

Web Appendices for “Using Overlap Weights to Address Extreme Propensity Scores in Estimating Restricted Mean Counterfactual Survival Times”

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1 Web Appendix 1: Definition of target estimands $\Delta_w(L)$

Before defining the causal estimand of interest $\Delta_w(L)$ mathematically, we introduce some notation. $A(=a)$ is defined as treatment or control group (i.e., $a = 0$ or 1), and \mathbf{X} as baseline covariates. Let T denote survival time, which is subject to right censoring C , $U = \min(T, C)$ and $\delta = I(T \leq C)$. Furthermore, let $T^{(a)}$ ($a = 0, 1$) denote the potential (or counterfactual) lifetime and $C^{(a)}$ denote the potential censoring time of each unit if, possibly contrary to fact, s/he received treatment $A = a$.

We assume the marginal density of \mathbf{X} (from the combined treatment and control groups) exists and denote it by $f(\mathbf{X})$. Under the balancing weight framework, we could generally represent the target population density by $f(\mathbf{X})h(\mathbf{X})/\text{const}$, where $h(\mathbf{X})$ is a pre-specified tilting function, and const is a normalization constant such that the density is well-defined and integrates to unity. Each choice of the tilting function h corresponds to a target estimand: the average treatment effect based on the restricted mean counterfactual survival times among the target population

$$\Delta_w(L) = E_w\{\min(T^{(1)}, L)\} - E\{\min(T^{(0)}, L)\} = \frac{E[h(\mathbf{X})(\mu^{(1)}(\mathbf{X}; L) - \mu^{(0)}(\mathbf{X}; L))]}{E[h(\mathbf{X})]},$$

where both expectations are taken over the original density $f(\mathbf{X})$, and $\mu^{(1)}(\mathbf{X}; L) = E\{\min(T^{(1)}, L)|\mathbf{X}\}$, $\mu^{(0)}(\mathbf{X}; L) = E\{\min(T^{(0)}, L)|\mathbf{X}\}$ are conditional means of L -restricted counterfactual survival time given pre-treatment covari-

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ates. The quantity $\Delta_w(L)$ is called the weighted average treatment effect (WATE) on the restricted survival times. Equivalently, we can also express the restricted mean counterfactual survival times estimands as integrals of the counterfactual survival functions, and therefore,

$$\Delta_w(L) = \int_0^L \{S_w^{(1)}(t) - S_w^{(0)}(t)\} dt = \frac{\int_0^L E[h(\mathbf{X})(S^{(1)}(t|\mathbf{X}) - S^{(0)}(t|\mathbf{X}))]}{E[h(\mathbf{X})]},$$

where $S^{(1)}(t|\mathbf{X}) = P(T^{(1)} \geq t|\mathbf{X})$ and $S^{(0)}(t|\mathbf{X}) = P(T^{(0)} \geq t|\mathbf{X})$ are two conditional counterfactual survival functions. For this entire class of WATE estimands, when the weighting function $h(\mathbf{X}) = 1$ for all values of \mathbf{X} , $\Delta_w(L) = \Delta_{IPTW}(L) = E\{\mu^{(1)}(\mathbf{X}; L) - \mu^{(0)}(\mathbf{X}; L)\} = E\{\min(T^{(1)}, L)|\mathbf{X}\} - E\{\min(T^{(0)}, L)|\mathbf{X}\}$, which is the standard L -restricted average treatment effect (ATE) for the combined treatment and control population. With such a choice of the weighting function, treatment comparison from each unit contributes equally. When $h(\mathbf{X}) = I_{\alpha < e(\mathbf{X}) < 1-\alpha}$, $\Delta_w(L)$ is the L -restricted ATE for the target population after symmetric trimming. Notice that h can be analogously defined to characterize the L -restricted ATE for the target population after asymmetric trimming. Finally, when $h(\mathbf{X}) = e(\mathbf{X})(1 - e(\mathbf{X}))$, $\Delta_w(L) = \Delta_{OW}(L)$ is the L -restricted ATE for the overlap population, i.e., the population emphasizing clinical equipoise whose treatment decisions remain most uncertain. With this choice of the weighting function, $h(\mathbf{X})$ is maximized when the value of PS is 0.5, and decreases to zero as PS becomes extreme. Therefore, OW up-weights patients who have a substantial probability to receive either treatment and smoothly down-weights the patients in the tails of the PS distribution. Even though the truncation corresponds to a choice of $h(\mathbf{X})$ as a function of the propensity score, in our simulations, we still consider the true estimand for truncation to be the average treatment effect based on the restricted mean counterfactual survival times among the combined population, that is, the exact same estimand for IPTW. This is because, when used in practice, truncation only serves as a way to stabilize the estimated propensity scores among extreme units, but the intended target population is often the usual ATE. It simply aims to reduce the variance of the treatment effect estimates at the cost of potentially inflated bias (Cole and Hernán, 2008).

This Appendix is organized as follows: we show consistency of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ under the weighting scheme w , and the covariate balancing property of the combined weights in Web Appendix 2. Then, we prove the optimality of the overlap weighting in asymptotic efficiency in Web Appendix 3 and provide their corresponding variance estimation in Web Appendix 4. R tutorial for calculating RMCST based on each weighting scheme w is presented in Web Appendix 5. To further illustrate the use of our methods, we analyze the observational data of Right-Heart Catheterization Study (RHC Study) by the proposed RMCST estimators in Web Appendix 6. Web Appendix 7 applies the proposed estimators to the Yale New Haven Hospital Hypertension data. In Web Appendix 8, we evaluate the performance of OW and IPTW with variable selection when high-dimensional potential confounders exist in both PS model and censoring model. Web Tables and Figures are shown in Web Appendix 9 of this Appendix.

2 Web Appendix 2: Consistency of Estimands and covariate balancing property

As is shown in the main manuscript, propensity score model $e(\mathbf{X}) = e(\mathbf{X}, \beta)$ is assumed to be a logistic model, i.e.,

$$e(\mathbf{X}, \beta) = \{1 + \exp(-\beta^T \mathbf{X})\}^{-1}.$$

For the censoring time C , which follows a Cox model, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}) &= P(C \geq t | \mathbf{X}, A = a) = \exp(-\Lambda_C^{(a)}(t | \mathbf{X})), \\ \Lambda_C^{(a)}(t | \mathbf{X}) &= \int_0^t \lambda_C^{(a)}(u | \mathbf{X}) du = \int_0^t \lambda_0^{(a)}(u) \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_a^T \mathbf{X}) du, \quad a = 0, 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda_0^{(a)}(t)$ is an unspecified baseline hazard function.

As is shown in the main manuscript, we adopt the following four standard assumptions in causal survival analysis:

- (A1) consistency and no-interference, which ensures $T = T^{(a)}$ and $C = C^{(a)}$ for $A = a$;
- (A2) conditional exchangeability, i.e., $\{T^{(a)}, C^{(a)}\} \perp A | \mathbf{X}$, which assumes away unmeasured confounders;
- (A3) covariate-dependent censoring, i.e., $T^{(a)} \perp C^{(a)} | \{\mathbf{X}, A = a\}$ for $a = 0, 1$, which means failure time is independent of censoring time given observed covariates in each group;
- (A4) positivity, such that the conditional probability of treatment assignment is bounded away from 0 and 1, and the conditional survival probability of censoring is larger than 0.

Under each balancing weights w , $\mu_w^{(a)}(L)$ and $\Delta_w(L)$ can be rewritten as

$$\mu_w^{(a)}(L) = \int_0^L \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(a)}(t)) dt \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_w(L) = \int_0^L \{ \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(1)}(t)) - \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(0)}(t)) \} dt = \mu_w^{(1)}(L) - \mu_w^{(0)}(L), \quad (1)$$

respectively, where $\Lambda_w^{(a)}(t)$ is the corresponding cumulative hazard function of $T^{(a)}$. If we can prove the estimator of $\Lambda_w^{(a)}(t)$ (i.e., $\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t)$) is consistent, then, consistency of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(a)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ are straightforward by formula (1).

Recall our balancing weights estimator for $\Lambda_w^{(a)}(t)$ is given by (see (3) of manuscript)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t) &= \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \{ \hat{w}_i / \hat{K}_C^{(a)}(u, \mathbf{X}_i) \} dN_{ia}(u)]}{\sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \{ \hat{w}_i / \hat{K}_C^{(a)}(u, \mathbf{X}_i) \} Y_{ia}(u)]}, \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \hat{w}_i e^{\hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}(u | \mathbf{X}_i)} dN_{ia}(u)]}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \hat{w}_i e^{\hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}(u | \mathbf{X}_i)} Y_{ia}(u)]}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $\hat{K}_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i) = \exp(-\hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}(t | \mathbf{X}_i))$, $\hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}(t | \mathbf{X}_i) = \hat{\Lambda}_0^{(a)}(t) \exp(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_a^T \mathbf{X}_i)$, $N_{ia}(u) = I(A_i = a)N_i(u)$, $N_i(u) = I(U_i \leq u, \delta_i = 1)$, $Y_{ia}(u) = I(A_i = a)Y_i(u)$, $Y_i(u) = I(U_i \geq u)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ represents each individual. Under regularity conditions of Zhang and Schaubel (2012), we have $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \boldsymbol{\beta}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_a \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \boldsymbol{\theta}_a$. When $a = 1$, for the denominator of (2),

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[I(A_i = 1) \hat{w}_i e^{\hat{\Lambda}_C^{(1)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} Y_{i1}(u) \right] \\
& \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} E \left[\frac{I(A = 1) h(\mathbf{X}) I(C^{(1)} \geq u) I(T^{(1)} \geq u)}{e(\mathbf{X}, \beta) K_C^{(1)}(u, \mathbf{X})} \right] \quad (\text{by the weak law of large numbers}) \\
& = E \left[E \left[\frac{I(A = 1) h(\mathbf{X}) I(C^{(1)} \geq u) I(T^{(1)} \geq u)}{e(\mathbf{X}, \beta) K_C^{(1)}(u, \mathbf{X})} \middle| \mathbf{X} \right] \right] \\
& = E \left[\frac{h(X) E[I(A = 1) | \mathbf{X}] E[I(C^{(1)} \geq u) I(T^{(1)} \geq u) | \mathbf{X}]}{e(\mathbf{X}, \beta) K_C^{(1)}(u, \mathbf{X})} \right] \quad (\text{because } \{T^{(a)}, C^{(a)}\} \perp A | \mathbf{X}) \\
& = E \left[\frac{h(X) \Pr(A = 1 | \mathbf{X}) E[I(C^{(1)} \geq u) | \mathbf{X}] E[I(T^{(1)} \geq u) | \mathbf{X}]}{e(\mathbf{X}, \beta) K_C^{(1)}(u, \mathbf{X})} \right] \quad (\text{because } \{T^{(a)} \perp C^{(a)} | \mathbf{X}, A = a\}) \\
& = E \left[\frac{h(X) e(\mathbf{X}, \beta) K_C^{(1)}(u, \mathbf{X}) E[I(T^{(1)} \geq u) | \mathbf{X}]}{e(\mathbf{X}, \beta) K_C^{(1)}(u, \mathbf{X})} \right] \\
& = E \{ h(\mathbf{X}) \Pr(T^{(1)} \geq u | \mathbf{X}) \} \quad (\text{because } 0 < e(\mathbf{X}, \beta) < 1 \text{ \& } K_C^{(a)}(u, \mathbf{X}) > 0) \\
& = E[h(\mathbf{X}) S^{(1)}(u | \mathbf{X})],
\end{aligned}$$

where $S^{(1)}(u | \mathbf{X}) = P(T^{(1)} \geq u | \mathbf{X})$. Similarly, we can obtain

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[I(A_i = 1) \hat{w}_i e^{\hat{\Lambda}_C^{(1)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} dN_{i1}(u) \right] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} -dE[h(\mathbf{X}) S^{(1)}(u | \mathbf{X})].$$

Therefore, we have $\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(1)}(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \Lambda_w^{(1)}(t)$, i.e., $\hat{S}_w^{(1)}(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} S_w^{(1)}(t)$. Using the same technique, we can show that $\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(0)}(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \Lambda_w^{(0)}(t)$ and $\hat{S}_w^{(0)}(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} S_w^{(0)}(t)$, respectively. Thus, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ are consistent for $\mu_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\mu_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\Delta_w(L)$, respectively.

Of note, when PS (i.e., $e(\mathbf{X})$) is fitted by logistic regression, we have

$$E[A_i w_i \mathbf{X}_i] = E \left[\frac{A_i h(\mathbf{X}_i)}{e(\mathbf{X}_i)} \mathbf{X}_i \right] = E[h(\mathbf{X}_i) \mathbf{X}_i].$$

Similarly, $E[(1 - A_i) w_i \mathbf{X}_i] = E[h(\mathbf{X}_i) \mathbf{X}_i]$. Therefore, $E[A_i w_i \mathbf{X}_i] = E[(1 - A_i) w_i \mathbf{X}_i]$, which means we have exact balance for OW. Zhou et al.(2022) proposed to measure the balancing condition of propensity score weighting methods including OW by the metric absolute standardized difference (ASD):

$$\text{ASD} = \left| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i w_1(x_i) X_{pi}}{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i w_1(x_i)} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - A_i) w_0(x_i) X_{pi}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - A_i) w_0(x_i)} \right| / \sqrt{\frac{s_0^2 + s_1^2}{2}},$$

where X_p is the p th covariate in \mathbf{X} , s_a^2 ($a = 0, 1$) is the variance of the p th covariate in group a , and (w_0, w_1) are the specified balancing weights. The metric ASD has been implemented by the R Package ‘‘PSweight’’ of Zhou et al.(2022).

In principle, one can also evaluate the covariate balance under the combined weights $\frac{\hat{w}_i}{\hat{K}_C^{(a)}(u, \mathbf{X}_i)}$. We acknowledge that this is an area that is much less well-studied in the literature, as covariate balancing properties were conventionally tied to confounding bias and often used to evaluate the adequacy of propensity score weights To show the

covariate balancing property of the combined weights, of note,

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left[\frac{A_i w_i \delta_i \mathbf{X}_i}{K^{(a)}(U_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}\right] &= E\left[\frac{A_i w_i \delta_i \mathbf{X}_i}{K^{(a)}(T_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}\right] = P(A_i = 1)E\left[\frac{w_i \delta_i \mathbf{X}_i}{K^{(a)}(T_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}|A_i = 1\right] \\
&= P(A_i = 1)E\left[\frac{E[\delta_i|A_i = a, \mathbf{X}_i, T_i]}{K^{(a)}(T_i|\mathbf{X}_i)} w_i \mathbf{X}_i | A_i = 1\right] \\
&= P(A_i = 1)E\left[\frac{P(C_i > T_i|A_i = a, \mathbf{X}_i, T_i)}{K^{(a)}(T_i|\mathbf{X}_i)} w_i \mathbf{X}_i | A_i = 1\right] \\
&= P(A_i = 1)E\left[\frac{K^{(a)}(T_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}{K^{(a)}(T_i|\mathbf{X}_i)} w_i \mathbf{X}_i | A_i = 1\right] \\
&= P(A_i = 1)E[w_i \mathbf{X}_i | A_i = 1] = E[A_i w_i \mathbf{X}_i] \\
&= E\left[\frac{(1 - A_i)h(\mathbf{X}_i)}{e(\mathbf{X}_i)} \mathbf{X}_i\right] = E[h(\mathbf{X}_i)\mathbf{X}_i].
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can prove that

$$E\left[\frac{(1 - A_i)w_i \delta_i \mathbf{X}_i}{K^{(a)}(U_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}\right] = E[h(\mathbf{X}_i)\mathbf{X}_i].$$

Therefore, we have $E\left[\frac{A_i w_i \delta_i \mathbf{X}_i}{K^{(a)}(U_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}\right] = E\left[\frac{(1 - A_i)w_i \delta_i \mathbf{X}_i}{K^{(a)}(U_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}\right]$, and the covariate balancing property of the combined weight is proved.

Similar to Zhou et al.(2022) and Yang et al.(2023), in this paper, we propose to use the absolute standardized difference for combined weights (ASD_c) to measure the balancing conditions, the expression of this metric is

$$ASD_c = \left| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i w_1(x_i) \delta_i X_{pi} / K^{(1)}(U_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i w_1(x_i) \delta_i / K^{(1)}(U_i|\mathbf{X}_i)} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - A_i) w_0(x_i) \delta_i X_{pi} / K^{(0)}(U_i|\mathbf{X}_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - A_i) w_0(x_i) \delta_i / K^{(0)}(U_i|\mathbf{X}_i)} \right| / \sqrt{\frac{s_0^2 + s_1^2}{2}}.$$

The implementation of metric ASD_c is provided in Web Appendix 5.

However, ASD_c indicates that an empirical check of covariate balance for the combined weights would have to rely on a much smaller sample size because we need to evaluate the weighted summary statistics based on the non-censored units. How best to address this smaller sample size under heavy censoring is an open question. Therefore, when the majority of the study sample is censored, we caution its use and new methods to optimally balance covariates with combined weights. might be worth developing in future research.

