

# Estimating Costs Associated with Disease Model States Using Generalized Linear Models in R

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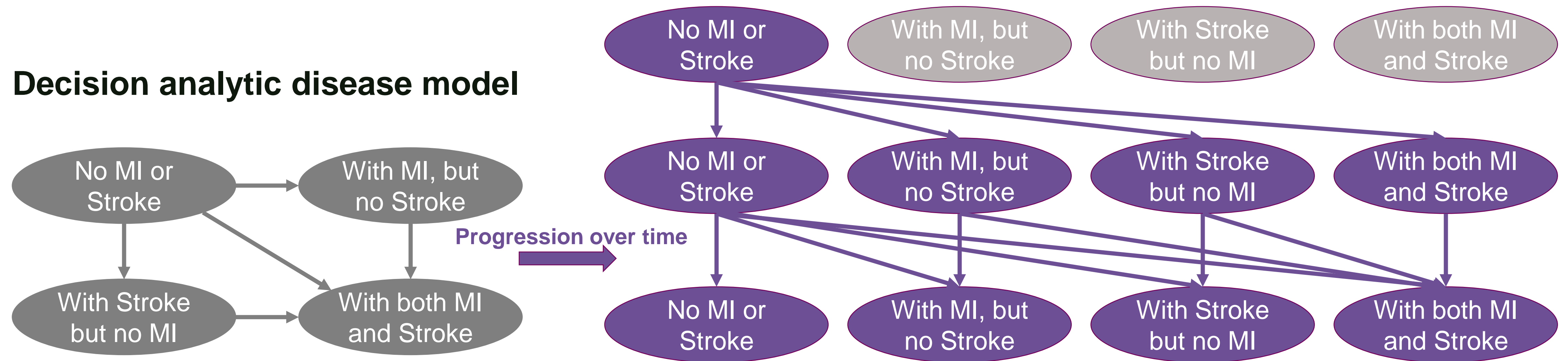
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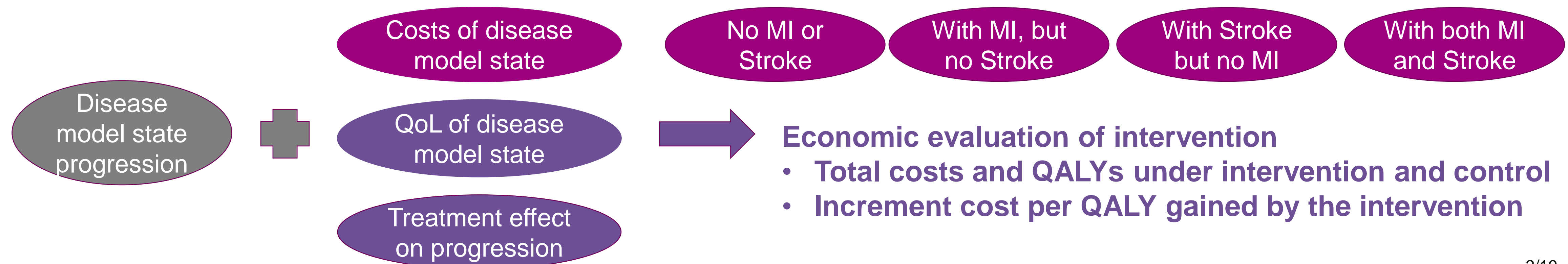
# Background

## Costs associated with disease model state

### Decision analytic disease model



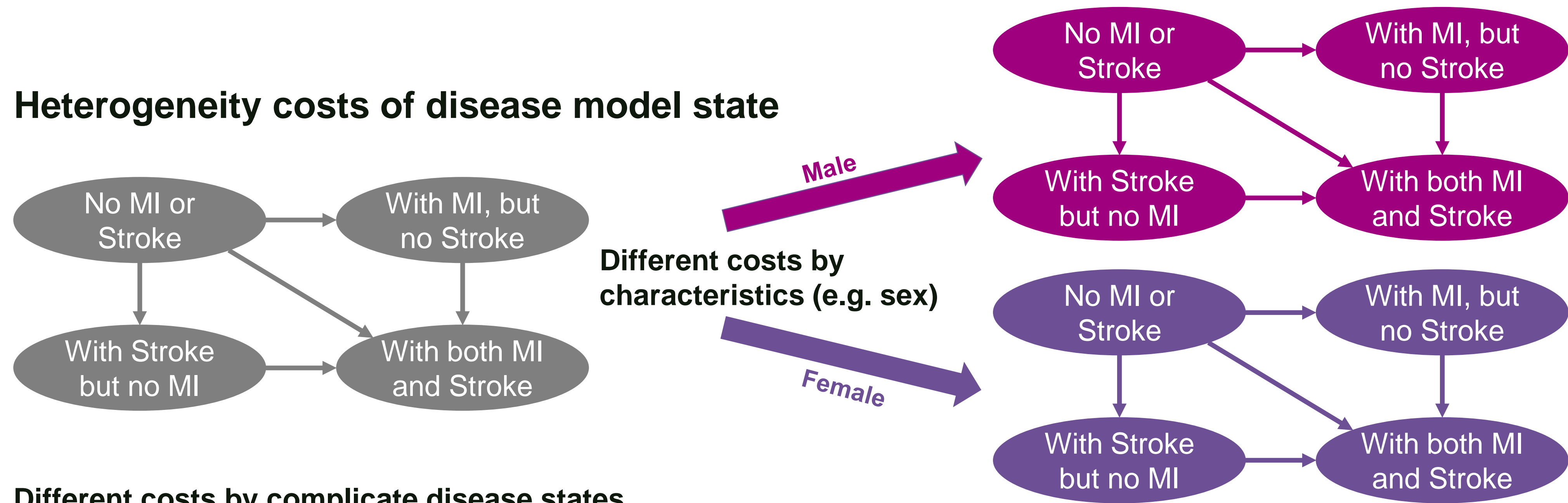
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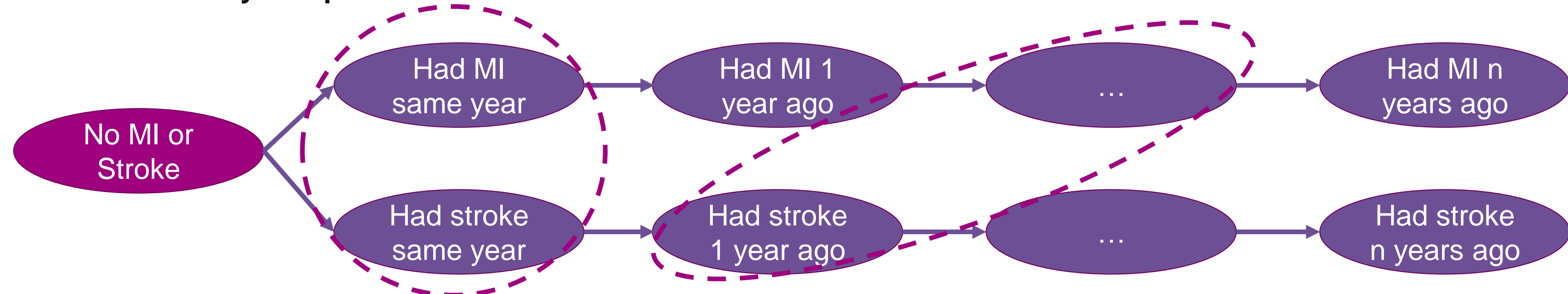
# Background

