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createCcrAnalysis	<i>Create a case-crossover analysis specification</i>
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## Description

Create a case-crossover analysis specification

## Usage

```
createCcrAnalysis(
  analysisId = 1,
  description = "",
  exposureType = NULL,
  outcomeType = NULL,
  nestingCohortType = NULL,
  getDbCaseCrossoverDataArgs,
  selectSubjectsToIncludeArgs,
  getExposureStatusArgs
)
```

## 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 exposureOutcomeNestingCohort, this field should be used to select the specific exposure to use in this analysis.
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 exposureOutcomeNestingCohort, this field should be used to select the specific nesting cohort to use in this analysis.

getDbCaseCrossoverDataArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the [createGetDbCaseCrossoverDataA](#) function.

selectSubjectsToIncludeArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the [selectSubjectsToInclude](#) function.

getExposureStatusArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the [getExposureStatus](#) function.

## Details

Create a set of analysis choices, to be used with the [runCcrAnalyses](#) function.

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createExposureOutcomeNestingCohort

*Create exposure-outcome-nesting-cohort combinations.*

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## Description

Create exposure-outcome-nesting-cohort combinations.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

exposureId	A concept ID identifying 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 <a href="#">createCcrAnalysis</a> 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 <a href="#">createCcrAnalysis</a> 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 <a href="#">createCcrAnalysis</a> function.

## Details

Create a set of hypotheses of interest, to be used with the [runCcrAnalyses](#) function.

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```
createGetDbCaseCrossoverDataArgs
```

*Create a parameter object for the function getDbCaseCrossoverData*

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## Description

Create a parameter object for the function getDbCaseCrossoverData

## Usage

```
createGetDbCaseCrossoverDataArgs(  
  useNestingCohort = FALSE,  
  useObservationEndAsNestingEndDate = TRUE,  
  getVisits = FALSE,  
  studyStartDate = "",  
  studyEndDate = "",  
  getTimeControlData = FALSE,  
  maxNestingCohortSize = 1e+07,  
  maxCasesPerOutcome = 5e+05  
)
```

## 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.
useObservationEndAsNestingEndDate	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 performing a time- case-control study and matching on visit date is requested later on.
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'.
getTimeControlData	Should data for time controls be fetched? (needed for case-time-control analyses).
maxNestingCohortSize	If the nesting cohort is larger than this number it will be sampled to this size. maxCohortSize = 0 indicates no maximum size. (needed for case-time-control analyses).
maxCasesPerOutcome	If there are more than this number of cases for a single outcome cases will be sampled to this size. maxCasesPerOutcome = 0 indicates no maximum size.

## Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

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`createGetExposureStatusArgs`*Create a parameter object for the function getExposureStatus*

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**Description**

Create a parameter object for the function getExposureStatus

**Usage**

```
createGetExposureStatusArgs(  
  firstExposureOnly = FALSE,  
  riskWindowStart = -30,  
  riskWindowEnd = 0,  
  controlWindowOffsets = c(-60)  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>firstExposureOnly</code>	Should only the first exposure per subject be included?
<code>riskWindowStart</code>	The start of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date. This number should be non-positive.
<code>riskWindowEnd</code>	The end of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date. This number should be non-positive.
<code>controlWindowOffsets</code>	Offsets in days of the control windows relative to the case window.

**Details**

Create an object defining the parameter values.

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`createMatchingCriteria`*Create matching criteria*

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**Description**

Create matching criteria

**Usage**

```
createMatchingCriteria(  
  controlsPerCase = 1,  
  matchOnAge = TRUE,  
  ageCaliper = 2,  
  matchOnGender = TRUE,  
  matchOnProvider = FALSE,
```

```

    matchOnCareSite = FALSE,
    matchOnVisitDate = FALSE,
    visitDateCaliper = 30,
    matchOnTimeInCohort = FALSE,
    daysInCohortCaliper = 30
  )

```

### Arguments

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)?
matchOnCareSite	Match on care site (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.
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.

