

# An R Shiny App to design and analyse basket trials in Oncology

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# Outline

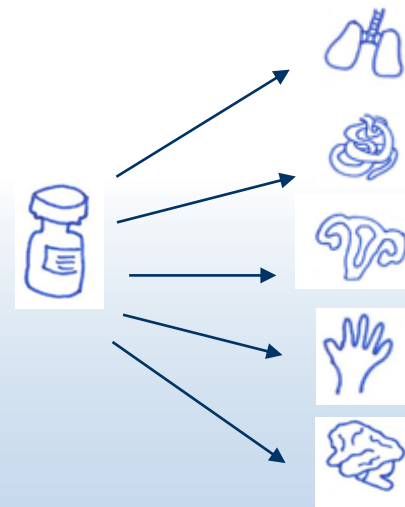
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- R Shiny App BHM Basket
  - support for design & analysis of basket trials in Oncology
- Basket trials in Oncology
- Bayesian Hierarchical Model
- Go/No-Go Decision Making
  
- Example: Basket trial with 7 cohorts and interim futility analysis

# Basket trials in Oncology

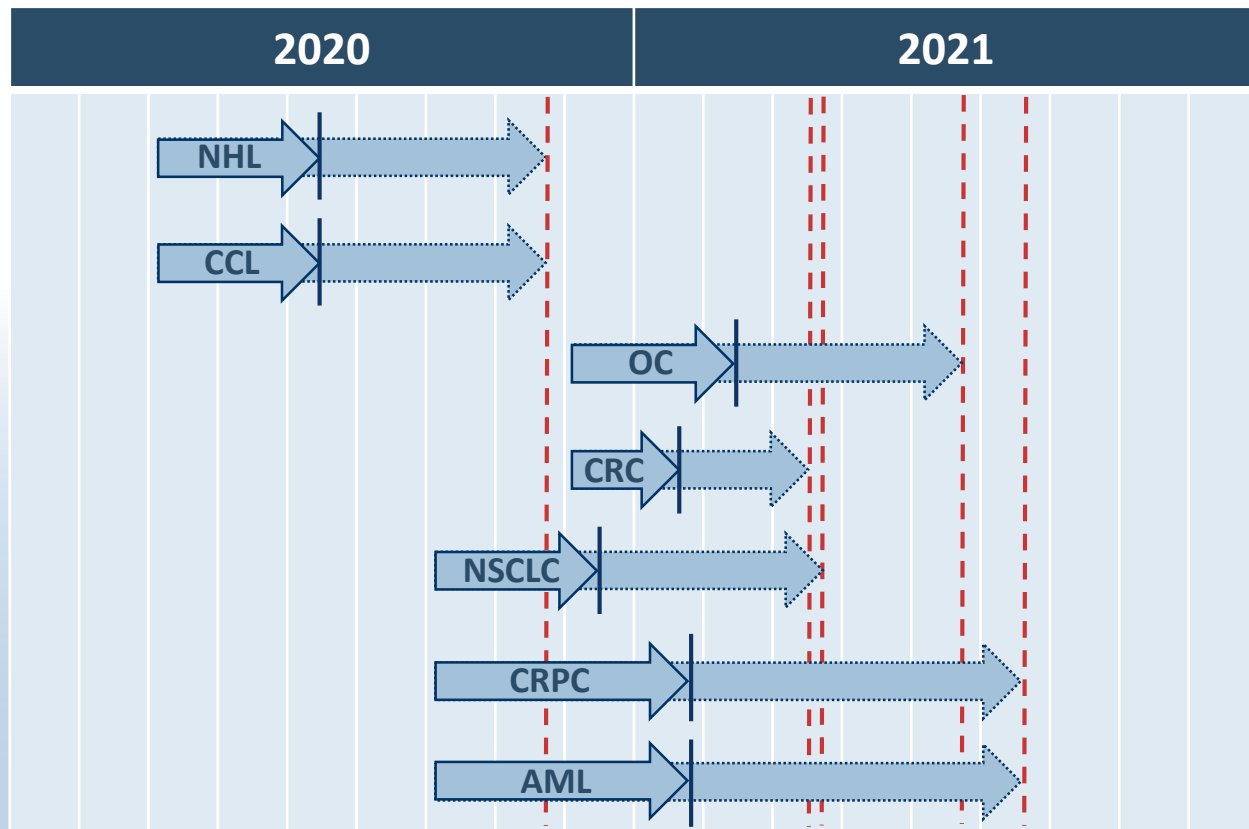
# Basket Design

- Basket trial\*
  - One experimental treatment
  - (Patients with similar genomic features)
  - Different disease types
- Questions
  - Does the treatment work sufficiently?
  - Can we identify cohorts with a promising effect?



