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Before following the tips in this document, please import your excel document into Stata. Below examples are based off Research Office Biostatistician data.

Tips

Syntax is the grammar of Stata commands. Stata is a command-based language. Most Stata commands are verbs. They tell Stata to do something: summarize, tabulate, regress, etc.

Basic Stata command syntax:

The name of the command followed by a list of variables and instructions. For the specific syntax for a particular command click help. For example, to do a regression, regress is the name of the command. The first variable listed (logTimeClose) is the outcome variable the others (CHRONICINFECTION Sex BCereus BMI) are predictor variables. The i. and ## are specific instructions on how to work with the variables. After a comma, Stata allows you to use "options" which modify how the command is used. Vce (robust) tells Stata to calculate the robust standard error. Help will list all the available options for a command.

```
. regress logTimeClose i.CHRONICINFECTION##i.Sex i.BCereus BMI, vce(robust)
```

Some commands can be combined using brackets. For example, a scatter graph and a line fit graph are combined on a single two-way graph.

```
. twoway (scatter logTimeClose Age, sort) (lfit logTimeClose Age, sort)
```

You can access the Help Tab from the command line. For example, to identify the collinearity diagnostics command collin...

```
. help collin
```

If you do not know the specific Stata command, use:

```
. search collinearity
```

In Stata, you can keep a log file of all commands and results (Graphical output is exempt). You can also copy and paste these to a work file. If you want to provide annotation, put a * before your comment as shown below:

```
. * Here's how to use help from the command line
. help collin
```

If the comment is long, use /*...*/. Example below:

```
/\ast Here I will recode BMI into categories using the ABS categories. Personally, I don't think we should use categories \ast/
```

Using /* ... */ comments can be appended directly to commands. The recode command is used to create categories. 9/18 means values 9 to 18, 1 is the numerical value of the category, and Underweight is the label for the category. If the label has a space in it you have to put it in quotations. Once the categories are defined the option is to generate a new variable called BMI_Cat.

```
recode BMI (9/18 = 1 Underweight) (19/24 = 2 Healthy) (25/29 = 3 Overweight) (30/39 = 4 Obese) (40/max = 5 "Extremely Obese"), gen(BMI_Cat) /* ABS categories */
```

A command can be conditional by using if along with other logical operators. For example, if you wanted to do a regression of BMI as the outcome and education as the predictor but only for single parent households with more than one child.

```
regress BMI education if parents==1 & nchildren > 1
```

Stata's Logical and Relational Operators

& and

| or



!= not equal

If you want to repeat a command for each subgroup of a variable use by. It usually comes before the command separated by a colon: For example, to create a table of statistics for TIMETOCLOSURE for each category of BCereus (presence or absence of infection with this bacteria).

. by BCereus, sort: tabstat TIMETOCLOSURE, stat(mean sd p25 p50 p75)

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bysort BCereus: tabstat TIMETOCLOSURE, stat(mean sd p25 p50 p75)

by can also be used as an option with some commands using the syntax by (varname), For example:

. tabstat TIMETOCLOSURE, by (BCereus) stat (mean sd p25 p50 p75)

This gives a neater output and does not require the subgrouping variable to be sorted.

In addition to the resources listed in the "Introduction to Using Stata 15 at Gold Coast Health", http://wlm.userweb.mwn.de/Stata/wstatbas.htm is an informative website to follow.

Summary Statistics and Graphics

To start understanding your data, run some basic summary statistics and graphs to visualize the data.

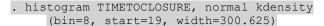
. summarize TIMETOCLOSURE, detail

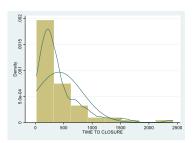
TIME TO CLO	SURE			
Percentiles	Smallest			
1%	19	19		
5%	60.5	34		
10%	72	52	Obs	71
25%	180	60.5	Sum of Wgt.	71
50%	288		Mean	414.9155
Largest	Std. Dev.	411.4733		
75%	560	1224		
90%	843.7	1446	Variance	169310.2
95%	1224	1629	Skewness	2.437968
99%	2424	2424	Kurtosis	10.5143

. histogram TIMETOCLOSURE
(bin=8, start=19, width=300.625)



Add in the options normal and kdensity superimpose a normal curve and an empirical estimate of the frequency distribution.





