Program Name: tt2st

Language: SAS

*Objective:* Determining the critical interval and the power of the two-sample *t*-test for

equivalence

Input:

ALPHA significance level

TOL tolerance for the numerical approximation error

ITMAX maximum number of iteration steps

M sample size in Group 1 N " " " " 2

EPS1 absolute value of the left-hand limit of the equivalence range for  $(\mu_1-\mu_2)/\sigma$ 

EPS1 right-hand limit of the equivalence range for  $(\mu_1-\mu_2)/\sigma$ 

Output:

IT number of iteration steps carried out

C1 left-hand limit of the optimal critical interval C2 right-hand " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "

ERR1 effective difference between the rejection probability at the left-hand

boundary of the equivalence range and the target significance level ALPHA [ = . <=> difference is computed to be smaller in absolute value than the smallest positive real number admitting a representation as a

numeric constant in SAS]

ERR2 analogue to ERR1 referring to the right-hand boundary of the equivalence

range [for the meaning of ERR2=. see explanation on ERR1]

POW0 power against the alternative THETA = 0 [  $\leq \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$  ]