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      comparison is achieved by weighting the subject-level outcomes
      of the intervention trial so that the weighted aggregate
      measures of prognostic or effect-modifying variables match
      those of the comparator trial. Measurements supported include
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      objective tumor response). The method is described in
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Description

An example data frame containing aggregate summary data from the comparator study.

Usage

data(AgD_bl)

Format

A data frame with X rows and Y variables:

STUDY Label of the comparator study, e.g., "Study XX-1".

TRT Grouping variable, e.g., "active" or "control".

N Number of subjects in each group.

AGEGR Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

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SEX Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

ECOG Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

SMK Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

METBRAIN Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

METLIVER Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

BMI.mean Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

BMI.sd Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

DIAG.mean Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

DIAG.sd Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

Examples

```
data(AgD_bl)
head(AgD_bl)
```

AgD_eff

Description of AgD_eff dataset

Description

An example data frame containing aggregate results data from the comparator study.

Usage

```
data(AgD_eff)
```

Format

A data frame with X rows and Y variables:

STUDY Label of the comparator study, e.g., "Study XX-1".

PARAM Subsets to be analyzed, e.g., "PFSINV", "OS".

EST Point estimate of the effect size.

CIL The lower confidence limit of the point estimate of the effect size.

CIU The upper confidence limit of the point estimate of the effect size.

```
data(AgD_eff)
head(AgD_eff)
```

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anchored_maic	Conduct Anchored Matching-Adjusted Indirect Comparison (MAIC).

Description

The endpoint of interest is either time-to-event (e.g., overall survival) or binary (e.g., objective tumor response). The methods described in this documentation are based on those originally outlined by Signorovitch et al., 2012, and further detailed in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Decision Support Unit (DSU) Technical Support Document (TSD) 18.

Arguments

ipds_wts	A data frame containing individual patient data from the intervention study, with a column containing the estimated weights (derived using estimate_weights).
intervention.ar	rm -
	The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by ipds_wts, e.g., intervention.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.
agds_eff	A data frame containing aggregate efficacy results from the comparator study.
comparator	The name of the study column in the data frame specified by agds_eff, e.g., comparator = STUDY. The default is STUDY.
comparator.stu	dy
	A character specifying the comparator study, which must be quoted and cannot be empty (e.g., comparator.study = "Study XX-1"). This is the value of the study column in agds_eff set by the comparator parameter.
ipds.param.var	The name of the column that specifies only a subset of the ipds_wts to be used.
ipds.param	A character specifying the subset of the rows to be used. This is the value of the column set by the ipds.param.var.
agds.param.var	The name of the column that specifies only a specific result of the agds_eff to be used.
agds.param	A character specifying the subset of the rows to be used. This is the value of the column set by the agds.param.var.
agds.estimate	The column name of the point estimate of the effect size.
agds.ci.lower	The column name for the lower confidence limit of the point estimate of the effect size.
agds.ci.upper	The column name for the upper confidence limit of the point estimate of the effect size.
time	The name of the survival or follow-up time column in the ipds_wts.
status	The status indicator, normally $0 = \text{event}$, $1 = \text{censored}$. Can be reset using the event parameter.
event	A numeric value that represents the survival status, $0 = \text{event}$, $1 = \text{censored}$.
response	The name of the response status column in the ipds_wts.

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Two options are available: "HR" and "OR". The default is "HR". wt.col The name of the estimated weights column in the data frame specified by ipds_wts. The default is wt. CIW The numeric value specifying the width of the confidence interval, with a default of 0.95. digits Specify the number of decimal places for the output results.	stralist	A string specifying the stratification factors in a stratified analysis, e.g., stralist = "BPDL1, CNSBRAIN, AGEGR".
The default is wt. CIw The numeric value specifying the width of the confidence interval, with a default of 0.95.	dtype	Two options are available: "HR" and "OR". The default is "HR".
of 0.95.	wt.col	The name of the estimated weights column in the data frame specified by $ipds_wts$. The default is wt .
digits Specify the number of decimal places for the output results.	CIw	1
	digits	Specify the number of decimal places for the output results.

Value

A data frame containing the anchored matching-adjusted indirect comparison results.

