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#### **Description**

Create the exposure and outcome cohorts

## Usage

```
createCohorts(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema, cohortDatabaseSchema,
 cohortTable = "cohort", oracleTempSchema, outputFolder)
```

### **Arguments**

## connectionDetails

An object of type connectionDetails as created using the createConnectionDetails function in the DatabaseConnector package.

## cdmDatabaseSchema

Schema name where your patient-level data in OMOP CDM format resides. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

#### cohortDatabaseSchema

Schema name where intermediate data can be stored. You will need to have write priviliges in this schema. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

cohortTable

The name of the table that will be created in the work database schema. This table will hold the exposure and outcome cohorts used in this study.

## oracleTempSchema

Should be used in Oracle to specify a schema where the user has write priviliges for storing temporary tables.

outputFolder Name of local folder to place results; make sure to use forward slashes (/)

## **Details**

This function will create the exposure and outcome cohorts following the definitions included in this package.

createFiguresAndTables

Generate diagnostics

## Description

Generate diagnostics

#### Usage

```
createFiguresAndTables(outputFolder, connectionDetails,
 cohortDatabaseSchema, cohortTable, oracleTempSchema = oracleTempSchema)
```

#### **Arguments**

outputFolder

Name of local folder where the results were generated; make sure to use forward slashes (/). Do not use a folder on a network drive since this greatly impacts performance.

connectionDetails

An object of type connectionDetails as created using the createConnectionDetails function in the DatabaseConnector package.

cohortDatabaseSchema

Schema name where intermediate data can be stored. You will need to have write priviliges in this schema. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

cohortTable

The name of the table that will be created in the work database schema. This table will hold the exposure and outcome cohorts used in this study.

oracleTempSchema

Should be used in Oracle to specify a schema where the user has write priviliges for storing temporary tables.

## **Details**

This function generates figures and tables.

createMetaData

Create metadata file

## **Description**

Create metadata file

## Usage

createMetaData(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema, exportFolder)

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#### **Arguments**

connectionDetails

An object of type connectionDetails as created using the createConnectionDetails function in the DatabaseConnector package.

cdmDatabaseSchema

Schema name where your patient-level data in OMOP CDM format resides. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

exportFolder

The name of the folder where the metadata file should be created.

#### **Details**

Creates a file containing metadata about the source data (taken from the cdm\_source table) and R package versions.

execute

Execute the Study

#### **Description**

Execute the Study

## Usage

```
execute(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema,
 cohortDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema, cohortTable = "cohort",
 oracleTempSchema = cohortDatabaseSchema, outputFolder,
 createCohorts = TRUE, synthesizePositiveControls = TRUE,
 runAnalyses = TRUE, runDiagnostics = TRUE, packageResults = TRUE,
 maxCores = 4, minCellCount = 5)
```

#### **Arguments**

connectionDetails

An object of type connectionDetails as created using the createConnectionDetails function in the DatabaseConnector package.

cdmDatabaseSchema

Schema name where your patient-level data in OMOP CDM format resides. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

cohortDatabaseSchema

Schema name where intermediate data can be stored. You will need to have write priviliges in this schema. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

cohortTable

The name of the table that will be created in the work database schema. This table will hold the exposure and outcome cohorts used in this study.

oracleTempSchema

Should be used in Oracle to specify a schema where the user has write priviliges for storing temporary tables.

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outputFolder Name of local folder to place results; make sure to use forward slashes (/). Do not use a folder on a network drive since this greatly impacts performance.

createCohorts Create the cohortTable table with the exposure and outcome cohorts?

synthesizePositiveControls

Should positive controls be synthesized?

runAnalyses Perform the cohort method analyses?

runDiagnostics Compute study diagnostics?

packageResults Should results be packaged for later sharing?

maxCores How many parallel cores should be used? If more cores are made available this

can speed up the analyses.

minCellCount The minimum number of subjects contributing to a count before it can be in-

cluded in packaged results.

