

## MS Module 15 Logistic regression odds ratio practice exam questions

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A probability Y is related to the independent variable X by logistic regression:

$$Y = \text{probability}(x) = \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x) / (1 + \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x))$$

- When X = 5.4, the probability Y is 31%
- When X = 6.2, the probability Y is 39%

### Question 15.1: Odds ratio

At X = 5.4, what is the odds ratio of Y?

Answer 15.1:  $31\% / (1 - 31\%) = 0.449$

(odds ratio = probability / (1 – probability))

### Question 15.2: Odds ratio

At X = 6.2, what is the odds ratio of Y?

Answer 15.2:  $39\% / (1 - 39\%) = 0.639$

(odds ratio = probability / (1 – probability))

### Question 15.3: Multiplicative change in the odds ratio

What is the multiplicative change in the odds ratio, or  $\exp(\beta_1)$ , when x increases by 1 unit?

Answer 15.3:  $(0.639 / 0.449)^{(1/(6.2 - 5.4))} = 1.554$

(the multiplicative change in the odds ratio, or  $\exp(\beta_1)$ , when x increases by 1 unit, =

$(\text{odds at point } X_2 / \text{odds at point } X_1)^{(1 / (\text{value of } X_2 - \text{value of } X_1))}$ )

### Question 15.4: Odds ratio

At X = 6.9, what is the odds ratio of Y?

Answer 15.4:  $0.639 \times 1.554^{(6.9 - 6.2)} = 0.870$

(odds ratio at point  $X_3$  = odds ratio at point  $X_2$  × (multiplicative change in odds ratio)<sup>(value of point  $X_3$  – value of point  $X_2$ )</sup>)

### Question 15.5: Probability of Y

At X = 6.9, what is the probability of Y?

Answer 15.5:  $0.870 / (1 + 0.870) = 46.52\%$

(probability = odds ratio / (1 + odds ratio))