#### **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL:** *Comparative Effectiveness and Safety of Seizure Prophylaxis Among Adults after Acute Ischemic Stroke*

### **A. SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT**

### **Get with the Guidelines**

The data collected in GWTG included patient sociodemographic, health history, and clinical data detailing the stroke admission (e.g., stroke severity assessment as defined by the validated NIH Stroke Severity Scale, NIHSS).<sup>24, 25</sup> Each patient discharged from the healthcare system with a stroke diagnosis had their data checked for quality and submitted to the GWTG Registry, as required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for Primary Stroke Service designation and the Joint Commission Comprehensive Stroke Center program.<sup>21, 23</sup>

### **Operational Definitions for Measures of Interest**

#### *Seizure prophylaxis*

We use the term "seizure prophylaxis", instead of "epilepsy treatment", because the diagnosis of epilepsy would require meeting one of the ILAE's operational definition of epilepsy.<sup>57, 58</sup> However, in the acute brain injury phase, it is difficult to determine if a new early seizure is truly unprovoked. For instance, the AIS changes (e.g., metabolic dysfunction of intracellular ions, increased glutamate) and the hospitalization bring several potential provoking factors (e.g., exposure to new drugs, sleep deprivation, hypoxia, sepsis).<sup>48</sup> Because these factors are theoretically transient, one could conservatively argue that every seizure in this acute setting is potentially "provoked" seizure.<sup>59</sup>

#### *Socio-demographic factors*

We used data from RPDR to obtain several demographic factors such as age, sex, race, ethnicity, language, and addresses. We obtained a series of clinical factors and then derive some validated summary measures, such as the Charlson Comorbidity Index (CCI,) which can predict a patient's mortality for short and long term by categorizing a range of comorbidities (i.e., a total of 22 conditions such as heart disease). We derived the CCI from the GWTG and RPDR datasets (baseline outpatient and in-hospital data). The CCI is based on the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) diagnosis codes.<sup>60</sup> It is also a good measure of medical morbidity, which may predict seizures (antiseizure drug (ASD) use) and mortality.

#### *Stroke characteristics and severity*

Stroke severity is a strong predictor of ASD initiation, seizures, and mortality.<sup>61</sup> Factors of stroke severity include cortical infarction and stroke extension,<sup>62</sup> neuroimaging traits (e.g., infarct volume and location, diffusion-perfusion mismatch, poor collateral blood flow, development of cerebral edema in non-lacunar ischemic stroke), and ischemic stroke mechanism.

We used the validated National Institutes of Health stroke severity score (NIHSS), which is a summary measure of stroke severity and may be associated with seizure risk (and ASD initiation) and mortality. We will obtain NIHSS from the GWTG dataset (in-hospital data). The NIHSS score is defined as the sum of 15 individually evaluated elements, and ranges from 0 to 42. Stroke severity scores can be used as a continuous measure or categorized as no stroke symptoms (0), minor stroke (NIHSS 1-4), moderate stroke (NIHSS 5-15), moderate to severe stroke (NIHSS 16-20), and severe stroke (NIHSS 21-42).<sup>63</sup>

### *Medication Burden Index*

Polypharmacy is a major risk factor for adverse drug reactions and has been associated with mortality.<sup>64</sup> We will use data from the 6 previous months prior to stroke admission to estimate the total daily oral medication other than antiseizure drugs as follows: "Each unique medication identified was classified as a) indicated for at least one of the 21 chronic medical conditions, b) indicated for a diagnosis other than the 21 chronic medical conditions considered, or c) a daily health regimen agent. Several daily oral medications were computed as 1) A+B, and 2) A+B+C. Estimates of numbers of daily medications for the management of co-morbid conditions are presented as the sum of medications potentially indicated for each condition. Estimates of the proportion of daily oral "medication" intake due to daily health regimens were the sum of the number of agents that could not be identified as potentially indicated for a medical condition. To estimate total daily oral medication intake, health regimen agents were combined with the medications for each disease combination and counted in the total".<sup>64</sup>

### *Healthcare Utilization*

We examined several measures of healthcare utilization, including visit frequency and location and institutionalization (e.g., frequency of ED admissions). We obtained discharge status and length of stay for each stroke admission.

