

Implementation details of the power calculations via simulations for scaled ABE

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EMA method (power . scABE ())

Method description in a cook book manner:

- Evaluate all data (log-transformed) via an ANOVA equal to the classical cross-over design with treatment, period, sequence and subject within sequence.

Get the point estimate (pe) for T-R and the mse from that ANOVA.

The 90% confidence interval is obtained from pe and mse according to

$$[LL, uL] = pe \pm t_{(1-\alpha), df} * \sqrt{mse * b_{k(ni)} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i}}$$

The term under the square root is s_d^2 . The term $b_{k(ni)} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i}$ is named C2.

- Evaluate the data (log-transformed) for the reference only via an ANOVA with period, sequence and subject within sequence. The mse of that evaluation is s_{WR}^2 (within-subject variance for the reference). It has df(RR) degrees of freedom associated.
- If $CV_{WR} = \sqrt{\exp(s_{WR}^2) - 1}$ is greater 0.3 calculate the widened acceptance limits (in the log domain) according to

$$[LABEL, uABEL] = \pm 0.76 * s_{WR}$$

If CV_{WR} is ≤ 0.3 use $[-\log(1.25), \log(1.25)]$.

If CV_{WR} is > 0.5 use the acceptance limits for $CV_{WR} = 0.5$ (cap on widening).

- Decide BE if the 90% confidence interval is contained in the scaled (widened) acceptance limits.

The covered replicate crossover designs have the following characteristics ($N = \sum n_i$):

| Design | df | $b_{k(ni)}$ | b_k | df (RR) | E(mse) |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|-----------|---|
| 2x3x3 (partial replicate) | 2*N - 3 | 1/6 | 1.5 | N-2 | $(\sigma_{WT}^2 + 2 * \sigma_{WR}^2)/3$ |
| 2x2x4 (full replicate) | 3*N - 4 | 1/4 | 1 | N-2 | $(\sigma_{WT}^2 + \sigma_{WR}^2)/2$ |
| 2x2x3 (TRT RTR) | 2*N - 3 | 3/6 | 1.5 | N/2 - 1 | $(\sigma_{WT}^2 + \sigma_{WR}^2)/2$ |
| unbalanced | | | | $n_2 - 1$ | $w_1(2 * \sigma_{WT}^2 + \sigma_{WR}^2)/3 + w_2(\sigma_{WT}^2 + 2 * \sigma_{WR}^2)/3$ |

b_k is the design constant assuming $n_i = N/seqs$.

$n_1 = n(\text{TRT})$, $n_2 = n(\text{RTR})$ and $w_i = n_i / (n_1 + n_2)$.

E(mse) is the expectation of the mean squared error from a model without subject by treatment interaction composed from the intra-subject variabilities of Test and Reference, respectively.

Simulation implementation

According to a suggestion of Zheng et al.¹ instead of simulating subject data it would be much more efficient to simulate the needed statistics for the BE decision methods via their associated distributions. This gives a boost in respect to the run times of the simulations from some hours to fraction of minutes.

A first attempt (implemented in PowerTOST V1.1-00, V1.1-02)

- pe is normal distributed with mean=log(GMR) and sd=sqrt($E(mse) * C2$)
GMR is the true (assumed) ratio for the population.
- $s_d^2 * df / (E(mse) * C2)$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_d^2 = E(mse) * C2 * rchi(nsims, df) / df$

- $s_{WR}^2 * df_{RR} / \sigma_{WR}^2$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_{WR}^2 = \sigma_{WR}^2 * rchi(nsims, df_{RR}) / df_{RR}$

With the so simulated statistics the above described method for the BE decision is performed. The cases of BE=TRUE will counted and $pBE = \text{count}(BE=TRUE) / nsims$ is calculated.

The above described simulation attempt proved as too naïve.

The agreement of the power so calculated with values obtained via the 'classical' way of simulating subject data was not very satisfactory, especially for the partial replicate (2x3x3) crossover design. This holds true regardless of assuming equal variabilities for Test and Reference or not. See Appendix.

The conclusion could only be that the simulation of mse and s_{WR}^2 via *independent* chi-square distributions is not appropriate. One consequence of this attempt is that studies are simulated in which s_{WT}^2 if calculated via the relations given in the Table above becomes negative.