\* Renfro and Sargent 2016

# Example



## Futility Analysis

Recruitment stop if  $r < c$

## Final Analysis

Go/No-Go decision  
based on BHM

# Bayesian Hierarchical Model

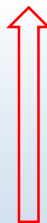
# Basket Designs - Analysis Approaches

## Stratification

- Assumes independent cohorts
- Low precision

## Pooling

- Assumes the same underlying response rate in all cohorts
- Potentially large bias



### **Bayesian hierarchical model (BHM)**

- Assumes exchangeability between cohorts
- Parameter of inter-cohort variation is considered to be random, determines extent of borrowing

# BHM adjusting for target rate (Berry et al. 2013)

- Random cohort effect in terms of log-odds of response rate
- Likelihood

$$r_i | p_j \sim \text{Bin}(p_j, n_j)$$
$$\theta_j = \log \left( \frac{p_j}{1 - p_j} \right) - \log \left( \frac{\tilde{p}_j}{1 - \tilde{p}_j} \right)$$

Exchangeability of log-odds  
after adjusting for target rates

- Prior

$$\theta_j | \mu, \tau \sim N(\mu, \tau^2)$$

$$\mu \sim N(m_\mu, v_\mu)$$

$$\tau \sim \text{HN}(s_\tau)$$

Informative prior on inter-cohort variability  
(Neuenschwander et al. 2015)

- Implementation: R interface to JAGS, R2JAGS package



# Implementation – Trial Analysis

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**Data**

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A	40	10
B	30	12
C	40	23

**Model**

Cohort Name	Target
A	0.5
B	0.5
C	0.5

**Method**

Berry ▾

**tau**

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**Credible Interval Width**

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**Decision**

Cohort Name	NoGo Boundary	Go Boundary
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Results

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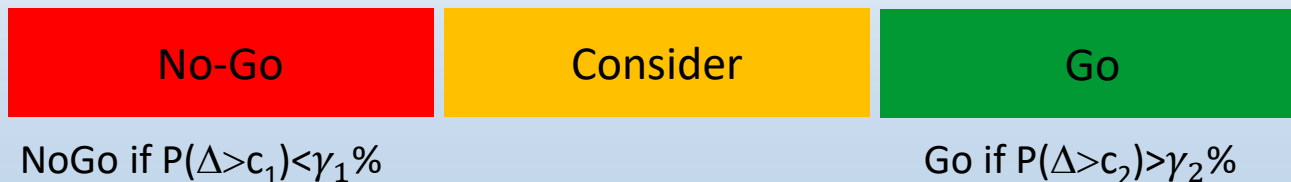
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AML	25	8	0.3200	0.2928	0.1950	0.4163	0.10	0.20	go

# Go/No-Go decision making

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- Quantitative decision making to increase efficiency of drug development (Lalonde et al. 2007)
- Statistical Go/No-Go criteria are predefined, quantifiable criteria to allow for decision making given the observed results in the trial
- Three outcome decision



$\Delta$  Treatment effect

# Go/No-Go Decision Making

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- Aggregate by-cohort Go/No-Go decisions to arrive at overall decision
  - E.g. overall Go if at least one cohort meets go
  - E.g. overall No-Go if all cohorts are no-go
- Calculate probability of making correct/false decisions under various scenarios
- Calculate average sample size, trial duration and time to overall decision
- Adjust design parameters to arrive at desirable operating characteristics

# Implementation – Planning before Trial: Data

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**Number of Scenarios**

3

Scenario 1 Scenario 2 Scenario 3

Cohort Name	Number of Patients	Response Rate	Patients until Futility	Rec
A	40	0.25	10	2.5
B	30	0.4	10	5
C	40	0.57	10	2.5

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**Days until a patient is evaluable**