### *Insurance coverage*

Some patients might come to the academic institution but might not follow-up within the hospital MGB system that generates the data at hand (i.e., "leakage" or receiving care elsewhere). Some patients might not be able to come for follow-up care if they are no longer covered by any of the several insurance plans of the MGB system. For all patients, we created a variable named "last service date", which indicates the date of the last use of the system (could be any trace of medication fill, appointment, phone call, etc.). We then defined loss-tofollow-up due to loss from the system an observation is censored at either 30 days after their last encounter date in RPDR, or 30 days after Day 0, whichever comes first.

## *Electroencephalogram (EEG)*

Results from EEG can influence the decision to start an ASD. EEG monitoring also questionably improves the probability of survival by diagnosing subclinical seizures or status epilepticus.<sup>6</sup> As discussed in the background section, some patients with certain types of EEG abnormalities would likely benefit from ASDs within hospitalization (e.g., status epilepticus, continuous generalized periodic discharges at a rate greater than 1 Hz, abundant periods of the lateralized rhythmic delta with evolving epileptiform discharges). Others could mostly be harmed by unnecessary ASD initiation (e.g., sporadic epileptic discharges, generalized rhythmic delta activity, multifocal discharges with a triphasic morphology and anterior-posterior gradient). We will create a baseline and time-varying variables for EEG performed, along with the duration of EEG monitoring (e.g., EEG routine vs prolonged 12-24h monitoring).

Specifically, we will obtain a baseline EEG measure with the count of EEGs done during the 6 months prior to stroke admission date. For the time-varying EEG variable, we will create one for each day (t=0 ... t=30). If patient had prolonged EEG monitoring (e.g., 24-48h) the measure will reflect the days of monitoring. If the patient had routine EEG (e.g., <2h), then we will mark that day as one day of EEG surveillance and resume the search for other codes in the subsequent day.

### *ED visits*

An ED visit is a marker of health resource utilization, and time-varying severity (which could represent drug adverse effects, disease complications, decompensated comorbid conditions, etc.). Like EEG, we obtained a baseline ED visit variable with a count of ED visits during the 6 months prior to the stroke admission date. For the time-varying ED visits variable, we will create one indicator variable for each day (t=0 ... t=30), and this will reflect a visit to an ED in the previous 24h of time=t, among those still alive and in the community-dwelling setting.

### **Methods – Summarized**

Ideally, we would address the comparative effectiveness and safety question in this population by randomizing eligible patients at the time of their hospital admission into those assigned ASD for early seizure prophylaxis in the following seven days vs a control group. If this was possible, we could repeat this study with different exposure windows, and we could count death rates in each group at the end of a 30-day follow-up period. However, such trials require a huge sample size, and are currently not feasible in such a vulnerable population (i.e., older patients admitted after AIS are often frail and unable to articulate care needs and preferences).

In this context of arguable indications and exposure windows, we have leveraged multiple new analytical methods to answer whether ASDs for early ("seven days", an arbitrary threshold commonly used)47, 48, 65 seizure prophylaxis would cause net benefit or harm.

To summarize, in the process of estimating standardized survival curves for the two strategies of interest, we arranged the data with person-time structure, conducted parametric estimation of hazards with pooled logistic regression model with time-varying intercept as a function of time (each day), allowed for time-varying hazard ratio by adding product terms between strategy (initiate vs defer) and time (days), computed survival probabilities using predictions of the conditional survival for each day under each treatment level (initiate vs defer), then estimated inverse probability (IP) weights for censoring (SWC), then estimated IP weights for strategy (SWS), then combined: SWA  $\times$  SWS. Finally, we used bootstrapping to calculate an approximate 95% confidence interval of the difference of standardized survivals (to address the re-sampling issue introduced by the method).

## **Statistical Analysis - Detailed**

To evaluate the effect of ASD initiation in the first seven days post-AIS on 30-day mortality, we estimated mortality probabilities using model-based predictions of the conditional survival for each day under each treatment strategy.

We first estimated inverse-probability weights by modeling treatment initiation in the original dataset, duplicated the dataset to create "clones," censored the clones as previously described, and assigned them appropriate weights to rebalance the two groups to address both cloning and probability of treatment selection (*cloning-censoring-weighting*).<sup>30</sup> The model for treatment initiation during the grace period was a pooled logistic regression over persondays. It included validated measures of stroke severity and clinical severity (Charlson comorbidity score), all measured at admission, and post-admission measures of the daily prescription count, CMO status, seizures or seizure-like events, and receipt of electroencephalogram, as well as a time-varying intercept (see Table S2 for model parameters for estimating seizure prophylaxis initiation weights).