3 Web Appendix 3: Optimality of the overlap weighting in asymptotic efficiency

In this section, we prove that OW achieves the smallest asymptotic pointwise variance for estimating $\Delta_w(L)$ among the class of balancing weights under certain homoscedasticity conditions. In the following proof, we will assume that the propensity score $e(\mathbf{X})$ and the censoring score $K_c^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X})$ are known and therefore do not further consider the uncertainty for estimating these nuisance functions to establish the optimality of the OW estimator.

Result 1. (Optimal variance) Define $U^{(a)} = \min(T^{(a)}, C^{(a)})$ as the right-censored outcome that would have been observed under treatment and control assignment if $a = 1$ and 0, respectively. If the variance of the “pseudo-outcome”

$\frac{I(U_i^{(a)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) is homoskedastic across both treatment and control groups, i.e.,

$$Var\left(\frac{I(U_i^{(1)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)} | \mathbf{X}_i\right) = Var\left(\frac{I(U_i^{(0)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)} | \mathbf{X}_i\right) = c,$$

for some constant $c > 0$, then the OW with $\Delta_{OW}(L)$ gives the smallest asymptotic variance for weighted estimator $\Delta_w(L)$ among all $h(\mathbf{X}_i)$.

Proof. Frist notice that,

$$\Delta_w(L) = \int_0^L \left\{ \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(1)}(t)) - \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(0)}(t)) \right\} dt. \quad (3)$$

If OW gives the smallest asymptotic variance for $\exp(-\Lambda_w^{(1)}(t)) - \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(0)}(t))$ among all $h(\mathbf{X}_i)$, then conclusion in result 1 is straightforward because RMST estimand is a monotone transformation, so by minimizing the variance of the counterfactual survival function estimator, we can end up with the optimal RMST estimator. Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_w^{(a)}(t) &= \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \{w_i / K_C^{(a)}(u, \mathbf{X}_i)\} dN_{ia}(u)]}{\sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \{w_i / K_C^{(a)}(u, \mathbf{X}_i)\} Y_{ia}(u)]} \\ &= -\log \left(\sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \{w_i / K_C^{(a)}(u, \mathbf{X}_i)\} Y_{ia}(u)] \right) \Big|_0^t \\ &= -\log \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \{w_i / K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)\} Y_{ia}(t)]}{\sum_{i=1}^n I(A_i = a) w_i} \right). \quad (K_C^{(a)}(0, \mathbf{X}) = 1, Y_{ia}(0) = 1) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $S_w^{(a)}(t) = \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(a)}(t))$, thus, we have

$$S_w^{(a)}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) \{w_i / K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)\} Y_{ia}(t)]}{\sum_{i=1}^n I(A_i = a) w_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{w_i I(A_i = a) I(U_i \geq t)}{K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^n I(A_i = a) w_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{w_i I(A_i = a) I(U_i^{(a)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^n I(A_i = a) w_i}, \quad (4)$$

where the last equality holds since $I(U_i \geq t) = I(U_i^{(a)} \geq t)$ under $A_i = a$. And for $A_i = 1$, $w_i = \frac{h(\mathbf{X}_i)}{e(\mathbf{X}_i)}$; $A_i = 0$, $w_i = \frac{h(\mathbf{X}_i)}{1-e(\mathbf{X}_i)}$. Conditional on the sample $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \{\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n\}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$, and noticing the assumption $\{T_i^{(a)}, C_i^{(a)}\} \perp A_i | \mathbf{X}_i$ and only $\frac{I(U_i^{(a)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)}$ are random in (4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &Var\left\{\exp(-\Lambda_w^{(1)}(t)) - \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(0)}(t)) | \tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\right\} \\ &= Var\{S_w^{(1)}(t) - S_w^{(0)}(t) | \tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h^2(\mathbf{X}_i) A_i}{e^2(\mathbf{X}_i)} Var\left(\frac{I(U_i^{(1)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)} | \mathbf{X}_i, A_i\right)}{\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i h(\mathbf{X}_i) / e(\mathbf{X}_i)\right\}^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h^2(\mathbf{X}_i) (1-A_i)}{(1-e(\mathbf{X}_i))^2} Var\left(\frac{I(U_i^{(0)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)} | \mathbf{X}_i, A_i\right)}{\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-A_i) h(\mathbf{X}_i) / (1-e(\mathbf{X}_i))\right\}^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h^2(\mathbf{X}_i) A_i}{e^2(\mathbf{X}_i)} Var\left(\frac{I(U_i^{(1)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)} | \mathbf{X}_i\right)}{\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i h(\mathbf{X}_i) / e(\mathbf{X}_i)\right\}^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h^2(\mathbf{X}_i) (1-A_i)}{(1-e(\mathbf{X}_i))^2} Var\left(\frac{I(U_i^{(0)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)} | \mathbf{X}_i\right)}{\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-A_i) h(\mathbf{X}_i) / (1-e(\mathbf{X}_i))\right\}^2} \quad (\{T_i^{(a)}, C_i^{(a)}\} \perp A_i | \mathbf{X}_i) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h^2(\mathbf{X}_i) A_i}{e^2(\mathbf{X}_i)} c_1(\mathbf{X}_i)}{\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i h(\mathbf{X}_i) / e(\mathbf{X}_i)\right\}^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h^2(\mathbf{X}_i) (1-A_i)}{(1-e(\mathbf{X}_i))^2} c_0(\mathbf{X}_i)}{\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-A_i) h(\mathbf{X}_i) / (1-e(\mathbf{X}_i))\right\}^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $c_a(\mathbf{X}_i) = Var\left(\frac{I(U_i^{(a)} \geq t)}{K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}_i)} | \mathbf{X}_i\right)$ for $a = 1, 0$. Averaging the above first over the distribution of A (using $E[A_i / e(\mathbf{X}_i)] = E[(1-A_i) / (1-e(\mathbf{X}_i))] = 1$), then over the distribution of \mathbf{X} , and applying Slutsky's theorem, we

have

$$n \times Var \left\{ \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(1)}(t)) - \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(0)}(t)) | \tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \right\} \rightarrow \frac{\int \left(\frac{c_1(\mathbf{X})}{e(\mathbf{X})} + \frac{c_0(\mathbf{X})}{1-e(\mathbf{X})} \right) h(\mathbf{X})^2 f(\mathbf{X}) \mu(d\mathbf{X})}{\left(\int h(\mathbf{X}) f(\mathbf{X}) \mu(d\mathbf{X}) \right)^2},$$

where $f(\mathbf{X})$ is the population density function of \mathbf{X} . If the pseudo-outcome is homoskedastic, i.e., $c_1(\mathbf{X}) = c_0(\mathbf{X}) = c$, then the above formula simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} n \times Var \left\{ \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(1)}(t)) - \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(0)}(t)) | \tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \right\} &\rightarrow \frac{c \int \left(\frac{1}{e(\mathbf{X})} + \frac{1}{1-e(\mathbf{X})} \right) h(\mathbf{X})^2 f(\mathbf{X}) \mu(d\mathbf{X})}{\left(\int h(\mathbf{X}) f(\mathbf{X}) \mu(d\mathbf{X}) \right)^2} \\ &= c/C_w \int \frac{h(\mathbf{X})^2 f(\mathbf{X})}{e(\mathbf{X})(1-e(\mathbf{X}))} \mu(d\mathbf{X}), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $C_w = \left(\int h(\mathbf{X}) f(\mathbf{X}) \mu(d\mathbf{X}) \right)^2$. Then, by applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} C_w &= \left(\int \frac{h(\mathbf{X})}{\sqrt{e(\mathbf{X})(1-e(\mathbf{X}))}} \sqrt{e(\mathbf{X})(1-e(\mathbf{X}))} f(\mathbf{X}) \mu(d\mathbf{X}) \right)^2 \\ &\leq \int \frac{h^2(\mathbf{X})}{e(\mathbf{X})(1-e(\mathbf{X}))} f(\mathbf{X}) \mu(d\mathbf{X}) \times \int e(\mathbf{X})(1-e(\mathbf{X})) f(\mathbf{X}) \mu(d\mathbf{X}). \end{aligned}$$

The above equality is achieved when $\frac{h(\mathbf{X})}{\sqrt{e(\mathbf{X})(1-e(\mathbf{X}))}} \propto \sqrt{e(\mathbf{X})(1-e(\mathbf{X}))}$, or equivalently $h(\mathbf{X}) \propto e(\mathbf{X})(1-e(\mathbf{X}))$.

Therefore, we obtain OW gives the smallest asymptotic variance for $\exp(-\Lambda_w^{(1)}(t)) - \exp(-\Lambda_w^{(0)}(t))$ by applying the above to the right-hand side of (5). Thus, result 1 is obtained by the definition of $\Delta_w(L)$ in (3).

4 Web Appendix 4: Variance estimation for $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$

In this section, we will derive the variance estimator for $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ based on the empirical sandwich method, when the PS and censoring process are estimated by a logistic regression and Cox regression, respectively. The derivation is made up of three parts. In parts 1 and 2, we will derive the estimating equation for the PS and censoring process model, respectively. Then, we will propose the variance estimator for $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ in part 3.

4.1 Part 1: Propensity score

In main manuscript, we apply a logistic model to describe the propensity score, that is, $e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta) = Pr(A = 1 | \mathbf{X}_i) = \{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{X}_i^T \beta)\}^{-1}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then, the score function of $\hat{\beta}$ is

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \hat{\beta})] = 0.$$

By using Taylor expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \hat{\beta})] \\ &= n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)] + n^{-1/2} \frac{\partial \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)] \right\}}{\partial \beta} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) + o_p(1) \\ &= n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)] - \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta) \{1 - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)\} \right] \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we expand the above score equation around the true parameter β , which leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) &= \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta) \{1 - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)\} \right]^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)] + o_p(1) \\ &= E_{\beta\beta}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)] + o_p(1),\end{aligned}$$

where $E_{\beta\beta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta) \{1 - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)\} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} E[\mathbf{X}^{\otimes 2} e(\mathbf{X}; \beta) \{1 - e(\mathbf{X}; \beta)\}]$ and $\otimes 2$ denotes Kronecker product.

4.2 Part 2: Censoring process

For censoring time C , we consider Cox regression, that is,

$$K_C^{(a)}(t, \mathbf{X}) = P(C \geq t | \mathbf{X}, A = a) = \exp(-\Lambda_C^{(a)}(t | \mathbf{X})), \quad a = 0, 1.$$

where

$$\Lambda_C^{(a)}(t | \mathbf{X}) = \int_0^t \lambda_0^{(a)}(u) \exp(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_a) du. \quad (6)$$

Since the technique used to estimate $\Lambda_C^{(a)}(t | \mathbf{X})$ for $a = 0, 1$ is the same. For simplicity, we omit C and a in $\Lambda_C^{(a)}(t | \mathbf{X})$ and related notations in this subsection.

By definition of Cox model, estimation of model (6) can be rewritten as

$$\hat{\Lambda}(t_j | \mathbf{X}_j) = \int_0^{t_j} \exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\} d\hat{\Lambda}_0(u), \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

According to Fleming and Harrington (1991) (p 152), we have

$$d\hat{\Lambda}_0(u) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n dN_i(u)}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}}.$$

Thus,

$$\hat{\Lambda}(t_j) = \int_0^{t_j} \exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n dN_i(u)}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}}.$$

By Fleming and Harrington (1991), we have

$$N_i(u) = M_i(u) + \int_0^u Y_i(s) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(s)\} d\Lambda_0(s).$$

Therefore,

$$\hat{\Lambda}(t_j) = \int_0^{t_j} \frac{\exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[dM_i(u) + Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\} d\Lambda_0(u) \right].$$

By using Taylor expansion, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} &= \frac{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} + \frac{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\} \mathbf{X}_j^T(u) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} \\ &\quad - \frac{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{[\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}]^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\} \mathbf{X}_i^T(u) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right] + o_p(1).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\Lambda}(t_j) &= \int_0^{t_j} \left[\frac{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} + \frac{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} \left\{ \mathbf{X}_j^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right] \times \\
&\quad \sum_{i=1}^n \left[dM_i(u) + Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\} d\Lambda_0(u) \right] + o_p(1) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\int_0^{t_j} \frac{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} dM_i(u) \right] + \int_0^{t_j} \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\} d\Lambda_0(u) \\
&\quad + \int_0^{t_j} \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\} \left\{ \mathbf{X}_j^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) d\Lambda_0(u) + o_p(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^{t_j} \frac{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} \left\{ \mathbf{X}_j^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) dM_i(u) = 0$ and

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{E[1/n \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \mathbf{X}_i^T(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}]}{E[1/n \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}]}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\Lambda}(t_j) - \Lambda(t_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\int_0^{t_j} \frac{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}} dM_i(u) \right] \\
&\quad + \int_0^{t_j} \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\} \left\{ \mathbf{X}_j^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) d\Lambda_0(u) + o_p(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

By the formula (2.6) of Andersen and Gill (1982) (p 1103), we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \{n^{-1} \Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)\}^{-1} \{n^{-1/2} U(\boldsymbol{\theta})\},$$

where $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$ is between $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \approx \Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left[\frac{S^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)}{S^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)} - \left\{ \frac{S^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)}{S^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)} \right\}^{\otimes 2} \right] dN_i(t) \\
&= \int_0^\tau \left[\frac{S^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)}{S^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)} - \left\{ \frac{S^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)}{S^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)} \right\}^{\otimes 2} \right] n S^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t) d\Lambda_0(t),
\end{aligned}$$

where $d\hat{\Lambda}_0(u) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n dN_i(u)}{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \exp\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}}$ and $S^{(d)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(t) \mathbf{X}_i^{\otimes d}(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}$ for $d = 0, 1, 2$, and τ is the Supremum of time interval.

We note that $n^{-1} \Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$ can be approximated by the following expression, i.e.,

$$\int_0^\tau [a_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta})^{\otimes 2} a_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u)] d\Lambda_0(u),$$

where $a_d(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u) = E[1/n \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(u) \mathbf{X}_i^{\otimes d}(u) \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\}]$. According to the definitions of $\bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ and $a_d(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u)$, we can obtain that $\bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{a_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u)}{a_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u)}$.

By the second formula in Andersen and Gill (1982) (p 1103), we have

$$U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left[\mathbf{X}_i^T(u) - \frac{S^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)}{S^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)} \right] dM_i(u).$$

Since $\bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{a_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u)}{a_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u)}$, so we have $\frac{S^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)}{S^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)} = \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) + o_p(1)$. Then, we can get the second term of (7), which can

be approximated by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{t_j} \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\} \left\{ \mathbf{X}_j^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) d\Lambda_0(u) &\approx \int_0^{t_j} \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_j(u)\} \left\{ \mathbf{X}_j^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} d\Lambda_0(u) \{n^{-1} \Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*, \tau)\}^{-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left\{ \mathbf{X}_j^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} dM_i(u) \end{aligned}$$

Denote $G_i(t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int_0^t \exp\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i(u)\} \left\{ \mathbf{X}_i^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} d\Lambda_0(u) = \int_0^t \left\{ \mathbf{X}_i^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} d\Lambda_i(u)$ and $U_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int_0^\tau \left\{ \mathbf{X}_i^T(u) - \bar{\mathbf{X}}(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} dM_i(u)$. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}\{\hat{\Lambda}(t) - \Lambda(t)\} &= G_i^T(t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta})^{-1} n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n U_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}_i) n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^t \frac{dM_i(u)}{a_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}, u)} + o_p(1), \\ \sqrt{n}\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}\} &= \Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta})^{-1} n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n U_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

4.3 Part 3: Variance estimation

Next, we consider $\sqrt{n}\{\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t) - \Lambda_w^{(a)}(t)\}$ and make the following decomposition:

$$\sqrt{n}\{\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t) - \Lambda_w^{(a)}(t)\} = n^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}) - \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}) \right\} \quad (8)$$

$$+ n^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}) - \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Lambda_C^{(a)}) \right\} \quad (9)$$

$$+ n^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Lambda_C^{(a)}) - \Lambda_w^{(a)}(t) \right\}. \quad (10)$$

By using Taylor expansion, we can show

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}) &= \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}) + \left[\int_0^t \frac{E[I(A_i = a) e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} dN_{ia}(u) w_i(-1) \{1 - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta})\} \mathbf{X}_i]}{D_a(u; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a)} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \int_0^t E[I(A_i = a) e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} Y_{ia}(u) w_i \{1 - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta})\} \mathbf{X}_i] \frac{dQ_a(u; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a)}{D_a(u; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a)^2} \right] (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_a(u; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a) &= E[I(A_i = a) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} Y_{ia}(u)], \\ dQ_a(u; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a) &= E[I(A_i = a) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} dN_{ia}(u)]. \end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} B_a(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a) &= \int_0^t \frac{E[I(A_i = a) e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} dN_{ia}(u) w_i(-1) \{1 - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta})\} \mathbf{X}_i]}{D_a(u; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a)} \\ &\quad + \int_0^t E[I(A_i = a) e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} Y_{ia}(u) w_i \{1 - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta})\} \mathbf{X}_i] \frac{dQ_a(u; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a)}{D_a(u; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can obtain

$$(8) = B_a(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_a)^T E_{\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta})].$$

For (9), by using Taylor expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \beta, \hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}) &= \int_0^t \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} dN_{ia}(u)]}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} Y_{ia}(u)]} \\
&\quad + \left[\int_0^t \frac{dQ_a(u; \beta, \theta_a)}{D_a(u; \beta, \theta_a)} - \int_0^t \frac{dQ_a(u; \beta, \theta_a) D_a(u; \beta, \theta_a)}{D_a^2(u; \beta, \theta_a)} \right] \{ \hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i) - \Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i) \} + o_p(1) \\
&= \int_0^t \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} dN_{ia}(u)]}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [I(A_i = a) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} Y_{ia}(u)]} + o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the variance of (9) is zero, which means estimating censoring process does not lead to change in the asymptotic variance estimator of $\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t)$. This result is interesting and yet useful in a sense that it greatly decreases the complexity of variance estimation for $\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t)$.