To avoid this it was simulated (V1.1-03 ff) as following:

- $s_{WR}^2 * df_{RR} / \sigma_{WR}^2$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_{WR}^2 = \sigma_{WR}^2 * rchi(nsims, df_{RR}) / df_{RR}$
- $s_{WT}^2 * df_{TT} / \sigma_{WT}^2$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_{WT}^2 = \sigma_{WT}^2 * rchi(nsims, df_{TT}) / df_{TT}$
- mse is calculated from the constituents s_{WR}^2 and s_{WT}^2 according to the relations given in the Table above and from that $s_d^2 = mse * C2$.

This approach however has the flaw that we are not able to give the df_{TT} in case of the 2x3x3 design. It was choosen equal to df_{RR} . So this approach is totally empirical for the 2x3x3 design and only justified by the better numeric agreement of the power values compared to those obtained via subject data simulations. It has further the flaw that within the EMA approach indeed negative variance components are imaginable, analogous to negativ inter-subject variances for the 2x2x2 crossover design.

A closer look at the results of V1.1-03 ff showed that the approach via simulations of the mse constituents overcorrects the power values for the 2x2x4 design. The new introduced 2x2x3 design showed the same behavior. Therefore it was decided to use the mean from both approaches from V1.1-07 on. Indeed this empirical attempt gave the most satisfactory agreement to the power results via subject data simulations. See Appendix.

Open questions, understanding problems:

1. Is there a better way to handle the simulations of mse and s_{WR}^2 via *dependent* chi-square distributions?
2. The E(mse) for the 2x3x3 (partial replicate) design was decided from subject data simulations. How can we derive this via theoretically arguments?
3. Is working with different variabilities within the EMA method reasonable at all? Or does the model used only allow equal variabilities?

An indication for that is the observation that the EMA method and the FDA method via ISC lead to different expected standard errors of the mean of T-R :

$$\text{EMA: } \text{sqr}t\left(\frac{1}{3}(\sigma_{wT}^2 + 2 * \sigma_{wR}^2) * \frac{1}{6} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i}\right) = \text{sqr}t\left((\sigma_{wT}^2/2 + \sigma_{wR}^2) * \frac{1}{9} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i}\right)$$

$$\text{FDA: } \text{sqr}t\left((\sigma_{wT}^2 + \sigma_{wR}^2/2) * \frac{1}{9} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i}\right)$$

These formulas give only identical results if $\sigma_{wT}^2 = \sigma_{wR}^2$ is assumed.

A second indication is the poor agreement of the power values compared to those obtained via subject data simulations for the “2x3x3” design in case of $\sigma_{wT}^2 \neq \sigma_{wR}^2$.

In case of $CV_{wT} < CV_{wR}$ the power values via subject data simulations are markedly lower (more conservative), in case of $CV_{wT} > CV_{wR}$ they are markedly higher (more liberal) compared to the simulations of the key statistics pe , mse and σ_{wT}^2 .

To explore into this the question arose **“How performs the EMA recommended evaluation of the replicate designs (“Use the same ANOVA model as for the classical 2x2x2 crossover”) for deciding ABE in terms of type I error (alpha), especially if the homoscedasticity assumption is not true?”** The following table summarizes the simulated alpha values via subject data:

Design 2x3x3 (partial replicate) 1E6 sims

| CVwT | CVwR | pooled CV | n | 'alpha' | power.TOST | power.scABEL (details=T) |
|------|------|-----------|----|---------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 12 | 0.0440 | 0.0445 | 0.0459 |
| | | | 24 | 0.0505 | 0.0500 | 0.0505 |
| | | | 36 | 0.0500 | 0.0501 | 0.0502 |
| 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 12 | 0.0164 | 0.0164 | 0.0186 |
| | | | 24 | 0.0483 | 0.0482 | 0.0488 |
| | | | 36 | 0.0500 | 0.0500 | 0.0502 |
| 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 12 | 0.0027 | 0.0028 | 0.0038 |
| | | | 24 | 0.0323 | 0.0324 | 0.0330 |
| | | | 36 | 0.0484 | 0.0484 | 0.0487 |
| 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3690 | 12 | 0.0202 | 0.0251 | 0.0294 |
| | | | 24 | 0.0361 | 0.0495 | 0.0507 |
| | | | 36 | 0.0363 | 0.0500 | 0.0507 |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4407 | 12 | 0.0068 | 0.0084 | 0.0140 |
| | | | 24 | 0.0267 | 0.0443 | 0.0459 |
| | | | 36 | 0.0285 | 0.0498 | 0.0508 |
| 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3359 | 12 | 0.0434 | 0.0354 | 0.0362 |
| | | | 24 | 0.0659 | 0.0499 | 0.0500 |
| | | | 36 | 0.0663 | 0.0500 | 0.0500 |
| 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3754 | 12 | 0.0319 | 0.0232 | 0.0241 |
| | | | 24 | 0.0757 | 0.0493 | 0.0495 |
| | | | 36 | 0.0783 | 0.0500 | 0.0500 |

'alpha' from subject data sims with CV's as given and GMR=1.25.

power.TOST results calculated with pooled CV

(= mse2CV((CV2mse(CVwT) + 2* CV2mse(CVwR))/3)).

