Statistical Methods and Modeling In Response to COVID-19 at NIAID

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Topics

- Describe
 - Time from infection to symptoms (incubation)
 - Exploit a natural experiment
- Treatment
 - Adaptive Treatment Trial
 - Incredible pace, intense scrutiny
- Vaccines
 - Endpoint selection
 - Assessing disease severity --- only seen in the infecteds
 - Antibodies and disease acquisition/severity



Describe: Incubation Distribution

True Incubation Distribution

I	P(I)
1	Θ1
2	θ ₂
3	Θ ₃
4	Θ_4

If always I < 14 days, then quarantine for 14 days

 $P(I = 2) = \Theta_2 = #(I = 2) / Total = 1/3$

A natural experiment

- In January, Epidemic was mostly in Wuhan
- On Jan 23, China imposed a countrywide lockdown
- Suppose Zonghui leaves Wuhan on Jan 21 goes to Beijing. On Jan 23 she is stuck in her apartment
- Zonghui tests positive on Jan 30
 - Must've got it in Wuhan
 - Incubation must be at least 9 days
 - Can we do better?





Jing Qin

Two issues, but a solution

- Incubation period longer than what we see
- Wuhan emigres tend to nave longer incubations



 $\Theta_4(1/4) + \Theta_3(1/4)$

P(Symptoms day 3)

 \propto

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True Incubation Distribution

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P(I=4 | Infected on Day -1) P(Infected on Day 0) + P(I=3 | Infected on Day 0) P(Infected on Day 0)

Weibull model for incubation distribution

Percentile	Steady State	20% infected at departure	100% infected at departure
50%	8.1 days	7.0 days	5.0 days
90%	14.7 days	13.3 days	11.0 days



Figure 2. Histogram and estimated probability density functions for the time from Wuhan departure to symptoms onset, i.e.,

Incubation period longer than 2 weeks for 5% - 10% of the cases

Most studies estimate P(I > 2weeks) quite small

Figure I. Mechanical ventilator for positive pressure ventilation



Invasive Mechanical Ventilation

Intubated & Sedated

High Flow Oxygen



Low flow oxygen



Treatment: ACTT-1

- Double blind, adaptive, randomized trial of remdesivir vs placebo in mildsevere COVID-19 disease
- Measure ordinal scale every day. Feels, functions, survives, ... & logistics
 - 8 Death;
 - 7 Hospitalized, on invasive mechanical ventilation or ECMO;
 - 6 Hospitalized, on non-invasive ventilation or high flow oxygen devices;
 - 5 Hospitalized, requiring supplemental oxygen;
 - 4 Hospitalized, not requiring supplemental oxygen requiring ongoing medical care
 - 3 Hospitalized, not requiring supplemental oxygen no longer requires ongoing medical care;
 - 2 Not hospitalized, limitation on activities and/or requiring home oxygen;
 - 1 Not hospitalized, no limitations on activities.
- Primary endpoint ordinal outcome at day 14, . . . But
 - How firm are the categories?
 - What if treatment effects show up later.
 - Blinded adaptation after pilot of 100 doesn't help much

Proportional Odds Model

- Logit{ $P(Y \le j)$ } = α_j Z β
 - Z = I(treatment)
- Can be derived by assuming a latent U
 - $U = Z \beta + e$
 - e ~ standard Logistic
 - we see Y = interval censored U
- Can estimate by maximum likelihood and test $H_0: \beta = 0$
- Asymptotically very similar to doing a Wilcoxon test
- Hard for me to explain to clinicians



Think and Act

- Hard to get the day right for ordinal score analysis
- Use average ordinal score (OS) over follow-up?
 - Hard to interpret.
- Three endpoints Day 14 OS, Day 21 OS, Day 28 OS
 - Different days for different baseline strata?
 - Little too awkward.
- Mortality
 - Much bigger study
- Time to recovery
 - Avoids timing issue, meaningful



