



BIOPHARMACEUTICAL SECTION

# *Advanced Visual Analytics of Safety Data from Different Data Sources*

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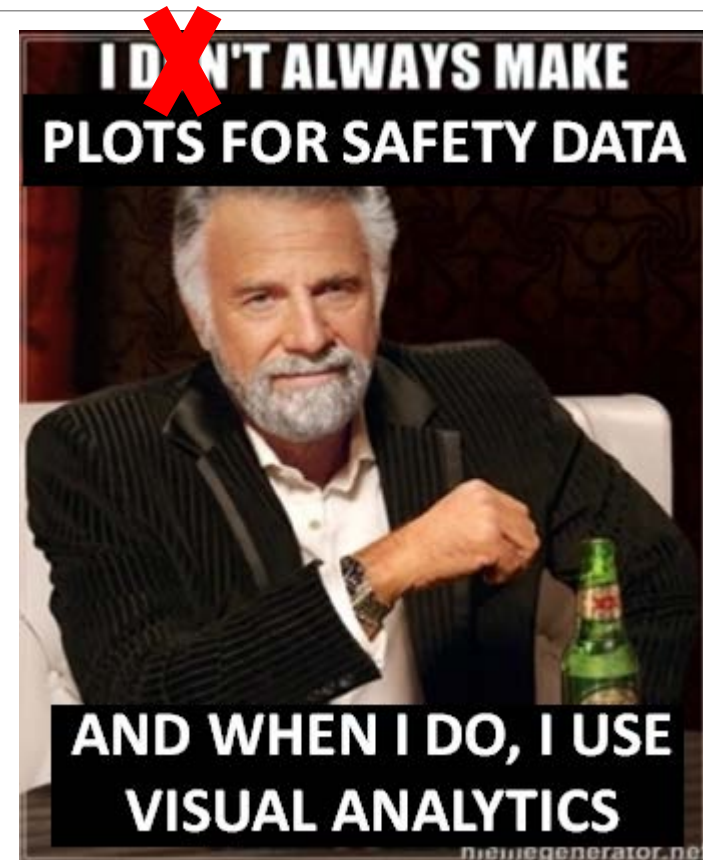
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- Opinions expressed in this presentation are the authors' own and do not represent in any way opinions of their respective employers

# Mantra



# Motivation

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ClinicalTrials.gov Data

<https://www.mbcalliance.org/clinical-trials-in-metastatic-breast-cancer>

Cause of Death

<http://flowingdata.com/2016/01/05/causes-of-death/>

How You Die

<http://flowingdata.com/2016/01/19/how-you-will-die>

Periodic Table of graphs

[http://www.visual-literacy.org/periodic\\_table/periodic\\_table.html](http://www.visual-literacy.org/periodic_table/periodic_table.html)

D3.js Library

<https://github.com/d3/d3/wiki/Gallery>

# Outline

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# Introduction

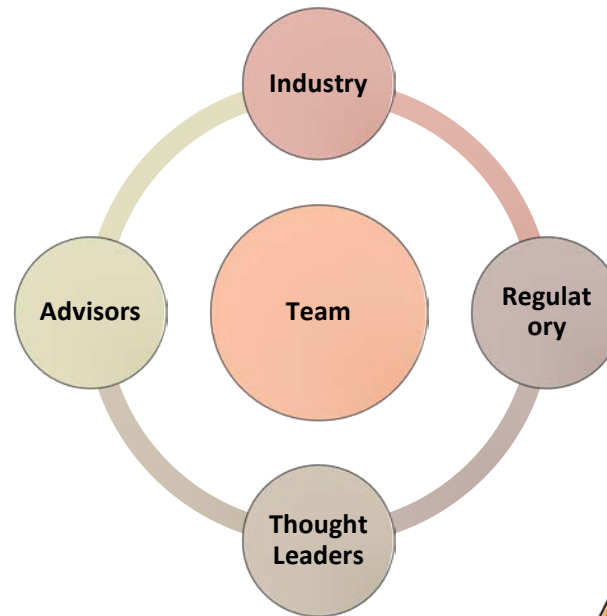
## About the ASA Biopharm Safety Monitoring Work Group

- <http://community.amstat.org/biop/workinggroups/safety/safety-whoweare>

What are the roles and opportunities for statisticians supporting safety monitoring?

How do we collaborate effectively with safety physicians and scientists?

Are we facing a gap between our current practices and new methods, tools and regulatory guidance?



Monitoring of safety information - accumulation of evidence on the safety profile of a drug

Ideally want early detection of potential safety signals

Prediction - what safety signals are likely to be seen in future studies

Monitoring and interpreting safety data is not easy – rare events, multiplicity, safety data are complex, etc

### Currently 3 Subteams:

- WS 1: focusses on regulatory guidance and industry practice
- WS 2: focusses on methodology
- WS 3: focusses on real world data

Cross-functional collaboration

**Unification in a  
Compartmentalized Culture<sup>1</sup>**

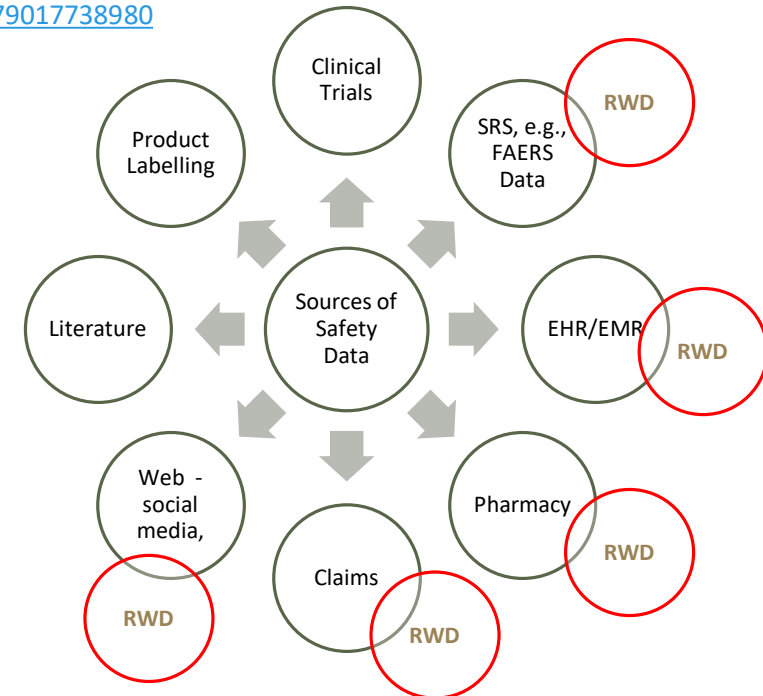
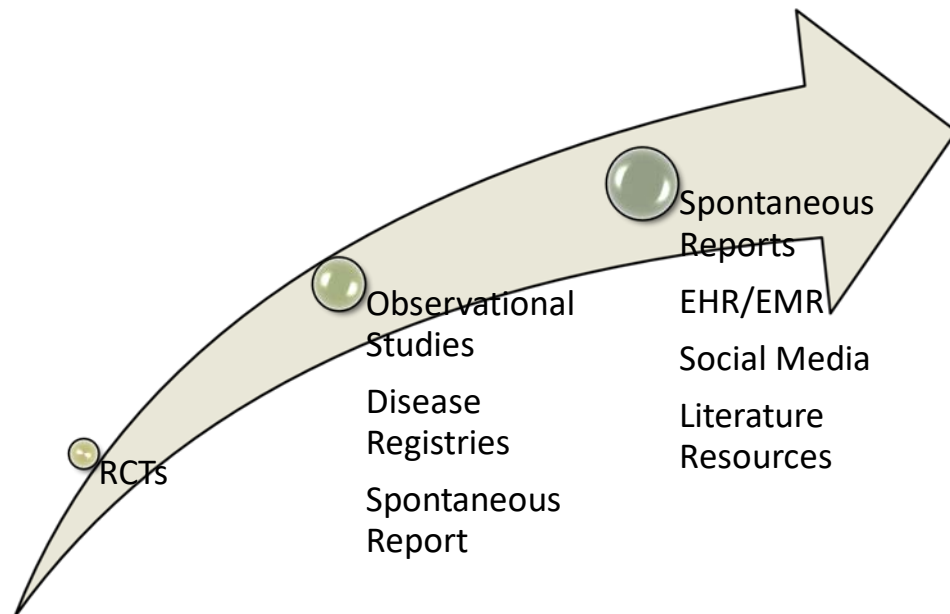
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# The Ever Expanding Data Sources for Safety Data

## Safety assessment on a continuum

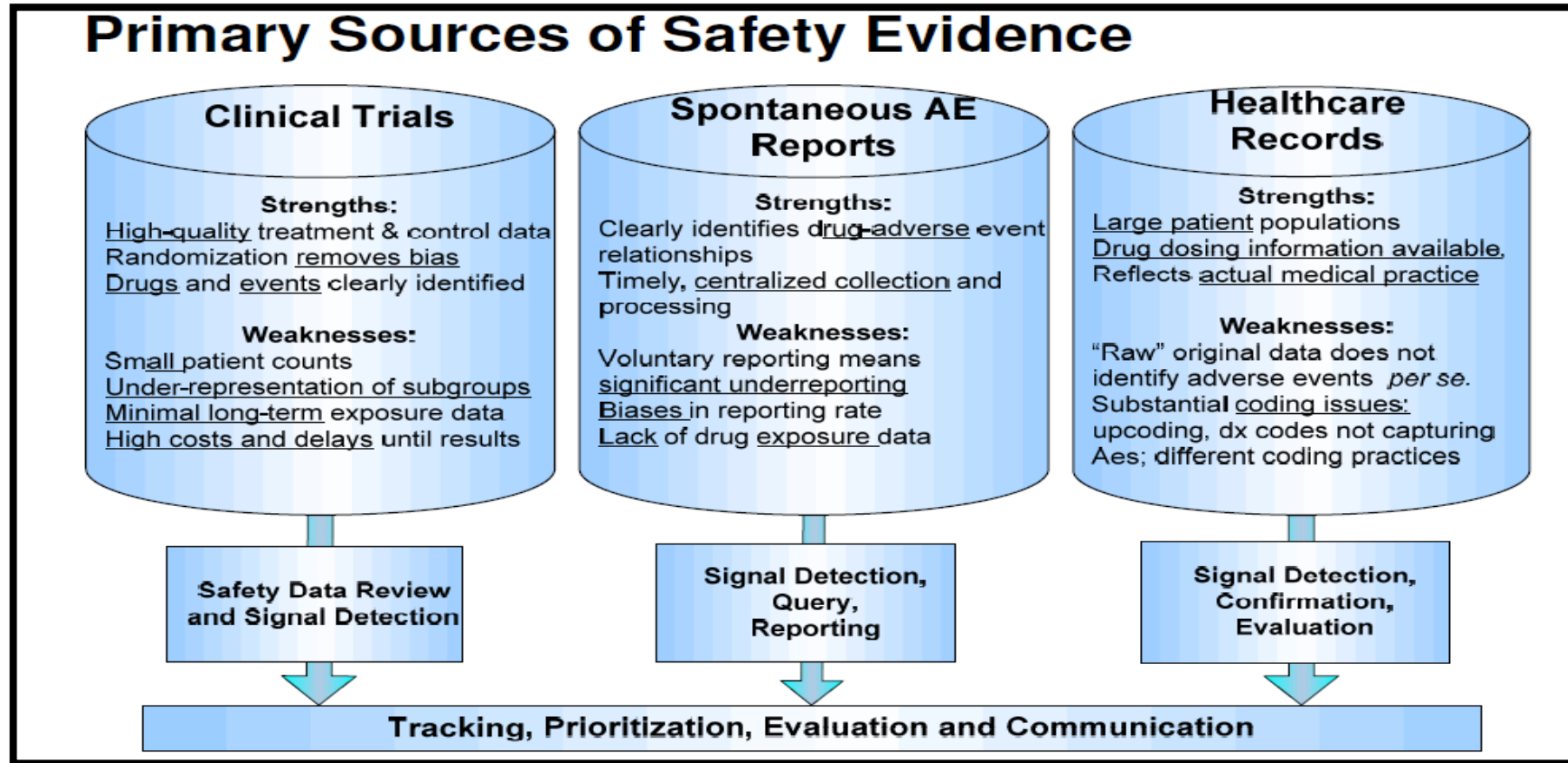
### Ever expanding sources for safety data

