

# Package ‘vaxpms’

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**Description** Estimate vaccine efficacy (VE) using immunogenicity data.

The inclusion of immunogenicity data in regression models can increase precision in VE. The methods are described in the publications “Elucidating vaccine efficacy using a correlate of protection, demographics, and logistic regression” and “Improving precision of vaccine efficacy evaluation using immune correlate data in time-to-event models” by Julie Dudasova, Zdenek Valenta, and Jeffrey R. Sachs (2024).

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coxphParametricSampling

*Accounting for the uncertainty on the fitted "coxph" model and observed data*

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## Description

coxphParametricSampling is used for vaccine efficacy confidence interval construction. It provides a vector of vaccine efficacy values, with length of nboot. 95% confidence interval, defined by 2.5th and 97.5th quantile of this vector, accounts for the uncertainty on the model fit (via parametric resampling of the posterior distribution of the model parameters) and observed data (via bootstrapping).

## Usage

```
coxphParametricSampling(Fit, nboot = 2000, Data.vaccinated, Data.control)
```

## Arguments

Fit	an object of class inheriting from "coxph" representing the fitted model
nboot	a numeric value for number of bootstrap samples for confidence interval construction
Data.vaccinated	a data frame for the vaccinated group, containing the variables in the fitted model
Data.control	a data frame for the control group, containing the variables in the fitted model

## Value

a vector of vaccine efficacy values VE\_set, with length of nboot

## Examples

```
# Load required packages
library(dplyr)
library(survival)

# Load an example dataset
data(data_temp)
Data.vaccinated <- filter(data_temp, vaccine == 1)
Data.control <- filter(data_temp, vaccine == 0)

# Fit Cox proportional hazards model relating neutralizing titer
```

```
# to time to disease or end of follow-up
coxFit <- coxph(Surv(time_event, disease_any) ~ nAb1, data = data_temp)

# Estimate 95% confidence interval of vaccine efficacy based on the fitted model
efficacySet <- coxphParametricSampling(coxFit, nboot = 500, Data.vaccinated, Data.control)
CI <- lapply(EfficacyCI(efficacySet), "*", 100)
```

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data\_temp

*Example of a hypothetical vaccine clinical trial data set*


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### Description

A dataset containing immunogenicity data, and clinical outcome data in the vaccinated and control groups. The dataset is provided in the form of a data frame.

### Usage

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data_temp
```

### Format

Data frame:

**ID** identification of subjects

**nAb1** value of neutralizing titer for serotype 1

**nAb2** value of neutralizing titer for serotype 2

**group** binary indicator of a baseline demographic characteristics of interest

**vaccine** binary indicator of treatment arm, with value 1 in vaccinated and 0 in control subjects

**type\_disease** serotype of disease

**disease\_any** binary indicator of disease caused by any serotype

**time\_event** time to disease or end of follow-up in days

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EfficacyCI

*Efficacy summary (mean, median, confidence intervals)*


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### Description

Function summarizes efficacy statistics (mean, median, confidence intervals) based on the set of estimated efficacy values and chosen confidence interval.

### Usage

```
EfficacyCI(efficacySet, ci = 0.95)
```

**Arguments**

efficacySet      numeric vector - vector of estimated efficacy values  
ci                numeric - required confidence level

**Details**

Confidence intervals are calculated using quantiles of estimated efficacy values.

**Value**

named list - mean, median, CILow, CIHigh

**Examples**

```
# Load required packages
library(dplyr)

# Load an example dataset
data(data_temp)
Data.vaccinated <- filter(data_temp, vaccine == 1)
Data.control <- filter(data_temp, vaccine == 0)

# Fit logistic model relating neutralizing titer to disease status
logisticFit <- glm(disease_any ~ nAb1, data = data_temp, family = binomial())

# Estimate 95% confidence interval of vaccine efficacy based on the fitted model
efficacySet <- glmParametricSampling(logisticFit, nboot = 500, Data.vaccinated, Data.control)
EfficacyCI(efficacySet)
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glmParametricSampling *Accounting for the uncertainty on the fitted "glm" model and observed data*

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**Description**

glmParametricSampling is used for vaccine efficacy confidence interval construction. It provides a vector of vaccine efficacy values, with length of nboot. 95% confidence interval, defined by 2.5th and 97.5th percentile of this vector, accounts for the uncertainty on the model fit (via parametric resampling of the posterior distribution of the model parameters) and observed data (via bootstrapping).

**Usage**

```
glmParametricSampling(Fit, nboot = 2000, Data.vaccinated, Data.control)
```

**Arguments**

Fit	an object of class inheriting from "glm" representing the fitted model
nboot	a numeric value for number of bootstrap samples for confidence interval construction
Data.vaccinated	a data frame for the vaccinated group, containing the variables in the fitted model; data must include a column called "vaccine" with binary indicator of vaccination status
Data.control	a data frame for the control group, containing the variables in the fitted model; data must include a column called "vaccine" with binary indicator of vaccination status

**Value**

a vector of vaccine efficacy values VE\_set, with length of nboot

**Examples**

```
# Load required packages
library(dplyr)

# Load an example dataset
data(data_temp)
Data.vaccinated <- filter(data_temp, vaccine == 1)
Data.control <- filter(data_temp, vaccine == 0)

# Fit logistic model relating neutralizing titer to disease status
logisticFit <- glm(disease_any ~ nAb1, data = data_temp, family = binomial())

# Estimate 95% confidence interval of vaccine efficacy based on the fitted model
efficacySet <- glmParametricSampling(logisticFit, nboot = 500, Data.vaccinated, Data.control)
CI <- lapply(EfficacyCI(efficacySet), "*", 100)
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vaxpmx

*vaxpmx*

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**Description**

pharmacometric modeling in vaccines

**Author(s)**

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ve *Vaccine efficacy estimation*

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**Description**

Calculates vaccine efficacy and confidence interval as described in Dudasova et al., 2024, BMC Med Res Methodol and Dudasova et al., 2024, NPJ Vaccines

**Usage**

```
ve(Fit, Data, nboot = 2000)
```

**Arguments**

Fit	an object of class inheriting from "glm" or "coxph" representing the fitted model
Data	a data frame containing the variables in the fitted model; data must include a column called "vaccine" with binary indicator of vaccination status
nboot	a numeric value for number of bootstrap samples for confidence interval construction

**Value**

a value of vaccine efficacy VE and lower and upper bound of confidence interval CI

**Examples**

```
## # Load required packages
library(survival)

# Load an example dataset
data(data_temp)

# Fit logistic model relating neutralizing titer to disease status
logisticFit <- glm(disease_any ~ nAb1, data = data_temp, family = binomial())

# Fit Cox proportional hazards model relating neutralizing titer
# to time to disease or end of follow-up
coxFit <- coxph(Surv(time_event, disease_any) ~ nAb1, data = data_temp)

# Estimate vaccine efficacy and 95% confidence interval based on the fitted models
ve(logisticFit, data_temp, nboot = 500)
ve(coxFit, data_temp, nboot = 500)
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