



## THE DOOR IS OPEN

Web tools for patient-centric, pragmatic benefit:risk evaluation in clinical trials

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# The Desirability Of Outcome Ranking (DOOR) methodology

Patient-centric, benefit:risk evaluation

- A paradigm for the design, monitoring, analysis, interpretation and reporting of clinical trials and other research studies based on patient-centric benefit:risk evaluation (Evans et al 2015; Evans and Follmann 2016).
  - **“Using Outcomes to Analyze Patients”** rather than **“Patients to Analyze Outcomes”**
  - Motivated by how to answer the most important question in treating patients in clinical practice

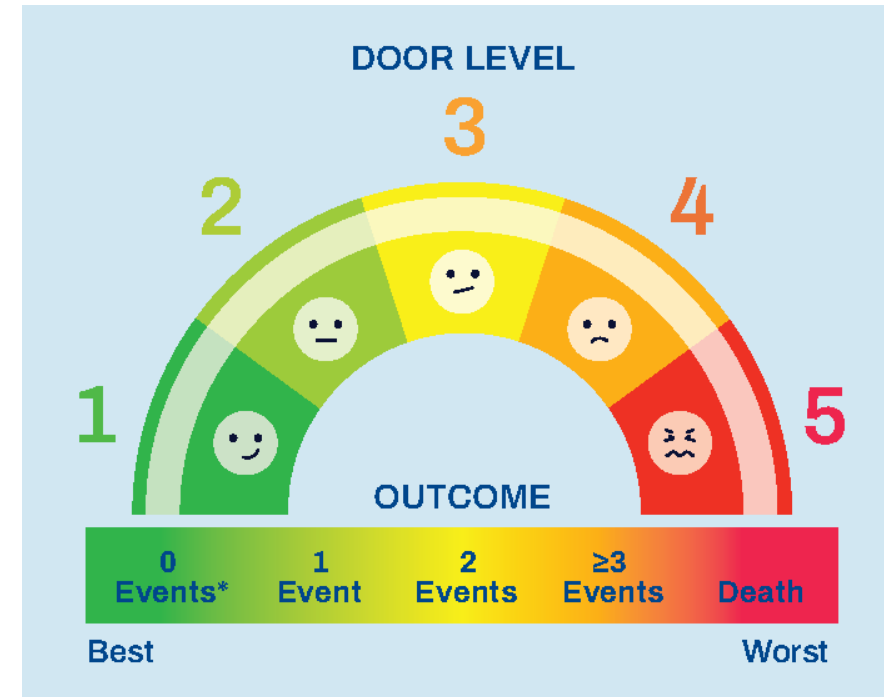
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## The DOOR outcomes

Development of DOOR outcomes

- **Overall ordinal composite outcome of important clinical outcomes**
  - ❑ Tradeoffs among outcomes
  - ❑ Cumulative nature of benefits and harms on patients
- **The ARLG Innovation Working Group**
  - ❑ Proposed the DOOR outcomes for ABSSSI; Bacteremia; cIAI; cUTI; HABP/VABP
  - ❑ Applied DOOR outcomes to registrational trials in cUTI and HABP/VAB (Howard-Anderson et al. 2023a, b)
  - ❑ Collaborated with FDA Antibacterial Drug Resistance (DOOR) Fellowship: Evaluated the DOOR based on data from registrational trials in cIAI submitted to FDA (Kinamon et al. 2023)



- ❑ Absence of Clinical Response
- ❑ Infectious Complications
- ❑ Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)
- ❑ Death



## DOOR outcome analyses

ARLG recommendations: Simple, robust approach

Analysis	Outcome	Statistical method
Descriptive analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● DOOR</li><li>● Components</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Summary distribution table by intervention group</li><li>● Bar-chart by intervention group</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● DOOR and Components</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Anthology of Patient Stories (APS) plot</li></ul>
Rank-based analysis: <b>DOOR probability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● DOOR</li><li>● Components</li><li>● DOOR</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Forest Plot of estimates of the DOOR probability for the DOOR and respective components</li><li>● Forest plot of the estimates for the cumulative DOOR probability based on sequential dichotomization of the DOOR outcome</li></ul>
Grade-based Analysis: <b>Partial Credit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● DOOR</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Welch's t-statistic based analysis</li><li>● Scatter plot of the differences in mean partial credit between interventions against the corresponding DOOR probabilities</li></ul>



