

# Package ‘GCIM’

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### Description

This dataset contains covariate information for individuals in the discovery dataset, including various confounders for a binary outcome.

### Usage

```
data(bp_dis_cov)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 19 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**Binary Covariate** A binary covariate

**Confounder 1** Confounder 1 description ...

**Confounder 16** Confounder 16 description

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bp_dis_phen	<i>A phenotype data from the discovery dataset containing binary phenotype treated as an outcome for the proposed causal directions.</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains phenotype for the outcome information for individuals in the discovery dataset, for a binary outcome treated as a binary outcome for the proposed causal directions.

### Usage

```
data(bp_dis_phen)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**Binary outcome** A binary outcome (1=controls, 2=cases)

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bp\_tar\_cov*Covariate Data File for Discovery Dataset with Binary phenotype*

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**Description**

This dataset contains covariate information for individuals in the target dataset, including various confounders for a binary phenotype for the outcome.

**Usage**

```
data(bp_tar_cov)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 800 rows and 19 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**Binary Covariate** A binary covariate

**Confounder 1** Confounder 1 description ...

**Confounder 16** Confounder 16 description

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bp\_tar\_phen*Covariate Data File for target Dataset with Binary Outcomes*

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**Description**

This dataset contains phenotype for the outcome information for individuals in the target dataset, including various confounders for a binary outcome.

**Usage**

```
data(bp_tar_phen)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**Binary outcome** A binary outcome (0=controls, 1=cases)

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br_dis_cov	<i>A phenotype data file from the discovery dataset, containing the binary exposure treated as binary outcomes for the reverse direction.</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains phenotype for the outcome information for individuals in the discovery dataset, for a binary exposure as a binary outcome in the reverse direction.

### Usage

```
data(br_dis_cov)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**Binary outcome** A binary outcome (1=controls, 2=cases)

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br_dis_phen	<i>A phenotype data file from the discovery dataset, containing the binary outcome treated as binary exposure for the reverse direction.</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains phenotype information for individuals in the discovery dataset, for a binary outcome treated as a binary exposure in the reverse direction.

### Usage

```
data(br_dis_phen)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 19 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**Binary Covariate** A binary covariate

**Confounder 1** Confounder 1 description ...

**Confounder 16** Confounder 16 description

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br_tar_cov	<i>A phenotype data file from the target dataset, containing the binary exposure treated as an outcome for the reverse direction of causation</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains phenotype data for the outcome information for individuals in the target dataset, for a binary outcome as a binary outcome in the reverse directions of causations.

### Usage

```
data(br_tar_cov)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**Binary outcome** A binary outcome (0=controls, 1=cases)

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br_tar_phen	<i>A phenotype data file from target dataset, containing a binary outcome treated as a binary exposure in the reverse direction of causations</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains phenotypic data for the covariate information for individuals in the target dataset, for a binary phenotype for the outcome, which is treated as a binary exposure and covariates

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### Usage

```
data(br_tar_phen)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 19 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**Binary Covariate** A binary covariate

**Confounder 1** Confounder 1 description ...

**Confounder 16** Confounder 16 description

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b_gwas	<i>Perform GWAS for covariates.</i>
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**Description**

Perform GWAS for covariates.

**Usage**

```
b_gwas(plink_path, dis_snp, bp_dis_cov)
```

**Arguments**

plink_path	Path to the PLINK executable application.
dis_snp	Prefix for binary files for the discovery dataset.
bp_dis_cov	File path for covariate data in the discovery dataset.
temp_dir	Directory to save output files.

**Value**

None. Results are saved to files.

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b_gweis	<i>Perform GWEIS for binary outcome and exposure variables.</i>
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**Description**

This function performs genome-wide-by-environment interaction studies (GWEIS) and processes the results to generate files for downstream analysis.

