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createCaseControlData Create case-control data

Description

Create case-control data

```
createCaseControlData(caseControlsExposure, exposureId,
  firstExposureOnly = FALSE, riskWindowStart = 0, riskWindowEnd = 0)
```

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Arguments

caseControlsExposure

An object of type caseControlsExposure as created using the getDbExposureData function.

exposureId

The identifier of the exposure.

firstExposureOnly

Should only the first exposure per subject be included?

riskWindowStart

The start of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date. This number should be non-positive.

riskWindowEnd

The end of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date. This number should be non-positive.

Details

For each case and control, assesses whether exposure takes place within the risk window. The output can be directly used in a conditional logistic regression.

Value

A data frame with these columns:

personId The person ID

indexDate The index date

isCase Is the person a case or a control?

stratumId The ID linking cases and controls in a matched set

exposed Was the subject exposed during the risk window?

createCcAnalysis

Create a case-control analysis specification

Description

Create a case-control analysis specification

```
createCcAnalysis(analysisId = 1, description = "", exposureType = NULL,
  outcomeType = NULL, nestingCohortType = NULL, getDbCaseDataArgs,
  selectControlsArgs, getDbExposureDataArgs, createCaseControlDataArgs,
  fitCaseControlModelArgs)
```

Arguments

analysisId An integer that will be used later to refer to this specific set of analysis choices.

description A short description of the analysis.

exposureType If more than one exposure is provided for each exposureOutcomeNestingCo-

hort, this field should be used to select the specific exposure to use in this anal-

ysis.

outcomeType If more than one outcome is provided for each exposureOutcomeNestingCohort,

this field should be used to select the specific outcome to use in this analysis.

nestingCohortType

If more than one nesting cohort is provided for each exposureOutcomeNesting-Cohort, this field should be used to select the specific nesting cohort to use in

this analysis.

getDbCaseDataArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the createGetDbCaseDataArgs function.

selectControlsArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the createSelectControlsArgs function.

getDbExposureDataArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the createGetDbExposureDataArgs function.

createCaseControlDataArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the createCreateCaseControlDataAr function.

fitCaseControlModelArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the createFitCaseControlModelArgs function.

Details

Create a set of analysis choices, to be used with the runCcAnalyses function.

create Create Case Control Data Args

Create a parameter object for the function createCaseControlData

Description

Create a parameter object for the function createCaseControlData

```
createCreateCaseControlDataArgs(firstExposureOnly = FALSE,
    riskWindowStart = 0, riskWindowEnd = 0)
```

Arguments

firstExposureOnly

Should only the first exposure per subject be included?

riskWindowStart

The start of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date. This number

should be non-positive.

riskWindowEnd The end of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date. This number

should be non-positive.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

create Exposure Outcome Nesting Cohort

Create exposure-outcome-nesting-cohort combinations.

Description

Create exposure-outcome-nesting-cohort combinations.

Usage

```
createExposureOutcomeNestingCohort(exposureId, outcomeId,
    nestingCohortId = NULL)
```

Arguments

exposureId

A concept ID indentifying the target drug in the exposure table. If multiple strategies for picking the exposure will be tested in the analysis, a named list of numbers can be provided instead. In the analysis, the name of the number to be used can be specified using the #' exposureType parameter in the createCcAnalysis function.

outcomeId

A concept ID indentifying the outcome in the outcome table. If multiple strategies for picking the outcome will be tested in the analysis, a named list of numbers can be provided instead. In the analysis, the name of the number to be used can be specified using the outcomeType parameter in the createCcAnalysis function.

nestingCohortId

A concept ID indentifying the nesting cohort in the nesting cohort table. If multiple strategies for picking the nesting cohort will be tested in the analysis, a named list of numbers can be provided instead. In the analysis, the name of the number to be used can be specified using the nestingCohortType parameter in the createCcAnalysis function.