Wow! While performing correct if $\sigma_{wT}^2 = \sigma_{wR}^2$ the empirical alpha values are much too conservative in case of $CV_{wT} < CV_{wR}$. In case of $CV_{wT} > CV_{wR}$ they are too liberal up to an alpha inflation!

This observation resembles well known results for one-way or two-way ANOVA, showing that the usual F-test for testing effects are no longer valid if the assumption of equal variances is violated.

The only explanation could be that the distributional assumptions ("mse is chi-squared distributed") no longer holds if the homoscedasticity is not true. As far as I know there is no way out here since there is no solution to the question of the mse distribution within the crossover ANOVA for the case of heteroscedasticity, beside to use mixed model software. More over the EMA forced us to use this fixed effects ANOVA without allowing mixed models evaluation.

Thus we had to stuck with subject data simulations with the burden of very long simulation run-times if we wish to calculate empirical power for the EMA method within a 2x3x3 design.

FDA method (power.RSABE())

Method description in a cook book manner:

- Calculate the intra-subject contrasts **T-R** (of the log-transformed PK metrics) and analyze them via an ANOVA(1) with sequence as sole effect. The intercept of this ANOVA gives the point estimator (pe) of $\mu_T - \mu_R$.

The std error associated with the pe is

$$s_d = \text{sqrt}(mse_1 * \frac{1}{seqs^2} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i})$$

The associated degrees of freedom are $df=N-seqs$. The term $\frac{1}{seqs^2} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i}$ is named C3. In case of equal number of subjects in sequence groups $n_i=N/seqs$ the term C3 reduces to $1/N$.

- Calculate the intra-subject contrasts **R-R** (of the log-transformed PK metrics) and analyze them via an ANOVA(2) with sequence as sole effect. The intra-subject variance for the reference is $s_{WR}^2 = mse_2/2$. The associated degrees of freedom are also $df(RR)=N-seqs$.
- In case of the full replicate design (2x2x4) the previous step can be repeated for **T-T** to obtain s_{WT}^2 . But this value isn't used further down. It's only a nice to have.
- If $s_{WR} > 0.2935604$ calculate the linearized reference scaled ABE criterion

$$crit = pe^2 - s_d^2 - \theta^2 * s_{WR}^2$$

where $\theta = \log(1.25)/0.25 = 0.8925742$.

Calculate a 95% upper confidence interval of this criterion via Howe² approximation according to

$$E_m = pe^2 - s_d^2$$

$$C_m = (abs(pe) + t_{(1-\alpha),df} * s_d)^2$$

$$E_s = \theta^2 * s_{WR}^2$$

$$C_s = E_s * df_{RR} / \chi^2_{(1-\alpha),df_{RR}}$$

$$bound = E_m - E_s + \text{sqrt}((C_m - E_m)^2 + (C_s - E_s)^2)$$

If the upper bound is lower than zero decide BE

- If $s_{WR} \leq 0.2935604$ ($CV_{WR} \leq 0.3$) then perform ABE evaluation, i.e. calculate 90% confidence intervals and decide BE if these are contained in the acceptance range $[-\log(1.25), \log(1.25)]$. The FDA demands to use the Proc MIXED code for this evaluation, regardless of the design.

Simulation implementation

Instead of simulating via subject data we are simulating the needed statistics via their associated distributions:

- pe is normal distributed with $mean=\log(GMR)$ and $sd=\text{sqrt}(E(mse_1) * C3)$
GMR is the true (assumed) ratio for the population.
- $s_d^2 * df / (E(mse_1) * C3)$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_d^2 = E(mse_1) * C3 * rchi(nsims, df) / df$
- $s_{WR}^2 * df_{RR} / \sigma_{WR}^2$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_{WR}^2 = \sigma_{WR}^2 * rchi(nsims, df_{RR}) / df_{RR}$

With the so simulated statistics the above described method for the BE decision is performed. The cases of $BE=TRUE$ are counted and $pBE = \text{count}(BE=TRUE)/nsims$ is calculated.

