

# Package ‘SurrogateBMA’

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**Title** Flexible Evaluation of Surrogate Markers with Bayesian Model Averaging

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**Description** Provides functions to estimate the proportion of treatment effect explained by the surrogate marker using Bayesian Model Averaging approach.

**License** GPL (>= 2)

**Imports** Rcpp (>= 1.0.9), MCMCpack, mvtnorm

**LinkingTo** Rcpp, RcppEigen, RcppNumerical

**Depends** R (>= 3.5.0)

**LazyData** true

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exampleData	<i>Example data</i>
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## Description

Example data

## Usage

```
data("exampleData")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 400 rows and 3 variables:

Y the primary outcome

S the surrogate marker

A the treatment arm

**Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
names(exampleData)
```

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gen.prior	<i>Generates the default prior hyperparameters</i>
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**Description**

Generates a list of hyper-parameters we use by default in the inverse-Gamma-Normal prior for the variance and coefficients, including a0\_list, b0\_list, mu0\_list, Gamma0\_list, Gamma0\_inv\_list , each being a list of 5 with 5 parameters under the 5 different candidate models. An Inv-Gamma(a0, b0) - Normal(mu0,  $\sigma^2$  Gamma0) prior is assumed.

**Usage**

```
gen.prior()
```

**Value**

A list of hyper-parameters, including a0\_list, b0\_list, mu0\_list, Gamma0\_list, Gamma0\_inv\_list , each being a list of 5 with 5 parameters under the 5 different candidate models.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Duan and Parast (2023+). Flexible Evaluation of Surrogate Markers with Bayesian Model Averaging.

**Examples**

```
gen.prior()

# if we want to change the prior parameter a0 in model 1
prior.para <- gen.prior()
prior.para$a0_list[[1]] <- 1
```

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post.model	<i>Calculates the posterior probability of the candidate models</i>
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**Description**

Gives the posterior probability of each candidate model being true.

**Usage**

```
post.model(Y, S, A, prior.para = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

Y	numeric vector; primary outcome, assumed to be continuous.
S	numeric vector; surrogate marker, assumed to be continuous.
A	numeric vector; treatment arm, assumed to be binary. The treatment arm = 1 when the patient is enrolled in the treatment group, treatment arm = 0 when in the control group.
prior.para	a list of hyper-parameters in the inverse-Gamma-Normal prior for the variance and coefficients, including a0_list, b0_list, mu0_list, Gamma0_list, Gamma0_inv_list, each being a list of 5 with 5 parameters under the 5 different candidate models. An Inv-Gamma(a0, b0) - Normal(mu0, $\sigma^2$ Gamma0) prior is assumed.

**Value**

a numeric vector; the posterior probabilities of the candidate models.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Duan and Parast (2023+). Flexible Evaluation of Surrogate Markers with Bayesian Model Averaging.

**Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
post.model(Y = exampleData$Y, S = exampleData$S, A = exampleData$A)
```

R.BMA.est

*Calculates the proportion of treatment effect explained***Description**

Calculates the proportion of treatment effect on the primary outcome explained by the treatment effect on the surrogate marker using Bayesian Model Averaging. This function is intended to be used for a fully observed continuous outcome and one single continuous surrogate marker. The user can also request to calculate a 95% credible interval, evaluated by Bayesian bootstrapping.

**Usage**

```
R.BMA.est(Y, S, A, nmc = 500, nBB = 100, conf.int = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, prior.para = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

Y	numeric vector; primary outcome, assumed to be continuous.
S	numeric vector; surrogate marker, assumed to be continuous.
A	numeric vector; treatment arm, assumed to be binary. The treatment arm = 1 when the patient is enrolled in the treatment group, treatment arm = 0 when in the control group.
nmc	number of MCMC samples in posterior inference, default is 500.
nBB	number of replicates in Bayesian bootstrap, default is 100. Ignored if conf.int = FALSE.
conf.int	TRUE or FALSE; indicates whether a 95% credible interval for the proportion explained is requested, default is TRUE.
alpha	the confidence level for the credible interval, the $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ credible interval is calculated. Default is 0.05, ignored if conf.int = FALSE.
prior.para	a list of hyper-parameters in the inverse-Gamma-Normal prior for the variance and coefficients, including a0_list, b0_list, mu0_list, Gamma0_list, Gamma0_inv_list, each being a list of 5 with 5 parameters under the 5 different candidate models. An Inv-Gamma(a0, b0) - Normal(mu0, $\sigma^2$ Gamma0) prior is assumed.

**Value**

R.BMA	the estimate of the proportion explained by the surrogate marker.
p.model	the posterior probability of the candidate models being true.
ci	the credible interval for the proportion explained by the surrogate marker.

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**References**

Duan and Parast (2023+). Flexible Evaluation of Surrogate Markers with Bayesian Model Averaging.

**Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
R.BMA.est(Y = exampleData$Y, S = exampleData$S, A = exampleData$A)
```

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