Details

Create a set of hypotheses of interest, to be used with the runCcAnalyses function.

create Fit Case Control Model Args

Create a parameter object for the function fitCaseControlModel

Description

Create a parameter object for the function fitCaseControlModel

Usage

```
createFitCaseControlModelArgs(useCovariates = FALSE,
  excludeCovariateIds = c(), includeCovariateIds = c(),
  prior = createPrior("laplace", useCrossValidation = TRUE),
  control = createControl(cvType = "auto", startingVariance = 0.01, tolerance
  = 2e-07, cvRepetitions = 10, selectorType = "byPid", noiseLevel = "quiet"))
```

Arguments

useCovariates Whether to use the covariates in the caseControlsExposure.

excludeCovariateIds

Exclude these covariates from the model.

includeCovariateIds

Include only these covariates in the model.

prior

The prior used to fit the model. SeecreatePrior for details.

control

The control object used to control the cross-validation used todetermine the hyperparameters of the prior (if applicable). SeecreateControl for details.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

```
{\tt createGetDbCaseDataArgs}
```

Create a parameter object for the function getDbCaseData

Description

Create a parameter object for the function getDbCaseData

```
createGetDbCaseDataArgs(useNestingCohort = FALSE,
  useObservationEndAsNestingEndDate = TRUE, getVisits = TRUE,
  studyStartDate = "", studyEndDate = "")
```

Arguments

useNestingCohort

Should the study be nested in a cohort (e.g. people with a specific indication)? If not, the study will be nested in the general population.

use Observation End As Nesting End Date

When using a nesting cohort, should the observation period enddate be used

instead of the cohort end date?

getVisits Get data on visits? This is needed when matching on visit date isrequested later

on.

studyStartDate A calendar date specifying the minimum date where data isused. Date format is

'yyyymmdd'.

studyEndDate A calendar date specifying the maximum date where data issued. Date format is

'yyyymmdd'.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

createGetDbExposureDataArgs

Create a parameter object for the function getDbExposureData

Description

Create a parameter object for the function getDbExposureData

Usage

createGetDbExposureDataArgs(covariateSettings = NULL)

Arguments

covariateSettings

An object of type covariateSettings as created using thecreateCovariateSettings function in theFeatureExtraction package. If NULL then no covariate data is retrieved.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

createSelectControlsArgs

Create a parameter object for the function selectControls

Description

Create a parameter object for the function selectControls

Usage

```
createSelectControlsArgs(firstOutcomeOnly = TRUE, washoutPeriod = 180,
  controlsPerCase = 2, matchOnAge = TRUE, ageCaliper = 2,
  matchOnGender = TRUE, matchOnProvider = FALSE, matchOnVisitDate = FALSE,
  visitDateCaliper = 30, removedUnmatchedCases = TRUE)
```

Arguments

firstOutcomeOnly

Use the first outcome per person?

washoutPeriod Minimum required numbers of days of observation for inclusion as either case

or control.

controlsPerCase

Maximum number of controls to select per case.

matchOnAge Match on age?

ageCaliper Maximum difference (in years) in age when matching on age.

matchOnGender Match on gender?

matchOnProvider

Match on provider (as specified in the person table)?

 ${\tt matchOnVisitDate}$

Should the index date of the control be changed to the nearest visit date?

visitDateCaliper

Maximum difference (in days) between the index date and the visit date when matching on visit date.

removedUnmatchedCases

Should cases with no matched controls be removed?

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

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fitCaseControlModel Fit the case-control model

Description

Fit the case-control model

Usage

```
fitCaseControlModel(caseControlData, useCovariates = FALSE,
   excludeCovariateIds = c(), includeCovariateIds = c(),
   caseControlsExposure = NULL, prior = createPrior("laplace",
   useCrossValidation = TRUE), control = createControl(cvType = "auto",
   startingVariance = 0.01, tolerance = 2e-07, cvRepetitions = 10, selectorType =
   "byPid", noiseLevel = "quiet"))
```

Arguments

caseControlData

A data frame as generated by the createCaseControlData function.

useCovariates Whether to use the covariates in the caseControlsExposure.

excludeCovariateIds

Exclude these covariates from the model.

includeCovariateIds

Include only these covariates in the model.

caseControlsExposure

An object of type case Controls Exposure as created using the $\verb|getDbExposureData||$

function.

prior The prior used to fit the model. See createPrior for details.

control The control object used to control the cross-validation used to determine the

hyperparameters of the prior (if applicable). See createControl for details.

