compareGroups: Descriptives by groups

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1 Introduction

The compareGroups package allows users to create tables displaying results of univariate analyses, stratified or not by categorical variable groupings.

Tables can easily be exported to CSV, LATEX or HTML.

This package can be used from the prompt or from a user-friendly GUI.

This document provides an overview of the usage of the compareGroups package.

To load the package using the prompt, enter:

> library(compareGroups)

Once the package is loaded, non-R users can follow the GUI instructions in Section 5.

2 Design: classes and methods

The compareGroups package has three functions:

- compareGroups creates an object of class compareGroups. This object can be:
 - printed
 - summarized
 - plotted
 - updated
- createTable creates an object of class createTable. This object can be:
 - printed
 - summarized
- export2latex, export2csv, export2html will export results to CSV, LATEX or HTML, respectively.

Figure 1 shows the diagram of the package.

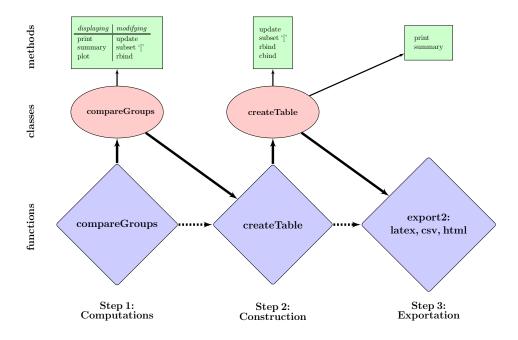


Figure 1: Diagram of the compareGroups package

3 Data used as example

To illustrate how this package works we used data from a cohort study aimed to establish risk factors related to coronary heart disease. Some variables have been partially modified to provide a better example for the use of this package.

- > data(regicor)
- > head(regicor)

```
id year age
                                                smoker sbp dbp histhtn txhtn chol
           2265 2005
6101
                     70 Female
                                          Never smoker 138
                                                           75
                                                                    No
                                                                          No
                                                                              294 57,00000
                                                                                                 93
5762
           1882 2005
                      56 Female
                                          Never smoker 139
                                                            89
                                                                    No
                                                                          No
                                                                              220 50.00000
                                                                                                160
2992 3000105616 2000
                                                                              245 59.80429
                      37
                          Male Current or former < 1y 132
                                                                    No
                                                                          No
2611 3000103485 2000
                                                            97
                                                                    No
                                                                              168 53.17571
                      69 Female
                                          Never smoker 168
                                                                          No
                                                                                                116
2762 3000103963 2000 70 Female
                                                  <NA>
                                                       NA
                                                            NA
                                                                    No
                                                                          No
                                                                               NA
                                                                                        NA
                                                                                                 NA
1516 3000100883 2000 40 Female Current or former < 1y 108 70
                                                                    No
                                                                               NA 68.90000
                                                                                                 94
                                                                          No
           ldl histchol txchol height weight
                                                 bmi
                                                        phyact
                                                                  pcs
                                                                         mcs
                                                                               cv
                                                                                       tocv death
6101 218.40000
                     No
                            No
                                  160
                                        64.0 25.00000 304.2000 54.455 58.918
                                                                                No 1024.882
5762 138.00000
                     No
                            No
                                  163
                                        67.0 25.21736 160.3000 58.165 47.995
                                                                               No 2756.849
                                                                                               No
2992 167.39571
                     No
                            No
                                  170
                                        70.0 24.22145 552.7912 43.429 62.585
                                                                               No 1905.969
                                                                                               No
2611 91.62429
                     No
                            No
                                  147
                                        68.0 31.46837 522.0000 54.325 57.900
                                                                               No 1055.380
                                                                                               No
2762
           NA
                   <NA>
                          <NA>
                                  NA
                                         NA
                                                  NA
                                                           NA
                                                                  NA
                                                                          NA <NA>
                                                                                        NA
                                                                                             <NA>
1516
            NA
                    No
                            No
                                  158
                                        43.5 17.42509 386.9505 57.315 47.869
                                                                               No 3239.241
                                                                                               No
        todeath
6101 1299.16343
5762
      39.32629
2992 858.42203
2611 1833.07619
2762
1516 877.61155
```

Variables and labels in this data frame are:

Name	Label	Codes
id	Individual id	
year	Recruitment year	1995; 2000; 2005
age	Age	
sex	Sex	Male; Female
smoker	Smoking status	Never smoker; Current or former $< 1y$; Former $\ge 1y$
sbp	Systolic blood pressure	
dbp	Diastolic blood pressure	
histhtn	History of hypertension	Yes; No
txhtn	Hypertension treatment	No; Yes
chol	Total cholesterol	
hdl	HDL cholesterol	
$\operatorname{triglyc}$	Triglycerides	
ldl	LDL cholesterol	
histchol	History of hyperchol.	Yes; No
txchol	Cholesterol treatment	No; Yes
height	Height (cm)	
weight	Weight (Kg)	
bmi	Body mass index	
phyact	Physical activity (Kcal/week)	
pcs	Physical component	
mcs	Mental component	
cv	Cardiovascular event	No; Yes
tocv	Days to cardiovascular event or end of follow-up	
death	Overall death	No; Yes
todeath	Days to overall death or end of follow-up	
	0 . 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 -	No; Yes

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1. It is important to note that compareGroups is not aimed to perform quality control of the data. Other useful packages such as r2lh [2] are available for this purpose.
- 2. It is strongly recommended that the *data.frame* contain only the variables to be analyzed; the ones not needed in the present analysis should be removed from the list.
- 3. The nature of variables to be analyzed should be known, or at least which variables are to be used as categorical. It is important to code categorical variables as factors and the order of their levels is meaningful in this package.
- 4. The function label from the Hmisc package could be used to label the variables properly. The tables of results will contain the variable labels (by default).

3.1 Time-to-event variables

A variable of class Surv must be created to deal with time-to-event variables (i.e., time to Cardiovas-cular event/censored in our example):

```
> regicor$tdeath <- with(regicor, Surv(todeath, death == 'Yes'))
> label(regicor$tdeath) <- "Mortality"
> regicor$tcv <- with(regicor, Surv(tocv, cv == 'Yes'))
> label(regicor$tcv) <- "Cardiovascular"</pre>
```

Note that variables *tdeath* and *tcv* are created as time-to-death and time-to-cardiovascular event, respectively; both take censoring into account (i.e. they are of class Surv).

4 Using R syntax

4.1 compareGroups

This is the main function. It does all the calculus. It is needed to store results in an object. Later, applying the function createTable (Section 4.2) to this object will create tables of the analysis results.

For example, to perform a univariate analysis with the *regicor* data between *year* ("response" variable) and all other variables ("explanatory" variables), this formula is required:

```
> compareGroups(year ~ . , data=regicor)
```

4.1.1 Selecting response variables

If only a dot occurs on the right side of the "~" all variables in the data frame will be used.

To remove the variable *id* from the analysis:

```
> compareGroups(year ~ . -id, data=regicor)
```

To select some explanatory variables (e.g., age, sex, smoker and triglyc) and store results in an object of class compareGroups:

```
> res<-compareGroups(year ~ age + sex + smoker + triglyc , data=regicor)
> res
```

------ Summary of results by groups of 'Recruitment year'------

```
        var
        N
        p.value
        method
        selection

        1 Age
        2294 0.078*
        continuous normal
        ALL

        2 Sex
        2294 0.506
        categorical
        ALL

        3 Smoking status
        2233 <0.001**</td>
        categorical
        ALL

        4 Triglycerides
        2231 0.582
        continuous normal
        ALL

        -----
        Signif. codes:
        0 '**' 0.05 '*' 0.1 ' ' 1
        1
```

Note: Although we have full data (n= 2294) for Age and Sex there are some missing data in Smoking status and Triglycerides.

Year groups have some differences in Age although these don't reach statistical significance (p-value=0.078); however, Smoking status is clearly different.

Age & Triglycerides has been used as continuous and normal distributed. Sex & Smoking status as categorical.

No filters have been used (e.g., selecting only treated patients); therefore, the *selection* column lists "ALL" (for all variables).

4.1.2 Subsetting

To perform the analysis in a subset of participants (e.g., "male" participants):

```
> compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + triglyc, data=regicor, subset = sex=='Male')
----- Summary of results by groups of 'Recruitment year'-----
                  p.value method
                                          selection
1 Age
              1101 0.212 continuous normal sex == "Male"
2 Smoking status 1071 <0.001** categorical sex == "Male"
3 Triglycerides 1075 0.817 continuous normal sex == "Male"
Signif. codes: 0 '**' 0.05 '*' 0.1 ' ' 1
   Note that only results for male participants are shown.
   To subset specific variable/s (e.g., triglyc and sbp):
> compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + triglyc + sbp, data=regicor,
                selec = list(triglyc=txchol=='No', sbp=txhtn=='No'))
----- Summary of results by groups of 'Recruitment year'-----
                           p.value method
                       2294 0.078* continuous normal ALL
1 Age
2 Smoking status
                      2233 <0.001** categorical
                                                  ALL
3 Triglycerides
                      1963 0.882 continuous normal txchol == "No"
4 Systolic blood pressure 1810 <0.001** continuous normal txhtn == "No"
Signif. codes: 0 '** 0.05 '* 0.1 ' 1
   Combinations are also allowed, e.g.:
> compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + triglyc + sbp, data=regicor,
```

selec = list(triglyc=txchol=='No', sbp=txhtn=='No'),

subset = sex=='Male')

```
----- Summary of results by groups of 'Recruitment year'-----
                        N
                           p.value method
  var
1 Age
                        1101 0.212
                                     continuous normal
2 Smoking status 1071 <0.001** categorical 3 Triglycerides 943 0.993 continuous normal
4 Systolic blood pressure 886 <0.001** continuous normal
  selection
1 sex == "Male"
2 sex == "Male"
3 (sex == "Male") & (txchol == "No")
4 (sex == "Male") & (txhtn == "No")
Signif. codes: 0 '** 0.05 '* 0.1 ' 1
    A variable can appear twice in the formula, e.g.:
> compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + triglyc + triglyc, data=regicor,
             selec = list(triglyc.1=txchol=='No'))
----- Summary of results by groups of 'Recruitment year'-----
 var
               N p.value method
                                              selection
               2294 0.078* continuous normal ALL
2 Smoking status 2233 <0.001** categorical ALL
3 Triglycerides 2231 0.582 continuous normal ALL
4 Triglycerides 1963 0.882
                           continuous normal txchol == "No"
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.05 ** 0.1 * 1
```

In this case results for triglyc will be reported for all participants (n= 2231) and also for only those not treated with anti-cholesterol drugs (txchol=='No'). Note that "triglyc.1" in the **selec** statement refers to the second time that triglyc appears in the formula.