- Challenge – finding ways to harness the data from these new sources in safety profiling of drugs
  - See: Zink et al (2018): sources of safety data - <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/2168479017738980>



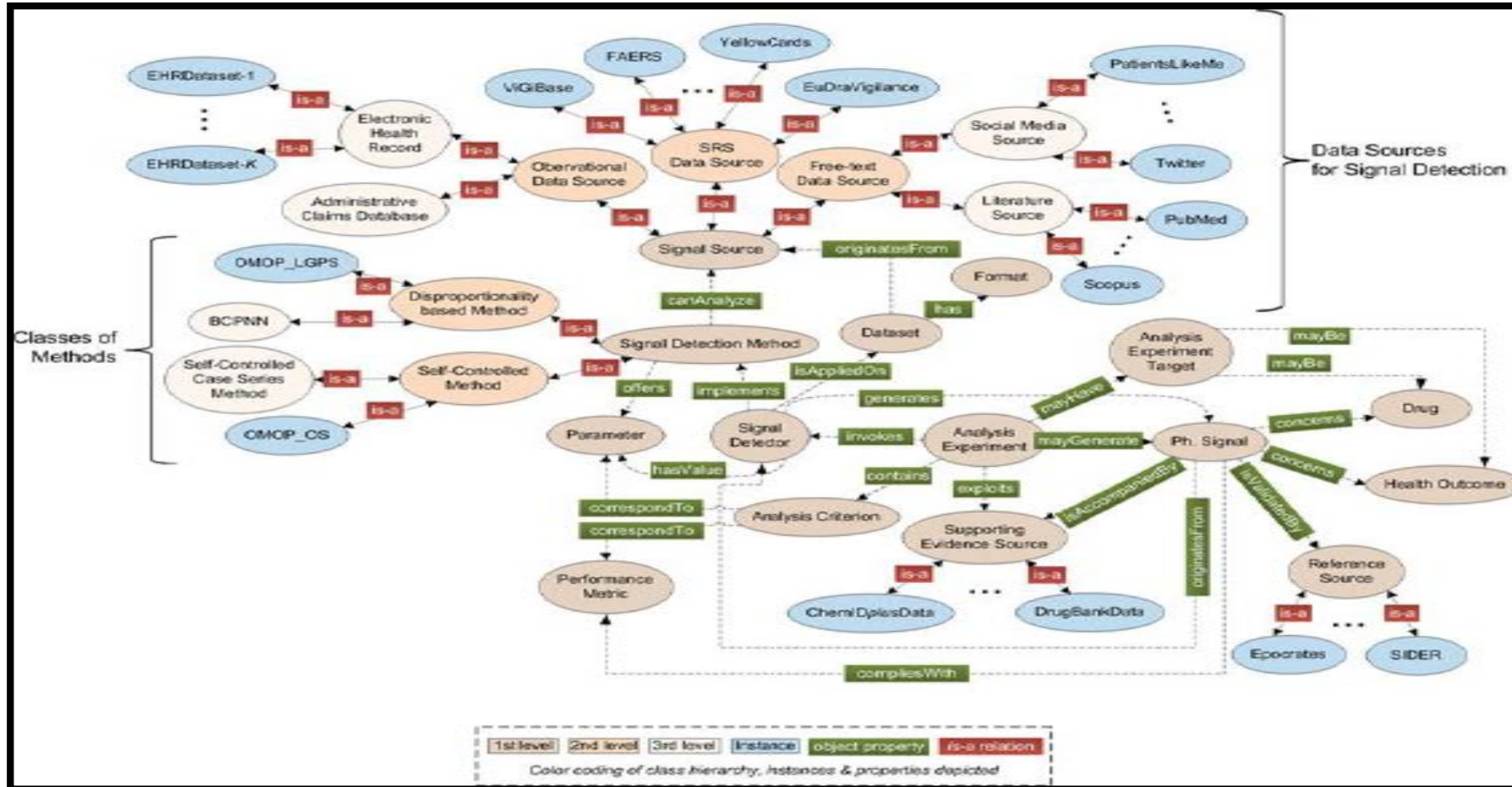


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# The Ever Expanding Data Sources for Safety Data



Source: *Leveraging Post-marketing Drug Safety Research through Semantic Technologies: The Pharmacovigilance Signal Detectors Ontology*, Vassilis Koutkias1 and Marie-Christine Jaulent1  
 Source: [http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-1320/paper\\_17.pdf](http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-1320/paper_17.pdf)

# Challenges of Safety Data

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- Safety data present many challenges with regard to analysis and interpretation
- For example in the clinical space:
  - Clinical trials not powered to detect safety signals
  - Safety data are multidimensional and interrelated in nature
  - Pathological features of diseases lead to heterogeneous subpopulations and data with non-normal distributions
- Using tabular formats for safety data results in large volumes of output
  - Descriptive summary tabular outputs, especially displays going over many pages are not easy to interpret
  - Patient data listings can be quite cumbersome and are rarely analytical

# Need for Graphs in the Analysis of Safety Data

Need for use of graphical methods in safety data has been long recognized!

Wittes (1996)	<i>A plethora of tables and graphs that describe safety may bury some true signal in a cacophony of numbers</i>
Harrell (2005)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Graphs, Not Tables!</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Have pity on statistical and medical reviewers</i></li><li>• <i>Difficult to see patterns in tables</i></li><li>• <i>Substituting graphs for tables increases efficiency of review</i></li></ul></li></ul>
Amit, Heiberger, and Lane (2008)	<i>There is a great opportunity to enhance evaluation of drug safety through the use of graphical displays, which can convey multiple pieces of information concisely and more effectively than can tables.</i>
Krause and O'Connell (2012)	<i>A Picture is Worth a Thousand Tables Graphics in Life Sciences</i>
Vlachos (2015)	<i>Graphics are an underutilized resource in safety</i>
McKain, Jackson, and Elko-Simms (2015)	<i>Traditional case reviews and TLs not sufficient for safety surveillance principles – use graphs</i>
Regulatory Guidance	<i>ICH-E3, FDA Safety Review Guidance (2005) – some recommendations for using visuals</i>

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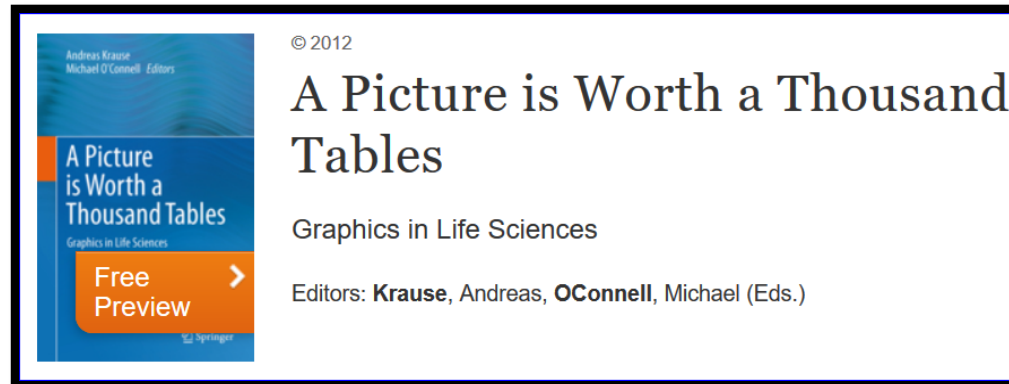
## Some past efforts

- Individual commendable efforts, e.g.,
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    - <http://biostat.mc.vanderbilt.edu/wiki/Main/RCTGraphics>
  - Shi-Tao Yeh
    - <http://www.lexjansen.com/pharmasug/2007/po/PO10.pdf>
    - <http://www2.sas.com/proceedings/forum2007/164-2007.pdf>
    - <http://www.lexjansen.com/nesug/nesug07/po/po23.pdf>
    - <http://www2.sas.com/proceedings/sugi31/181-31.pdf>
  - Jonathan Levine
    - <http://www.gersonides.com/r/>