The distribution above does not look normal (no left tail and skewed to the right). To do a formal test of normality

. swilk TIMETOCLOSURE

Shapiro-Wilk W test for normal data

Variable	Obs	M	V	Z	Prob>z
TIMETOCLOS~E	71	0.7479	7 15.692	5.992	0.00000

As expected, the probability that the underlying data from which this sample was taken is normal and is tiny. The data is significantly different from being normally distributed.

Generating variables and cleaning and organising your data

[Data tab, Create or Change Data].

. gen AgeDec =
$$Age/10$$

Once a variable is generated it can be modified with the replace command.

The BMI variable, in this example was in red because it was text due to an "NA" appearing in the data. First, we remove the NA by replacing it with nothing.

There are two ways to convert tie text variable to a numerical variable. First, generate a new variable that is numerical using the real command.

Second, convert the original text variable to a numerical variable using destring.

The other text variable is Sex. There are two ways to convert this to numeric.

First, use encode. [Data tab, Create or Change Data, Other Variable Transformation Commands]. encode Sex, gen(Sex12)

New variables are added to the bottom of the variable list but can be moved to a more convenient location with the order command.

. order Sex12, after(Sex)



Second, replace the values and convert to numeric.

Values in numeric variables can be labelled.

```
. label define Gender 0 "F" 1 "M"
. label values (Sex) Gender
```

NOTE: Using encode automatically labelled the new variable Sex12 with F and M. However, it encoded the original Fs and Ms with 1s and 2s (not, as I had hoped, with 0s and <u>1s).</u>

Basic data analysis

Association between two categorical variables.

. tabulate CHRONICINFECTION Bonehealing, chi2 exact

Enumerating sample-space combinations:

```
stage 5: enumerations = 1
stage 4: enumerations = 2
stage 3: enumerations = 5
stage 2: enumerations = 16
stage 1: enumerations = 0
```

CHRONIC	I		Bone healing	ı		
INFECTION	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	+	٠				4.0
U	38	2	5	3	1	49
1	14	3	2	3	0	22
	+					
Total	52	5	7	6	1	71

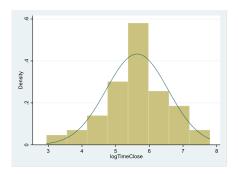
```
Pearson chi2(4) = 3.8521 Pr = 0.426
Fisher's exact = 0.402
```

. tabulate Bonehealing CHRONICINFECTION, chi2 exact

Log transformation:

```
. gen logTimeClose =ln( TIMETOCLOSURE)
```

```
. histogram logTimeClose, normal
(bin=8, start=2.9444389, width=.60609192)
```



. swilk logTimeClose

Shapiro-Wilk W test for normal data



Variable	Obs	W	V	Z	Prob>z
logTimeClose	71	0.98790	0.753	-0.616	0.73112

Compare time to closure by Chronic infection. Non-parametric ranksum (Man-Whitney U).

. ranksum TIMETOCLOSURE, by (CHRONICINFECTION)

Two-sample Wilcoxon rank-sum (Mann-Whitney) test

CHRONICINF~N	obs	rank sum	expected
0 1	49	1708.5 847.5	1764 792
combined	71	2556	2556

unadjusted variance 6468.00 adjustment for ties -3.69 ------adjusted variance 6464.31

Ho: TIMETO~E(CHRONI~N==0) = TIMETO~E(CHRONI~N==1) z = -0.690Prob > |z| = 0.4900

t-test of log transformed data:

. ttest logTimeClose, by(CHRONICINFECTION)

Two-sample t test with equal variances Std. Err. Std. Dev. [95% Conf. Interval] Mean 49 22 5.563024 .1269281 .8884966 5.307818 5.81823 5.802506 .2113022 .9910952 5.363079 6.241933 0 1 1 | 71 5.63723 .1093155 .9211087 5.419207 5.855253 combined | -.2394812 .2363458 -.7109781 diff | .2320157 t = -1.0133 degrees of freedom = 69 diff = mean(0) - mean(1)Ho: diff = 0 Ha: diff < 0 Ha: diff != 0 Ha: diff > 0

Pr(T < t) = 0.1572 Pr(|T| > |t|) = 0.3145 Pr(T > t) = 0.8428

The tabstat command can be used to compare summary statistics across categories of a categorical variable. For example below, time to closure by infection with B. Cereus.

