

# Instructions for Using ‘seqDesign’ and Generating Output Tables and Figures Describing Operating Characteristics of the Trial Design

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**Step 1.** Specify the per-arm sample sizes in the placebo and vaccine arm, and the total (maximum) number of vaccine arms:

```
N.pla <- 1900
N.vax <- 1100
N.vax.arms <- 4
```

**Step 2.** Simulate data-sets (for each component of `aveVElist`), apply the monitoring procedures, and extract results needed for generating output tables and figures:

```
aveVElist <- list(-2, -1.5, -1, -0.5, 0, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
aveVElist[12:19] <- lapply(aveVElist[-(1:3)], function(aveVE){ rep(aveVE, 4) })
aveVElist[[20]] <- rep(0.5, 2)
aveVElist[[21]] <- rep(0.5, 3)
aveVElist[[22]] <- c(0, 0, 0, 0.4)
aveVElist[[23]] <- c(0, 0, 0.3, 0.4)
aveVElist[[23]] <- c(0.2, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4)
aveVElist[[24]] <- c(0, 0, 0, 0.6)
aveVElist[[25]] <- c(0, 0, 0.3, 0.6)
aveVElist[[26]] <- c(0, 0, 0.45, 0.6)
aveVElist[[27]] <- c(0.3, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6)
aveVElist[[28]] <- c(0.3, 0.45, 0.45, 0.6)
aveVElist[[29]] <- rep(0, 2)
aveVElist[[30]] <- c(0.4, 0)
aveVElist[[31]] <- c(0.4, 0.4)
aveVElist[[32]] <- rep(0, 3)
aveVElist[[33]] <- c(0.4, 0, 0)
aveVElist[[34]] <- c(0.4, 0.4, 0)
aveVElist[[35]] <- c(0.4, 0.4, 0.4)
aveVElist[[36]] <- c(0.4, 0, 0, 0)
aveVElist[[37]] <- c(0.4, 0.4, 0, 0)
aveVElist[[38]] <- c(0.4, 0.4, 0.4, 0)
aveVElist[[39]] <- rep(0.4, 4)

for (i in 1:length(aveVElist)){
  simTrial(N=c(N.pla, rep(N.vax, length(aveVElist[[i]]))), aveVE=c(0, aveVElist[[i]]),
    VEmodel="half", vePeriods=c(1, 27, 79), enrollPeriod=78, enrollPartial=13,
    enrollPartialRelRate=0.5, dropoutRate=0.05, infecRate=0.04, fuTime=156,
    visitSchedule=c(0, (13/3)*(1:4), seq(13*6/3, 156, by=13*2/3)),
    missVaccProb=c(0,0.05,0.1,0.15), VEcutoffWeek=26, nTrials=1000,
    stage1=78, saveDir=".", randomSeed=300)

  monitorTrial(dataFile=
    paste0("simTrial_nPlac=", N.pla, "_nVacc=",
      paste(rep(N.vax, length(aveVElist[[i]])), collapse="_"),
      "_aveVE=", paste(aveVElist[[i]], collapse="_"), "_infRate=0.04.RData"),
```

```

stage1=78, stage2=156, harmMonitorRange=c(10,100), alphaPerTest=0.0106,
minCnt=50, minPct=0.33, week1=26, minCnt2=2, week2=52, nonEffInterval=20,
nullVE=0, altVE=0.4, highVE=0.6, alpha=0.025, estimand="combined",
VEcutoffWeek=26, saveDir=".")

censTrial(dataFile=
  paste0("simTrial_nPlac=", N.pla, "_nVacc=",
    paste(rep(N.vax, length(aveVElist[[i]])), collapse="_"),
    "_aveVE=", paste(aveVElist[[i]], collapse="_"), "_infRate=0.04.RData"),
  monitorFile=
  paste0("monitorTrial_nPlac=", N.pla, "_nVacc=",
    paste(rep(N.vax, length(aveVElist[[i]])), collapse="_"),
    "_aveVE=", paste(aveVElist[[i]], collapse="_"), "_infRate=0.04_combined.RData"),
  stage1=78, stage2=156, saveDir=".")

if (i %in% 22:28){
  rankTrial(censFile=
    paste0("trialDataCens_nPlac=", N.pla, "_nVacc=",
      paste(rep(N.vax, length(aveVElist[[i]])), collapse="_"),
      "_aveVE=", paste(aveVElist[[i]], collapse="_"), "_infRate=0.04_combined.RData"),
    idxHighestVE=2, headHead=matrix(c(4,3), nrow=1, ncol=2),
    poolHead=matrix(c(3,4,1,2), nrow=1, ncol=4), stage1=78, stage2=156,
    alpha=0.025, saveDir=".")
}
}

VEpowerPP(dataList=
  as.list(paste0("simTrial_nPlac=", N.pla, "_nVacc=", N.vax, "_aveVE=",
    do.call("c", aveVElist[4:11]), "_infRate=0.04.RData")),
  VEcutoffWeek=26, stage1=78, alpha=0.025,
  outName=paste0("VEpwPP_nPlac=", N.pla, "_nVacc=", N.vax, "_infRate=0.04.RData"),
  saveDir=".")

```

**Step 3.** Update the variables `N.pla`, `N.vax`, `N.vax.arms`, and `srcDir` in the first R chunk of `seqDesignReport.Rnw` in the `extdata` subdirectory and compile the PDF report. The full path to `seqDesignReport.Rnw` can be obtained by:

```
system.file("extdata/seqDesignReport.Rnw", package="seqDesign")
```

Some changes in table/figure captions and figure labels might be needed.

The sample PDF report generated by `seqDesignReport.Rnw` can be found in `seqDesignReportSample.pdf` stored in the same `extdata` subdirectory.