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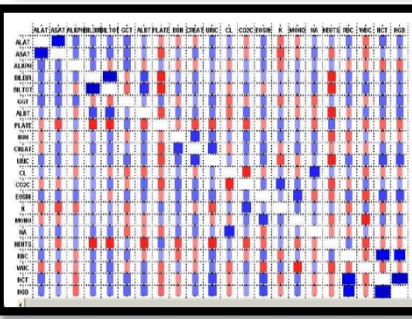
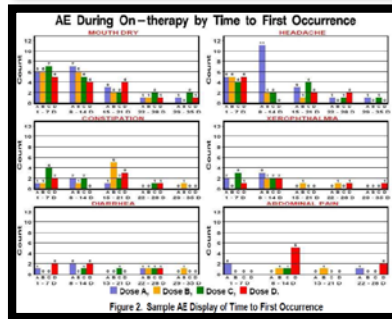
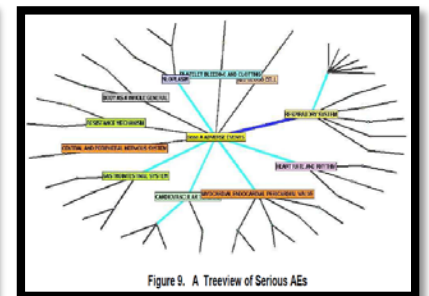
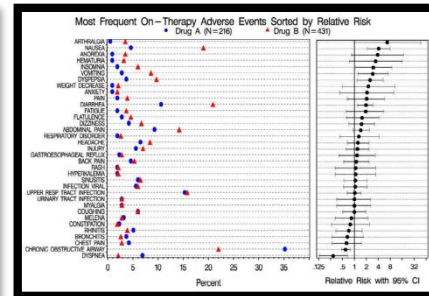
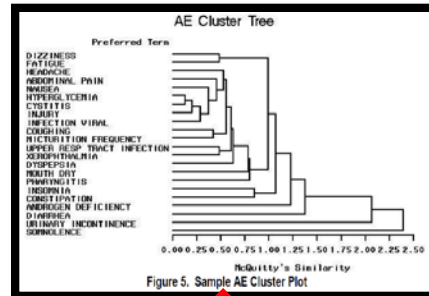
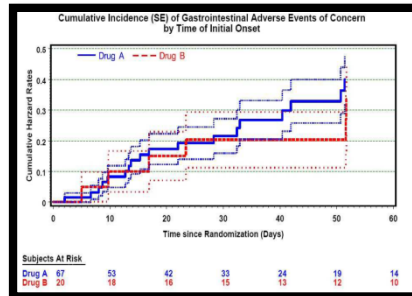
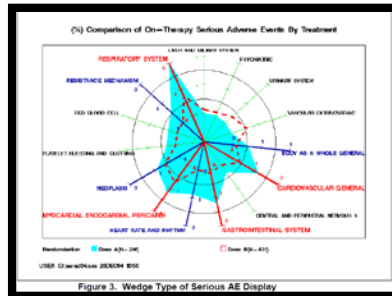
- Some collaborative commendable efforts, e.g.,
  - CTSPedia
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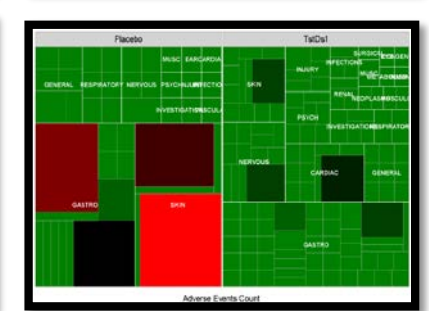
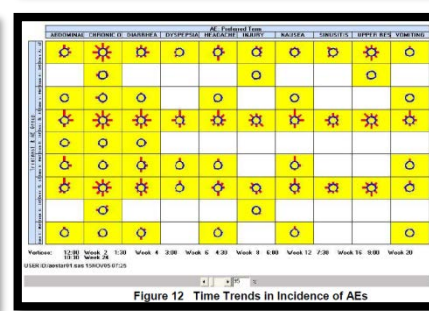
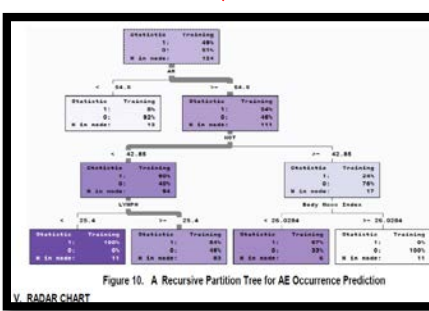
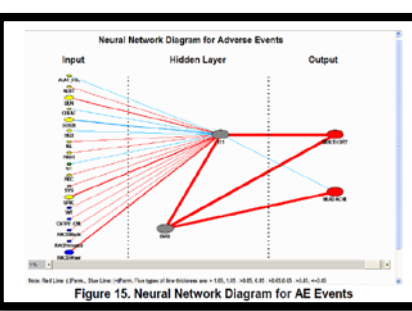
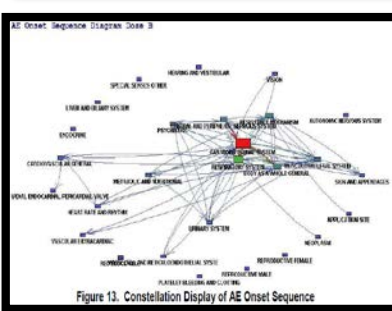
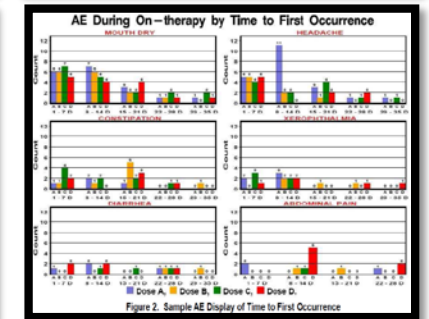
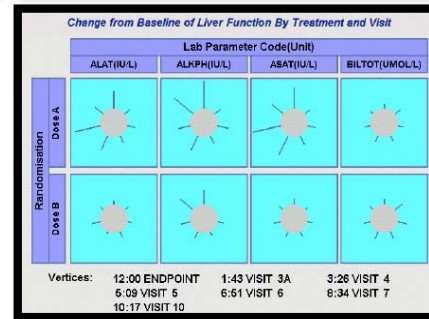
- Above individual and collaborative efforts cover common industry practice



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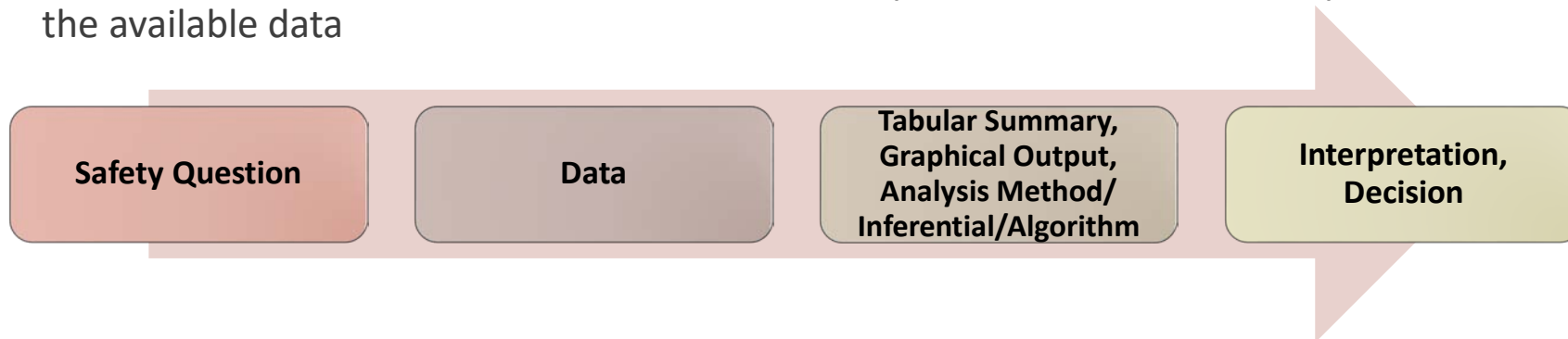
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Graph enhancement? Interactivity, dynamic, animation, drill down, connectivity, etc

# General considerations – Question-Based Approach

- First, we need to decide what is the safety question that we want to address?
- Determine what data will be used to address the question, or what sort of questions can be addressed with the available data



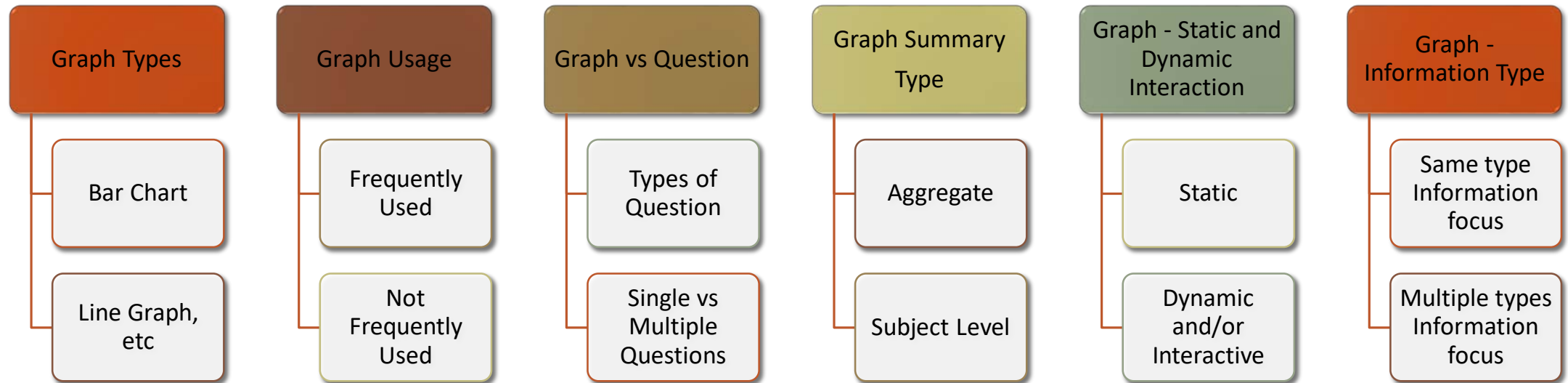
**Chapter 11**  
**A Question-Based Approach to the Analysis of Safety Data**  
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K. E. Peace et al. (eds.), *Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium*, ICSA Book Series in Statistics, [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-7826-2\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-7826-2_11)

- The safety question will ultimately determine the graph type, i.e., the choice of the visual that will be used
- Selection of the visual type or graph type may also be driven by the nature of the event in terms of AE Tier categories (Crowe, *et al*, 2009)
- Ultimately, the safety question and graph type will dictate the right tool to use in safety monitoring



# General considerations – Graph Complexity

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# General considerations – Graphing Principles

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## Some key graph principles include

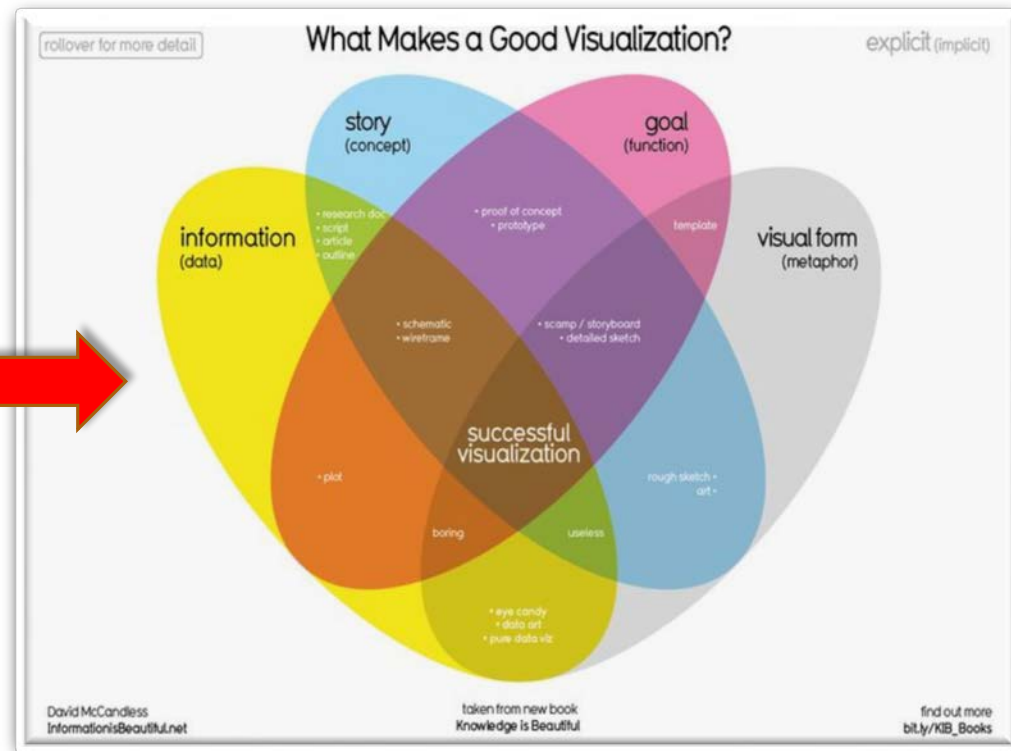
- Graph content
- Communication
- Information
- Annotation, axes, and style
  - All these are important to ensure that we have good and successful visualization of the data, especially in the context of safety monitoring

# General considerations – Graphing Principles

## Graph Principles

*Duke (2014), Duke et al (2015) - Good graphing principles and good graphic design*