42

**Duration of a futility analysis in days**

14

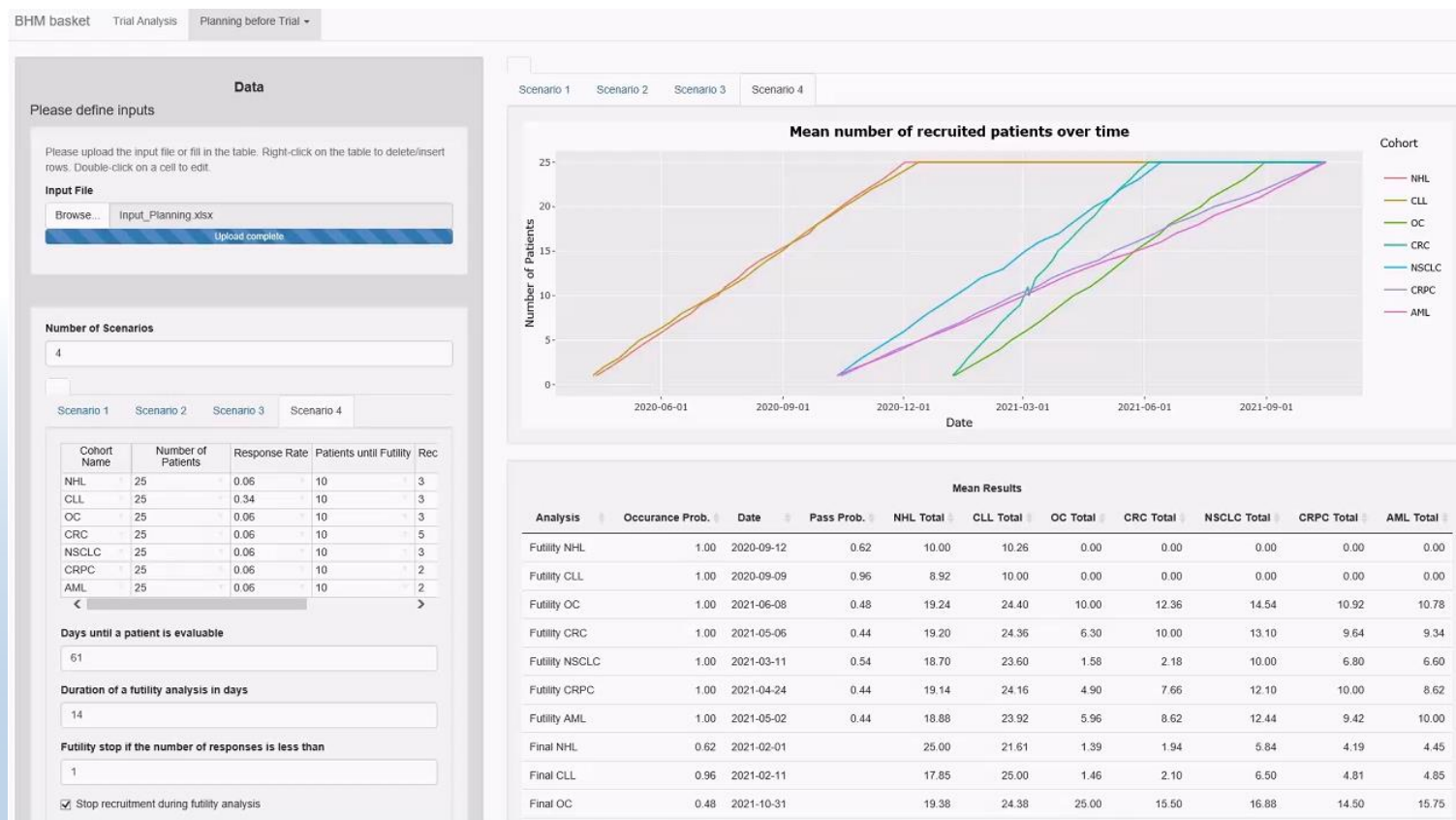
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