Examples

```
results1 <- anchored_maic(</pre>
  ipds_wts = pts, intervention.arm = TRT,
 agds_eff = AgD_eff, comparator = STUDY,
 comparator.study = "Study XX-1",
 ipds.param.var = PARAMCD, ipds.param = "OS",
 agds.param.var = PARAM, agds.param = "OS",
 agds.estimate = EST, agds.ci.lower = CIL, agds.ci.upper = CIU,
 time = AVAL, status = CNSR, event = 0,
 stralist = "BPDL1, CNSBRAIN, AGEGR", dtype = "HR",
 wt.col = wt, CIw = 0.95, digits = 2)
results1
results2 <- anchored_maic(</pre>
 ipds_wts = pts, intervention.arm = TRT,
 agds_eff = AgD_eff, comparator = STUDY,
 comparator.study = "Study XX-1",
 agds.param.var = PARAM, agds.param = "ORR",
 agds.estimate = EST, agds.ci.lower = CIL, agds.ci.upper = CIU,
 response = RESP,
 stralist = "BPDL1, CNSBRAIN, AGEGR", dtype = "OR",
 wt.col = wt, CIw = 0.95, digits = 2)
results2
```

check_matching

Check Whether the Variables are Balanced After Weighting

Description

Check Whether the Variables are Balanced After Weighting

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Arguments

ipds_wts

A data frame containing individual patient data from the intervention study, with a column containing the estimated weights (derived using estimate_weights).

agds

A data frame containing aggregate summary data from the comparator study.

summary.list

A character list with two elements giving the names of variables for summarizing: the first is a vector of binary variables, and the second is a vector of continuous variables. The variable names must match the column names in ipds and do not need to be the same as those in matching.list. Use c() if a type is absent.

matching.list

A character list with two elements giving the names of variables for matching: the first is a vector of binary variables, and the second is a vector of continuous variables. The variable names must match the column names in *ipds* and *agds*. Use c() if a type is absent.

intervention.arm

The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by ipds, e.g., intervention.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

comparator

The name of the study column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g., comparator = STUDY. The default is STUDY.

comparator.study

A character specifying the comparator study, which must be quoted and cannot be empty (e.g., comparator.study = "Study XX-1"). This is the value of the study column in agds set by the comparator parameter.

comparator.arm The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g., comparator.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

comparator.n

The name of the subjects number column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g., comparator.n = N. The default is N.

wt.col

The name of the estimated weights column in the data frame specified by *ipds_wts*. The default is wt.

Value

A data frame containing all specified variables summarised before and after weighting.

```
cov <- list(</pre>
  binary = c("ECOG", "SMK", "METBRAIN"),
  continuous = c("BMI", "DIAG")
)
cov_all <- list(</pre>
  binary = c("SEX", "ECOG", "SMK", "METBRAIN", "METLIVER"),
  continuous = c("BMI", "DIAG", "WEIGHT", "HEIGHT")
)
baseline <- check_matching(</pre>
  ipds_wts = pts, agds = AgD_bl,
```

check_matching2wider

```
summary.list = cov_all, matching.list = cov,
intervention.arm = TRT,
comparator = STUDY, comparator.study = "Study XX-1",
comparator.n = N, comparator.arm = TRT)
baseline
```

Description

Convert a Longer Table Generated by check_matching() Into a Wider Table

Arguments

```
A data frame containing the summarised results generated by <code>check_matching()</code>. intervention.arm

The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by <code>ipds</code>, e.g., intervention.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

digits

Specify the number of decimal places for the output results.
```

Value

A data frame containing the summarized results in a wider format.

```
cov <- list(
  binary = c("ECOG", "SMK", "METBRAIN"),
  continuous = c("BMI", "DIAG")
)

cov_all <- list(
  binary = c("SEX", "ECOG", "SMK", "METBRAIN", "METLIVER"),
  continuous = c("BMI", "DIAG", "WEIGHT", "HEIGHT")
)

baseline <- check_matching(
  ipds_wts = pts, agds = AgD_bl,
  summary.list = cov_all, matching.list = cov,
  intervention.arm = TRT,
  comparator = STUDY, comparator.study = "Study XX-1",
  comparator.n = N, comparator.arm = TRT)</pre>
```

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```
baseline_summary <- check_matching2wider(
  baseline.longer = baseline,
  intervention.arm = TRT)
baseline_summary</pre>
```

estimate_ess

Estimate Effective Sample Size (ESS)

Description

Estimate Effective Sample Size (ESS)

Arguments

ipds_wts A data frame containing individual patient data from the intervention study, with

a column containing the estimated weights (derived using estimate_weights).

agds A data frame containing aggregate summary data from the comparator study.

intervention.arm

The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by *ipds*, e.g.,

intervention.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

comparator The name of the study column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g., com-

parator = STUDY. The default is STUDY.

comparator.study

A character specifying the comparator study, which must be quoted and cannot be empty (e.g., comparator.study = "Study XX-1"). This is the value of the study

column in agds set by the comparator parameter.

comparator.arm The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g.,

comparator.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

comparator.n A The name of the subjects number column in the data frame specified by agds,

e.g., comparator.n = N. The default is N.

wt.col The name of the estimated weights column in the data frame specified by *ipds_wts*.

The default is wt.

digits Specify the number of decimal places for the output results.

Value

A data frame containing effective sample size (ESS) after weighting.

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Examples