**Usage**

```
b_gweis(plink_path, dis_snp, bp_dis_phen, bp_dis_cov)
```

**Arguments**

plink_path	Path to the PLINK executable application.
dis_snp	Prefix for binary files for the discovery dataset.
bp_dis_phen	File path for the phenotype data in the discovery dataset.
bp_dis_cov	File path for covariate data in the discovery dataset.
temp_dir	Directory to save output files.

**Value**

None. Results are saved to files.

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dis\_snp.bim*PLINK .bim File for SNP Information*

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**Description**

This dataset follows the standard PLINK .bim format and contains SNP-related information for the discovery dataset, including chromosome ID, SNP ID, and allele details.

**Usage**

```
data(dis_snp.bim)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 6 columns:

**Column 1** Chromosome ID (integer)

**Column 2** SNP ID (character)

**Column 3** Position in centimorgans (numeric)

**Column 4** Base-pair coordinate (integer)

**Column 5** Minor Allele (character)

**Column 6** Reference Allele (character)

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dis\_snp.fam*PLINK .fam File for Family and Phenotype Information*

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**Description**

This dataset follows the standard PLINK .fam format and contains family structure and phenotype information for individuals in the discovery dataset.

**Usage**

```
data(dis_snp.fam)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 6 columns:

**Column 1** Family ID (character or integer)

**Column 2** Individual ID (character or integer)

**Column 3** Father's ID (character or integer; 0 if missing)

**Column 4** Mother's ID (character or integer; 0 if missing)

**Column 5** Sex (integer; 1 = male, 2 = female, 0 = unknown)

**Column 6** Phenotype value (numeric; 1 = control, 2 = case, -9 = missing)

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dis_snp.map	<i>PLINK .map File for SNP Information</i>
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### Description

This dataset follows the standard PLINK .map file format and contains genetic marker information, including chromosome, SNP ID, position in centimorgans, and base-pair coordinates.

### Usage

```
data(dis_snp.map)
```

### Format

A data frame with 4 columns:

**Column 1** Chromosome ID (integer)

**Column 2** SNP ID (character)

**Column 3** Position in centimorgans (numeric; typically 0 if unknown)

**Column 4** Base-pair coordinate (integer; position on the chromosome in base pairs)

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dis_snp.ped	<i>PLINK .ped File for Genotype and Sample Information</i>
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### Description

This dataset follows the standard PLINK .ped file format. It contains family, individual, parental, sex, phenotype, and genotype information for each sample.

### Usage

```
data(dis_snp.ped)
```

### Format

A data frame with 6 required columns, followed by genotype data:

**Column 1** Family ID (character)

**Column 2** Individual ID (character)

**Column 3** Paternal ID (0 if unknown, character)

**Column 4** Maternal ID (0 if unknown, character)

**Column 5** Sex (1 = male, 2 = female, 0 = unknown)

**Column 6** Phenotype value (1 = control, 2 = case, -9 = missing)

**Columns 7+** Genotype data in pairs of alleles for each SNP (e.g., A T, G G, coded as separate columns).



gcim\_b

*Perform Regression Analysis for GCIM with binary outcome.***Description**

Perform Regression Analysis for GCIM with binary outcome.

**Usage**

```
gcim_b(bp_tar_phen, bp_tar_cov, Add_PRS, Int_PRS, Cov_PRS, confounders)
```

**Arguments**

bp_tar_phen	File path for the target phenotype data.
bp_tar_cov	File path for the target covariate data.
Additive	Scaled additive PRS values.
Interaction	Scaled interaction PRS values.
Covariate	Scaled covariate PRS values.
Confounders	Data frame of additional confounders.

**Value**

Summary of the regression model.

gcim\_q

*Perform Regression Analysis for GCIM with quantitative outcome.***Description**

Perform Regression Analysis for GCIM with quantitative outcome.