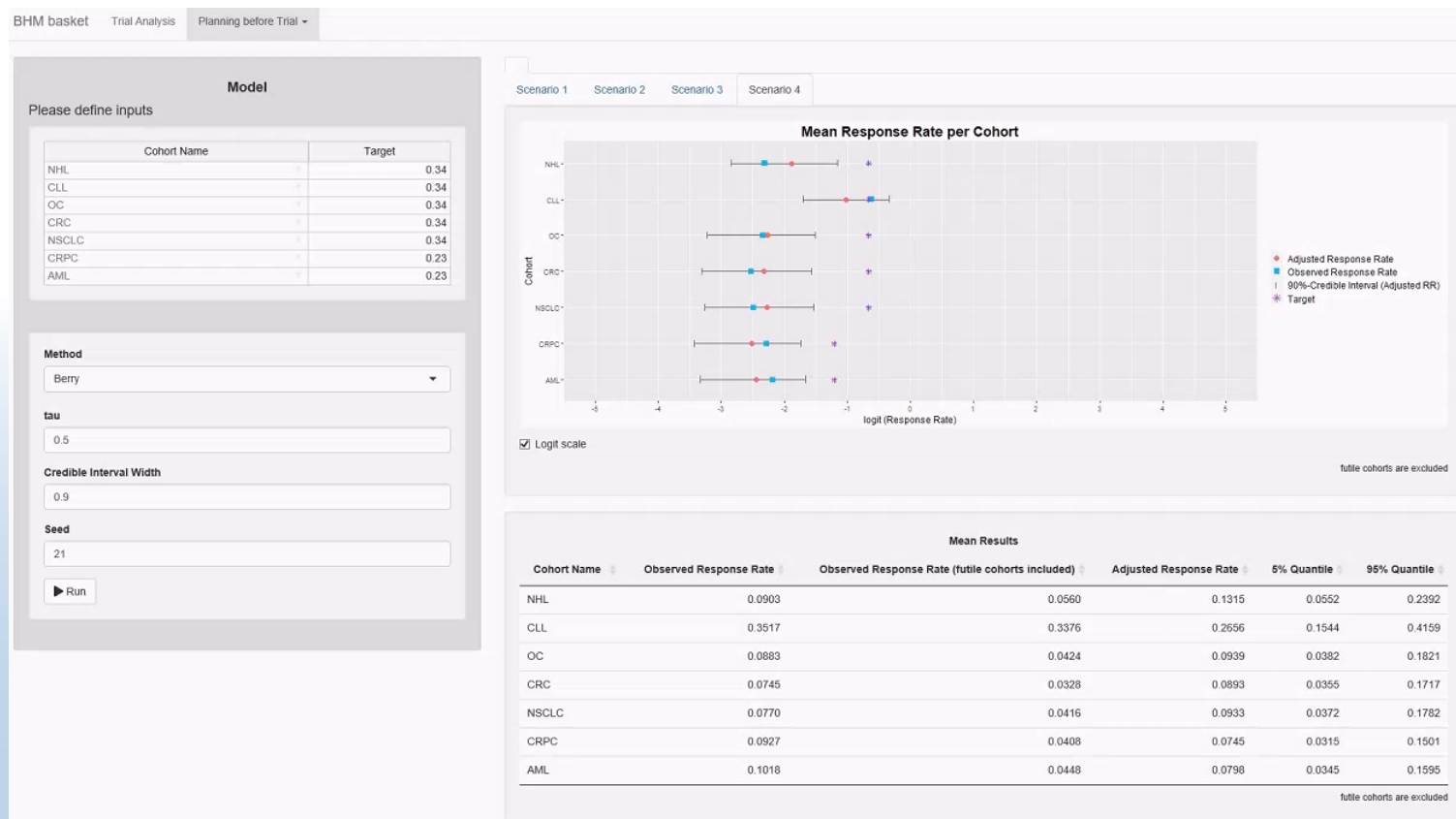
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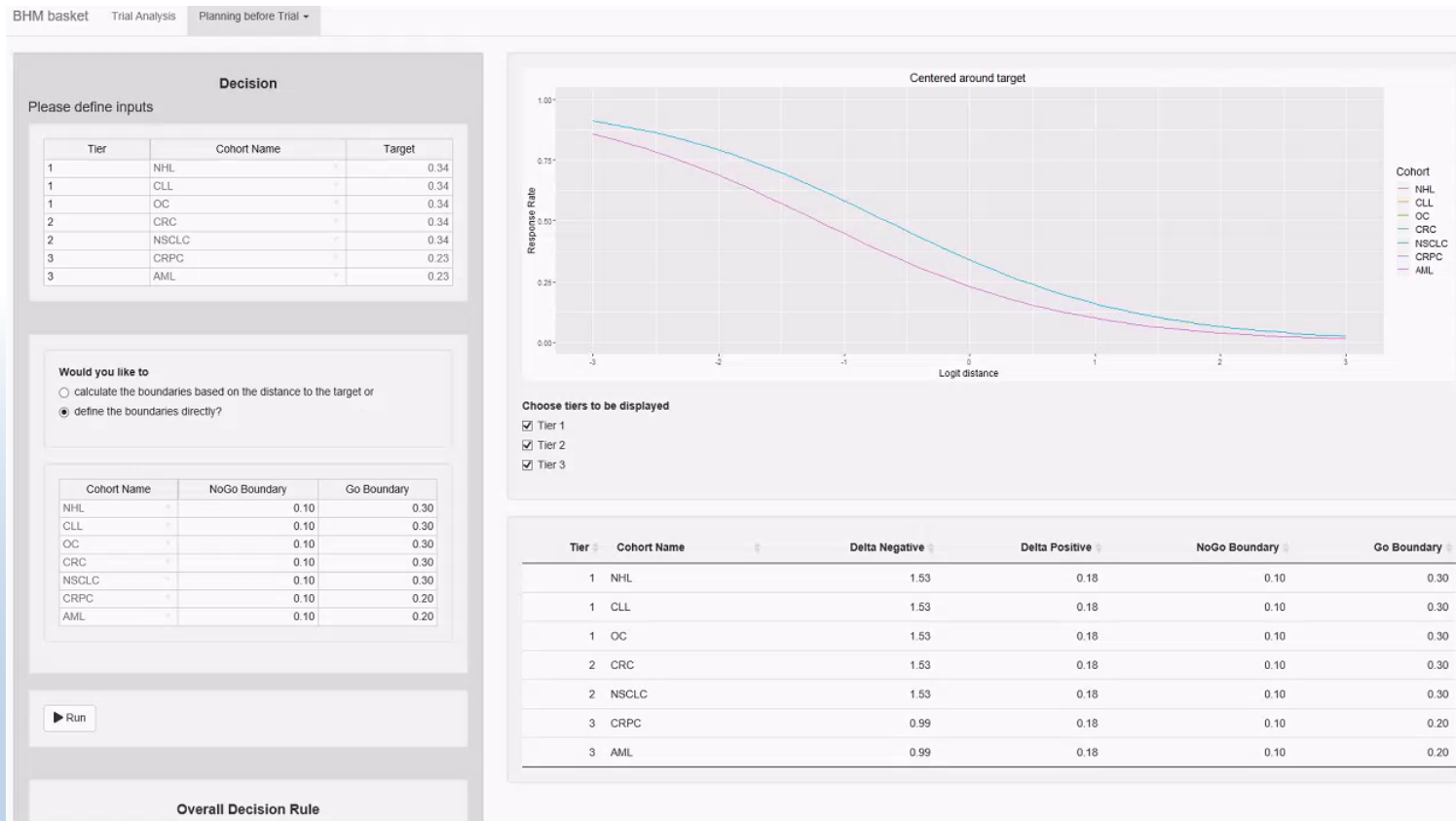


