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UBCRM-package

*UBCRM is a package containing functions to simulate and conduct dose escalation phase I studies*

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## Description

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## Examples

```
data<- CreData(4)
prior<-c(.05,.1,.15,.2)
```

```

# One study simulation
simCrm(prior=prior, firstdose = 2, truerate = prior, cohortsize = 3, target = 1/3,
nptmax = 18, nmaxmtd = 6, nmaxdose = 18, sd = 1.34, approach = "bayes", model = "power",
method = "fpost", nextlevel = "ntarget", upskipping = TRUE, downskipping = FALSE,
lastdose = NA, graphic = FALSE, seed = 20130110)

# N simulations with CRM
# Power model, no up skipping, start at dose 2
res1<- ssimCrm(prior=prior, 100, firstdose = 2, truerate = prior, cohortsize = 3,
target = 1/3, nptmax = 18, nmaxmtd = 6, nmaxdose = 18, sd = 1.34, approach = "bayes",
method = "fpost", model = "power", nextlevel = "ntarget", upskipping = TRUE,
downskipping = FALSE, r = 2, seed=20130110)
res1

# Simulations with 3+3 design
res2<- ssim3p3(truerate=prior, 100, r = 2, seed=20130110)
res2

```

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aip

*Functions to calculate the appropriate dose level singletons*


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## Description

Pool of functions to calculate dose level singletons values: aip, ail2 and ait2 calculate sgl in order that  $E[\text{psy}] = \text{prior}$ , ail1 and ait1 calculate sgl in order that  $\text{psy}(\text{sgl}, 1) = \text{prior}$ .

## Usage

```

aip(p_prior, sd = 1.34)
ait1(p_prior, a=1)
ail1(p_prior, a=1)
ait2(p_prior)
ail2(p_prior)

```

## Arguments

p_prior	Prior toxicity probability.
sd	Standard deviation in case of normal distribution for the parameter.
a	Rate in case of exponential distribution for the parameter.

## Value

Numeric length(p-prior)-vector.

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CreData

*Creates a CRM dataframe*

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## Description

Creates a n-row summary dataframe indicating the number of treated patients and observed DLTs at each of the n dose-levels. This is the dataframe structure that will be needed in the different functions of the UBCRM package.

## Usage

```
CreData(ndose = 3, dosenames = paste("dose", 1:ndose, sep = " "))
```

## Arguments

ndose	Number of dose levels.
dosenames	A ndose-length character vector of labels for the dose levels.

## Value

A ndose \* 3 dataframe containing:

dose	Integer value 1..ndose ordering the doses.
npt	Integer count of the treated patients at dose i.
ndl t	Integer count of the observed DLT at dose i.

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## See Also

[updata](#)

## Examples

```
data<- CreData(5,c("5 mg/m2","7 mg/m2","10 mg/m2","15 mg/m2","20 mg/m2"))
data
```

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Crm

*Dose-escalation with the Continual Reassessment Method*

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## Description

The function gives the next level to include patients following a model-based design. Needs an updated input dataframe with the `CreData()` structure.

## Usage

```
Crm(Dk, prior, target = 1/3, nptmax = 24, nmaxmtd = 6, nmaxdose = nptmax, sd = 1.34,
approach = "bayes", model = "power", method = "fpost", nextlevel = "ntarget",
upskipping = F, downskipping = F, lastdose = NA)
```

## Arguments

Dk	Study dataframe with <code>CreData()</code> structure.
prior	Numeric vector of prior DLTs probabilities.
target	Target used for the MTD determination.
nptmax	Maximum number of patients to include in the study.
nmaxmtd	Maximum number of patients to be treated at the designated MTD. Assign a high value (=nptmax) to avoid such a stopping rule.
nmaxdose	Maximum number of patients to be treated at the same dose. Assign a high value (=nptmax) to avoid such a stopping rule.

sd	Standard deviation used in case of a normal distribution assumption for the parameter.
approach	Character indicating the estimation method: "bayes" (default value) for CRM or "mle" for CRML.
model	Character indicating the dose-DLT relationship model: "power", "tangent" or "logistic". More informations in the details section.
method	Estimation method for the posterior probabilities. "fpost" (default) estimates the mean of the posterior distribution of the parameter alpha ( $\hat{\alpha}=E[\alpha]$ ) and uses it in $\text{psy}(\hat{\alpha}, \dots)$ . "ppostp" and "pposts" directly estimate the mean of the posterior DLT probability. "ppostp" uses prior as singletons whereas "pposts" calculates appropriate singletons (see ail, ait or aip functions).
nextlevel	Character option used for determining the next dose level. "ntarget" (default) if the next level is chosen as the closest level to the desired target (may be higher than target). "utarget" if the next level is the closest level with the restriction to be lower than the target value.
upskipping	Boolean option used for determining the next dose level. If TRUE no level skip in escalation will be allowed. If FALSE (default) the level skips will be permitted.
downskipping	Boolean option used for determining the next dose level. If TRUE no level skip in desescalation will be allowed. If FALSE (default) the level skips will be permitted.
lastdose	Integer representing the last experimented dose level.