. tabstat TIMETOCLOSURE, by(BCereus) stat(mean sd p25 p50 p75)

Summary for variables: TIMETOCLOSURE by categories of: BCereus (B.Cereus)

BCereus	mean	sd	p25	p50	p75
0 1	280.7451 757.05	196.3073 592.3052	144 264	221 720	384 1068
Total	414.9155	411.4733	180	288	560

To estimate statistics like means or proportions, use:

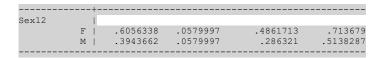
[Statistics / Summaries, tables, and tests / Summary and descriptive statistics / Proportions]

. proportion Sex12

Proportion estimation Number of obs = 71

Logit
| Proportion Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval]





Then test against a specified value, example below.

Statistics / Summaries, tables, and tests / Classical tests of hypotheses / Proportion test $\$

```
. prtest Sex12 == 0.5
Sex12 is not a 0/1 variable
r(450);
```

NOTE: There is an Error message because this test was expecting the variable to consist of 0s or 1s and as noted when Sex12 was encoded. Redoing it with the Sex variable will work.

```
. prtest Sex == 0.5
One-sample test of proportion
                            Number of obs = 71
_____
  Variable | Mean Std. Err.
                                      [95% Conf. Interval]
     Sex | .3943662 .0579997
                                      .2806889 .5080435
  p = proportion(Sex)
                                        z = -1.7802
  Ha: p < 0.5
                   Ha: p != 0.5
                                          Ha: p > 0.5
Pr(Z < z) = 0.0375
                 Pr(|Z| > |z|) = 0.0750
                                       Pr(Z > z) = 0.9625
```

To graph your data, use:

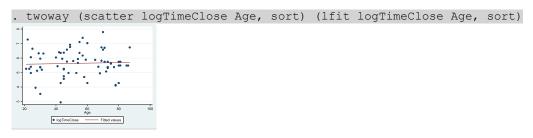
```
Graphics / Twoway graph (scatter, line, etc)
```

Two-way is the most used graphics command. Use the help tab to find out more about two-way.

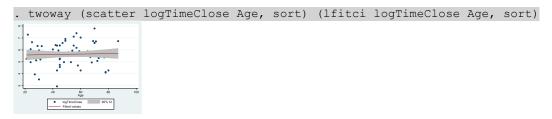
It is important to include the sort option

```
. twoway (scatter logTimeClose Age, sort)
```

You can combine graphs on the same graph, For example, adding a linear best fit line (1fit).



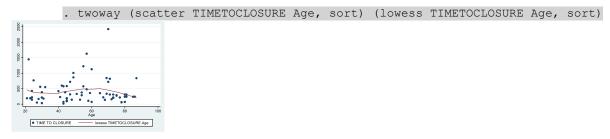
With confidence intervals



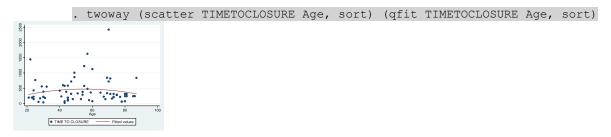
. twoway (scatter TIMETOCLOSURE Age, sort) (lfitci TIMETOCLOSURE Age, sort)



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Quadratic



Linear regression:

Statistics / Linear models and related / linear regression

In terms of the syntax, write the command followed by the dependent (outcome) variable and then the list of independent (predictor) variables. Following a comma, add in options.

NOTE: the results below for CHRONICINFECTION are the same as for the t-test, P=0.314, so chronic infection does not significantly affect log time to closure.

NOTE: The i. before CHRONICINFECTION. This tells Stata to treat the variable as a set of indicator variables (a 0 or 1 for each category of a categorical variable, except the base category to which the other categories are compared). If you don't use the i. the variable is treated like a scale variable assuming equal distances between each category. If there are only two categories in the categorical variable there would only be one indicator variable so the analyses would be equivalent. It is best to routinely use the i. for any categorical variable.