For (10), it is straightforward to show that

$$\sqrt{n} \left\{ \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t; \beta, \Lambda_C^{(a)}) - \Lambda_w^{(a)}(t) \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^t \frac{I(A_i = a) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} dM_{ia}(u)}{D_a(u; \beta, \theta_a)} + o_p(1),$$

where $dM_{ia}(u) = dN_{ia}(u) - Y_{ia}(u) d\Lambda_w^{(a)}(u)$.

Combining the aforementioned results, we have shown that $\sqrt{n} \{ \hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(t) - \Lambda_w^{(a)}(t) \}$ can be represented as $n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i^{(a)}(t)$ plus a term that converges in probability to zero, where

$$\psi_i^{(a)}(t) = B_a(t; \beta, \theta_a)^T E_{\beta\beta}^{-1} \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)] + \int_0^t \frac{I(A_i = a) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{X}_i)} dM_{ia}(u)}{D_a(u; \beta, \theta_a)}.$$

When both the PS model and the censoring model are correctly specified, it can be seen that $\psi_i^{(a)}(t)$ has mean zero and are identically and independently distributed across $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Considering the estimation of $\mu_w^{(a)}(L)$, $n^{\frac{1}{2}} (\hat{\mu}_w^{(a)}(L) - \mu_w^{(a)}(L))$ can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
n^{\frac{1}{2}} (\hat{\mu}_w^{(a)}(L) - \mu_w^{(a)}(L)) &= n^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^L \left\{ \hat{S}_w^{(a)}(u) - S_w^{(a)}(u) \right\} du = n^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^L \left\{ e^{-\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(u)} - e^{-\Lambda_w^{(a)}(u)} \right\} du \\
&= n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_{ia}(L) + o_p(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\phi_{ia}(L) = - \int_0^L S_w^{(a)}(u) \psi_i^{(a)}(u) du$. When both the propensity score model and the censoring model are correctly specified, the $\phi_{ia}(L)$ variates are independent and identically distributed with mean 0. Therefore, $n^{\frac{1}{2}} (\hat{\mu}_w^{(a)}(L) - \mu_w^{(a)}(L))$ converges to a normal distribution with mean 0 and variance $E(\phi_{ia}^2(L))$. It then follows that $n^{\frac{1}{2}} (\hat{\Delta}_w(L) - \Delta_w(L))$ is also asymptotically normal with mean 0 and variance $E(\phi_{i1}(L) - \phi_{i0}(L))^2$ and $n^{\frac{1}{2}} (\hat{\Delta}_w(L) - \Delta_w(L)) = n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^n I_{\Delta,i}^2 + o_p(1)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{\Delta,i} &= \phi_{i1}(L) - \phi_{i0}(L) = I_{(\Delta, \beta), i} + I_{(\Delta, \theta), i}, \\
I_{(\Delta, \beta), i} &= - \int_0^L \left\{ S_w^{(1)}(u) B_1(t; \beta, \theta_1)^T - S_w^{(0)}(u) B_0(t; \beta, \theta_0)^T \right\} E_{\beta\beta}^{-1} \mathbf{X}_i [A_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i; \beta)] du, \\
I_{(\Delta, \theta), i} &= - \int_0^L \left[S_w^{(1)}(u) \int_0^u \frac{I(A_i = 1) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(1)}(t|\mathbf{X}_i)} dM_{i1}(t)}{D_1(t; \beta, \theta_1)} - S_w^{(0)}(u) \int_0^u \frac{I(A_i = 0) w_i e^{\Lambda_C^{(0)}(t|\mathbf{X}_i)} dM_{i0}(t)}{D_0(t; \beta, \theta_0)} \right] dt.
\end{aligned}$$

In practice, once $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\theta}_a$ are estimated, $\hat{E}_{\hat{\beta}\hat{\beta}}$ and $e^{\hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{x}_i)}$ are easily obtained from standard software. By counting process and martingale theory (Fleming and Harrington, 1991), it is not difficult to compute $\hat{B}_a(t; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\theta}_a)$ and $\int_0^t \frac{I(A_i=a)\hat{w}_i e^{\hat{\Lambda}_C^{(a)}(u|\mathbf{x}_i)} d\hat{M}_{ia}(u)}{D_a(u; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\theta}_a)}$. We have produced R code to implement the proposed methods of variance estimators (see Web Appendix 5).

5 Web Appendix 5: R tutorial

5.1 Aim

In this section, we provide a step-by-step tutorial for implementation of the proposed propensity score weighting approaches to estimate RMCST. We shall demonstrate our proposed methodologies by using the simulated data set `surv.csv`, which is available at Github page https://github.com/Zhiqiangcao/Rcode_OW_RMST. In addition, we will also show how to compute covariate absolute standardized difference ($c - ASD$) defined in Web Appendix 2 for the simulated data set `surv.csv` by a R program.

5.2 Dataset

We will use the simulated dataset `surv.csv` to demonstrate the proposed methods step-by-step. This data set is a one-row-per-patient dataset with time-fixed baseline covariates. The outcome time is patient's survival time (unit: month), which is defined as the difference between date of death and the study admission date and then divided it by 30. Since the outcome is subject to right censoring, we only observed date of first occurrence of last follow-up and death. The censoring indicator is `delta`, `delta = 1` means the patient is alive; otherwise, `delta = 0`. `z` is a binary variable representing treated group with value 1 and controlled group with value 0 in this example. In addition, there are six pre-treatment covariates denoted as `x1-x6` in this example. Now we load the dataset and identify those variables.

```
#1. Load Data set
data = read.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Zhiqiangcao/Rcode_OW_RMST/main/surv.csv")[,-1]

#2. Identity treatment, survival outcome, and censoring indicator
SurvTime = "time"
Status = "delta"
Treatment = "z"

#3. Identity column names of the pre-treatment covariates
Covariates = c("x1", "x2", "x3", "x4", "x5", "x6")

#4. For convenience, we reorder the dataset by observed survival time
data.sort = data[order(data[,SurvTime]),]

#5. summary of these variables
summary(data.sort[,c(Treatment, SurvTime, Status, Covariates)])
```

##	z	time	delta	x1
##	Min. :0.0000	Min. : 0.010	Min. :0.000	Min. : -3.35000

```
## 1st Qu.:0.0000 1st Qu.: 1.240 1st Qu.:0.000 1st Qu.: -0.70000
## Median :0.0000 Median : 3.130 Median :1.000 Median : -0.01500
## Mean :0.4955 Mean : 4.987 Mean :0.732 Mean : -0.04249
## 3rd Qu.:1.0000 3rd Qu.: 6.532 3rd Qu.:1.000 3rd Qu.: 0.63000
## Max. :1.0000 Max. :114.080 Max. :1.000 Max. : 3.11000
## x2 x3 x4 x5
## Min. : -4.470000 Min. : -3.88000 Min. :0.0000 Min. :0.000
## 1st Qu.: -0.670000 1st Qu.: -0.68000 1st Qu.:0.0000 1st Qu.:0.000
## Median : -0.020000 Median : -0.04000 Median :0.0000 Median :0.000
## Mean : 0.000075 Mean : -0.03687 Mean :0.4885 Mean :0.494
## 3rd Qu.: 0.680000 3rd Qu.: 0.60000 3rd Qu.:1.0000 3rd Qu.:1.000
## Max. : 3.470000 Max. : 3.89000 Max. :1.0000 Max. :1.000
## x6
## Min. :0.0000
## 1st Qu.:0.0000
## Median :1.0000
## Mean :0.5035
## 3rd Qu.:1.0000
## Max. :1.0000
```

5.3 Propensity score modeling

We use the logistic regression to estimate the propensity score. In this example, we consider all of the six pre-treatment covariates (x1-x6) are included in the analysis:

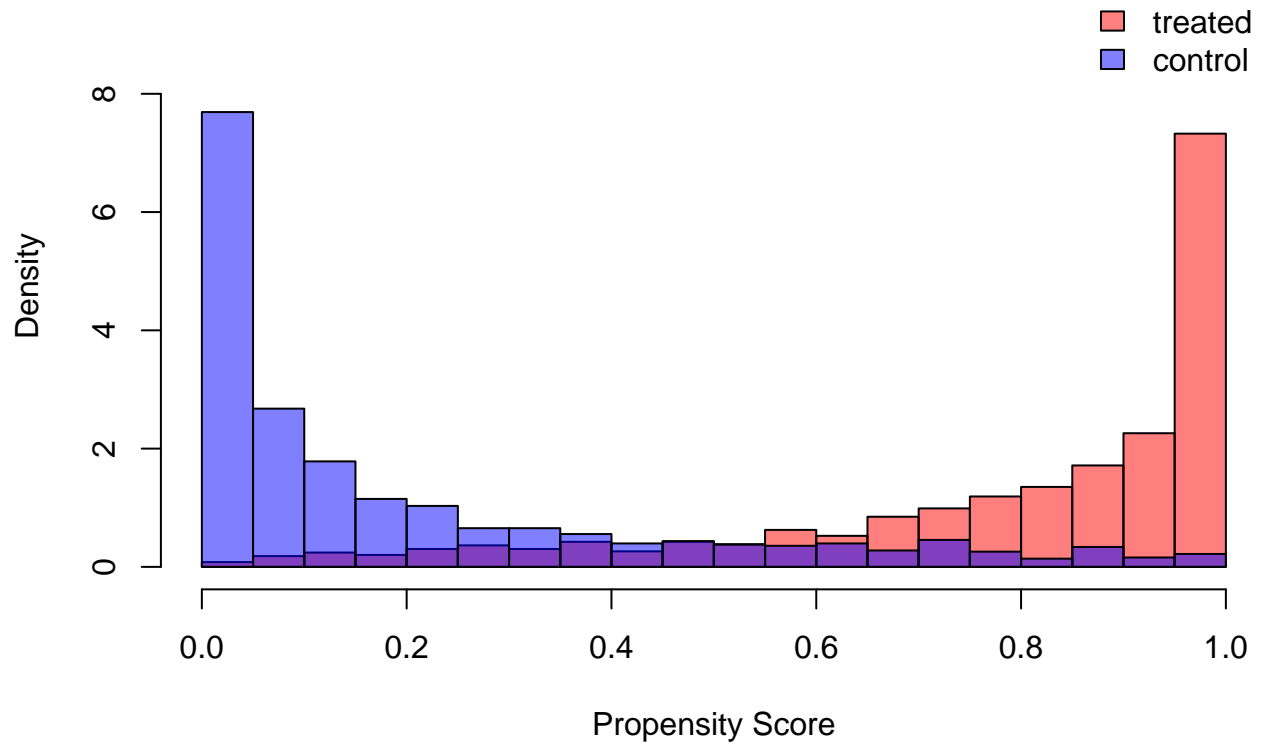
```
# 1. Construct the logistic regression formula
PS.formula = as.formula(paste(Treatment, "~", paste(Covariates, collapse="+"), sep=""))
# the PS.formula is shown as below:
# z ~ x1 + x2 + x3 + x4 + x5 + x6
# 2. run the logistic regression
PS.model = glm(PS.formula, data=data.sort, family=binomial(link="logit"))
# 3. estimated propensity score
PS.est = 1/(1+exp(-c(PS.model$linear.predictors)))
```

The distributions of the estimated propensity scores in the treated and control groups are visualized as below:

```
hist(PS.est[data.sort[,Treatment]==1], breaks=20, col=rgb(1,0,0,0.5), xlim=c(0,1),
     ylim=c(0,9.5), main="Overlap Histogram", freq=F, xlab="Propensity Score")
hist(PS.est[data.sort[,Treatment]==0], breaks=20, col=rgb(0,0,1,0.5), add=T, freq=F)
legend("topright", c("treated", "control"), bty = "n",
```

```
fill=c(rgb(1,0,0,0.5),rgb(0,0,1,0.5))
```

Overlap Histogram



5.4 Censoring score modeling

We apply the Cox proportional hazards model to model the censoring process; more details about this model can be seen in *Combining PS weighting and IPCW for estimating RMCST* section of the manuscript. Also, we include all of the 6 pre-treatment covariates in the Cox model analysis.

It is noted that if we choose to implement a single Cox regression model on all the observations, we may need to include full interaction terms between treatment A and covariates \mathbf{X} to accommodate all related effects, which may be tedious especially when the dimensional of \mathbf{X} is high. Since the same task can be achieved by fitting separate models for treatment and control groups, we model the censoring process for the treated group and control group separately. See the code below for details.

```
# 1. library survival package
library("survival")
# 2. Construct the Cox model formula
```

```

Censor.formula = as.formula(paste("Surv(",SurvTime,"I(1-",Status,")", "~",
                                paste(Covariates,collapse="+"),sep=""))
# Censor.formula is shown below
# Surv(time, I(1 - delta)) ~ x1 + x2 + x3 + x4 + x5 + x6
# 3. Cox Model for the treated group
data.trt = subset(data.sort,data.sort[,Treatment]==1)
Censor.trt.model = coxph(Censor.formula,data=data.trt)
# 4. Cox Model for the control group
data.con = subset(data.sort,data.sort[,Treatment]==0)
Censor.con.model = coxph(Censor.formula,data=data.con)

```

5.5 Overlap weighting

Next, we calculate the restricted mean survival time up to 8-month (i.e., $L = 8$) with overlap weighting, i.e., $\Delta_{OW}(8)$. RMCST up to 8 month using other balancing weights (IPTW, symmetric, asymmetric trimming and truncation) can be similarly obtained and the code will be introduced in the next subsection. To estimate RMCST, we first calculate estimated survival probability for each unit at observed survival time U_i ($\hat{S}_w^{(a)}(U_i)$). Since $\hat{S}_w^{(a)}(U_i) = \exp(-\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(U_i))$, we turn to compute $\hat{\Lambda}_w^{(a)}(U_i)$. Therefore, we need to compute the balancing weights with estimated propensity scores, and then combine with the estimated censoring probabilities to create the final weight for each unit. Once $\hat{S}_w^{(a)}(U_i)$ is obtained for each unit, we can use discrete-time summation to approximate the continuous-time integral for calculating RMCST.