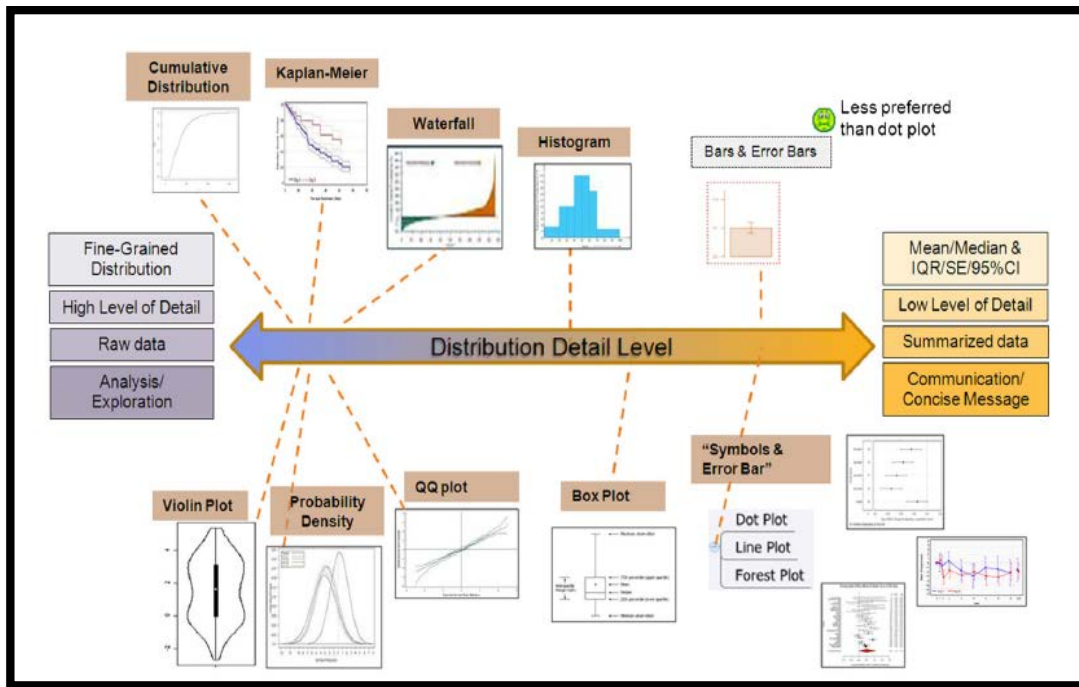
- Graphs for safety data must also adhere to good graphing principles and good design for graph construction
- There must be a goal, a story, information to be delivered and a visual form to make visualization successful
- These considerations are especially important in the context of safety in order to help identify safety signals early using visual forms



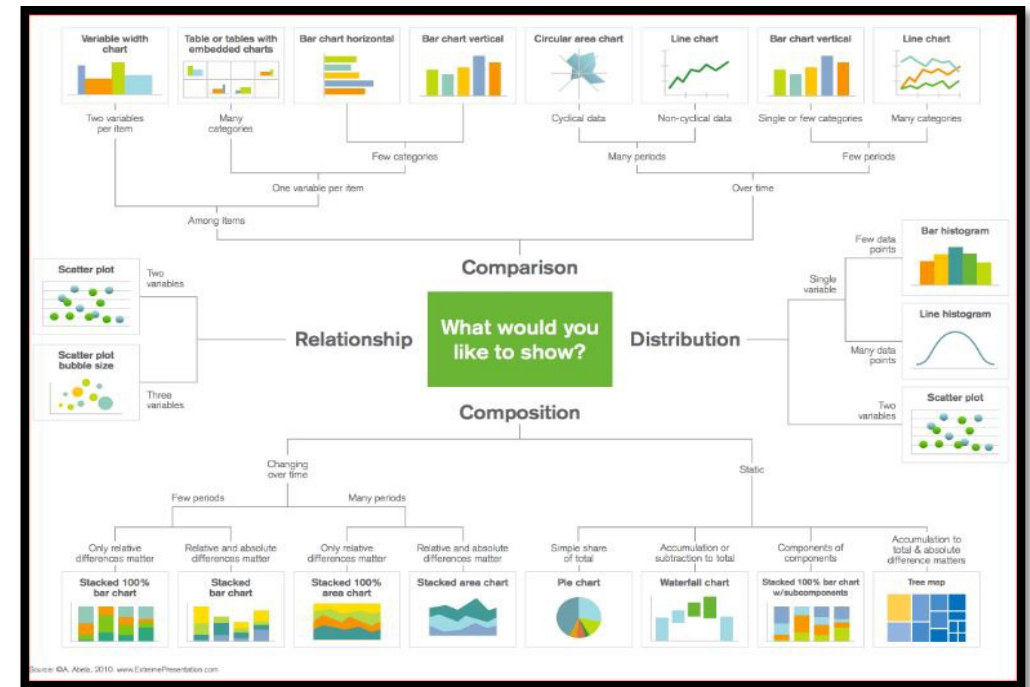
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# General considerations – Choosing the Right Graph Type

- Choosing the right graph type
  - The most appropriate graph type depends on the clinical question and data available



Source: <https://blogs.fda.gov/fdavoices/index.php/2015/09/seeing-is-believing-making-clinical-trial-statistical-data-from-medical-product-testing-easy-to-understand/>



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# The Push Towards Quantitative Safety

JOURNAL OF BIOPHARMACEUTICAL STATISTICS  
2016, VOL. 26, NO. 1, 17-29  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10543406.2015.1092026>

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## The role of quantitative safety evaluation in regulatory decision making of drugs

Aloka G. Chakravarty, Rima Izem, Stephine Keeton, Clara Y. Kim, Mark S. Levenson, and Mat Soukup


Division of Biometrics VII, Office of Biostatistics, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, US Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

Quantitative drug safety requires unique expertise. DBVII provides this expertise in statistical methods relevant to safety evaluation, including:

- Design and analysis of safety clinical trials
- Design and analysis of observational studies
- Meta-analysis for safety evaluation
- Signal detection
- Survey methodology
- Time series analysis
- Graphical and computational tools.

## Quantitative Safety Evaluation at CDER

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Protecting and Promoting Public Health [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)

## Biometrics VII (Safety)

- **Focus** on the **quantitative** assessment of safety
  - Development phase of product development
  - Pre-market risk assessment
  - Post-market risk assessment
- **Expertise** in areas **unique** to the safety assessment
  - Meta-analysis
  - Randomized trials primarily to evaluate safety
  - Design and analysis of observational studies
  - Graphical and computational methods
  - Analyses of registry and health care databases
- **Experience** in working across **multiple** divisions
  - Application of prior experience to new situations

## On quantitative methods for clinical safety monitoring in drug development

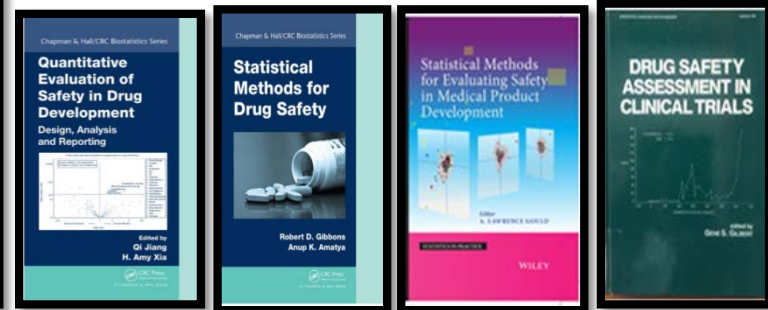
*Statistics in Biopharmaceutical Research*

William Wang, Ed Whalen, Melvin Munsaka, Judy Li, Michael Fries, Carolyn Kracht, Matilde Sanchez-Kam, Krishan Singh & Kefei Zhou  
Received 18 Oct 2016; Accepted 19 Nov 2017; Accepted author version posted online 18 Dec 2017

## Pre-Market Safety Must Balance Statistics With Clinical Discernment – FDA

"The Pink Sheet" Nov. 10, 2008, Vol. 70, No. 045

*Safety evaluation is probably much harder than efficacy evaluation because in many ways it's reading the tea leaves. It's a lot of multiplicity, a lot of false discovery, a lot of it-is-real or is-it-not-real...But nonetheless, you can't even approach that discussion if you can't quantify it in a reasonable way...statisticians for the most part have not been involved in safety evaluations...The sophistication is out there, it just has not been brought to bear on routine safety assessment for chronically used drugs.*



# The Push Towards Quantitative Safety

On the question of statistical inference of safety data

- Big question, many challenges! Controversial, varying opinions on what, when, how, and interpretation given the many statistical challenges! But value of inference on safety data is well recognized! Topic for another day!

**MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT SAFETY IN CLINICAL TRIALS — THE CASE FOR INFERENTIAL STATISTICS**  
GREGORY G. ENAS, PHD  
Drug Information Journal, Vol. 25, pp. 439-446, 1991

*While not required for every AE, inferential statistical methods can be used both formally and informally to help characterize the safety profile of a new drug and help guide the resulting inferences to the broader population.*

**Reviewer Guidance**  
**Conducting a Clinical Safety Review of a New Product Application and Preparing a Report on the Review**

*Although not strictly hypothesis testing, p-values give some feeling for the strength of the finding and should be produced for all new drug/placebo pair-wise comparisons and any p-values meeting a  $p < 0.05$  level of significance should be noted*

**Recommendations for safety planning, data collection, evaluation and reporting during drug, biologic and vaccine development: a report of the safety planning, evaluation, and reporting team**  
Brenda J Crowe<sup>a</sup>, H Amy Xia<sup>b</sup>, Jesse A Berlin<sup>c</sup>, et al Clinical Trials 2009; 6: 430-440

*For TIER 1 and TIER 2 AEs - an estimate of the RD, RR, or OR is reported together with corresponding confidence intervals or p-values.*

**ICH Topic E 9**  
**Statistical Principles for Clinical Trials**

*6.4 Statistical Evaluation - The calculation of p-values is sometimes useful, either as an aid to evaluating a specific difference of interest or as a flagging device applied to a large number of safety and tolerability variables to highlight differences worthy of further attention.*

*Carragher R (2015) A comparison of some methods for detection of safety signals in randomised controlled trials. In: Society for Clinical Trials 36th Annual Meeting*

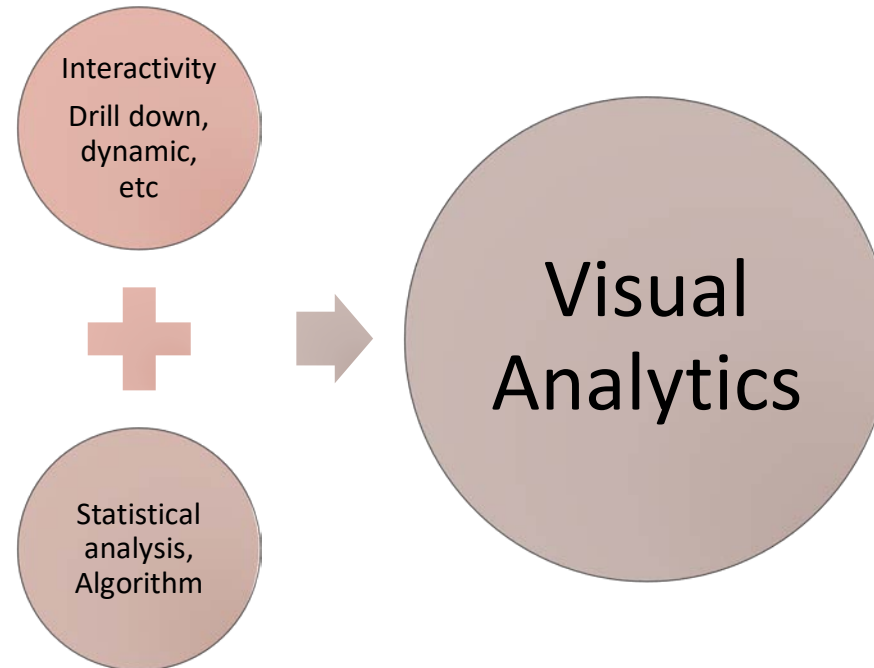
*Classical and Bayesian methods to control false positive results. R Package developed for the methods.*