## Costs associated with disease model state

### Heterogeneity costs of disease model state



### Different costs by complicate disease states



# Background

## Costs associated with disease model state

### Specifically, we estimate

- costs over a fixed period
- associated with disease model state
- for an individual with specific characteristics

Patient ID	Year	Current age	Sex	Disease state descriptor		Distinct disease state
				MI	Stroke	
1	1	50	Male	Without MI	Without stroke	Without MI and Without stroke
1	2	51	Male	Without MI	Had stroke in same year	Without MI and Had stroke in same year
1	3	52	Male	Had MI in same year	Had stroke 1 year ago	Had MI in same year and Had stroke 1 year ago
1	4	53	Male	Had MI 1 year ago	Had stroke 2 years ago	Had MI 1 year ago and Had stroke 2 years ago
1	5	54	Male	Had MI 2 years ago	Had stroke 3 years ago	Had MI 2 years ago and Had stroke 3 years ago
2	1	45	Female	Without MI	Without stroke	Without MI and Without stroke
2	2	46	Female	Without MI	Without stroke	Without MI and Without stroke
2	3	47	Female	Without MI	Without stroke	Without MI and Without stroke
2	4	48	Female	Without MI	Without stroke	Without MI and Without stroke
2	5	49	Female	Had MI in same year	Without stroke	Had MI in same year and Without stroke

