

Supplementary Material

Varying Sample Size

Table 1: Total Sample Size n= 54

| n = 54 | Group 1 | | | | Group 2 | | | | Group 3 | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|-------|
| $R(d_k)$ | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 |
| Prop. MTD Selection | 0.251 | 0.467 | 0.257 | 0.025 | 0.020 | 0.300 | 0.524 | 0.156 | 0.000 | 0.182 | 0.505 | 0.313 |
| $R(d_k)$ | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 |
| Prop. MTD Selection | 0.756 | 0.223 | 0.020 | 0.001 | 0.563 | 0.342 | 0.087 | 0.008 | 0.033 | 0.375 | 0.478 | 0.114 |

Table 2: Total Sample Size n= 63

| n = 63 | Group 1 | | | | Group 2 | | | | Group 3 | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|-------|
| $R(d_k)$ | 0.22 | 0.33 | 0.42 | 0.52 | 0.05 | 0.17 | 0.27 | 0.37 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.40 |
| Prop. MTD Selection | 0.490 | 0.404 | 0.097 | 0.009 | 0.035 | 0.360 | 0.517 | 0.088 | 0.000 | 0.190 | 0.634 | 0.176 |
| $R(d_k)$ | 0.25 | 0.40 | 0.54 | 0.66 | 0.11 | 0.26 | 0.41 | 0.55 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.25 | 0.40 |
| Prop. MTD Selection | 0.699 | 0.293 | 0.008 | 0.000 | 0.226 | 0.561 | 0.205 | 0.008 | 0.006 | 0.305 | 0.566 | 0.123 |

Varying Patient Accrual Rate

Table 3: One patient is accrued every 0.4 months

| Accrual Rate = 0.4 | Group 1 | | | | Group 2 | | | | Group 3 | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|-------|
| $R(d_k)$ | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 |
| Prop. MTD Selection | 0.698 | 0.247 | 0.054 | 0.001 | 0.502 | 0.350 | 0.130 | 0.018 | 0.067 | 0.392 | 0.417 | 0.124 |

Table 4: One patient is accrued every 0.66 months

| Accrual Rate = 0.66 | Group 1 | | | | Group 2 | | | | Group 3 | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|-------|
| $R(d_k)$ | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 |
| Prop. MTD Selection | 0.706 | 0.250 | 0.043 | 0.001 | 0.508 | 0.353 | 0.130 | 0.009 | 0.057 | 0.410 | 0.390 | 0.143 |

Varying Target DLT Rate

Table 5: Target DLT Rate set at 0.30

| $\Theta = 0.30$ | Group 1 | | | | Group 2 | | | | Group 3 | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|---------|--------------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|-------|
| $R(d_k)$ | 0.10 | 0.30 | 0.45 | 0.69 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.30 | 0.45 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.30 | 0.45 |
| Prop. MTD Selection | 0.208 | 0.528 | 0.253 | 0.011 | 0.014 | 0.272 | 0.553 | 0.161 | 0.000 | 0.134 | 0.555 | 0.311 |
| $R(d_k)$ | 0.30 | 0.45 | 0.56 | 0.70 | 0.15 | 0.30 | 0.45 | 0.56 | 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.30 | 0.45 |
| Prop. MTD Selection | 0.660 | 0.297 | 0.042 | 0.001 | 0.255 | 0.461 | 0.264 | 0.020 | 0.014 | 0.263 | 0.572 | 0.151 |

Patient Allocation and Proportions of DLTs

Table 6: The average patient allocation and proportion of DLTs for each dose across the 7 scenarios used in the simulation study.

| Scenario | Group 1 | | | | Group 2 | | | | Group 3 | | | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | |
| 1 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 2.494 | 3.312 | 3.348 | 2.965 | 1.146 | 2.844 | 3.862 | 4.092 | 0.569 | 1.990 | 3.961 | 5.417 |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.052 | 0.144 | 0.248 | 0.356 | 0.039 | 0.146 | 0.267 | 0.352 | 0.056 | 0.144 | 0.250 | 0.352 |
| 2 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 3.966 | 3.295 | 2.546 | 2.241 | 1.575 | 3.104 | 3.673 | 3.560 | 0.849 | 2.322 | 4.120 | 4.749 |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.159 | 0.245 | 0.348 | 0.455 | 0.052 | 0.154 | 0.253 | 0.367 | 0.042 | 0.156 | 0.251 | 0.345 |
| 3 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.22 | 0.33 | 0.42 | 0.52 | 0.05 | 0.17 | 0.27 | 0.37 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.40 |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 5.245 | 3.226 | 1.907 | 1.734 | 1.851 | 3.493 | 3.592 | 3.001 | 0.908 | 2.840 | 4.206 | 3.997 |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.228 | 0.326 | 0.424 | 0.506 | 0.045 | 0.172 | 0.270 | 0.363 | 0.029 | 0.121 | 0.235 | 0.406 |
| 4 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.13 | 0.27 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.16 | 0.26 | 0.36 | 0.46 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 5.038 | 3.528 | 1.886 | 1.612 | 2.915 | 3.599 | 2.965 | 2.394 | 1.086 | 2.901 | 4.085 | 3.991 |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.131 | 0.272 | 0.436 | 0.555 | 0.168 | 0.274 | 0.368 | 0.447 | 0.047 | 0.163 | 0.259 | 0.343 |
| 5 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.22 | 0.32 | 0.40 | 0.52 | 0.15 | 0.24 | 0.33 | 0.43 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.40 |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 5.569 | 3.121 | 1.844 | 1.597 | 2.965 | 3.496 | 3.044 | 2.513 | 1.219 | 3.051 | 3.973 | 3.608 |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.217 | 0.325 | 0.397 | 0.531 | 0.158 | 0.232 | 0.335 | 0.427 | 0.043 | 0.155 | 0.261 | 0.397 |
| 6 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 7.062 | 2.567 | 1.258 | 1.223 | 4.716 | 3.253 | 2.329 | 1.752 | 1.760 | 3.389 | 3.772 | 2.919 |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.256 | 0.344 | 0.449 | 0.561 | 0.249 | 0.345 | 0.438 | 0.540 | 0.053 | 0.156 | 0.261 | 0.346 |
| 7 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.24 | 0.40 | 0.54 | 0.66 | 0.11 | 0.26 | 0.41 | 0.55 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.25 | 0.40 |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 7.030 | 2.721 | 1.284 | 1.140 | 3.605 | 3.870 | 2.653 | 1.836 | 1.410 | 3.546 | 4.146 | 2.759 |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.239 | 0.418 | 0.537 | 0.644 | 0.114 | 0.261 | 0.416 | 0.546 | 0.034 | 0.098 | 0.254 | 0.403 |