Cao 2020 study of Kaletra

Simulations



- Draw a 'line of destiny' to define score over day 0,28
 - $U_{id} = B0 + B1 \log(d) + B2 Z \log(d) + b_{0i} + b_{1i}\log(d)$
 - $b_{0i} \sim N(0, 1.5^2)$
 - $b_{1i} \sim I \times N(4, .3^2) + (1-I) \times N(-7, s^2) I \sim Be(p)$
 - Z ~ Treatment indicator
- Integer part of U_{id} is ordinal score for day d.
- Fun Fact:
 - Can transform so every day is [U] |Z follows proportional odds model
 - Transform Y from normal to uniform to logistic, each day is a shift of size B2

Simulate trajectories, determine power

100 random trajectories

 $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 10 \\ 15 \\ 20 \\ 25 \\ \end{bmatrix}$

Days Since Randomization

Test	P-Odds	P-Odds	P-Odds	P-Odds	Mean	Cox on	Cox on	Cox on	28 Day] _
	Day 1	Day 7	Day 14	Day 28	Score	2 point	Recovery	Death	Mortality	٢
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Adjusted					.917	.834	<mark>.909</mark>]_
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Power: Proportion of times we conclude Remdesivir works for different tests

Endpoint: Time to Recovery

- How to treat deaths? People who die can never recover. Set their recovery times to infinity.
- Use Cox PH test with time to recovery over day [0,28]
- Kaplan-Meier curve estimates the *cumulative incidence* of recoveries.
- Corresponds to Fine-Grey method for competing risks
 - With no administrative censoring.
- Designed to achieve 400 recoveries



Fine-Grey with administrative censoring

- Fine-Grey PH removes the deaths at their censoring time.
 - Joe dies on day 3, but would've been censored at day 14. Censor at day 14.
- Cox PH keeps deaths in risk set throughout follow-up
- Fine-Grey estimates exp(β) with complete follow-up or administrative censoring
- Cox PH estimates $exp(\beta)$ with complete follow-up
- Simulations rho=0.99 FG-PH = 1.294 Cox-PH = 1.287

ACTT-1



- Study accrued extremely rapidly as epidemic exploded
 - Required quick flexible thinking/action
- First interim look = final look had more than 400 recoveries
- Study well powered and well run
 - 31% faster recovery p-value = 0.001
 - Median recovery 11 days Remdesivir vs 15 days Placebo
 - Mortality 8% Remdesivir 11.6% Placebo

"Although a 31% improvement doesn't seem like a knockout 100%, it is a very important proof of concept," Fauci said. "Because what it has proven is that a drug can block this virus."

pharmaceutical-technology.com

Gilead secures FDA's EUA for remdesivir to treat Covid-19 Credit: NIAID. Gilead Sciences has secured emergency use authorisation (EUA) from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for remdesivir ... 8 hours ago



Intense interest

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The Washington Post Democracy Dies in Darkness

"NIAID statisticians performed modeling of what happens if the right day is not picked for assessment, which revealed that meaningful treatment effects could be missed with that primary endpoint," NIAID said. "Time to recovery avoids this issue, and the change in primary endpoint seemed appropriate given the evolving clinical data."

Government researchers who decided to make the switch in outcome measure did not have access to clinical data, NIAID added.



NIAID explains why endpoint of remdesivir trial was changed

Little was known regarding the natural course of COVID-19 when the trial was initially designed, and the initial endpoint chosen specified a single timepoint for evaluation, namely day 14. However, with the growing knowledge during the epidemic, we learned that COVID-19 had a more protracted course than previously known. Further concerns were raised about the reliance on a single time point for evaluating treatment effects. While still blinded to treatment assignment, NIAID statisticians performed modeling of what happens if the right day is not picked for assessment, which revealed that meaningful treatment effects could be missed with that primary endpoint. Time to recovery avoids this issue, and the change in primary endpoint seemed appropriate given the evolving clinical data. This change in primary endpoint was made without any knowledge of data from ACTT, before any interim data was available.