Details

Fits the model using a conditional logistic regression.

Value

An object of type outcomeModel.

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getAttritionTable

Get the attrition table for a population

Description

Get the attrition table for a population

Usage

```
getAttritionTable(caseControls)
```

Arguments

caseControls A data frame of cases and controls as generated by the function selectControls.

Value

A data frame specifying the number of cases and events after various steps of filtering.

getDbCaseData

Load case data from the database

Description

Load all data about the cases and nesting cohort from the database.

Usage

```
getDbCaseData(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema,
  oracleTempSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema, outcomeTable = "condition_era",
  outcomeIds = c(), useNestingCohort = FALSE,
  nestingCohortDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  nestingCohortTable = "cohort", nestingCohortId,
  useObservationEndAsNestingEndDate = TRUE, getVisits = TRUE,
  studyStartDate = "", studyEndDate = "")
```

Arguments

connectionDetails

An R object of type ConnectionDetails created using the function createConnectionDetails in the DatabaseConnector package.

cdmDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that contains the OMOP CDM instance. Requires read permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.

oracleTempSchema

A schema where temp tables can be created in Oracle.

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outcomeDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the data used to define the outcome cohorts is available. If outcome Table = CONDITION_ERA, outcomeDatabaseSchema is not used. Requires read permissions to this database.

outcomeTable

The tablename that contains the outcome cohorts. If outcome Table is not CON-DITION_OCCURRENCE or CONDITION_ERA, then expectation is outcomeTable has format of COHORT table: COHORT_DEFINITION_ID, SUBJECT_ID, COHORT START DATE, COHORT END DATE.

outcomeIds

A list of ids used to define outcomes. If outcomeTable = CONDITION_OCCURRENCE, the list is a set of ancestor CONCEPT IDs, and all occurrences of all descendant concepts will be selected. If outcomeTable <> CONDITION_OCCURRENCE, the list contains records found in COHORT_DEFINITION_ID field.

useNestingCohort

Should the study be nested in a cohort (e.g. people with a specific indication)? If not, the study will be nested in the general population.

nestingCohortDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the nesting cohort is defined.

nestingCohortTable

Name of the table holding the nesting cohort. This table should have the same structure as the cohort table.

nestingCohortId

A cohort definition ID identifying the records in the nestingCohortTable to use as nesting cohort

use Observation End As Nesting End Date

When using a nesting cohort, should the observation period end date be used instead of the cohort end date?

getVisits

Get data on visits? This is needed when matching on visit date is requested later

studyStartDate A calendar date specifying the minimum date where data is used. Date format is 'yyyymmdd'.

studyEndDate

A calendar date specifying the maximum date where data is used. Date format is 'yyyymmdd'.

Value

Returns an object of type caseData, containing information on the cases, the nesting cohort, and optionally visits. Information about multiple outcomes can be captured at once for efficiency reasons. The generic summary() function has been implemented for this object.

getDbExposureData

Get exposure data for cases and controls from a database

Description

Get exposure data for cases and controls from a database

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Usage

```
getDbExposureData(caseControls, connectionDetails, oracleTempSchema = NULL,
  exposureDatabaseSchema, exposureTable = "drug_era", exposureIds = c(),
  cdmDatabaseSchema = exposureDatabaseSchema, covariateSettings = NULL)
```