. regress logTimeClose i.CHRONICINFECTION

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	71
 +				F(1, 69)	=	1.03
Model	.870769496	1	.870769496	Prob > F	=	0.3145
Residual	58.5201186	69	.848117661	R-squared	=	0.0147
 +				Adj R-squared	=	0.0004
Total	59.3908881	70	.848441259	Root MSE	=	.92093

logTimeClose	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
1.CHRONICINFECTION cons	.2394812 5.563024	.2363458	1.01 42.28	0.314	2320157 5.300566	.7109781 5.825483

Predictor variables are added below.

NOTE: Bone healing is presented, with coefficients for each category, these being relative to the base category which is category 1.

. regress logTimeClose i.CHRONICINFECTION Age BMI i.Sex i.Bonehealing i.BCereus

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	70
+-				F(9, 60)	=	3.04
Model	18.5791296	9	2.06434773	Prob > F	=	0.0046
Residual	40.7421598	60	.679035996	R-squared	=	0.3132
+-				Adj R-squared	=	0.2102



Total 59.3	3212893	69 .85972	8831 Ro	oot MSE	= .8	2404
logTimeClose	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
1.CHRONICINFECTION Age BMI	.0823017	.2224124	0.37	0.713	3625892	.5271927
	0006995	.0055025	-0.13	0.899	0117062	.0103071
	.0227162	.0172758	1.31	0.194	0118405	.057273
Sex M	1788183	.2194999	-0.81	0.418	6178835	.2602468
Bonehealing 2 3 4 5	.5973152	.4096912	1.46	0.150	2221892	1.41682
	.2816708	.3360304	0.84	0.405	3904901	.9538317
	.2717252	.367179	0.74	0.462	4627422	1.006193
	16918	.8444604	-0.20	0.842	-1.858352	1.519992
1.BCereus	.9843949	.2231356	4.41	0.000	.5380572	1.430732
_cons	4.685803	.5934943	7.90		3.498637	5.872968

To compare to another category, in this example to category 4. Put b(4). rather than i. before Bonehealling. In this example, B.Cereus looks to be the only important influence on log time to closure.

. regress logTimeClose i.CHRONICINFECTION Age BMI i.Sex b(4).Bonehealing i.BCereus

Source	1	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	70
 	-+-				F(9, 60)	=	3.04
Model	1	18.5791296	9	2.06434773	Prob > F	=	0.0046
Residual	1	40.7421598	60	.679035996	R-squared	=	0.3132
 	-+-				Adj R-squared	=	0.2102
Total	1	59.3212893	69	.859728831	Root MSE	=	.82404

logTimeClose	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
1.CHRONICINFECTION	.0823017	.2224124	0.37	0.713	3625892	.5271927
Age	0006995	.0055025	-0.13	0.899	0117062	.0103071
BMI	.0227162	.0172758	1.31	0.194	0118405	.057273
Sex M	 1788183	.2194999	-0.81	0.418	6178835	.2602468
Bonehealing	i					
1	2717252	.367179	-0.74	0.462	-1.006193	.4627422
2	.32559	.5247338	0.62	0.537	7240339	1.375214
3	.0099457	.4678493	0.02	0.983	9258923	.9457836
5	4409052	.9053846	-0.49	0.628	-2.251944	1.370134
1.BCereus	.9843949	.2231356	4.41	0.000	.5380572	1.430732
_cons	4.957528	.729117	6.80		3.499077	6.415979

To include an interaction effect use ## to automatically include both main effects and the interaction effect. Using a single # means you must add in the main effects separately. For example:

., regress logTimeClose i.CHRONICINFECTION i.Sex i.CHRONICINFECTION#i.Sex i.BCereus BMI

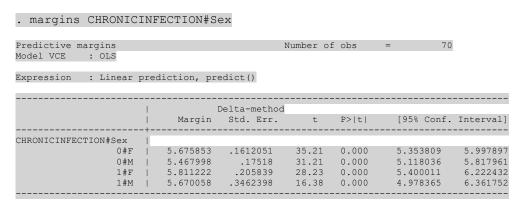
. regress logTimeClose i.CHRONICINFECTION##i.Sex i.BCereus BMI