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BIOTECH

Were researchers wrong to move the goalposts on remdesivir? In the end, it may not have mattered

EXCLUSIVE

Inside the NIH's controversial decision to stop its big remdesivir study

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Business

Government researchers changed metric to measure coronavirus drug remdesivir during clinical trial

Death rate was eliminated as a primary outcome measure, replaced with the time it took patients to recover.



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ACTT-2

- Currently enrolling into a trial of
 - Baricitinib + remdeisivir
 - Placebo + remdesivir
- Hope for an answer in a couple months . . .

Prevention: Planning for Vaccines

- Possible Endpoints
 - Infection PCR+ for virus or sero-conversion
 - Disease PCR+ for virus & symptomatic disease
- Which will be sensitive to vaccine effects? Help patient health?
- What if major effect of vaccine is to lessen disease severity?

Outcome	Placebo	Vaccine
Infection	1.0%	1.5%
Mild Disease	0.6%	0.4%
Hospitalized	0.3%	0.1%
Death	0.1%	0.0%

Vaccine "lift"



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Burden of Disease

- Disease yes/no doesn't care about severity.
- Severity of disease among those with disease is messy
 - Conditions on having disease

Outcome	Score	Placebo Overall At 2 years	Placebo Diseased	Vaccine Overall At 2 years	Vaccine Diseased
No disease	0	95.0%		98.0%	
Disease	1	4.0%	80%	1.6%	80%
Hospitalized	2	0.8%	16%	0.3%	15%
Dead	3	0.2%	4%	0.1%	5%

- ITT type measures appealing
 - Difference in mean score
 - Or ratio of mean scores?

Batter-up

- In baseball a common metric is the batting average
 - Batting Average = # hits/# at bats
- Another metric is slugging percentage
 - Slugging % = # bases/# at bats
- Want to compare teams by slugging %
 - Take difference or ratio
- For ratio of slugging %s don't need at bats!

• $\frac{\# \text{ bases Pilots}}{\# \text{ at bats Pilots}} / \frac{\# \text{ bases Sox}}{\# \text{ at bats Sox}} \sim \frac{\# \text{ bases Pilots}}{\# \text{ bases Sox}}$

• at bats = SARS-CoV-2 exposures



Burden of Disease

• Per-exposure distribution

Outcome	X	Per-exposure distribution	Distribution Given Diseased
No disease	0	Θ0	
Disease	1	Θ1	$\Theta_1/(1-\Theta_0)$
Hospitalized	2	θ2	Θ ₂ /(1-Θ ₀)
Dead	3	θ ₃	θ ₃ /(1-θ ₀)

- Mean Severity = $E(X) = E(X) \frac{P(X>0)}{P(X>0)} = \frac{E(X)}{P(X>0)} (1 \Theta_0)$
- Truncated mean x Disease Probability

Will Assume $1-\Theta_0^{Vaccine} = \exp(\beta) (1-\Theta_0^{Placebo})$

Proportional Means Model – ITT analysis of BOD

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$$\frac{E(X|Z=1)}{E(X|Z=0)} = \frac{P(X>0|Z=1)}{P(X>0|Z=0)} \frac{\frac{E(X|Z=1)}{P(X>0|Z=1)}}{\frac{E(X|Z=0)}{P(X>0|Z=0)}} = \exp(\beta) \frac{E(X|X>0,vaccine)}{E(X|X>0,placebo)}$$

- Use Cox Regression to estimate exp(β)
- Use arithmetic to estimate mean severity among the diseased
- $VE_S = 1 \frac{E(X|Z=1)}{E(X|Z=0)}$ = the proportion reduction in mean severity score
- Note: exposure undefined yet mean BOD ratio recovered