The following code demonstrate how to obtain RMCST up to $L = 8$ with OW:

```

# 1. Define a function to calculate  $E\{\min(T^{(a)}, L)\}$ , i.e.,  $\mu^{(a)}(L) = \int_0^L \hat{S}_w^{(a)}(t) dt$ 
### Input: 1. timevec: A vector of time (say, t)
###         2. L: restricted survival time (numerical value)
###         3. sf.est: estimated survival function (corresponds to sorted observed survival time)
###         4. n: number of observations
### Output: Restricted mean counterfactual survival time up to L.
cal.rmst = function(timevec,L,sf.est,n){
  us = timevec[order(timevec)]
  uss = c(0,us)
  survh = c(1,sf.est)
  nii = sum(uss <= L)
  auc = 0
  #using the following summation to approximate integral for calculating RMCST
  if(nii<(n+1)){
    for(j in 1:nii){
      difft = min(uss[j+1]-uss[j],L-uss[j])

```

```

    auc = auc + difft*survh[j]
  }
} else{ #in this case, L=max(time)
  difft = diff(uss)
  auc = sum(difft*sf.est)
}
return (auc)
}

# 2. Define a function to calculate the predicted censoring score of z group
### Input: 1. Coxmodel: A Cox model object
###          2. deltaz: censoring indicator of z group
###          3. n: number of observation in group z
### Output: Probability of  $P(c_i > u_j | X_i)$  for  $i=1, \dots, n$  and  $j=1, \dots, n$ 
###          note: observed survival time  $u$  has been sorted, i.e.,  $u_1 < u_2 < \dots < u_n$ 
CensorScore.est = function(Coxmodel,deltaz,n){
  bc_est = Coxmodel$coef
  xc = model.matrix(Coxmodel)
  s2 = cumsum(exp(xc[n:1,]%*%bc_est))
  dlc = (1-deltaz)/s2[n:1]
  dlc[(1:length(dlc))[is.nan(dlc)]] = 0
  ssc = matrix(0, n, n)
  ssc[,1] = dlc[1]*exp(as.matrix(xc)%*%bc_est)
  otc = outer(c(exp(xc%*%bc_est)), dlc, "*")
  otc[,1] = rep(0, n)
  otc_cum = t(apply(otc,1,cumsum))
  ssc_1 = outer(ssc[,1],rep(1,n))
  cumhcij = ssc_1 + otc_cum
  #for patient i with covariates  $x[i]$ , compute censoring score at observed time  $u[j]$ 
  ssc = exp(-cumhcij)
  return(ssc)
}

# 3. Define a function to calculate the estimated survival function for group z
### Input: 1. CensorScore: censoring score matrix ( $CensorScore[i,j]$  for unit  $i$  at  $u_j$ )
###          2. bw: balancing weight
###          3. deltaz: censoring indicator of z group
###          4. n: number of observations in group z
### Output: estimated survival function  $S^{(a)}(u_i)$  for  $i=1,2,\dots,n$ , where  $u_1 < u_2 < \dots < u_n$ 
survf.est = function(CensorScore,bw,deltaz,n){
  ssc = CensorScore

```



```

ld = lower.tri(matrix(1, n, n), diag=TRUE)
denom1 = (bw/ssc)*ld
#result for denominator of  $\hat{\Lambda}^{(a)}_w(t)$  in (3), i.e.,  $\text{denom}[u_i]$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$ 
denom = apply(denom1,2,sum)
ud = matrix(1, n, n)-ld
num2 = bw*deltaz/ssc
denom2 = matrix(rep(denom,n),n,n)
otr = num2/denom2
#note that for patient  $i$ ,  $\Lambda^{(a)}_w(u_j/X_i)=\Lambda^{(a)}_w(u_i/X_i)$  for all  $j \geq i$ ,
cumhij0 = otr*ld+diag(otr)*ud
udd = diag(n)+ud
cumhij = cumhij0*udd
cumhij[is.na(cumhij)] = 0
cumhz = apply(cumhij,2,sum)
sf.est = exp(-cumhz)
return(sf.est)
}

# 4. Calculate the censoring scores
z = data.sort$z #z=1 for treated group; z=0 for control group
delta = data.sort$delta
n1 = dim(data.trt)[1] # censoring scores in the treated group
deltaz1 = delta[z==1]
Kc.trt.est = CensorScore.est(Censor.trt.model,deltaz1,n1)
n0 = dim(data.con)[1] # censoring scores in the control group
deltaz0 = delta[z==0]
Kc.con.est = CensorScore.est(Censor.con.model,deltaz0,n0)

# 5. Calculate the counterfactual survival probability
bw.trt = 1-PS.est[z==1] # balancing weight in the treated group
sf.est.trt = survf.est(Kc.trt.est,bw.trt,deltaz1,n1)
bw.con = PS.est[z==0] # balancing weight in the control group
sf.est.con = survf.est(Kc.con.est,bw.con,deltaz0,n0)

# 6. Calculate  $E[\min(T^{(a)}, L)]$ , i.e.,  $\mu^{(a)}(L)=\int_0^L \hat{S}_w^{(a)}(t)dt$ 
auc1 = cal.rmst(data.sort$time[z==1],8,sf.est.trt,n1)
auc0 = cal.rmst(data.sort$time[z==0],8,sf.est.con,n0)

# 7. Finally, obtain the RMCST for L=8
Delta.OW = auc1-auc0
cat(paste("The estimated RMCST up to L=8 is",round(Delta.OW,4)))

## The estimated RMCST up to L=8 is 1.2037

```

5.6 Other balancing weights and confidence interval construction

Similar to the previous subsection, we can estimate RMCST based on the IPTW, symmetric weight, asymmetric weight and truncation weight. The corresponding R code for implementation of all balancing weights are summarized in a unified function `RMST.Effect.BW`, available at https://github.com/Zhiqiangcao/Rcode_OW_RMST. Usage of this function is demonstrated as follows:

```
RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,censor.formula, Method="IPTW",alpha,q)
```

Arguments are:

- Data: a data frame
- L: interested restricted mean lifetime time
- Treatment: treatment variable
- SurvTime: observed survival time
- Status: censoring indicator
- ps.formula: regression formula for the propensity score; see the *Propensity score modeling* subsection for more details
- censor.formula: regression formula for the Cox model for describing censoring process; see the *Censoring score modeling* subsection for more details
- Method: balancing weights; IPTW for IPTW, OW for overlap weighting, Symmetric for symmetric weighting, Asymmetric for asymmetric weighting, Truncation for truncation weighting
- alpha: the trimming threshold for symmetric weighting, i.e., α
- q: the trimming threshold for asymmetric weighting or truncated threshold for truncation weighting, i.e., q

The output of this function is a data.frame, which includes the point estimate, and the standard error and 95% normality-based confidence interval given by the robust sandwich variance approach of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$.

We now calculate RMCST based on IPTW to illustrate usage of this function:

```
# 1. Load RMST.Effect.BW function
source("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Zhiqiangcao/Rcode_OW_RMST/main/RMST_functions_v3.R")
# 2. define PS and Cox model formulas
ps.formula = as.formula(paste(Treatment, "~", paste(Covariates, collapse="+"), sep=""))
censor.formula = as.formula(paste("Surv(", SurvTime, ", I(1-", Status, ")") ~",",
                                paste(Covariates, collapse="+"), sep=""))
Data = data
# 3. IPTW estimator
Delta.IPTW = RMST.Effect.BW(Data, L=8, Treatment, SurvTime, Status, ps.formula,
                             censor.formula, Method="IPTW")
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on IPTW is: \n")
```

Estimation of RMCST based on IPTW is:

```
round(Delta.IPTW,4)
```

##	Estimate	SE	CI.lower	CI.upper
## mu1	4.3459	0.1660	4.0206	4.6711
## mu0	3.4284	0.3845	2.6747	4.1821
## Delta	0.9175	0.4272	0.0802	1.7548

Next, we calculate RMCST based on symmetric trimming with trimming threshold $\alpha = 0.1$:

```
Delta.SW = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,  
                          censor.formula,Method="Symmetric",alpha=0.1)  
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on symmetric trimming is: \n")
```

Estimation of RMCST based on symmetric trimming is:

```
round(Delta.SW,4)
```

##	Estimate	SE	CI.lower	CI.upper
## mu1	4.6657	0.1633	4.3457	4.9857
## mu0	3.5430	0.1654	3.2187	3.8672
## Delta	1.1227	0.2315	0.6690	1.5764

Then, we calculate RMCST based on asymmetric trimming with trimming threshold $q = 0.01$:

```
Delta.AW = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,  
                          censor.formula,Method="Asymmetric",q=0.01)  
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on asymmetric trimming is: \n")
```

Estimation of RMCST based on asymmetric trimming is:

```
round(Delta.AW,4)
```

##	Estimate	SE	CI.lower	CI.upper
## mu1	4.6251	0.1539	4.3234	4.9267
## mu0	3.2508	0.1737	2.9103	3.5913
## Delta	1.3743	0.2364	0.9110	1.8376

And we calculate RMCST based on truncation IPTW with truncated threshold $q = 0.1$:

```
Delta.TR = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,  
                          censor.formula,Method="Truncation",q=0.1)  
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on truncation IPTW is: \n")
```

```
## Estimation of RMCST based on truncation IPTW is:
```

```
round(Delta.TR,4)
```

```
##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.3455 0.1658   4.0205   4.6705
## mu0      3.6547 0.1911   3.2802   4.0291
## Delta    0.6908 0.2631   0.1751   1.2066
```

Finally, we calculate RMCST based on overlap weighting to reproduce results in subsection 5.5.

```
Delta.OW = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                          censor.formula,Method="OW")
```

```
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on OW is: \n")
```

```
## Estimation of RMCST based on OW is:
```

```
round(Delta.OW,4)
```

```
##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.6245 0.1453   4.3398   4.9093
## mu0      3.4209 0.1348   3.1566   3.6851
## Delta    1.2037 0.1991   0.8134   1.5939
```

5.7 Some other scenarios when using the program

In the above illustration, it is noted that we use the same covariates in both propensity score model and censoring model. For some scenarios, covariates in both propensity score model and censoring model are different, in this case, all we need to do is to reset different covariates in these two models. For example, assume there are 6 covariates in propensity score model and only 1 covariate (i.e., x1) in censoring model, then the following code can help us compute corresponding RMCST estimators results.

```
#update censor formula
```

```
Covariates_censor = c("x1")
```

```
censor.formula = as.formula(paste("Surv(",SurvTime,",I(1-",Status,")"), "~",
                                paste(Covariates_censor,collapse="+"), sep=""))
```

```
Data = data
```

```
# 1. IPTW estimator of RMCST
```

```
Delta.IPTW1 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,
                             ps.formula,censor.formula,Method="IPTW")
```

```
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on IPTW is: \n")
```

```
## Estimation of RMCST based on IPTW is:
```

```

round(Delta.IPTW1,4)

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.3407 0.1682   4.0110   4.6703
## mu0      3.4638 0.3887   2.7021   4.2256
## Delta    0.8768 0.4318   0.0305   1.7232

# 2. OW estimator
Delta.OW1 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                           censor.formula,Method="OW")
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on OW is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on OW is:

round(Delta.OW1,4)

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.6150 0.1458   4.3291   4.9008
## mu0      3.4244 0.1343   3.1612   3.6877
## Delta    1.1905 0.1989   0.8007   1.5804

# 3. Symmetric trimming estimator
Delta.SW1 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                           censor.formula,Method="Symmetric",alpha=0.1)
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on symmetric trimming is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on symmetric trimming is:

round(Delta.SW1,4)

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.6606 0.1647   4.3377   4.9834
## mu0      3.5441 0.1640   3.2225   3.8656
## Delta    1.1165 0.2315   0.6628   1.5703

# 4. Asymmetric trimming estimator
Delta.AW1 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                           censor.formula,Method="Asymmetric",q=0.01)
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on asymmetric trimming is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on asymmetric trimming is:

round(Delta.AW1,4)

```

```
##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.6174 0.1559   4.3119   4.9229
## mu0      3.2547 0.1728   2.9160   3.5934
## Delta    1.3627 0.2372   0.8979   1.8276

# 5. Truncation IPTW estimator
Delta.TR1 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                           censor.formula,Method="Truncation",q=0.1)
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on truncation IPTW is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on truncation IPTW is:

round(Delta.TR1,4)

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.3403 0.1680   4.0110   4.6696
## mu0      3.6876 0.1849   3.3252   4.0500
## Delta    0.6527 0.2598   0.1436   1.1618
```

From the above results, it can be seen that if only one covariate is used for adjusting censoring model, all four RMCST estimators are different, but not much.

Furthermore, if no covariate shall be included in the censoring model (this is precisely the case when the censoring is completely independent of any baseline covariates, or when the censoring is administrative due to end of follow-up), our program RMST.Effect.BW can also handle this case. Our strategy is to set “1” as an “intercept” term in the censor.formula, then censoring model will estimate intercept and we will obtain NA as estimated coefficient of the covariate “intercept” from Cox model. Next, we set the estimated coefficient (i.e., NA) to be 0 in Cox model in the program, so final estimation results from censoring model are not affected by covariates. After that, other estimating procedure is the same.

If the propensity score model still has 6 covariates, and no covariate in censoring model, then the corresponding code of computing RMCST is

```
#modify censor formula
censor.formula = as.formula(paste("Surv(",SurvTime,",I(1-",Status,")")", "~1",sep=""))
Data = data

# 1. IPTW estimator of RMCST
Delta.IPTW2 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,
                             ps.formula,censor.formula,Method="IPTW")
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on IPTW is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on IPTW is:

round(Delta.IPTW2,4)
```

```

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.3396 0.1679   4.0105   4.6687
## mu0      3.4694 0.3894   2.7062   4.2325
## Delta    0.8702 0.4323   0.0229   1.7176

# 2. OW estimator
Delta.OW2 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                           censor.formula,Method="OW")
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on OW is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on OW is:

round(Delta.OW2,4)

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.6142 0.1458   4.3285   4.8998
## mu0      3.4267 0.1343   3.1634   3.6899
## Delta    1.1875 0.1988   0.7978   1.5772

# 3. Symmetric trimming estimator
Delta.SW2 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                           censor.formula,Method="Symmetric",alpha=0.1)
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on symmetric trimming is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on symmetric trimming is:

round(Delta.SW2,4)

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.6620 0.1649   4.3388   4.9851
## mu0      3.5327 0.1643   3.2106   3.8547
## Delta    1.1293 0.2318   0.6751   1.5835

# 4. Asymmetric trimming estimator
Delta.AW2 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                           censor.formula,Method="Asymmetric",q=0.01)
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on asymmetric trimming is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on asymmetric trimming is:

round(Delta.AW2,4)

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.6195 0.1562   4.3134   4.9256
## mu0      3.2424 0.1731   2.9031   3.5818
## Delta    1.3770 0.2376   0.9114   1.8427

```

```
# 5. Truncation IPTW estimator
Delta.TR2 = RMST.Effect.BW(Data,L=8,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,
                           censor.formula,Method="Truncation",q=0.1)
cat("Estimation of RMCST based on truncation IPTW is: \n")

## Estimation of RMCST based on truncation IPTW is:

round(Delta.TR2,4)

##      Estimate      SE CI.lower CI.upper
## mu1      4.3392 0.1677   4.0105   4.6680
## mu0      3.6926 0.1845   3.3310   4.0542
## Delta    0.6467 0.2592   0.1386   1.1547
```

According to the above results, we can see that although no covariate is included in censoring model, RMCST estimators are similar to those based on 6 covariates or 1 covariate.

In summary, we observe some differences in the RMCST estimates from four different balancing weights; in particular, the SE of OW is the smallest while SE of IPTW is the largest among all scenarios. The empirical results based on this simulated data set are consistent with our theoretical results.

5.8 Checking covariate balancing by metric ASD_c

Before showing how to check covariate balancing by metric ASD_c , we first present how to compute ASD based on “PSweight” package. By using the simulated data, assuming the PS model includes all of the six pre-treatment covariates (x1-x6), then we can use the following code to compute ASD.

```
library(PSweight)
Covariates_ps = c("x1","x2","x3","x4","x5","x6")
ps.formula = as.formula(paste(Treatment,"~",paste(Covariates_ps,collapse="+"),sep=""))
msstat <- SumStat(ps.formula, trtgrp="1", data=data,
                  weight=c("IPW","overlap"))
summary(msstat,metric = "ASD")

## unweighted result
##      Mean 0 Mean 1   SMD
## x1 -0.557  0.481 1.224
## x2 -0.533  0.543 1.301
## x3 -0.585  0.521 1.374
## x4  0.548  0.428 0.242
## x5  0.574  0.413 0.326
## x6  0.557  0.449 0.217
##
```



```
## IPW result
##      Mean 0 Mean 1   SMD
## x1  0.308  0.139 0.198
## x2  0.680  0.213 0.565
## x3  0.158  0.140 0.022
## x4  0.387  0.438 0.102
## x5  0.639  0.481 0.318
## x6  0.354  0.463 0.219
##
## overlap result
##      Mean 0 Mean 1 SMD
## x1 -0.028 -0.028   0
## x2  0.041  0.041   0
## x3 -0.027 -0.027   0
## x4  0.480  0.480   0
## x5  0.480  0.480   0
## x6  0.491  0.491   0
```

ASD results show that these six covariates are exactly balanced by OW but not by IPTW.