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	70
				F(5, 64)	=	4.95
Model	16.5328238	5	3.30656476	Prob > F	=	0.0007
Residual	42.7884655	64	.668569774	R-squared	=	0.2787
				Adj R-squared	=	0.2223
Total	59.3212893	69	.859728831	Root MSE	=	.81766

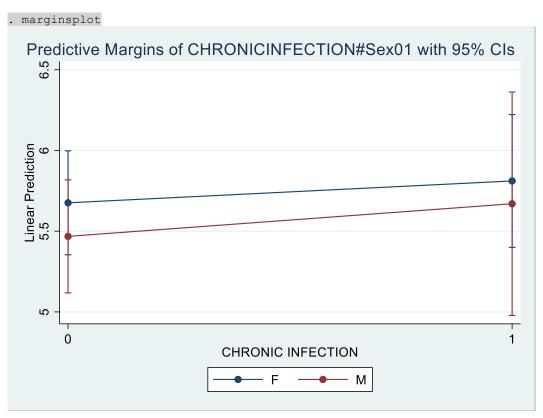
logTimeClose	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	<pre>Interval]</pre>
1.CHRONICINFECTION	.1353685	.2605297	0.52	0.605	3850994	.6558365
Sex	 					
М	2078547	.239169	-0.87	0.388	6856497	.2699404
CHRONICINFECTION#Sex						
1#M	.0666915	.4699383	0.14	0.888	8721182	1.005501
1.BCereus	.9863938	.224936	4.39	0.000	.5370325	1.435755
BMI	.0233051	.0167869	1.39	0.170	0102307	.0568408
_cons	4.711488	.53271	8.84	0.000	3.647277	5.775698



Margins is a useful post-regression command. It provides the predicted outcome for the model at specified levels of covariates in the model. It is especially useful for understanding the nature of an interaction effect as it gives the predicted outcome at each combination of the interacting variables. For example:



Follow this up with marginsplot to graph the effect. Non-parallel lines suggest a significant interaction.

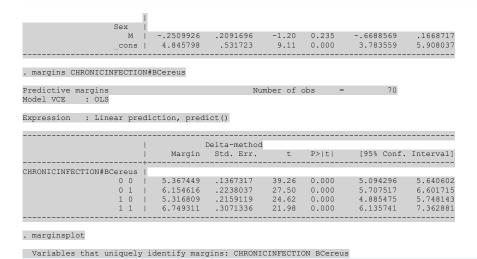


In this example, with B.cereus:

. regress logTimeClose i.CHRONICINFECTION##i.BCereus BMI i.Sex

	Source SS		df		Number of F(5, 64)		=	5.48	
	Model	17.7822956 41.5389937	5		Prob > I R-square			0.0003	
	Residual	41.3369937			Adj R-so			0.2451	
	Total	59.3212893	69	.859728831	Root MSI	-	=	.80563	
	lo	gTimeClose	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t		[95% Conf.	Interval]
	1.CHRONI	CINFECTION	0506401 .787167					5667235 .2643959	.4654433
		1.2002040	.,0,10,	.2010020	0.01	0.001		.2010303	1.005550
CHRONICINFECTION#BCereus									
		1 1	.6453348	.4626284	1.39	0.168	-	2788717	1.569541
		!							
		BMI	.0212396	.0165988	1.28	0.205	-	0119204	.0543996





Predictive Margins of CHRONICINFECTION#BCereus with 95% CIs

9
9
9
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CHRONIC INFECTION

Logistic regression can be performed with the logistic command, as below:

BCereus=0

. logistic GoodResponse i.Sex BMI i.CHRONICINFECTION i.BCereus

BCereus=1

Logistic regression			LR chi2(4	4) =	44.67 0.0000
Log likelihood = -2:	2.667119		Pseudo Ri	2 =	0.4963
GoodResponse		Std. Err.	z P>	z [95%	Conf. Interval]
Sex					
M	1.887282	1.708759	0.70 0.4	483 .3200	0021 11.13066
BMI	.8892833	.058282	-1.79 0.0	073 .7820	0849 1.011175
1.CHRONICINFECTION	1.136505	.9736462	0.15 0.8	881 .2120	0044 6.092528
1.BCereus	.009316	.0093258	-4.67 0.0	000 .0013	3096 .0662717
cons	220 1090	488 9732	2 /3 0 /	015 2 820	9/128 17123 02

Note: _cons estimates baseline odds.