Ten Thousand Simulations

- Pure staggered entry trial—keep enrolling until approximately 100 cases
- Exponential failure times with VE on any disease = 45%
- Power for H₀: No effect of vaccine

Power					
Test	Big Lift	Small Lift	All-or-None		
Prop Hazard	0.808	0.808	0.808		
Prop Mean	0.910	0.871	0.770		
BOI mean diff	0.715	0.756	0.806		

Outcome	Placebo	Vaccine	Placebo	Vaccine	Placebo	Vaccine	
Mild	80%	95%	80%	90%	80% —	▶ 80%	
Hospital	15%	5%	15% 🧹	7.5%	15% —	▶ 15%	
Death	5%	0%	5% 🚄	2.5%	5% —	▶ 5%	
	Big Lift		Sma	ll Lift	All-or-	None	

Disease Rates among diseased

Comments

- Can be estimated with weighted Cox regression
 - Count symptomatic infections once, hospitalized twice, death three times
- With ACTT-1 ordinal score, 1 vaccine death = 8 mild placebo cases
 - Very fragile!
- Prop Mean BOD more powerful than mean difference BOD why?
 - With scores of 0,1,2,3, can't really do a location shift...
- Mean difference BOD estimand depends on censoring dbn, attack rate

Immune Correlates of Enhancement

- Theoretical concern that vaccination might *enhance* disease
 - Might it coincide with waning immunity/ antibodies
- How to address?
- Monitor the V:P split in disease and severe disease cases
 - Stratified by age other factors
- Connection with waning antibodies difficult.
 - Poorer power for a subgroup
 - Know antibody trajectory in vaccinees, not placebos.

Ecological analysis

Vaccine Efficacy = $1 - \exp(\beta(t))$



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Ab



Experiment Ab Injection followed by Weekly low-dose challenge Some weeks Ab not measured

Random Effects Model to get Empirical Bayes $\hat{A}(t)$



ARTICLES https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-018-0001-2

A single injection of crystallizable fragment domain-modified antibodies elicits durable protection from SHIV infection

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Logistic regression of Infection on $\hat{A}(t)$



Challenge Study in NHP vs Phase III in human

- In NHP Challenge Study
 - NHPs are homogenous
 - Injected antibody levels have similar curves
 - Weekly exposures with amount of virus
- In human Phase III trial
 - Humans are heterogeneous: age, risk of severe disease, response to vaccine
 - Vaccine induced antibodies variable in initial magnitude, decay
 - Exposures extremely variable by behavior, site, time, etc
 - => Potential for confounding of vaccine induced Abs with risk in humans

Measured Antibodies Over Time



Predicted \widehat{A}_i (t) levels over time



Apples to Apples

- Can build a random effects prediction model for antibody decay in vaccinees $A_i(t) = B_0 + B_1 t + b_{0i} + b_{1i}t + B_2 age_i + e_i(t)$
- Use Â_i (t) = E{A_i(t) = age_i, t, A_i(t₁), . . . A_i(t_(i))}
 Prediction only uses time and age...
- Fit Cox model with \widehat{A}_i (t) a time-varying covariate h(t) = h₀(t) exp($Z \beta_1 + \widehat{A}_i$ (t) $\beta_2 + Z \widehat{A}_i$ (t) β_3)

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 - Prediction only uses time and age...



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Communicate

- $h(t) = h_0(t) \exp(Z\beta_1 + \widehat{A}_i(t)\beta_2 + Z\widehat{A}_i(t)\beta_3)$?
- For each person, determine \widehat{A}_i (t) for t = each month of follow-up
 - 6 months FU, make \widehat{A}_i (1), \widehat{A}_i (2), \widehat{A}_i (3), \widehat{A}_i (4), \widehat{A}_i (5), \widehat{A}_i (6)



Highest Quartile of all \widehat{A}_i Second Highest Quartile of all \widehat{A}_i