Table 7: Proportion of average patient allocation to doses below, at, and above the MTD for each group across the 7 scenarios.

| Scenario | Group 1 | | | Group 2 | | | Group 3 | | |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | Below MTD | At MTD | Above MTD | Below MTD | At MTD | Above MTD | Below MTD | At MTD | Above MTD |
| 1 | 0.479 | 0.276 | 0.244 | 0.334 | 0.323 | 0.342 | 0.214 | 0.332 | 0.454 |
| 2 | 0.329 | 0.273 | 0.397 | 0.393 | 0.308 | 0.299 | 0.263 | 0.342 | 0.394 |
| 3 | 0.000 | 0.433 | 0.567 | 0.448 | 0.301 | 0.251 | 0.314 | 0.352 | 0.334 |
| 4 | 0.418 | 0.292 | 0.289 | 0.245 | 0.303 | 0.451 | 0.331 | 0.338 | 0.331 |
| 5 | 0.000 | 0.459 | 0.541 | 0.247 | 0.291 | 0.462 | 0.360 | 0.335 | 0.304 |
| 6 | 0.000 | 0.583 | 0.417 | 0.000 | 0.391 | 0.608 | 0.435 | 0.319 | 0.246 |
| 7 | 0.000 | 0.577 | 0.422 | 0.301 | 0.323 | 0.375 | 0.418 | 0.350 | 0.233 |

Additional Simulation Scenarios

Table 8: Distribution of MTD Selection across 4 randomly simulated dose-toxicity curves.

| Scenario | Group 1 | | | | Group 2 | | | | Group 3 | | | | |
|----------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | |
| 1 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.222 | 0.377 | 0.422 | 0.559 | 0.027 | 0.266 | 0.344 | 0.479 | 0.129 | 0.157 | 0.263 | 0.322 |
| | Prop. MTD Selection | 0.580 | 0.324 | 0.089 | 0.007 | 0.160 | 0.483 | 0.313 | 0.044 | 0.055 | 0.371 | 0.395 | 0.179 |
| 2 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.007 | 0.236 | 0.586 | 0.757 | 0.002 | 0.051 | 0.175 | 0.222 | 0.007 | 0.071 | 0.104 | 0.243 |
| | Prop. MTD Selection | 0.112 | 0.587 | 0.291 | 0.010 | 0.001 | 0.080 | 0.313 | 0.606 | 0.000 | 0.031 | 0.212 | 0.757 |
| 3 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.254 | 0.288 | 0.378 | 0.456 | 0.044 | 0.124 | 0.254 | 0.530 | 0.042 | 0.085 | 0.125 | 0.252 |
| | Prop. MTD Selection | 0.360 | 0.372 | 0.231 | 0.037 | 0.051 | 0.334 | 0.469 | 0.146 | 0.005 | 0.123 | 0.379 | 0.493 |
| 4 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.095 | 0.234 | 0.395 | 0.712 | 0.199 | 0.218 | 0.314 | 0.442 | 0.044 | 0.058 | 0.101 | 0.212 |
| | Prop. MTD Selection | 0.212 | 0.513 | 0.254 | 0.021 | 0.119 | 0.358 | 0.360 | 0.163 | 0.004 | 0.059 | 0.289 | 0.648 |

Table 9: Percentage of trials that stopped for safety and the average number of patients accrued across 1000 simulated trials (Yin, Guosheng. Clinical trial design: Bayesian and frequentist adaptive methods, p.93), using $\epsilon = 0.9$.

| Scenario | Group 1 | | | | Group 2 | | | | Group 3 | | | | % of stopped Trials (Avg. # pts accrued) | |
|----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|-------|---|-------------------|
| | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | d_1 | d_2 | d_3 | d_4 | | |
| 1 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 73.2% (21.347) |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 4.078 | 1.355 | 0.723 | 0.810 | 2.374 | 1.991 | 1.549 | 1.252 | 1.072 | 1.935 | 2.558 | 1.650 | - |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.402 | 0.494 | 0.600 | 0.690 | 0.254 | 0.342 | 0.462 | 0.551 | 0.171 | 0.268 | 0.346 | 0.443 | - |
| 2 | $R(d_k)$ | 0.52 | 0.63 | 0.74 | 0.85 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 83.6% (19.48) |
| | Avg. Patient Allocation | 3.826 | 1.155 | 0.644 | 0.780 | 1.662 | 1.966 | 1.596 | 1.284 | 0.864 | 1.747 | 2.432 | 1.524 | - |
| | Prop. of DLT | 0.531 | 0.652 | 0.745 | 0.857 | 0.144 | 0.242 | 0.361 | 0.454 | 0.156 | 0.259 | 0.354 | 0.441 | - |