# Online tools for implementing DOOR analyses

DOOR apps

	Standard Edition	Professional Edition
<b>Data Input</b>	Summary table by group	Individual patient-level data
<b>Analysis</b>		
1. Descriptive analysis		
Summary table	✓	✓
Bar-chart	✓	✓
Anthology of patient stories plot		✓
2. Rank-based analysis		
DOOR prob forest plot	✓	✓
Dichotomized DOOR prob forest plot	✓	✓
3. Grade-based analysis		
Partial credit analysis summary	✓	✓
Partial credit vs DOOR prob plot	✓	✓
Partial credit forest plot	✓	✓
4. Tie-breaker analysis		✓
5. Inverse probability weighting		✓
<b>Labels customization, Data save</b>	✓	✓



# Online tools for implementing DOOR analyses: Standard edition

Autofill the ARLG-proposed or other DOOR outcomes

DOOR Analyses: Standard Edition [Data Input Table](#) [DOOR Distribution Summary Table](#)

**Pre-specified Settings**

Default

Default

**Data Format**

Frequencies (N)  Percentages (%)

# of DOOR Ranks (Maximum: 10)

5

# of DOOR Components (Maximum: 10)

4

Test Intervention Label

Treatment

Control Intervention Label

Control

Method for Confidence Interval (CI)

Halperin et al (1989)  Pseudo-Score Approach for Halperin et al (1989)

Confidence Level for Two-sided Confidence Interval

0.5 0.95

0.5 0.55 0.6 0.65 0.7 0.75 0.8 0.85 0.9 0.95 0.99

Unit for Expected Gained (+) or Loss (-)

1000

# of Grading keys (Maximum: 7)

1

Labels for Grade Keys

DOOR (Most desirable to)

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cUTI; HABP/VABP; ABSSSI; Bacteremia

Prioritized efficacy; Prioritized safety

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cIAI (FDA)

HABP/VABP (FDA)

STROKE

Modified Rankin Scale for Neurologic Disability (6-level)

Modified Rankin Scale for Neurologic Disability (7-level)

CANCER

Karnofsky Performance Status Scale

EXAMPLES

DORI-05

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# Online tools for implementing DOOR analyses: Standard edition

## DOOR apps: Data Input

DOOR Analyses: Standard Edition [Data Input Table](#) [DOOR Distribution Summary Table](#) [DOOR Forest Plot](#) [Partial Credit Analysis](#) [Support](#) [Logs](#)

**Pre-specified Settings**

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### DOOR Distribution by Intervention

DOOR (Most desirable to least desirable) Rank	Doripenem	Levofloxacin
Alive with no events	263	253
Alive with 1 event	93	111
Alive with 2 events	16	9
Alive with 3 events	1	1
Death	1	0
Total (N)	374	374

### DOOR Components Distribution by Intervention

DOOR Component	Doripenem	Levofloxacin
Clinical Failure	81	113
Infectious Complications	23	5
SAEs	25	14
Death	1	0

Howard-Anderson J, et al. Improving Traditional Registrational Trial End Points: Development and Application of a Desirability of Outcome Ranking End Point for Complicated Urinary Tract Infection Clinical Trials. Clin Infect Dis 2023 76:1157-1165.