4.1.3 Methods for continuous variables

By default continuous variables are analyzed as normal-distributed. When a table is built (see createTable function, Section 4.2), continuous variables will be described with mean and standard deviation. To change default options, e.g., Triglycerides used as non-normal distributed:

Note that "continuous non-normal" is shown in the *method* column for the variable Triglycerides.

Possible values in methods statement are:

- 1: forces analysis as normal-distributed
- 2: forces analysis as continuous non-normal
- 3: forces analysis as categorical
- NA: performs a Shapiro-Wilks test to decide between normal or non-normal

If the **method** for a variable is stated as = NA, then a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality is used to decide if the variable is normal or non-normal distributed. To change the significance threshold:

According to Shapiro-Wilk test, stating the cutpoint at 0.01 level, Triglycerides departed significantly from the normal distribution and therefore the method for this variable will be "continuous non-normal".

All non factor variables are considered as continuous. Exception is made (by default) for those that have fewer than 5 different values. This threshold can be changed in the **min.dis** statement:

To avoid errors the maximum categories for the response variable is set at 5 in this example (default value). If this variable has more than 5 different values, the function compareGroups returns an error message. For example:

```
> compareGroups(age7gr ~ smoker + triglyc + sbp, data=regicor)

Error en compareGroups.default(X = X, y = y, include.label = include.label, :
   number of groups must be less or equal to 5

Defaults setting can be changed with the max.ylev statement:
> compareGroups(age7gr ~ smoker + triglyc + sbp, data=regicor, max.ylev=7)
```

```
var N p.value method selection

1 Smoking status 2233 <0.001** categorical ALL

2 Triglycerides 2231 0.021** continuous normal ALL

3 Systolic blood pressure 2280 <0.001** continuous normal ALL

5 Signif. codes: 0 '** 0.05 '* 0.1 ' 1
```

Similarly, by default there is a limit for the maximum number of levels for an explanatory variable. If this level is exceeded, the variable is removed from the analysis and a warning message is printed:

4.1.4 Dressing up the output

Although the options described in this section correspond to compareGroups function, results of changing/setting them won't be visible until the table is created with the createTable function (explained later).

include.label By default the variable labels are shown in the output (if there is no label the name will be printed). Changing the statement include.label from "= TRUE" (default) to "= FALSE" will cause variable names to be printed instead.

Q1, Q3 When the method for a variable is stated as "2" (i.e., to be analyzed as continuous non-normal; see section 4.1.3), by default the median and quartiles 1 and 3 will be shown in the final results, after applying the function createTable (see Section 4.2).

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078
Smoking status:				<0.001
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	
Current or former < 1y	109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	
Former >= 1y	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	
riglycerides	94.0 [71.0; 136]	98.0 [72.0; 133]	98.0 [72.0; 139]	0.762
Systolic blood pressure	133 (19.2)	133 (21.3)	129 (19.8)	<0.001

Note: percentiles 25 and 75 are calculated for Triglycerides.

To get instead percentile 2.5 and 97.5:

------Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

	1995	2000	2005	p.overall
	N=431	N=786	N=1077	
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078
Smoking status:				<0.001
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	
Current or former < 1y	109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	
Former >= 1y	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	
Triglycerides	94.0 [47.0; 292]	98.0 [47.0; 278]	98.0 [42.0; 293]	0.762
Systolic blood pressure	133 (19.2)	133 (21.3)	129 (19.8)	<0.001

Note: percentiles 2.5 and 97.5 are calculated for Triglycerides.

To get minimum and maximum:

```
> compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + triglyc + sbp, data=regicor,
+ method = c(triglyc=2), Q1=0, Q3=1)
```

simplify Sometimes a categorical variable has no individuals for a specific group. For example, smoker has 3 levels. As an example and to illustrate this problem, we have created a new variable smk with a new category ("Unknown"):

Note that this new category ("unknown") has no individuals:

```
> compareGroups(year ~ age + smk + sbp, data=regicor)
```

Note that an "Error" message is printed and no p-values for *smk* are calculated.

To avoid using empty categories, simplify must be stated as TRUE

4.1.5 Summary

Applying the **summary** function to an object of class **createTable** will obtain a more detailed output:

```
> res<-compareGroups(year ~ age + sex + smoker + txchol + triglyc + sbp,
                         method = c(triglyc=2), data=regicor)
> summary(res[c(1, 3, 4)])
--- Descriptives of each row-variable by groups of 'Recruitment year' ---
row-variable: Age
                         p.overall p.trend p.1995 vs 2000 p.1995 vs 2005 p.2000 vs 2005
               sd
[ALL] 2294 54.73627 11.04926
1995 431 54.09745 11.7172 0.077837 0.031665 0.930249
                                                      0.143499
                                                                    0.161195
2000 786 54.33715 11.21814
2005 1077 55.28319 10.62606
row-variable: Smoking status
     Never smoker Current or former < 1y Former >= 1y Never smoker (row%) Current or former < 1y (row%)
[ALL] 1201 593
                                     439 53.78415
                                                                  26.5562
1995 234
                109
                                     72
                                                56.38554
                                                                  26.26506
2000 414
                267
                                     77
                                                54.61741
                                                                  35.22427
               217
2005 553
                                     290
                                                52.16981
                                                                  20.4717
     Former >= 1y (row%) p.overall p.trend p.1995 vs 2000 p.1995 vs 2005 p.2000 vs 2005
[ALL] 19.65965
1995 17.3494
                     0
                              2.4e-05 0.000144
                                                   0.000144
2000 10.15831
2005 27.35849
row-variable: Cholesterol treatment
```

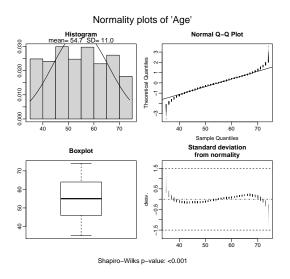
```
Yes No (row%) Yes (row%) p.overall p.trend p.1995 vs 2000 p.1995 vs 2005 p.2000 vs 2005
     No
[ALL] 2011 228 89.81688
                        10.18312
1995
     403
          28 93.50348
                        6.49652
                                   0.000429 1e-04
                                                     0.193023
                                                                    0.00196
                                                                                   0.014913
     705
          68 91.2031
                        8.796895
2000
2005
     903
          132 87.24638
                        12.75362
```

Note that because only variables 1, 3 & 4 are selected, only results for Age, Cholesterol treatment & Triglycerides are shown. Age is summarized by the mean and the standard deviation, Cholesterol treatment by frequencies and percentage, and Triglycerides (method =2) by the median and quartiles.

4.1.6 Plotting

Variables can be plotted to see their distribution. Plots differ according to whether the variable is continuous or categorical. Plots can be seen on-screen or saved as PDF.

```
> plot(res[c(1,2)], file="./univar/")
```



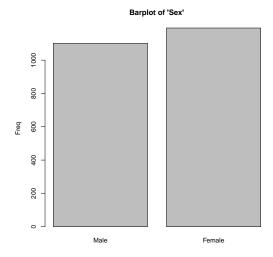


Figure 2: Plot of Age

Figure 3: Plot of Sex

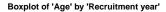
Plots also can be done according to grouping variable. In this case only a boxplot is shown for continuous variables:

```
> plot(res[c(1,2)], bivar=TRUE, file="./bivar/")
```

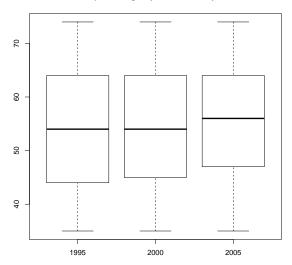
4.1.7 Updating

The object from compareGroups can later be updated. For example:

```
> res<-compareGroups(year ~ age + sex + triglyc, data=regicor)
> res
```



Barplot of 'Sex' by 'Recruitment year'



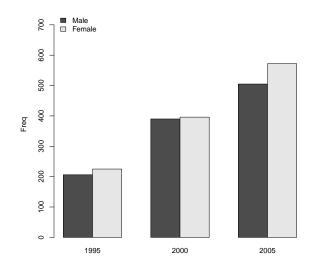


Figure 4: Plot of Age

Figure 5: Plot of Sex

```
------ Summary of results by groups of 'Recruitment year'------
                   p.value method
 var
                                           selection
1 Age
              2294 0.078* continuous normal ALL
2 Sex
              2294 0.506
                         categorical
                                          ALL
3 Triglycerides 2231 0.582
                         continuous normal ALL
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.05 ** 0.1 1 1
   The object res is updated using:
> res<-update(res, . ~. - sex + smoker + chol, subset = sex=='Male',
                      method = c(triglyc=2, chol = 2),
                      selec = list(triglyc=txchol=='No', sbp=txhtn=='No'))
> res
  ----- Summary of results by groups of 'Recruitment year'-----
 var
                  N
                       p.value method
                                                   selection
                  1101 0.212
                               continuous normal
                                                   sex == "Male"
1 Age
                               continuous non-normal (sex == "Male") & (txchol == "No")
2 Triglycerides
                   943 0.426
                                                   sex == "Male"
                  1071 <0.001** categorical
3 Smoking status
4 Total cholesterol 1054 <0.001** continuous non-normal sex == "Male"
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.05 ** 0.1 1 1
```

Note that "Sex" is removed as an explanatory variable but used as a filter, subsetting only "Male" participants. Variable "Triglycerides" has been changed to "continuous non-normal" and to show results only for non-treated male participants. Two new variables have been added: Smoking status and Total cholesterol.