#### **Details**

This function executes the SkeletonComparativeEffectStudy Study.

The createCohorts, synthesizePositiveControls, runAnalyses, and runDiagnostics arguments are intended to be used to run parts of the full study at a time, but none of the parts are considerd to be optional.

# **Examples**

generateDiagnostics

Generate diagnostics

## Description

Generate diagnostics

#### Usage

```
generateDiagnostics(outputFolder)
```

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#### **Arguments**

Name of local folder where the results were generated; make sure to use forward outputFolder

slashes (/). Do not use a folder on a network drive since this greatly impacts performance.

#### **Details**

This function generates analyses diagnostics. Requires the study to be executed first.

launchEvidenceExplorer

Launch the SqlRender Developer Shiny app

### **Description**

Launch the SqlRender Developer Shiny app

## Usage

```
launchEvidenceExplorer(studyFolder, blind = TRUE,
launch.browser = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

The root folder containing the study results. The app expects each database to studyFolder

have a subfolder in this folder, containing the packaged results.

blind Should the user be blinded to the main results?

launch.browser Should the app be launched in your default browser, or in a Shiny window. Note:

copying to clipboard will not work in a Shiny window.

## **Details**

Launches a Shiny app that allows the user to explore the evidence

packageResults Package the results for sharing with OHDSI researchers

## **Description**

Package the results for sharing with OHDSI researchers

## Usage

```
packageResults(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema, outputFolder,
minCellCount = 5)
```

#### **Arguments**

connectionDetails

An object of type connectionDetails as created using the createConnectionDetails function in the DatabaseConnector package.

cdmDatabaseSchema

Schema name where your patient-level data in OMOP CDM format resides. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema

name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

outputFolder Name of local folder to place results; make sure to use forward slashes (/)

minCellCount The minimum number of subjects contributing to a count before it can be in-

cluded in the results.

### **Details**

This function packages the results.

prepareForEvidenceExplorer

Prepare results for the Evidence Explorer Shiny app.

### **Description**

Prepare results for the Evidence Explorer Shiny app.

#### Usage

prepareForEvidenceExplorer(studyFolder)

### **Arguments**

studyFolder

The root folder containing the study results. The app expects each database to have a subfolder in this folder, containing the packaged results.

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# Description

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Submit the study results to the study coordinating center

## Description

Submit the study results to the study coordinating center

### Usage

```
submitResults(outputFolder, key, secret)
```

### **Arguments**

outputFolder Name of local folder where the results were generated; make sure to use forward

slashes (/). Do not use a folder on a network drive since this greatly impacts

performance.

key The key string as provided by the study coordinator

secret The secret string as provided by the study coordinator

### **Details**

This will upload the file StudyResults.zip to the study coordinating center using Amazon S3. This requires an active internet connection.

#### Value

TRUE if the upload was successful.

```
synthesize Positive Controls
```

Synthesize positive controls

### Description

Synthesize positive controls

#### Usage

```
synthesizePositiveControls(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema,
 cohortDatabaseSchema, cohortTable = "cohort", oracleTempSchema,
 outputFolder, maxCores = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

connectionDetails

An object of type connectionDetails as created using the createConnectionDetails function in the DatabaseConnector package.

cdmDatabaseSchema

Schema name where your patient-level data in OMOP CDM format resides. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

cohortDatabaseSchema

Schema name where intermediate data can be stored. You will need to have write priviliges in this schema. Note that for SQL Server, this should include both the database and schema name, for example 'cdm\_data.dbo'.

cohortTable The name of the table that will be created in the work database schema. This

table will hold the exposure and outcome cohorts used in this study.

oracleTempSchema

Should be used in Oracle to specify a schema where the user has write priviliges

for storing temporary tables.

outputFolder Name of local folder to place results; make sure to use forward slashes (/)

maxCores How many parallel cores should be used? If more cores are made available this

can speed up the analyses.

#### **Details**

This function will synthesize positive controls based on the negative controls. The simulated outcomes will be added to the cohort table.

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