

## Supplementary Tables - Additional Simulations

Table S1: Simulation results for designs with a control arm in the null scenario with all  $p_k = 0.20$ , for  $N=500$ .  $\bar{n}$  = mean per-arm sample size. Each  $\eta_m = \Pr(N_C > N_k + m)$ , the probability that the number of patients randomized to arm  $C$  is at least  $m$  larger than the number randomized to arm  $E_k$ . Values in the row  $E_1 - E_4$  are per-arm.

Method	Arm	Pr(Select)	Pr(Stop)	$\bar{n}$ (95% CI)	$\eta_{10}, \eta_{20}, \eta_{30}$
AR(1, 0)	C	–	–	37 (10, 64)	–
	$E_1-E_4$	0.01	0.84	62 (10, 262)	0.4, 0.28, 0.16
	Total			283 (70, 500)	
AR( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 0)	C	–	–	46 (17, 76)	–
	$E_1-E_4$	0.01	0.92	53 (10, 194)	0.5, 0.39, 0.26
	Total			258 (70, 500)	
AR( $\frac{n}{2N}$ , 0)	C	–	–	49 (16, 79)	–
	$E_1-E_4$	0.01	0.92	51 (10, 198)	0.54, 0.43, 0.31
	Total			252 (70, 500)	
AR(1, 0.1)	C	–	–	45 (21, 67)	–
	$E_1-E_4$	0.01	0.96	53 (10, 212)	0.51, 0.39, 0.25
	Total			258 (80, 500)	
ER	C	–	–	74 (17, 157)	–
	$E_1-E_4$	0	0.99	42 (10, 128)	0.68, 0.54, 0.43
	Total			242 (70, 500)	

Table S2: Simulation results for designs with a control arm in the LFC scenario  $p_C = p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = 0.20, p_4 = 0.40,$ , for  $N=500$ .  $\bar{n}$  = mean per-arm sample size. Each  $\eta_m = \Pr(N_C > N_k + m)$ , the probability that the number of patients randomized to arm  $C$  is at least  $m$  larger than the number randomized to arm  $E_k$ . Values in the row  $E_1 - E_4$  are per-arm.

Method	Arm	Pr(Select)	Pr(Stop)	$\bar{n}$ (95% CI)	$\eta_{10}, \eta_{20}, \eta_{30}$
AR(1, 0)	C	–	–	27 (10, 65)	–
	$E_1-E_3$	0.02	0.46	27 (10, 82)	0.34, 0.2, 0.1
	$E_4$	0.53	0.07	369 (11, 444)	0.03, 0.02,0.01
	Total			477 (130, 500)	
AR( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 0)	C	–	–	47 (13, 95)	–
	$E_1-E_3$	0.03	0.70	36 (10, 101)	0.54, 0.42, 0.29
	$E_4$	0.67	0.09	319 (10, 413)	0.05, 0.04,0.03
	Total			474 (130, 500)	
AR( $\frac{n}{2N}$ , 0)	C	–	–	47 (18, 88)	–
	$E_1-E_3$	0.04	0.70	35 (10, 91)	0.57, 0.43, 0.28
	$E_4$	0.77	0.09	321 (10, 406)	0.05, 0.04,0.03
	Total			473 (130, 500)	
AR(1, 0.1)	C	–	–	58 (39, 83)	–
	$E_1-E_3$	0.05	0.81	35 (10, 89)	0.7, 0.59, 0.47
	$E_4$	0.87	0.08	313 (11, 403)	0.05, 0.05,0.04
	Total			477 (130, 500)	
ER	C	–	–	177 (40, 238)	–
	$E_1-E_3$	0	0.98	41 (10, 121)	0.95, 0.93, 0.90
	$E_4$	0.85	0.09	175 (13, 238)	0.32, 0.18,0.08
	Total			475 (140, 500)	

Table S3: Simulation results for designs with a control arm in staircase scenario,  $(p_C, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = (0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40)$  for  $N=500$ .  $\bar{n}$  = mean per-arm sample size. Each  $\eta_m = \Pr(N_C > N_k + m)$ , the probability that the number of patients randomized to arm  $C$  is at least  $m$  larger than the number randomized to arm  $E_k$ .