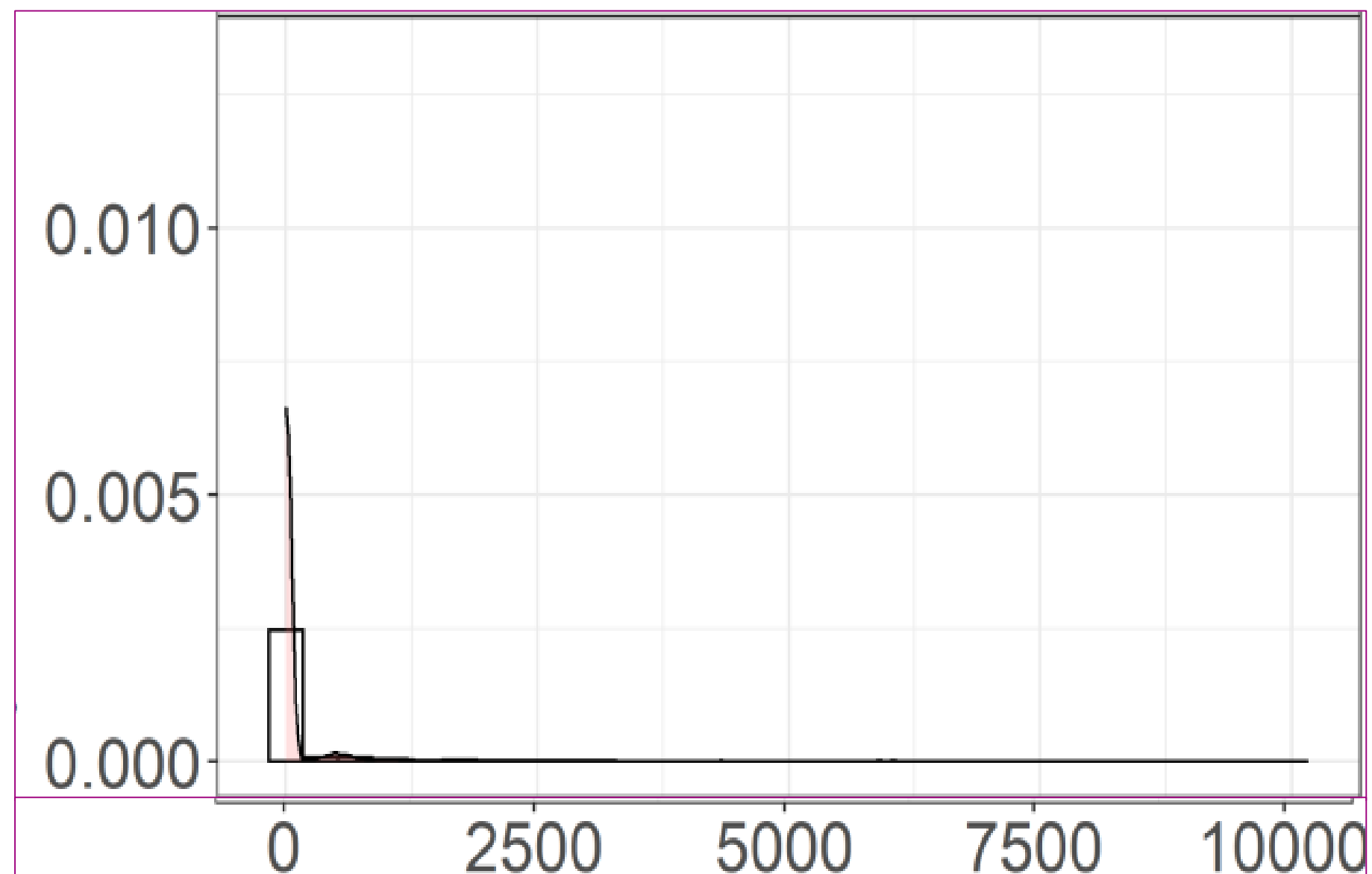
MI, myocardial infarction

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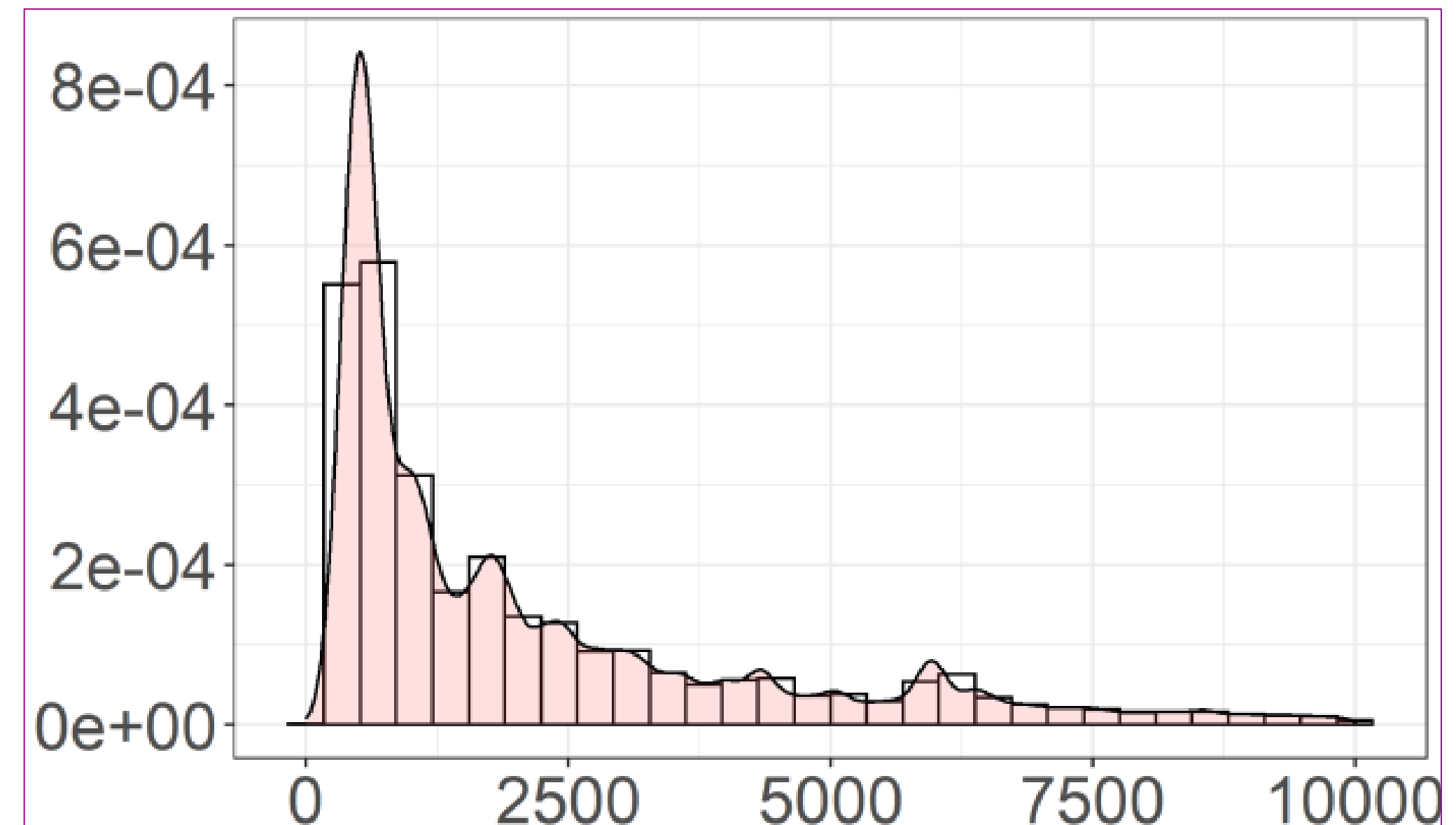
## Costs associated with disease model state