The expectation of the mse1 are taken from the literature about IBE as:

| Design | E(mse ₁) |
|--|---|
| 2x3x3 (partial replicate) ^{3,4} | $\sigma_{wT}^2 + \sigma_{wR}^2/2$ |
| 2x2x4 (full replicate) ^{5,6} | $(\sigma_{wT}^2 + \sigma_{wR}^2)/2$ |
| 2x2x3 (TRT RTR) | $(\sigma_{wT}^2 + \sigma_{wR}^2)/2$ |
| unbalanced | $w_1(\sigma_{wT}^2 + \sigma_{wR}^2/2) + w_2(\sigma_{wT}^2/2 + \sigma_{wR}^2)$ |

$$w_1 = df_{RR} / (df_{TT} + df_{RR}), w_2 = df_{TT} / (df_{TT} + df_{RR})$$

Open questions, understanding problems:

1. The ABE evaluation (90% CI's) in case of $s_{wR} \leq 0.2935604$ ($CV_{wR} \leq 0.3$) is done via the results from the ANOVA(1), i.e. we calculate the 90%CI with pe and s_d from that step. How does this affect the results? How could we test this?
If there is a considerable effect, how can we then simulate the ABE decision?
2. The "unknown x", i.e. the term $-s_d^2$ in E_m (taken from the SAS code of the progesterone guidance⁷): Where did it come from? Have the two Laszlo's used it in their simulations? Their earlier papers do not contain this term.
Mueller-Cohrs⁸ notes that pe^2 is only approximately unbiased for $(\mu_T - \mu_R)^2$ and a user in the BEBA forum (http://forum.bebac.at/mix_entry.php?id=5943) gave the hint that it may be the bias correction is done by subtraction of s_d^2 .

The design 2x2x3 (TRT|RTR) has the peculiarity that the intrasubject contrasts for T versus R have different variances in the two sequence groups. See Chow & Liu, Chapter 9.3.4.⁹

Pooling of the sequence groups therefore has the danger that in case of heteroscedasticity the BE decision via an ANOVA with sequence as effect may be too conservative or too liberal.

To explore this some spare subject data sims of the ABE decision (90% CI's in the acceptance range 0.8 – 1.25) are performed. The results are shown in the next Table:

Design 2x2x3 (TRT|RTR), 1E6 sims

| CVwT | CVwR | n1 | n2 | EMA ANOVA | FDA ISC |
|------|------|----|----|-----------|----------------|
| 0.5 | 0.2 | 18 | 18 | 0.0509 | 0.0496* |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.0509 | 0.0559* |
| | | 15 | 21 | 0.0507 | 0.0430* |
| | | 24 | 24 | 0.0505 | |
| 0.5 | 0.3 | 18 | 18 | 0.0503 | 0.0502 |
| | | 19 | 17 | | 0.0516 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.0502 | 0.0541 |
| | | 15 | 21 | 0.0503 | 0.0459 |
| 0.2 | 0.5 | 18 | 18 | 0.0509 | 0.0500* |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.0511 | 0.0438* |
| | | 15 | 21 | 0.0506 | 0.0570* |
| | | 24 | 24 | 0.0505 | |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | 18 | 18 | 0.0505 | 0.0504 |
| | | 19 | 17 | | 0.0490 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.0505 | 0.0469 |
| | | 15 | 21 | 0.0503 | 0.0542 |

n1 = n(TRT), n2 = n(RTR)

* 1E5 sims only

There is no hint of an alpha-inflation or too conservative alpha values if one uses the EMA recommended evaluation (same ANOVA as for the classical 2x2x2 crossover), regardless of grade of heteroscedasticity and unbalancedness analyzed.

The evaluation via intra-subject contrasts also do not show noticable deviations from the nominal level 0.05 as long as the design is balanced or only slightly unbalanced. Alpha-inflation or too conservative type I error values are only observed if the sequence groups are strongly unbalanced. Thus this design is much more 'friendly' in respect to heteroscedasticity than the 2x3x3 design in the EMA evaluation.

An appreciable effect on the power values of the RSABE method is not observed unless the design is very unbalanced. See Appendix.

FDA method for NTID's (`power.NTIDFDA()`)

Method description¹⁰ in a cook book manner, design 2x2x4:

- Calculate the intra-subject contrasts **T-R** (of the log-transformed PK metrics) and analyze them via an ANOVA(1) with sequence as sole effect. The intercept of this ANOVA gives the point estimator (pe) of $\mu_T - \mu_R$.

The std error associated with the pe is

$$s_d = \text{sqrt}(mse_1 * \frac{1}{4} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i})$$

The associated degrees of freedom are $df = N-2$. The term $\frac{1}{4} * \sum \frac{1}{n_i}$ is named C3. In case of equal number of subjects in sequence groups $n_i = N/2$ the term C3 reduces to $1/N$.