In the weighted dataset, we fit a time-varying pooled logistic regression model for death as a function of treatment strategy (i.e., an indicator of which method a given clone belonged to) and interaction terms between treatment strategy and time, measured in days from admission until the end of the follow-up to allow for time-varying effects. We predicted mortality probabilities for each day under each treatment strategy from this model.<sup>66</sup> We estimated absolute differences in mean 30-day mortality. To illustrate the magnitude of confounding bias beyond the selection or immortal person-time biases avoided by the clone-censor-weight approach, we repeated the analysis without confounders in the model for treatment initiation

during the grace period, i.e., the model corrected only for the duplications in the pseudopopulation of clones. Finally, we obtained 95% confidence intervals for all measures using the bootstrap with 500 replications.

We separately created IPT weights with some variables collected at baseline (i.e., NIHSS, prescription count at baseline, and seizure-like events at baseline) to show the balance (i.e., all SMDs <0.2 after applying IPT weights), please see Supplemental Table S2.

Of note, patients undergoing procedures such as IV injection of tissue plasminogen activator and Endovascular thrombectomy (AIS severity proxies) are at greater risk to develop poststroke seizures and there could be differential probability of receipt of prophylaxis.

We have included AIS severity (NIHSS scores) in the models (Supplemental Text, page 4, section Emulated Trial Design with Cloning – Methods) to address any additional risk due to procedures used to treat more severe stroke. The selection of variables includes subject matter expertise, appreciation of a directed acyclic diagram based on a specific research question, and examination of the actual distribution of the factors in relation to mortality.<sup>19, 27-30</sup>

## *Missing Data*

We examined patterns of missingness for all pertinent variables to confirm that there was no informative missingness (i.e., variables used in the analysis had negligible missing information).

# *Pre-planned Stratified Analysis*

ASDs may be more harmful to older patients and patients with moderate-to-severe stroke relative to mild stroke. Therefore, we repeated the above analyses stratified by categories of age (65-74 years and ≥75 years) and NIHSS stroke severity (e.g., mild versus moderate).

# *Technical Section for Addressing Immortal-Person Time*

In this study, the trial is about "start treatment within the first seven days after admission" in the same pattern that we would have seen people start treatment in real-life, with everyone starting on day seven if they haven't already done so. In this approach, we first clone the population. Therefore, there is no table 1 to illustrate differences across the two groups; they are identical (one clone is assigned treatment and the other clone is not). Then, we apply censoring weights as they violate one of the protocols. At that time, we use the baseline and time-dependent covariates that affect the change in strategy. In this design, results may be sensitive to when during the seven days people start treatment.

Solving a common methodological problem in observational data with staggered treatment initiation requires aligning the start of follow-up and exposure assignment. Two possible

approaches correspond to two different target trials. First, our proposed target trial, where treatment assignment and follow-up start at baseline (i.e., hospital admission), is the first-time treatment can be initiated. In a randomized trial, the assigned treatment strategy would be known at that time, even if no treatment was initiated that day; in observational studies, assigning patient "clones" to each treatment strategy allows time-zero alignment.<sup>52-55, 67</sup> Second, we could have emulated a trial where patients are randomized each day throughout the first week post-AIS as they become eligible (e.g., a new indication). There would be seven time-zeros when follow-up would start for those assigned to initiating and not initiating on that day in the target trial and, as well as in the observational emulation. Both approaches help avoid selection and immortal time bias by ensuring that the start of follow-up and treatment assignment are aligned, as they would be in a randomized trial.

Alternative traditional approaches to deal with grace periods for exposure initiation have included the following: First, if epilepsy-specific ASD initiators are compared to non-initiators and the day of AIS admission is considered time zero, the start of follow-up would not be aligned with exposure initiation unless treatment initiation occurs exclusively at baseline. This is generally not the case, so patients have already survived several days to be treated. The treated group would therefore have no deaths during the first days of follow-up, a bias that is referred to as an "immortal time bias."19, 68, 69 More generally, this bias arises in naïve analyses which use post-baseline information to define exposure strategies.<sup>69</sup> Second, an analysis that instead started follow-up for both the treated and untreated groups after the seven-day treatment initiation window would be missing deaths in both groups that occurred during that window. If mortality differed between groups, they would no longer be comparable, even in a randomized trial (with randomization at admission). Excluding the first week of follow-up would miss potential acute effects of epilepsy-specific ASDs and would deplete the sample of the most susceptible patients. Third, starting follow-up of exposed patients on the day of treatment initiation and of unexposed ones on the day of admission would also be biased in the presence of mortality trends during the first days post-AIS since those initiating treatment later would have a different baseline risk.

