# Package 'SelfControlledCohort'

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createExposureOutcome Create exposure-outcome combinations.

#### **Description**

Create exposure-outcome combinations.

#### Usage

createExposureOutcome(exposureId, outcomeId)

#### **Arguments**

exposureId

A concept ID indentifying the drug of interest 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 createSccAnalysis function.

outcomeId

A concept ID indentifying the outcome of interest 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 createSccAnalysis function.

#### **Details**

Create a hypothesis of interest, to be used with the runSccAnalyses function.

createRunSelfControlledCohortArgs

Create a parameter object for the function runSelfControlledCohort

## Description

Create a parameter object for the function runSelfControlledCohort

## Usage

```
createRunSelfControlledCohortArgs(firstExposureOnly = TRUE,
  firstOutcomeOnly = TRUE, minAge = "", maxAge = "",
  studyStartDate = "", studyEndDate = "",
  addLengthOfExposureExposed = TRUE, riskWindowStartExposed = 1,
  riskWindowEndExposed = 30, addLengthOfExposureUnexposed = TRUE,
  riskWindowEndUnexposed = -1, riskWindowStartUnexposed = -30,
  hasFullTimeAtRisk = FALSE, washoutPeriod = 0, followupPeriod = 0)
```

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## **Arguments**

firstExposureOnly

If TRUE, only use first occurrence of each drug concept idfor each person

firstOutcomeOnly

If TRUE, only use first occurrence of each condition conceptid for each person.

minAge Integer for minimum allowable age.
maxAge Integer for maximum allowable age.

studyStartDate Date for minimum allowable data for index exposure. Dateformat is 'yyyym-

mdd'.

studyEndDate Date for maximum allowable data for index exposure. Dateformat is 'yyyym-

mdd'.

 ${\it addLength} Of Exposure Exposed\\$ 

If TRUE, use the duration from drugEraStart -> drugEraEnd aspart of timeAtRisk.

riskWindowStartExposed

Integer of days to add to drugEraStart for start oftimeAtRisk (0 to include index

date, 1 to start the dayafter).

riskWindowEndExposed

Additional window to add to end of exposure period (ifaddLengthOfExposure-Exposed = TRUE, then add to exposure enddate, else add to exposure start date).

add Length Of Exposure Unexposed

If TRUE, use the duration from exposure start -> exposureend as part of timeAtRisk looking back before exposurestart.

riskWindowEndUnexposed

Integer of days to add to exposure start for end oftimeAtRisk (0 to include index date, -1 to end the daybefore).

riskWindowStartUnexposed

Additional window to add to start of exposure period (ifaddLengthOfExposure-Unexposed = TRUE, then add to exposureend date, else add to exposure start date).

hasFullTimeAtRisk

If TRUE, restrict to people who have full time-at-riskexposed and unexposed.

washoutPeriod Integer to define required time observed before exposurestart.

followupPeriod Integer to define required time observed after exposurestart.

## **Details**

Create an object defining the parameter values.

createSccAnalysis

Create a SelfControlledCohort analysis specification

## **Description**

Create a SelfControlledCohort analysis specification

### Usage

```
createSccAnalysis(analysisId = 1, description = "",
   exposureType = NULL, outcomeType = NULL, runSelfControlledCohortArgs)
```

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#### **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 exposureOutcome, this field

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

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

runSelfControlledCohortArgs

An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the runSelfControlledCohort

function.

#### **Details**

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

loadExposureOutcomeList

Load a list of exposureOutcome from file

## **Description**

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

## Usage

loadExposureOutcomeList(file)

#### **Arguments**

file The name of the file

## Value

A list of objects of type exposureOutcome.

 ${\tt loadSccAnalysisList} \qquad {\tt Load~a~list~of~sccAnalysis~from~file}$ 

## Description

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

#### Usage

loadSccAnalysisList(file)

#### **Arguments**

file The name of the file

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#### Value

A list of objects of type sccAnalysis.

runSccAnalyses

Run a list of analyses

#### **Description**

Run a list of analyses

## Usage

```
runSccAnalyses(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema,
  oracleTempSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureTable = "drug_era",
  outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  outcomeTable = "condition_occurrence", cdmVersion = 5,
  outputFolder = "./SelfControlledCohortOutput", sccAnalysisList,
  exposureOutcomeList, analysisThreads = 1, computeThreads = 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

For Oracle only: the name of the database schema where you want all temporary tables to be managed. Requires create/insert permissions to this database.

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 by 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 exposureTable = CONDITION\_ERA, exposureDatabaseSchema is not used by assumed to be cdmSchema. Requires read permissions to this database.

outcomeTable

The tablename that contains the outcome cohorts. If outcomeTable <> CONDITION\_OCCURRENCE, then expectation is outcomeTable has format of COHORT table: COHORT\_DEFINITION\_ID, SUBJECT\_ID, COHORT\_START\_DATE, COHORT\_END\_DATE.

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cdmVersion Define the OMOP CDM version used: currently support "4" and "5". Name of the folder where all the outputs will written to. outputFolder sccAnalysisList A list of objects of type sccAnalysis as created using the createSccAnalysis function. exposureOutcomeList A list of objects of type exposureOutcome as created using the createExposureOutcome analysisThreads

The number of parallel threads to use to execute the analyses.

computeThreads Number of parallel threads per analysis thread for computing IRRs with exact confidence intervals.

#### Details

Run a list of analyses for the drug-comparator-outcomes of interest. This function will run all specified analyses against all hypotheses of interest, meaning that the total number of outcome models is 'length(cmAnalysisList) \* length(drugComparatorOutcomesList)'.

runSelfControlledCohort

Run self-controlled cohort

## **Description**

runSelfControlledCohort generates population-level estimation by comparing exposed and unexposed time among exposed cohort.

#### Usage

