

## Research methods for comparing the survival rates of COVID-19 patients who received anti-body treatment versus those who did not

The null hypothesis is that there is no difference in the survival rates of COVID-19 patients who received anti-body treatment versus those who did not.

The alternative hypothesis is that there is a difference in the survival rates of COVID-19 patients who received anti-body treatment versus those who did not.

The research method and design to be used to answer this question could be case control study, matched pairs design, cohort study, randomized controlled trial, clinical trial, and epidemiological study.

First, I am going to discuss the method of case control studies. Case control studies are used when the outcome of interest is rare. It is also called a retrospective study because it examines cases that have already occurred and compares them with a control group. It is particularly useful for studying diseases with long latency periods such as cancer, heart disease, and birth defects.

To do a case control study, you start by identifying people who have the disease or condition of interest (cases). You then look back in time to find people who are similar in every way except that they don't have the disease (controls). You then try to identify differences between the two groups that may explain why some people got the disease and others didn't.

The advantage of this method is that it can be done quickly and inexpensively. The disadvantage is that it can be difficult to find controls because there may not be enough of them, or they may not be available for follow-up, or they may be difficult to locate. For example, if you want to study a disease like cancer that has a long latency period, you will have to wait a long time to find cases, and the longer the latency period, the more difficult it is to find controls.

The second method I am going to discuss is called cohort studies. Cohort studies are used when the outcome of interest is common. They are also called prospective studies because they follow people forward in time. This type of study can be used for many different types of outcomes, including disease incidence and death rates.

In a cohort study, you start by identifying a group of people who are similar in every way except that they may or may not have the disease (cohort). You then follow them forward in time and record their outcome status at regular intervals. For example, if you want to study heart disease, you might identify a group of people who are similar in every way except that some of them smoke cigarettes and others don't. You would then follow them forward in time and record whether or not they develop heart disease. The advantage of this method is that it can be done quickly and inexpensively because it doesn't require any special design or equipment. The disadvantage is that it can be difficult to get people to participate in these studies because most people don't like being followed forward in time for an unknown length of time.

The purpose of this essay is to discuss the various research methods and designs that could be used to answer the question of which patients would have a better survival rate: those who received anti-body treatment or those who did not.

In this case, the outcome of interest is death. Death is a rare outcome, so it would be appropriate to use a case control study. The population in this study would be all COVID-19 patients who have been treated with anti-body therapy. The cases would be all COVID-19 patients who have died. Controls would be all COVID-19 patients who are still alive. To do this study, I would identify people who have died by looking at their medical records and then look back in time to find controls who are similar in every way except that they are still alive. I would

then try to identify differences between the two groups that may explain why some people died and others didn't.