*Cloning and Censoring:* In the "Initiate Treatment within seven days" dataset, we create a copy of the original dataset but kept data points on clones that started treatment within the grace period and patient clones that were censored at the end of the grace period because they did not begin treatment within the grace period (censor unless it is during the grace period). In the "Do not Initiate Treatment within seven days" dataset, we create a copy of the original dataset but keep data points on clones that never started treatment and clones that started treatment before they started (i.e., they are being censored for starting, censor if start treatment any time during the grace period). Then, we create a cloned dataset consisting of the two combined datasets (i.e., cloned and censored, and now ready to proceed with weighting).

*Weighting:* In the original data, we fit a weight model among people yet to start treatment (model for treatment initiation). Then, in the cloned dataset, we apply weights [Pr (uncensored at time t | uncensored at time  $t - 1$ ]. In the treatment arm: the weight contribution is one during the grace period because Pr (uncensored  $\vert$  grace period) = 1 even if the patient does not start treatment.

Patients who have started treatment within the grace period (i.e., protocol compliant) are therefore uncensored at the end of the grace period (e.g., as illustrated in Supplementary Figure S1-C, individual 2), but they need to receive an upweight to account for those who deviated from the protocol (i.e., those who did not start treatment but were supposed to start, based on their assigned strategy – as illustrated in Supplementary Figure S1-C, individual 3). After the grace period (so any other days), the patients cannot be censored because they have already started treatment, so the weight is 1.

In the no treatment arm, patients can get censored during the grace period for starting treatment (e.g., as illustrated in Supplementary Figure S1-D, individuals 2 and 4), then they receive a weight [Pr (no treatment)]. These weights are updated daily [Pr (uncensored at time t | uncensored at time t - 1, history) x Pr (uncensored at time  $t - 1$  | uncensored at time t - 2, history) x, etc.]. These inverse-probability weights allow for adjustment because the same patient does not adhere to both treatment strategies and, therefore must be censored from one of them.<sup>52-55, 67</sup>

Weight creation and Model specifications*:* First, we defined the model for treatment initiation among patients yet to start treatment, and we predict Pr(untreated at time t | untreated at time t - 1): *Numerator: Logit (A/1-A) = B0 + B1\*(Age) + B2\*(Race)*. *Denominator: Logit (A/1-A) = B0 + B1\*(NIHSS) + B2\*(Charlson Comorbidity Score) + B3\*(CMO Status) + B4\*(Seizure-like Event) + B5\*(Electroencephalogram) + B6\*(Prescription count).* Next, we estimate the weights = 1 / Pr (uncensored at time t | baseline & time-varying baseline variables) and the stabilized weights = (numerator product of treatment weights)/(denominator product of treatment weights). Finally, we define the outcome models (logistic regression), that use stabilized weights in the cloned data and predicts death hazard (int\_surv = 1 – haz) within each day: *Logit (Death/1-Death) = B0 + B1\*(Date\_post\_adm ) + B2\*I(Date\_post\_adm\*Date\_post\_adm) + B3\*(A\*Date\_post\_adm).* Then, we obtain average risk and average survival over each treatment group for the 30 days (i.e., pooled logistic regression, surv = cumprod(int surv) and risk =  $1 -$  surv). In an additional step with arguable assumptions, we approximate the hazard ratio for the first 30 days with outcome model with constant

treatment effect, that also uses stabilized weights in the cloned data: Logit  $(D/1-D) = BO$ + B1\*(Date post  $adm$ ) + B2\*I(Date post  $adm^*$ Date post  $adm$ ) + B3\*(A)."

### *Emulated Trial Design with Cloning*

Unlike in a randomized trial, we could not know which treatment strategy the patient had been assigned to until the day of the prescription (for those exposed) or seven days post-AIS (for those unexposed). Therefore, for patients who died within seven days without initiation, we could not know if they would have received treatment had they not died. Thus, for the seven days post-AIS, follow-up days until treatment initiation or death count towards both treatment strategies. To carry out such counting, we duplicated the dataset, creating "clones" of each patient so that each clone would contribute to both treatment strategies until their strategy is known. The follow-up of a clone is censored when its treatment strategy is violated, i.e., clones assigned to no-initiation were censored if they initiated treatment within those seven days, and clones assigned to initiation were censored if they did not initiate by day seven. Thus, only one clone remains in the dataset after the first seven days of follow-up. Lastly, inverse probability weights are applied to the generated pseudo-population of clones for each treatment strategy to address the fact that the same patient does not adhere to both treatment strategies. To mimic randomization, these weights also account for the non-random treatment initiation. This "cloning-censoring-weighting" approach has been used in previous studies and avoids a common methodological problem in observational data with staggered treatment initiation.