Communicate Apples to Apples

Quartile	Average(\widehat{A}_i (t))	Typical Person	Placebo Attack rate	Vaccine Attack Rate	Vaccine Efficacy
1	1.2	Age=65 1.5 years FU	8.0	10.0	-25%
2	3.2	Age=40 1.0 years FU	7.1	6.9	3%
3	4.1	Age=38 0.5 years FU	12.1	7.4	39%
4	5.7	Age=23 0.2 years FU	8.4	3.4	59%

If antibodies wane, time since randomization might predict well

Better than ecological analysis

Communicate Apples to Oranges Analysis

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4	5.7	Age=23 0.2 years FU	8.4		2.2	2.8%
					7.1	38.8%
Quartile A _i (੮)	Avg(A _i (t))	Typical Person	Vaccine Attack rate		12.7	88.09
1	0.2	Age=60 2.0 year FU	11.1			
2	2.2	Age=37 1.1 years FU	6.9	•		
3	7.1	Age =36 0.9 year FU	7.4			
4	12 7	$\Delta ge = 18 0.1 \text{ years FU}$	1 0			



Meta-analysis of immune correlates

Antibody level of 7.1 protective License new vaccines that achieve 7.1

Full Blown Principal Stratification

- Can also do a full blown principal stratification type analysis
- Model the hazard of disease

 $h(t) = h_0(t) \exp(Z \beta_1 + A_i(t) \beta_2 + Z A_i(t) \beta_3)$

- Model the antibody decay
- Derive the proper likelihood
- Missing $A_i(t)$ integrated out in placebos, $A_i(t)$ used directly in vaccinees
- More efficient, but more demanding of correct specification than apples to apples

Communicate Full Blown Principal Stratification

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Can impose $\beta_2 = 0$ Placebo rates might still vary if $h_0(t) \& A_i(t)$ have similar shapes

Conclusions

- COVID-19 challenging for all of us
 - Incomplete knowledge of disease, intense scrutiny, incredible pace
- Treatment Trial
 - Pivoted to a more robust primary endpoint during trial
 - Rapid evaluation, decisions on principle/instinct
 - Intense interest
- Vaccine Trial
 - Different endpoints/methods of analysis evaluated
 - Proportional Means model gives nice ITT analysis of Burden of Disease
 - Disease enhancement especially re waning immunity is tricky

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- Emmes Corporation
- Fred Hutch Statisticians











Burden of Disease

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• Thus
$$\frac{E(Xv)}{E(Xp)} = \frac{\Theta_{1v} + \Theta_{2v} + \Theta_{3v}}{\Theta_{1P} + \Theta_{2P} + \Theta_{3P}} \frac{(1 - \Theta_{0p})}{(1 - \Theta_{0v})}$$

• Truncated mean x Disease Probability

Will Assume $1-\Theta_0^{Vaccine} = \exp(\beta) (1-\Theta_0^{Placebo})$

Trial level causality of the hazard ratio

- Y(**0**) = # cases if all get placebo = 100
- Y(1) = # cases if all get vaccine = 20

Estimate hazard ratio VE as $1 - Y(1)/Y(0) = .80^+$

We randomize and get randomization*

- Y*(**0**) = # cases with specific* half getting placebo = 54
- Y*(1) = # cases with remainder getting vaccine = 11
 Y*(1)/Y*(0) = 1 11/54 = .796

⁺Stuart Pocock's PH estimator. Also roughly the mle if we transform to exponential dbn i.e. PH model

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Endpoints for randomized controlled clinical trials for COVID-19 treatments

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Immune Correlates Analysis Using Vaccinees from Test Negative Designs Dean A Follmann, Lori Dodd *under review Biostatistics*





Subunit Vaccines Against Emerging Pathogenic Human Coronaviruse: Frontiers in Microbiology 2020 Wang... Du