### Features of cost data

A large number of zero cost (e.g. hospital costs)



Heavy right-hand tailed distribution



# Background

## Estimating costs using Generalized Linear Model (GLM)

### General recommendation on estimating costs

- simple methods when having large datasets
- address a small number of key data issue with smaller datasets

### Features of GLM framework

- Address linearity issue between linear predictor and dependent variable
  - by fitting a **link function** between the linear predictor and outcome
- Accommodate the skewness in the distribution of the residual error
  - by fitting a **variance function**

```
mod1 <- lm(formula = "response ~ covariate_1 + ... + covariate_n", data = data)
mod2 <- glm(formula = "response ~ covariate_1 + ... + covariate_n", data = data,
             family = gaussian(link = "identity"))
```

```
mod3 <- glm(formula = "response ~ covariate_1 + ... + covariate_n", data = data,
             family = Gamma(link = "log"))
```

# Key Steps of Statistical Modelling of Costs Associated with Disease Model State

## 1. Preparing the dataset for estimating costs of disease states

- Raw dataset generation
- Handling censored and missing data
- Covariate specification

## 2. Candidate statistical models

- Common candidate statistical models
- Initial set of covariates
- Tests to choose statistical model specification

## 3. Selecting the final model

- Covariate selection
- Final model selection
- Consideration of interactions

## 4. Use of the cost model

- Cost prediction given individual's characteristics
- Effect of a disease state on costs



# Illustrative Example - Modelling Hospital Costs Associated with Cardiovascular Events Using R

## Research question

- costs over a fixed period: **annual hospital care costs**
- associated with disease model state: **associated with cardiovascular and mortality event**
  - **Myocardial infarction (MI):** none, year of event, 1, 2,  $\geq 3$  years after event
  - **Stroke:** none, year of event, 1, 2,  $\geq 3$  years after event
  - **Vascular death (VD):** none, year of event
  - **Non-vascular death (NVD):** none, year of event
- for an individual with specific characteristics: **a wide range of people without previous CVD**

## Data used for the illustration

- A synthetic analytical dataset
  - 10,000 participants each with
  - 10 annual periods with columns
    - Response (costs in the year)
    - Covariates (state, characteristics)

Patient ID	Year	Current age	Sex	Disease state descriptor		Distinct disease state
				MI	Stroke	
1	1	50	Male	Without MI	Without stroke	Without MI and Without stroke
1	2	51	Male	Without MI	Had stroke in same year	Without MI and Had stroke in same year
1	3	52	Male	Had MI in same year	Had stroke 1 year ago	Had MI in same year and Had stroke 1 year ago
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MI, myocardial infarction



# Illustrative Example

## Step 1. Preparation of dataset – Covariate specification

### Specify covariates to improve performance

- Continuous covariates: functional form
  - Known relationship:  $Z$ ,  $\ln(Z)$ ,  $\sqrt{Z}$
  - Complex: spline, polynomial, categorization
- Discrete covariates: category combination

### Specify covariates to facilitate interpretation

- Continuous covariate: standardize
- Discrete covariate: set reference level

```
tp1 <- dat %>%
  mutate(
    # Standardize continuous covariate
    cur_age = (cur_age - 60) / 10,
    ldl = (ldl - 3.6) / 1,
    hdl = log(hdl),
    # Set reference level for discrete covariate
    male = factor(male, level = c("0", "1")),
    race = factor(race, level = c("white", "black", "asian", "other")),
    townsend = factor(townsend, level = str_c("q", c(3,1,2,4,5))),
    bmi = factor(bmi, level = c("normal", "underweight", "overweight",
                                "obesity1", "obesity2", "obesity3"))
  )
```

Covariates	Raw dataset		Analytical dataset	
	Specification	Values	New specification	Values
Age (years)	Z	56 (8)	$(Z - 60)/10$	-0.4 (0.8)
LDL-C (mmol/L)	Z	3.6 (0.8)	$(Z - 3.6) / 1$	0 (0.8)
HDL-C (mmol/L)	Z	1.5 (0.4)	$\ln(Z)$	0.4 (0.3)
Sex	Female	5635 (56.4)	Female (Ref)	-
	Male	4365 (43.6)	Male	-
Ethnicity	White	9464 (94.6)	White (Ref)	-
	Black	179 (1.8)	Black	-
	South Asian	165 (1.7)	South Asian	-
	Others	192 (1.9)	Others	-
Townsend deprivation score, categorized into quintiles (Quintile 1: least deprived)	Quintile 1	3712 (37.1)	Quintile 1	-
	Quintile 2	1947 (19.5)	Quintile 2	-
	Quintile 3	1701 (17)	Quintile 3 (Ref)	-
	Quintile 4	1449 (14.5)	Quintile 4	-
	Quintile 5	1191 (11.9)	Quintile 5	-
Body mass index (BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), categorized	<18.5	53 (0.5)	<18.5	-
	≥18.5, <25	3295 (33)	≥18.5, <25 (Ref)	-
	≥25, <30	4334 (43.3)	≥25, <30	-
	≥30, <35	1682 (16.8)	≥30, <35	-
	≥35, <40	449 (4.5)	≥35, <40	-
	≥40	187 (1.9)	≥40	-

# Illustrative Example

## Step 2. Candidate statistical models

### Six two-part models

- First-part modelling the probability of incurring any costs
  - Same for all: Logistic regression
- Second-part modelling the costs conditional on any costs incurring
  - Six common GLMs
  - Gaussian-Identity, Gaussian-Log, Poisson-Identity, Poisson-Log, Gamma-Identity, Gamma-Log