- Calculate the intra-subject contrasts **R-R** (of the log-transformed PK metrics) and analyze them via an ANOVA(2) with sequence as sole effect. The intra-subject variance for the reference is $s_{WR}^2 = mse_2/2$. The associated degrees of freedom are $df_{RR} = N-2$.
- Repeated the previous step for **T-T** to obtain s_{WT}^2 . This variance has the associated degrees of freedom $df_{TT} = N-2$ (= df_{RR}).
- Calculate the linearized reference scaled ABE criterion according to

$$crit = pe^2 - s_d^2 - \theta^2 * s_{WR}^2$$

where $\theta = -\log(0.9)/0.1 = 1.053605157$.

Calculate a 95% upper confidence interval of this criterion via Howe² approximation according to

$$E_m = pe^2 - s_d^2$$

$$C_m = (abs(pe) + t_{(1-\alpha),df} * s_d)^2$$

$$E_s = \theta^2 * s_{WR}^2$$

$$C_s = E_s * df_{RR} / \text{Chi}_{(1-\alpha),df_{RR}}$$

$$bound = E_m - E_s + \text{sqrt}((C_m - E_m)^2 + (C_s - E_s)^2)$$

- Decide BE if the upper confidence limit of the linearized reference scaled ABE criterion is ≤ 0 and if the conventional ABE test (90% CI of T versus R within ABE acceptance range) shows BE. The latter is similar to placing a cap at $CV_{WR} = 0.2142$ ($s_{WR} = \log(1.25)/\theta = 0.2117905$) on the widening of the implied acceptance limits.

Additionally the ratio of s_{WT}/s_{WR} should be ≤ 2.5 . This is tested by calculating an upper confidence interval of this ratio via

$$UL = \frac{s_{WT}/s_{WR}}{\sqrt{F_{1-\alpha/2,df_{TT},df_{RR}}}} \leq 2.5$$

where $F_{1-\alpha/2,df_{TT},df_{RR}}$ is the value of the F-distribution with $v_1 = df_{TT}$ and $v_2 = df_{RR}$ degrees of freedom that has probability $1-\alpha/2$ to its **right** (see¹⁰).

In R: `Fval=qf(1-alpha/2,dfTT,dfRR,lower.tail=FALSE)` .

Alpha is set =0.1.

Simulation implementation

Instead of simulating via subject data we are simulating the needed statistics via their associated distributions:

- μ is normal distributed with $\text{mean}=\log(\text{GMR})$ and $\text{sd}=\sqrt{E(\text{mse}_1) * C3}$
GMR is the true (assumed) ratio for the population.
- $s_d^2 * df / (E(\text{mse}_1) * C3)$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_d^2 = E(\text{mse}_1) * C3 * rchi(\text{nsims}, df) / df$
- $s_{WR}^2 * df_{RR} / \sigma_{WR}^2$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_{WR}^2 = \sigma_{WR}^2 * rchi(\text{nsims}, df_{RR}) / df_{RR}$
- $s_{WT}^2 * df_{TT} / \sigma_{WT}^2$ is chi-squared distributed and simulated via
 $s_{WT}^2 = \sigma_{WT}^2 * rchi(\text{nsims}, df_{TT}) / df_{TT}$

$E(\text{mse}_1)$ is taken as $\sigma_D^2 + (\sigma_{WT}^2 + \sigma_{WR}^2) / 2$. See above and reference⁴. The subject by formulation interaction term σ_D^2 is assumed to be zero. It is only present for an eventually enhancement in future. The σ_{XY}^2 are the population values for the respective variances.

With the so simulated statistics the above described method for the BE decision is performed. The cases of BE=TRUE are counted (implies BE(ABE)=TRUE, BE(scABE)=TRUE and ratio $s_{WT}/s_{WR} \leq 2.5$). From the counts $p\text{BE} = \text{count}(\text{BE}=\text{TRUE})/\text{nsims}$ is calculated as 'empirical' power.

Open questions, understanding problems:

- The ABE evaluation (90% CI's) is done via the results from the ANOVA(1), i.e. we calculate the 90%CI with μ and s_d from that step. The FDA on the other hand recommends to do that by the Proc MIXED code for SAS. This is scarcely implementable in R.
How does this affect the results? How could we test this?
If there is a considerable effect, how can we then simulate the ABE decision?