In the process of estimating standardized survival curves for the two strategies of interest, we arranged the data with person-time structure, conducted parametric estimation of hazards with pooled logistic regression model with time-varying intercept as a function of time (each day), allowed for time-varying hazard ratio by adding product terms between strategy (initiate vs defer) and time (days), computed survival probabilities using predictions of the conditional survival for each day under each treatment level (initiate vs defer), then estimated inverse probability (IP) weights for censoring (SW<sup>C</sup>), then estimated IP weights for strategy (SW<sup>S</sup>), then finally combined:  $SW^A \times SW^S$ . Finally, we used bootstrapping to calculate an approximate 95% confidence interval of the difference of standardized survivals (to address the re-sampling issue introduced by the method).

### **B. SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES**



# **Figure S1. Simplistic Representation of the Problem and Solution**



**Legend:** This list of figures illustrates the problem of immortal time bias.

**A. Target trial**. Such trial does not exist in real life. We illustrated four patients: patients 2 and 4 are randomized to receive epilepsy-specific ASD within 7 days, and we will know that information about randomization at admission. Patients 1 and 3 are randomized to not receive epilepsy-specific ASDs within 7 days. They are then followed from admission until they either die or until the end of the study. Here, they are censored because the study ended at 30 days.

**B. Naïve aligned, crude.** Depicts crude naïve analysis **including the immortal time**, therefore **introducing immortal time bias**. In patient 4, the follow-up starts at admission, but the person is only exposed starting at day six. In this approach, some of the early deaths are misattributed to the unexposed group (i.e., patient 4 must survive up until day six to be able to receive the exposure and be classified as exposed).

**C. Misaligned, crude.** Depicts crude or naïve analysis **excluding the immortal time to avoid introducing that bias.** In patient 4, this approach ignores the survival of this person for up to day six and then starts the follow-up at the exposure initiation day, while the unexposed start follow-up continues to be at admission. In this approach, the exposed may be a selective group of patients that are evolving with complications and are about to have highest mortality rate in the subsequent days.

**D. Cloned, aligned, crude.** First, we create pseudo-observations or 'clones' for each patient, and then assign each of those clones to one of the two treatment strategies at the time of the hospital admission. Next, we proceed to artificially censor those who deviate from the assignment strategy. This is to ensure that clones follow their assigned strategy after the time zero. For instance, patient 2 in the "Initiate Treatment within 7 Days Clone dataset" was assigned to start treatment and started within the period that the patient was supposed to start. However, patient 3 was supposed to start treatment within seven days but deviated from the assigned strategy and needs to be censored. Additional illustrative examples can be found on previously published peer-reviewed publications.19, 20



### **Figure S2. Patterns of Drug Initiation vs Count of Deaths**

**Legend:** We provide a breakdown of when the medications of interest were started by post-AIS days within the seven days exposure window (from day zero to day six). In the observational data, 64 patients (42%) received one of the ASDs of interest within the first 24 hours post-AIS admission; Cumulatively, 133 patients (88%) received one of the ASDs of interest within the first 72 hours post-AIS admission. We also note that there was a significant number of deaths in the first 7 days to illustrate the degree of immortal time bias.

Definition for the values in the cells:

**Numerator**: Among all patients who initiate ASDs of interest on day i post AIS / initiate ASDs of interest after day i (or never initiate ASDs of interest), the count of deaths on day j post AIS.

**Denominator**: Among all patients who initiate ASDs of interest on day i post stroke / initiate ASDs of interest after day i (or never initiate ASDs of interest), the count of all patients at risk of death on day j post stroke, not including those censored prior to day j.

For the cells under the header "Total count (from yellow only)":

**Numerator**: All deaths occurred in the post-AIS period corresponding to the **yellow cells** in that row.

**Denominator**: All patients at risk of death on the first **yellow cells** in that row (e.g., day 0 post AIS for those initiated ASDs of interest on day 0, day 1 post stroke for those initiated on day 1, and so on).



**Figure S3. Patterns of Drug Discontinuation**

**Legend:** We provide a breakdown of when the medications of interest were discontinued. Greater than 60% of the patients initiated on ASDs of interest were discontinued within 24h, and greater than 90% were discontinued within 30 days. Y axis: Patient count. X axis: Last day of ASD dispensation since AIS admission.

