Student Supervision & Teaching

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THESIS AND INTERN SUPERVISION:

Chen, X. (2019). Sample size for prediction models. Three month full-time internship with Roche Biostatistics, Basel. Co-supervised with Markus Elze and Gian Thanei.

Li, K. (2018). Optimism-corrected treatment effect estimates in subgroups displayed in forest plots for time-to-event outcomes. Master thesis to obtain Master in Biostatistics, University of Zurich. Initiated within three month full-time internship with Roche Biostatistics, Basel. Co-supervised with Marcel Wolbers. Academic supervisor: Prof. Torsten Hothorn, University of Zurich.

Meller, M. (2016). Joint Modelling of Overall Survival and Progression Free Survival. Master thesis to obtain Master in Biostatistics, University of Ulm. Initiated within four month full-time internship with Roche Biostatistics, Basel. Academic supervisor: Prof. Jan Beyersmann, University of Ulm. Winner of the Bernd Streitberg Award 2018 of the German Region of the International Biometric Society.

Hebeisen, M. (2014). Estimation from Interval-censored Time-to-event Data: Method Comparison by Simulation based on GALLIUM Study for Follicular Lymphoma. Master thesis to obtain Master in Biostatistics, University of Zurich. Prepared within seven month full-time internship with Roche Biostatistics, Basel. Academic supervisor: Prof. Torsten Hothorn, University of Zurich. download thesis

Hubeaux, S. (2013). Analysis of time-to-event data with interval- or left-censored covariates. Six month full-time internship with Roche Biostatistics, Basel.

Boutellier, P. (2013). What does a PSA bounce look like? A numerical and graphical description of the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) bounce phenomenon in patients treated for prostate cancer with brachytherapy only. Master thesis to obtain Master in Medicine, University of Zurich.

Loiero, D. (2012). Inter- and Intrareader variability of Ratingen score in the Swiss Clinical Quality Management database. Master thesis to obtain Master in Medicine, University of Zurich.

Scherer, A. (2011). Determinants of TNFa inhibitor prescription in the Swiss Clinical Quality Management cohort of axial Spondylarthropathy patients. Semester thesis in Master of Biostatistics program, University of Zurich.

Achermann, R. (2008). Netrin-1 und DCC Expression bei Hirntumoren. Semester thesis in Master of Biostatistics program, University of Zurich.

Lanz, K., Weber M. (2005). Sehleistung unter körperlicher Anstrengung. Swiss Technical School for Optometrics, Olten, Switzerland.

TEACHING LEADERSHIP

- At Roche, I am responsible for the technical training planning of ~ 220 biostatistics staff.
- I coordinate a major chunk of the biostatistics courses for non-statistics functions.
- I co-lead the official roll-out of the ICH E9 addendum within Roche, for statisticians and partner functions (such as clinical science, regulatory, biometrics, early research).
- A full-day introductory biostatistics course that I have given together with Marcel Wolbers has been selected as part of the official training program for all Roche affiliates globally.

SHORT COURSES FOR STATISTICALLY TRAINED AUDIENCES

| 12/2020 | Answering Old Questions with New Tools: Application of the ICH E9 Addendum in Oncology. (Half-day shortcourse at 76th Annual Deming Conference on Applied Statistics, with Evgeny Degtyarev.) |
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| 06/2020 - 12/2020 | A Toolbox for Innovative Confirmatory Trial Designs. Four 2h modules on group-sequential, adaptive, and multiarm multistage designs. (Virtual course for all Roche biostatisticians, with Marcel Wolbers) |
| 10/2019 | Advanced methods for group-sequential and adaptive trials. (Summer school organized on behalf of the German Region of the IBS, Lambrecht, Germany. With Marc Vandemeulebroecke, Gernot Wassmer, and Marcel Wolbers. 3-day course.) |
| 07/2019 | Advanced methods for group-sequential trials. (ISCB40, Leuven, Belgium. With Marcel Wolbers. Half-day pre-conference course.) |
| 03/2019 | Group-sequential clinical trial designs, advanced topics. (Roche, Basel. With Marcel Wolbers. Half-day course.) |
| 03/2018 | Group-sequential and adaptive clinical trial designs, with R practicals. (Organized by the Basel Biometrics Section, Basel. With Daniel Sabanés Bové, Marc Vandemeulebroecke, Marcel Wolbers. Full-day course.) |
| 06/2013 | Analysis of Longitudinal data. (Roche, Basel. 8-hour course.) |
| 01/2011 | Analysis of Longitudinal data. (Institue for Medical Biometry, Epidemiology, and Informatics, University of Mainz. 3-day course, with Leo Held.) |
| 06/2010 | Analysis of Longitudinal data, as part of Master in Medical Biometry. (Department of Medical Biometry, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg. 3-day course, with Leo Held.) |