Logistic regression is one of many generalized linear models and you can get the same result from



Statistics / Generalized linear models / Generalized linear model (GLM)

Then choosing the binomial family and the logit link.

```
. glm GoodResponse i.Sex BMI i.CHRONICINFECTION i.BCereus, family(binomial 1) link(logit)
Iteration 0:
               log likelihood = -23.418096
               log likelihood = -22.67379
log likelihood = -22.66712
Iteration 1:
Iteration 2:
Iteration 3: log likelihood = -22.667119
Generalized linear models
                                                   No. of obs
Optimization
                                                   Residual df
                                                                              65
                : ML
                                                   Scale parameter =
                 = 45.33423773
                                                                        .6974498
Deviance
                                                   (1/df) Deviance =
                = 57.9795399
                                                   (1/df) Pearson =
                                                                        .8919929
Pearson
Variance function: V(u) = u*(1-u)
                                                    [Bernoulli]
Link function : g(u) = \ln(u/(1-u))
                                                   [Logit]
                                                   AIC
                                                                        .7904891
Log likelihood = -22.66711886
                                                   BIC
                                                                        -230.818
                                     OTM
                                                                 [95% Conf. Interval]
                                                       P>|z|
      GoodResponse
                          Coef.
                                  Std. Err.
                       .6351374
                                   .9054071
                                                                 -1.139428
               BMI
                      -.1173394
                                  .0655382
                                               -1.79
                                                       0.073
                                                                 -.2457919
                                                                             .0111131
1.CHRONICINFECTION
                       .1279574
                                   .8567023
                                               0.15
                                                       0.881
                                                                -1.551148
                                                                             1.807063
                      -4.676023
                                                                 -6.638055
                                                                             -2.713991
         1.BCereus |
                                  1.001055
                                               -4.67
                                                       0.000
                      5.394126
                                  2.221496
                                               2.43
                                                       0.015
                                                                 1.040074
                                                                             9.748178
             cons |
```

NOTE: These results are not exactly the same as when the logistic command was used. The results above report the coefficients (β s) of each predictor variable (the weightings of each predictor in the linear part of the model). The output following the logistic command gave the odds ratio. The odds ratio is the exponentiated form of the coefficient, e^{β} , which can be requested from the glm command by adding the eform option.

```
. glm GoodResponse i.Sex BMI i.CHRONICINFECTION i.BCereus, family(binomial 1) link(logit)
                                                    eform
              log likelihood = -23.418096
Iteration 0:
             log likelihood = -22.67379
log likelihood = -22.66712
Iteration 1:
Iteration 2:
             log likelihood = -22.667119
Iteration 3:
Generalized linear models
                                                No. of obs
Optimization
               : MT.
                                                Residual df
                                                                         6.5
                                                Scale parameter = (1/df) Deviance =
                = 45.33423773
                                                                   .6974498
Deviance
Pearson
               = 57.9795399
                                                (1/df) Pearson =
Variance function: V(u) = u*(1-u)
                                                [Bernoulli]
Link function
              : g(u) = ln(u/(1-u))
                                                [Logit]
                                                AIC
                                                                   .7904891
Log likelihood = -22.66711886
                                                                   -230.818
 _____
                                   OTM
     GoodResponse | Odds Ratio
                                Std. Err.
                                                    P>|z|
                                                             [95% Conf. Interval]
               М
                      1.887281
                                1.708758
                                            0.70
                                                    0.483
                                                               320002
                                                                         11.13065
                      .8892833
              BMT
                                 .058282
                                            -1.79
                                                    0.073
                                                              .7820849
                                                                         1.011175
                                                                         6.092527
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            cons
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Note: _cons estimates baseline odds.

. set seed 22209
. gen GoodResponse = runiform()
. gen Bernouli = rbinomial(1, 0.5)
. replace GoodResponse = 1 if GoodResponse>0.3
(48 real changes made)
. replace GoodResponse =0 if GoodResponse !=1
(23 real changes made)

