

Why you need a multinomial roll for infection status

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1 How it's supposed to work

F — infected with flu
 L — infected with non-flu
 V — vaccinated
 U — unvaccinated
 e — vaccine effectiveness

$$\begin{aligned}P(F) &= f \\P(L) &= l \\P(V) &= v \\P(U) &= 1 - v = u \\P(F, V) &= vf(1 - e) \\P(F, U) &= uf \\P(L, V) &= vl \\P(L, U) &= ul \\OR &= \frac{P(F, V)P(L, U)}{P(F, U)P(L, V)} = \frac{vf(1 - e)ul}{ufvl} = 1 - e\end{aligned}$$

2 How it works with a multinomial roll

$$\begin{aligned}P(F|V) &= f(1 - e) \\P(F|U) &= f \\P(L|V) &= l \\P(L|U) &= l \\P(F, V) &= P(F|V)P(V) = vf(1 - e) \\P(F, U) &= P(F|U)P(U) = uf \\P(L, V) &= P(L|V)P(V) = vl \\P(L, U) &= P(L|U)P(U) = ul \\OR &= \frac{P(F, V)P(L, U)}{P(F, U)P(L, V)} = \frac{vf(1 - e)ul}{ufvl} = 1 - e\end{aligned}$$

It works exactly how it's supposed to.

3 How it works with a sequential roll

If the first roll works out flu infection and the second roll (non-flu infection) only applies to those not infected with flu, then

$$\begin{aligned}
P(F|V) &= f(1 - e) \\
P(F|U) &= f \\
P(L|V) &= l(1 - f(1 - e)) \\
P(L|U) &= l(1 - f) \\
P(F, V) &= P(F|V)P(V) = vf(1 - e) \\
P(F, U) &= P(F|U)P(U) = uf \\
P(L, V) &= P(L|V)P(V) = vl(1 - f(1 - e)) \\
P(L, U) &= P(L|U)P(U) = ul(1 - f) \\
OR &= \frac{P(F, V)P(L, U)}{P(F, U)P(L, V)} = \frac{vf(1 - e)ul(1 - f)}{ufvl(1 - f(1 - e))} = (1 - e) \frac{1 - f}{1 - f(1 - e)}
\end{aligned}$$

The OR is biased.

Note that the “central assumption” is that $P(L|V) = P(L|U)$ and with a sequential roll

$$\begin{aligned}
P(L|V) &= l(1 - f(1 - e)) \\
P(L|U) &= l(1 - f)
\end{aligned}$$

the assumption is violated (unless $e = 0$), in fact, vaccination increases the probability of non-flu (since $f(1 - e) \leq f$).

Also note that the total proportion infected with non-flu is

$$\begin{aligned}
P(L, V) + P(L, U) &= vl(1 - f(1 - e)) + ul(1 - f) \\
&= l(v - vf(1 - e) + (1 - v)(1 - f)) \\
&= l(v - vf(1 - e) + 1 - f - v + vf) \\
&= l(vfe + 1 - f)
\end{aligned}$$

is not l and the expected number of people infected with non-flu is not Nl where N is the total population size.