4.1.8 Odds Ratios & Hazard Ratios

When the response variable is binary, the Odds Ratio (OR) can be printed in the final table. If the response variable is time-to-event (see Section 3.1), the Hazard Ratio (HR) can be printed instead.

ref This statement can be used to change the reference category:

- > res1<-compareGroups(sex ~ age + smoker + txchol + sbp, data=regicor, ref=1)</pre>
- > createTable(res1, show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Sex'-----

	Male N=1101	Female N=1193	OR	p.ratio
Age	54.8 (11.1)	54.7 (11.0)	1.00 [0.99;1.01]	0.840
Smoking status:				
Never smoker	301 (28.1%)	900 (77.5%)	Ref.	Ref.
Current or former < 1y	410 (38.3%)	183 (15.7%)	0.15 [0.12;0.19]	0.000
Former >= 1y	360 (33.6%)	79 (6.80%)	0.07 [0.06;0.10]	0.000
Cholesterol treatment:				
No	962 (89.4%)	1049 (90.2%)	Ref.	Ref.
Yes	114 (10.6%)	114 (9.80%)	0.92 [0.70;1.21]	0.536
Systolic blood pressure	134 (18.9)	129 (21.2)	0.99 [0.98;0.99]	<0.001

Note that for categorical response variables the reference category is the first one in the statement:

- > res2<-compareGroups(sex ~ age + smoker + txchol + sbp, data=regicor,
- + ref=c(smoker=1, txchol=2))
- > createTable(res2, show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Sex'-----

	Male N=1101	Female N=1193	OR	p.ratio
Age	54.8 (11.1)	54.7 (11.0)	1.00 [0.99;1.01]	0.840
Smoking status:				
Never smoker	301 (28.1%)	900 (77.5%)	Ref.	Ref.
Current or former < 1y	410 (38.3%)	183 (15.7%)	0.15 [0.12;0.19]	0.000
Former >= 1y	360 (33.6%)	79 (6.80%)	0.07 [0.06;0.10]	0.000
Cholesterol treatment:				
No	962 (89.4%)	1049 (90.2%)	1.09 [0.83;1.43]	0.536
Yes	114 (10.6%)	114 (9.80%)	Ref.	Ref.
Systolic blood pressure	134 (18.9)	129 (21.2)	0.99 [0.98;0.99]	<0.001

Note that the reference category for Smoking status is the first and for Cholesterol treatment the second.

ref.no Similarly to the "ref" statement, **ref.no** is used to state "no" as the reference category for all variables with this category:

- > res<-compareGroups(sex ~ age + smoker + txchol + sbp, data=regicor, ref.no='NO')
- > createTable(res, show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Sex'-----

	Male N=1101	Female N=1193	OR	p.ratio
Age	54.8 (11.1)	54.7 (11.0)	1.00 [0.99;1.01]	0.840
Smoking status:				
Never smoker	301 (28.1%)	900 (77.5%)	Ref.	Ref.
Current or former < 1y	410 (38.3%)	183 (15.7%)	0.15 [0.12;0.19]	0.000
Former >= 1y	360 (33.6%)	79 (6.80%)	0.07 [0.06;0.10]	0.000
Cholesterol treatment:				
No	962 (89.4%)	1049 (90.2%)	Ref.	Ref.
Yes	114 (10.6%)	114 (9.80%)	0.92 [0.70;1.21]	0.536
Systolic blood pressure	134 (18.9)	129 (21.2)	0.99 [0.98;0.99]	<0.001

Note: 'no', 'No' or 'NO' will produce the same results; the coding is not case sensitive.

fact.ratio By default OR or HR for continuous variables are calculated for each unit increase. It can be changed by the fact.or statement:

- > res<-compareGroups(sex ~ age + txchol + sbp, data=regicor)</pre>
- > createTable(res, show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Sex'-----

	Male N=1101	Female N=1193	OR	p.ratio
Age Cholesterol treatment:	54.8 (11.1)	54.7 (11.0)	1.00 [0.99;1.01]	0.840
No	962 (89.4%)	1049 (90.2%)	Ref.	Ref.
Yes	114 (10.6%)	114 (9.80%)	0.92 [0.70;1.21]	0.536
Systolic blood pressure	134 (18.9)	129 (21.2)	0.99 [0.98;0.99]	<0.001

Here the OR is for the increase of one unit for Age and Systolic blood pressure.

- > res<-compareGroups(sex ~ age + txchol + sbp, data=regicor, fact.ratio= c(age=10, sbp=100))
- > createTable(res, show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Sex'-----

	Male N=1101	Female N=1193	OR	p.ratio
Age Cholesterol treatment:	54.8 (11.1)	54.7 (11.0)	0.99 [0.92;1.07]	0.840
No	962 (89.4%)	1049 (90.2%)	Ref.	Ref.
Yes	114 (10.6%)	114 (9.80%)	0.92 [0.70;1.21]	0.536
Systolic blood pressure	134 (18.9)	129 (21.2)	0.26 [0.17;0.39]	<0.001

Here the OR is for the increase of 10 years for Age and 100 mmHg for Systolic blood pressure.

ref.y By default when OR or HR are calculated, the reference category for the response variable is the first. The reference category could be changed using the **ref.y** statement:

- > res<-compareGroups(sex ~ histchol + txchol + sbp, data=regicor)</pre>
- > createTable(res, show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Sex'-----

	Male N=1098	Female N=1186	OR	p.ratio
History of hyperchol.:				
Yes	353 (32.3%)	356 (30.2%)	Ref.	Ref.
No	741 (67.7%)	823 (69.8%)	1.10 [0.92;1.32]	0.287
Cholesterol treatment:				
No	962 (89.4%)	1049 (90.2%)	Ref.	Ref.
Yes	114 (10.6%)	114 (9.80%)	0.92 [0.70;1.21]	0.536
Systolic blood pressure	134 (18.9)	129 (21.2)	0.99 [0.98;0.99]	<0.001

Note: This output shows the OR of being female. Therefore, 'male' is the reference category.

```
> res<-compareGroups(sex ~ histchol + txchol + sbp, data=regicor, ref.y=2)
```

> createTable(res, show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Sex'-----

	Male N=1098	Female N=1186	OR	p.ratio
History of hyperchol.:				
Yes	353 (32.3%)	356 (30.2%)	Ref.	Ref.
No	741 (67.7%)	823 (69.8%)	0.91 [0.76;1.08]	0.287
Cholesterol treatment:				
No	962 (89.4%)	1049 (90.2%)	Ref.	Ref.
Yes	114 (10.6%)	114 (9.80%)	1.09 [0.83;1.43]	0.536
Systolic blood pressure	134 (18.9)	129 (21.2)	1.01 [1.02;1.01]	<0.001

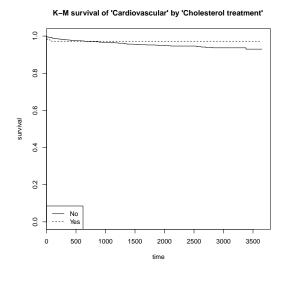
Note: This output shows the OR of being male.

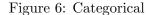
Note: This output shows the OR of being male, and 'female' is now the reference category.

When the response variable is of class Surv, the bivariate plot function returns a Kaplan-Meier figure if the explanatory variable is categorical. For continuous variables the function returns a line for each individual, ending with a circle for censored and with a plus sign for uncensored.

```
> plot(compareGroups(tcv ~ txchol, data=regicor), bivar=TRUE, file="./bivar/")
```

> plot(compareGroups(tcv ~ sbp, data=regicor), bivar=TRUE, file="./bivar/")





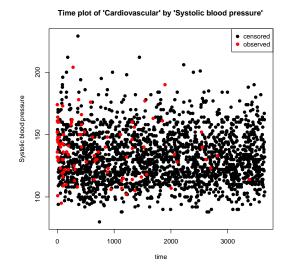


Figure 7: Continuous

4.1.9 Time-to-event explanatory variables

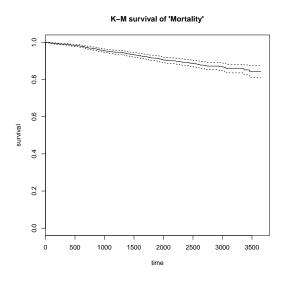
When a variable of class Surv (see Section 3.1) is used as explanatory it will be described with the probability of event, computed by Kaplan-Meier, up to a stated time.

timemax By default probability is calculated at the median of the follow-up period. timemax option allows us to change at what time probability is calculated.