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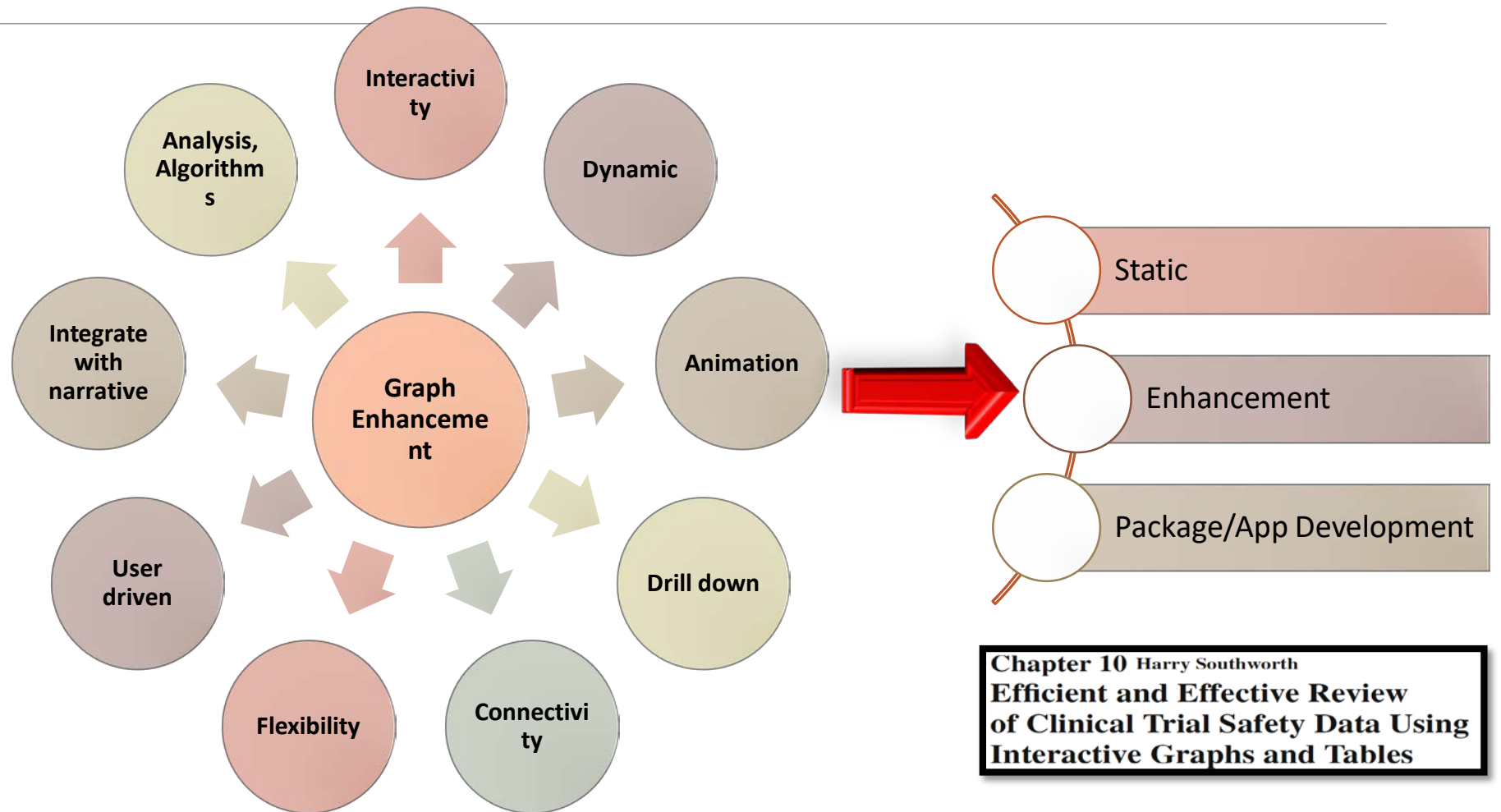
## Two broad views

- Bringing static graphs to life via some enhancement, e.g., interactivity, drill down, animation, dynamic, etc
- Statistical analysis and algorithms





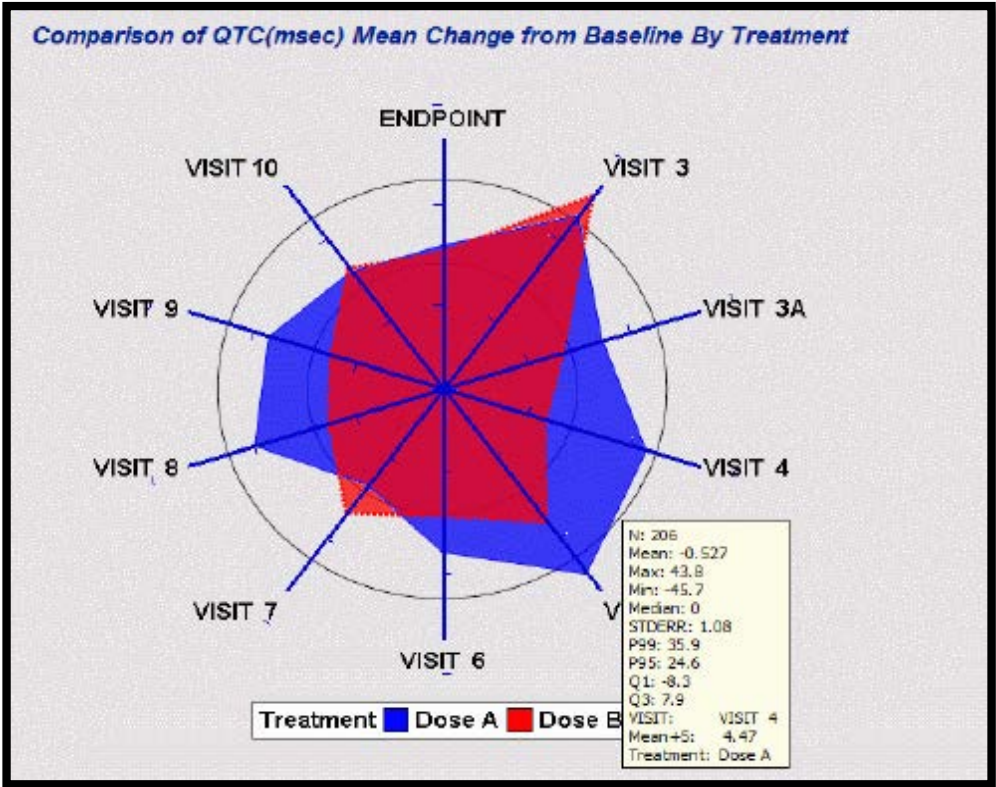
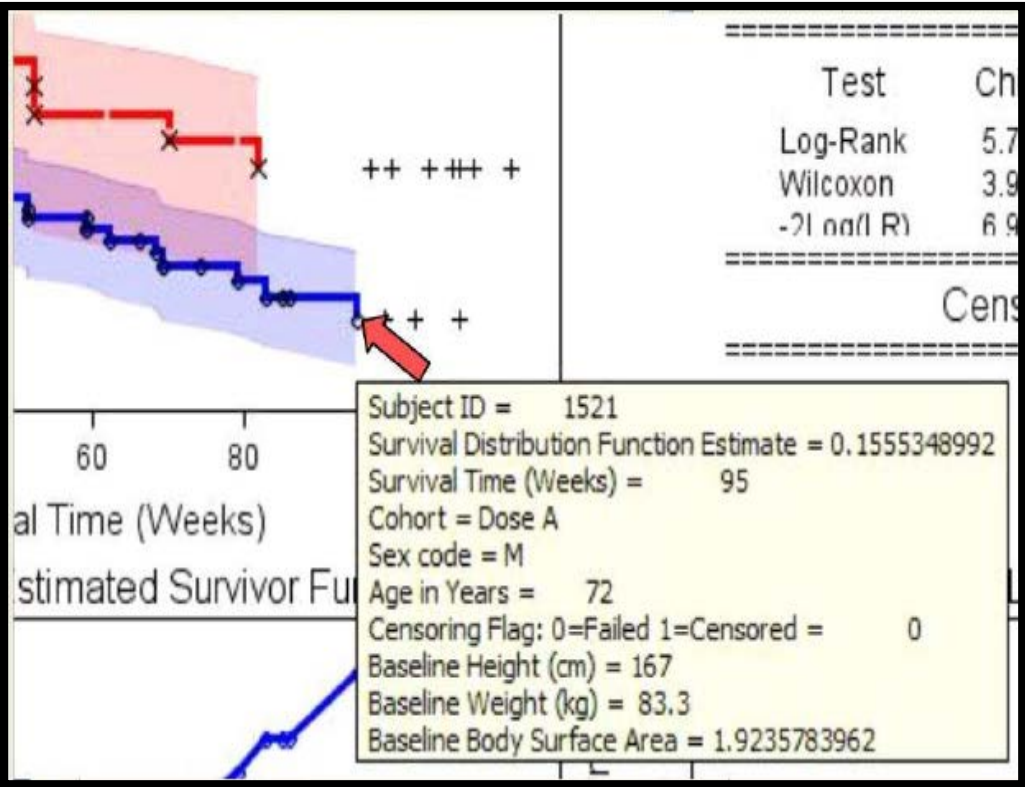
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Some attempts using SAS and JAVA by Yeh (2007)




# Defining Visual Analytics


...and FDA is doing it too!

**Visualizations of Safety Data**  
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**FDA's Approach to R Shiny**  
Standardized, Interactive Tools  
Jimmy Wong, Statistical Analyst  U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION

**ADVANCING CLINICAL REVIEW EFFICIENCY WITH R SHINY AT THE FDA**  
  
JIMMY WONG, STATISTICIAN  
PHUSE SINGLE DAY EVENT CHICAGO  
JULY 13, 2017  
Office of Biostatistics  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

**Interactive Data Visualization of Clinical Trials Data with D3.js**  
John Ho<sup>1</sup>; Joy Li<sup>1</sup>; Paul Schuette<sup>2</sup>; Eileen Navarro, MD<sup>1</sup>; Mary Doi, MD<sup>1</sup>; Timothy Kropp, PhD<sup>1</sup>; Lilliam Rosario, PhD<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Office of Computational Science, Office of Translational Science, CDER, FDA  
<sup>2</sup>Office of Biostatistics, Office of Translational Science, CDER, FDA  
The findings and conclusions in this poster have not been formally disseminated by the Food and Drug Administration and should not be construed to represent any agency determination or policy.