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createSelectSubjectsToIncludeArgs
```

*Create a parameter object for the function selectSubjectsToInclude*

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### Description

Create a parameter object for the function selectSubjectsToInclude

### Usage

```

createSelectSubjectsToIncludeArgs(
  firstOutcomeOnly = TRUE,
  washoutPeriod = 180,
  matchingCriteria = NULL,
  minAge = NULL,
  maxAge = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

firstOutcomeOnly	Use the first outcome per person?
washoutPeriod	Minimum required numbers of days of observation for inclusion as either case or control.
matchingCriteria	If provided, a case-time-control analysis will be performed and controls will be matched based on these criteria.
minAge	Minimum age at which patient time will be included in the analysis. Note that information prior to the min age is still used to determine exposure status after the minimum age (e.g. when a prescription was started just prior to reaching the minimum age). Also, outcomes occurring before the minimum age is reached will be considered as prior outcomes when using first outcomes only. Age should be specified in years, but non-integer values are allowed. If not specified, no age restriction will be applied.
maxAge	Maximum age at which patient time will be included in the analysis. Age should be specified in years, but non-integer values are allowed. If not specified, no age restriction will be applied.

**Details**

Create an object defining the parameter values.

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`fitCaseCrossoverModel` *Fit case-crossover model*

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**Description**

Fit case-crossover model

**Usage**

```
fitCaseCrossoverModel(exposureStatus)
```

**Arguments**

`exposureStatus` A data frame as generated using the [getExposureStatus](#) function.

**Details**

Fits a conditional logistic regression on the case-crossover data.

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getAttritionTable	<i>Get the attrition table for a set of subjects</i>
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### Description

Get the attrition table for a set of subjects

### Usage

```
getAttritionTable(subjects)
```

### Arguments

subjects            A data frame of subjects as generated by the function [selectSubjectsToInclude](#).

### Value

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

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getDbCaseCrossoverData	<i>Load case-crossover data from the database</i>
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### Description

Load all data about the cases from the database.

### Usage

```
getDbCaseCrossoverData(
  connectionDetails,
  cdmDatabaseSchema,
  oracleTempSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  outcomeTable = "condition_era",
  outcomeIds = c(),
  useNestingCohort = FALSE,
  nestingCohortDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  nestingCohortTable = "cohort",
  nestingCohortId = NULL,
  useObservationEndAsNestingEndDate = TRUE,
  getVisits = FALSE,
  exposureDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureTable = "drug_era",
  exposureIds = c(),
  studyStartDate = "",
  studyEndDate = "",
  getTimeControlData = FALSE,
  maxNestingCohortSize = 1e+07,
  maxCasesPerOutcome = 5e+05
)
```



**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.
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 CONDITION_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.
useObservationEndAsNestingEndDate	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 performing a time- case-control study and matching on visit date is requested later on.
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 exposureTable <> DRUG_ERA, then expectation is exposureTable has format of COHORT table: cohort_concept_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_concept_id in the cohort-like table. If no exposureIds are provided, all drugs or cohorts in the exposureTable are included as exposures.
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'.
getTimeControlData	Should data for time controls be fetched? (needed for case-time-control analyses).
maxNestingCohortSize	If the nesting cohort is larger than this number it will be sampled to this size. maxCohortSize = 0 indicates no maximum size. (needed for case-time-control analyses).
maxCasesPerOutcome	If there are more than this number of cases for a single outcome cases will be sampled to this size. maxCasesPerOutcome = 0 indicates no maximum size.

### Value

Returns an object of type caseCrossoverData, containing information on the cases, the nesting cohort, exposures, 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.

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getExposureStatus	<i>Get the exposure status for cases (and controls).</i>
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### Description

Get the exposure status for cases (and controls).

### Usage

```
getExposureStatus(
  subjects,
  caseCrossoverData,
  exposureId,
  firstExposureOnly = FALSE,
  riskWindowStart = -30,
  riskWindowEnd = 0,
  controlWindowOffsets = c(-60)
)
```

### Arguments

subjects	A data frame as generated using the <a href="#">selectSubjectsToInclude</a> function.
caseCrossoverData	An object of type caseCrossoverData as generated using the <a href="#">getDbCaseCrossoverData</a> 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.
controlWindowOffsets	Offsets in days of the control windows relative to the case window.

### Details

This function determines the exposure status for a give, exposure ID in various windows relative to the index date.

### 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
- isCaseWindow** Is this a case window (as opposed to a control window)?
- exposed** Was the person exposed during the window?

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loadCaseCrossoverData *Load the case data from a folder*

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### Description

loadCaseCrossoverData loads an object of type caseCrossoverData from a folder in the file system.

### Usage

```
loadCaseCrossoverData(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 caseCrossoverData.

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loadCcrAnalysisList	<i>Load a list of ccrAnalysis from file</i>
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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
loadCcrAnalysisList(file)
```

**Arguments**

file	The name of the file
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**Value**

A list of objects of type ccrAnalysis.