Appendix: Results of simulations via subject data

EMA method, GMR=0.95, 5E+5 subject sims if not otherwise given

power.scABEL() with nsims=1E6

| CVwT | CVwR | n | sims | pBE | power.scABEL | | | |
|--------------|--------|----|------|--------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | V1.1-02c | Diff. | V1.1-07 | Diff. |
| Design 2x3x3 | | | | | | | | |
| 0.2 | 0.2 | 12 | | 0.7522 | 0.7517 | 0.0005 | 0.7517 | 0.0005 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9617 | 0.9618 | -0.0001 | 0.9615 | 0.0002 |
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 12 | | 0.4066 | 0.3958 | 0.0108 | 0.4112 | -0.0046 |
| | | 24 | | 0.7790 | 0.7714 | 0.0076 | 0.7818 | -0.0028 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9632 | 0.9698 | -0.0066 | 0.9636 | -0.0004 |
| 0.4 | 0.4 | 12 | | 0.2899 | 0.2984 | -0.0085 | 0.2896 | 0.0003 |
| | | 12 | 1E6 | 0.2895 | 0.2984 | -0.0089 | 0.2896 | -0.0001 |
| | | 24 | | 0.7390 | 0.7233 | 0.0157 | 0.7456 | -0.0066 |
| | | 24 | 1E6 | 0.7398 | 0.7233 | 0.0165 | 0.7456 | -0.0058 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9597 | 0.9543 | 0.0054 | 0.9612 | -0.0015 |
| 0.5 | 0.5 | 12 | | 0.1954 | 0.2202 | -0.0248 | 0.1907 | 0.0047 |
| | | 12 | 1E6 | 0.1952 | 0.2202 | -0.0250 | 0.1907 | 0.0045 |
| | | 24 | | 0.7048 | 0.6953 | 0.0095 | 0.7091 | -0.0043 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9620 | 0.9579 | 0.0041 | 0.9630 | -0.0010 |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | 12 | | 0.3762 | 0.3486 | 0.0276 | 0.3497 | 0.0265 |
| | | 24 | | 0.8623 | 0.8042 | 0.0581 | 0.8215 | 0.0408 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9934 | 0.9810 | 0.0134 | 0.9853 | 0.0081 |
| 0.5 | 0.3 | 12 | | 0.1452 | 0.1625 | -0.0173 | 0.1489 | -0.0037 |
| | | 24 | | 0.5179 | 0.5585 | -0.0406 | 0.5652 | -0.0473 |
| | | 48 | | 0.8284 | 0.8657 | -0.0373 | 0.8690 | -0.0406 |
| Design 2x2x4 | | | | | | | | |
| 0.2 | 0.2 | 12 | | 0.9024 | 0.9017 | 0.0007 | 0.9031 | -0.0007 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9948 | 0.9949 | -0.0001 | 0.9950 | -0.0002 |
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 12 | | 0.6553 | 0.6447 | 0.0106 | 0.6538 | 0.0015 |
| | | 12 | 1E6 | 0.6552 | 0.6447 | 0.0105 | 0.6538 | 0.0014 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9120 | 0.9080 | 0.0040 | 0.9115 | 0.0005 |
| | | 36 | | 0.9771 | 0.9756 | 0.0015 | 0.9770 | 0.0001 |
| 0.4090 | 0.4090 | 12 | 1E6 | 0.5482 | 0.5334 | 0.0148 | 0.5446 | 0.0036 |
| | | 24 | 1E6 | 0.8878 | 0.8780 | 0.0098 | 0.8852 | 0.0026 |
| | | 36 | | 0.9695 | 0.9657 | 0.0038 | 0.9687 | 0.0008 |
| 0.5 | 0.5 | 12 | | 0.4705 | 0.4662 | 0.0043 | 0.4676 | 0.0029 |
| | | 24 | | 0.8787 | 0.8718 | 0.0069 | 0.8771 | 0.0016 |
| | | 36 | | 0.9710 | 0.9677 | 0.0033 | 0.9706 | 0.0004 |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | 12 | | 0.6955 | 0.6770 | 0.0185 | 0.6920 | 0.0035 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9603 | 0.9526 | 0.0077 | 0.9590 | 0.0013 |
| | | 36 | | 0.9931 | 0.9916 | 0.0015 | 0.9929 | 0.0003 |
| 0.5 | 0.3 | 12 | | 0.3011 | 0.2971 | 0.0040 | 0.2964 | 0.0047 |
| | | 24 | | 0.6974 | 0.6949 | 0.0025 | 0.6976 | -0.0002 |
| | | 36 | | 0.8586 | 0.8561 | 0.0025 | 0.8576 | 0.0010 |

Red: abs(diff)>0.002; Red, bold: abs(diff)>0.01

Agreement not perfect but – except the calculations with CVwT ≠ CVwR for design “2x3x3” – to some degree satisfactory for me.