**"FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) Public Dashboard"**  
Date: January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Suranjan De MS, MBA  


**Developing Standardized Clinical Review Tools Using Shiny In R**  
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Food and Drug Administration/Center for Drug Evaluation and Research/Office of Biostatistics

**Use of New Tools for Safety Analysis**  
Chuck Cooper, M.D.  
Clinical Reviewer  
Division of Biometrics VI  
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CDER, FDA 

Motivation: Streamline a reviewer's proposed methodology and several common procedures.  
Quality, etc. recently have been developing Shiny apps.  
PharmaSUG Annual Conference  
Baltimore, MD | May 16, 2017 

**Visualization Using Open-Source Tools: some FDA perspectives**  
Paul Schuette  
Scientific Computing Coordinator 

  
**Use of Real-World Evidence in Drug Safety and Efficacy in Regulatory Decision Making**  
Rongmei Zhang, PhD  
Division of Biometrics 7  
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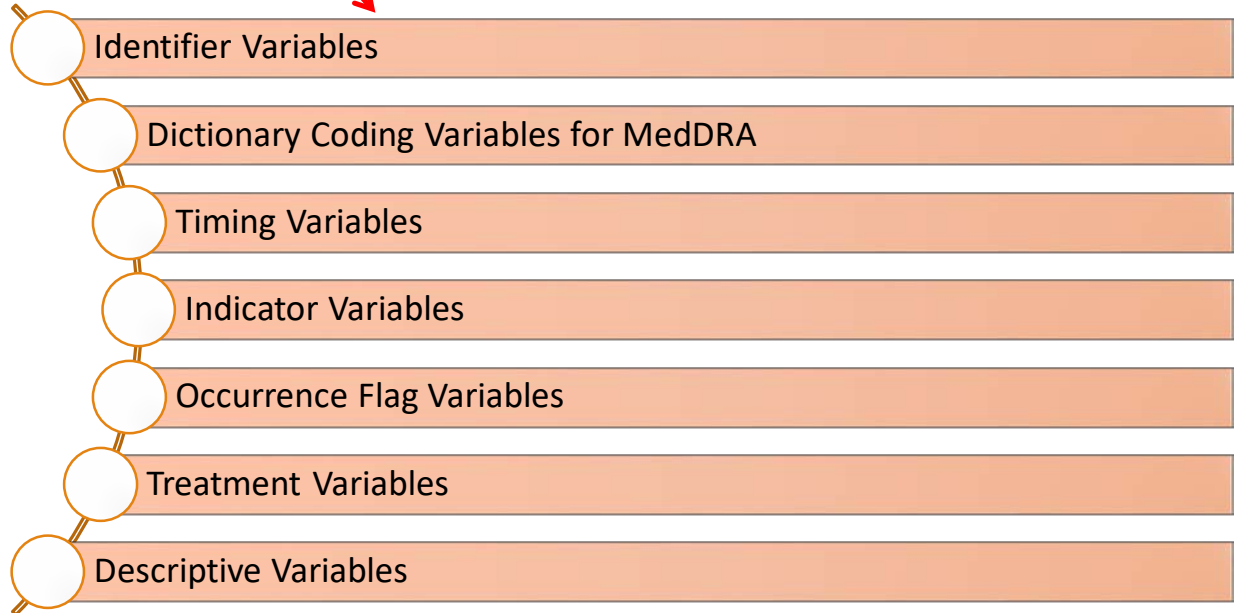
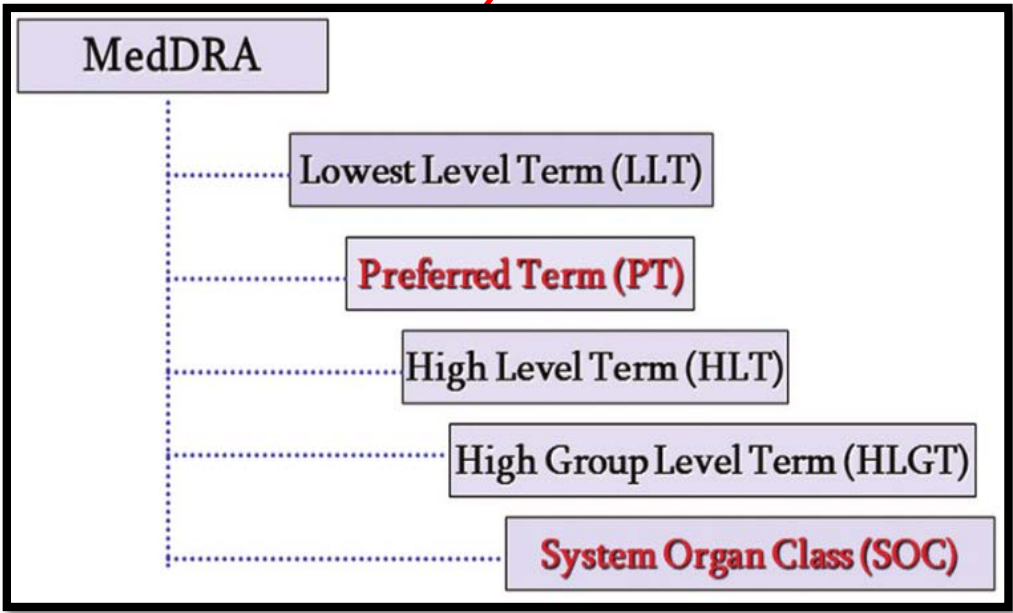
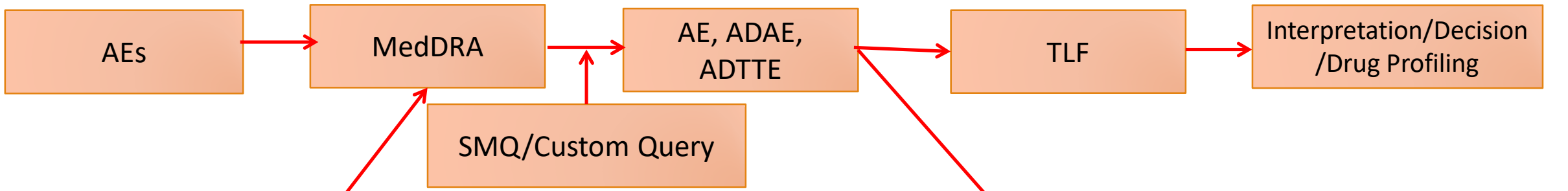
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Branch Chief FDA/OFVM/CFSAN/OAO/DPHIA/SMB

**Key Difficulties & Learnings**  
Application of R Shiny in Survival and Meta-analysis Data and Modeling Visualization on a Webapp  
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Oct 7, 2015, Crystal City, VA

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## Examples – Clinical Trial Data, Adverse Events

# AE Data Flow



# Some Questions to Ask on AEs

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## Incidence Rate

- What is the constellation of AEs that come with the drug?
- Which AEs are elevated in treatment versus control?
- What are the most common AEs in treatment?

## Severity , Duration, Relationship to Study Drug

- What is the severity of the AEs ?
- What is the duration of the AEs?
- What is the relationship to study drug?

## Temporal Relationship

- Is there a difference in the time to the first event across treatment groups?
- What are the trends of time to the first event among different AEs?
- Is the potential AE of interest increasing over time?

# Some Questions to Ask on AEs

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## Concurrent and Intercurrent Events

- Is there a relationship with other AEs?
- Is there a relationship with use of concomitant medications?
- Are there withdraws and/or interruption due to AE of interest?

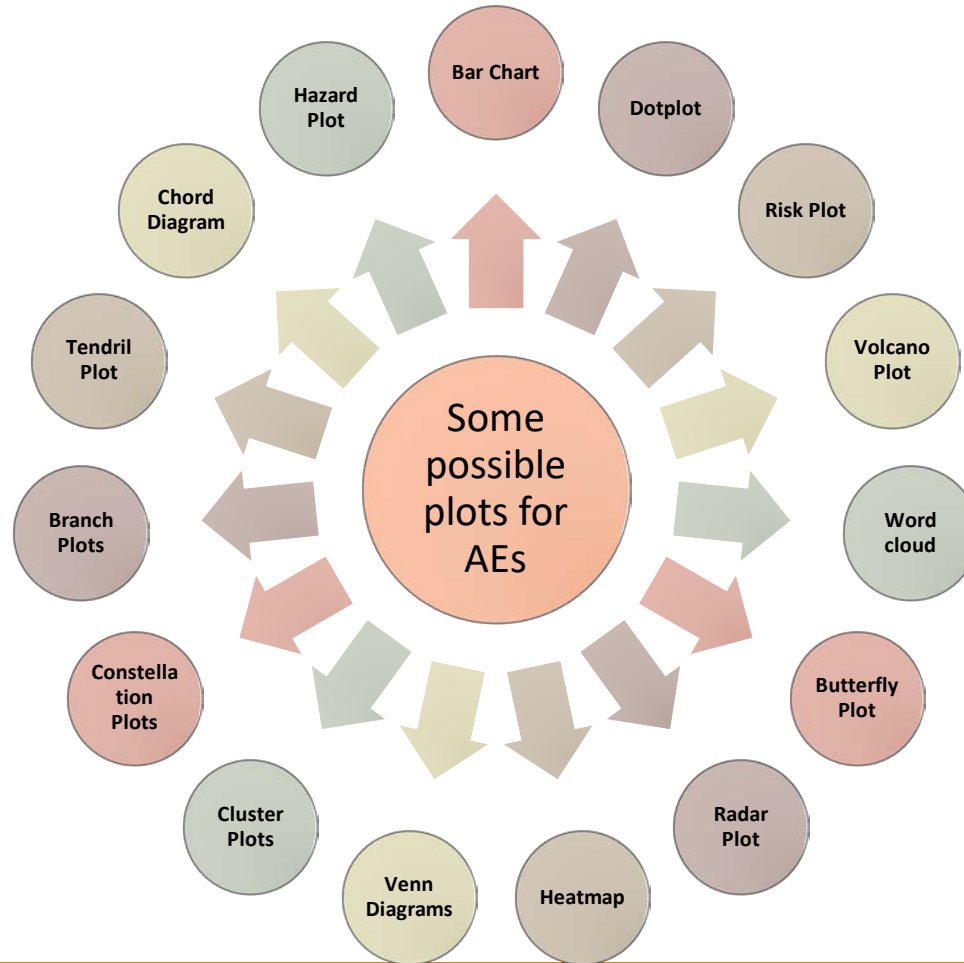
## Dose relationship, Subgroups, Risk Factors

- Is there any evidence of a dose-response-relationship?
- Which AEs are elevated in patient subgroups?
- What are the risk factors of the AE?