Arguments

An R object of type

 ${\tt connectionDetails\ created\ using\ the\ function\ createConnectionDetails\ in\ the\ DatabaseConnector\ package.}$

oracleTempSchema

A schema where temp tables can be created in Oracle.

exposureDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the exposure data used to define the exposure cohorts is available. If exposureTable = DRUG_ERA, exposureDatabaseSchema is not used but assumed to be cdmSchema. Requires read permissions to this database.

exposureTable

The tablename that contains the exposure cohorts. If exposure Table <> drug_era, then expectation is exposure Table has format of COHORT table: cohort_definition_id, subject_id, cohort_start_date, cohort_end_date.

exposureIds

A list of identifiers to define the exposures of interest. If exposureTable = drug_era, exposureIds should be concept_id. If exposureTable <> drug_era, exposureIds is used to select the cohort_definition_id in the cohort-like table. If no exposureIds are provided, all drugs or cohorts in the exposureTable are included as exposures.

cdmDatabaseSchema

Needed when constructing covariates: the name of the database schema that contains the OMOP CDM instance. Requires read permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.

covariateSettings

An object of type covariateSettings as created using the createCovariateSettings function in the FeatureExtraction package. If NULL then no covariate data is retrieved.

insertDbPopulation

Insert cases and controls into a database

Description

Insert cases and controls into a database

```
insertDbPopulation(caseControls, cohortIds = c(1, 0), connectionDetails,
  cohortDatabaseSchema, cohortTable = "cohort", createTable = FALSE,
  dropTableIfExists = TRUE)
```

Arguments

caseControls A data frame as generated by the selectControls function.

cohortIds The IDs to be used for the cohorts of cases and controls, respectively.

connectionDetails

An R object of type

 $connection {\tt Details}\ created\ using\ the\ function\ create{\tt ConnectionDetails}\ in$

the DatabaseConnector package.

cohortDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema where the data will be written. Requires write permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the

database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.

cohortTable The name of the table in the database schema where the data will be written.

createTable Should a new table be created? If not, the data will be inserted into an existing

table.

dropTableIfExists

If createTable = TRUE and the table already exists it will be overwritten.

Details

Inserts cases and controls into a database. The table in the database will have the same structure as the 'cohort' table in the Common Data Model.

loadCaseControlsExposure

 $Load\ the\ case Controls Exposure\ data\ from\ a\ folder$

Description

loadCaseControlsExposure loads an object of type caseControlsExposure from a folder in the file system.

Usage

loadCaseControlsExposure(folder, readOnly = TRUE)

Arguments

folder The name of the folder containing the data.

readOnly If true, the data is opened read only.

Details

The data will be written to a set of files in the folder specified by the user.

Value

An object of class caseControlsExposure.

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loadCaseData

Load the case data from a folder

Description

loadCaseData loads an object of type caseData from a folder in the file system.

Usage

```
loadCaseData(folder, readOnly = TRUE)
```

Arguments

folder The name of the folder containing the data.

readOnly If true, the data is opened read only.

Details

The data will be written to a set of files in the folder specified by the user.

Value

An object of class caseData.

 $load {\tt CcAnalysisList}$

Load a list of ccAnalysis from file

Description

Load a list of objects of type ccAnalysis from file. The file is in JSON format.

Usage

```
loadCcAnalysisList(file)
```

Arguments

file

The name of the file

Value

A list of objects of type ccAnalysis.

loadExposureOutcomeNestingCohortList

Load a list of exposureOutcomeNestingCohort from file

Description

Load a list of objects of type exposureOutcomeNestingCohort from file. The file is in JSON format.

