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Regression Methods for Medical Research provides medical researchers with the skills they need to critically read and interpret research using more advanced statistical methods. The statistical requirements of interpreting and publishing in medical journals, together with rapid changes in science and technology, increasingly demands an understanding of more complex and sophisticated analytic procedures. The text explains the application of statistical models to a wide variety of practical medical investigative studies and clinical trials. Regression methods are used to app

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