### One one-part model

- Gaussian-Identity GLM

```
# Convert cost outcome to 1 or 0 for the part 1 model
ana <- dat %>% mutate(cost = ifelse(cost > 0, 1, 0))

# Define the formula: outcome ~ covariate
var_y <- "cost"
var_x <- c("male", "race", "townsend", "smoke", "pa", "unhealthy_diet",
          "bmi", "ldl", "hdl", "creatinine", "sbp", "dbp", "atht", "db",
          "cancer", "mental", "cur_age",
          "mi", "stroke", "vd", "nvd")
form <- as.formula(str_c(var_y, "~", str_c(var_x, collapse = " + ")))
mod <- glm(data = ana, formula = form,
           family = binomial(link = "logit"))
```

```
# Select the records with positive cost outcome for the part 2 model
ana <- dat %>% filter(cost > 0)

# Define the formula: outcome ~ covariate
var_y <- "cost"
var_x <- c("male", "race", "townsend", "smoke", "pa", "unhealthy_diet",
          "bmi", "ldl", "hdl", "creatinine", "sbp", "dbp", "atht", "db",
          "cancer", "mental", "cur_age",
          "mi", "stroke", "vd", "nvd")
form <- as.formula(str_c(var_y, "~", str_c(var_x, collapse = " + ")))

# Define the candidate GLMs
list_test <- list(gau_id = gaussian("identity"), gau_log = gaussian("log"),
                 poi_id = poisson("identity"), poi_log = poisson("log"),
                 gam_id = Gamma("identity"), gam_log = Gamma("log"))
name_test <- "gau_id"
mod <- glm(data = ana, formula = form,
           family = list_test[[name_test]])
```



# Illustrative Example

## Step 2. Candidate statistical models – Specification test

### Specification tests to choose promising candidate models

- Tests for link function
  - **Hosmer-Lemeshow test**:  $P < 0.05$  improper link
  - **Pregibon's test**:  $P < 0.05$  improper link
- Test for variance function
  - **Modified Park's tests**
    - Slope indicate proper distribution
    - 0: Gaussian; 1: Poisson; 2: Gamma; 3: Inverse Gaussian

Table 1 Model specification tests for the second part of the candidate two-part model

GLM model (Distribution– Link)	Slope from modified Park's test	<i>p</i> value from Hosmer-Leme- show test	<i>p</i> value from Pregibon's test
Gaussian–Iden- tity	1.97	0.12	0.91
Gaussian–LOG	1.96	0.04	0.74
Poisson–Identity	1.98	0.59	0.91
Poisson–LOG	2.00	0.22	0.35
Gamma–Identity	1.98	0.83	0.99
Gamma–LOG	1.99	0.67	0.45

GLM generalized linear model

```
name_mod <- c("gau_id", "gau_log", "poi_id", "poi_log", "gam_id", "gam_log")
n <- length(name_mod)
tmp <- rep(list(NA), n)

for(i in 1:n){
  mod <- readRDS(file.path(path_output, str_c("step2_mod_2p2_", name_mod[[i]], ".rds")))
  ana <- with(mod, tibble(id = data$id,
                          y = data$cost,
                          y_hat = fitted.values,
                          y_link = linear.predictors)) %>%
    mutate(res = y - y_hat)
  family <- mod$family
  test_hl <- with(ana, f_test_spe_hl_clx(id, y_hat, res))
  test_pl <- with(ana, f_test_spe_pl_clx(family = family, id, y, y_link))
  test_mp <- with(ana, f_test_spe_mp_clx(id, y_hat, res))

  tmp[[i]] <- bind_cols(test_hl, test_pl, test_mp)
}
```

```
f_test_spe_hl_clx <- function(id, y_hat, res){
f_test_spe_pl_clx <- function(family, id, y, y_link){
f_test_spe_mp_clx <- function(id, y_hat, res){

  # Modified Park test
  # - determines family
  ana <- tibble(y_hat = y_hat,
                res = res,
                id = id)
  n_le0 <- sum(ana$y_hat <= 0)

  output <- tibble(mp_slope = NA)
  if(n_le0 == 0){ # it will not work if there is any negative predicted value
    mp_mod <- glm(I(res^2) ~ I(log(y_hat)), data = ana %>% filter(res != 0),
                  family = Gamma(link="log"), start = rep(2, 2))
    mp_test <- f_clx(mp_mod, ana %>% filter(res != 0) %>% pull(id))

    output$mp_slope <- mp_test$coefest[2]
  }
  return(output)
}
```

# Illustrative Example

## Step 3. Model selection – Covariate selection

Select the covariates reliably predicting response (example using stepwise backward selection)

```
# Perform selection |
var_id <- "id"
rst <- f_glm_select_cov(mod, var_id, 0.05, 0.05)
```

```
f_glm_select_cov <- function(mod, cluster,
                             pval.in,
                             pval.out, x.fix = NULL,
                             opt_detail = FALSE){

  mod_data <- mod$data
  mod_family <- mod$family
  mod_y <- names(mod$model[1])

  # Generate terms per covariate
  mod_x <- attr(mod$terms, "term.labels")
  mod_x.fct_lv <- map_df(mod$xlevels,
                        ~tibble(lv = .x),
                        .id = "x")

  mod_x_lv <- left_join(tibble(x = mod_x),
                      mod_x.fct_lv,
                      by = "x")

  mod_x_term <- mod_x_lv %>%
    mutate(term = if_else(is.na(lv), x, str_c(x, lv)))
```