Usage

loadExposureOutcomeNestingCohortList(file)

Arguments

file

The name of the file

Value

A list of objects of type drugComparatorOutcome.

runCcAnalyses

Run a list of analyses

Description

Run a list of analyses

Usage

```
runCcAnalyses(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema,
  oracleTempSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema, exposureTable = "drug_era",
  outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema, outcomeTable = "condition_era",
  nestingCohortDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  nestingCohortTable = "condition_era", outputFolder = "./CcOutput",
  ccAnalysisList, exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList, getDbCaseDataThreads = 1,
  selectControlsThreads = 1, getDbExposureDataThreads = 1,
  createCaseControlDataThreads = 1, fitCaseControlModelThreads = 1,
  cvThreads = 1)
```

Arguments

connectionDetails

 $An\ R\ object\ of\ type\ {\tt ConnectionDetails}\ created\ using\ the\ function\ create{\tt ConnectionDetails}\ in\ the\ {\tt DatabaseConnector}\ package.$

cdmDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that contains the OMOP CDM instance. Requires read permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.

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oracleTempSchema

A schema where temp tables can be created in Oracle.

exposureDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the exposure data used to define the exposure cohorts is available. If exposureTable = DRUG_ERA, exposureDatabaseSchema is not used but assumed to be cdmSchema. Requires read permissions to this database.

exposureTable

The tablename that contains the exposure cohorts. If exposure Table <> drug_era, then expectation is exposure Table has format of COHORT table: cohort_definition_id, subject_id, cohort_start_date, cohort_end_date.

outcomeDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the data used to define the outcome cohorts is available. If outcomeTable = CONDITION_ERA, outcomeDatabaseSchema is not used. Requires read permissions to this database.

outcomeTable

The tablename that contains the outcome cohorts. If outcomeTable is not CON-DITION_OCCURRENCE or CONDITION_ERA, then expectation is outcomeTable has format of COHORT table: COHORT_DEFINITION_ID, SUBJECT_ID, COHORT_START_DATE, COHORT_END_DATE.

nestingCohortDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the nesting cohort is defined.

nestingCohortTable

Name of the table holding the nesting cohort. This table should have the same structure as the cohort table.

outputFolder

Name of the folder where all the outputs will written to.

ccAnalysisList A list of objects of type ccAnalysis as created using the createCcAnalysis function.

 ${\tt exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList}$

A list of objects of type exposureOutcomeNestingCohort as created using the createExposureOutcomeNestingCohort function.

getDbCaseDataThreads

The number of parallel threads to use for building the caseData objects.

selectControlsThreads

The number of parallel threads to use for selecting controls.

getDbExposureDataThreads

The number of parallel threads to use for fetchign data on exposures for cases and controls.

 ${\tt create Case Control Data Threads}$

The number of parallel threads to use for creating case and control data including exposure status indicators

fit Case Control Model Threads

The number of parallel threads to use for fitting the models.

cvThreads The number of parallel threads used for the cross-validation to determine the hyper-parameter when fitting the model.

Details

Run a list of analyses for the exposure-outcome-nesting cohorts of interest. This function will run all specified analyses against all hypotheses of interest, meaning that the total number of outcome models is 'length(ccAnalysisList) * length(exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList)' (if all analyses

specify an outcome model should be fitted). When you provide several analyses it will determine whether any of the analyses have anything in common, and will take advantage of this fact. For example, if we specify several analyses that only differ in the way the outcome model is fitted, then this function will extract the data and fit the propensity model only once, and re-use this in all the analysis.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

analysisId The unique identifier for a set of analysis choices.

exposureId The ID of the target drug. outcomeId The ID of the outcome.

ccDataFolder The folder where the ccData object is stored.

CcEraDataFolder The folder where the ccEraData object is stored.

The file where the fitted SCCS model is stored.

save Case Controls Exposure

Save the caseControlsExposure data to folder

Description

saveCaseControlsExposure saves an object of type caseControlsExposure to folder.

Usage

saveCaseControlsExposure(caseControlsExposure, folder)

Arguments

caseControlsExposure

An object of type caseControlsExposure as generated using getDbExposureData.

folder Th

The name of the folder where the data will be written. The folder should not yet exist.

Details

The data will be written to a set of files in the specified folder.

