

Bayesian Adaptive Semiparametric Endpoints (Primary and Secondary) Pediatric ChatGPT (BASE-PedChatGPT) – A Web-based App

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Introduction to the Design

- ✓ Bayesian Adaptive Semiparametric Approach designed to address the challenges in pediatric randomized controlled trials (RCTs) conduction.
- ✓ This methodology is particularly pertinent in scenarios where sparse or conflicting prior data is present, a common occurrence in pediatric research, especially for rare diseases.
- To demystifies advanced statistical methodologies, making them accessible and understandable to clinicians and stakeholders in pediatric trials, we designed a web-based tool BASE-PedChatGP



Introduction to the BASE-PedChatGPT

- ✓ In order to address the communication barrier in complex trial designs, we introduce a web-based Shiny application interfaced with ChatGPT.
- ✓ BASE-PedChatGPT offers an intuitive platform for inputting trial parameters and instantly visualizing the implications of different design choices.
- Additionally, this web application offers a suggested paragraph to include in a study protocol. The paragraph, about the semiparametric approach for managing primary and secondary endpoints, is generated using the ChatGPT algorithm through its API interface.





Left Side Input Menu of BASE-PedChatGPT Web App

The left side of the screen features a web chat interface that allows users to input various parameters to evaluate the study design features

- ✓ Parametric or Semiparametric priors.
- Expert elicitation on event rate (treatment and control opinion)
- Design parameters such as Sample size per arm, Event rate in control arm, Absolute risk reduction (ARR), Secondary endpoint rate, Acceptability rate, Number of simulations and A parameter for prior informativeness





Study Design Proprieties Output of BASE-PedChatGPT Web App

- ✓ After the user selects the input parameters, the web app displays the prior distribution densities for both the treatment and control arms.
- ✓ It also presents a summary of the study design characteristics, including empirical power and the FDR, as shown in Figure.



Design Proprieties

The control event rate is 0.4, while the assumed ARR is 0.18 The sample size per arm is 80. The priors are defined in a Semiparametric (B-Spline) framework. An interim assessment is provided at the half of enrollment. The trial is stopped early for efficacy if the probability that the ARR is lower than zero and the probability that the discontinuation rate (secondary endpoint) is lower than an acceptable rate 0.2 are both higher than the stopping boundary, translated in probabilities, as defined in the O'Brien and Fleming design. The Overall Power is 1 The False Discovery Rate (FDR) is mantained below 0.05.



Study Design Paragraph Output of BASE-PedChatGPT Web App

- ✓ the user can specify further trial details on the left side of the screen, such as treatment names, endpoints, disease, and target population.
- This information is essential for generating a concise study design protocol paragraph using ChatGPT, as depicted in Figure





Thank you for the attention!!