Graduate Level teaching for statisticians

Preparing and teaching lecture to Master students, preparing and discussing exercises (blackboard and with R), preparing and grading exams.

| 12/2019 | Introduction to Applied Mathematics and Informatics in Drug Discovery |
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| | (AMIDD), one session: Interim look into pivotal clinical trials - why it matters |
| | and how to do it (Graduate level, University of Basel) |
| 11/2013 | Statistical Methods for Clinical Research, one session on group-sequential designs in clinical research (Graduate level, University of Zurich) |

| 11/2012 - 12/2012 | Statistical Methods for Clinical Research, two sessions: group-sequential designs in clinical research and measures of agreement (Graduate level, University of Zurich) |
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| 09/2011 - 12/2011 | Statistical Methods for Clinical Research (Graduate level, University of Zurich) |
| 02/2010 - 06/2010 | Longitudinal data analysis (joint with Prof. L. Held, graduate level, University of Zurich) |
| 09/2009 - 12/2009 | Biostatistical methods, Part II: Statistical methods for clinical trials (graduate level, University of Zurich) |
| 02/2009 - 05/2009 | Likelihood inference (joint with Prof. L. Held, graduate level, University of Zurich) |
| 10/2005 - 02/2006 | Introduction to Statistics (undergraduate level, University of Bern) |

SHORT COURSES FOR NON-STATISTICAL AUDIENCES

| 12/2020 | Survival analysis in rheumatology. (1-hour course for medical doctors, organized by Roche Switzerland at St. Gallen Hospital (virtual event).) |
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| 11/2020 | $Introduction\ to\ statistics.\ ({\it Two-hour\ course}\ for\ all\ product\ development\ colleagues,\ Roche,\ Basel)$ |
| 09/2020 | Introduction to survival and interim analyses. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department, Roche, Basel & Welwyn) |
| 08/2020 | Introduction to statistics. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department, Roche, Basel & Welwyn) |
| 01/2020 | Introduction to survival and interim analyses. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department, Roche, Basel) |
| 01/2020 | How to interpret subgroup analyses in clinical trials? (2-hour course for medical doctors, organized by Roche Switzerland at University Hospital Zurich.) |
| 11/2019 - 01/2020 | Design of Experiments & Effective Statistical Practices. (Three two-hour courses for early development organization, Roche, Basel) |
| 10/2019 | Introduction to statistics. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department, Roche, Basel) |
| 01/2019 | Introduction to statistics in clinical trials. (2-hour course for Medical Science Liaison group, Roche Swiss Affiliate, Reinach) |
| 01/2019 | Introduction to survival analysis and clinical trial designs, Part II. (2-hour course for medical doctors, organized by Roche Switzerland at Baden Hospital.) |
| 01/2019 | Estimands and real-world data in drug development. (Half-day course for early development Neuroscience, Ophthalmology and Rare Disease scientists, Roche, Basel) |
| 11/2018 | Introduction to survival analysis and clinical trial designs. (Half-day course for early development Neuroscience, Ophthalmology and Rare Disease scientists, Roche, Basel) |
| 03/2018 | Introduction to survival analysis and clinical trial designs. (3-hour course for medical doctors, organized by Roche Switzerland at Baden Hospital.) |
| 02/2018 | Introduction to survival analysis and clinical trial designs. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department and Global Project Managers, Roche, Basel) |