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NHL, CLL, OC, CRC, NSCLC, CRPC, AML	NoGo	Consider	Go
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6%, 6%, 6%, 6%, 6%, 6%, 6%	72% (84%, 82%, 98%, 96%, 92%, 100%, 100%)	28% (16%, 18%, 2%, 4%, 8%, 0%, 0%)	0% (0%, 0%, 0%, 0%, 0%, 0%, 0%)
6%, 6%, 6%, 34%, 34%, 23%, 23%	26% (62%, 64%, 58%, 2%, 0%, 10%, 10%)	74% (38%, 36%, 42%, 62%, 54%, 48%, 46%)	0% (0%, 0%, 0%, 36%, 46%, 42%, 44%)
6%, 34%, 6%, 6%, 6%, 6%, 6%	4% (52%, 6%, 78%, 88%, 74%, 96%, 92%)	58% (48%, 56%, 22%, 12%, 26%, 4%, 8%)	38% (0%, 38%, 0%, 0%, 0%, 0%, 0%)

Overall NoGo if the number of NoGo cohorts within tier 1 is at least 3.

Overall Go if the number of Go cohorts within tier 1 is at least 1.

Number of simulations: 50

**Which decision probabilities would you like to display?**

- ☒ Overall
- ☒ NHL
- ☒ CLL
- ☒ OC
- ☒ CRC
- ☒ NSCLC
- ☒ CRPC
- ☒ AML

☒ Show Overall Decision Rule

☒ Show Cohortwise Decision Rule

☒ Show Scenario Details

# Implementation – Planning before Trial: Operating Characteristics

**Mean Sample Size and Duration**

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Scenario 1 - Decisive Analysis	84.02	24.48	22.44	5.46	6.10	9.90	7.86	7.78	04/03/2021 ▾
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Scenario 2 - Decisive Analysis	120.70	19.30	16.30	17.20	16.60	18.10	16.60	16.60	12/02/2021 ▾
Scenario 2 - Last Analysis	120.70	19.30	16.30	17.20	16.60	18.10	16.60	16.60	12/02/2021 ▾
Scenario 3 - Decisive Analysis	135.28	19.30	16.30	14.24	24.14	23.76	19.86	17.68	10/17/2021 ▾
Scenario 3 - Last Analysis	150.10	19.30	16.30	17.20	24.70	25.00	24.10	23.50	01/29/2022 ▾
Scenario 4 - Decisive Analysis	100.28	18.36	24.40	10.66	10.42	13.48	11.28	11.68	07/28/2021 ▾
Scenario 4 - Last Analysis	128.80	19.30	24.40	17.20	16.60	18.10	16.60	16.60	11/26/2021 ▾

# Summary

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- BHM Basket app supports design & analysis of basket trials
- Analysis of response rate in cohorts using BHM of Berry et al. 2013
- Provides operating characteristics under flexible scenarios
  - Recruitment start, rate
  - Cohort size
  - Model parameters
  - Assumed response rates
  - Futility analysis
  - Decision rule

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# Questions?