```
ess <- estimate_ess(
  ipds_wts = pts, agds = AgD_bl,
  intervention.arm = TRT,
  comparator = STUDY, comparator.study = "Study XX-1", comparator.arm = TRT,
  comparator.n = N)
ess</pre>
```

estimate_weights

Functions for the Estimation of Propensity Weights

Description

Functions for the Estimation of Propensity Weights

Arguments

ipds A data frame containing individual patient data from the intervention study, with

baseline characteristic variables for matching.

agds A data frame containing aggregate summary data from the comparator study.

matching.list A character list with two elements giving the names of variables for matching:

the first is a vector of binary variables, and the second is a vector of continuous variables. The variable names must match the column names in *ipds* and *agds*.

Use c() if a type is absent.

intervention.arm

The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by ipds, e.g.,

intervention.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

comparator The name of the study column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g., com-

parator = STUDY. The default is STUDY.

comparator.study

A character specifying the comparator study, which must be quoted and cannot be empty (e.g., comparator.study = "Study XX-1"). This is the value of the study

column in agds set by the comparator parameter.

comparator.arm The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g.,

comparator.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

opt.method The optim method to be used. The default is "BFGS".

seed The seed for centralized variable missing value imputation (KNN method).

... Refer to optim for additional parameters.

Value

A data frame containing individual patient data, calculated weights, and rescaled weights.

hist_weights

Examples

```
cov <- list(
  c("ECOG", "SMK", "METBRAIN"),
  c("BMI", "DIAG")
)

pts <- estimate_weights(
  ipds = IPD,
  agds = AgD_bl,
  matching.list = cov,
  intervention.arm = TRT,
  comparator = STUDY,
  comparator.study = "Study XX-1",
  comparator.arm = TRT
)</pre>
```

hist_weights

Histograms of Weights and Rescaled Weights Distributions

Description

Histograms of Weights and Rescaled Weights Distributions

Arguments

ipds_wts	A data frame containing individual patient data from the intervention study, with
	a column containing the estimated weights (derived using estimate_weights).
intervention.ar	rm
	The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by $ipds$, e.g., intervention.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.
wt.col	The name of the estimated weights column in the data frame specified by <i>ipds_wts</i> . The default is wt.
rswt.col	The name of the estimated rescaled weights column in the data frame specified by <i>ipds_wts</i> . The default is wt_rs.
bin	The number of bins or bars of the histogram.
xstepby	An integer guiding the breaks on the X-axis.
ystepby	An integer guiding the breaks on the Y-axis.
	Refer to geom_histogram for additional parameters.

Value

Histograms of weights and rescaled weights distributions.

```
hist_weights(pts, intervention.arm = TRT, xstepby = 2, ystepby = 50)
```

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IPD

Description of IPD dataset

Description

An example data frame containing individual patient data from the intervention study, with baseline characteristic variables for matching.

Usage

data(IPD)

Format

A data frame with X rows and Y variables:

SUBJID Subject Unique Identifier.

TRT Grouping variable, e.g., "active" or "control".

BPDL1 Stratification factors for stratified analysis.

CNSBRAIN Stratification factors for stratified analysis.

AGEGR Stratification factors for stratified analysis.

WEIGHT Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

HEIGHT Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

BMI Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

DIAG Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

SEX Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

ECOG Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

SMK Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

METBRAIN Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

METLIVER Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

PARAMCD Subsets to be analyzed, e.g., "PFSINV", "OS".

AVAL Survival or follow up time.

CNSR The status indicator, 0 = event, 1 = censored.

RESP Response status, 1 = responder, 0 = non-responder.

Examples

data(IPD)

head(IPD)

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pseudo

Description of pseudo dataset

Description

An example data frame containing pseudo patient data from the comparator study

Usage

```
data(pseudo)
```

Format

A data frame with X rows and Y variables:

```
SUBJID Subject Unique Identifier.
```

PARAMCD Subsets to be analyzed, e.g., "PFSINV", "OS".

ARM Label of the comparator study, = "Comparator".

AVAL Survival or follow up time.

CNSR The status indicator, 0 = event, 1 = censored.