## **C. SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES**







### **Table S2. Characteristics of patients by ASD exposure; standardized IPT weights**

**Legend:** Abbreviations: SD, standard deviation; SMD, standardized mean difference; EEG, electroencephalogram. \*\* No prescription recorded: the prescription information was a) missing from the MGB structured health system data warehouse, b) the patient was not taking any prescription drug, c) the patient was taking prescription drugs given elsewhere (e.g., over the counter, prescribed and recorded in another healthcare system), d) other unknown reason.



## **Table S3. Drug Type Count**

**Legend:** \*Other: Drugs initiated less frequently like Lacosamide and Phenobarbital.



# **Table S4. Main Results 30-day Risk Differences**

# **Table S5. Main Standardized Estimates for Stratified Sample by Stroke Severity**

### **Standardized, Mild Stroke**





#### **Table S6. Main Standardized Estimates for Stratified Sample by Age Groups**



#### **Standardized, < 75 years**



#### **Table S7. Model Parameters for Estimating Epilepsy-specific ASD Initiation Weights Dataset Term Estimate Standard Error P value**



**Legend:** NIHSS, National Institute of Health Stroke Severity; CMO, Comfort Measures Only; SLE, Seizures or Seizure-like Events.



## **Table S8. The RECORD Statement**



















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### **D. STATISTICAL CODE**

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title: "Lidia Moura - ASD Emulated Trial Design Code"
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```
#SETUP
```{r}
library(knitr)
library(dplyr)
library(tidyverse)
library(tidyr)
library(survival)
library(missForest)
```
# Analysis function

# this is the function used for the analysis # requires a long, cloned dataset (orig dat) and the baseline variables # for standarization (baseline vars) analysis function  $\lt$ - function(orig\_dat, baseline\_vars, boot = FALSE, trunc\_q = 0.975, ...) {

```
 # sample MRNs if part of the bootstrap
 if (boot) {
  MRNs <- unique(orig_dat$MRN)
 boot MRNs \leq- tibble(old MRN = sample(MRNs, replace = TRUE),
             MRN = 1:length(MRNs)dat \le- right_join(boot_MRNs, orig_dat, by = c("old_MRN" = "MRN"))
\} else \{ \# or else just use the original data
  dat <- orig_dat
 }
```
#CREATE CLONES

 # these are the people that started treatment within the grace period # and those that were censored at the end of the grace period because they didn't start txt  $\lt$ - dat %>% # censor unless it's during grace period # or if someone started treatment w/in grace period filter(Date post  $adm <$  grace day | dayA  $<$  grace day) %>% # indicator for randomization arm: start treatment within grace period  $mutate(txt = 1)$  # these are the people that never started treatment # or those that did, before they started (ie they are being censored for starting)