Note that *tdeath* is calculated at 5 years and *tcv* at 3 years (see section 3.1).

The plot function applied to a variable of class Surv returns a Kaplan-Meier figure. The figure can be stratified by the grouping variable.

```
> plot(res[2], file="./univar/")
> plot(res[2], bivar=TRUE, file="./bivar/")
```





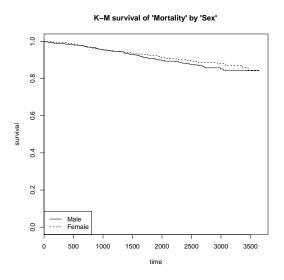


Figure 9: Stratified by year

4.2 createTable

createTable function, applied to an object of compareGroups class, returns tables with descriptives that can be displayed on-screen or exported to CSV, LATEX or HTML.

Two tables are created with the createTable function: one with the descriptives and the other with the available data. The print command print applied to an object of class createTable returns one or both tables:

```
> print(restab, which.table='descr')
```

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
lge	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078
Sex:				0.506
Male	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	505 (46.9%)	
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)	
moking status:				<0.001
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	
Current or former < 1y	109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	
Former >= 1y	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	
riglycerides	94.0 [71.0; 136]	98.0 [72.0; 133]	98.0 [72.0; 139]	0.762

Note that the option "descr" returns descriptives.

> print(restab, which.table='avail')

---Available data----

	[ALL]	1995	2000	2005	method	select
Age Sex	2294 2294				continuous-normal categorical	ALL ALL
Smoking status					categorical	ALL
Triglycerides	2231	403	752	1076	continuous-non-normal	ALL

Note that the option "avail" returns the available data, as well as methods and selections.

By default only the descriptives table is shown. Stating "both" in which.table options returns both tables.

4.2.1 Dressing up tables

hide If the explanatory variable is dichotomous, one of the categories often is hidden in the results displayed (i.e., if 47.8% are male, obviously 52.2% are female). To hide some category, e.g., Male:

> update(restab, hide = c(sex='Male'))

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078
Sex: Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)	0.506
Smoking status:				<0.001
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	
Current or former < 1y	109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	
Former >= 1y	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	
Triglycerides	94.0 [71.0; 136]	98.0 [72.0; 133]	98.0 [72.0; 139]	0.762

Note that the percentage of males is hidden.

hide.no Similarly, as explained above, if the category "no" is to be hidden for all variables:

- > res<-compareGroups(year ~ age + sex + histhtn + txhtn, data=regicor)
- > createTable(res, hide.no='no')

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall	
Age Sex:	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078 0.506	
Male		390 (49.6%)			
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)		
History of hypertension	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	379 (35.5%)	<0.001	
Hypertension treatment	71 (16.5%)	127 (16.2%)	230 (22.2%)	0.002	

Note: 'no', 'No' or 'NO' will produce the same results; the coding is not case sensitive.

digits The number of digits that appear in the results can be changed, e.g.

> createTable(res, digits= c(age=2, sex = 3))

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

	1995	2000	2005	p.overall	
	N=431	N=786	N=1077		
Age	54.10 (11.72)	54.34 (11.22)	55.28 (10.63)	0.078	
Sex:				0.506	
Male	206 (47.796%)	390 (49.618%)	505 (46.890%)		
Female	225 (52.204%)	396 (50.382%)	572 (53.110%)		
History of hypertension:				<0.001	
Yes	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	379 (35.5%)		
No	320 (74.2%)	553 (70.4%)	690 (64.5%)		
Hypertension treatment:				0.002	
No	360 (83.5%)	659 (83.8%)	804 (77.8%)		
Yes	71 (16.5%)	127 (16.2%)	230 (22.2%)		

Note that mean and standard deviation has two decimal places for age, while percentage in sex has been set to three decimal places.

type By default categorical variables are summarized by frequencies and percentages. This can be changed by the **type** command:

> createTable(res, type=1)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
Age Sex:	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078 0.506
Male	47.8%	49.6%	46.9%	
Female	52.2%	50.4%	53.1%	
History of hypertension:				<0.001
Yes	25.8%	29.6%	35.5%	
No	74.2%	70.4%	64.5%	
Hypertension treatment:				0.002
No	83.5%	83.8%	77.8%	
Yes	16.5%	16.2%	22.2%	

Note that only percentages are displayed.

> createTable(res, type=3)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall	
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078	
Sex:				0.506	
Male	206	390	505		
Female	225	396	572		
History of hypertension:				<0.001	
Yes	111	233	379		
No	320	553	690		
Hypertension treatment:				0.002	
No	360	659	804		
Yes	71	127	230		

Note that only frequencies are displayed.

Values 2 or "NA" return the same results, i.e., the default option.

show.n If option show.n is set to "TRUE" a column with available data for each variable appears in the results:

> createTable(res, show.n=TRUE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall	N
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078	2294
Sex:				0.506	2294
Male	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	505 (46.9%)		
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)		
History of hypertension:				<0.001	2286
Yes	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	379 (35.5%)		
No	320 (74.2%)	553 (70.4%)	690 (64.5%)		
Hypertension treatment:				0.002	2251
No	360 (83.5%)	659 (83.8%)	804 (77.8%)		
Yes	71 (16.5%)	127 (16.2%)	230 (22.2%)		

show.descr If option show.descr is set to "FALSE" only p-values are displayed:

> createTable(res, show.descr=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	p.overall
Age	0.078
Sex:	
Male	0.506
Female	
History of hypertension:	
Yes	<0.001
No	
Hypertension treatment:	
No	0.002
Yes	

show.all If show.all option is set to "TRUE" a column is displayed with descriptives for all data:

> createTable(res, show.all=TRUE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	[ALL] N=2294	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
Age	54.7 (11.0)	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078
Sex:					0.506
Male	1101 (48.0%)	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	505 (46.9%)	
Female	1193 (52.0%)	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)	
History of hypertension:					<0.001
Yes	723 (31.6%)	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	379 (35.5%)	
No	1563 (68.4%)	320 (74.2%)	553 (70.4%)	690 (64.5%)	
Hypertension treatment:					0.002
No	1823 (81.0%)	360 (83.5%)	659 (83.8%)	804 (77.8%)	
Yes	428 (19.0%)	71 (16.5%)	127 (16.2%)	230 (22.2%)	

show.p.overall If option show.p.overall is set to "FALSE" p-values are omitted from the table:

> createTable(res, show.p.overall=FALSE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	
Sex:				
Male	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	505 (46.9%)	
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)	
History of hypertension:				
Yes	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	379 (35.5%)	
No	320 (74.2%)	553 (70.4%)	690 (64.5%)	
Hypertension treatment:				
No	360 (83.5%)	659 (83.8%)	804 (77.8%)	
Yes	71 (16.5%)	127 (16.2%)	230 (22.2%)	

show.p.trend If the response variable has more than two categories a p-value for trend can be calculated. Results are displayed if the **show.p.trend** option is set to "TRUE":

> createTable(res, show.p.trend=TRUE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall	p.trend
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078	0.032
Sex:				0.506	0.544
Male	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	505 (46.9%)		
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)		
History of hypertension:				<0.001	<0.001
Yes	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	379 (35.5%)		
No	320 (74.2%)	553 (70.4%)	690 (64.5%)		
Hypertension treatment:				0.002	0.002
No	360 (83.5%)	659 (83.8%)	804 (77.8%)		
Yes	71 (16.5%)	127 (16.2%)	230 (22.2%)		

Note: The p-value for trend is computed from the Pearson test when row-variable is normal and from the Spearman test when it is continuous non-normal. If row-variable is of class Surv, the test score is computed from a Cox model where the grouping variable is introduced as an integer variable predictor. If the row-variable is categorical, the p-value for trend is computed as $1 - pchisq(cor(as.integer(x), as.integer(y))^2 * (length(x) - 1), 1)$

show.p.mul For a response variable with more than two categories a pairwise comparison of p-values, corrected for multiple comparisons, can be calculated. Results are displayed if the **show.p.mul** option is set to "TRUE":

> createTable(res, show.p.mul=TRUE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall	p.1995 vs 2000	p.1995 vs 200	5 p.2000 vs 20
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078	0.930	0.143	0.161
Sex:				0.506	0.794	0.794	0.792
Male	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	505 (46.9%)				
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)				
History of hypertension:				<0.001	0.169	0.001	0.015
Yes	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	379 (35.5%)				
No	320 (74.2%)	553 (70.4%)	690 (64.5%)				
Hypertension treatment:				0.002	0.951	0.023	0.004
No	360 (83.5%)	659 (83.8%)	804 (77.8%)				
Yes	71 (16.5%)	127 (16.2%)	230 (22.2%)				

Note: Tukey method is used when explanatory variable is normal-distributed and Benjamini & Hochberg [1] method otherwise.

show.ratio If response variable is dichotomous or has been defined as class **survival** (see Section 3.1), Odds Ratios and Hazard Ratios can be displayed in the results by stating "TRUE" at the show.ratio option:

> createTable(update(res, subset= year!=2005), show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)

------Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	OR	p.ratio
 Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	1.00 [0.99;1.01]	0.725
Sex:	0111 (1111)	0110 (1112)	1.00 [0.00,1.01]	01120
Male	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	Ref.	Ref.
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	0.93 [0.73;1.18]	0.544
History of hypertensio	n:			
Yes	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	Ref.	Ref.
No	320 (74.2%)	553 (70.4%)	0.82 [0.63;1.07]	0.149
Hypertension treatment	:			
No	360 (83.5%)	659 (83.8%)	Ref.	Ref.
Yes	71 (16.5%)	127 (16.2%)	0.98 [0.71;1.35]	0.883

Note that category "2005" of the response variable has been omitted in order to have only two categories (i.e., a dichotomous variable). No Odds Ratios would be calculated if response variable has more than two categories.