### Details

Details of the 3 dose-DLT relationship proposed models: "power" for the power model  $\text{psy}(s,a)=s^{\exp(a)}$ , "tangent" for the hyperbolic tangent model  $\text{psy}(s,a)=((\tanh(s)+1)/2)^{**a}$ , "logistic" for the logistic model  $\text{psy}(s,a)=\exp(3+a*s)/(1+\exp(3+a*s))$ . Note: power and tangent models are equivalent after an appropriate transformation on the parameter.

### Value

nextdose	An integer representing the next recommended dose to experiment.
mtd	If reached, an integer representing the MTD.
prob	Posterior DLTs probabilities.

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### See Also

[simCrm](#), [ssimCrm](#)

### Examples

```
data<- CreData(5)
data<- updata(data,1,3,0)
data<- updata(data,2,3,1)
data<- updata(data,2,3,1)
data
Crm(data,prior=c(0.1,0.15,0.25,0.35,0.45),target=0.3,nextlevel="ntarget",nptmax=24,nmaxmtd=6)
data<- updata(data,3,3,2)
data
Crm(data,prior=c(0.1,0.15,0.25,0.35,0.45),target=0.3,nextlevel="ntarget",nptmax=24,nmaxmtd=6)
```

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 fp

*Density functions*


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### Description

Density functions for the model parameter.  $fp(a, sd)$  is the normal density:  $1/(sd*\sqrt{2*\pi})*\exp(-(a^2)/(2*sd^2))$ .  $ft$  and  $fl$  are the exponential density (with a fixed rate = 1):  $\exp(-a)$ .

### Usage

```
fp(a, sd)
ft(a)
fl(a)
```

### Arguments

a	Parameter.
sd	Standard deviation.

### Value

Numeric value of the computed density.

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Lp

*Likelihood functions***Description**

Lp is the likelihood function for the power model  $\text{psy}(s,a)=s^{\exp(a)}$ . Lt is the likelihood function for the hyperbolic tangent model  $\text{psy}(s,a)=((\tanh(s)+1)/2)^{**a}$ . Ll is the likelihood function for the logistic model  $\text{psy}(s,a) = \exp(3+a*s)/(1+\exp(3+a*s))$ .

**Usage**

```
Lp(a, data, sgl)
Lt(a, data, sgl)
Ll(a, data, sgl)
```

**Arguments**

a	Parameter.
data	CRM dataframe with a CreData() structure.
sgl	Dose level singleton.

**Details**

```
# Power model Lp<- function(a, data, sgl) npt<- data$npt ndlt<- data$ndlt sapply(a,FUN=function(a)prod((psip(sgl,a)^ndlt)*
psip(sgl,a)^(npt-ndlt))))
# Hyperbolic tangent model Lt<- function(a, data, sgl) npt<- data$npt ndlt<- data$ndlt sapply(a,FUN=function(a)prod((psit(sgl,a)^ndlt)*
psit(sgl,a)^(npt-ndlt))))
# Logistic model Ll<- function(a, data, sgl) npt<- data$npt ndlt<- data$ndlt sapply(a,FUN=function(a)prod((psil(sgl,a)^ndlt)*
psil(sgl,a)^(npt-ndlt))))
```



**Value**

Numeric value of the computed likelihood.

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 psip

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*Dose-Toxicity modelisation functions*


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**Description**

psip corresponds to the power model  $\text{psy}(s,a)=s^{\exp(a)}$ . psit corresponds to the hyperbolic tangent model  $\text{psy}(s,a)=((\tanh(s)+1)/2)^{*}a$ . psil corresponds to the logistic model  $\text{psy}(s,a) = \exp(3+a*s)/(1+\exp(3+a*s))$ .

**Usage**

```
psip(sgl, a)
psit(sgl, a)
psil(sgl, a)
```

**Arguments**

sgl	Dose level singleton.
a	Parameter.

**Value**

Numeric value of the computed function.

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 sim3p3

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*Simulation of one dose-escalation study with the classical 3+3 design*


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**Description**

Given a true rates vector of DLT probabilities, the function simulate a 3+3 dose-escalation design.