# Back-up



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Data
 

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CLL	25	10
OC	25	6
CRC	25	10
NSCLC	25	8
CRPC	25	8
AML	25	8

Model
 

Cohort Name	Target
NHL	0.34
CLL	0.34
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NSCLC	0.34
CRPC	0.23
AML	0.23

Method  
 Berry

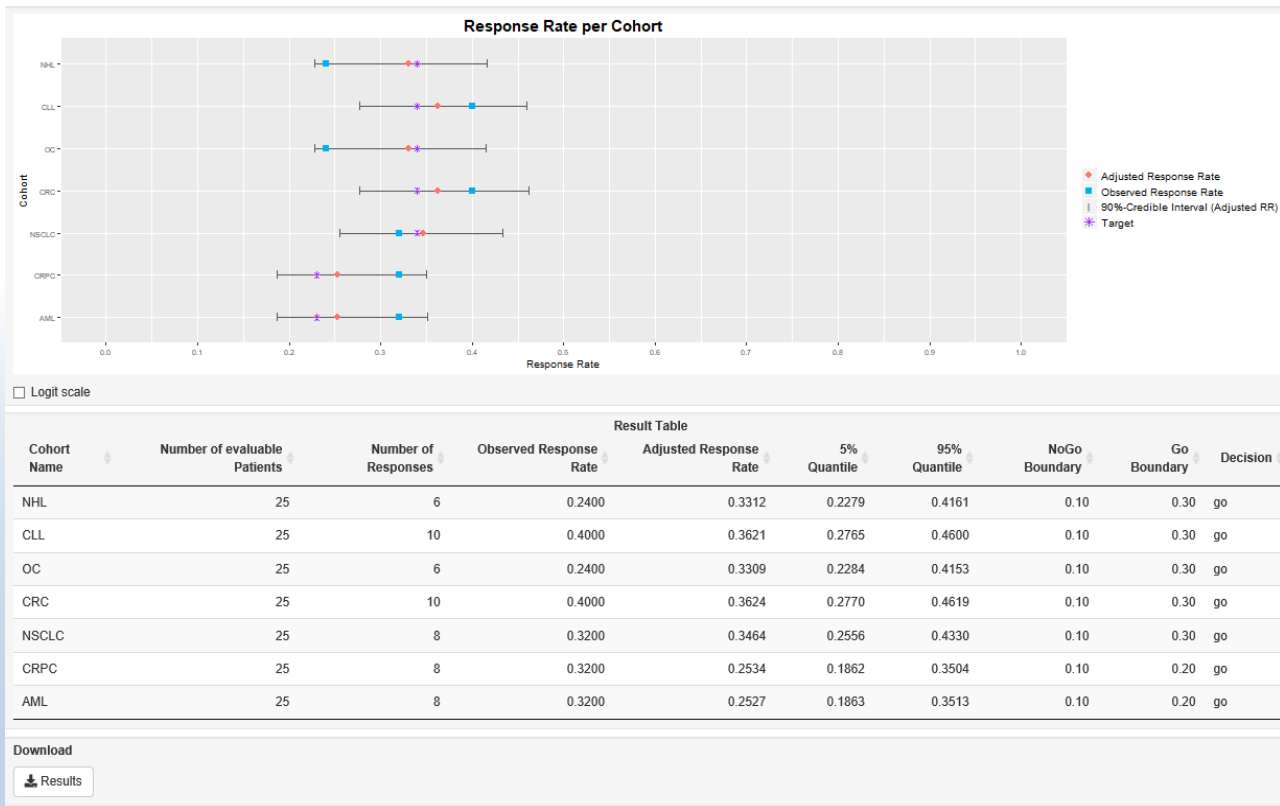
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Decision
 

Cohort Name	NoGo Boundary	Go Boundary
NHL	0.1	0.3
CLL	0.1	0.3
OC	0.1	0.3
CRC	0.1	0.3
NSCLC	0.1	0.3
CRPC	0.1	0.2
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NHL	25	0.34	10	3	202
CLL	25	0.34	10	3	202
OC	25	0.34	10	3	202
CRC	25	0.34	10	5	202
NSCLC	25	0.34	10	3	202
CRPC	25	0.23	10	2	202
AML	25	0.23	10	2	202