Next, we provide a R program to compute ASD_c proposed in Web Appendix 2, which can help us to check whether a covariate is balanced or not by the combined weights $\frac{\hat{w}_i}{\hat{K}_C^{(a)}(u, \mathbf{X}_i)}$.

```
cal_ASD_Stat = function(Data,Covariates,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,censor.formula){
  CensorScore.est = function(Coxmodel,x,z,delta,px,n){
    bc_est = Coxmodel$coef
    if(px == 1){ #only one covariate
      if(is.na(bc_est)){ #then no covariate is included in Cox model
        bc_est = 0      #reset its value to 0
      }
      s2 = cumsum(z[n:1]*exp(x[n:1]*bc_est))
    }
    else {s2 = cumsum(z[n:1]*exp(x[n:1,]*bc_est))}
    dlc = z*(1-delta)/s2[n:1]
    dlc[(1:length(dlc))[is.nan(dlc)]] = 0
    ssc = matrix(0, n, n)
    ssc[,1] = dlc[1]*exp(as.matrix(x)%*%bc_est)
    otc = outer(c(exp(x%*%bc_est)), dlc, "*")
    otc[,1] = rep(0, n)
    otc_cum = t(apply(otc,1,cumsum))
    ssc_1 = outer(ssc[,1],rep(1,n))
```

```

    cumhcij = ssc_1 + otc_cum
    ssc = exp(-cumhcij)
    return(ssc)
}

#caluate denominator and numerator of ASD for treatment and control
cal_part_asd = function(z,bw,delta,xp,ku){
  numerator = sum(z*bw*delta*xp/ku)
  denominator = sum(z*bw*delta/ku)
  res = numerator/denominator
  return(res)
}

# sort data by observed survival time
data.sort = Data[order(Data[,SurvTime]),]
Data = data.sort
w = model.matrix(ps.formula,data=Data)
colnames(w)=paste("W",1:dim(w)[2],sep="")
x = model.matrix(censor.formula, data=Data)
px = dim(x)[2];
n = dim(x)[1]
if(px == 1) x = x else x = matrix(x[, -1],ncol=px-1)
px = dim(x)[2]
colnames(x)=paste("x",1:dim(x)[2],sep="")
z = as.numeric(Data[,Treatment])
time = as.numeric(Data[,SurvTime])
delta = as.numeric(Data[,Status])
# reconstruct the dataset
data = as.data.frame(cbind(x,w,z,time,delta))
data.trt = subset(data,z==1)
data.con = subset(data,z==0)
#update ps.formula, note since w[,1] is the intercept term
ps.formula = as.formula(paste("z~",paste(colnames(w),collapse = "+"),"-1",sep=""))
#logistic model default including intercept term
ps.model = glm(ps.formula,data=data,family=binomial(link="logit"))
#update censor.formula
censor.formula = as.formula(paste("Surv(time, I(1-delta)) ~",
                                paste(colnames(x),collapse = "+"),sep=""))
cen.trt.model = coxph(censor.formula, data=data.trt)
cen.con.model = coxph(censor.formula, data=data.con)

```

```

# propensity score
ps = 1/(1+exp(-c(w %*% ps.model$coefficients)))

# censoring score
Kc.trt.est = CensorScore.est(cen.trt.model,x,z,delta,px,n) #for treatment
Kc.con.est = CensorScore.est(cen.con.model,x,1-z,delta,px,n) #for control
K.trt = diag(Kc.trt.est)
K.con = diag(Kc.con.est)
bw.trt.iptw = 1/ps;
bw.con.iptw = 1/(1-ps)
bw.trt.ow = 1-ps;
bw.con.ow = ps

p = length(Covariates) #number of covariates to be measured by ASD
ASD = matrix(0,p,2)
for(j in 1:p){
  xp = Data[,Covariates][,j]
  s1 = sd(xp[z==1]) #original sd in treatment group
  s0 = sd(xp[z==0]) #original sd in control group
  #balancing weight is iptw
  trt_res_iptw = cal_part_asd(z,bw.trt.iptw,delta,xp,K.trt)
  con_res_iptw = cal_part_asd(1-z,bw.con.iptw,delta,xp,K.con)
  asd_iptw = abs(trt_res_iptw-con_res_iptw)/sqrt((s1^2+s0^2)/2)
  ASD[j,1] = asd_iptw
  #balancing weight is ow
  trt_res_ow = cal_part_asd(z,bw.trt.ow,delta,xp,K.trt)
  con_res_ow = cal_part_asd(1-z,bw.con.ow,delta,xp,K.con)
  asd_ow = abs(trt_res_ow-con_res_ow)/sqrt((s1^2+s0^2)/2)
  ASD[j,2] = asd_ow
}
row.names(ASD) = Covariates
colnames(ASD) = c("ASD-IPTW","ASD-OW")
ASD_res = as.data.frame(ASD)
return(ASD_res)
}

```

The arguments of Data, Treatment, SurvTime, Status, ps.formula, censor.formula are the same as those in RMST.Effect.BW program, and Covariates is the the column names of the pre-treatment covariates to be measured by absolute standardized difference.

When both PS model and censoring score model include all of the six pre-treatment covariates (x1-x6), then we

can use the following R code to compute ASD_c

```
#Identity column names of the pre-treatment covariates
Covariates = c("x1","x2","x3","x4","x5","x6")
#ps.formula and censor.formula
Covariates_ps = c("x1","x2","x3","x4","x5","x6")
Covariates_cs = c("x1","x2","x3","x4","x5","x6")
ps.formula = as.formula(paste(Treatment,"~",paste(Covariates_ps,collapse="+"),sep=""))
censor.formula = as.formula(paste("Surv(",SurvTime,",I(1-",Status,")~",
                                paste(Covariates_cs,collapse="+"),sep=""))
ASDc_res1 = cal_ASD_Stat(Data=data,Covariates,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,censor.formula)
print(ASDc_res1)

##      ASD-IPTW      ASD-OW
## x1 0.2660139 0.034876096
## x2 0.6972388 0.061553344
## x3 0.1041077 0.020665742
## x4 0.1225608 0.051075730
## x5 0.3348096 0.003760616
## x6 0.2664539 0.021486774
```

From the above results, it can be seen that when using OW weight, as expected, all ASD_c values of covariates are less than 0.1. While using IPTW weight, some ASD_c values are much greater than 0.1. These results indicate that using OW, all covariates are balanced based on the combined weights.

If no covariate in the censoring model and there are still 6 covariates (i.e., x1-x6) including in the PS model, similar to estimate RMST by RMST.Effect.BW, all we need to do is to modify censor.formula and set “1” as an intercept term in the censor.formula. The corresponding code is as follows:

```
censor.formula = as.formula(paste("Surv(",SurvTime,",I(1-",Status,")~1",sep=""))
ASD_res2 = cal_ASD_Stat(Data=data,Covariates,Treatment,SurvTime,Status,ps.formula,censor.formula)
print(ASD_res2)

##      ASD-IPTW      ASD-OW
## x1 0.23829628 0.039911815
## x2 0.64377902 0.036104634
## x3 0.08569504 0.035506835
## x4 0.08945534 0.088074731
## x5 0.31962957 0.009262094
## x6 0.30137560 0.043201181
```

The results in this case also show that all covariates are balanced when using OW since all values of ASD_c are less than 0.1.

6 Web Appendix 6: Application of Right-Heart Catheterization Study

6.1 Dataset and Pre-processing

In this section, we analyze the Right-Heart Catheterization Study (RHC Study) as an additional illustrative data example. Introduction of this dataset is available at <https://hbiostat.org/data/repo/rhc.html> and Connors et al.(1996). The “rhc.csv” dataset available at <https://hbiostat.org/data/repo/rhc.csv> will be used. The treatment variable “swang1” is binary, which takes one of “RHC” and “No RHC”, indicating, respectively, treated and untreated in this illustrative example. The outcome is patient’s survival time, which is defined as the difference between date of death and the study admission date. However, the outcome is subject to right censoring such that we only observed date of first occurrence of last follow-up and death. The censoring indicator is “death”, which takes “Yes” or “No” to denote the patient is alive or death on the previously given date. Summary statistics of swang1, survival time (denoted as survtime) and death are

##	swang1	survtime	death
##	Min. :0.0000	Min. : 2.0	Min. :0.000
##	1st Qu.:0.0000	1st Qu.: 16.0	1st Qu.:0.000
##	Median :0.0000	Median : 166.0	Median :1.000
##	Mean :0.3808	Mean : 186.4	Mean :0.649
##	3rd Qu.:1.0000	3rd Qu.: 232.0	3rd Qu.:1.000
##	Max. :1.0000	Max. :1943.0	Max. :1.000

Next, we clean the dataset before analyzing. Although the treatment and outcome variables do not have missing data, two covariates, “adld3p” and “urin1”, have missing values. Here, we simply replace those missing values with the median of the remaining observations. In addition, we observed that several categories of the covariate “cat1” (include 9 categories of admission diagnosis) have very few samples. To avoid separation when we estimate the variance estimator through bootstrap, we will combine (i) categories “Cirrhosis”, “Colon Cancer”, and “Lung Cancer” into a single category “Cirrhosis or Cancer” and (ii) categories “MOSF w/Malignancy” and “MOSF w/Sepsis” into a single category “MOSF”.

6.2 RMCST estimators of RHC data by balancing weights

We consider the following 50 pre-treatment covariates (32 categorical variables and 18 numerical variables) that may determine choices of treatments, that is:

```
# 1. identify column names of the pre-treatment covariates
Covariates=c("age", "sex", "race", "edu", "income", "ninsclas", "cat1", "resp", "card",
             "neuro", "gastr", "renal", "meta", "hema", "seps", "trauma", "adld3p", "das2d3pc",
             "dnr1", "ca", "surv2md1", "aps1", "scoma1", "wtkilo1", "temp1", "meanbp1", "resp1",
             "hrt1", "pafi1", "paco21", "ph1", "wblc1", "hema1", "sod1", "pot1", "crea1", "bili1",
             "alb1", "urin1", "cardiohx", "chfhx", "dementhx", "psychhx", "chrpulhx", "renalhx",
             "liverhx", "gibledhx", "immunhx", "transhx", "amihx")
```

Web Table 1: Estimated Difference in the RMCST for eight restriction times of RHC Study.

L(in days)	IPTW		OW		Symmetric		Asymmetric		Truncation	
	$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$	95%CI	$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$	95%CI	$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$	95%CI	$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$	95%CI	$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$	95%CI
60 (2 months)	-2.26	(-3.74,-0.78)	-2.59	(-3.93,-1.25)	-2.85	(-4.26,-1.43)	-2.65	(-4.09,-1.21)	-2.59	(-3.98,-1.20)
120(4 months)	-5.18	(-8.41,-1.96)	-6.05	(-9.01,-3.08)	-6.78	(-9.91,-3.66)	-6.22	(-9.41,-3.02)	-5.80	(-8.88,-2.72)
180(6 months)	-7.87	(-12.90,-2.84)	-9.51	(-14.16,-4.87)	-10.60	(-15.50,-5.70)	-9.83	(-14.84,-4.82)	-8.77	(-13.59,-3.94)
240(8 months)	-10.94	(-17.76,-4.12)	-13.32	(-19.64,-6.99)	-14.84	(-21.50,-8.18)	-13.96	(-20.76,-7.15)	-12.06	(-18.62,-5.51)
300(10 months)	-13.76	(-22.34,-5.18)	-16.72	(-24.69,-8.75)	-18.80	(-27.19,-10.41)	-17.66	(-26.23,-9.09)	-15.01	(-23.27,-6.74)
360(12 months)	-16.18	(-26.59,-5.77)	-19.60	(-29.30,-9.91)	-22.48	(-32.67,-12.29)	-20.96	(-31.36,-10.57)	-17.45	(-27.50,-7.39)
420(14 months)	-18.48	(-30.81,-6.16)	-22.21	(-33.70,-10.72)	-25.83	(-37.92,-13.74)	-24.10	(-36.41,-11.79)	-19.73	(-31.66,-7.81)
1943(MFU)	-23.16	(-65.85,19.53)	-21.23	(-61.50,19.04)	-28.47	(-71.56,14.61)	-28.91	(-72.68,14.87)	-24.67	(-66.36,17.02)

Note: MFU referst to Maximum follow-up.

Detailed definition of these covariates can be found in Table 1 at <https://hbiostat.org/data/repo/rhc.html> and will not be described here. We estimate the propensity scores using logistic regression with linear terms on all covariates (and no interactions). Web Figure 1 presents the histogram of the estimated propensity scores by each treatment group. From this histogram, we observe some degree of lack of overlap; the shape of the propensity score histogram appears similar to the moderate overlap scenario in our simulation study.

Next, we calculate the restricted mean survival time up to 8 restriction times, i.e., $L=60,120,180,240,300,360,420,1943$ (in days), with the first 7 representing each two months and the last one representing the end of study. The 95% confidence intervals for all estimates were obtained by the proposed closed-form variance estimators. Corresponding estimated results based on four weighting methods are shown in Web Table 1.

According to Web Table 1, it can be seen that RMCST estimators for $\Delta_{OW}(L)$ from four methods are negative and significantly different from zero except for $L=1943$, which includes zero in its 95% confidence interval. This could be because there are few subjects that survive through the end of the study or not censored at the end of the study, so standardised error of estimated survival functions for both treatment and control groups are large, resulting a wide 95% confidence interval for $\hat{\Delta}_{OW}(1943)$. Nevertheless, at the 90 percentile of the survival time (i.e., $L \leq 420$), the result shows that, after adjustment for pre-treatment covariates, RHC treatment decreases the survival probabilities for the study population at clinical equipoise, which is consistent with conclusions in Connors et al.(1996)(<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/407990>).

7 Web Appendix 7: Application of the Yale New Haven Hospital Hypertension data

We analyzed the observational data obtained from the Yale New Haven Health System (YNHHS) network hospitals to study the average causal effect of intravenous antihypertensives on clinical outcomes for hospitalized patients who develop severe hypertension; the study details were described elsewhere (Ghazi et al., 2023). To ensure a less heterogeneous population, we considered the analysis of 2,427 patients who were admitted for cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease based on admission ICD-10 codes. Among them, 250 received intravenous antihypertensives and the remaining 2,177 were not treated with antihypertensives.

We used the time (in hours) from treatment to development of acute kidney injury (AKI) as a survival outcome, and censored patients without events at 30 days (setting 717 hours as the end of follow-up). Approximately 75% patients are administratively censored due to maximum follow-up and censoring is considered to be independent of covariates. The PS was estimated using logistic regression adjusting for 25 baseline characteristics including demographics, hospital location (e.g., surgical vs medical unit), comorbidities, lab information on admission and relevant medications that affect blood pressure. Unweighted baseline patient characteristics and weighted baseline patient characteristics for combined (under IPTW) and overlap (under OW) target populations are shown in Web Tables 2 and 3. We did not pursue the weighted covariate balance check under the combined weights, due to high censoring rate.

The baseline comparison suggests that treated patients are slightly older, more likely to be admitted to the surgical ward, have higher mean arterial pressure on admission and at time of severe hypertension development, lower BMI, but are less likely to be on relevant medications that affect blood pressure before the onset of severe inpatient hypertension. The target populations for IPTW and OW are roughly similar, except that, for example, the overlap population has slightly higher blood pressure, slightly lower elixhauser score and BMI on average. The histogram of the estimated PS (Web Figure 2) shows reasonable overlap between groups, but the distributions of PS are slightly shifted toward 0. We estimated the causal effect of intravenous antihypertensives using IPTW and OW. Since the censoring is only due to end of follow-up, the censoring weights were estimated from Cox regression within each group without any covariates; in this special case, the censoring survival function estimates are equivalent to those given by the nonparametric Nelson-Aalen estimator.

Web Table 4 presents the causal effects in RMCST for developing AKI at 5 restriction times (L=168,336,504,672,717 hours), with the first 4 representing each whole week and the last one representing the end of study. The 95% confidence intervals for all estimates were obtained by the proposed closed-form variance estimators. The results consistently suggest that intravenous antihypertensives lead to earlier development of AKI (i.e., intravenous anti-hypertensive treatment is harmful as it results in earlier occurrence of the outcome), although the 95% confidence intervals include zero. However, a noticeable difference between IPTW and OW is that the latter is associated with a narrower confidence interval at each time point. Web Figure 3 presents the estimated difference in RMCST under IPTW and OW, respectively. From this figure, we confirm the greater efficiency of OW by emphasizing the target population at clinical equipoise, although the point estimates under OW are slightly smaller in magnitude compared with IPTW. The corresponding RMCST curves over follow-up time are also presented in Web Figure 3.