Method	Arm	Pr(Select)	Pr(Stop)	$\bar{n}$ (95% CI)	$\eta_{10}, \eta_{20}, \eta_{30}$
AR(1, 0)	C	–	–	25 (10, 63)	–
	$E_1$	0.061	0.31	36 (10, 112)	0.22, 0.12, 0.06
	$E_2$	0.13	0.22	61 (10, 207)	0.14, 0.07, 0.04
	$E_3$	0.27	0.14	119 (10, 359)	0.08, 0.04, 0.02
	$E_4$	0.49	0.076	251 (10, 417)	0.03, 0.02, 0.01
AR( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 0)	C	–	–	40 (12, 88)	–
	$E_1$	0.10	0.47	48 (10, 120)	0.34, 0.24, 0.15
	$E_2$	0.20	0.31	76 (10, 180)	0.2, 0.14, 0.09
	$E_3$	0.40	0.18	123 (10, 269)	0.11, 0.08, 0.05
	$E_4$	0.65	0.078	206 (11, 360)	0.05, 0.03, 0.02
AR( $\frac{n}{2N}$ , 0)	C	–	–	40 (16, 81)	–
	$E_1$	0.14	0.46	45 (10, 111)	0.35, 0.23, 0.13
	$E_2$	0.28	0.31	71 (10, 179)	0.22, 0.14, 0.08
	$E_3$	0.49	0.17	119 (10, 285)	0.11, 0.07, 0.04
	$E_4$	0.75	0.078	218 (12, 361)	0.05, 0.03, 0.02
AR(1, 0.1)	C	–	–	58 (43, 79)	–
	$E_1$	0.19	0.58	46 (10, 107)	0.51, 0.41, 0.32
	$E_2$	0.39	0.36	67 (10, 180)	0.31, 0.24, 0.19
	$E_3$	0.62	0.19	113 (10, 300)	0.16, 0.12, 0.1
	$E_4$	0.84	0.089	208 (10, 358)	0.07, 0.06, 0.05
ER	C	–	–	128 (86, 216)	–
	$E_1$	0.08	0.67	59 (10, 123)	0.79, 0.72, 0.67
	$E_2$	0.29	0.49	82 (10, 148)	0.58, 0.48, 0.42
	$E_3$	0.60	0.24	104 (10, 170)	0.41, 0.27, 0.21
	$E_4$	0.86	0.084	120 (11, 209)	0.32, 0.16, 0.09

Table S4: Simulation results for designs without a control arm in the null scenario  $p_1 = \dots = p_5 = 0.20$ , for  $N=500$ .  $\bar{n}$  = mean per-arm sample size. Each  $\eta_m = \Pr(N_C > N_k + m)$ , the probability that the number of patients randomized to arm  $C$  is at least  $m$  larger than the number randomized to arm  $E_k$ . All values are per-arm.

Method	Arm	Pr(Select)	Pr(Stop)	$\bar{n}$ (95% CI)	$\eta_{10}, \eta_{20}, \eta_{30}$
AR(1, 0)	$E_1-E_5$	0.01	0.22	100 (10, 294)	0.46, 0.43, 0.39
			Total	499 (500, 500)	
AR( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 0)	$E_1-E_5$	0.01	0.3	99 (10, 245)	0.45, 0.41, 0.37
			Total	497 (500, 500)	
AR( $\frac{n}{2N}$ , 0)	$E_1-E_5$	0.01	0.31	99 (10, 255)	0.45, 0.41, 0.38
			Total	495 (500, 500)	
AR(1, 0.1)	$E_1-E_5$	0.01	0.28	100 (10, 280)	0.45, 0.42, 0.39
			Total	498 (500, 500)	
ER	$E_1-E_5$	0.01	0.38	98 (10, 221)	0.39, 0.31, 0.27
			Total	492 (370, 500)	

Table S5: Simulation results for designs with no control arm in the LFC scenario  $p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = p_4 = 0.20$  and  $p_5 = 0.40$ , for  $N=500$ .  $\bar{n}$  = mean per-arm sample size. Each  $\eta_m = \Pr(N_C > N_k + m)$ , the probability that the number of patients randomized to arm  $C$  is at least  $m$  larger than the number randomized to arm  $E_k$ . Values in the row  $E_1 - E_4$  are per-arm.