never  $txt <$ - dat %>%

```
 # censor if start treatment any time during grace period
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 # since once A is 1, is always 1
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```
filter(A == 0) %>%
  mutate(txt = 0) # combine the data
  clones <- bind_rows(start_txt, never_txt)
# in original data, fit models among people yet to start treatment (Alag = 0)
 # ie model for treatment initiation
num_mod <- glm(A \sim NIHSS + Charlson_baseline,
          family = binomial(), data = dat,
          subset = Alag == 0)
 denom_mod <- glm(A ~ NIHSS + Charlson_baseline + CMO_time_varying + SLE_inhospital 
+ EEG_Routine_inhospital + Prescription_Count_inhospital,
           family = binomial(), data = dat,
           subset = Alag == 0)
 num_cens <- glm(ltfu \sim Date_post_adm +
              A*Date_post_adm ,
          family = binomial(), data = dat,
           subset = Date post adm < last day & Death Status == 0)
denom_cens <- glm(ltfu ~ Date_post_adm +
              A*Date_post_adm ,
          family = binomial(), data = dat,
           subset = Date post adm < last day & Death Status == 0)
  weighted_dat <- clones %>% 
   # only use complete cases (because I don't know what else to do with them)
   filter(!if_any(c(NIHSS, Charlson_baseline, CMO_time_varying, SLE_inhospital, 
EEG Routine inhospital, Prescription Count inhospital), is.na)) %>%
   # pr(uncensored at time t | uncensored at time t - 1)
   mutate(pnum = predict(num_mod, newdata = ., type = "response"),
      pdenom = predict(denom mod, newdata = ., type = "response"),
      pnum_cens = predict(num_cens, newdata = ., type = "response"),
      pdenom cens = predict(denom cens, newdata = ., type = "response"),
       numCont = case_when(
       # in the txt arm, weight contribution is 1 during grace period
       # b/c pr(uncensored | grace period) = 1 even if you don't start
        # (in the don't start txt arm, can get censored during grace period for starting txt)
       txt == 1 & Date_post_adm < grace_day \sim 1,
       # at the end of the grace period, these people are UNCENSORED
       # so must upweight them to account for those who didn't start
       # this should ONLY include people who have A = 1txt == 1 & Date post adm == grace day \sim pnum,
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```
 # after the grace period (so any other days),
       # can't be censored because already started
      txt = 1 & 8 Date post adm > grace day \sim 1,
      # in no txt arm, always will be p(no \, txt) # because can always be censored for starting txt
      txt == 0 \sim 1 - pnum
      ),
      # same logic in the denominator
     denomCont = case when(
      txt == 1 & Date_post_adm < grace_day \sim 1,
      txt == 1 & Date post adm == grace day ~ pdenom,
      txt == 1 & Date_post_adm > grace_day \sim 1,
      txt == 0 - 1 - pdenom
      ),
      # censoring weights
      # always probability of not being censored (last day doesn't count)
     numCont cens = ifelse(Date post adm == last day, 1, 1 - pnum cens),
     denomCont cens = ifelse(Date post adm == last day, 1, 1 - pdenom cens)
  ) %>% 
  group_by(MRN,txt) %>% 
  # pr(uncensored at time t | uncensored at time t - 1, history) x 
  # pr(uncensored at time t - 1 | uncensored at time t - 2, history) x etc.
  # this only matters for the no txt arm, who keep not taking txt
  mutate(num_prod = cumprod(numCont),
     denom prod = cumprod(denomCont),
      num_cens_prod = cumprod(numCont_cens),
     denom cens prod = cumprod(denomCont~cens).
     # wt = 1 / prob (uncensored at time t \vert bl & tv vars)
      stabw = (num_prod*num_cens_prod) / (denom_prod*denom_cens_prod))
 summary(weighted_dat$stabw)
 # truncate weights
tau \leq- quantile(weighted dat$stabw, trunc q, na.rm = TRUE)
weighted dat$stabw[weighted dat$stabw > tau] <- tau
 # outcome model with stabilized weights
 outcome_mod <- glm(event ~ Date_post_adm + 
             txt*Date_post_adm,
           data = weighted dat, weights = stabw, family = quasibinomial())
```

```
 predictions <- bind_rows(baseline_vars,
```

```
baseline_vars, _id = "txt") %>%
   # turn txt from 1, 2 to 0, 1
  mutate(txt = as.numeric(txt) - 1) %>%
   # get predicted hazard
  mutate(haz = predict(outcome_model, newdata = ., type = "response"), # and survival within a certain day
      int_surv = 1 - haz) %>%
   group_by(MRN, txt) %>% 
   mutate(surv = cumprod(int_surv),
       risk = 1 - \text{surv}) %>%
   # only group by treatment to average risk over the treatment group
   ungroup() %>% 
   group_by(txt, Date_post_adm) %>% 
   # remove some missing values because missing covariates
   # deal with later!
  summarise(average risk = mean(risk, na.rm = TRUE),
        average survival = mean(surv, n_a.rm = TRUE),
         .groups = "drop")
  if (boot) clones <- NULL
  # approximate HR with outcome model with constant treatment effect
  HR_mod <- glm(event ~ Date_post_adm + 
               txt, 