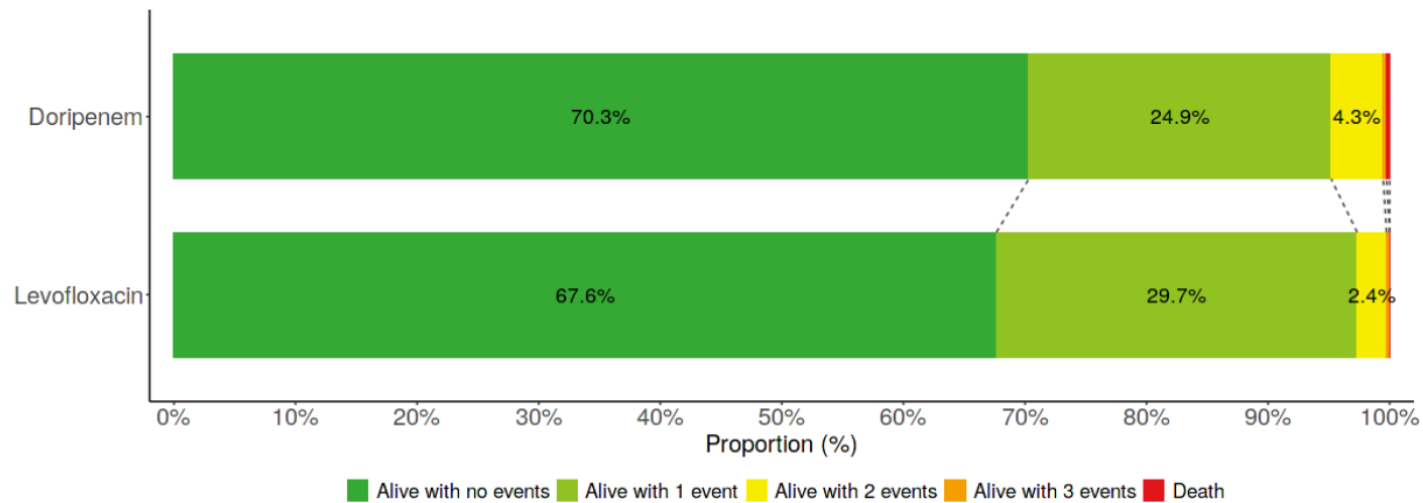




# An Illustration: DORI05- Doripenem vs Levofloxacin in cUTI

Descriptive analysis: DOOR outcome distribution by intervention group

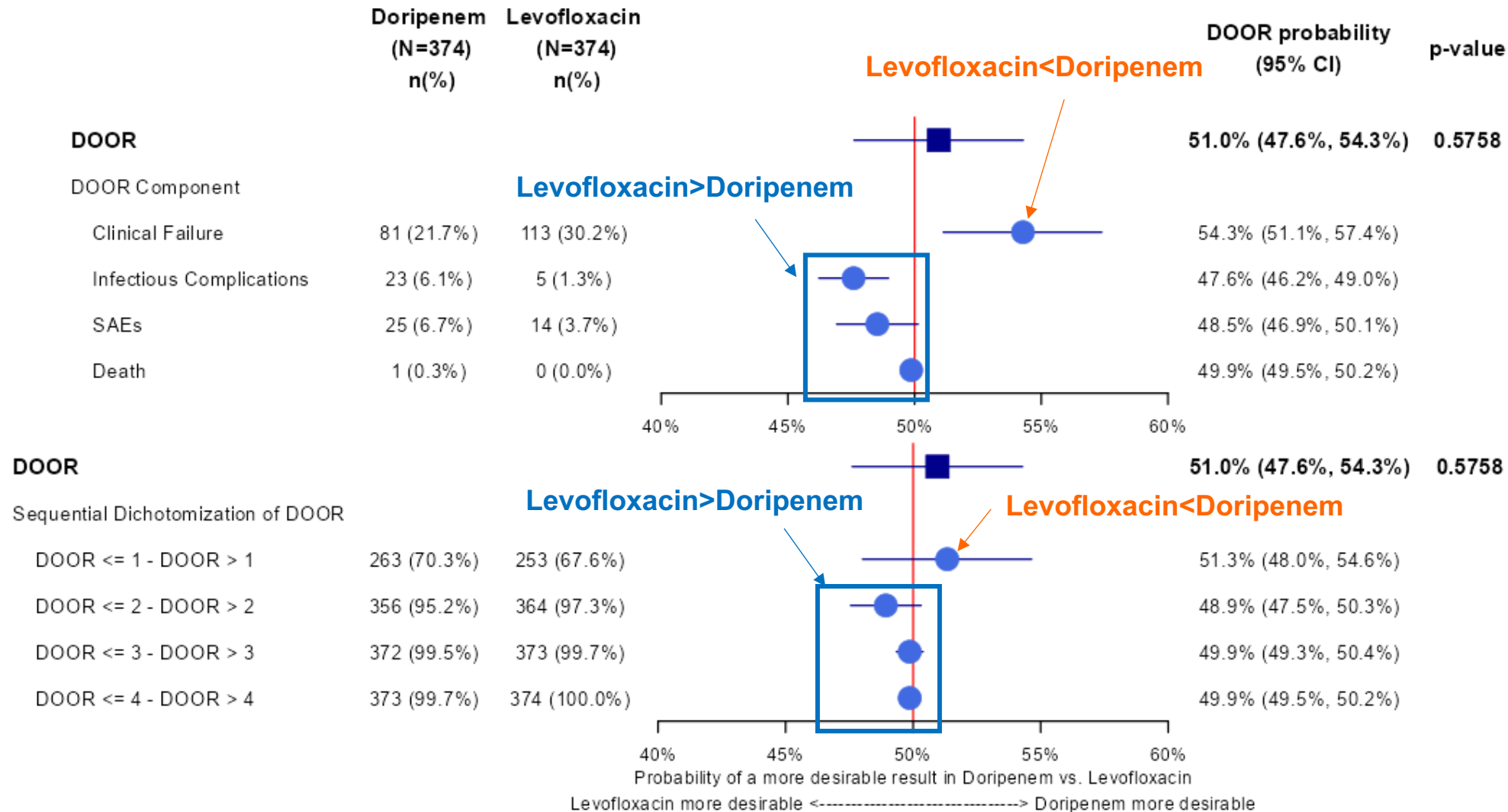
DOOR	Doripenem				Levofloxacin				Expected Gained (+) or Loss (-) (per1000)	
	n	(%)	Cumulative		n	(%)	Cumulative		Per Category	Cumulative
			n	(%)			n	(%)		
Alive with no events	263	70.3	263	70.3	253	67.6	253	67.6	27	27
Alive with 1 event	93	24.9	356	95.2	111	29.7	364	97.3	-48	-21
Alive with 2 events	16	4.3	372	99.5	9	2.4	373	99.7	19	-3
Alive with 3 events	1	0.3	373	99.7	1	0.3	374	100.0	0	-3
Death	1	0.3	374	100.0	0	0.0	374	100.0	3	0
<b>Total (N)</b>	<b>374</b>				<b>374</b>					





# An Illustration: DORI05

Rank-based analysis: Forest plot of the DOOR and respective components