EMA method
Design 2x2x3 (TRT|RTR) (new)
GMR=0.95, 5E+5 subject data sims

| CVwT | CVwR | n1 | n2 | pBE | power.scABEL() | diff |
|------|------|----|----|--------|----------------|---------|
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 12 | 12 | 0.7884 | 0.7891 | -0.0007 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.9144 | 0.9138 | 0.0006 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.9080 | 0.9084 | -0.0004 |
| 0.4 | 0.4 | 12 | 12 | 0.7137 | 0.7146 | -0.0009 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.8803 | 0.8802 | 0.0001 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.8659 | 0.8665 | -0.0006 |
| 0.5 | 0.5 | 12 | 12 | 0.6574 | 0.6579 | -0.0005 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.8669 | 0.8672 | -0.0003 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.8468 | 0.8476 | -0.0008 |
| | | 15 | 21 | 0.8660 | 0.8649 | 0.0011 |
| 0.5 | 0.3 | 12 | 12 | 0.4857 | 0.4867 | -0.0010 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.7043 | 0.7039 | 0.0004 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.6815 | 0.6817 | -0.0002 |
| | | 15 | 21 | 0.6987 | 0.6981 | 0.0006 |

Agreement totally satisfactory for me.

FDA method, GMR=0.95, 1E5 subject data sims if not otherwise given

| CVwT | CVwR | n | sims | pBE | power.RSABE | Diff |
|--------------|---------|----|------|--------|-------------|---------|
| Design 2x3x3 | | | | | | |
| 0.2 | 0.2 | 12 | | 0.7106 | 0.7108 | -0.0002 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9560 | 0.9561 | -0.0001 |
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 12 | | 0.4123 | 0.4132 | -0.0009 |
| | | 24 | | 0.7980 | 0.7990 | -0.0010 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9700 | 0.9691 | 0.0009 |
| 0.40898 | 0.40898 | 12 | | 0.3808 | 0.3801 | 0.0006 |
| | | 24 | | 0.8089 | 0.8104 | -0.0016 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9831 | 0.9827 | 0.0004 |
| 0.5 | 0.5 | 12 | | 0.3795 | 0.3779 | 0.0017 |
| | | 24 | | 0.8132 | 0.8153 | -0.0020 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9763 | 0.9765 | -0.0003 |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | 12 | | 0.6296 | 0.6289 | 0.0006 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9406 | 0.9416 | -0.0009 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9962 | 0.9961 | 0.0001 |
| Design 2x2x4 | | | | | | |
| 0.2 | 0.2 | 12 | | 0.8737 | 0.8744 | 0.0007 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9931 | 0.9933 | -0.0002 |
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 12 | | 0.6374 | 0.6321 | 0.0054 |
| | | 12 | 1E6 | 0.6355 | 0.6348 | 0.0007 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9172 | 0.9165 | 0.0006 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9948 | 0.9948 | 0.0000 |
| 0.40898 | 0.40898 | 12 | | 0.5933 | 0.5913 | 0.0020 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9234 | 0.9231 | 0.0003 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9968 | 0.9971 | -0.0003 |
| 0.5 | 0.5 | 12 | | 0.5912 | 0.5903 | 0.0009 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9238 | 0.9235 | 0.0003 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9935 | 0.9938 | -0.0002 |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | 12 | | 0.7491 | 0.7483 | 0.0008 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9709 | 0.9710 | -0.0002 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9986 | 0.9990 | -0.0004 |
| 0.5 | 0.3 | 12 | | 0.3263 | 0.3264 | -0.0002 |
| | | 24 | | 0.7264 | 0.7244 | 0.0020 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9457 | 0.9444 | 0.0014 |

Red: abs(diff)>0.002

Agreement totally satisfactory for me.

