

# Package ‘etsi’

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etsi.design	<i>Calculates the estimated power for a future Study B or the required sample size to achieve a desired level of power.</i>
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### Description

Function to help design a future Study B given data from Study A. Depending on the inputs, either calculates the estimated power in Study B, or calculates the required sample size in each treatment group to achieve a desired level of power in Study B.

### Usage

```
etsi.design(Study.A, n.b0 = NULL, n.b1 = NULL, psi = NULL, w.range = NULL,
            kappa = NULL, desired.power = NULL, iterations = 100)
```

### Arguments

Study.A	Study.A, a dataframe representing Study A containing the required columns A (treatment assignment), Y (primary outcome), S (surrogate outcome), and W (baseline covariate of interest). Optionally contains a column delta, which is an indicator for strong surrogacy.
n.b0	n.b0, sample size in Study B control group
n.b1	n.b1, sample size in Study B treatment group
psi	psi, the overall treatment effect you want to detect in Study B
w.range	w.range, a vector containing the lower and upper limits of the covariate W you plan to have in Study B
kappa	kappa, the threshold to determine strong surrogacy when the delta columns is not provided in Study.A. Surrogacy is considered sufficiently strong when the estimated PTE with respect to W is greater than kappa.
desired.power	The desired power in Study B, when you want to calculate required sample size
iterations	The number of iterations used for generalized cross-validation.

### Value

A list is returned:

power	The estimated power in Study B; only given if desired.power = NULL.
sample.size	The required sample size in each treatment group in Study B; only given if desired.power is not NULL.

### Author(s)

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## References

Knowlton, R., Parast, L. (2025) "Efficient Testing Using Surrogate Information." Biometrical Journal, 67(6): e70086.

## Examples

```
data(exampladataA)
data(exampladataB)
names(exampladataA)
names(exampladataB)
etsi.design(Study.A = exampladataA,
            n.b0 = 400,
            n.b1 = 500,
            iterations = 10)
```

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etsi.main	<i>Estimates the pooled treatment effect quantity, standard error, and corresponding p-value.</i>
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## Description

Estimates the pooled treatment effect quantity in Study B, using the surrogate information learned from Study A. Provides the corresponding estimated standard error and p-value for testing the null hypothesis of a treatment effect equal to 0.

## Usage

```
etsi.main(Study.A, Study.B, kappa = NULL)
```

## Arguments

Study.A	Study.A, a dataframe representing Study A containing the required columns A (treatment assignment), Y (primary outcome), S (surrogate outcome), and W (baseline covariate of interest). Optionally contains a column delta, which is an indicator for strong surrogacy.
Study.B	Study.B, a dataframe representing Study B containing the required columns A (treatment assignment), Y (primary outcome), S (surrogate outcome), and W (baseline covariate of interest). Optionally contains a column delta, which is an indicator for strong surrogacy.
kappa	kappa, the threshold to determine strong surrogacy when the delta columns are not provided in Study.A and Study.B. Surrogacy is considered sufficiently strong when the estimated PTE with respect to W is greater than kappa.

**Value**

A list is returned:

<code>delta.P</code>	The pooled treatment effect quantity for Study B
<code>se.delta.P</code>	Standard error of delta.P
<code>p.value</code>	p-value for testing the null hypothesis that $\text{delta.P} = 0$

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**References**

Knowlton, R., Parast, L. (2025) "Efficient Testing Using Surrogate Information." *Biometrical Journal*, 67(6): e70086.

**Examples**

```
data(exampledataA)
data(exampledataB)
names(exampledataA)
names(exampledataB)
etsi.main(Study.A = exampledataA,
          Study.B = exampledataB)
```

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exampledataA

*Example Data (Study A)*

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**Description**

Example Data (Study A)

**Usage**

```
data("exampledataA")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 1000 observations from a treatment group and 1100 observations from a control group:

A the treatment assignment, where 1 indicates treatment and 0 indicates control

W the baseline covariate of interest

S the surrogate outcome

Y the primary outcome

delta the indicator for strong surrogacy, where 1 indicates strong and 0 indicates weak

**Examples**

```
data(exampledataA)
names(exampledataA)
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exampledataB	<i>Example Data (Study B)</i>
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**Description**

Example Data (Study B)

**Usage**

```
data("exampledataB")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 500 observations from a treatment group and 400 observations from a control group:

A the treatment assignment, where 1 indicates treatment and 0 indicates control

W the baseline covariate of interest

S the surrogate outcome

Y the primary outcome

delta the indicator for strong surrogacy, where 1 indicates strong and 0 indicates weak

**Examples**

```
data(exampledataB)
names(exampledataB)
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