Addressing Treatment Switching Bias with G-methods: Exploring the Impact of Model Specification

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Data Dictionary

Participant Identifier	Variable	Variable Type	Coding
	Name		
Participant ID	id	Numerical	Unique numerical number

Time	Variable	Variable Type	Coding
	Name		
Follow-up time	time	Discrete, nu-	Follow-up time (months since baseline)
		merical	
Progression time	progtime	Continuous	Time at progression (months since baseline)

Baseline Covariates	Variable	Variable Type	Coding
	Name		
Age	AGE	Continuous	Years
Sex	SEX	Binary	0: Male
JON .			1: Female
Race	RACEGR1	Binary	0: Non-asian
Ttace			1: Asian
Eastern Cooperative Oncology	ECOGGR1	Dinami	0: 0
Group score (ECOG)	ECOGGRI	Binary	1: 1,2,3,4 or 5
Smoking history	SMKHISGR1	Binary	0: Never
Smoking instory		Dinary	1: Ever
M	MICNICEI	D'	0: No measurable intracranial disease
Measurable intracranial central nervous system (CNS) disease	MICNSFL	Binary	1: Measurable intracranial disease
Prior radiation therapy	PRRADYN Binary	Ringry	0: No prior radiation therapy
1 Hor radiation therapy		Dinary	1: Prior radiation therapy
			0: No iCNS metastasis/No prior chemo
C4	CED AED AN	Categorical	1: iCNS metastasis/No prior chemo
Strata at randomization (base-	STRATRAN		2: No iCNS metastasis/Prior chemo
line brain metastases and previous chemotherapy)			3: iCNS metastasis/Prior chemo
			0: IV
	DIAGINITADO		1: IIIB
Initial cancer diagnosis stage	DIAGINITGR3	Categorical	2: IIIA
			3: IIA,IB or IA
			0: Both
Lung involvement at study entry	LIACE	C-+ 1	1: Right
	LIASE	Categorical	2: Left
			3: Lung not involved

Time-Varying Covariates	Variable	Variable Type	Coding
	Name		
Disease progression	progtd	Binary	0: No progression
Disease progression	progra	Dinary	1: Progression
Intracranial disease progression	icprogtd	Binary	0: No intracranial progression
Intracramar disease progression	icprogra		1: Intracranial progression
	ecogtdGR1	R1 Binary	0: 0
ECOG	ecogidGiti		1: 1,2,3,4 and 5
ECOG			
			0: 0
	ecogtdGR2	Categorical	1: 1
			2: 2,3,4 or 5
Target-lesion size	tltd_wins	Continuous	mm
Switching status	xotd	Binary	0: No switching
Switching Status	XUIU		1: switching

Treatment	Variable	Variable Type	Coding
	Name		
Treatment randomized	plannedtrt	Ringry	0: Crizotinib
	prannedur	Binary	1: Brigatinib
Treatment received	trttd	Diname 0: Crizotinib	
	uitua	Binary	1: Brigatinib

Outcome	Variable Name	Variable Type	Coding
Death	deathtd	Binary	0: Alive 1: Died

Lost to follow-up	Variable	Variable Type	Coding
	Name		
Censoring due to loss to follow- up / administrative censoring	censoringtd_new	Binary	0: No censoring 1: Censoring