# AE Plots – Many Available Charts to Graphically Present AEs

## Examples



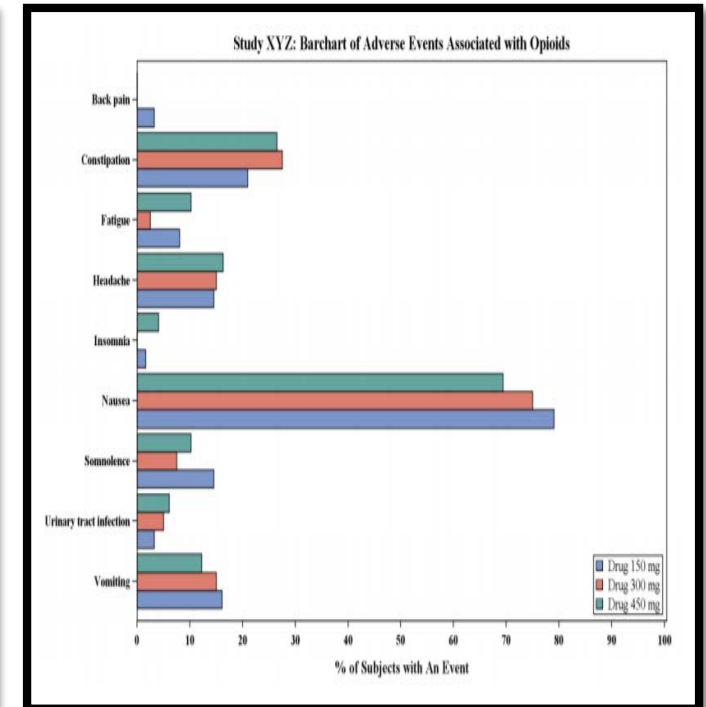
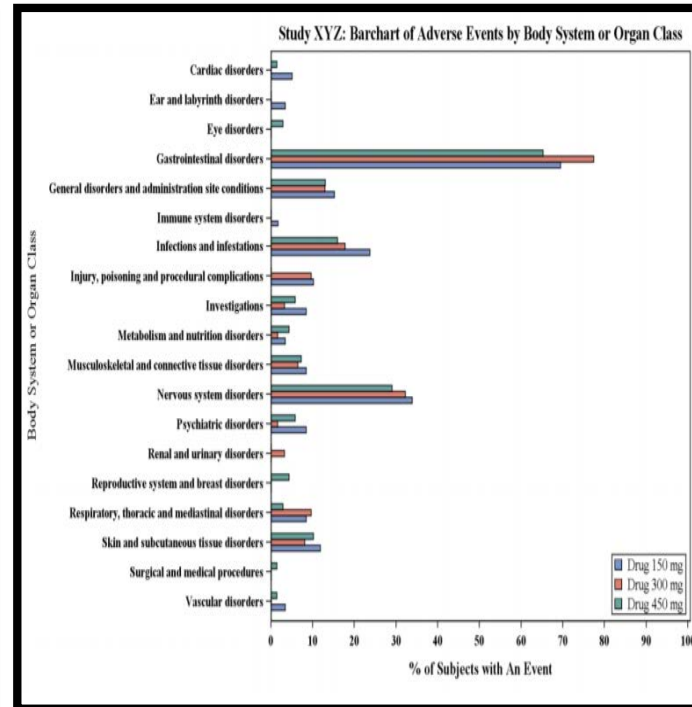
# AE Magnitudes Bar Charts

## Bar Charts

Table AE 3  
Incidence of Treatment Emergent Adverse Event by System Organ Class, Preferred Term, and Treatment  
(Format 2)  
All Randomized Subjects

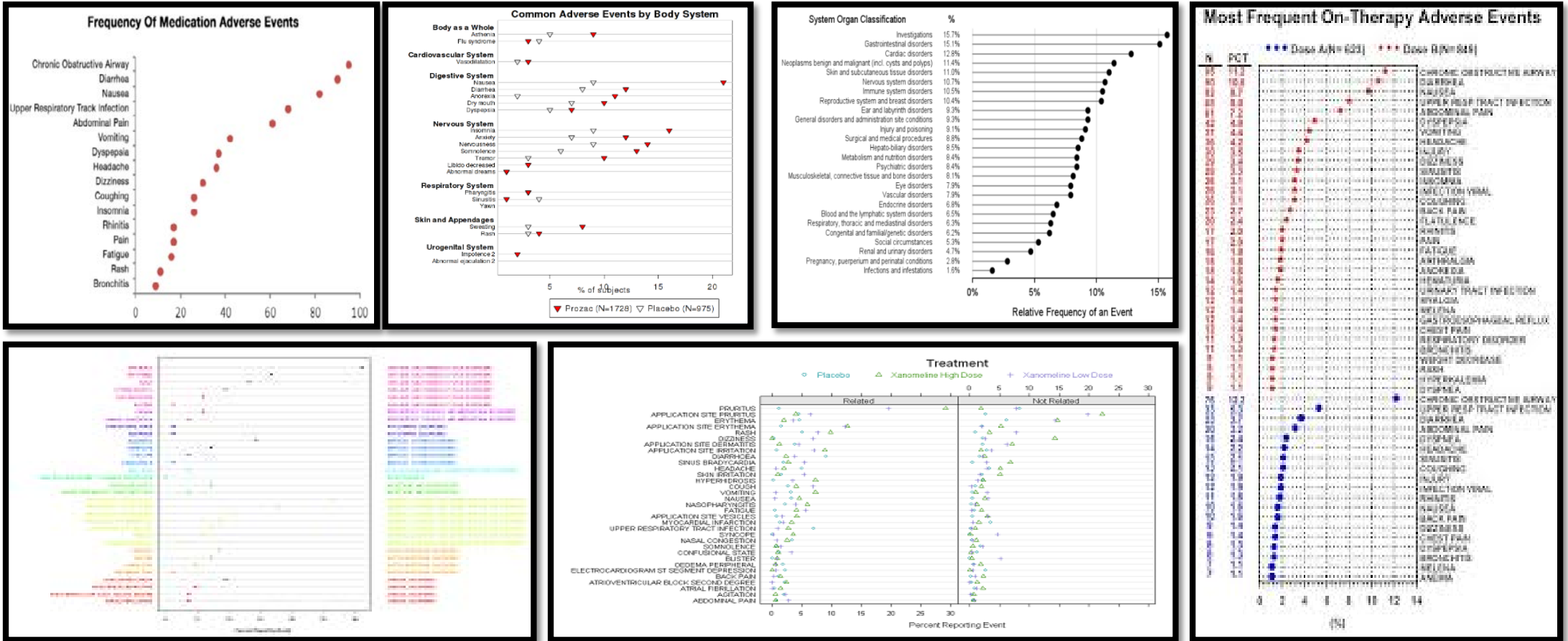
Body Class or System Organ Class	Preferred Term	Placebo N=xxx	Demo Dose 10 mg N=xxx	Demo Dose 30 MG N=xxx	Demo Dose 60 MG N=xxx
With Any Adverse Event	Overall	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)
SOC Term 1		xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)
	Preferred term 1	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)
	Preferred term 2	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)	xxx (xx)
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Note: denominator of percentage is the number of subjects in the column  
Percentage is based on the number of subjects who had event not the number of events.



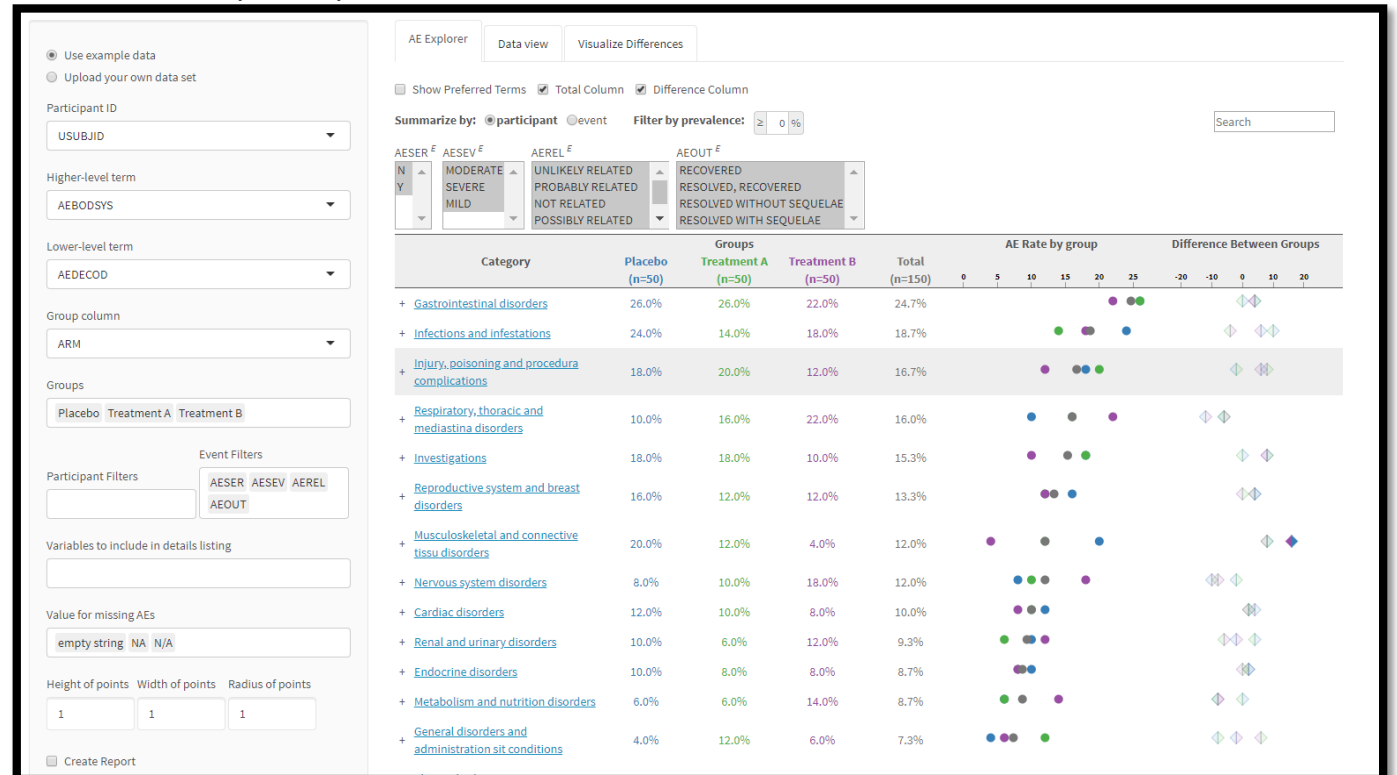
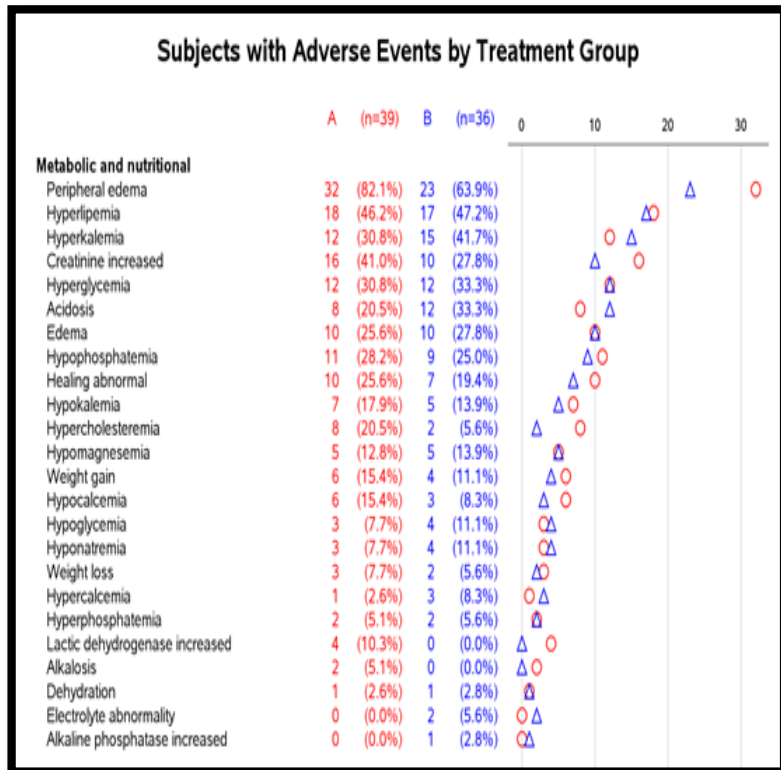