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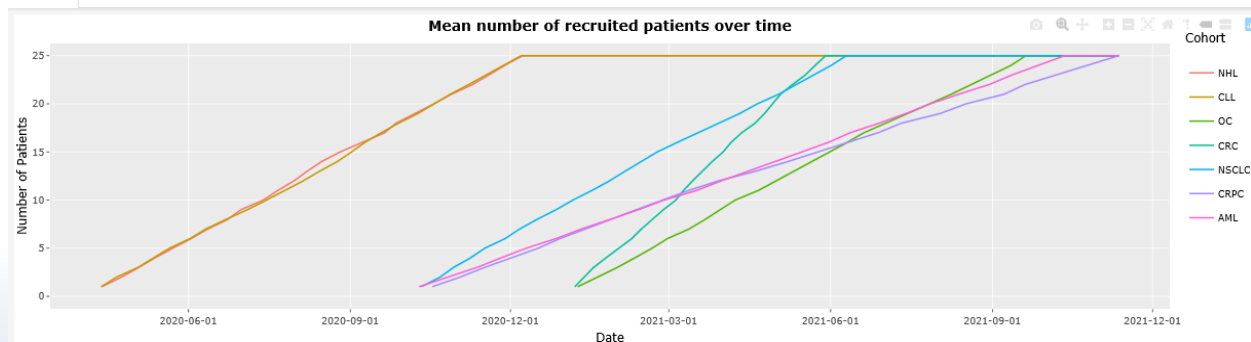
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Number of Simulations per Scenario

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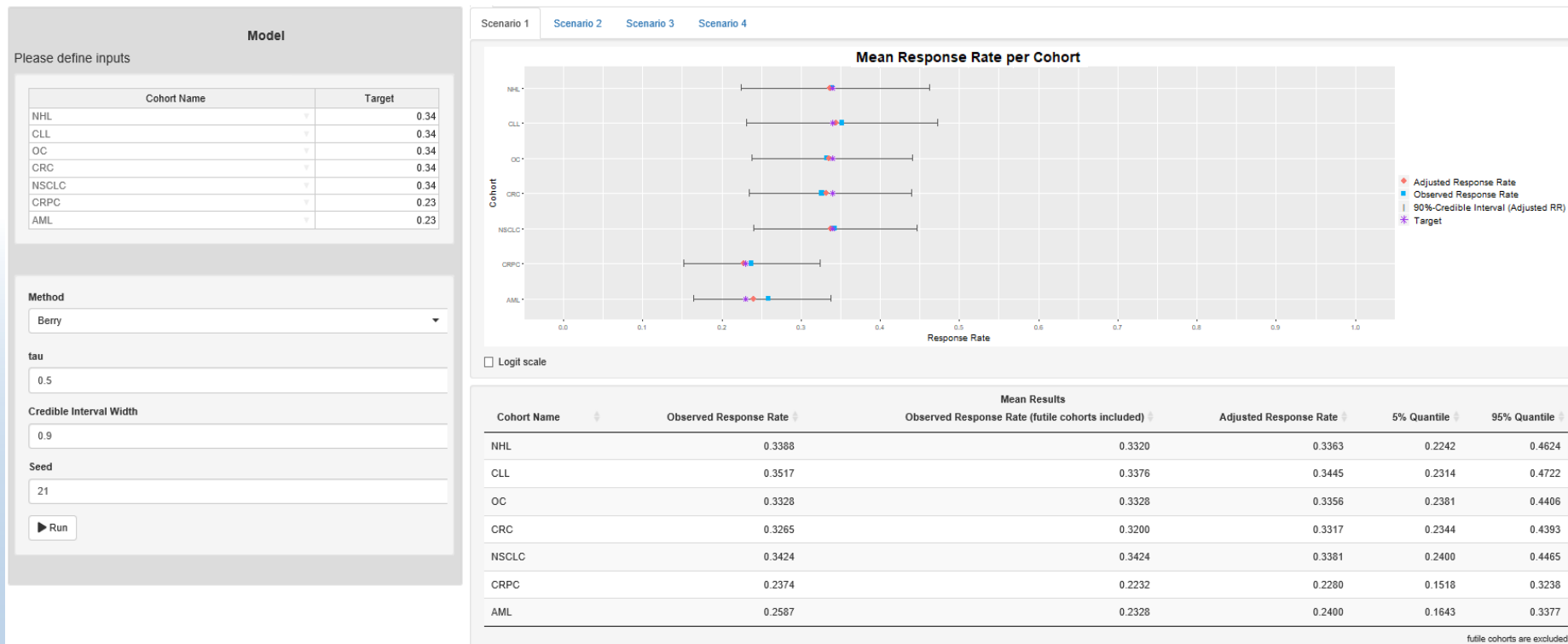
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Mean Results											
Analysis	Occurance Prob.	Date	Pass Prob.	NHL Total	CLL Total	OC Total	CRC Total	NSCLC Total	CRPC Total	AML Total	
Futility NHL	1.00	2020-09-12	0.98	10.00	9.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Futility CLL	1.00	2020-09-14	0.96	10.12	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Futility OC	1.00	2021-06-08	1.00	24.64	24.40	10.00	15.60	18.32	11.92	12.30	
Futility CRC	1.00	2021-05-05	0.98	24.52	24.36	6.46	10.00	15.84	9.88	10.58	
Futility NSCLC	1.00	2021-03-07	1.00	23.88	23.36	1.42	1.78	10.00	6.44	6.62	
Futility CRPC	1.00	2021-04-27	0.94	24.12	24.08	5.42	8.90	14.38	10.00	9.58	
Futility AML	1.00	2021-04-28	0.90	24.18	23.90	5.94	8.88	14.66	9.40	10.00	
Final NHL	0.98	2021-02-07		25.00	21.82	1.45	2.12	6.96	4.78	5.14	
Final CLL	0.96	2021-02-06		22.38	25.00	1.13	1.50	7.06	4.35	4.79	
Final OC	1.00	2021-11-20		24.70	24.40	25.00	24.70	24.84	20.34	20.50	
Final CRC	0.98	2021-07-29		24.69	24.39	14.65	25.00	22.43	14.51	14.94	