# An Illustration: DORI05

## Grade-based analysis: Partial credit analysis summary

**DOOR (Most desirable to least desirable)**

	Grading key 1		Grading key 2		Grading key 3		Grading key 4		Grading key 5	
Alive with no events	100		100		100		100		100	
Alive with 1 event	100		100		100		0		80	
Alive with 2 events	100		100		0		0		60	
Alive with 3 events	100		0		0		0		40	
Death	0		0		0		0		0	

Statistics	DOR		LEV		DOR		LEV		DOR		LEV	
Mean (SD)	99.7(5.2)	100.0(0.0)	99.5 (7.3)	99.7 (5.2)	95.2 (21.4)	97.3 (16.2)	70.3 (45.7)	67.6 (46.8)	92.9 (12.4)	92.9 (10.8)		
Diff. in means(95%CI)	-0.3 (-0.8, 0.3)		-0.2 (-1.2, 0.6)		-2.1 (-4.9 , 0.6)		2.7 (-4.0 , 9.3)		0.0 (-1.7 , 1.6)			
P-value	0.3180		0.5635		0.1237		0.4299		0.9500			
DOOR probability (%) (95%CI)	49.9 (49.5 , 50.2)		49.9 (49.3, 50.4)		48.9 (47.5, 50.3)		51.3 (48.0, 54.6)		51.0 (47.6, 54.3)			
P-value	0.3173		0.5632		0.1236		0.4296		0.5758			