             data = weighted dat, weights = stabw, family = quasibinomial())
  list(predictions = predictions, clones = clones, 
    tau = tau.
    denom mod = broom::tidy(denommod),
    HR mod = broom::tidy(HR mod))}
\ddot{\phantom{0}}```{r}
# Main analysis
main res \leq- analysis function(dat, baseline vars, boot = FALSE, trunc q = 0.975)
# save the main results
write rds(main res, file = paste0("results/",style, "_", condition,"_",confounders,
"_main_res.rds"))
# survival estimates
predicted_surv <- main_res$predictions
# the cloned data for checking
clones <- main_res$clones
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# the quantile of weights at which they were truncated tau <- main\_res\$tau # the model for the weights denom\_mod <- main\_res\$denom\_mod # the model for the outcome HR\_mod <- main\_res\$HR\_mod  $\ddot{\phantom{0}}$ 

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#DATA CHECKING
## Now that the main analysis as been run, does the data look as expected?
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# How many person-days in each arm overall?
```{r}
count(clones, txt) %>% kable()
\ddot{\phantom{0}}#How many patients in each arm?
```{r}
count(clones, txt, MRN) %>% count(txt) %>% kable()
\ddot{\phantom{0}}#How many person-days is each person contributing to each treatment arm?
```{r}
person_days <- clones %>% 
 group by(MRN) %>%
 # in either arm did they ever die, get lost to follow-up, or start med
  # (for sanity checking)
 mutate(ever_event = max(event), ever_ltfu = max(ltfu), ever A = max(A)) %>%
  ungroup() %>% 
 count(MRN, txt, ever_event, ever_ltfu, ever_A) %>%
 pivot_wider(names_from = txt, values_from = n,
        names_prefix = "txt", values_fill = 0)
person_days %>% head %>% kable()
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# What is the median number of person-days contributed to each treatment arm (0; 1)?
```{r}
median(person_days$txt_0); median(person_days$txt_1)
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```{r} # Bootstrap # run the analysis function n\_boot times boot\_res <- map(1:n\_boot, analysis\_function, orig\_dat = dat, baseline\_vars = baseline\_vars, boot = TRUE, trunc  $q = 0.975$ 

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# save the bootstrap results
write_rds(boot_res, file = paste0("results/",style, "_", condition,"_",confounders, 
"_boot_res.rds"))
\ddot{\phantom{0}}```{r}
# calculate confidence intervals
boot res t <- transpose(boot res)
boot_predicted_surv <- bind_rows(boot_res_t$predictions, .id = "boot")
boot tau <- flatten dbl(boot res t$tau)
boot_denom_mod <- bind_rows(boot_res_t$denom_mod, .id = "boot")
boot HR mod \lt- bind rows(boot res t$HR mod, id = "boot")
surv CIs <- boot predicted surv %>%
 group by(txt, Date post adm) %>%
  summarise(lci_risk = quantile(average_risk, .025),
       uci rist = quantile(average risk, .975),
       \text{lci} survival = quantile(average survival, .025),
       uci survival = quantile(average survival, .975),
        .groups = "drop")
dif Cls < - boot predicted surv %>%
 filter(Date post adm == last day) %>%
  select(-average_survival) %>% 
 pivot wider(names from = txt,
          values_from = average_risk, names_prefix = "risk_") %>% 
 mutate(risk_dif = risk_1 - risk_0) %>%
  summarise(lci_risk_dif = quantile(risk_dif, .025),
        uci_risk_dif = quantile(risk_dif, .975),
       \text{lci\_risk\_1} = \text{quantile}(\text{risk\_1}, .025),lci risk 0 = quantile(risk 0, .025),
       uci risk 1 = quantile(risk 1, .975),
       uci risk 0 = quantile(risk 0, .975))
all surv \le- left join(predicted surv, surv CIs, by = c("txt", "Date post adm")) %>%
 rename_with(str_remove, starts_with("average"), "average_")
all_difs <- predicted_surv %>% 
  filter(Date_post_adm == last_day) %>% 
 select(-average_survival, -Date_post_adm) %>%
 pivot wider(names from = txt,
          values_from = average_risk, names_prefix = "risk_") %>% 
 mutate(risk_dif = risk_1 - risk_0) %>%
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 bind_cols(dif_CIs)
all_HRs <- boot_HR_mod %>% 
 filter(term == "txt") % >\!\% summarise(lci_est = quantile(estimate, .025),
         uci_est = quantile(estimate, .975),
        .groups = "drop") %>%
  bind_cols(filter(HR_mod, term == "txt")) %>% 
 transmute(HR = exp(estimate)),lci HR = exp(lci est),
        uci_HR = exp(uci\_est)\ddotsc```{r}
# 30-day mortality, risk differences, HRs
all ests \lt- bind cols(all difs, all HRs)%>%
  rename_with(~ paste0("est_", .x), -starts_with(c("lci", "uci")))%>%
  pivot_longer(everything(),
  names_to = c("value", "stat"),names\_pattern = "(.+)...(.)") )
kable(all_ests)
write_csv(all_ests, file = paste0("results/",style, "_", condition,"_",confounders, "_all_ests.csv"))
\ddot{\phantom{0}}```{r}
# coefficients from the weight model
kable(denom_mod)
write_csv(denom_mod, file = paste0("results/",style, "_", condition,"_",confounders,
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"_coeff_weight_model.csv"))
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