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Save the case data to folder

Description

saveCaseData saves an object of type caseData to folder.

Usage

```
saveCaseData(caseData, folder)
```

Arguments

caseData An object of type caseData as generated using getDbCaseData.

folder The name of the folder where the data will be written. The folder should not yet

exist.

Details

The data will be written to a set of files in the specified folder.

 ${\tt save CcAnalysis List}$

Save a list of ccAnalysis to file

Description

Write a list of objects of type ccAnalysis to file. The file is in JSON format.

Usage

```
saveCcAnalysisList(ccAnalysisList, file)
```

Arguments

ccAnalysisList The ccAnalysis list to be written to file

file The name of the file where the results will be written

```
save Exposure Outcome Nesting Cohort List
```

Save a list of drugComparatorOutcome to file

Description

Write a list of objects of type exposureOutcomeNestingCohort to file. The file is in JSON format.

Usage

```
save Exposure Outcome Nesting Cohort List (exposure Outcome Nesting Cohort List, file) \\
```

Arguments

exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList

The exposureOutcomeNestingCohort list to be written to file

file The name of the file where the results will be written

selectControls

Select matched controls per case

Description

Select matched controls per case

Usage

```
selectControls(caseData, outcomeId, firstOutcomeOnly = TRUE,
  washoutPeriod = 180, controlsPerCase = 2, matchOnAge = TRUE,
  ageCaliper = 2, matchOnGender = TRUE, matchOnProvider = FALSE,
  matchOnVisitDate = FALSE, visitDateCaliper = 30,
  matchOnTimeInCohort = FALSE, daysInCohortCaliper = 30,
  removedUnmatchedCases = TRUE)
```

Arguments

caseData An object of type caseData as generated using the getDbCaseData function.

outcomeId The outcome ID of the cases for which we need to pick controls.

firstOutcomeOnly

Use the first outcome per person?

washoutPeriod Minimum required numbers of days of observation for inclusion as either case

or control.

controlsPerCase

Maximum number of controls to select per case.

matchOnAge Match on age?

ageCaliper Maximum difference (in years) in age when matching on age.

matchOnGender Match on gender?

matchOnProvider

Match on provider (as specified in the person table)?

matchOnVisitDate

Should the index date of the control be changed to the nearest visit date?

visitDateCaliper

Maximum difference (in days) between the index date and the visit date when matching on visit date.

 ${\tt matchOnTimeInCohort}$

Match on time in nesting cohort? When not using nesting, this is interpreted as time observed prior to index.

daysInCohortCaliper

Maximum difference (in days) in time in cohort.

 ${\tt removed Unmatched Cases}$

Should cases with no matched controls be removed?

Details

Select controls per case. Controls are matched on calendar time and the criteria defined in the arguments. Controls are randomly sampled to the required number.

Value

A data frame with these columns:

personId The person ID
indexDate The index date

isCase Is the person a case or a control?

stratumId The ID linking cases and controls in a matched set

summarizeCcAnalyses

Create a summary report of the analyses

Description

Create a summary report of the analyses

Usage

summarizeCcAnalyses(outcomeReference)

Arguments

outcomeReference

A data.frame as created by the runCcAnalyses function.

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Value

A data frame with the following columns:

analysisId The unique identifier for a set of analysis choices.

targetId The ID of the target drug.
comparatorId The ID of the comparator group.

indicationConceptIds The ID(s) of indications in which to nest to study.

outcomeId The ID of the outcome.
rr The estimated effect size.

ci95lb The lower bound of the 95 percent confidence interval. ci95ub The upper bound of the 95 percent confidence interval.

treated The number of subjects in the treated group (after any trimming and matching).

The number of subjects in the comparator group (after any trimming and matching).

The number of outcomes in the treated group (after any trimming and matching).

The number of outcomes in the comparator group (after any trimming and matching).

matching).

logRr The log of the estimated relative risk.

seLogRr The standard error of the log of the estimated relative risk.

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