**Usage**

```
sim3p3(truerate, seed = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

truerate	A nlevel-length vector of true rates for the DLTs.
seed	If not empty, the seed to use for random generation.

**Value**

data	Study data.
mtd	If reached, an integer representing the MTD level.
lastdose	An integer representing the last experimented dose.

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## See Also

[troisPtrois](#), [ssim3p3](#)

## Examples

```
# A 3-dose study with 10%, 20% and 30% of true rates for toxicity
sim3p3(c(0.1,0.2,0.3))
```

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simCrm

*Simulation of one dose-escalation study with the Continual Reassessment Method*

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## Description

Given prior and true rates vectors of DLT probabilities, the function simulates a CRM dose-escalation design.

## Usage

```
simCrm(prior, firstdose = NA, truerate = prior, cohortsize = 3, target = 1/3, nptmax = 24,
nmaxmtd = nptmax, nmaxdose = nptmax, sd = 1.34, approach = "bayes", model = "power",
method = "fpost", nextlevel = "ntarget", upskipping = F, downskipping = F, lastdose = NA,
graphic = F, seed = NULL)
```

## Arguments

prior	Numeric vector of prior DLT probabilities.
firstdose	Integer representing the dose at which the first cohort will be treated.
truerate	A nlevel-length vector of true rates for the DLTs.
cohortsize	Size of the cohort. Default value = 3.
target	Target used for the MTD determination.
nptmax	Maximum number of patients to include in the study.

nmaxmtd	Maximum number of patients to be treated at the designated MTD. Assign a high value (=nptmax) to avoid such a stopping rule.
nmaxdose	Maximum number of patients to be treated at the same dose. Assign a high value (=nptmax) to avoid such a stopping rule.
sd	Standard deviation used in case of a normal distribution assumption for the parameter.
approach	Character indicating the estimation method: "bayes" (default value) for CRM or "mle" for CRML.
model	Character indicating the dose-DLT relationship model: "power", "tangent" or "logistic".
method	Estimation method for the posterior probabilities. "fpost" (default) estimates the mean of the posterior distribution of the parameter alpha ( $\hat{\alpha}=E[\alpha]$ ) and uses it in $\text{psy}(\hat{\alpha}, \dots)$ . "ppostp" and "pposts" directly estimate the mean of the posterior DLT probability. "ppostp" uses prior as singletons whereas "pposts" calculates appropriate singletons (see ail, ait or aip functions).
nextlevel	Character option used for determining the next dose level. "ntarget" (default) if the next level is chosen as the closest level to the desired target (may be higher than target). "utarget" if the next level is the closest level with the restriction to be lower than the target value.
upskipping	Boolean option used for determining the next dose level. If TRUE no level skip in escalation will be allowed. If FALSE (default) the level skips will be permitted.
downskipping	Boolean option used for determining the next dose level. If TRUE no level skip in desescalation will be allowed. If FALSE (default) the level skips will be permitted.
lastdose	Integer representing the last experimented dose level.
graphic	Boolean option for graphic generation.
seed	If not empty, the seed to use for random generation.

**Value**

data	Study data.
dose	Integer vector representing for each cohort the experimented dose levels.
nDLT	Integer vector representing for each cohort the number of observed DLTs.
mtd	If reached, an integer representing the MTD level.
lastdose	An integer representing the last experimented dose.
prob	Posterior DLT probabilities.

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## See Also

[Crm](#), [ssimCrm](#)

## Examples

```
simCrm(c(0.1,0.2,0.3,0.35,0.45),firstdose=1,target=0.33)
```

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ssim3p3

*Simulation of n dose-escalation study with the 3+3 design*

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## Description

The `ssim3p3` function simulates n dose-escalation study with the 3+3 design and provides summarized results.

## Usage

```
ssim3p3(truerate, n, r = 2, seed = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>truerate</code>	A nlevel-length vector of true rates for the DLTs.
<code>n</code>	Number of studies to simulate.
<code>r</code>	Integer, number of digits for percentages in output.
<code>seed</code>	If not empty, the seed to use for random generation.

**Value**

<code>data</code>	Summarized result in a "np1" view.
<code>norecommendation</code>	Percentage of studies with no recommendation for the MTD (in case of the first level is considered as toxic).
<code>mean.npt</code>	Mean number of enrolled patients.
<code>mean.ndlt</code>	Mean number of observed DLTs.
<code>mean.lastdose</code>	Mean last experimented dose level.

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**See Also**

[troisPtrois](#), [sim3p3](#)

**Examples**

```
ssim3p3(c(0.1,0.2,0.25,0.35),100)
```

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ssimCrm

*Simulation of n dose-escalation study with the Continual Reassessment Method*

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**Description**

The `ssimCrm` function simulates n dose-escalation study with the CRM and provides summarized results.