> createTable(compareGroups(tcv ~ age + sex, data=regicor), show.ratio=TRUE,
+ show.p.overall=FALSE)

------Summary descriptives table by 'Cardiovascular'------

	No event N=2071	Event N=92	HR	p.ratio
Age Sex:	54.6 (11.1)	57.5 (11.0)	1.02 [1.00;1.04]	0.021
Male	996 (48.1%)	46 (50.0%)	Ref.	Ref.
Female	1075 (51.9%)	46 (50.0%)	0.92 [0.61;1.39]	0.696

Note that when response variable is of class Surv, Hazard Ratios are calculated instead of Odds Ratios.

digits.ratio The number of decimal places for Odds/Hazard ratios can be changed by the digits.ratio option:

- > createTable(compareGroups(tcv ~ age + sex, data=regicor), show.ratio=TRUE,
 + digits.ratio= 3)
- -----Summary descriptives table by 'Cardiovascular'-----

	No event N=2071	Event N=92	HR	p.ratio	p.overall
ge ex:	54.6 (11.1)	57.5 (11.0)	1.022 [1.003;1.041]	0.021	0.021 0.696
Male Female	996 (48.1%) 1075 (51.9%)	46 (50.0%) 46 (50.0%)	Ref. 0.922 [0.613;1.387]	Ref. 0.696	

4.2.2 Combining tables by row

Tables made with the same response variable can be combined by row:

- > restab1 <- createTable(compareGroups(year~ age + sex, data=regicor))</pre>
- > restab2 <- createTable(compareGroups(year smoker + triglyc, data=regicor))</pre>
- > rbind("Epidemiological"=restab1,"History"=restab2)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
Epidemiological:				
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078
Sex:				0.506
Male	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	505 (46.9%)	
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)	
History:				
Smoking status:				<0.001
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	
Current or former < 1y	109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	
Former >= 1y	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	
Triglycerides	114 (74.4)	114 (70.7)	117 (76.0)	0.582

Note how variables are grouped under "Epidemiological" and "History" because of an epigraph defined in the rbind command in the example.

The resulting object is of class rbind.createTable, which can be subset but not updated. It inherits the class 'createTable'. Therefore, columns and other arguments from the createTable function cannot be modified:

To select only Age and Triglycerides:

> rbind("Epidemiological"=restab1,"History"=restab2)[c(1,4)]

```
------Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

1995 2000 2005 p.overall
N=431 N=786 N=1077

Epidemiological:
Age 54.1 (11.7) 54.3 (11.2) 55.3 (10.6) 0.078
History:
Triglycerides 114 (74.4) 114 (70.7) 117 (76.0) 0.582
```

To change the order:

> rbind("Epidemiological"=restab1,"History"=restab2)[c(4,3,2,1)]

```
-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------
                                1995
                                                                 p.overall
                                            N=786
                                N = 431
                                                      N=1077
History:
   Triglycerides
                             114 (74.4) 114 (70.7) 117 (76.0)
                                                                   0.582
   Smoking status:
                                                                  <0.001
       Never smoker 234 (56.4%) 414 (54.6%) 553 (52.2%)
       Current or former < 1y 109 (26.3%) 267 (35.2%) 217 (20.5%)
       Former >= 1y
                             72 (17.3%) 77 (10.2%) 290 (27.4%)
Epidemiological:
                                                                   0.506
   Sex:
                             206 (47.8%) 390 (49.6%) 505 (46.9%)
       Male
                             225 (52.2%) 396 (50.4%) 572 (53.1%)
                             54.1 (11.7) 54.3 (11.2) 55.3 (10.6)
```

4.2.3 Combining tables by column

Columns from tables built with the same explanatory and response variables but done with a different subset (i.e. ALL, Male and Female) can be combined:

```
> res<-compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + sbp + histhtn +triglyc , data=regicor)
```

----Summary descriptives table -----

				ALL				Ē	FEMALE					MALE		
	1995	1995	2	2000	2	2005	1995	2	2000	8	2005	1995		2000		2005
	Ë	N=431 	2	N=786	N	N=1077	N=225	Ë	N=396	ä	N=572	N=206		N=390		N=505
Age	54.1	(11.7)	54.3	(11.2)	55.3	(10.6)	54.1 (11.7) 54.3 (11.2) 55.3 (10.6) 54.1 (11.7) 54.4 (11.2) 55.2 (10.6) 54.1 (11.8) 54.3 (11.2) 55.4 (10.7)	54.4	(11.2)	55.2	(10.6)	54.1 (11.8	3) 54.	3 (11.2)	55.4	(10.7)
Smoking status:																
Never smoker	234	(56.4%)	414	(54.6%)	553	(52.2%)	234 (56.4%) 414 (54.6%) 553 (52.2%) 182 (83.1%) 302 (79.3%) 416 (74.0%) 52 (26.5%) 112 (29.7%) 137 (27.5%)	302	(%8:64)	416 (74.0%)	52 (26.5%)	112	(29.7%)	137	(27.5%)
Current or former < 1y 109 (26.3%) 267 (35.2%) 217 (20.5%)	y 109	(26.3%)	267	(35.2%)	217	(20.5%)	32 (14.6%)	98	17.8%)	83 (1		77 (39.3%)	199	(52.8%)	134	(26.9%)
Former >= 1y	72 (:	17.3%)) //	10.2%)	290	72 (17.3%) 77 (10.2%) 290 (27.4%)	5 (2.28%) 11 (2.89%) 63 (11.2%)	11 (2.89%)	63 (1		67 (34.2%)	99	(17.5%)	227	(45.6%)
Systolic blood pressure	133	(19.2)	133	(21.3)	129	133 (19.2) 133 (21.3) 129 (19.8)	132 (19.8) 129 (22.6) 127 (20.5)	129	(22.6)	127 (134 (18.4) 137 (19.3) 132 (18.7)	137	(19.3)	132	(18.7)
History of hypertension:																
Yes	111	(25.8%)	233	(29.6%)	379	(32.5%)	61 (27.1%)	123	(31.1%)	198	34.8%)	50 (24.3%)	110	(28.2%)	181	(36.2%)
No	320	(74.2%)	553	(70.4%)	069	(64.5%)	164 (72.9%)	273	(%6.89)	371 ((65.2%)	156 (75.7%	() 280	(71.8%)	319	(83.8%)
Triglycerides	114	(74.4)	114	(70.7)	117	(16.0)	114 (74.4) 114 (70.7) 117 (76.0) 97.8 (47.9) 99.7 (55.1) 104 (57.6) 131 (91.5) 128 (81.1) 132 (90.3)	7.66 ((55.1)	104 ((9.75)	131 (91.5) 128 (81.1) 132 (90.3)	128	(81.1)	132	(80.3)

With the argument caption set to NULL no name is displayed for columns.

> cbind(alltab,femaletab,maletab,caption=NULL)

----Summary descriptives table -----

	By	By Recruitment year	year	By R	By Recruitment year	year	By	By Recruitment year	/ear
190 N	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	1995 N=225	2000 N=396	2005 N=572	1995 N=206	2000 N=390	2005 N=505
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	(11.7) 54.3 (11.2) 55.3 (10.6) 54.1 (11.7) 54.4 (11.2) 55.2 (10.6) 54.1 (11.8) 54.3 (11.2) 55.4 (10.7)	54.4 (11.2)	55.2 (10.6)	54.1 (11.8)	54.3 (11.2)	55.4 (10.7)
Smoking status:									
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	(56.4%) 414 (54.6%) 553 (52.2%) 182 (83.1%) 302 (79.3%) 416 (74.0%) 52 (26.5%) 112 (29.7%) 137 (27.5%)	302 (79.3%)	416 (74.0%)	52 (26.5%)	112 (29.7%)	137 (27.5%)
Current or former < 1y 109 (26.3%) 267 (35.2%) 217 (20.5%) 32 (14.6%) 68 (17.8%) 83 (14.8%)	y 109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	32 (14.6%)	68 (17.8%)	83 (14.8%)	77 (39.3%)	77 (39.3%) 199 (52.8%) 134 (26.9%)	134 (26.9%)
Former $>= 1y$	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	.3%) 77 (10.2%) 290 (27.4%) 5 (2.28%) 11 (2.89%) 63 (11.2%)	11 (2.89%)	63 (11.2%)	67 (34.2%)	67 (34.2%) 66 (17.5%) 227 (45.6%)	227 (45.6%)

> alltab <- createTable(res, show.p.overall = FALSE)</pre>

> femaletab <- createTable(update(res,subset=sex=='Female'), show.p.overall = FALSE)</pre>

> maletab <- createTable(update(res, subset=sex=='Male'), show.p.overall = FALSE)</pre>

> cbind("ALL"=alltab,"FEMALE"=femaletab,"MALE"=maletab)

133 (19.2) 133 (21.3) 129 (19.8) 132 (19.8) 129 (22.6) 127 (20.5) 134 (18.4) 137 (19.3) 132 (18.7)	111 (25.8%) 233 (29.6%) 379 (35.5%) 61 (27.1%) 123 (31.1%) 198 (34.8%) 50 (24.3%) 110 (28.2%) 181 (36.2%)	320 (74.2%) 553 (70.4%) 690 (64.5%) 164 (72.9%) 273 (68.9%) 371 (65.2%) 156 (75.7%) 280 (71.8%) 319 (63.8%)	114 (74.4) 114 (70.7) 117 (76.0) 97.8 (47.9) 99.7 (55.1) 104 (57.6) 131 (91.5) 128 (81.1) 132 (90.3)
19.8) 129 (22.6)	7.1%) 123 (31.1%)	72.9%) 273 (68.9%)	(47.9) 99.7 (55.1)
127 (20.5)) 198 (34.8%)	371 (65.2%)) 104 (57.6)
134 (18.4)	50 (24.3%)	156 (75.7%	131 (91.5)
137 (19.3)	110 (28.2%)) 280 (71.8%)	128 (81.1)
132 (18.7)	181 (36.2%)	319 (63.8%)	132 (90.3)

By default the name of the table is displayed for each set of columns.

