theta, \beta, \tau) - D(\overline{\theta}, \overline{\beta}, \overline{\tau})$$

$$D(\theta, \beta, \tau) = \sum_{ij} \frac{\left(Y_{ij} - \theta - \beta_j M_j\right)^2}{\tau_j^2}$$
$$D(\overline{\theta}, \overline{\beta}, \overline{\tau}) = \sum_{ij} \frac{\left(Y_{ij} - \overline{\theta} - \overline{\beta}_j M_j\right)^2}{\overline{\tau}_j^2}$$

• Bayesian p-value

$$P\left\{\sum_{ij}\frac{\left(Y_{ij}^{*}-\theta-\beta_{j}M_{j}\right)^{2}}{\tau_{j}^{2}}>\sum_{ij}\frac{\left(Y_{ij}-\theta-\beta_{j}M_{j}\right)^{2}}{\tau_{j}^{2}}\right\}$$

# **Random Intercept**

- $Y_{ij} = \mu_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij}$   $\mu_{ij} = \theta + \alpha_i + \beta_j M_j$  $\uparrow$
- $\alpha_i$  is the random intercept for patient *i*
- $\beta_i$  is the rate of change per month

 $\varepsilon_{ij}$  is the residual assumed to be normal with mean 0 and standard deviation  $\tau_j$ Here we assume standard normal indifference priors for  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_j$ , and standard chi-square indifference priors for  $\tau_j$ 

### Random Intercept and Random Slope

• 
$$Y_{ij} = \mu_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij}$$
  
 $\mu_{ij} = \theta + \alpha_i + \beta_{ij}M_j$   
 $\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$ 

Random slope prior is  $\beta_{ij} = \beta_j + e_{ij}$ 

 $e_{ij} \sim N(0, \Sigma)$  and standard indifference priors on  $\beta_j$  and  $\Sigma$ 

• 
$$L \propto \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{7} \tau_{j}^{n}} \exp \left\{ -\sum_{i} \frac{(Y_{i0} - \theta - \alpha_{i})^{2}}{2\tau_{0}^{2}} - \sum_{i} \sum_{j>0} \frac{(Y_{ij} - \alpha_{i} - \beta_{ij}M_{j})^{2}}{2\tau_{j}^{2}} \right\}$$
  
  $\times \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} (\beta_{i,\bullet} - \beta_{j})' \Sigma^{-1} (\beta_{i,\bullet} - \beta_{j}) \right\}$ 

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Assume lower level correlation  $\psi$  and lower level mean  $\mu_{\beta}$ 

$$\beta_{j} = \begin{cases} \mu_{\beta} + \psi(\beta_{j-1} - \mu_{\beta}) + \varepsilon_{j}, & \text{if } j > 0 \\ \\ \mu_{\beta} + \varepsilon_{0}, & \text{if } j = 0 \end{cases}$$

### **Autoregressive Model**

• 
$$Y_{ij} = \begin{cases} \mu_j + \rho (Y_{i,j-1} - \mu_{j-1}) + \varepsilon_{i,j}, & \text{if } j > 0 \\ \mu_0 + \varepsilon_{i,0}, & \text{if } j = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_j = \theta + \beta_j M_j$$

The residual errors are assumed to be  $\varepsilon_{i,j} \sim N(0, \tau_j^2)$ 

Assume indifference priors for the hyperparameters  $\rho$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\tau_j$ .

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$$\mu_j = \theta + \beta_j M_j$$

Compute posteriors for all the parameters

$$\rho \sim N_{-1,1} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i,j=2:7} (Y_{i,j} - \mu_j) (Y_{i,j-1} - \mu_{j-1}) / \tau_j^2}{\sum_{i,j=2:7} (Y_{i,j-1} - \mu_{j-1}) / \tau_j^2}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i,j=2:7} (Y_{i,j-1} - \mu_{j-1}) / \tau_j^2}} \right\}$$

# **Generic Nonlinear Model**

Peter Congdon, Applied Bayesian Modelling, Second Edition Chapter 7: Analysis of Panel Data