**Usage**

```
gcim_q(qp_tar_phen, qp_tar_cov, Add_PRS, Int_PRS, Cov_PRS, confounders)
```

**Arguments**

bp_tar_phen	File path for the target phenotype data.
bp_tar_cov	File path for the target covariate data.
Additive	Scaled additive PRS values.
Interaction	Scaled interaction PRS values.
Covariate	Scaled covariate PRS values.
Confounders	Data frame of additional confounders.

**Value**

Summary of the regression model.

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prs_scores	<i>Compute Polygenic Risk Scores (PRS).</i>
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### Description

Compute Polygenic Risk Scores (PRS).

### Usage

```
prs_scores(plink_path, tar_snp)
```

### Arguments

plink_path	Path to the PLINK executable application.
tar_snp	Prefix for binary files for the target dataset.
temp_dir	Directory to save output files.

### Value

A list containing scaled PRS values for additive, interaction, and covariate scores.

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qp_dis_cov	<i>Covariate Data File for Discovery Dataset with quantitative phenotype</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains covariate information for individuals in the discovery dataset, including various confounders for a quantitative covariate.

### Usage

```
data(qp_dis_cov)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 19 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**quantitative Covariate** A quantitative covariate

**Confounder 1** Confounder 1 description ...

**Confounder 16** Confounder 16 description

qp\_dis\_phen

*Covariate Data File for Discovery Dataset with Binary Outcomes***Description**

This dataset contains phenotype for the outcome information for individuals in the discovery dataset, including various confounders for a quantitative outcome.

**Usage**

```
data(qp_dis_phen)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**quantitative outcome** A quantitative outcome #'

qp\_tar\_cov

*Covariate Data File for Discovery Dataset with Binary phenotype***Description**

This dataset contains covariate information for individuals in the target dataset, including various confounders for a quantitative phenotype for the outcome.

**Usage**

```
data(qp_tar_cov)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 800 rows and 19 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**quantitative Covariate** A quantitative covariate

**Confounder 1** Confounder 1 description ...

**Confounder 16** Confounder 16 description

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qp\_tar\_phen

*Covariate Data File for target Dataset with Binary Outcomes*


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### Description

This dataset contains phenotype for the outcome information for individuals in the target dataset, including various confounders for a quantitative outcome.

### Usage

```
data(qp_tar_phen)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**quantitative outcome** A quantitative outcome #'

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qr\_dis\_cov

*Covariate data File for discovery dataset with quantitative exposure as an outcomes for the reverse direction.*


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### Description

This dataset contains phenotype for the outcome information for individuals in the discovery dataset, including various confounders for a quantitative outcome.

### Usage

```
data(qr_dis_cov)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**quantitative outcome** A quantitative outcome #'

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qr_dis_phen	<i>Covariate data File for discovery dataset of the outcome as quantitative covariate phenotype for the reverse direction.</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains covariate information for individuals in the discovery dataset, including various confounders and the outcome phenotype as a quantitative covariate.

### Usage

```
data(qr_dis_phen)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 19 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number  
**Individual ID** Individual identification number  
**quantitative Covariate** A quantitative covariate  
**Confounder 1** Confounder 1 description ...  
**Confounder 16** Confounder 16 description

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qr_tar_cov	<i>Covariate data file for target dataset of the covariate with quantitative outcomes for the reverse direction of causation</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains phenotype for the outcome information for individuals in the target dataset, including various confounders as a quantitative outcome of the covariate.

### Usage

```
data(qr_tar_cov)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number  
**Individual ID** Individual identification number  
**quantitative outcome** A quantitative outcome #'

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qr_tar_phen	<i>Covariate data file for discovery dataset of the covariate with quantitative phenotype for the reverse</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains covariate information for individuals in the target dataset, including various confounders for a quantitative phenotype of the quantitative covariate for the reverse direction of causation.

### Usage

