

# Package ‘SelfControlledCohort’

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incidence rate comparison of exposed/unexposed time within an exposed  
cohort

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**Description** This package provides a method to estimate risk by comparing time  
exposed with time unexposed among the exposed cohort.

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`createExposureOutcome` *Create exposure-outcome combinations.*

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**Description**

Create exposure-outcome combinations.

**Usage**

```
createExposureOutcome(exposureId, outcomeId)
```

**Arguments**

<code>exposureId</code>	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 <code>exposureType</code> parameter in the <a href="#">createSccAnalysis</a> function.
<code>outcomeId</code>	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 <code>#'</code> <code>outcomeType</code> parameter in the <a href="#">createSccAnalysis</a> function.

**Details**

Create a hypothesis of interest, to be used with the [runSccAnalyses](#) function.

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`createRunSelfControlledCohortArgs`  
*Create a parameter object for the function `runSelfControlledCohort`*

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**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)
```

**Arguments**

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 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'.
addLengthOfExposureExposed	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 dayafter).
riskWindowEndExposed	Additional window to add to end of exposure period (if addLengthOfExposureExposed = TRUE, then add to exposure enddate, else add to exposure start date).
addLengthOfExposureUnexposed	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 of timeAtRisk (0 to include index date, -1 to end the daybefore).
riskWindowStartUnexposed	Additional window to add to start of exposure period (if addLengthOfExposureUnexposed = TRUE, then add to exposureend 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 exposurestart.
followupPeriod	Integer to define required time observed after exposurestart.

**Details**

Create an object defining the parameter values.

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createSccAnalysis	<i>Create a SelfControlledCohort analysis specification</i>
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**Description**

Create a SelfControlledCohort analysis specification

**Usage**

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

**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.
outcomeType	If more than one outcome is provided for each exposureOutcome, this field 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 <a href="#">runSelfControlledCohort</a> function.

**Details**

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

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loadExposureOutcomeList

*Load a list of exposureOutcome from file*

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**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
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**Value**

A list of objects of type exposureOutcome.

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loadSccAnalysisList

*Load a list of sccAnalysis from file*

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**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.

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runSccAnalyses	<i>Run a list of analyses</i>
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**Description**

Run a list of analyses

**Usage**

```
runSccAnalyses(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema,
  oracleTempSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema, exposureTable = "drug_era",
  outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  outcomeTable = "condition_occurrence", cdmVersion = 4,
  outputFolder = "../SelfControlledCohortOutput", sccAnalysisList,
  exposureOutcomeList, analysisThreads = 1, computeThreads = 1)
```

**Arguments**

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| 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.   |

cdmVersion	Define the OMOP CDM version used: currently support "4" and "5".
outputFolder	Name of the folder where all the outputs will written to.
sccAnalysisList	A list of objects of type sccAnalysis as created using the <a href="#">createSccAnalysis</a> function.
exposureOutcomeList	A list of objects of type exposureOutcome as created using the <a href="#">createExposureOutcome</a> function.
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)`.

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runSelfControlledCohort  
*Run self-controlled cohort*

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## Description

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

## Usage

```
runSelfControlledCohort(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema, cdmVersion = 5,
  oracleTempSchema, 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.
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.
exposureIds	A vector containing the drug_concept_ids or cohort_definition_ids of the exposures of interest. If empty, all exposures in the exposure table will be included.
outcomeIds	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 <> CONDITION_OCCURRENCE, then expectation is outcomeTable has format of COHORT 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 'yyyymmdd'.
studyEndDate	Date for maximum allowable data for index exposure. Date format is 'yyyymmdd'.
addLengthOfExposureExposed	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).
riskWindowEndExposed	Additional window to add to end of exposure period (if addLengthOfExposureExposed = 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 addLengthOfExposureUnexposed = 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

```
## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(dbms = "sql server",
                                             server = "RNDUSRDHIT07.jnj.com")
sccResult <- runSelfControlledCohort(connectionDetails,
                                     cdmDatabaseSchema = "cdm_truven_mdcr.dbo",
                                     exposureIds = c(767410, 1314924, 907879),
                                     outcomeIds = 444382,
                                     outcomeTable = "condition_era")

## End(Not run)
```

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saveExposureOutcomeList

*Save a list of exposureOutcome to file*

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## Description

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

## Usage

```
saveExposureOutcomeList(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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saveSccAnalysisList	<i>Save a list of sccAnalysis to file</i>
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**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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SelfControlledCohort	<i>SelfControlledCohort</i>
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**Description**

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summarizeAnalyses	<i>Create a summary report of the analyses</i>
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**Description**

Create a summary report of the analyses

**Usage**

```
summarizeAnalyses(resultsReference)
```

**Arguments**

resultsReference	A data.frame as created by the <a href="#">runSccAnalyses</a> function.
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