| 11/2017 | Introduction to statistics. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department and Global Project Managers, Roche, Basel) |
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| 07/2017 | Sample size planning and survival analysis in clinical trials. (Full-day course for Medical Affairs and Clinical Science Departments, Roche, Basel, jointly with Marcel Wolbers) |
| 04/2017 | $Introduction\ to\ statistics.\ (Half-day\ course\ for\ Competitive\ Intelligence\ Group,\ Roche,\ Basel)$ |
| 03/2017 | $Introduction \ to \ statistics. \ \ \mbox{(2-hour course for Finance Department, Roche, Basel)}$ |
| 11/2016 | Introduction to statistics. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department, Roche, Mississauga) |
| 10/2016 | Introduction to statistics. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department, Roche, Basel) |
| 08/2016 | Introduction to statistics. (3-hour course for Media Group Roche, Basel) |
| 03/2016 - 11/2016 | Five workshops on specific biostatistical topics in clinical trials. (3-hour courses for medical doctors, organized by Roche Switzerland at hospitals in Sion, St. Gallen, Frauenfeld, Aarau, Zürich.) |
| 05/2016 | Introduction to statistics. (Half-day course for Regulatory Documentation Department, Genentech, South San Francisco and Roche, Basel) |
| 02/2016 | Introduction to statistics in clinical trials. (Half-day course for Medical Science Liaison group, Roche Swiss Affiliate, Reinach) |
| 01/2016 - 02/2016 | Introduction to statistics. Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) course, as part of the Master of Advanced Studies in Managed Health Care. (2-day course, ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences, School of Management and Law, Winterthur Institute for Health Economics, Winterthur) |
| 11/2015 | Introduction to statistics. (1-day course for Statistical Programming and Analysis Department, Roche Basel) |
| 10/2015 | Introduction to statistics. (Two 1-day courses for Regulatory Documentation Department, Roche Basel & Welwyn) |
| 05/2015 | $Introduction\ to\ statistics.\ (\mbox{1-day course for Product Development Department},\ Roche\ Basel)$ |
| 02/2015 | Introduction to statistics. Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) course, as part of the Master of Advanced Studies in Managed Health Care. (2-day course, ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences, School of Management and Law, Winterthur Institute for Health Economics, Winterthur) |
| 06/2014 - 11/2014 | Four workshops on specific biostatistical topics in clinical trials. (3-hour courses for medical doctors, organized by Roche Switzerland at hospitals in Zürich, Lausanne, Basel, Baden.) |
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| 11/2013 | $Workshop\ on\ survival\ analysis\ in\ oncology.$ (3-hour course for Roche Oncology sales force, Reinach) |
| 06/2013 - 04/2014 | Seven workshops on survival analysis in oncology. (3-hour courses for medical doctors organized jointly by Roche Switzerland and Novartis Switzerland at hospitals in Basel, Zürich, Bern, Luzern, Lausanne, Lugano, Olten.) |

| 01/2012 - 03/2012 | Introduction to statistics. Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) course, as part of the Master of Advanced Studies in Managed Health Care. (3-day course, ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences, School of Management and Law, Winterthur Institute for Health Economics, Winterthur) |
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| 09/2011 | Statistics in oncology. (1-day course, cancer biology PhD program, University of Zurich) |
| 04/2011 | How to write a scientific paper – statistical aspects. (4-hour course as part of medical curriculum, University Hospital, Zurich) |
| 02/2011 | Introduction to biostatistics. (3-hour course, continuing education for radiologists, University Hospital, Bern) |
| 03/2010 | Samples, confidence intervals, statistical tests, and p-values. (1-hour talk, Medical radiology department, University Hospital Zurich, Zurich) |
| 01/2010 - 05/2010 | Introduction to statistics. Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) course, as part of the Master of Advanced Studies in Managed Health Care. (3-day course, ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences, School of Management and Law, Winterthur Institute for Health Economics, Winterthur) |
| 09/2010 | Statistics in oncology. (1-day course, cancer biology PhD program, University of Zurich) |
| 09/2009 | Statistics in oncology. (1-day course, cancer biology PhD program, University of Zurich) |
| 09/2009 | Assessment of agreement between continuous variables. (1-hour talk, Waid Hospital, Zurich) |
| 02/2009 | Introduction to biostatistics. (1-hour talk, Triemli Hospital, Zurich) |
| 01/2009 | Introduction to biostatistics. (1-day course, continuing studies for researchers, University of Zurich) |
| 09/2008 | Statistics in oncology. (1-day course, cancer biology PhD program, University of Zurich) |
| 02/2008 | Linear models. (1-day course, continuing studies for researchers, University of Zurich) |
| 04/2005 - 05/2005 | Introduction to R. (2-day course, continuing studies, University of Bern) |

FURTHER SHORT COURSES

09/2011 Optimization.

(2-hour course, Energy trading academy, BKW FMB Energie AG)