```
wt Weights, = 1.
```

Examples

```
data(pseudo)
head(pseudo)
```

pts

Description of pts dataset

Description

An example data frame containing individual patient data and estimated weights.

Usage

```
data(pts)
```

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Format

A data frame with X rows and Y variables:

SUBJID Subject Unique Identifier.

TRT Grouping variable, e.g., "active" or "control".

BPDL1 Stratification factors for stratified analysis.

CNSBRAIN Stratification factors for stratified analysis.

AGEGR Stratification factors for stratified analysis.

WEIGHT Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

HEIGHT Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

BMI Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

DIAG Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

SEX Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

ECOG Baseline characteristic variables for matching or summarizing.

SMK Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

METBRAIN Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

METLIVER Baseline characteristics variables for matching.

PARAMCD Subsets to be analyzed, e.g., "PFSINV", "OS".

AVAL Survival or follow up time.

CNSR The status indicator, 0 = event, 1 = censored.

RESP Response status, 1 = responder, 0 = non-responder.

wt Estimated propensity weights.

wt_rs Estimated rescaled propensity weights.

Examples

data(pts)
head(pts)

summarize_weights

Summarize the Distribution of Weight Values

Description

Summarize the Distribution of Weight Values

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Arguments

A data frame containing individual patient data from the intervention study, with a column containing the estimated weights (derived using estimate_weights). intervention.arm

The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by *ipds*, e.g., intervention.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

wt.col

The name of the estimated weights column in the data frame specified by *ipds_wts*. The default is wt.

rswt.col

The name of the estimated rescaled weights column in the data frame specified by *ipds_wts*. The default is wt_rs.

digits

Specify the number of decimal places for the output results.

Value

A data frame containing a summary table of weights and rescaled weights.

Examples

```
summarize_weights(ipds_wts = pts, intervention.arm = TRT)
```

unanchored_kmplot	Generate a Kaplan-Meier Plot with Individual Efficacy Data and
	Pseudo Efficacy Data.

Description

Generate a Kaplan-Meier Plot with Individual Efficacy Data and Pseudo Efficacy Data.

Arguments

unds_wts	A combined data frame containing individual efficacy data from the intervention study and pseudo efficacy data from the comparator study.
unds.arm	The name of the grouping column in the combined data frame specified by <i>unds_wts</i> , e.g., comparator.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.
unds.param.var	The name of the column that specifies only a subset of the rows of the data to be used.
unds.param	A character specifying the subset of the rows to be used. This is the value of the column set by the <i>unds.param.var</i> .
time	The name of the survival or follow up time column in the combined data frame.
status	The status indicator, normally $0 = \text{event}$, $1 = \text{censored}$. Can be reseted using the <i>event</i> parameter.
event	A numeric value that represents the survival status, $0 = \text{event}$, $1 = \text{censored}$.

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wt.col	The name of the estimated weights column in the data frame specified by <i>unds_wts</i> . The default is wt.
km.xlim	A numeric value specifying the right limit of the scale on the X-axis.
xstepby	An integer guiding the breaks on the X-axis.
km.ylim	A numeric value specifying the upper limit of the scale on the Y-axis.
ystepby	An integer guiding the breaks on the Y-axis.
xlab	A character giving label of the X-axis. The default is "Time (Months)".
ylab	A character giving label of the Y-axis. The default is "Survival probability".
km.legend	A character vector of length >=1 to appear in the legend.
km.title	A character used to set the main title at the top.
	Refer to ggsurvplot for additional parameters

Value

A Kaplan-Meier plot object that contains individual efficacy data from the intervention study and pseudo efficacy data from the comparator study.

Examples

```
unanchored_kmplot(
  unds_wts = unpts, unds.arm = ARM,
  unds.param.var = PARAMCD, unds.param = "OS",
  time = AVAL, status = CNSR, event = 0,
  wt.col = wt, km.xlim = 35, xstepby = 3,
  km.legend = c("Arm A", "ARM B"),
  km.title = "AAAA")
```

Description

Conduct non-Anchored Matching-Adjusted Indirect Comparison (MAIC).

Arguments

unds_wts	A combined data frame containing individual efficacy data from the intervention study and pseudo efficacy data from the comparator study.	
unds.arm	The name of the grouping column in the combined data frame specified by <i>unds_wts</i> , e.g., comparator.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.	
comparator.study		
	A character specifying or presenting the comparator study, e.g., comparator.study	
	= "Study XX-1".	

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unds.param.var	The name of the column that specifies only a subset of the rows of the data to be used.
unds.param	A character specifying the subset of the rows to be used. This is the value of the column set by the <i>unds.param.var</i> .
time	The name of the survival or follow up time column in the combined data frame.
status	The status indicator, normally $0 = \text{event}$, $1 = \text{censored}$. Can be reseted using the <i>event</i> parameter.
event	A numeric value that represents the survival status, $0 = \text{event}$, $1 = \text{censored}$.
response	The name of the response status column in the <i>unds_wts</i> .
dtype	Two options are available: "HR" and "OR". The default is "HR".
wt.col	The name of the estimated weights column in the data frame specified by <i>unds_wts</i> . The default is wt.
CIw	The numeric value specifying the width of the confidence interval, with a default of 0.95 .
digits	Specify the number of decimal places for the output results.

Value

A data frame containing the non-anchored matching-adjusted indirect comparison results.