The spline model of order q without random slopes or intercepts

$$Y_{ij} = \theta I(j=0) + \sum_{h=1}^{q} \beta_h M_j^h + \sum_{g=1}^{q} \gamma_g \left( M_j - \nu_g \right)_{+}^{q} + \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$

- $\beta_{h}$  is slope for polynomial  $M^{h}$
- $\gamma_{s}$  is slope for spline polynomial
- $v_{g}$  is the breakpoint (node)
- $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_{ih}$  can be included

### Scenarios



### Scenario – No Disease Modification



### Scenario – No Disease Modification, Truth

Table 2 MCCB Score: Mixed Model Repeated Measures (MMRM) ANOVA, Actual Score and Difference at Each Visit Including Month 18 between PPPP and APAP; Subjects with Treatment PPPP or APAP

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	PPPP	APAP	D	ifference (PPPP vs	APAP)	
Parameter	Estimate(SE)	Estimate(SE)	Estimate(SE)	95% CI	DF	p-value
Repeated Measures Model						
Treatment					1, 148	<0.001
Visit					6, 143	<0.001
Treatment*Visit Interaction					6, 143	<0.001
Model Estimates/Treatment Compariso	n (PPPP - APAP)	at Fach Visit				
Baseline	29.7 (1.25)	29.7 (1.25)	-0.0 (1.76)	(-3.49; 3.49)	148	1.000
Month 3	32.7 (1.39)	20.8 (1.39)	11.9 (1.97)	(8.03;15.81)	148	<0.001
Month 6	31.5 (1.30)	25.5 (1.30)	6.0 (1.84)	(2.36; 9.61)	148	0.001
Month 9	36.9 (1.25)	19.1 (1.25)	17.8 (1.76)	(14.32;21.28)	148	<0.001
Month 12	32.4 (1.26)	18.6 (1.26)	13.7 (1.79)	17.26)	148	<0.001
Month 15	33.8 (1.26)	18.1 (1.26)	15.7 (1.78)	(12.17;19.21)	148	<0.001
Month 18	20 4 (1 16)	17 7 (1 16)	11 8 (1 64)	(8 52:15 00)	148	<0.001

Note: DF stands for degrees of freedom. The estimate, standard error, 95 percent CI, and p-value are based on a repeated measures mixed effects ANOVA model with treatment and visit as fixed effect (categorical) factors; and treatment-by-visit interaction. The correlation of the repeated measures is modeled with an unstructured covariance structure. Use DREAMSCENARIO5 dataset.