This is just a small part of the code

Table 2 Covariate selection results

Model	Two-part model—Part 1	Two-part model—Part 2 GLM		One-part GLM				
	Logistic regression	Gamma–Identity	Gamma–Log	Gaussian–Identity				
Selected covariates								
	Age, sex, prior diabetes, MI, stroke, NVD	Age, sex, systolic blood pressure, MI, stroke, VD, NVD	Age, sex, systolic blood pressure, MI, stroke, VD, NVD	Age, sex, antihypertensive treated, MI, stroke, NVD				
Covariate selection process								
Step	Covariate to be dropped <sup>a</sup>	<i>p</i> value	Covariate to be dropped <sup>a</sup>	<i>p</i> value	Covariate to be dropped <sup>a</sup>	<i>p</i> -Value	Covariate to be dropped <sup>a</sup>	<i>p</i> value
1	Severe mental illness	0.96	Diet quality	0.87	Diet quality	0.98	Smoking status	0.93
2	VD	0.95	Diastolic blood pressure	0.81	Diastolic blood pressure	0.93	Severe mental illness	0.87
3	Systolic blood pressure	0.88	Townsend score	0.79	LDL cholesterol	0.90	HDL cholesterol	0.79
4	HDL cholesterol	0.69	LDL cholesterol	0.81	Severe mental illness	0.81	Diet quality	0.73
5	Smoking status	0.67	Severe mental illness	0.72	Townsend score	0.71	Serum creatinine	0.62
6	Diet quality	0.59	Serum creatinine	0.64	Serum creatinine	0.67	Prior cancer	0.48
7	Physical activity	0.55	HDL cholesterol	0.61	HDL cholesterol	0.57	Physical activity	0.46
8	Diastolic blood pressure	0.50	Antihypertensive treated	0.58	Antihypertensive treated	0.44	Diastolic blood pressure	0.42
9	Serum creatinine	0.46	Smoking status	0.48	Smoking status	0.44	Systolic blood pressure	0.39
10	Ethnicity	0.41	Prior diabetes	0.33	Prior diabetes	0.35	LDL cholesterol	0.39
11	LDL cholesterol	0.31	Physical activity	0.22	Physical activity	0.30	Ethnicity	0.39
12	Townsend score	0.30	Ethnicity	0.21	Ethnicity	0.21	Townsend score	0.25
13	Prior cancer	0.14	Body mass index	0.16	Body mass index	0.10	VD	0.14
14	Body mass index	0.09	Prior cancer	0.09	Prior cancer	0.09	Body mass index	0.05
15	Antihypertensive treated	0.06					Prior diabetes	0.06

GLM generalized linear model, HDL high density lipoprotein, LDL low density lipoprotein, MI myocardial infarction, NVD non-vascular death, VD vascular death

<sup>a</sup>At each step, the previous dropped covariates were added back to the model one by one to test whether they should be added back, but in the illustrative example none was added back



# Illustrative Example

## Step 3. Model selection – Performance tests

Model performance tests to check how well the model fit the data

- Mean error
- Mean absolute error
- Root squared mean error

```
f_test_gof <- function(res){  
  output <- tibble(me = round(mean(res)),  
                    mae = round(mean(abs(res))),  
                    rmse = round(sqrt(mean(res^2))))  
  return(output)|  
}
```

```
ana2_p1 <- mod_data %>%  
  select(id, year, cost) %>%  
  bind_cols(cost_p1 = mod_p1$fitted.values)  
  
for(i in 1:n){  
  mod_p2 <- readRDS(file.path(path_output, str_c("step3_mod_2p2_", name_mod[[i]], ".rds")))  
  ana2_p2 <- predict(mod_p2, newdata= mod_data, type = "response")  
  ana2 <- bind_cols(ana2_p1, tibble(cost_p2 = ana2_p2)) %>%  
    mutate(y_hat = cost_p1 * cost_p2,  
           res = y_hat - cost)  
  tmp2[[i]] <- f_test_gof(ana2$res)  
}
```

Candidate model	Model specification test			Model performance test		
	Modified Park's test	Hosmer-Leme- show test	Pregibon's test	ME	MAE	RSME
Second part of the promising candidate two-part model						
Gamma-Identity	2.00	0.22	0.96	0	856	1115
Gamma-LOG	2.01	0.22	0.39	-1	856	1122
Selected one-part and two-part models						
One-part using Gaussian-Identity GLM				0	458	826
Two-part (Part 1: logistic regression; Part 2: Gamma-Identity)				0	458	825

GLM generalized linear model, ME mean error, MAE mean absolute error, RMSE root mean squared error

# Illustrative Example

## Step 3. Model selection – Final selected model

### Tabulate model coefficients

```
## Part 1 ----

mod <- readRDS(file = file.path(
  path_output, "step3_mod_2p1_logit.rds"))
tmp <- f_clx(mod, cluster = mod$data$id)$coefest
tbl <- tibble(term = rownames(tmp),
  est = tmp[,1],
  se = tmp[,2]) %>%
  mutate(l = est - 1.96 * se,
    h = est + 1.96 * se) %>%
  mutate_at(c("est", "l", "h"), ~round(exp(.),2)) %>%
  mutate(out = str_c(est, " (", l, ", ", h, ")")) %>%
  select(term, out)
```

```
## Part 2 ----

mod <- readRDS(file = file.path(
  path_output, "step3_mod_2p2_gam_id.rds"))
tmp <- f_clx(mod, cluster = mod$data$id)$coefest
tbl2 <- tibble(term = rownames(tmp),
  est = tmp[,1],
  se = tmp[,2]) %>%
  mutate(l = est - 1.96 * se,
    h = est + 1.96 * se) %>%
  mutate_at(c("est", "l", "h"), ~round(.,0)) %>%
  mutate(out = str_c(est, " (", l, ", ", h, ")")) %>%
  select(term, out)
```