Treatment & Prevention

- Plasma from COVID-19 survivors is rich in SARS-CoV2 antibodies
- Extract it, check it, pool it, test it in clinical trials
- Huge logistical issues with tracking, cataloging, verifying etc.
- BRB-CTRS is essential in ensuring that survivor's donated antibodies can be rigorously evaluation for treatment and prevention





Describe: Sero-prevalence

- Ideally, do a random sample of the US population
 - That would take a while, especially for us
- Encourage people to volunteer throughout the country
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- Fix up this convenience sample so it represents the US population of sero-prevalence volunteers
 - Can't really make it random



Generalization

• Can correct for geographical location, age, gender, etc. Estimate of seroprevalence in Illinois

$\frac{\sum_{i \text{ in Illinois } w_i Y_i}{\sum_{i \text{ in Illinois } w_i}}$

 $w_i = Pr(person i would be selected in a random sample)$ $Y_i = 1$ if person is is seropositive



Transmission

- NIH employees are getting COVID-19. Designed a protocol
- Identify contacts and family members for onward transmission.

Cluster	Members	Times of Detection	Covariates
1	A, B, C, D, E	0, 3, 7,, 2, 4	$X_A X_B X_C X_D X_E$
2	А, В	0,	X _A X _B
3	А, В, С	0, 4,	X _A X _B X _C

Transmission Sequence Known



Logit

- Each person A, . . . , E flips a coin to see if they're infected
 - logit{P(Out->A)} = $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ I(A works outside)
- Say A and B are infected from outside. A and B draw *avoidance scores* for everyone else.
 - If S(AC) < 1 then A infects C
 - $S(AC) \sim \text{Exponential} \{ \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 I(A, C \text{ share room}) \} \}$
- Repeat with the newly infected.

Transmission Sequence Known



But we don't know the sequence

- Missing data Likelihood contribution sums over possibilities
 - Suppose A,B infected, C not. Three possibilities
 - Out-> A,B {2}
 - Out-> A, A->B {1,1}
 - Out-> B, B->A {1,1}
- With bigger clusters # of possibilities explodes. Cluster of size 9 has many *partitions*
 - {9}
 - {8,1}, {7,2}, {1,8}
 - {1,1,7}, {1,2,6}, {7,1,1}
 - {1,1,1,6},...
 - . . .

Evaluate

Agree Run 1 vs Run 2	Run 1 Individual	Run 2 Individual	Pool	Depooled	Agree Run 2 vs Pool
Yes	00000	00000	0		Yes
Yes	00000	00000	0		Yes
No	10000	00000	0		Yes
Yes	10000	10000	0		No
Yes	10000	1 0 0 0 0	1	1 0 0 0 0	Yes
Yes	00000	00000	0		Yes

5/6 Pooling and re-running have similar reproducibility



Vaccine Immunology Program

- Assay qualification of binding ELISA for different SARS-CoV-2 proteins
 - Spike, S1, RBD, NTD
- For SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, need to
 - Measure vaccine induced immune response
 - Measure natural infection immune response
- Assay needs to be reliable
 - Sensitive
 - Specific
 - Linear
 - Precise



Fine-Grey Proportional Subhazards

- Cox model assumes the hazards are proportional
 - $S_0(t) = \exp(-\int_0^t \lambda_0(s) ds)$
 - $S_1(t) = \exp(-\int_0^t \lambda_1(s) ds)$
 - Hey $\frac{\lambda_1(s)}{\lambda_0(s)} = \exp(\beta)$

p = Proportion recovered at day=28

- But not all recover
 - $S_0(t) = p_0 \exp(-\int_0^t \lambda_0(s) ds) p_0 |(t=00)|$
 - $S_1(t) = p_1 \exp(-\int_0^t \lambda_1(s) ds) p_1 l(t=00)$
 - Hey $\frac{\log(p_1)\lambda_1(s)}{\log(p_0)\lambda_0(s)} = \exp(\beta)$ <not right. Something like this ?>