

Module 5A Questions:

1. Revisit this Example:

The influence of SES on preterm delivery rates. This time, focus on the two extreme categories, Upper and Lower, so you can use Odds Ratio instead and compare your answer to the χ^2 Contingency Analysis result.

| Socio-Economic status | Cases | Controls |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|
| Upper | 11 | 40 |
| Upper-middle | 14 | 45 |
| Middle | 33 | 64 |
| Lower-middle | 59 | 91 |
| Lower | 53 | 58 |
| Unknown | 5 | 5 |

You do not need to do a transformation, but – in case you are interested in how you would transform the right skewed OR into a normal distribution that can then be used to calculate a confidence interval, here is the process:

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Step 1: Odds ratio = $(a/c)/(b/d) = x.xx$

Step 2: Calculate $\ln(OR)$:

$$\ln(x.xx) = y.yy$$

Step 3: The confidence interval for the $\ln(OR)$ is a normally distributed sampling distribution; we can use Z^* . So, for a 95% confidence interval ($\alpha = 0.05$), we can use 1.96.

$$\ln(\widehat{OR}) - 1.96 * \ln(SE_{\ln(OR)}) < \ln(OR) < \ln(\widehat{OR}) + 1.96 * \ln(SE_{\ln(OR)})$$

then you need to transform the lower and upper boundaries back into the original scale:

$$e^{-lower boundary} < OR < e^{-upper boundary}$$

2. Are there sex differences in hyperglycemia in the 12-mouse data set?

Researchers conducted a 12-week dietary intervention experiment in 12 mice from three genetic backgrounds (B6, BALB, CAST). At the end of the study, each mouse was assessed for hyperglycemia (“Yes” or “No”).

- a. **Construct a 2×2 contingency table** comparing
Exposure: Sex (Male vs Female)
Outcome: Hyperglycemia (Yes vs No)
- b. **Calculate the odds ratio (OR)** for hyperglycemia in **males compared to females** using the standard formula:

$$\text{OR} = \frac{a \times d}{b \times c}$$

- c. **Calculate the 95% confidence interval** for the odds ratio using:

$$\ln(\text{OR}) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d}}$$

Then exponentiate the lower and upper bounds to obtain the CI.

- d. **Interpret the OR and its CI** in biological terms:
 - Do males appear to have higher, lower, or similar odds of hyperglycemia compared to females?
 - What does the width of the CI tell you about certainty given the small sample size?