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Monthly Program Status Report – PROJECT

Reporting Period:	**December 2014**
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Description of Activity:	A recent FDA-sponsored National Research Council Report recommended that "examining sensitivity to the assumptions about the missing data mechanism should be a mandatory component of reporting." While the Report outlines a framework for conducting sensitivity analysis, there are two major problems with existing methods: (1) they have not been implemented in software packages and (2) they do not adequately address non-monotone missing data patterns (i.e., patients provide data irregularly). The objective of this project is to address these gaps by: 1) creating unified and coherent methods for global sensitivity analysis of clinical trials with monotone and non-monotone missing data, 2) developing free, open source and reproducible software in SAS and R to implement the methods, and 3) demonstrating the methods and software using real clinical trial data.

Project Health Check							
Health ▸	**Budget**	 	**Schedule**	 	**Resources**	 	**Deliverables**
Notes ▸	Within Budget		On Schedule		Adequate		On Target

Budget Tracking – (TOTAL CONTRACT CEILING)							
POP	Ceiling Remaining	Cumulative Funding	Year Funding (Year 1)	Spent to Date	Year Funding Remaining	Month Invoice	Funding Covers
Base	$1,094,565	$1,094,565	$1,094,565	$611,912.37 (*$211,113.35) committed)	$482,652.63	$325,516.29	Salary, fringe, other expenses, and indirect costs

Activity Summary and Highlights

Over the last 6 weeks, we released an R version of SAMON. We gave two short courses: one at the Deming Conference (88 participants) and one at Johns Hopkins (60 participants). Our short course proposal for the Society of Clinical Trials was accepted. We worked on the draft of the manuscript (proving a theorem), methodology for analyzing studies with intermittent missing data, and methodology for constructing fast and more accurate confidence intervals. We also completed a draft of a manuscript describing how to analyze randomized studies with death and missing data prior to death. We continue to look for illustrative datasets; the datasets we identified previously did not yield interesting results.

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Key Accomplishments

Current Reporting Period	Planned for Next Period
- Released R version of SAMON - Gave two short courses. - Edited draft of manuscript - Worked on methodology for intermittent missing data. - Worked on methodology for confidence intervals - Completed draft of manuscript on missing data in studies with death.	- Initiate the Forum option on Website - Expand membership on Website - Develop SAS version of software - Work on methodology for confidence intervals - Finish and submit manuscript - Work on methodology for intermittent missing data

Issues and Risks

Category	Priority	Status	Opened	Issue	Description
Contract (FDA)	1	Closed	9/30/13	Intellectual Property	Revision to contract regarding intellectual property language.
Dissemination (FDA)	2	Closed	2/15/14	Website	FDA Personnel cannot connect to www.missingdatamatters.org from their office computers.
Software (JHU)	1	Closed	3/15/14	Coverage of Confidence Intervals	Simulations indicate that standard procedures for constructing confidence intervals are not providing adequate coverage with typical sample sizes.
Computing (JHU)	1	Closed	4/21/14	Periods of slow performance of computing cluster	A new computing cluster was installed at Johns Hopkins. We are experiencing periods of slow performance on the cluster.
Personnel (JHU)	1	Closed	5/21/14	Re-Distribution of Effort	Starting April 1, Aidan McDermott has reduced his percent effort by 20%. Chenguang Wang joined the project starting July 15.
Invoicing (FDA)	1	Open	6/6/14	Payment of Invoices	Invoices have not been paid.
Computing (FDA)	1	Open	6/6/14	Software on FDA Cluster	Investigate the steps needed to run software on FDA cluster
Personnel (JHU)	1	Open	1/13/14	New Effort	Yi Lu joined the project to work on confidence intervals.

Other Activities

Attachments and References

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