**Usage**

```
ssimCrm(prior, n, firstdose = NA, truerate = prior, cohortsize = 3, target = 1/3,
nptmax = 24, nmaxmtd = nptmax, nmaxdose = nptmax, sd = 1.34, approach = "bayes",
method = "fpost", model = "power", nextlevel = "ntarget", upskipping = F,
downskipping = F, r = 2, seed = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

prior	Numeric vector of prior DLT probabilities.
n	Number of studies to simulate.
firstdose	Integer representing the dose at which the first cohort will be treated.
truerate	A nlevel-length vector of true rates for the DLTs.
cohortsize	Size of the cohort. Default value = 3.
target	Target used for the MTD determination.
nptmax	Maximum number of patients to include in the study.
nmaxmtd	Maximum number of patients to be treated at the designated MTD. Assign a high value (=nptmax) to avoid such a stopping rule.
nmaxdose	Maximum number of patients to be treated at the same dose. Assign a high value (=nptmax) to avoid such a stopping rule.
sd	Standard deviation used in case of a normal distribution assumption for the parameter.
approach	Character indicating the estimation method: "bayes" (default value) for CRM or "mle" for CRML.
model	Character indicating the dose-DLT relationship model: "power", "tangent" or "logistic".
method	Estimation method for the posterior probabilities. "fpost" (default) estimates the mean of the posterior distribution of the parameter $\alpha$ ( $\hat{\alpha} = E[\alpha]$ ) and uses it in <code>psy(hat_alpha, ...)</code> . "ppostp" and "pposts" directly estimate the mean of the posterior DLT probability. "ppostp" uses prior as singletons whereas "pposts" calculates appropriate singletons (see <code>ail</code> , <code>ait</code> or <code>aip</code> functions).
nextlevel	Character option used for determining the next dose level. "ntarget" (default) if the next level is chosen as the closest level to the desired target (may be higher than target). "utarget" if the next level is the closest level with the restriction to be lower than the target value.
upskipping	Boolean option used for determining the next dose level. If TRUE no level skip in escalation will be allowed. If FALSE (default) the level skips will be permitted.
downskipping	Boolean option used for determining the next dose level. If TRUE no level skip in desescalation will be allowed. If FALSE (default) the level skips will be permitted.
r	Integer, number of digits for percentages in output.
seed	If not empty, the seed to use for random generation.

**Value**

data	Summarized result in a "np1" view.
norecommendation	Percentage of studies with no recommendation for the MTD (in case of the first level is considered as toxic).
mean.npt	Mean number of enrolled patients.
mean.ndlt	Mean number of observed DLTs.
mean.lastdose	Mean last experimented dose level.
mean.prob	Mean of posterior DLT probabilities.

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**See Also**

[Crm](#), [simCrm](#)

**Examples**

```
ssimCrm(c(0.1,0.2,0.3,0.35,0.45),firstdose=1,target=0.33,n=100)
```

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troisPtrois

*Dose escalation with the 3+3 design*


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**Description**

The function gives the next level to include patients following a 3+3 design. Needs an updated input dataframe with the CreData() structure.



**Usage**

```
troisPtrois(data = data, lastdose)
```

**Arguments**

data	Study dataframe with CreData() structure.
lastdose	Integer representing the last experimented dose level.

**Value**

nextdose	An integer representing the next recommended dose to experiment.
mtd	If reached, an integer representing the MTD.

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**See Also**

[sim3p3](#), [ssim3p3](#)

**Examples**

```
# Study initialization
data<- CreData(5,c("5 mg/m2", "7 mg/m2", "10 mg/m2", "15 mg/m2", "20 mg/m2"))
data

# Three patients are treated at the dose 1, without any observed DLT:
data<- updata(data,lastdose=1,npt=3,ndlt=0)
data

# 3+3 design
troisPtrois(data,lastdose=1)
```

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`updatea`*Update the CRM dataframe after new patients' collected data*

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**Description**

This function updates the CRM dataframe (result of the `CreData` routine) with new treated patients or observed DLTs.

**Usage**

```
updatea(data = data, lastdose, npt, ndlt)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	Dataframe to be updated.
<code>lastdose</code>	Integer representing the dose to be updated.
<code>npt</code>	Number of new treated patients.
<code>ndlt</code>	Number of DLTs among the <code>npt</code> patients.

**Value**

Updated dataframe.

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**See Also**

[CreData](#)

**Examples**

```
# Study initialization
data<- CreData(5,c("5 mg/m2","7 mg/m2","10 mg/m2","15 mg/m2","20 mg/m2"))
data

# Three patients are treated at the dose 1, without any observed DLT:
data<- update(data,lastdose=1,npt=3,ndlt=0)
data
```

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