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Q102 - How will you conduct case control study explain it with example.

A case control study is a type of observational study in which two existing groups are defined in outcome, are identified and compared on the basis of some supposed causal influence.

Case control study are often used to identify factors that may contribute to a medical condition by comparing subjects who have that condition/disease.

(the cases) with patients who do not have the condition (disease but are otherwise similar (control))

⇒ Conducting a Case Control Study

→ There are five steps in conducting a Case Control Study.

No 1 → Defining a Study Population.

(source of cases and control)

control must have is similar a background is possible to the cases. except that they do not have the outcome. in question they should come.

From the same population as the cases their selection should be independent

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At the exposure of interest - objective measure of the presence of risk or best ideally carried out in a "blind" assessment or before. The cases and controls are identified (i.e. they do not know who is a control or case)

2 => Define and Select cases.

- identification of cases can be made from the general population used. using health register and data or from a particular medical setting the criteria for diagnosis of a case should be defined, as well as the eligibility criteria used for selection. The diagnostic criteria should be sensitive and specific i.e. (strict)
- information and disease can be got from death certificates, disease registers, medical records population survey for rare diseases cases may have to sought from large areas or over many years.

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(3) Defining and Select Controls

- This is a very important step but if you do it wrong and you introduce bias into the study controls should represent the population that the cases come from (i.e. they should be at risk of becoming new cases).

Ratio to cases is usually 1:1

If cases are identified you can have up to 4 controls:1 case some time will be needed.

In considering the way in which the cases and controls which make up the study will be chosen. more heterogeneity in the cases less likelihood of being able to find a specific risk factor to the disease. Consider but

Narrower the category of disease for inclusion as cases less general applicability the finding will have source of control hospital.

- people have taken controls from a hospital population because they maintain that the controls are in some way matched the hospital cases however they are people

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with other Risk factor for...
example you could be comparing people
with lung cancer with people with broken
legs - people who break their legs
are not be same as all those who developed
lung cancer. The control may have
different diseases to the cases which may
have effect on the results.

⇒ Source of control given population
- the control can be taken from
the community the case are from.
or from a different population
the control may be healthy or
may have other diseases.

4 Measure exposure:-

The measurement of exposure must be
collected in a comparable way
for cases and control. It is
worth thinking the data gathered to
case or control status of
participant or at least blind them
to the main hypothesis of the study
This should help prevent measurement
or researcher bias exposure information

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can come from researcher. records or can be via interview or questionnaire.

(5) estimates disease risk with exposure.

traditionally data from case control studies are from set in a 2 by 2 or four fourfold table if is cohort control studies (where study population is denominators. and incidence rate can be calculated.

for the disease. as people are affected and relative risk can be calculated)

Because this is no population based data. and case control study result are.

best expressed as odds ratio

(the ratio of exposed to non exposed.

in the case group divided by the same ratio in the control group)

when the number with disease is small compared with the number unaffected.

The odds ratio is closer in value to the relative risk. which is a

population based estimate.

derived from cohort study

examples- In 1940 Sir Norman Gregg

an Australian ophthalmologist observed

a number of IRB infants and young

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children in his ophthalmology practice.
who presented with an unusual form
of cataract.

Gregg noticed that these children had been
in utero during the time of ~~epidemic~~
of a rubella (German Measles)
outbreak. He ^{suggested} ~~suggested~~ that there was an
association between prenatal rubella
exposure and the development of unusual
cataract. Keep in mind that ~~then~~ ^{at}
that time there was no knowledge that
a virus could be teratogenic.
Thus he proposed his hypothesis
solely on the basis of observations
during the epidemic of data from
ambulatory or bedside practice to day.

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How will you conduct cohort study explain it with example.

⇒ cohort is a type of medical research you used to investigate the causes of disease and to establish link between risk factor and outcome.

⇒ conducting a cohort study

→ there are five main step to conducting a cohort study

1. select cohort population

→ all participant both (exposed and non-exposed) in a cohort study must be at risk of developing the outcome control should be similar to the exposed in all important ~~ex~~ aspects except for the lack of exposure.

They will the background-rate of the outcome in the community

for common exposure (e.g. Smoking)

• a general population cohort is good as it enables internal comparisons

of exposure status and the population can be monitored and easy to follow up for ~~for~~ ~~year~~ year. exposures the cohort may

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be defined by geography environmental exposure. or cohort could be defined by occupation e.g. asbestos workers.

⇒ measure exposure to risk factors

cohort study have unambiguous definition of the exposure at the outset measurement can consist a records, environmental monitoring, lifestyle, questionnaire or a clinical / biochemical / molecular measurement.

(3) follow up

→ This is a challenge drop out affect the study validity drop out one not random ~~events~~^{events} if the likelihood of dropping out is related to the exposure and outcome.

then bias can result -

for example - if people are suffering side effects from a particular ~~drug~~^{drug} that may drop out and so the drug may look better than ~~placebo~~

If people are suffering side effects from a particular drug they may drop out and so the drug may look better than it actually is. It is critical to optimise follow up try to get a stable population motivate them and do regular contacting and tracing

4 = Measure disease outcome.

→ outcome must be defined in advance and should be clear, specific and measurable outcome. can be measured with record, interview or examination

⇒ estimate disease risk associated with ~~exposure~~ exposure.

→ Risk can be measured with relative risk. (a measure of the extent to which those exposed to a risk factor are likely to get the disease compared with the non exposed group) absolute risk (this is the incidence rate for a group exposed to risk factor) attributable risk (this is the difference

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In the incidence of a disease between the exposed and the non exposed group

Example.

⇒ one famous example of a cohort study is the nurses' Healthy Study a long ~~to~~ long running analysis of women health originally set up in consequence of use of oral contraceptives.