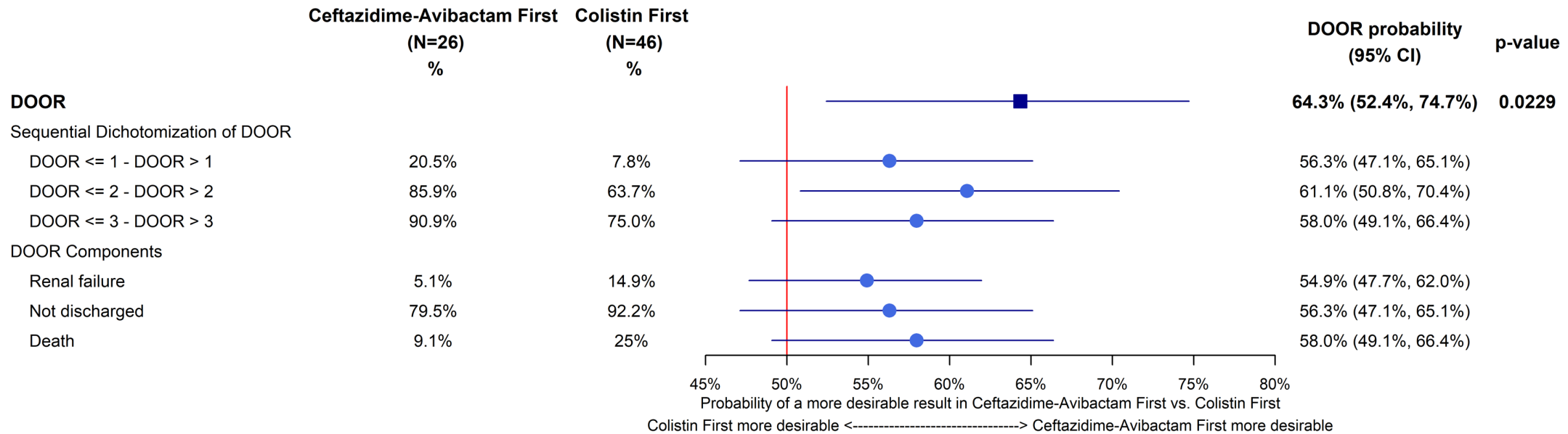
**DOR: Doripenem; LEV: Levofloxacin**



# An Illustration: CRACKE I- Colistin versus Ceftazidime-Avibactam in CRE

## IPW analysis using the Professional Edition

### Inverse Probability Weighted (IPW) Analysis



van Duin D et al. Colistin versus Ceftazidime-Avibactam in the Treatment of Infections Due to Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae. Clin Infect Dis. 2018; 66:163-171. **Rank 1.** Discharged home; **Rank 2.** Alive in hospital or discharged not to home, no incident renal failure; **Rank 3.** Alive in hospital or discharged not to home, incident renal failure; **Rank 4.** Hospital death



# Designing a clinical trial with DOOR methodology

A tool for power and sample size assessment: Data input

DOOR: Power and Sample Size Assessment

Assessment

DOOR Probability to Be Detected

Configurations/Settings

## Configurations/Settings

### One or Two-sided Test

- One-sided  
 Two-sided

### Significance Level ( $\alpha$ )

0.05

### Allocation Ratio

0.5

### Desired Power ( $1-\beta$ ) (%)

80

### Total Sample Size

Test

Control

### Power Evaluation by Simulation

- No  Yes

### DOOR Probability of Null Hypothesis (%)

50

### Method

- Iterative Method  
 Method by Tang (2011)  
 Method by Noether (1987)

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Calculated DOOR Probability (%)

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# Designing a clinical trial with DOOR methodology

A tool for power and sample size assessment: Output

**Outputs**

Compute Delete Save

## Sample Size / Power Report

A sample size of **131** in **Test** and **131** in **Control** (in total **262**) has **80.3%** power to reject the null hypothesis: the DOOR probability = **50.0%**, assuming that a value of DOOR probability to be detected is **59.0%**, based on the proportions of DOOR outcome with **3** ranks shown below, for a **two-sided** Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test at **5.0%** significance level, using the method in **Tang (2011)**.

