

# Survival Analysis

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## 1 Sample Size

The  $\ln(HR)$  follows a normal distribution, we use this to calculate the sample size.

$$\ln(\hat{\Delta}) \sim N(\ln(\Delta), \left(\frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2}\right))$$
$$\left(\frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2}\right)^{-1} = \left[ \frac{(z_{\alpha/2} + z_{\beta})^2}{(\ln \Delta_0)^2} \right]$$

If hazard ratio set at 2.1, then

$$\left(\frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2}\right)^{-1} = \left[ \frac{(1.96 + 0.58)^2}{(\ln 2.1)^2} \right] = 11.7$$
$$\frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2} = \frac{1}{11.7} = 0.085, \quad d_1 = d_2 = 23.44$$

Assume the overall event and censored rate is 20%, then the sample size is  $48/0.2 = 240$ . If overall event rate (including censoring) is 18%, then the sample size is  $48/0.18 = 266$ .

### 1.1 Non-inferiority margin Hazard ratio $\Delta_0 = 2.1$

The assumption is that control group (C) event rate 10% and treatment group (T) event rate 20% at 6 months. Assume survival function is an exponential distribution:

$$S_t(t) = \exp(-\lambda_1 t), \quad t = 0.5, S_t = 0.8, -\lambda_1 = \ln(0.8)/0.5$$
$$S_c(t) = \exp(-\lambda_2 t), \quad t = 0.5, S_c = 0.9, -\lambda_2 = \ln(0.9)/0.5$$
$$\Delta_0 = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} = \frac{\ln(0.8)}{\ln(0.9)} = 2.117$$

## 1.2 Hazard ratio actual = 0.55

The control group survival 76.8% and treatment group survival 86.2% at 6 months.  
Assume survival function is an exponential distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}S_t(t) &= \exp(-\lambda_1 t), & t = 0.5, S_t &= 0.862, -\lambda_1 = \ln(0.862)/0.5 \\S_c(t) &= \exp(-\lambda_2 t), & t = 0.5, S_c &= 0.768, -\lambda_2 = \ln(0.768)/0.5 \\HR &= \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \\&= \frac{\ln(0.862)}{\ln(0.768)} = 0.56\end{aligned}$$