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# Implementation – Planning before Trial: Decision

Decision

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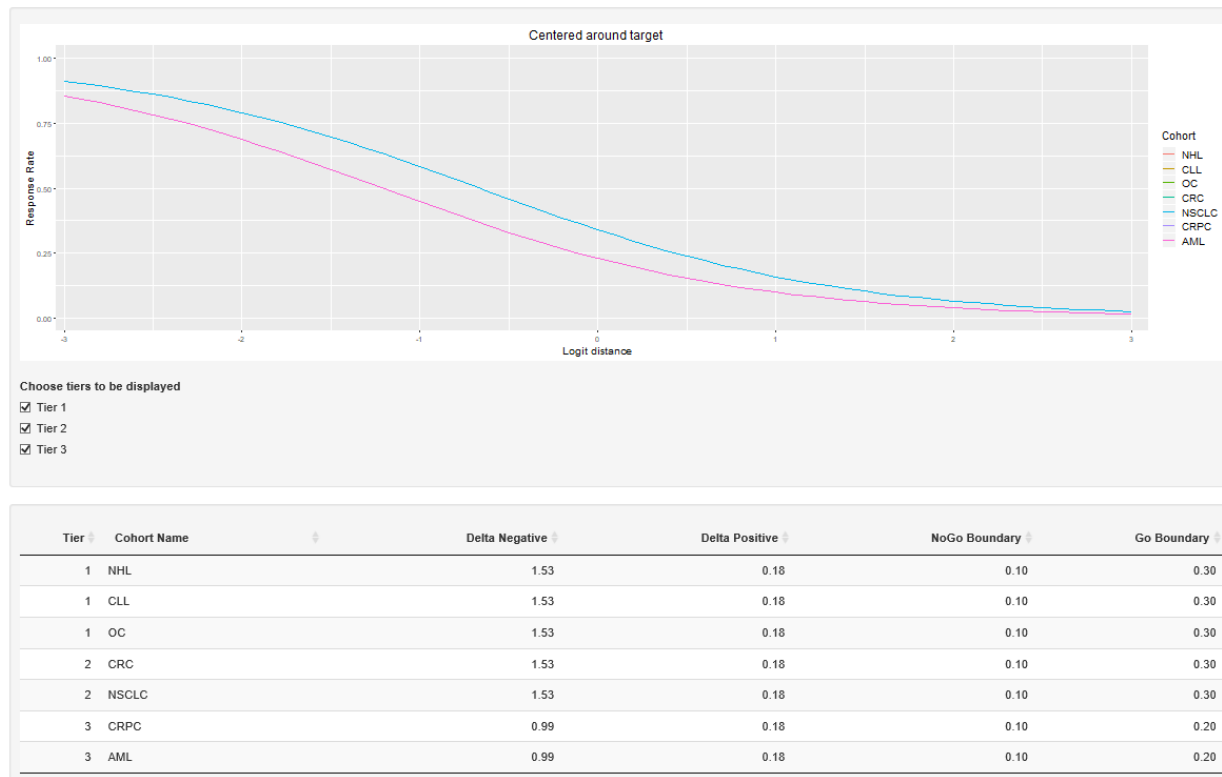
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1	OC	0.34
2	CRC	0.34
2	NSCLC	0.34
3	CRPC	0.23
3	AML	0.23

Would you like to

☐ calculate the boundaries based on the distance to the target or
 ☒ define the boundaries directly?

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# Implementation – Planning before Trial: Decision

**Overall Decision Rule**

**Overall NoGo**  
if the number of NoGo cohorts within  
tier 1  
is at least  
3

**Overall Go**  
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