Method	Arm	Pr(Select)	Pr(Stop)	$\bar{n}$ (95% CI)	$\eta_{10}, \eta_{20}, \eta_{30}$
AR(1, 0)	$E_1-E_4$	0	0.81	28 (10, 93)	0.3, 0.2, 0.12
	$E_5$	0.95	0.017	289 (14, 435)	0.02, 0.02,0.01
	Total			400 (80, 500)	
AR( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 0)	$E_1-E_4$	0	0.95	35 (10, 115)	0.33, 0.24, 0.17
	$E_5$	0.96	0.018	157 (13, 327)	0.01, 0.01,0.01
	Total			296 (70, 500)	
AR( $\frac{n}{2N}$ , 0)	$E_1-E_4$	0	0.94	36 (10, 105)	0.35, 0.26, 0.19
	$E_5$	0.96	0.019	140 (11, 338)	0.02, 0.01,0.01
	Total			282 (70, 500)	
AR(1, 0.1)	$E_1-E_4$	0	0.92	32 (10, 98)	0.32, 0.22, 0.15
	$E_5$	0.96	0.02	212 (12, 391)	0.02, 0.02,0.02
	Total			340 (80, 500)	
ER	$E_1-E_4$	0	0.97	45 (10, 152)	0.37, 0.29, 0.23
	$E_5$	0.93	0.02	82 (11, 180)	0.07, 0.03,0.02
	Total			260 (70, 500)	

Table S6: Simulation results for designs with no control arm in the staircase scenario,  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5) = (0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40)$ , for  $N=500$ .  $\bar{n}$  = mean per-arm sample size. Each  $\eta_m = \Pr(N_C > N_k + m)$ , the probability that the number of patients randomized to arm  $C$  is at least  $m$  larger than the number randomized to arm  $E_k$ .

Method	Arm	Pr(Select)	Pr(Stop)	$\bar{n}$ (95% CI)	$\eta_{10}, \eta_{20}, \eta_{30}$
AR(1, 0)	$E_1$	0	0.78	23 (10, 69)	–
	$E_2$	0	0.61	35 (10, 118)	0.2, 0.12, 0.07
	$E_3$	0.002	0.41	62 (10, 214)	0.14, 0.08, 0.05
	$E_4$	0.04	0.22	122 (10, 358)	0.07, 0.05, 0.03
	$E_5$	0.39	0.067	246 (10, 416)	0.04, 0.03, 0.02
AR( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 0)	$E_1$	0	0.95	26 (10, 87)	–
	$E_2$	0	0.84	42 (10, 132)	0.21, 0.14, 0.09
	$E_3$	0.002	0.56	73 (10, 195)	0.13, 0.09, 0.06
	$E_4$	0.036	0.28	126 (10, 283)	0.07, 0.05, 0.04
	$E_5$	0.38	0.076	199 (10, 338)	0.03, 0.03, 0.02
AR( $\frac{n}{2N}$ , 0)	$E_1$	0	0.95	26 (10, 80)	–
	$E_2$	0	0.81	41 (10, 118)	0.21, 0.14, 0.08
	$E_3$	0.002	0.55	69 (10, 191)	0.13, 0.09, 0.05
	$E_4$	0.04	0.27	123 (10, 294)	0.07, 0.05, 0.04
	$E_5$	0.41	0.075	205 (10, 344)	0.03, 0.03, 0.02
AR(1, 0.1)	$E_1$	0	0.93	25 (10, 75)	–
	$E_2$	0	0.77	39 (10, 116)	0.21, 0.13, 0.09
	$E_3$	0.002	0.502	66 (10, 200)	0.13, 0.09, 0.06
	$E_4$	0.037	0.25	122 (10, 333)	0.07, 0.05, 0.03
	$E_5$	0.38	0.069	226 (10, 382)	0.03, 0.03, 0.02
ER	$E_1$	0	0.99	29 (10, 108)	–
	$E_2$	0	0.90	50 (10, 162)	0.22, 0.15, 0.11
	$E_3$	0.0019	0.66	88 (10, 218)	0.13, 0.09, 0.07
	$E_4$	0.034	0.32	133 (10, 234)	0.08, 0.06, 0.04
	$E_5$	0.33	0.08	146 (10, 236)	0.04, 0.03, 0.02