**Table 4** Annual hospital care costs (£) model: two-part model (part 1: logistic regression; part 2: generalized linear model with Gamma distribution and identity link function)

Covariate	Category	Part 1: Probability of incurring cost OR (95% CIs)	Part 2: Cost, if any incurred Mean (95% CIs)
Intercept <sup>a</sup>		0.13 (0.12–0.13)	2177 (2152–2201)
Baseline characteristics			
Sex (ref: female)	Male	0.93 (0.9–0.97)	–81 (–118 to –45)
Systolic blood pressure (centred at 140; per 20 mmHg)		<sup>b</sup>	22 (3–41)
Prior diabetes (ref: no)	Yes	1.11 (1.01–1.22)	<sup>b</sup>
Time-updated characteristics			
Current age (centred at 60; per 10 years)		1.37 (1.34–1.4)	158 (136–179)
Myocardial infarction (ref: no)	Same year	36.83 (24.07–56.37)	3421 (2949–3893)
	1 year ago	2.04 (1.34–3.11)	841 (323–1359)
	2 years ago	1.87 (1.17–2.97)	332 (–125 to 789)
	≥3 years ago	1.34 (1.01–1.77)	372 (87–657)
Stroke (ref: no)	Same year	38.7 (24.72–60.59)	4697 (4059–5335)
	1 year ago	2.87 (1.91–4.31)	1995 (1377–2612)
	2 years ago	2.26 (1.42–3.58)	488 (16–961)
	≥3 years ago	1.62 (1.28–2.05)	924 (635–1213)
Vascular death (ref = no)	Yes	<sup>b</sup>	4786 (2639–6933)
Non-vascular death (ref = no)	Yes	9.56 (7.44–12.29)	4984 (4502–5466)



# Illustrative Example

## Step 4. Use of developed model – Individual prediction

### Prepare the profiles of the individual as the model input

- A 50-year old female, with a SBP of 120 mmHg, diagnosed with diabetes, had a MI in the year, a stroke 1 year ago, without other incident cardiovascular or other events modelled

```
# Individual profiles
dat <- tibble(age = 50,
             male = 0,
             sbp = 120,
             db = 1,
             mi = 1,
             stroke = 2,|
             vd = 0,
             nvd = 0)

# for the disease state descriptor (e.g. MI)
# > 1: same year of event
# > 2: one year after event
# > 3: two years after event
# > 4 to more: same pattern as above
```

Prepare profiles



```
# Prepare individual profiles as the model input
ana <- dat %>% transmute("(Intercept)" = 1,
                        male1 = ifelse(male == 1, 1, 0),
                        sbp = (sbp - 140) / 20,
                        db1 = ifelse(db == 1, 1, 0),
                        cur_age = (age - 60) / 10,
                        mi1 = ifelse(mi == 1, 1, 0),
                        mi2 = ifelse(mi == 2, 1, 0),
                        mi3 = ifelse(mi == 3, 1, 0),
                        mi4 = ifelse(mi >= 4, 1, 0),
                        stroke1 = ifelse(stroke == 1, 1, 0),
                        stroke2 = ifelse(stroke == 2, 1, 0),
                        stroke3 = ifelse(stroke == 3, 1, 0),
                        stroke4 = ifelse(stroke >= 4, 1, 0),
                        vd1 = ifelse(vd == 1, 1, 0),
                        nvd1 = ifelse(nvd == 1, 1, 0)) %>% as.matrix()
```

### Use the models to calculate the costs

- Part 1 – probability of any costs in the year = 0.92
- Part 2 – costs conditional on any incurring = 7413
- Predicted costs =  $0.92 \times 7413 = 6783$

```
# Predict part 1
rst_p1_odd <- exp(coef_p1 %*% ana[,names(coef_p1)])
rst_p1_prob <- rst_p1_odd / (rst_p1_odd + 1)

# Predict part 2
rst_p2 <- coef_p2 %*% ana[, names(coef_p2)]

# Final predicted costs
rst <- rst_p1_prob * rst_p2
```

# Illustrative Example

## Step 4. Use of developed model – Marginal effect estimation

Marginal effect, or average **costs associated with disease model state**

- Mean A – Mean B (A assumes all have the condition; B assumes none has the condition)

```
f_pred_2pcost_byevt <- function(mod_p1, mod_p2, dat, evt, lv){  
  # Set baseline and event to target level  
  if(evt == "vd"){ dat <- dat %>% mutate(nvd = "0")  
  } else if(evt == "nvd"){ dat <- dat %>% mutate(vd = "0") }  
  
  # Set event to target level  
  dat <- dat %>% mutate_at(evt,~lv)  
  
  # Part1  
  rst_p1 <- predict(mod_p1, newdata = dat, type = "response")  
  
  # Part 2  
  rst_p2 <- predict(mod_p2, newdata = dat, type = "response")  
  
  # Final  
  rst <- rst_p1 * rst_p2  
  return(rst)  
}
```

```
tp1 <- map_df(  
  evt_list %>% set_names(),  
  function(evt) {  
    evt_lv <- evt_list_lv[[evt]]  
    rst <- map(  
      evt_lv %>% set_names(),  
      ~f_pred_2pcost_byevt(mod_p1, mod_p2, mod_data, evt, .x))  
    output <- map_df(  
      rst[2:length(rst)],  
      ~tibble(me.mean = round(mean(.x - rst[[1]]),0)), .id = "lv")  
    return(output) },  
  .id = "evt")
```