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loadExposureOutcomeNestingCohortList	<i>Load a list of exposureOutcomeNestingCohort from file</i>
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**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
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**Value**

A list of objects of type drugComparatorOutcome.

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runCcrAnalyses	<i>Run a list of analyses</i>
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## Description

Run a list of analyses

## Usage

```
runCcrAnalyses(
  connectionDetails,
  cdmDatabaseSchema,
  oracleTempSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureTable = "drug_era",
  outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  outcomeTable = "condition_era",
  nestingCohortDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  nestingCohortTable = "condition_era",
  outputFolder = "./CcrOutput",
  ccrAnalysisList,
  exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList,
  getDbCaseCrossoverDataThreads = 1,
  selectSubjectsToIncludeThreads = 1,
  getExposureStatusThreads = 1,
  fitCaseCrossoverModelThreads = 1
)
```

## 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.

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 exposureTable <> drug\_era, then expectation is exposureTable 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 CONDITION_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.
ccrAnalysisList	A list of objects of type ccrAnalysis as created using the <a href="#">createCcrAnalysis</a> function.
exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList	A list of objects of type exposureOutcomeNestingCohort as created using the <a href="#">createExposureOutcomeNestingCohort</a> function.
getDbCaseCrossoverDataThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for building the caseControlData objects.
selectSubjectsToIncludeThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for selecting subjects
getExposureStatusThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for getting exposure status.
fitCaseCrossoverModelThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for fitting the models.

## 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(ccrAnalysisList) \* length(exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList)'. 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 control windows are specified then this function will extract the data and select the subjects only once, and re-use this in all the analysis.

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saveCaseCrossoverData *Save the case-crossover data to folder*

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## Description

saveCaseCrossoverData saves an object of type caseCrossoverData to folder.

## Usage

```
saveCaseCrossoverData(caseCrossoverData, folder)
```

**Arguments**

caseCrossoverData	An object of type caseCrossoverData as generated using <a href="#">getDbCaseCrossoverData</a> .
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.

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saveCcrAnalysisList	<i>Save a list of ccrAnalysis to file</i>
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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
saveCcrAnalysisList(ccrAnalysisList, file)
```

**Arguments**

ccrAnalysisList	The ccrAnalysis list to be written to file
file	The name of the file where the results will be written

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saveExposureOutcomeNestingCohortList	<i>Save a list of drugComparatorOutcome to file</i>
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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
saveExposureOutcomeNestingCohortList(exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList, file)
```

**Arguments**

exposureOutcomeNestingCohortList	The exposureOutcomeNestingCohort list to be written to file
file	The name of the file where the results will be written

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selectSubjectsToInclude

*Select subjects to include*


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## Description

Select subjects to include

## Usage

```
selectSubjectsToInclude(
  caseCrossoverData,
  outcomeId,
  firstOutcomeOnly = TRUE,
  washoutPeriod = 180,
  matchingCriteria = NULL,
  minAge = NULL,
  maxAge = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

caseCrossoverData	An object of type caseCrossoverData as generated using the <a href="#">getDbCaseCrossoverData</a> 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.
matchingCriteria	If provided, a case-time-control analysis will be performed and controls will be matched based on these criteria.
minAge	Minimum age at which patient time will be included in the analysis. Note that information prior to the min age is still used to determine exposure status after the minimum age (e.g. when a prescription was started just prior to reaching the minimum age). Also, outcomes occurring before the minimum age is reached will be considered as prior outcomes when using first outcomes only. Age should be specified in years, but non-integer values are allowed. If not specified, no age restriction will be applied.
maxAge	Maximum age at which patient time will be included in the analysis. Age should be specified in years, but non-integer values are allowed. If not specified, no age restriction will be applied.

## Details

Subject to include in the study are selected for a specific outcome, optionally filtering using a washout period, restricting to first occurrences of the outcome only, and restricting on age. If matching criteria are provided controls will be selected for each case. These controls will be used to adjust for time trends in exposure, turning the analysis into a case-time-control analysis (Suissa, 1995).



**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

**observationPeriodStartDate** The observation period start date

**References**

Suissa S (1995) The case-time-control design. Epidemiology; 6:248-253.

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summarizeCcrAnalyses    *Create a summary report of the analyses*

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**Description**

Create a summary report of the analyses

**Usage**

```
summarizeCcrAnalyses(outcomeReference, outputFolder)
```

**Arguments**

outcomeReference

A data.frame as created by the [runCcrAnalyses](#) function.

outputFolder    Name of the folder where all the outputs have been written to.

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