> cbind(alltab,femaletab,maletab)

-----Summary descriptives table ------

		alltab			femaletab			maletab	
	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	1995 N=225	2000 N=396	2005 N=572	1995 N=206	2000 N=390	2005 N=505
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	(11.7) 54.3 (11.2) 55.3 (10.6) 54.1 (11.7) 54.4 (11.2) 55.2 (10.6) 54.1 (11.8) 54.3 (11.2) 55.4 (10.7)	54.4 (11.2)	55.2 (10.6)	54.1 (11.8)	54.3 (11.2)	55.4 (10.7)
Smoking status:									
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	182 (83.1%)	302 (79.3%)	416 (74.0%)	52 (26.5%)	112 (29.7%)	137 (27.5%)
Current or former < 1y 109 (26.3%) 267 (35.2%) 217 (20.5%)	7 109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	32 (14.6%)	68 (17.8%)	83 (14.8%)	77 (39.3%)	199 (52.8%)	134 (26.9%)
Former >= 1y	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	$72\ (17.3\%) \ 77\ (10.2\%) \ 290\ (27.4\%) \ 5\ (22.28\%) \ 11\ (2.89\%) \ 63\ (11.2\%) \ 67\ (34.2\%) \ 66\ (17.5\%) \ 227\ (45.6\%)$	11 (2.89%)	63 (11.2%)	67 (34.2%)	66 (17.5%)	227 (45.6%)
Systolic blood pressure	133 (19.2)	133 (21.3)	129 (19.8)	132 (19.8)	129 (22.6)	127 (20.5)	134 (18.4)	137 (19.3)	132 (18.7)
History of hypertension:									
Yes	111 (25.8%)	233 (29.6%)	379 (35.5%)	61 (27.1%)	123 (31.1%)	198 (34.8%)	50 (24.3%)	110 (28.2%)	181 (36.2%)
No	320 (74.2%)	553 (70.4%)	320 (74.2%) 553 (70.4%) 690 (64.5%)	320 (74.2%) 553 (70.4%) 690 (64.5%) 164 (72.9%) 273 (68.9%) 371 (65.2%) 156 (75.7%) 280 (71.8%) 319 (63.8%)	273 (68.9%)	371 (65.2%)	156 (75.7%)	280 (71.8%)	319 (63.8%)
Triglycerides	114 (74.4)	114 (70.7)	114 (74.4) 114 (70.7) 117 (76.0)	97.8 (47.9) 99.7 (55.1) 104 (57.6)	99.7 (55.1)	104 (57.6)	131 (91.5)	131 (91.5) 128 (81.1) 132 (90.3)	132 (90.3)

NOTE: The resulting object is of class cbind.createTable and inherits also the class createTable. This cannot be updated. It can be nicely printed on the R console and also exported to LATEX but it cannot be exported to CSV or HTML.

4.2.4 createTable miscellaneous

print By default only the table with the descriptives is printed. With the which.table command it can be changed: 'avail' returns data available and 'both' returns both tables:

```
> print(createTable(compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + sbp, data=regicor)),
+ which.table='both')
```

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078
Smoking status:				<0.001
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	
Current or former < 1y	109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	
Former >= 1y	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	
Systolic blood pressure	133 (19.2)	133 (21.3)	129 (19.8)	<0.001

---Available data----

	[ALL]	1995	2000	2005	method	select
0	2233	415	758	1060	continuous-normal categorical continuous-normal	ALL

With the print command setting nmax option = FALSE, the total maximum "n" in the available data is omitted in the first row.

> print(createTable(compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + sbp, data=regicor)), nmax=FALSE)

------Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

```
Age 54.1 (11.7) 54.3 (11.2) 55.3 (10.6) 0.078
Smoking status: <0.001
Never smoker 234 (56.4%) 414 (54.6%) 553 (52.2%)
Current or former < 1y 109 (26.3%) 267 (35.2%) 217 (20.5%)
Former >= 1y 72 (17.3%) 77 (10.2%) 290 (27.4%)
Systolic blood pressure 133 (19.2) 133 (21.3) 129 (19.8) <0.001
```

summary returns the same table as that generated with print command setting which.table='avail':

```
> summary(createTable(compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + sbp, data=regicor)))
```

---Available data----

	[ALL]	1995	2000	2005	method	select
Age Smoking status Systolic blood pressure	2233	415	758	1060	continuous-normal categorical continuous-normal	ALL

update An object of class createTable can be updated:

- > res<-compareGroups(year ~ age + smoker + sbp + txhtn, data=regicor)</pre>
- > restab<-createTable(res, type=1, show.ratio=TRUE, show.p.overall=FALSE)
- > restab

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077
Age Smoking status:	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)
Never smoker	56.4%	54.6%	52.2%
Current or former < 1y	26.3%	35.2%	20.5%
Former >= 1y	17.3%	10.2%	27.4%
Systolic blood pressure Hypertension treatment:	133 (19.2)	133 (21.3)	129 (19.8)
No	83.5%	83.8%	77.8%
Yes	16.5%	16.2%	22.2%

> update(restab, show.n=TRUE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	N
 Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	2294
Smoking status:				2233
Never smoker	56.4%	54.6%	52.2%	
Current or former < 1y	26.3%	35.2%	20.5%	
Former >= 1y	17.3%	10.2%	27.4%	
Systolic blood pressure	133 (19.2)	133 (21.3)	129 (19.8)	2280
Hypertension treatment:				2251
No	83.5%	83.8%	77.8%	
Yes	16.5%	16.2%	22.2%	

In just one statement it is possible to update an object of class compareGroups and createTable:

> update(restab, x = update(res, subset=c(sex=='Male')), show.n=TRUE)

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'-----

	1995 N=206	2000 N=390	2005 N=505	N
 Age	54.1 (11.8)	54.3 (11.2)	55.4 (10.7)	1101
Smoking status:				1071
Never smoker	26.5%	29.7%	27.5%	
Current or former < 1y	39.3%	52.8%	26.9%	
Former >= 1y	34.2%	17.5%	45.6%	
Systolic blood pressure	134 (18.4)	137 (19.3)	132 (18.7)	1098
Hypertension treatment:				1078
No	85.0%	87.7%	77.2%	
Yes	15.0%	12.3%	22.8%	

Note that the compareGroups object (res) is updated, selecting only 'Male' participants, and the createTable object (restab) is updated to add a column with the maximum available data for each explanatory variable.

subsetting Objects from createTable function can also be subsetted using "[":

> createTable(compareGroups(year~ age + sex + smoker +sbp, data=regicor))

------Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078
Sex:				0.506
Male	206 (47.8%)	390 (49.6%)	505 (46.9%)	
Female	225 (52.2%)	396 (50.4%)	572 (53.1%)	
Smoking status:				<0.001
Never smoker	234 (56.4%)	414 (54.6%)	553 (52.2%)	
Current or former < 1y	109 (26.3%)	267 (35.2%)	217 (20.5%)	
Former >= 1y	72 (17.3%)	77 (10.2%)	290 (27.4%)	
Systolic blood pressure	133 (19.2)	133 (21.3)	129 (19.8)	<0.001

> createTable(compareGroups(year~ age + sex + smoker +sbp, data=regicor))[1:2]

-----Summary descriptives table by 'Recruitment year'------

	1995 N=431	2000 N=786	2005 N=1077	p.overall
Age Sex:	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.078 0.506
Male Female	206 (47.8%) e 225 (52.2%)	390 (49.6%) 396 (50.4%)		

4.3 Exporting tables

Tables can be exported to CSV, HTML or LATEX:

- export2csv(restab, file="table1"), exports to CSV format
- export2html(restab, file="table1"), exports to HTML format
- export2latex(restab, file="table1"), exports to LATEX format

File extensions are added automatically. Only the filename is needed (and the path if necessary) without the extension.