8 Web Appendix 8: Combining OW and IPTW with Post-LASSO for RMCST

In this additional simulation, we evaluate the performance of OW and IPTW with variable selection when high-dimensional potential confounders exist in both PS model and censoring model. In particular, the true estimands are generated as the same as those in sensitivity simulation, that is, $m^{(1)}(\mathbf{X}) = -1 + 0.4X_1 + 0.2X_2 + 0.1X_3 - 0.1X_4 - 0.2X_5 - 0.3X_6$ and $m^{(0)}(\mathbf{X}) = -1.4 - 0.2X_2 - 0.3X_3 - 0.5X_4 - 0.6X_5 - 0.7X_6$ in $P(T^{(a)} > t|\mathbf{X})$, and true values are presented in Web Table 5. All other simulation parameters are unchanged except for we additionally generate extra 47 continuous covariates with the same mean and variance-covariance structure as X_1 - X_3 (that is, these 47 covariates

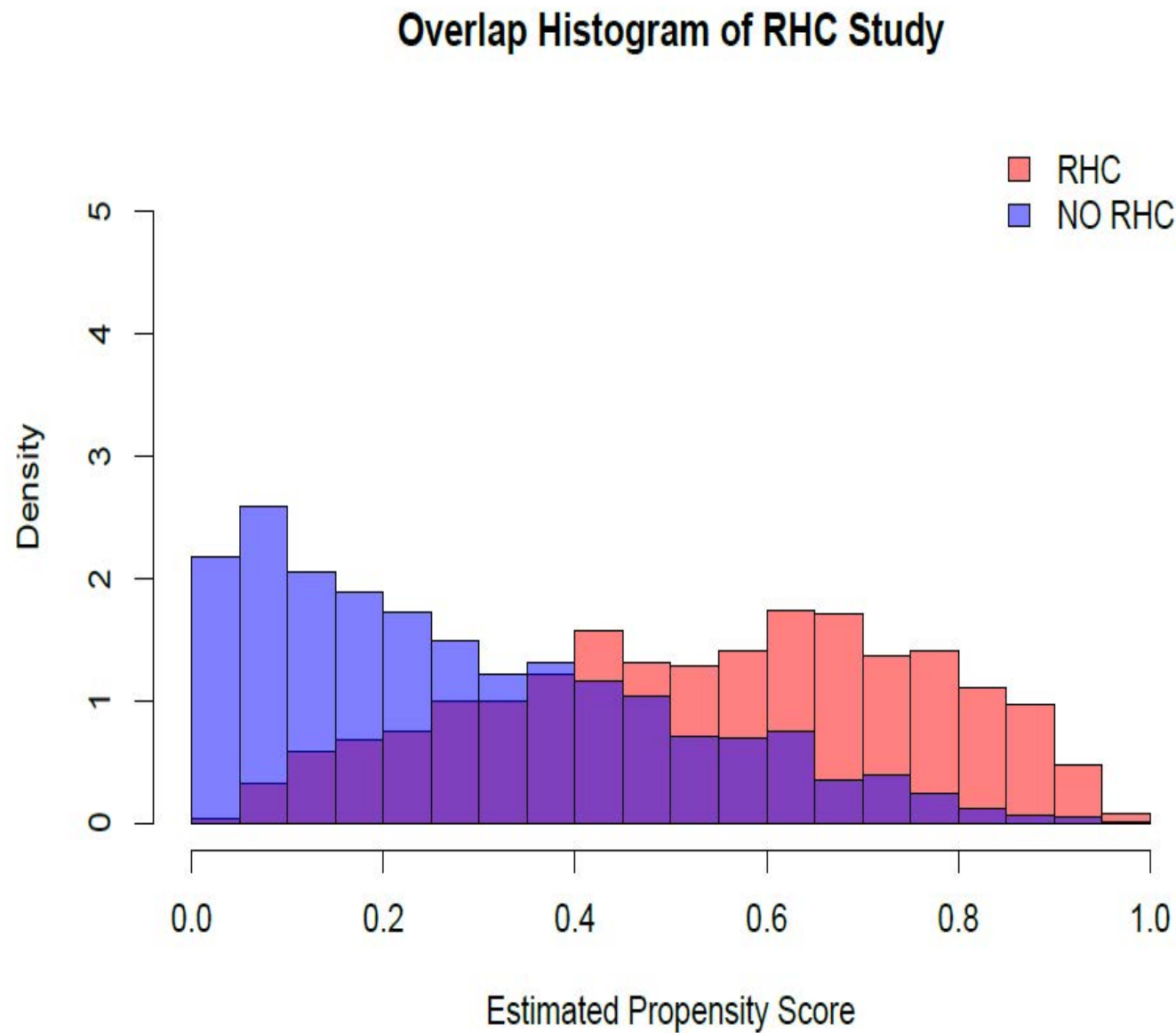
also follow a multivariate normal distribution with mean zero, unit marginal variance, and a pairwise correlation coefficient of 0.5), as well as new 47 independent binary covariates following Bernoulli (0.5). Under scenario 1, we first fit both PS model and censoring by directly including these 100 covariates, that is, 6 true confounders X_1 - X_6 plus extra 94 noisy covariates without any variable selection; for scenario 2, we consider a post-lasso approach (Yang et al., 2021) by first separately selecting variables in an initial PS model and censoring model, and then re-estimate both the PS and censoring weights using the selected variables. For each scenario, we consider sample size $n = 500$ and 1000 replications. The corresponding results of Bias, average of estimated standard errors (ASE), standard deviation of estimates (ESD) and coverage rates (CR) of the 95% confidence intervals are provided in Web Table 12. We observe that a post-lasso approach can substantially reduce bias and ESD compared to no variable selection, especially under lack of overlap. Furthermore, with variable selection, OW remains no less efficient than IPTW and is more likely to maintain close to nominal coverage, especially under weak overlap. These initial results suggest that variable selection in the PS model and the censoring model is a promising tool to address high-dimensional covariates and can combine with OW to combat weak overlap.

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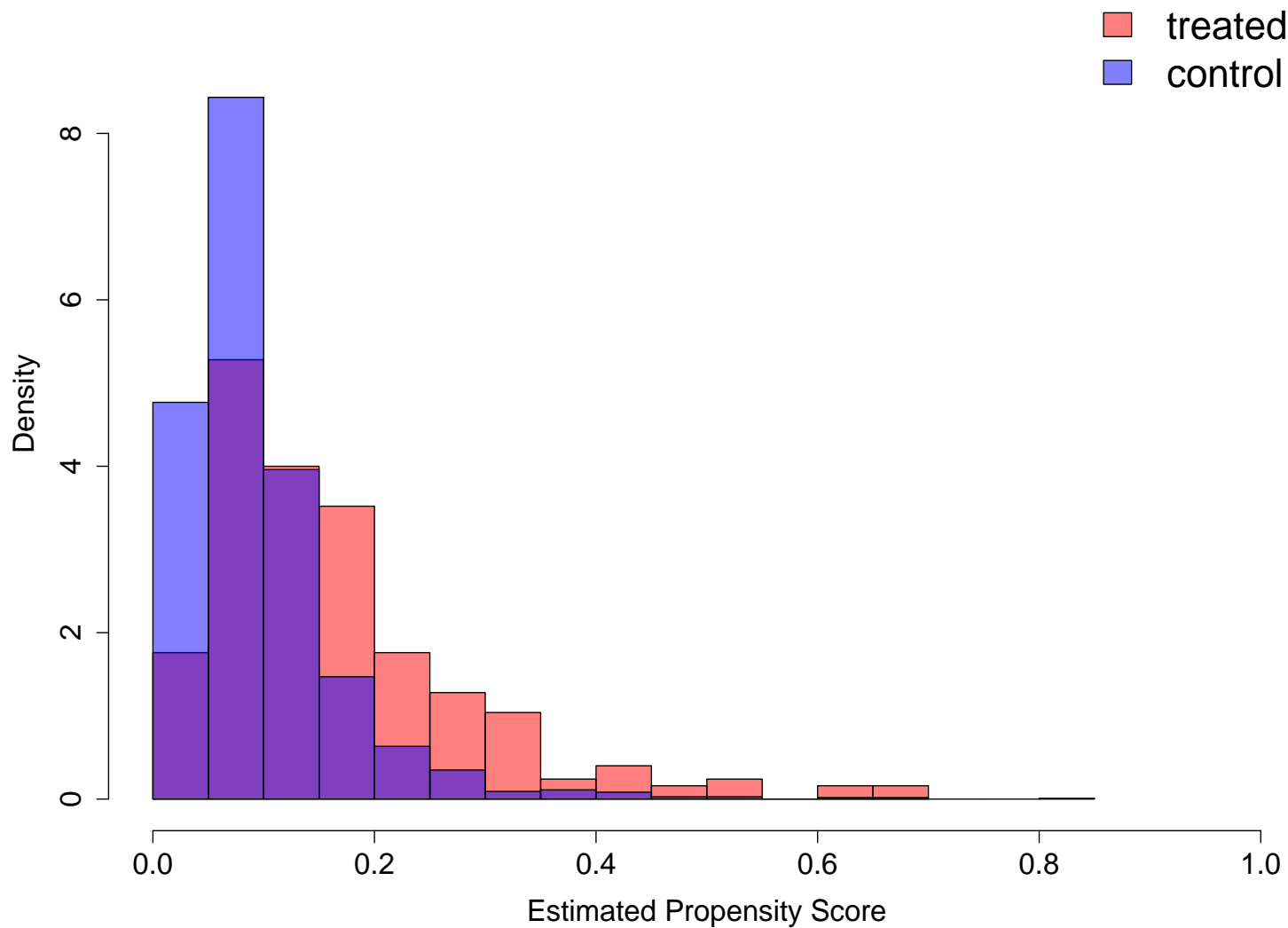
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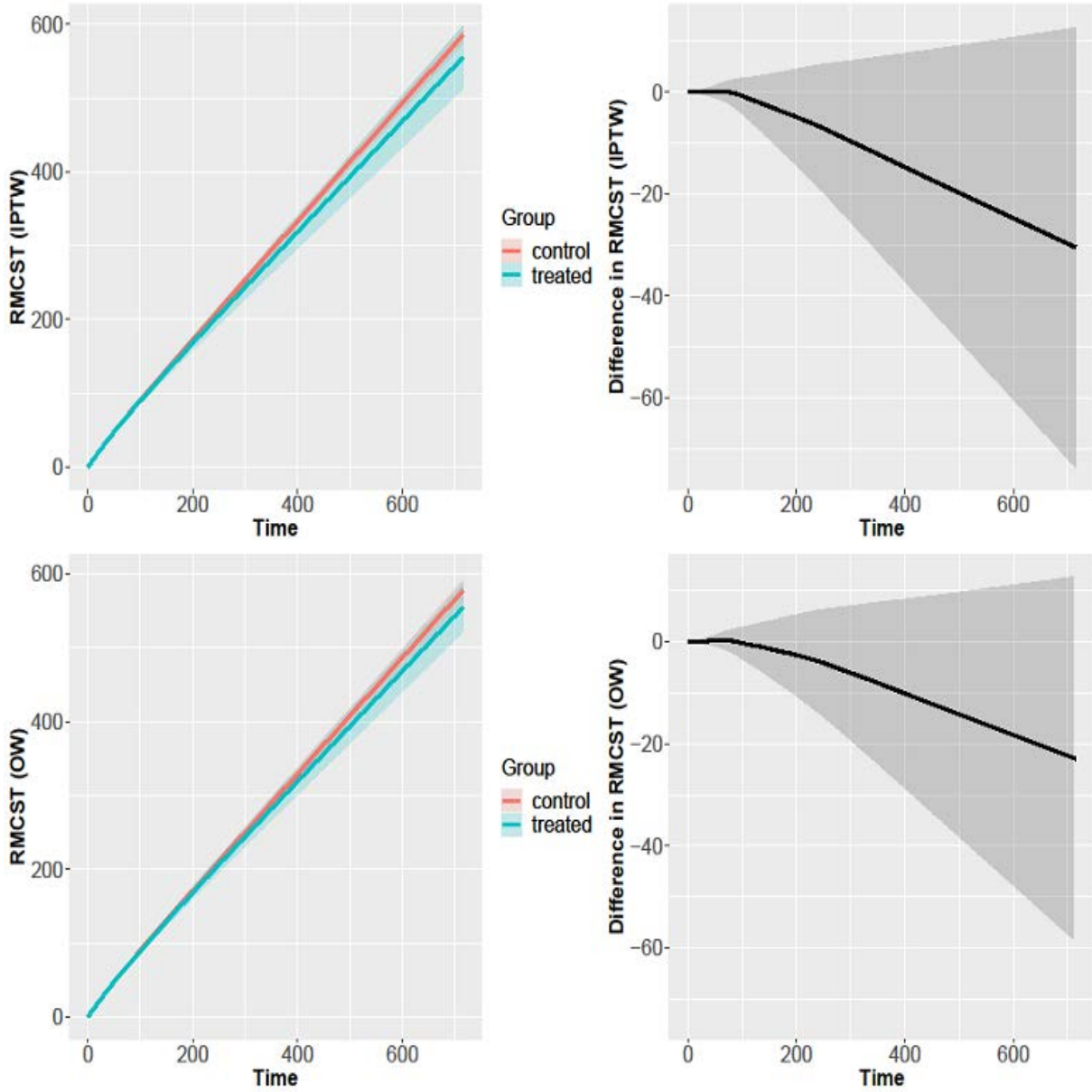
9 Web Appendix 8: Web figures and tables



Web Figure 1: Histogram of the estimated PS based on linear terms on all covariates (and no interactions) in the RHC study.



Web Figure 2: Histogram of the estimated PS based on 25 baseline characteristics in the Yale New Haven Hospital Hypertension data of empirical study.



Web Figure 3: Results obtained from the empirical study of the Yale New Haven Hospital Hypertension Data, 2016-2020. The left panel show estimated restricted mean counterfactual survival times to develop acute kidney injury between intravenous antihypertensives (blue lines) and control (red lines) patients in the first 30 days after treatment, derived using IPTW (upper plot) and OW (lower plot). The right panel show estimated differences in restricted mean counterfactual survival times, derived using IPTW (upper plot) and OW (lower plot). The 95% confidence intervals (shaded region) were obtained with the proposed closed-form variance estimators. We used grid points between 0 and 715 hours with an increment of 5 hours.

Web Table 2: Unweighted baseline characteristics by treatment groups and absolute standardized mean differences (ASDs) for each characteristic from the empirical study of the Yale New Haven Hospital Hypertension Data, 2016-2020. Mean (standard deviation) and proportion (standard deviation) are presented for continuous and binary characteristics, respectively. An asterisk indicates that the ASD exceeds the usual threshold 0.1.

	Characteristics	Treated($n = 250$)	Untreated($n = 2177$)	ASD
Demographics				
	Age	75.07 (15.12)	73.76 (14.98)	0.09
	Black	0.22 (0.42)	0.19 (0.39)	0.07
	Male sex	0.41 (0.49)	0.46 (0.5)	0.09
	Hispanic or Latino	0.07 (0.26)	0.09 (0.29)	0.07
Location				
	Surgical ward	1.28 (0.45)	1.2 (0.4)	0.21*
Comorbidities				
	Elixhauser score	5.22 (4.06)	6.03 (4.19)	0.2*
Labs on admission				
	Sodium	139.2 (3.87)	139.03 (3.8)	0.04
	Potassium	4.15 (0.54)	4.21 (0.56)	0.1*
	Chloride	101.86 (4.98)	102.11 (5.02)	0.05
	Bicarbonate	24.66 (3.66)	24.59 (3.81)	0.02
	Blood urea nitrogen	25.53 (16.69)	25.24 (15.94)	0.02
	eGFR	61.69 (28.63)	62.37 (28.45)	0.02
	White blood cell count	9.16 (3.64)	9.23 (3.88)	0.02
	Platelet count	233.24 (82.17)	225.43 (82.23)	0.09
	Hemoglobin	12.42 (2.02)	12.13 (2.06)	0.14*
	Hematocrit	38.13 (5.63)	37.36 (5.93)	0.13*
Medications given 6 hours before onset of severe inpatient hypertension				
	NSAID	0 (0.06)	0.01 (0.09)	0.05
	Crystalloid	0.08 (0.28)	0.12 (0.33)	0.13*
	Narcotics	0.07 (0.25)	0.09 (0.29)	0.1
	Sedatives	0.02 (0.14)	0.04 (0.19)	0.11*
	Steroids	0.01 (0.09)	0.02 (0.15)	0.13*
Admission characteristics				
	Mean arterial pressure (MAP)	117.91 (22.36)	107.55 (18.3)	0.51*
	Heart rate	82.25 (21.98)	81.04 (21.86)	0.05
	BMI	27.08 (7.01)	29.03 (7.46)	0.27*
	MAP at time of severe inpatient hypertension development	129.98 (14.76)	122.83 (11.82)	0.53*

Note: NSAID refers to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications.

Web Table 3: Baseline patient characteristics among the propensity score weighted populations and absolute standardized mean differences (ASDs) for each characteristic from the empirical study of the Yale New Haven Hospital Hypertension Data, 2016-2020. Mean (standard deviation) and proportion (standard deviation) are presented for continuous and binary characteristics, respectively.

	Characteristics	IPTW			OW		
		Treated($n = 250$)	Untreated($n = 2177$)	ASD	Treated($n = 250$)	Untreated($n = 2177$)	ASD
Demographics							
	Age	73.77 (15.75)	73.9 (15.04)	0.01	74.9 (15.32)	74.9 (15.16)	0
	Black	0.21 (0.41)	0.2 (0.4)	0.04	0.22 (0.41)	0.22 (0.41)	0
	Male sex	0.47 (0.5)	0.45 (0.5)	0.03	0.42 (0.49)	0.42 (0.49)	0
	Hispanic or Latino	0.08 (0.27)	0.09 (0.29)	0.04	0.08 (0.26)	0.08 (0.26)	0
Location							
	Surgical ward	1.23 (0.42)	1.2 (0.4)	0.06	1.27 (0.45)	1.27 (0.45)	0
Comorbidities							
	Elixhauser score	5.84 (4.2)	5.93 (4.2)	0.02	5.3 (4.07)	5.3 (4.13)	0
Labs on admission							
	Sodium	139.06 (3.85)	139.05 (3.8)	0.00	139.25 (3.85)	139.25 (3.85)	0
	Potassium	4.22 (0.56)	4.2 (0.56)	0.04	4.16 (0.54)	4.16 (0.57)	0
	Chloride	101.96 (5.11)	102.08 (5.02)	0.02	101.94 (4.99)	101.94 (4.99)	0
	Bicarbonate	24.45 (3.8)	24.6 (3.82)	0.04	24.62 (3.67)	24.62 (3.79)	0
	Blood urea nitrogen	26.46 (16.71)	25.29 (16.01)	0.07	25.66 (16.82)	25.66 (16.56)	0
	eGFR	61.69 (29.73)	62.29 (28.43)	0.02	61.75 (28.79)	61.75 (28.21)	0
	White blood cell count	9.5 (4.04)	9.23 (3.87)	0.07	9.22 (3.7)	9.22 (3.8)	0
	Platelet count	222.01 (80.1)	226.24 (82.24)	0.05	232.15 (81.88)	232.15 (82.71)	0
	Hemoglobin	12.16 (2.07)	12.15 (2.06)	0.00	12.35 (2.03)	12.35 (2.04)	0
	Hematocrit	37.53 (5.81)	37.44 (5.93)	0.02	37.97 (5.68)	37.97 (5.88)	0
Medications given 6 hours before onset of severe inpatient hypertension							
	NSAID	0 (0.07)	0.01 (0.09)	0.04	0 (0.07)	0 (0.07)	0
	Crystalloid	0.11 (0.32)	0.12 (0.33)	0.02	0.09 (0.29)	0.09 (0.29)	0
	Narcotics	0.09 (0.28)	0.09 (0.29)	0.01	0.07 (0.26)	0.07 (0.26)	0
	Sedatives	0.03 (0.17)	0.04 (0.19)	0.03	0.02 (0.15)	0.02 (0.15)	0
	Steroids	0.02 (0.16)	0.02 (0.15)	0.02	0.01 (0.1)	0.01 (0.1)	0
Admission characteristics							
	Mean arterial pressure (MAP)	106.79 (20.33)	108.77 (19.34)	0.10	115.47 (21.34)	115.47 (20.88)	0
	Heart rate	80.9 (24.03)	81.19 (21.86)	0.01	81.9 (22.15)	81.9 (21.5)	0
	BMI	29.08 (7.47)	28.82 (7.4)	0.03	27.37 (7.06)	27.37 (6.61)	0
	MAP at time of severe inpatient hypertension development	123.78 (13.04)	123.74 (12.99)	0.00	128.39 (13.8)	128.39 (15.32)	0

Note: NSAID refers to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications.

