

## Usage of the program

Download the executable program “phase12\_win.exe”, and double-click it (or type the program name from the Windows command line) to run the simulation. The program will prompt users to input the following simulation parameters:

- 1) the number of dose levels for two drugs;
- 2) the true toxicity and efficacy probability for drug combinations;
- 3) the target toxicity (i.e., the highest acceptable toxicity rate);
- 4) the lowest acceptable response rate;
- 5) the prior estimates of toxicity and efficacy probability for individual drug;
- 6) the number of cohorts and the cohort size for phase I and II part of the trial;
- 7) the number of simulations.

When the simulation is done, results can be found in the file "results.txt" under the current directory.

Below is an example of the simulation for a two-drug combination trial (the numbers highlighted by red are parameters entered by users):

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// Phase I/II design for drug combination trial //
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please enter the number of dose for drug 1: 3
please enter the number of dose for drug 2: 2

Please enter the true toxicity probability for the combination (1, 1): 0.05
Please enter the true toxicity probability for the combination (1, 2): 0.1
Please enter the true toxicity probability for the combination (2, 1): 0.1
Please enter the true toxicity probability for the combination (2, 2): 0.15
Please enter the true toxicity probability for the combination (3, 1): 0.15
Please enter the true toxicity probability for the combination (3, 2): 0.2

The true toxicity probability entered is :

Drug 2  2 |      0.1      0.15      0.2
         1 |      0.05      0.1      0.15
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                1          2          3
                Drug 1

Are they correct ? (y/n): y

Please enter the true response probability for the combination (1, 1): 0.1
Please enter the true response probability for the combination (1, 2): 0.2
Please enter the true response probability for the combination (2, 1): 0.2
Please enter the true response probability for the combination (2, 2): 0.3
Please enter the true response probability for the combination (3, 1): 0.4
Please enter the true response probability for the combination (3, 2): 0.5

The true response rate entered is :
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Drug 2	2	0.2	0.3	0.5
	1	0.1	0.2	0.4
		1	2	3
		Drug 1		

Are they correct ? (y/n): **y**

Please enter the target toxicity : **0.333**

Please enter the lowest acceptable response rate : **0.2**

Please enter the prior estimate of toxicity probability for drug 1 at the dose level

1: **0.05**

Please enter the prior estimate of toxicity probability for drug 1 at the dose level

2: **0.1**

Please enter the prior estimate of toxicity probability for drug 1 at the dose level

3: **0.2**

The prior estimate of toxicity for drug 1 is: 0.05, 0.1, 0.2

Are they correct ? (y/n): **y**

Please enter the prior estimate of toxicity probability for drug 2 at the dose level

1: **0.1**

Please enter the prior estimate of toxicity probability for drug 2 at the dose level

2: **0.2**

The prior estimate of toxicity for drug 2 is : 0.1, 0.2

Are they correct ? (y/n): **y**

Enter the total number of cohorts for the phase I dose finding: **20**

Enter the cohort size for the phase I trial: **1**

Enter the total number of cohorts for the phase II trial: **60**

Enter the cohort size for the phase II trial: **1**

Enter the number of simulated trials: **1000**

Are you sure to continue? (y/n): **y**

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// The simulation results can be found in the file results.txt //
// under the current directory when the simulation finishes. //
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Simulating the trial 1.....

Simulating the trial 2.....

Simulating the trial 3.....

Simulating the trial 4.....

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Simulating the trial 1000.....

An example of the output file "results.txt":

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Sun Aug 24 01:22:40 2008  
CPU time (hour)= 0.54734 ; the number of trials = 1000  
  
Phase I cohort size = 1 ; the number of cohort = 20  
Phase II cohort size = 1 ; the number of cohort = 60  
  
Phase I dose-finding: escalate if pr(toxicity<0.333) > 0.8  
de-escalate if pr(toxicity<0.333) < 0.45  
  
A dose is admissible for phase II if 0.4<pr(toxicity<0.333) < 1  
  
Phase II stopping rules: safety stopping if pr(toxicity<0.333) < 0.4  
futility stopping if pr(efficacy>0.2) < 0.15  
  
True toxicity:  
    0.1    0.15    0.2  
    0.05    0.1    0.15  
  
True efficacy:  
    0.2    0.3    0.5  
    0.1    0.2    0.4  
  
Number of patients treated at each dose:  
    7.08    10.61    35.01  
    6.78    6.62    12.57  
  
Number of toxicity observed at each dose:  
    0.71    1.60    7.07  
    0.37    0.68    1.85  
  
Number of response observed at each dose:  
    1.44    3.26    17.40  
    0.69    1.36    5.12  
  
Selection probabilities (%):  
    1.80    5.10    68.10  
    0.00    1.80    21.30  
  
Percentage of inconclusive trials: 1.90%
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