4.3.1 General exporting options

which.table By default only the table with the descriptives is exported. This can be changed with the which.table command: 'avail' exports only available data and 'both' both tables.

nmax By default a first row with the maximum "n" for available data (i.e. the number of participants minus the least missing data) is exported. Stating nmax = FALSE this first row is omitted.

sep Only relevant when table is exported to csv. Stating, for example, **sep** = ";" table will be exported to csv with columns separated by ";"

4.3.2 Exporting to LATEX

A special case of exporting is when tables are exported to LATEX. The function export2latex returns an object with the tex code as a character that can be changed in the R session.

file If the file argument in export2latex is missing, the code is printed in the \mathbb{Q} console. This can be useful when \mathbb{Q} code is inserted in a LATEX document chunk to be processed with Sweave.

```
> restab<-createTable(compareGroups(year~ age + sex, data=regicor))</pre>
> export2latex(restab)
   \begin{longtable}{lcccc}\caption{Summary descriptives table by groups of `Recruitment year'}\\
                             & 2005
                 Хr.
                    2000
                                           & \multirow{2}{*}{ p.overall }\\
           & N=786 & N=1077
   \hline
   \hline
   \endfirsthead
   \multicolumn{5}{1}{\tablename\ \thetable{} \textit{-- continued from previous page}}\\
                             & 2005
                                           & \mbox{multirow}{2}{*}{ p.overall }
    & 1995
                     2000
    N=431 & N=786 & N=1077 &
   \hline
   \hline
   \endhead
   \hline
   \multicolumn{5}{1}{\textit{continued on next page}} \\
   \endfoot
   \mathcal{5}{1}{} \
   \endlastfoot
   Age & 54.1 (11.7) & 54.3 (11.2) & 55.3 (10.6) & 0.078 \\
                            &
                                        & 0.506 \\
$\qquad$Male & 206 (47.8\%) & 390 (49.6\%) & 505 (46.9\%) &
\qquad \ \quad$Female & 225 (52.2\%) & 396 (50.4\%) & 572 (53.1\%) &
   \hline
   \end{longtable}
```

size The font size of exported tables can be changed by this option. Possible values are 'tiny', 'script-size', 'footnotesize', 'small', 'normalsize', 'large', 'LARGE', 'huge', 'Huge' or 'same'. Default is 'same', which means that font size of the table is the same as specified in the main LATEX document where the table will be inserted.

caption The table caption for descriptives table and available data table. If which table='both' the first element of 'caption' will be assigned to descriptives table and the second to available data table. Default value is NULL, which writes 'Summary descriptives table by groups of "y" for descriptives table and 'Available data by groups of "y" for the available data table.

loc.caption Table caption location. Possible values are 'top' or 'bottom'. Default value is 'top'.

label Used to cite tables in a LATEX document. If which.table='both' the first element of 'label' will be assigned to the descriptives table and the second to the available data table. Default value is NULL, which assigns no label to the table/s.

5 Using GUI

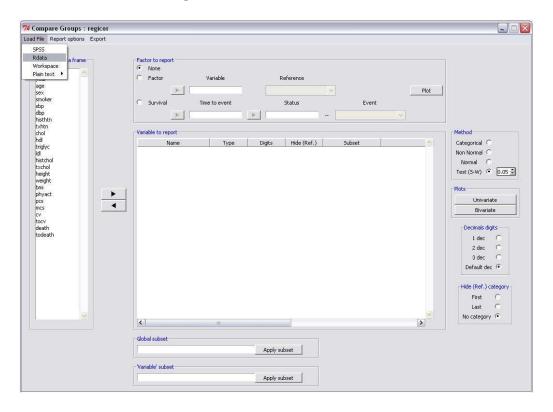
Once the compareGroups package is loaded, a Graphical User Interface (GUI) is displayed in response to typing cGroupsGUI. The GUI is meant to make it feasible for users who are unfamiliar with \mathfrak{Q} to construct bivariate tables.

In this section we illustrate, step by step, how to construct a bivariate table containing descriptives by year from the *regicor* data using the GUI:

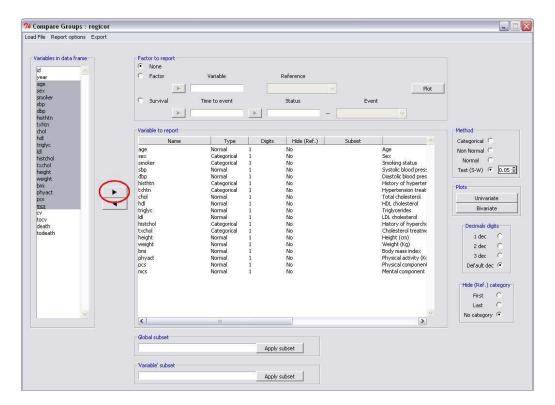
Table 2: Summary descriptives table by groups of 'Recruitment year'

	1995	2000	2005	
	N=431	N=786	N=1077	p.trend
Age	54.1 (11.7)	54.3 (11.2)	55.3 (10.6)	0.032
Gender: Female	52.2%	50.4%	53.1%	0.544
Smoking status:				< 0.001
Never smoker	56.4%	54.6%	52.2%	
Current or former $< 1y$	26.3%	35.2%	20.5%	
Former $\geq 1y$	17.3%	10.2%	27.4%	
Systolic blood pressure	132.6 (19.2)	$133.0\ (21.3)$	$129.3\ (19.8)$	< 0.001
Diastolic blood pressure	$77.0\ (10.5)$	80.8 (10.3)	$79.9\ (10.6)$	< 0.001
History of hypertension: Yes	25.8%	29.6%	35.5%	< 0.001
Hypertension treatment: Yes	16.5%	16.2%	22.2%	0.002
Total cholesterol	223.5(43.2)	223.6(44.5)	212.9(46.4)	< 0.001
HDL cholesterol	52.0(14.5)	52.6 (15.8)	53.3(14.2)	0.126
Triglycerides	92.0 [70.0; 131.0]	97.0 [72.0; 132.0]	93.0 [70.0; 132.0]	0.723
LDL cholesterol	151.7 (38.4)	149.0 (38.6)	136.3(39.7)	< 0.001
History of hyperchol.: Yes	22.5%	33.2%	33.2%	< 0.001
Cholesterol treatment: Yes	6.5%	8.8%	12.8%	< 0.001
Height (cm)	163.5 (9.2)	162.0 (9.4)	163.3 (9.0)	0.527
Weight (Kg)	$72.3\ (12.6)$	73.8(14.0)	$73.6\ (13.9)$	0.185
Body mass index	27.0(4.1)	28.1 (4.6)	27.6 (4.6)	0.300
Physical activity (Kcal/week)	390.0 [225.5; 617.0]	347.5 [185.1; 573.7]	261.8 [126.6; 442.6]	< 0.001
Physical component	49.3 (8.1)	49.0 (9.6)	50.1 (8.9)	0.043
Mental component	49.2 (11.3)	48.9 (11.0)	46.9 (10.8)	< 0.001

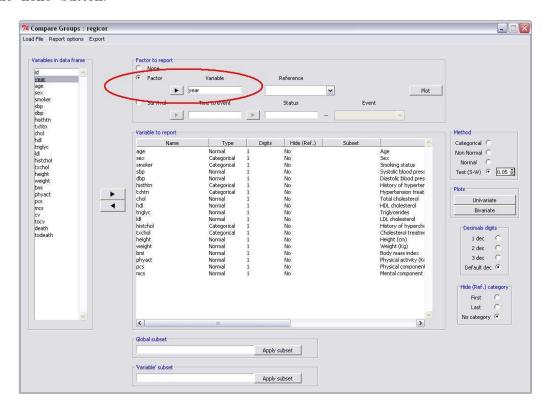
Step 1. Browse for and select the data to be loaded. Valid file types include SPSS or \bigcirc format, CSV plain text file or a *data.frame* already existing in the Workspace. By default, the *regicor* example data is loaded when the GUI is opened.



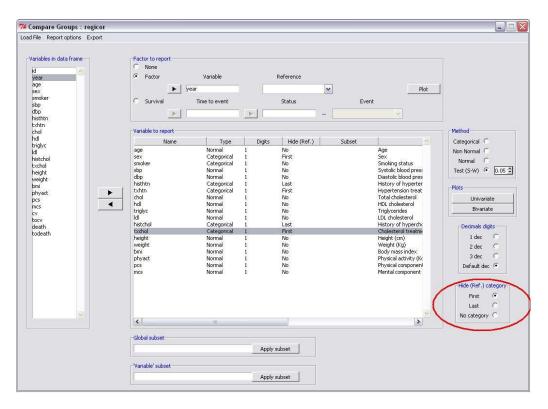
Step 2. Choose the variables to be described (row-variables).



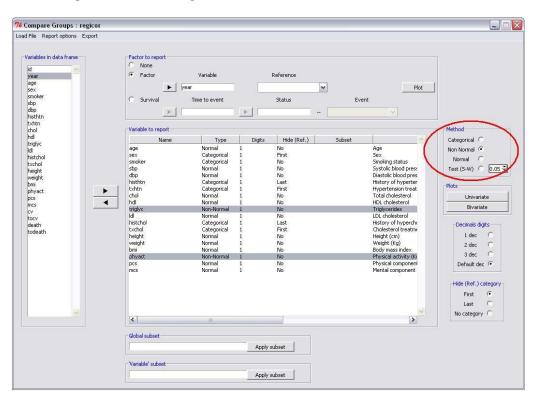
Step 3. If descriptives by year are desired (for example), move the variable *year* to the GUI top frame, making it the factor variable. To report descriptives for the whole sample (i.e., no groups), click on the 'none' button.



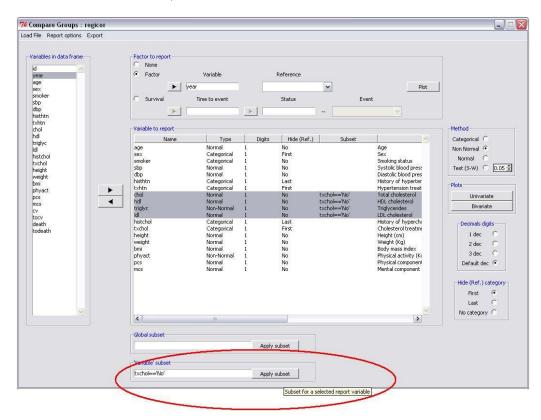
Step 4. It is possible to hide the first, last or no categories of a categorical row-variable. In this example, 'no' levels will be hidden for History of hypertension, Hypertension treatment, History of hypercholesterolemia and Cholesterol treatment; conversely, all categories will be shown for smoking.