Web Table 4: Estimated Difference in the RMCST to develop acute kidney injury Between Patients Receiving Intravenous Antihypertensives and Patients not Receiving Treatment in Five Different Restriction Times, Yale New Haven Hospital Hypertension Data, 2016-2020.

Restriction Time (in hours)	IPTW		OW	
	Estimated Difference in RMCST	95% Confidence Interval	Estimated Difference in RMCST	95% Confidence Interval
$L = 168$ hours (Week 1)	-3.61	(-11.02,3.81)	-1.81	(-8.12,4.50)
$L = 336$ hours (Week 2)	-11.46	(-29.57,6.65)	-7.48	(-22.51,7.56)
$L = 504$ hours (Week 3)	-19.96	(-49.09,9.16)	-14.39	(-38.52,9.74)
$L = 672$ hours (Week 4)	-28.34	(-68.56,11.88)	-21.19	(-54.55,12.17)
$L = 717$ hours (Maximum follow-up)	-30.54	(-73.67,12.60)	-22.97	(-58.76,12.81)

Web Table 5: True Values of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ for Three RMCST at Strong Moderate and Weak Levels of Covariates Overlap (Simulation Study).

Estimator	γ	$\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$			$\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$			$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$		
		$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$
Overlap Weighting	1	1.504	2.694	3.564	1.777	3.805	6.129	-0.273	-1.112	-2.565
	3	1.520	2.709	3.517	1.778	3.809	6.132	-0.259	-1.100	-2.616
	5	1.527	2.717	3.493	1.779	3.810	6.134	-0.251	-1.093	-2.641
IPTW	1	1.498	2.688	3.581	1.776	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.547
	3	1.498	2.688	3.581	1.776	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.547
	5	1.498	2.688	3.581	1.776	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.547
Symmetric Trimming										
$\alpha = 0.05$	1	1.498	2.688	3.581	1.776	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.547
	3	1.514	2.702	3.536	1.778	3.808	6.132	-0.264	-1.105	-2.595
	5	1.526	2.715	3.497	1.779	3.810	6.133	-0.253	-1.095	-2.636
$\alpha = 0.1$	1	1.498	2.688	3.580	1.777	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.548
	3	1.522	2.710	3.512	1.778	3.809	6.133	-0.257	-1.099	-2.621
	5	1.530	2.720	3.484	1.779	3.811	6.134	-0.249	-1.091	-2.650
$\alpha = 0.15$	1	1.500	2.690	3.576	1.777	3.804	6.128	-0.277	-1.115	-2.552
	3	1.526	2.716	3.496	1.779	3.810	6.133	-0.252	-1.095	-2.637
	5	1.532	2.722	3.476	1.779	3.811	6.135	-0.247	-1.089	-2.658
Asymmetric Trimming										
$q = 0$	1	1.498	2.688	3.581	1.776	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.547
	3	1.499	2.689	3.580	1.777	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.548
	5	1.501	2.690	3.574	1.777	3.805	6.129	-0.276	-1.114	-2.554
$q = 0.01$	1	1.506	2.694	3.555	1.777	3.807	6.131	-0.271	-1.112	-2.576
	3	1.519	2.707	3.513	1.778	3.810	6.134	-0.259	-1.103	-2.621
	5	1.528	2.716	3.487	1.779	3.811	6.135	-0.251	-1.095	-2.648
$q = 0.05$	1	1.518	2.704	3.516	1.778	3.809	6.134	-0.261	-1.105	-2.618
	3	1.530	2.717	3.478	1.779	3.812	6.136	-0.250	-1.094	-2.658
	5	1.534	2.723	3.466	1.780	3.812	6.136	-0.246	-1.090	-2.670
Truncation										
	1	1.498	2.688	3.581	1.776	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.547
	3	1.498	2.688	3.581	1.776	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.547
	5	1.498	2.688	3.581	1.776	3.804	6.128	-0.278	-1.115	-2.547

Note: Values of $\mu_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\mu_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\Delta_w(L)$ are evaluated using a sufficiently large sample with 1000,000 observations. In this additional simulation, PS term is omitted in generating the potential survival outcomes in the simulation design of the main manuscript.

Web Table 6: Relative Bias of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ in the Presence of Increasing Strong Tails in the Propensity Score Distribution (Simulation Study).

Estimator	γ	$\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$			$\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$			$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$		
		$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$
Overlap Weighting	1	0.11	0.28	0.76	0.01	0.05	0.02	-0.51	-0.52	-1.02
	3	0.04	0.21	0.62	0.03	0.18	0.26	-0.05	0.11	-0.22
	5	0.01	0.20	0.69	0.04	0.14	0.30	0.21	0.00	-0.21
IPTW	1	0.11	0.31	0.84	0.01	0.03	-0.05	-0.51	-0.64	-1.30
	3	0.06	0.24	0.69	0.05	0.21	0.10	0.02	0.15	-0.72
	5	-0.73	-1.11	-1.21	-0.08	-0.08	-0.30	3.42	2.40	0.99
Symmetric Trimming	1	0.11	0.31	0.84	0.01	0.03	-0.05	-0.52	-0.64	-1.30
	3	0.09	0.34	0.83	0.02	0.19	0.27	-0.40	-0.17	-0.48
	5	0.05	0.32	0.98	0.05	0.14	0.27	0.09	-0.32	-0.69
$\alpha = 0.05$	1	0.12	0.31	0.80	0.01	0.04	-0.02	-0.56	-0.59	-1.18
	3	0.03	0.23	0.79	0.01	0.12	0.27	-0.13	-0.15	-0.43
	5	-0.05	0.11	0.70	0.07	0.22	0.50	0.77	0.49	0.24
$\alpha = 0.1$	1	0.15	0.33	0.77	0.02	0.05	0.00	-0.72	-0.64	-1.09
	3	0.04	0.24	0.85	0.02	0.16	0.30	-0.12	-0.02	-0.45
	5	0.07	0.27	0.90	0.04	0.20	0.37	-0.20	0.03	-0.31
Asymmetric Trimming	1	0.29	0.42	0.80	0.05	0.10	0.04	-1.23	-0.69	-1.03
	3	1.42	2.11	2.63	0.26	0.64	0.81	-5.96	-2.91	-1.75
	5	2.25	3.73	4.57	0.46	1.04	1.50	-9.32	-5.45	-2.80
$q = 0$	1	0.15	0.35	0.82	0.02	0.07	0.05	-0.70	-0.59	-1.01
	3	0.19	0.49	1.07	0.01	0.14	0.26	-1.02	-0.71	-0.82
	5	0.02	0.25	0.92	0.08	0.14	0.33	0.39	-0.15	-0.45
$q = 0.01$	1	0.09	0.28	0.80	-0.02	0.02	0.05	-0.64	-0.59	-0.97
	3	-0.01	0.13	0.65	0.06	0.21	0.40	0.45	0.41	0.07
	5	0.02	0.28	1.09	0.01	0.21	0.43	-0.05	0.04	-0.42
$q = 0.05$	1	0.09	0.28	0.80	-0.02	0.02	0.05	-0.64	-0.59	-0.97
	3	-0.01	0.13	0.65	0.06	0.21	0.40	0.45	0.41	0.07
	5	0.02	0.28	1.09	0.01	0.21	0.43	-0.05	0.04	-0.42
Truncation	1	-0.06	-0.02	0.30	-0.03	-0.04	-0.16	0.14	-0.10	-0.79
	3	-0.23	-0.40	-0.42	-0.02	0.06	-0.10	1.12	1.19	0.35
	5	-0.79	-1.28	-1.50	-0.07	-0.07	-0.29	3.78	2.83	1.41
$q = 0.025$	1	-0.24	-0.37	-0.26	-0.06	-0.12	-0.28	0.89	0.50	-0.30
	3	-0.54	-1.07	-1.53	-0.08	-0.07	-0.32	2.40	2.33	1.39
	5	-0.97	-1.75	-2.33	-0.11	-0.16	-0.42	4.49	3.67	2.26
$q = 0.05$	1	-0.64	-1.13	-1.40	-0.14	-0.28	-0.53	2.51	1.78	0.69
	3	-1.20	-2.44	-3.72	-0.23	-0.39	-0.78	5.00	4.56	3.36
	5	-1.58	-3.18	-4.77	-0.27	-0.53	-0.95	6.78	5.84	4.43

Web Table 7: Relative Efficiency of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ in the Presence of Increasing Strong Tails in the Propensity Score Distribution (Simulation Study).

Estimator	γ	$\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$			$\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$			$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$		
		$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$
Overlap Weighting	1	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.03	1.08	1.10	1.01	1.05	1.08
	3	1.61	2.09	2.72	1.74	1.93	1.82	1.70	2.10	2.25
	5	3.55	4.87	6.34	3.81	3.64	2.92	3.73	4.40	4.41
IPTW	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	3	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	5	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Symmetric Trimming	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	3	1.49	1.81	2.10	1.37	1.44	1.35	1.48	1.70	1.71
	5	2.78	3.83	4.80	2.94	2.75	2.13	2.87	3.36	3.25
$\alpha = 0.05$	1	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.01
	3	1.38	1.82	2.32	1.44	1.57	1.51	1.44	1.80	1.92
	5	2.84	3.95	5.08	2.86	2.77	2.24	2.85	3.33	3.36
$\alpha = 0.1$	1	1.00	1.01	1.03	1.00	1.03	1.03	1.00	1.02	1.03
	3	1.21	1.60	2.22	1.48	1.66	1.62	1.30	1.65	1.88
	5	2.67	3.70	4.75	2.66	2.55	2.08	2.74	3.15	3.09
$\alpha = 0.15$	1	1.00	1.01	1.03	1.00	1.03	1.03	1.00	1.02	1.03
	3	1.21	1.60	2.22	1.48	1.66	1.62	1.30	1.65	1.88
	5	2.67	3.70	4.75	2.66	2.55	2.08	2.74	3.15	3.09
Asymmetric Trimming	1	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	1.01	0.99	1.01	1.01
	3	1.00	1.04	1.08	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.96	0.99	1.01
	5	0.95	0.95	0.96	0.94	0.94	0.92	0.91	0.90	0.90
$q = 0$	1	0.92	0.93	0.97	1.00	1.06	1.06	0.95	0.99	1.02
	3	1.35	1.61	2.03	1.36	1.45	1.43	1.38	1.57	1.68
	5	2.51	3.40	4.37	2.94	2.64	2.09	2.68	3.05	3.03
$q = 0.01$	1	0.77	0.74	0.79	0.84	0.96	1.01	0.79	0.85	0.93
	3	1.02	1.36	1.90	1.25	1.46	1.45	1.09	1.37	1.61
	5	1.90	2.79	3.80	2.00	1.99	1.77	2.02	2.42	2.57
$q = 0.05$	1	0.77	0.74	0.79	0.84	0.96	1.01	0.79	0.85	0.93
	3	1.02	1.36	1.90	1.25	1.46	1.45	1.09	1.37	1.61
	5	1.90	2.79	3.80	2.00	1.99	1.77	2.02	2.42	2.57
Truncation	1	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.03	1.01	1.02	1.03
	3	1.19	1.31	1.43	1.12	1.13	1.10	1.17	1.23	1.25
	5	1.13	1.16	1.14	1.14	1.05	1.03	1.13	1.11	1.09
$q = 0.025$	1	1.00	1.01	1.03	1.03	1.07	1.07	1.01	1.04	1.06
	3	1.35	1.54	1.73	1.31	1.31	1.24	1.35	1.44	1.44
	5	1.39	1.52	1.53	1.31	1.18	1.12	1.36	1.38	1.35
$q = 0.05$	1	0.99	1.02	1.06	1.05	1.11	1.12	1.02	1.07	1.10
	3	1.57	1.89	2.23	1.57	1.62	1.49	1.61	1.80	1.80
	5	2.17	2.57	2.80	1.96	1.73	1.52	2.11	2.21	2.15
$q = 0.1$	1	0.99	1.02	1.06	1.05	1.11	1.12	1.02	1.07	1.10
	3	1.57	1.89	2.23	1.57	1.62	1.49	1.61	1.80	1.80
	5	2.17	2.57	2.80	1.96	1.73	1.52	2.11	2.21	2.15

Web Table 8: Coverage Rates (%) of the 95% Confidence Intervals for $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ in the Presence of Increasing Strong Tails in the Propensity Score Distribution (Simulation Study).

Estimator	γ	$\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$			$\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$			$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$		
		$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$
Overlap Weighting	1	96.3	95.9	95.8	95.1	93.3	92.0	95.4	94.9	95.4
	3	95.2	95.0	94.4	95.0	94.6	93.4	94.8	95.4	93.8
	5	95.1	93.8	93.7	93.6	94.5	93.6	93.6	95.0	93.4
IPTW	1	96.2	96.3	96.2	95.0	92.9	91.1	95.6	95.3	94.6
	3	92.7	92.6	89.3	90.5	91.0	87.4	90.8	90.4	86.8
	5	88.0	82.4	76.4	84.9	85.7	84.7	83.6	78.9	78.7
Symmetric Trimming										
$\alpha = 0.05$	1	96.2	96.2	96.2	95.0	93.0	91.1	95.6	95.3	94.6
	3	95.6	96.5	95.0	92.1	92.3	91.2	94.3	93.9	93.0
	5	93.8	93.4	93.0	91.9	93.4	91.0	93.8	93.5	92.1
$\alpha = 0.1$	1	95.9	96.0	96.0	95.1	93.1	91.2	95.8	95.3	94.9
	3	94.4	95.5	94.9	93.5	93.5	93.0	94.8	95.1	94.3
	5	94.5	94.0	93.2	92.4	92.9	91.7	93.9	93.2	92.8
$\alpha = 0.15$	1	96.2	96.2	96.2	94.5	92.9	91.7	95.5	94.8	94.9
	3	94.4	94.0	93.9	94.7	95.0	93.6	93.9	94.6	94.4
	5	95.2	94.9	93.3	93.2	94.7	92.4	94.4	94.0	92.8
Asymmetric Trimming										
$q = 0$	1	95.8	96.0	96.2	95.0	92.9	91.1	95.0	95.0	94.6
	3	88.4	91.5	90.9	89.3	90.0	86.9	90.2	89.6	86.5
	5	80.4	83.5	82.0	80.9	82.5	83.0	81.1	78.0	77.4
$q = 0.01$	1	95.9	95.3	95.6	95.2	93.4	91.9	95.3	95.5	94.4
	3	93.1	93.7	93.6	92.5	93.6	92.0	93.4	93.8	92.5
	5	92.2	92.4	92.1	92.6	93.1	92.6	92.9	92.3	91.3
$q = 0.05$	1	95.4	94.7	93.1	94.7	93.8	93.1	94.8	94.0	93.7
	3	92.7	93.3	93.5	94.6	94.2	94.0	93.6	93.8	93.7
	5	93.9	94.0	93.0	92.4	92.9	93.3	93.6	93.5	92.8
Truncation										
$q = 0.025$	1	96.0	96.4	95.8	95.4	93.2	91.7	95.5	95.6	95.0
	3	94.1	93.7	90.4	91.7	92.0	88.1	92.7	91.7	88.1
	5	88.5	82.9	76.8	85.0	86.0	84.9	84.3	79.3	79.3
$q = 0.05$	1	96.2	96.6	96.4	95.6	93.4	91.8	95.2	95.6	95.3
	3	94.7	93.8	91.2	92.2	92.6	89.5	93.6	92.3	89.6
	5	90.5	84.9	78.7	86.3	87.4	85.7	86.5	81.9	81.3
$q = 0.1$	1	95.7	95.5	96.0	95.6	93.6	92.7	95.1	95.5	95.7
	3	94.3	91.6	88.5	93.8	92.9	91.0	93.7	92.0	91.4
	5	92.2	86.4	79.7	89.7	91.5	88.3	89.1	86.6	86.4

Web Table 9: Relative Bias of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ in the Presence of Increasing Strong Tails in the Propensity Score Distribution (Simulation Study) when Censoring Process is Generated from Log-logistic AFT Model but Estimated by Cox Model.