Power	Empirical Power Given Sample Size	# of Dataset Generations	Seed for Dataset Generations	Report
%	NA%	NA	NA	<a href="#">Generate</a>

[Download](#)

Power vs. Total Sample Size | Power vs. DOOR Probability

Range of Total Sample Size: 100 to 300 | Increment by: 10 | [Create](#) | [Download](#)

Total Sample Size	Power (%)
100	40.9
110	44.2
120	47.5
130	50.6
140	53.6
150	56.5
160	59.2
170	61.8
180	64.3
190	66.7

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## Summary

### DOOR methodology

- **DOOR outcome:** A global composite benefit:risk outcome at individual patients level, constructed on the basis of important clinical outcomes
- **Analyses: Simple, Robust approach**
  - **Rank-based analysis approach:** DOOR probability Pairwise comparison at individual patient level
  - **Grade-based analysis approach:** Evaluation of the impact of interventions based on patients' personal perspectives on the desirability of the DOOR outcome categories
    - Visualizes the impact of each category on the DOOR outcomes
    - Can incorporate patient preferences into treatment selections



## Summary

### Online tools for DOOR Methodology

- Statistical methods for analyzing DOOR outcomes require mathematical sophistication and knowledge of programming techniques, which can be a barrier for non-statisticians.
- A series of interactive web-based tool provide comprehensive tool for clinical researchers to implement DOOR methodology for their studies
- **More to come!**
  - Monitoring of clinical trials, including group-sequential and adaptive designs
  - Integrated analyses: meta-analysis
  - Covariate-adjusted analysis: stratified analysis
  - Subgroup analysis
  - Longitudinal time-to-event type DOOR outcomes





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## DOOR analyses

Concerns on common analyses for ordinal outcomes in clinical trials

Analysis	Feature	Concern
Dichotomized analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● An ordinal outcome is dichotomized to a binary outcome with a specified threshold (Ex. responder vs non-responder)</li><li>● Logistic-regression is then used to estimate the odds ratio and associated confidence interval of responder between groups as a measure of the treatment effect.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● May be inefficient from the statistical perspective due to the loss of information from ignoring finer but important gradations of patient status.</li><li>● May lead to decreased power or a necessary sample size increase to maintain power</li></ul>
Regression model based analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A proportional-odds regression model is used to estimate the odds ratio and associated confidence interval across all the categories (common odds ratio) as a measure of the treatment effect</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fail to provide intuitive interpretations, which helpful for clinical decision-making.</li><li>● Require the model's assumptions, sometimes strong assumptions to hold in order for model-based inferences to be valid.</li></ul>



# Creating a DOOR outcome

ARLG proposed DOOR outcomes



- Absence of Clinical Response
- Serious Adverse Events
- **Infections complications**
- Death

If an newly developed infectious complication is an SAE, then the event is counted twice in deriving the DOOR outcome.

Disease	Infectious Complications
ABSSSI	Unplanned surgical for progression/ complication of original infection; Bacteremia; Septic shock; Osteomyelitis; <i>c.diff</i>
Bacteremia	Septic shock; Prolonged bacteremia on Day 5; Supportive complications or monastic site(s) of infection; <i>c.diff</i>
cIAI	Bacteremia; Septic shock; Peritonitis; Unplanned surgical for progression/ complication of original infection; <i>c.diff</i>
cUTI	Renal or intra-abdominal abscess; Septic shock; Bacteremia; Unplanned surgical for progression/ complication of original infection; <i>c.diff</i>
HABP/VABP	Complicated pleural effusion; Lung abscess/necrotizing pneumonia; ARDS; Meningitis; Bacteremia; Septic shock; Need for intubation; <i>c.diff</i>