```
results3 <- unanchored_maic(
  unds_wts = unpts, unds.arm = ARM,
  comparator.study = "Study XX-1",
  unds.param.var = PARAMCD, unds.param = "OS",
  time = AVAL, status = CNSR, event = 0,
  dtype = "HR")

results3

results4 <- unanchored_maic(
  unds_wts = unpts, unds.arm = ARM,
  #' unds.param = "ORR",
  #' comparator.study = "Study XX-1",
  response = CNSR,
  dtype = "OR")

results4</pre>
```

unanchored_maic_bootstrap

Conduct non-Anchored Matching-Adjusted Indirect Comparison (MAIC) and Calculate Confidence Intervals (CIs) Using Bootstrap.

Description

Two different methods for estimating a 95% confidence interval (CI) from the bootstrap samples were explored:

* Percentile CIs

* Bias-corrected and accelerated (BCa) CIs

Arguments

ipds A data frame containing individual patient data from the intervention study, with

baseline characteristic variables for matching.

psds A data frame containing pseudo data from the comparator study.

agds A data frame containing aggregate summary data from the comparator study.

matching.list A character list with two elements giving the names of variables for matching:

the first is a vector of binary variables, and the second is a vector of continuous variables. The variable names must match the column names in *ipds* and *agds*.

Use c() if a type is absent.

intervention.arm

The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by *ipds*, e.g.,

intervention.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

comparator The name of the study column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g., com-

parator = STUDY. The default is STUDY.

comparator.study

A character specifying the comparator study, which must be quoted and cannot be empty (e.g., comparator.study = "Study XX-1"). This is the value of the study

column in agds set by the comparator parameter.

comparator.arm The name of the grouping column in the data frame specified by agds, e.g.,

comparator.arm = TRT. The default is TRT.

ipds.param.var The name of the column that specifies only a subset of the *ipds* to be used.

ipds.param A character specifying the subset of the rows to be used. This is the value of the

column set by the ipds.param.var.

psds.param.var The name of the column that specifies only a specifyed result of the psds to be

used.

psds.param A character specifying the subset of the rows to be used. This is the value of the

column set by the psds.param.var.

time The name of the survival or follow up time column.

status The status indicator, normally 0 = event, 1 = censored. Can be resetted using the

event parameter.

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event	A numeric value that represents the survival status, $0 = \text{event}$, $1 = \text{censored}$.
response	The name of the response status column.
dtype	Two options are available: "HR" and "OR". The default is "HR".
n.samples	The number of bootstrap replicates.
CIw	The numeric value specifying the width of the confidence interval, with a default of 0.95.
digits	Specify the number of decimal places for the output results.
	Refer to boot for additional parameters.

Value

A list containing 2 objects. First, a data frame containing the non-anchored matching-adjusted indirect comparison results. Second, a bootstrapping diagnostics histogram.

Examples

```
cov <- list(</pre>
  c("ECOG", "SMK", "METBRAIN"),
c("BMI", "DIAG")
)
results5 <- unanchored_maic_bootstrap(</pre>
  ipds = IPD,
  agds = AgD_bl,
  psds = pseudo,
  matching.list = cov,
  intervention.arm = TRT,
  comparator = STUDY,
  comparator.study = "Study XX-1",
  comparator.arm = TRT,
  time = AVAL, status = CNSR, event = 0,
  dtype = "HR",
  ipds.param.var = PARAMCD, ipds.param = "OS",
  psds.param.var = NULL, psds.param = NULL,
  n.samples = 1000
)
results5$results
results5$plot
```

unpts

Description of unpts dataset

Description

A combined data frame containing individual efficacy data from the intervention study and pseudo efficacy data from the comparator study.

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Usage

```
data(unpts)
```

Format

A data frame with X rows and Y variables:

SUBJID Subject Unique Identifier.

PARAMCD Subsets to be analyzed, e.g., "PFSINV", "OS".

ARM Label of the study, "Intervention" for the intervention study and "Cmparator" for the comparator study.

AVAL Survival or follow up time.

CNSR The status indicator, 0 = event, 1 = censored.

wt Weights to be used.

Examples

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