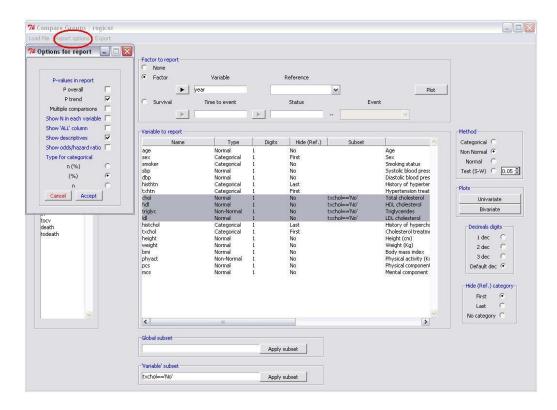
Step 5. For each continuous variable, it is possible to specify whether to treat it as normal or non-normal or to transform a numerical variable into a categorical one. This last option can be interesting if a categorical variable has been coded as numerical. By default, all continuous variables are treated as normal. In this example, triglycerides and physical activity will be treated as non-normal, i.e., median and quartiles will be reported instead of mean and standard deviation.



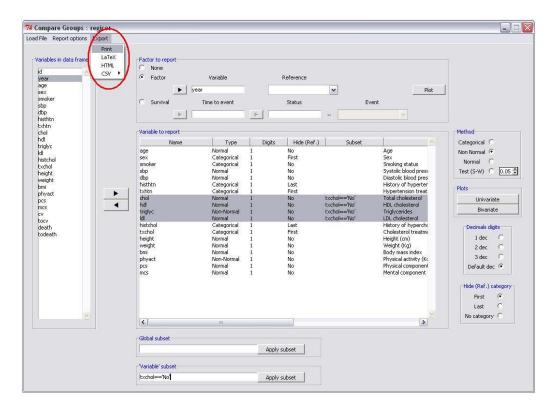
Step 6. For each row-variable, it is possible to select a subset of individuals from the data set to be included. In this example, descriptives of cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, triglycerides and LDL-cholesterol will be reported only for non-treated individuals. Also, it is possible to specify criteria to select a subset of individuals to be included for all row-variables: type the logical condition (selection criteria of individuals) on the 'Global subset' window instead of 'Variable subset'.



Step 7. Some bivariate table characteristics can be set by clicking on 'Report options' from the main menu, such as to report descriptives (mean, frequencies, medians, etc.), display the p-trend, and show only relative frequencies.



Step 8. Finally, specify the bivariate table format (LATEX, CVS plain text or HTML). Clicking on 'print' will then display the bivariate table, as well as a summary (available data, etc.), on the console. The table can also be exported to the file formats listed.



5.1 Computing Odds Ratio

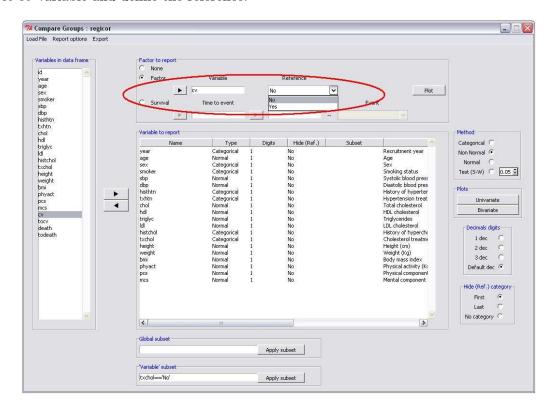
For a case-control study, it may be necessary to report the Odds Ratio between cases and controls for each variable. The table below contains Odds Ratios for each row-variable by cardiovascular disease status.

Table 3: Summary descriptives table by groups of 'Cardiovascular event' $\,$

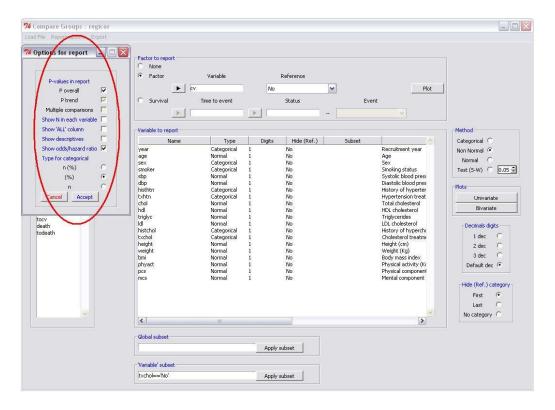
	OR
Recruitment year:	
1995	Ref.
2000	1.90 [0.96; 4.12]
2005	1.84 [0.96; 3.92]
Age	1.02 [1.00;1.04]
Gender: Female	0.93 [0.61;1.41]
Smoking status:	
Never smoker	Ref.
Current or former $< 1y$	2.75 [1.77; 4.32]
Former $\geq 1y$	0.58 [0.25; 1.19]
Systolic blood pressure	1.02 [1.01; 1.02]
Diastolic blood pressure	1.03 [1.01; 1.05]
History of hypertension: Yes	1.54 [1.00; 2.36]
Hypertension treatment: Yes	1.37 [0.82; 2.21]
Total cholesterol	1.00 [1.00; 1.01]
HDL cholesterol	0.99 [0.98; 1.01]
Triglycerides	1.00 [1.00; 1.00]
LDL cholesterol	1.00 [1.00;1.01]
History of hyperchol.: Yes	0.83 [0.51;1.31]
Cholesterol treatment: Yes	$0.61 \ [0.23; 1.30]$
Height (cm)	1.00 [0.98; 1.03]
Weight (Kg)	1.01 [0.99; 1.02]
Body mass index	1.02 [0.98; 1.07]
Physical activity (Kcal/week)	1.00 [1.00;1.00]
Physical component	0.97 [0.95; 1.00]
Mental component	0.99 [0.97;1.00]

To build this table, as illustrated in the screens below, you would select cv variable (cardiovascular disease status) as the factor variable, indicate 'no' category on the 'reference' pull-down menu, and mark 'Show odds/hazard ratio' in the 'Report Options' menu before exporting the table.

Select cv variable and define the reference.



Mark 'Show odds/hazard ratio' in the 'Report options' menu and click on 'Accept'.



Finally, choose the desired output mode from the 'Export' options.

5.2 Computing Hazard Ratio

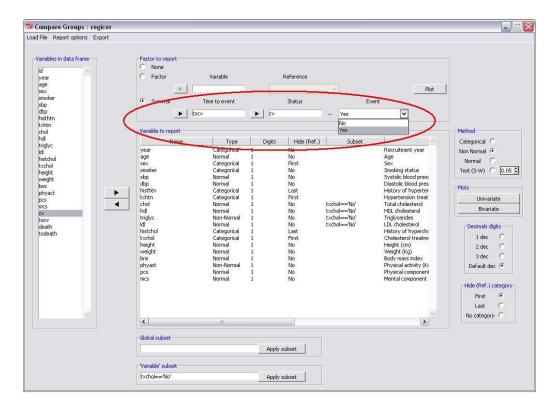
In a cohort study, it may be more informative to compute Hazard Ratios taking into account time-to-event.

Table 4: Summary descriptives table by groups of 'Cardiovascular event'

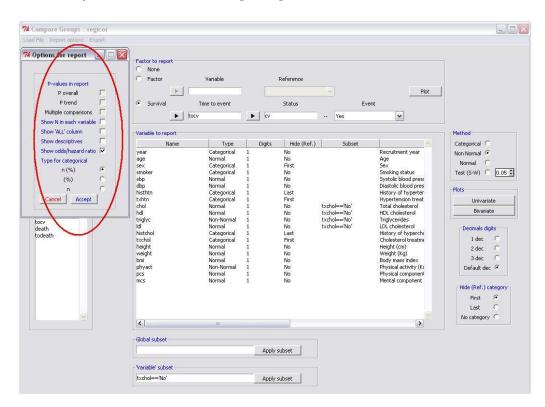
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Recruitment year:	
1995	Ref.
2000	1.95 [0.96; 3.93]
2005	1.82 [0.92; 3.59]
Age	1.02 [1.00;1.04]
Gender: Female	0.92 [0.61; 1.39]
Smoking status:	
Never smoker	Ref.
Current or former $< 1y$	2.67 [1.74;4.11]
Former $\geq 1y$	$0.55 \ [0.26; 1.18]$
Systolic blood pressure	1.02 [1.01; 1.02]
Diastolic blood pressure	1.03 [1.01; 1.05]
History of hypertension: Yes	1.52 [1.01; 2.31]
Hypertension treatment: Yes	1.37 [0.85; 2.22]
Total cholesterol	1.00 [1.00; 1.01]
HDL cholesterol	0.99 [0.98;1.00]
Triglycerides	1.00 [1.00;1.00]
LDL cholesterol	1.00 [1.00;1.01]
History of hyperchol.: Yes	0.82 [0.52; 1.30]
Cholesterol treatment: Yes	0.61 [0.27; 1.39]
Height (cm)	1.00 [0.98;1.03]
Weight (Kg)	1.01 [0.99; 1.02]
Body mass index	1.02 [0.98;1.07]
Physical activity (Kcal/week)	1.00 [1.00;1.00]
Physical component	0.98 [0.96;1.00]
Mental component	0.99 [0.97; 1.00]

To generate this table, select *tocv* variable and *cv*, indicating the time-to-event and the status, respectively, and select the event category for the status variable. Finally, as for Odds Ratios, mark 'Show odds/hazard ratio' in the 'Report Options' menu before exporting the table.

Select cv variable and tocv.



Mark 'Show odds/hazard ratio' in the 'Report options' menu.



Finally, choose the Export option.

To return to the @ console, just close the GUI window.

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