**Table 5** Excess annual hospital care costs (£) associated with cardiovascular events and non-vascular death

Event (Ref = no)	Year since event	Marginal effect (95% CIs)
Myocardial infarction	Same year	4326 (3801–4851)
	1 year ago	382 (149–615)
	2 years ago	240 (34–446)
	≥ 3 years ago	128 (28–228)
Stroke	Same year	5417 (4749–6085)
	1 year ago	876 (515–1237)
	2 years ago	353 (106–600)
	≥ 3 years ago	290 (170–410)
Vascular death	Yes	559 (247–871)
Non-vascular death	Yes	3658 (3154–4162)



# Further Information

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### Key Steps of Statistical Modelling of Costs Associated with Disease Model State

#### 1. Preparing the dataset for estimating costs of disease states

- Raw dataset generation
- Handling censored and missing data
- Covariate specification

#### 2. Candidate statistical models

- Common candidate statistical models
- Initial set of covariates
- Tests to choose statistical model specification

#### 3. Selecting the final model

- Covariate selection
- Final model selection
- Consideration of interactions

#### 4. Use of the cost model

- Cost prediction given individual's characteristics
- Effect of a disease state on costs

Step 0. Generation of synthetic dataset\* (CodeS1)

Step 1. Preparation of dataset

Specify covariates (CodeS2) [Table S1]

Step 2. Candidate statistical model

Construct candidate statistical models with initial set of covariate (CodeS3)

Perform test to select promising candidate models (CodeS4) [Table 1]

Step 3. Model selection

Covariate selection for promising models (CodeS5) [Table 2, Table S2]

Test for selection within one-part and two-part model respectively (CodeS6) [Table 3, Fig.3a]

Test for selection between one-part and two-part model (CodeS7) [Table 3, Fig.3b, Table 4]

Step 4. Use of developed model

Predict cost for individual (CodeS8) [Fig.4]

Estimate marginal effect of a disease state (CodeS9) [Table 5]

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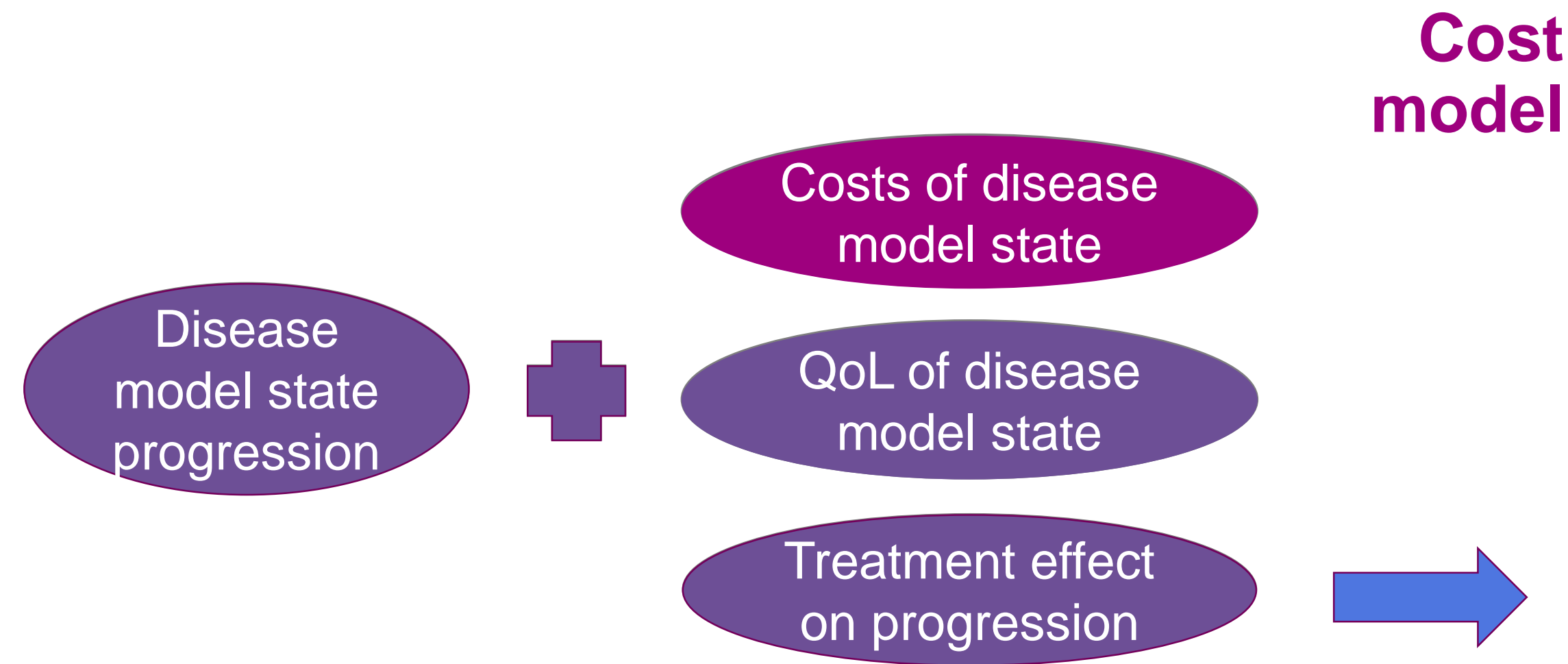
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## Cost model supporting economic evaluation



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