FDA method, Design 2x2x3 (TRT|RTR) (new)

GMR=0.95, 1E5 subject data sims

| CVwT | CVwR | n1 | n2 | pBE | power.RSABE | diff |
|------|------|----|----|--------|-------------|---------|
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 12 | 12 | 0.7967 | 0.7955 | 0.0012 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.9204 | 0.9208 | -0.0004 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.9133 | 0.9140 | -0.0007 |
| 0.4 | 0.4 | 12 | 12 | 0.7626 | 0.7612 | 0.0014 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.9139 | 0.9133 | 0.0006 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.8971 | 0.8975 | -0.0004 |
| 0.5 | 0.5 | 12 | 12 | 0.7604 | 0.7588 | 0.0016 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.9153 | 0.9145 | 0.0008 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.8969 | 0.8972 | -0.0003 |
| 0.5 | 0.3 | 12 | 12 | 0.5178 | 0.5167 | 0.0011 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.7362 | 0.7355 | 0.0007 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.7278 | 0.7342 | -0.0064 |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | 12 | 12 | 0.8725 | 0.8719 | 0.0006 |
| | | 18 | 18 | 0.9659 | 0.9653 | 0.0006 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.9572 | 0.9526 | 0.0046 |

GMR=1.25, 1E6 subject data sims

| CVwT | CVwR | n1 | n2 | pBE | power.RSABE | diff |
|------|------|----|----|--------|-------------|---------|
| 0.5 | 0.2 | 18 | 18 | | 0.0501 | |
| | | 21 | 15 | | 0.0503 | |
| | | 15 | 21 | | 0.0499 | |
| 0.5 | 0.3 | 18 | 18 | 0.1127 | 0.1124 | 0.0003 |
| | | 19 | 17 | 0.1151 | 0.1135 | 0.0016 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.1045 | 0.1138 | -0.0093 |
| | | 15 | 21 | 0.1184 | 0.1094 | 0.0090 |
| 0.2 | 0.5 | 18 | 18 | | 0.4473 | |
| | | 21 | 15 | | 0.4318 | |
| | | 15 | 21 | | 0.4590 | |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | 18 | 18 | 0.4418 | 0.4417 | 0.0001 |
| | | 19 | 17 | 0.4366 | 0.4367 | -0.0001 |
| | | 21 | 15 | 0.4232 | 0.4246 | -0.0014 |
| | | 15 | 21 | 0.4527 | 0.4518 | 0.0009 |

Agreement totally satisfactory for me, except the red marked cases of heavy in-balance.

FDA method for NTID's, design 2x2x4, 1E+5 sims if not otherwise given

GMR=0.95

| CVwT | CVwR | n | sims | pBE | power.NTIDFDA | Diff |
|-----------------|-------|----|------|--------|---------------|---------|
| GMR=0.95 | | | | | | |
| 0.05 | 0.05 | 12 | | 0.0564 | 0.0583 | -0.0019 |
| | | 24 | | 0.0644 | 0.0633 | 0.0011 |
| 0.075 | 0.075 | 12 | | 0.2492 | 0.2505 | -0.0014 |
| | | 24 | | 0.4266 | 0.4283 | -0.0017 |
| | | 48 | | 0.6738 | 0.6707 | 0.0030 |
| 0.1 | 0.1 | 12 | | 0.4037 | 0.4029 | 0.0008 |
| | | 24 | | 0.6871 | 0.6865 | 0.0006 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9222 | 0.9198 | 0.0023 |
| 0.125 | 0.125 | 12 | | 0.4982 | 0.4968 | 0.0014 |
| | | 24 | | 0.8134 | 0.8123 | 0.0012 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9774 | 0.9752 | 0.0021 |
| 0.15 | 0.15 | 12 | | 0.5597 | 0.5568 | 0.0029 |
| | | 24 | | 0.8762 | 0.8749 | 0.0013 |
| | | 48 | | 0.9914 | 0.9911 | 0.0003 |
| 0.175 | 0.175 | 12 | | 0.5954 | 0.5939 | 0.0014 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9090 | 0.9094 | -0.0004 |
| | | 36 | | 0.9804 | 0.9800 | 0.0004 |
| 0.2 | 0.2 | 12 | | 0.6115 | 0.6103 | 0.0012 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9288 | 0.9291 | -0.0003 |
| | | 36 | | 0.9874 | 0.9871 | 0.0003 |
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 12 | | 0.4364 | 0.4357 | 0.0007 |
| | | 24 | | 0.8610 | 0.8607 | 0.0003 |
| | | 36 | | 0.9638 | 0.9627 | 0.0011 |
| 0.125 | 0.175 | 12 | | 0.7231 | 0.7209 | 0.0022 |
| | | 24 | | 0.9526 | 0.9518 | 0.0008 |
| | | 36 | | 0.9926 | 0.9925 | 0.0001 |
| 0.175 | 0.125 | 12 | | 0.2861 | 0.2872 | -0.0011 |
| | | 24 | | 0.6338 | 0.6359 | -0.0021 |
| | | 36 | | 0.8302 | 0.8306 | -0.0004 |

Red: abs(diff)>0.002

Agreement satisfactory for me.

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