```
\verb|runSelfControlledCohort| (connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema, \\
  cdmVersion = 5, oracleTempSchema = NULL, exposureIds, outcomeIds,
  exposureDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureTable = "drug_era",
 outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
 outcomeTable = "condition_era", firstExposureOnly = TRUE,
  firstOutcomeOnly = TRUE, minAge = "", maxAge = "",
  studyStartDate = "", studyEndDate = "",
  addLengthOfExposureExposed = TRUE, riskWindowStartExposed = 1,
  riskWindowEndExposed = 30, addLengthOfExposureUnexposed = TRUE,
  riskWindowEndUnexposed = -1, riskWindowStartUnexposed = -30,
  hasFullTimeAtRisk = FALSE, washoutPeriod = 0, followupPeriod = 0,
  computeThreads = 1)
```

## **Arguments**

connectionDetails

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

cdmDatabaseSchema

Name of database schema that contains the OMOP CDM and vocabulary.

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cdmVersion Define the OMOP CDM version used: currently support "4" and "5".

oracleTempSchema

For Oracle only: the name of the database schema where you want all temporary tables to be managed. Requires create/insert permissions to this database.

 ${\tt exposureIds} \qquad A \ vector \ containing \ the \ drug\_concept\_ids \ or \ cohort\_definition\_ids \ of \ the \ exposure \ and \ of \ cohort\_definition\_ids \ of \ the \ exposure \ and \ of \ cohort\_definition\_ids \ of \ the \ exposure \ and \ of \ cohort\_definition\_ids \ of \ the \ exposure \ and \ of \ cohort\_definition\_ids \ of \ the \ exposure \ and \ of \ cohort\_definition\_ids \ of \ the \ exposure \ and \ of \ cohort\_definition\_ids \ of \ the \ exposure \ and \ of \ cohort\_definition\_ids \ of \ cohor$ 

sures of interest. If empty, all exposures in the exposure table will be included.

 $\hbox{outcomeIds} \qquad \hbox{ The condition\_concept\_ids or cohort\_definition\_ids of the outcomes of interest.} \\$ 

If empty, all the outcomes in the outcome table will be included.

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 by 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.

outcomeDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the data used to define the outcome cohorts is available. If exposureTable = CONDITION\_ERA, exposureDatabaseSchema is not used by assumed to be cdmSchema. Requires read permissions to this database.

outcomeTable The tablename that contains the outcome cohorts. If outcomeTable <> CONDI-

 $TION\_OCCURRENCE, then \ expectation \ is \ outcome Table \ has \ format \ of \ CO-HORT \ table: COHORT\_DEFINITION\_ID, SUBJECT\_ID, COHORT\_START\_DATE,$ 

COHORT\_END\_DATE.

firstExposureOnly

If TRUE, only use first occurrence of each drug concept id for each person

firstOutcomeOnly

If TRUE, only use first occurrence of each condition concept id for each person.

minAge Integer for minimum allowable age.

maxAge Integer for maximum allowable age.

studyStartDate Date for minimum allowable data for index exposure. Date format is 'yyyym-

mdd'.

studyEndDate Date for maximum allowable data for index exposure. Date format is 'yyyym-

mdd'.

add Length Of Exposure Exposed

If TRUE, use the duration from drugEraStart -> drugEraEnd as part of timeAtRisk.

riskWindowStartExposed

Integer of days to add to drugEraStart for start of timeAtRisk (0 to include index date, 1 to start the day after).

 ${\tt riskWindowEndExposed}$ 

Additional window to add to end of exposure period (if addLengthOfExposure-Exposed = TRUE, then add to exposure end date, else add to exposure start date).

addLengthOfExposureUnexposed

If TRUE, use the duration from exposure start -> exposure end as part of timeAtRisk looking back before exposure start.

riskWindowEndUnexposed

Integer of days to add to exposure start for end of timeAtRisk (0 to include index date, -1 to end the day before).

riskWindowStartUnexposed

Additional window to add to start of exposure period (if addLengthOfExposure-Unexposed = TRUE, then add to exposure end date, else add to exposure start date).

hasFullTimeAtRisk

If TRUE, restrict to people who have full time-at-risk exposed and unexposed.

washoutPeriod Integer to define required time observed before exposure start.

followupPeriod Integer to define required time observed after exposure start.

computeThreads Number of parallel threads for computing IRRs with exact confidence intervals.

#### **Details**

Population-level estimation method that estimates incidence rate comparison of exposed/unexposed time within an exposed cohort. If multiple exposureIds and outcomeIds are provided, estimates will be generated for every combination of exposure and outcome.

#### Value

An object of type sccResults containing the results of the analysis.

#### References

Ryan PB, Schuemie MJ, Madigan D.Empirical performance of a self-controlled cohort method: lessons for developing a risk identification and analysis system. Drug Safety 36 Suppl1:S95-106, 2013

#### **Examples**

saveExposureOutcomeList

Save a list of exposureOutcome to file

## **Description**

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

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#### **Usage**

 $save {\tt ExposureOutcomeList(exposureOutcomeList, file)}$ 

#### **Arguments**

exposureOutcomeList

The exposureOutcome list to be written to file

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

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Save a list of sccAnalysis to file

## **Description**

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

## Usage

```
saveSccAnalysisList(sccAnalysisList, file)
```

## **Arguments**

sccAnalysisList

The sccAnalysis list to be written to file

file

The name of the file where the results will be written

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## **Description**

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summarizeAnalyses

Create a summary report of the analyses

## Description

Create a summary report of the analyses

## Usage

```
summarizeAnalyses(resultsReference, outputFolder)
```

## **Arguments**

resultsReference

A data.frame as created by the runSccAnalyses function.

outputFolder

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

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