```
data(qr_tar_phen)
```

### Format

A data frame with 800 rows and 19 columns:

**Family ID** Family identification number

**Individual ID** Individual identification number

**quantitative Covariate** A quantitative covariate

**Confounder 1** Confounder 1 description ...

**Confounder 16** Confounder 16 description

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q_gwas	<i>Perform GWAS for covariates.</i>
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### Description

Perform GWAS for covariates.

### Usage

```
q_gwas(plink_path, dis_snp, qp_dis_cov)
```

### Arguments

plink_path	Path to the PLINK executable application.
dis_snp	Prefix for binary files for the discovery dataset.
qp_dis_cov	File path for covariate data in the discovery dataset.
temp_dir	Directory to save output files.

### Value

None. Results are saved to files.

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q_gweis	<i>Perform GWEIS for quantitative outcome and quantitative exposure variables.</i>
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### Description

This function performs genome-wide interaction studies (GWEIS) and processes the results to generate files for downstream analysis.

### Usage

```
q_gweis(plink_path, dis_snp, qp_dis_phen, qp_dis_cov)
```

### Arguments

plink_path	Path to the PLINK executable application.
dis_snp	Prefix for binary files for the discovery dataset.
qp_dis_phen	File path for the phenotype data in the discovery dataset.
qp_dis_cov	File path for covariate data in the discovery dataset.
temp_dir	Directory to save output files.

### Value

None. Results are saved to files.

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tar_snp.bim	<i>PLINK .bim file for SNP information</i>
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### Description

This dataset follows the standard PLINK .bim format and contains SNP-related information for the target dataset, including chromosome ID, SNP ID, and allele details.

### Usage

```
data(tar_snp.bim)
```

### Format

A data frame with 6 columns:

<b>Column 1</b>	Chromosome ID (integer)
<b>Column 2</b>	SNP ID (character)
<b>Column 3</b>	Position in centimorgans (numeric)
<b>Column 4</b>	Base-pair coordinate (integer)
<b>Column 5</b>	Minor Allele (character)
<b>Column 6</b>	Reference Allele (character)

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tar_snp.fam	<i>PLINK .fam file for family and phenotype information</i>
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### Description

This dataset follows the standard PLINK .fam format and contains family structure and phenotype information for individuals in the target dataset.

### Usage

```
data(tar_snp.fam)
```

### Format

A data frame with 6 columns:

- Column 1** Family ID (character or integer)
- Column 2** Individual ID (character or integer)
- Column 3** Father's ID (character or integer; 0 if missing)
- Column 4** Mother's ID (character or integer; 0 if missing)
- Column 5** Sex (integer; 1 = male, 2 = female, 0 = unknown)
- Column 6** Phenotype value (numeric; 1 = control, 2 = case, -9 = missing)

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tar_snp.map	<i>PLINK .map file for SNP information</i>
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### Description

This dataset follows the standard PLINK .map file format and contains genetic marker information, including chromosome, SNP ID, position in centimorgans, and base-pair coordinates.

### Usage

```
data(tar_snp.map)
```

### Format

A data frame with 4 columns:

- Column 1** Chromosome ID (integer)
- Column 2** SNP ID (character)
- Column 3** Position in centimorgans (numeric; typically 0 if unknown)
- Column 4** Base-pair coordinate (integer; position on the chromosome in base pairs)



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tar\_snp.ped*PLINK .ped file for genotype and sample information*

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**Description**

This dataset follows the standard PLINK .ped file format. It contains family, individual, parental, sex, phenotype, and genotype information for each sample.

**Usage**

```
data(tar_snp.ped)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 6 required columns, followed by genotype data:

**Column 1** Family ID (character)

**Column 2** Individual ID (character)

**Column 3** Paternal ID (0 if unknown, character)

**Column 4** Maternal ID (0 if unknown, character)

**Column 5** Sex (1 = male, 2 = female, 0 = unknown)

**Column 6** Phenotype value (1 = control, 2 = case, -9 = missing)

**Columns 7+** Genotype data in pairs of alleles for each SNP (e.g., A T, C, G, coded as separate columns).

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