Estimator	γ	$\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$			$\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$			$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$		
		$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$
Overlap Weighting	1	-0.04	0.05	0.58	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.63	0.32	-0.54
	3	-0.02	0.04	0.51	0.07	0.17	0.17	0.60	0.49	-0.29
	5	-0.01	0.17	0.74	0.07	0.16	0.24	0.57	0.15	-0.43
IPTW	1	-0.07	0.01	0.60	0.07	0.14	0.10	0.82	0.45	-0.61
	3	-0.13	-0.38	-0.38	0.10	0.20	0.14	1.33	1.62	0.87
	5	-0.97	-2.27	-3.82	-0.13	-0.06	-0.26	4.40	5.27	4.74
Symmetric Trimming										
$\alpha = 0.05$	1	-0.07	0.01	0.60	0.07	0.14	0.10	0.81	0.44	-0.62
	3	-0.03	0.00	0.44	0.07	0.23	0.24	0.66	0.77	-0.02
	5	-0.05	0.21	0.89	0.06	0.13	0.27	0.73	-0.05	-0.57
$\alpha = 0.1$	1	-0.05	0.01	0.55	0.07	0.14	0.12	0.74	0.45	-0.48
	3	-0.07	-0.01	0.43	0.04	0.13	0.18	0.68	0.48	-0.15
	5	-0.06	0.13	0.79	0.08	0.15	0.29	1.00	0.21	-0.36
$\alpha = 0.15$	1	0.00	0.07	0.53	0.07	0.14	0.11	0.45	0.30	-0.49
	3	-0.03	0.12	0.53	0.05	0.13	0.19	0.54	0.17	-0.25
	5	0.08	0.28	0.95	0.08	0.19	0.36	0.13	-0.04	-0.43
Asymmetric Trimming										
$q = 0$	1	0.12	0.14	0.52	0.11	0.21	0.21	0.05	0.39	-0.23
	3	1.24	1.51	1.55	0.29	0.61	0.81	-4.80	-1.55	-0.23
	5	2.06	2.62	2.00	0.38	1.03	1.53	-8.76	-2.83	0.87
$q = 0.01$	1	0.03	0.11	0.42	0.07	0.15	0.18	0.29	0.24	-0.14
	3	0.10	0.25	0.71	0.05	0.15	0.18	-0.22	-0.10	-0.55
	5	-0.05	0.16	0.86	0.09	0.15	0.31	0.96	0.12	-0.42
$q = 0.05$	1	0.00	0.17	0.57	0.03	0.10	0.13	0.22	-0.06	-0.47
	3	-0.04	0.14	0.66	0.09	0.20	0.28	0.87	0.33	-0.22
	5	0.04	0.33	1.08	0.07	0.25	0.44	0.27	0.04	-0.41
Truncation										
$q = 0.025$	1	-0.23	-0.31	0.05	0.03	0.05	-0.05	1.42	0.93	-0.18
	3	-0.38	-0.88	-1.13	0.02	0.03	-0.16	2.15	2.23	1.20
	5	-0.99	-2.31	-3.88	-0.12	-0.07	-0.31	4.57	5.32	4.71
$q = 0.05$	1	-0.41	-0.67	-0.53	-0.01	-0.03	-0.19	2.16	1.51	0.29
	3	-0.68	-1.53	-2.14	-0.04	-0.10	-0.41	3.40	3.33	2.03
	5	-1.13	-2.54	-4.18	-0.13	-0.14	-0.43	5.27	5.67	4.86
$q = 0.1$	1	-0.80	-1.43	-1.70	-0.08	-0.20	-0.47	3.78	2.76	1.25
	3	-1.33	-2.84	-4.16	-0.18	-0.40	-0.90	6.02	5.49	3.69
	5	-1.66	-3.57	-5.57	-0.23	-0.46	-0.98	7.50	7.04	5.47

Note: In this additional simulation, true values of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ are the same as those in Web Table 5. PS term is omitted in generating the potential survival outcomes in the simulation design of the main manuscript. The censoring model is generated from the log-logistic AFT model: $\log(C^a) = -1.6 + \theta_a^T \mathbf{X} + \epsilon^a$, where $\theta_a = \theta = (-0.3, 0.5, 0.5, 0.2, -0.4, -0.5)^T$ and ϵ^a follows standard logistic distribution.

Web Table 10: Relative Efficiency of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ in the Presence of Increasing Strong Tails in the Propensity Score Distribution (Simulation Study) when Censoring Process is Generated from Log-logistic AFT Model but Estimated by Cox Model.

Estimator	γ	$\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$			$\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$			$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$		
		$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$
Overlap Weighting	1	1.00	1.05	1.19	1.01	1.03	1.05	1.00	1.05	1.12
	3	1.68	2.52	3.39	1.63	1.72	1.89	1.67	2.26	2.62
	5	3.06	3.73	4.15	4.43	3.93	3.82	3.68	4.11	4.11
IPTW	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	3	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	5	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Symmetric Trimming										
$\alpha = 0.05$	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	3	1.53	1.92	2.23	1.32	1.44	1.58	1.45	1.77	1.91
	5	2.40	2.76	2.96	3.55	2.99	2.82	2.85	3.02	2.90
$\alpha = 0.1$	1	1.00	1.01	1.03	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.00	1.01	1.01
	3	1.45	2.24	2.98	1.34	1.42	1.57	1.41	1.95	2.28
	5	2.44	2.89	3.41	3.43	3.14	3.00	2.85	3.16	3.25
$\alpha = 0.15$	1	1.00	1.02	1.06	0.99	1.00	1.01	0.99	1.01	1.03
	3	1.28	1.99	2.99	1.32	1.35	1.47	1.29	1.77	2.09
	5	2.31	2.92	3.63	3.06	2.85	2.73	2.68	2.99	3.10
Asymmetric Trimming										
$q = 0$	1	0.99	1.01	1.05	1.00	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.02	1.03
	3	0.99	1.03	1.06	0.98	0.99	1.02	0.95	0.97	1.00
	5	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.94	0.94	0.95	0.92	0.91	0.92
$q = 0.01$	1	0.92	0.96	1.09	0.97	0.99	1.02	0.95	0.98	1.03
	3	1.42	1.93	2.49	1.31	1.38	1.53	1.37	1.75	1.99
	5	2.20	2.54	2.74	3.49	2.95	2.84	2.68	2.78	2.71
$q = 0.05$	1	0.78	0.87	1.13	0.82	0.86	0.88	0.81	0.89	1.00
	3	1.11	1.69	2.69	1.19	1.27	1.39	1.13	1.53	1.92
	5	1.62	2.12	2.71	2.25	2.05	2.00	1.98	2.23	2.38
Truncation										
$q = 0.025$	1	1.00	1.03	1.09	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.02	1.04
	3	1.20	1.27	1.30	1.09	1.17	1.24	1.16	1.23	1.27
	5	1.06	1.04	1.04	1.14	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.06	1.06
$q = 0.05$	1	1.01	1.06	1.14	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.07
	3	1.38	1.57	1.63	1.27	1.33	1.41	1.33	1.46	1.52
	5	1.21	1.18	1.15	1.46	1.32	1.29	1.33	1.25	1.22
$q = 0.1$	1	1.01	1.10	1.24	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.02	1.05	1.11
	3	1.65	2.07	2.27	1.51	1.59	1.68	1.59	1.87	1.99
	5	1.80	1.73	1.58	2.35	2.09	2.03	2.04	1.91	1.77

Web Table 11: Coverage Rates (%) of the 95% Confidence Intervals for $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ in the Presence of Increasing Strong Tails in the Propensity Score Distribution (Simulation Study) when Censoring Process is Generated From Log-logistic AFT Model but Estimated by Cox Model.

Estimator	γ	$\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$			$\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$			$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$		
		$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$	$L = 2$	$L = 5$	$L = 10$
Overlap Weighting	1	95.6	94.9	93.5	94.7	94.2	94.7	95.5	95.6	95.9
	3	94.2	95.9	94.5	94.7	94.9	94.7	94.0	94.8	95.6
	5	95.1	94.9	94.2	93.0	95.0	95.8	94.6	95.2	95.2
IPTW	1	95.3	94.9	92.3	94.6	94.4	95.3	95.1	95.1	94.5
	3	92.6	88.6	81.6	91.9	92.2	92.5	90.9	87.5	86.1
	5	88.4	82.0	73.2	84.5	85.5	86.7	83.8	79.0	79.3
Symmetric Trimming										
$\alpha = 0.05$	1	95.3	94.9	92.3	94.7	94.4	95.4	95.1	95.2	94.5
	3	94.2	94.8	90.2	93.0	94.2	94.5	93.9	93.3	92.1
	5	93.5	95.0	92.8	92.1	92.7	95.0	93.6	93.5	93.4
$\alpha = 0.1$	1	95.3	95.0	92.6	94.7	94.3	95.5	95.1	95.4	94.2
	3	94.5	95.3	94.1	93.1	94.3	94.7	93.9	93.5	94.7
	5	94.2	94.5	93.4	93.1	94.5	95.2	93.9	93.6	94.0
$\alpha = 0.15$	1	95.6	95.7	92.7	94.5	94.2	94.9	95.3	95.5	94.5
	3	94.4	94.4	93.3	94.7	94.0	94.5	93.6	94.2	94.1
	5	94.6	95.0	93.5	93.2	95.0	95.5	94.5	95.1	94.2
Asymmetric Trimming										
$q = 0$	1	95.3	94.8	92.6	94.6	94.2	95.1	95.4	95.9	94.3
	3	87.8	87.9	84.0	90.7	91.9	91.6	87.8	86.9	85.7
	5	80.0	83.2	80.8	80.1	83.2	86.6	80.6	79.7	79.8
$q = 0.01$	1	95.5	94.9	93.5	94.9	94.6	95.5	95.5	94.7	94.4
	3	93.6	95.2	91.7	93.6	94.1	94.7	93.0	93.6	93.1
	5	92.6	92.7	91.3	92.6	93.3	95.3	93.1	92.2	91.6
$q = 0.05$	1	95.2	94.6	94.1	94.3	94.5	95.1	94.8	95.1	95.4
	3	93.2	94.7	93.7	94.9	95.2	95.5	93.8	94.1	94.6
	5	93.8	95.1	93.3	92.2	93.2	93.6	93.8	93.7	93.0
Truncation										
$q = 0.025$	1	95.3	95.0	93.8	94.6	94.5	95.5	95.0	95.2	95.0
	3	93.8	90.5	83.3	93.0	93.1	93.5	92.1	89.9	88.9
	5	88.4	82.1	73.1	84.8	86.0	87.2	84.3	79.3	79.6
$q = 0.05$	1	94.8	94.4	93.4	94.6	94.6	95.6	94.9	95.4	94.7
	3	94.5	91.8	84.5	93.6	93.8	94.0	93.5	90.9	90.6
	5	89.4	83.1	73.4	86.5	87.2	88.2	86.6	80.3	81.0
$q = 0.1$	1	94.1	93.8	92.2	94.7	94.7	95.7	93.8	95.2	95.0
	3	94.0	90.2	83.8	94.7	95.2	94.3	92.9	91.5	91.9
	5	91.3	84.2	73.9	90.2	91.5	91.7	89.6	84.8	84.5

Web Table 12: Monte Carlo Bias (Bias), Monte Carlo Average of Estimated Standard Errors (ASE), Monte Carlo Standard Deviation of Estimates (ESD) and Coverage Rates (%) of the 95% Confidence Intervals for Estimators of $\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$, $\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$ and $\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$ in the Presence of Increasingly Strong Tails in the Propensity Score Distribution when high-dimensional confounders exist.

(γ, L)	Scenario	Method	$\hat{\mu}_w^{(1)}(L)$				$\hat{\mu}_w^{(0)}(L)$				$\hat{\Delta}_w(L)$			
			Bias	ASE	ESD	CR(%)	Bias	ASE	ESD	CR(%)	Bias	ASE	ESD	CR(%)
(1,2)	1	OW	0.219	0.188	0.065	37.7	0.037	0.073	0.038	73.2	0.182	0.212	0.076	40.4
		IPTW	0.221	0.191	0.087	43.3	0.038	0.076	0.047	74.5	0.183	0.217	0.101	47.8
	2	OW	-0.001	0.057	0.047	94.4	0.003	0.034	0.034	94.3	-0.004	0.065	0.058	94.5
		IPTW	0.002	0.057	0.048	94.5	0.002	0.035	0.034	94.4	0.000	0.066	0.059	94.7
(1,5)	1	OW	1.378	0.745	0.330	15.2	0.392	0.408	0.168	49.2	0.985	0.909	0.377	30.4
		IPTW	1.377	0.750	0.459	26.3	0.397	0.413	0.213	55.8	0.980	0.919	0.517	44.5
	2	OW	0.034	0.241	0.146	93.4	-0.007	0.135	0.124	94.3	0.041	0.267	0.193	93.5
		IPTW	0.043	0.243	0.152	93.4	-0.014	0.139	0.126	93.5	0.058	0.272	0.198	93.2
(1,10)	1	OW	4.393	1.787	1.316	8.5	1.835	1.232	0.581	27.2	2.558	2.336	1.466	49.2
		IPTW	4.367	1.792	1.765	24.6	1.843	1.237	0.701	34.2	2.525	2.347	1.939	66.4
	2	OW	0.154	0.686	0.304	93.4	-0.069	0.398	0.312	91.9	0.224	0.707	0.439	91.6
		IPTW	0.171	0.688	0.320	93.0	-0.093	0.403	0.314	91.6	0.264	0.720	0.451	91.0
(3,2)	1	OW	0.168	0.180	0.096	57.7	0.081	0.091	0.061	61.6	0.086	0.215	0.117	66.1
		IPTW	0.176	0.205	0.251	87.9	0.082	0.121	0.128	80.2	0.094	0.253	0.296	93.0
	2	OW	-0.001	0.057	0.056	94.0	0.001	0.042	0.041	92.1	-0.002	0.069	0.070	95.5
		IPTW	0.003	0.077	0.068	93.0	-0.002	0.064	0.045	89.3	0.005	0.099	0.082	91.7
(3,5)	1	OW	1.190	0.768	0.519	41.0	0.647	0.431	0.290	41.0	0.543	0.952	0.611	69.5
		IPTW	1.187	0.820	1.252	86.5	0.651	0.487	0.598	72.3	0.536	1.027	1.455	95.0
	2	OW	0.007	0.179	0.176	94.6	-0.007	0.157	0.150	93.1	0.014	0.232	0.232	95.4
		IPTW	0.028	0.276	0.230	92.3	-0.024	0.217	0.168	90.5	0.053	0.347	0.283	90.9
(3,10)	1	OW	4.013	1.900	2.276	61.5	2.573	1.153	0.997	24.7	1.440	2.399	2.549	91.8
		IPTW	3.916	1.983	4.250	93.8	2.575	1.247	1.784	61.9	1.341	2.524	4.797	98.1
	2	OW	0.049	0.370	0.349	95.2	-0.046	0.423	0.378	92.8	0.095	0.532	0.515	93.8
		IPTW	0.093	0.621	0.473	89.0	-0.110	0.532	0.404	89.1	0.203	0.798	0.621	90.1
(5,2)	1	OW	0.144	0.186	0.214	86.9	0.101	0.094	0.144	78.6	0.043	0.220	0.278	95.2
		IPTW	0.162	0.245	0.567	92.3	0.115	0.141	0.250	81.1	0.047	0.285	0.680	95.9
	2	OW	-0.000	0.069	0.068	93.7	0.001	0.051	0.049	92.2	-0.002	0.084	0.084	95.1
		IPTW	-0.010	0.114	0.088	91.0	0.002	0.082	0.052	88.3	-0.012	0.140	0.102	87.3
(5,5)	1	OW	1.081	0.798	1.064	86.3	0.737	0.419	0.688	74.8	0.344	0.961	1.342	96.4
		IPTW	1.099	0.941	2.432	92.9	0.788	0.517	1.131	77.1	0.311	1.094	2.932	96.5
	2	OW	0.013	0.207	0.213	95.1	-0.004	0.191	0.182	93.4	0.018	0.278	0.282	95.2
		IPTW	-0.018	0.405	0.297	85.0	-0.014	0.289	0.200	87.8	-0.004	0.501	0.359	84.8
(5,10)	1	OW	3.778	1.976	4.057	95.6	2.803	1.097	2.233	70.9	0.975	2.409	4.900	98.8
		IPTW	3.692	2.237	7.061	95.6	2.913	1.271	3.210	74.0	0.779	2.633	8.427	97.0
	2	OW	0.071	0.419	0.420	94.6	-0.031	0.490	0.453	91.8	0.102	0.633	0.624	95.5
		IPTW	-0.004	0.899	0.588	79.9	-0.095	0.684	0.478	86.2	0.091	1.137	0.768	85.1