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TSIMCCB03 C1: Estimated Means and 90% Credible Intervals for Generated Simulation Data; (Study R092670-SCH-3013)												
	Linear			Random Intercept		Random Intercept and Slope		Autoregressive				
	OAP-OAP	PP-PP	OAP-PP	OAP-OAP	PP-PP	OAP-PP	OAP-OAP	PP-PP	OAP-PP	OAP-OAP	PP-PP	OAP-PP
BASELINE (PARTII)	29.8	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	32.7	32.7	32.8
	(27.8-31.9)	(27.7-31.7)	(27.6-31.8)	(28.0-31.5)	(27.9-31.4)	(27.7-31.7)	(27.7-31.9)	(27.7-31.8)	(27.8-31.7)	(24.5-37.7)	(25.3-37.1)	(25.0-37.2)
MONTH 3 (PARTII)	20.8	32.7	20.8	23.2	32.1	23.2	19.9	30.4	19.5	22.7	33.9	22.0
	(18.5-23.1)	(30.4-35.0)	(18.6-23.1)	(19.2-26.9)	(30.0-34.5)	(19.2-26.8)	(19.5-20.2)	(30.0-30.7)	(19.2-20.0)	(18.2-27.7)	(29.6-38.1)	(17.9-26.6)
MONTH 6 (PARTII)	25.5	31.6	25.5	18.8	34.6	20.8	26.8	32.3	27.2	26.7	31.7	25.9
	(23.4-27.7)	(29.4-33.8)	(23.2-27.6)	(17.0-20.8)	(31.1-38.4)	(17.8-24.1)	(26.4-27.2)	(31.8-32.7)	(26.7-27.6)	(20.6-32.8)	(26.3-37.3)	(20.1-31.6)
MONTH 9 (PARTII)	19.1	36.9	19.1	17.9	31.6	27.6	19.8	36.3	20.3	19.9	36.9	19.2
	(17.1-21.2)	(34.8-38.8)	(17.0-21.1)	(16.1-19.8)	(28.1-35.5)	(24.1-30.8)	(18.6-20.6)	(35.2-37.6)	(19.6-20.8)	(13.0-26.7)	(30.8-43.0)	(13.0-25.6)
BASELINE (PARTIII)	19.1	36.9	19.1	17.9	31.6	27.6	19.8	36.3	20.3	19.9	36.9	19.2
,	(17.1-21.2)	(34.8-38.8)	(17.0-21.1)	(16.1-19.8)	(28.1-35.5)	(24.1-30.8)	(18.6-20.6)	(35.2-37.6)	(19.6-20.8)	(13.0-26.7)	(30.8-43.0)	(13.0-25.6)
MONTH 12 (PARTIII)	18.6	32.4	22.5	23.2	32.1	23.2	19.3	33.1	21.9	19.2	32.4	22.3
· · · · ·	(16.6-20.7)	(30.3-34.5)	(20.5-24.7)	(19.2-26.9)	(30.0-34.5)	(19.2-26.8)	(18.9-19.6)	(32.5-33.7)	(21.5-22.4)	(11.0-27.2)	(25.0-40.2)	(14.2-30.4)
MONTH 15 (PARTIII)	18.0	33.8	25.8	18.8	34.6	20.8	18.7	34.1	24.7	18.6	33.9	25.9
, , ,	(15.9-20.2)	(31.6-36.1)	(23.6-27.9)	(17.0-20.8)	(31.1-38.4)	(17.8-24.1)	(18.2-19.2)	(33.6-34.6)	(24.4-25.3)	(10.2-26.9)	(25.6-42.7)	(17.9-33.8)
MONTH 18 (PARTIII)	17.6	29.4	29.5	17.9	31.6	27.6	16.8	30.8	30.6	18.0	29.5	29.4
	(15.8-19.4)	(27.4-31.3)	(27.6-31.3)	(16.1-19.8)	(28.1-35.5)	(24.1-30.8)	(15.9-17.7)	(30.0-31.7)	(29.6-31.4)	(14.2-21.9)	(26.3-32.3)	(26.4-32.7)

# TSIMCCB04\_C1: Treatment Mean Differences and 90% Credible Intervals of 500 Selected Simulations of Generated Data; (Study R092670-SCH-3013)

Contrasts	Linear Model	Random Intercept	Random Intercept and Slope	Autoregressive
DELTA21	-17.8 (-20.3, -15.3)	-8.8 (-13.7, -4.3)	-16.3 (-17.6, -14.7)	-17.4 (-25.0, -10.2)
DELTA31	-0.0 (-2.9, 2.6)	4.0 (-2.0, 10.2)	0.2 (-1.1, 2.1)	0.0 (-4.5, 4.3)
DELTA32	11.8 (9.3, 14.3)	9.7 (5.4, 13.7)	13.8 (12.1, 15.5)	11.5 (6.6, 16.5)
DELTA33	11.8 (9.0, 14.6)	13.7 (10.0, 17.9)	14.0 (13.1, 14.6)	11.5 (6.2, 16.5)

## Scenario – No Disease Modification, RIRS Posterior Means



# Scenario – No Disease Modification, AR(1) Posterior Means



# Scenario – No Disease Modification, 2 Nodes Posterior Means



# Scenario – No Disease Modification, DIC



#### Summary

- Huge unmet medical need for disease modification drugs
- Existing clinical development and trial design approaches are not adequate
- Doubly-randomized matched control design with proposed analytical plans addresses many existing issues for demonstrating clinical evidence of disease modification
- Bayesian inference is a natural fit
- Strong preference for simpler designs to establish mediation biomarkers, especially for drugs with modest effects