

Monthly Program Status Report – PROJECT

Reporting Period:	May 2015
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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	\$597,762.15 (\$66,026.68 committed)	\$496,802.85	\$506,738.50	Salary, fringe, other expenses, and indirect costs

Activity Summary and Highlights
<p>We have been developing a SAS version of SAMON. A SAS procedure development environment has been set up with Windows 7 operating system, SAS 9.4 32bit, SAS/Toolkit and Microsoft Visual Studio 2013 with VC. We have consulted SAS and Cytel on the technological process of developing SAS procedures using SAS/Toolkit and received an example from Cytel. Working with experts from Cytel, we have compiled and tested the example in our own development environment. We have been conducting extension simulation studies to evaluate procedures for constructing confidence intervals. While we have not yet been identified a procedure that has adequate coverage, we have a greater understanding of why existing methods are failing. We have been actively consulting with an expert from Italy.</p>

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Key Accomplishments	
Current Reporting Period	Planned for Next Period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on confidence interval procedures • Worked on SAS version of SAMON 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate the Forum option on Website • Expand membership on Website • Develop SAS version of software • Work on methodology for confidence intervals • Implement intermittent missing data methods • Finish and submit manuscript

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	1/13/15	New Effort	Yi Lu joined the project to work on confidence intervals.

Other Activities

Attachments and References