# AE Magnitudes Dot Plots – Many variations



# Dot plot

## With Interactivity - Analytics



Source: <https://pharmasug.org/proceedings/2017/DV/PharmaSUG-2017-DV03.pdf>

Source: <https://github.com/RhoInc/aeplot>

Source: <https://becca-krouse.shinyapps.io/safetyapp/>

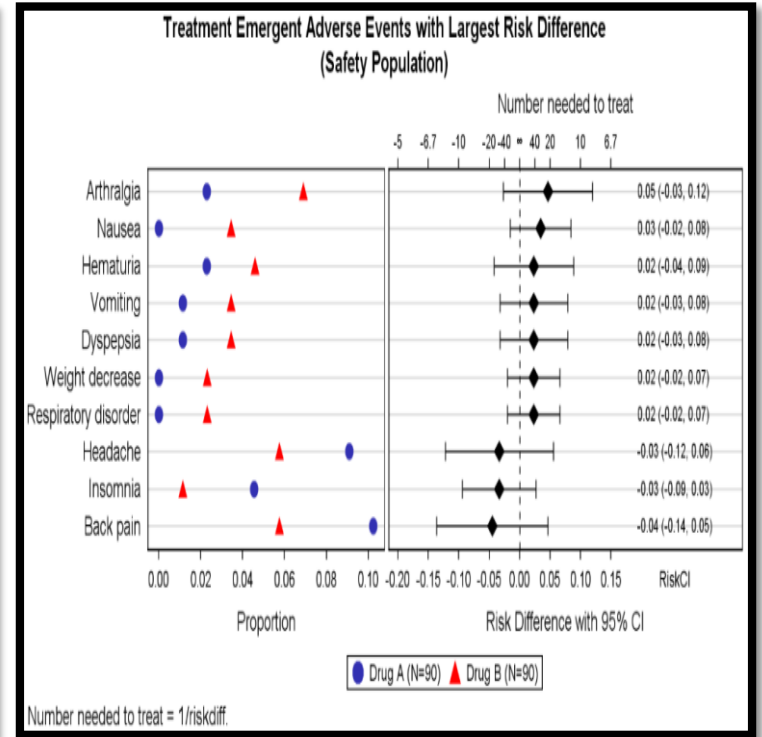
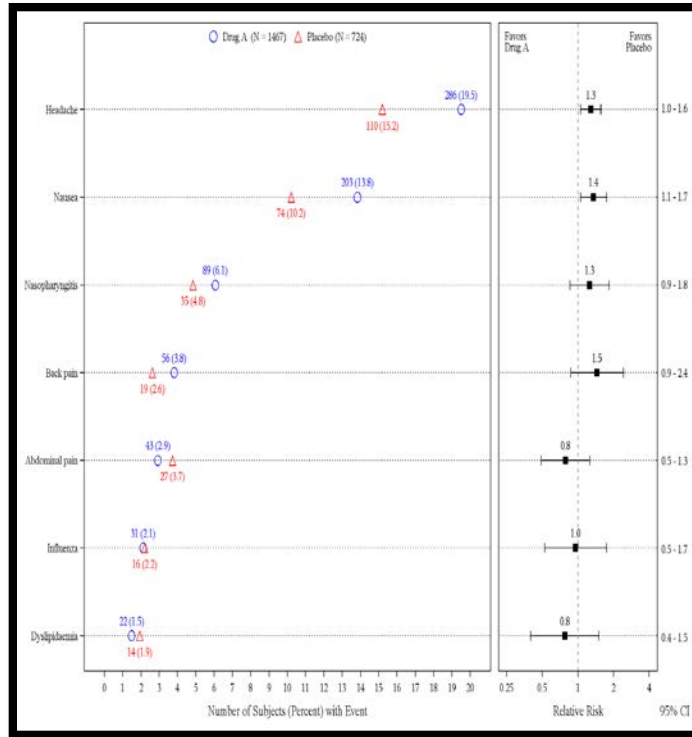
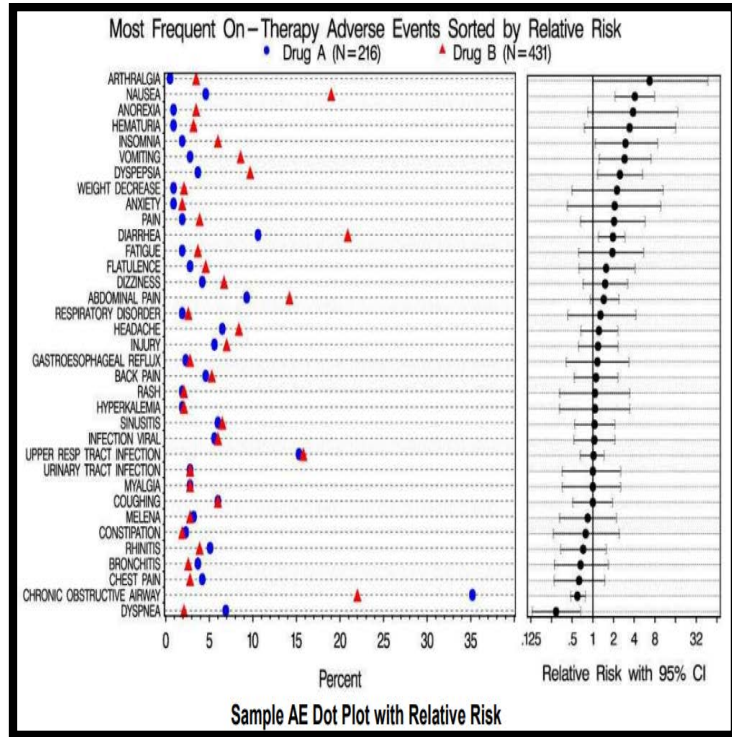
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**The Safety Explorer Suite: Interactive Safety Monitoring for Clinical Trials**

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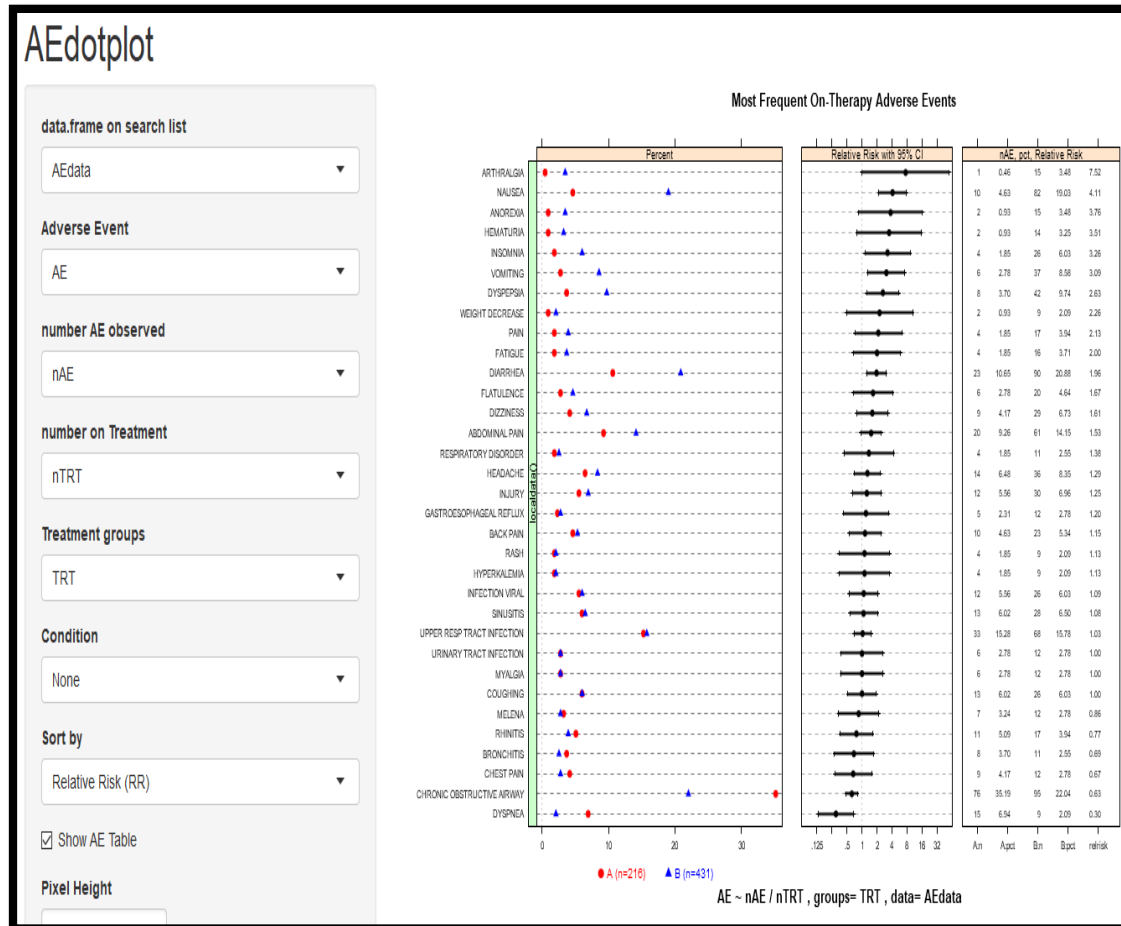
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# Dot plot + RD and CIs - Analytics



Source: <https://blogs.sas.com/content/graphicallyspeaking/2015/10/31/adverse-events-graph-with-nnt/>

# Dot plot + RR and CIs and Shiny App - Analytics

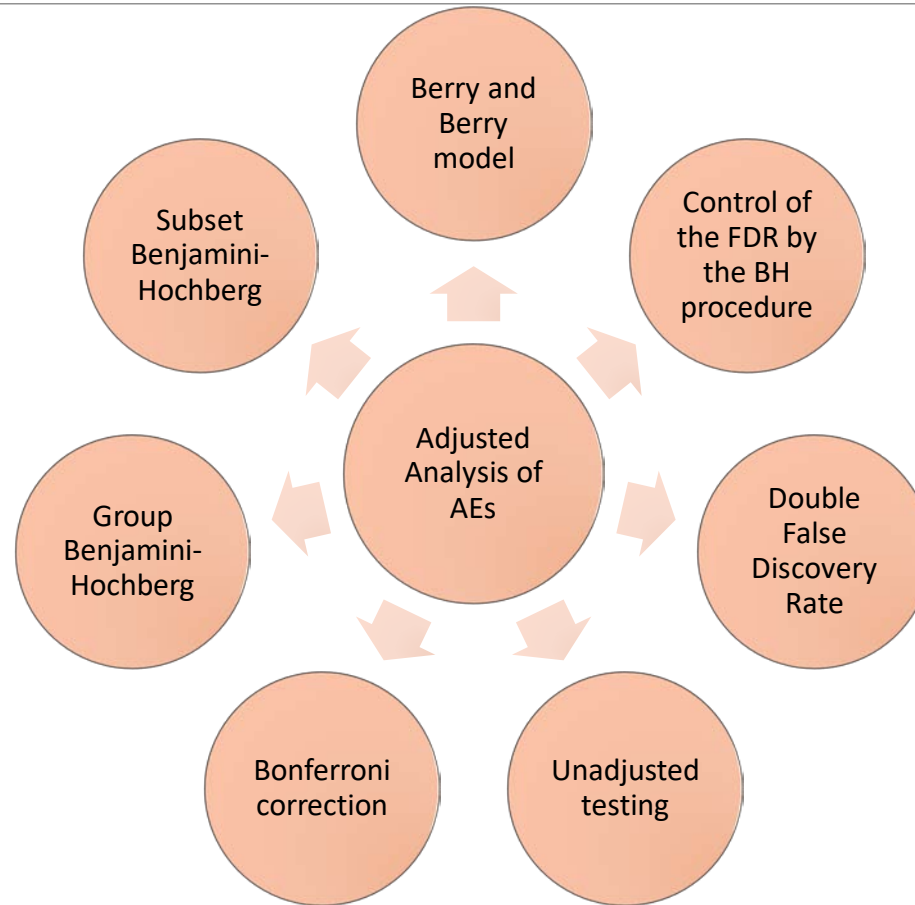


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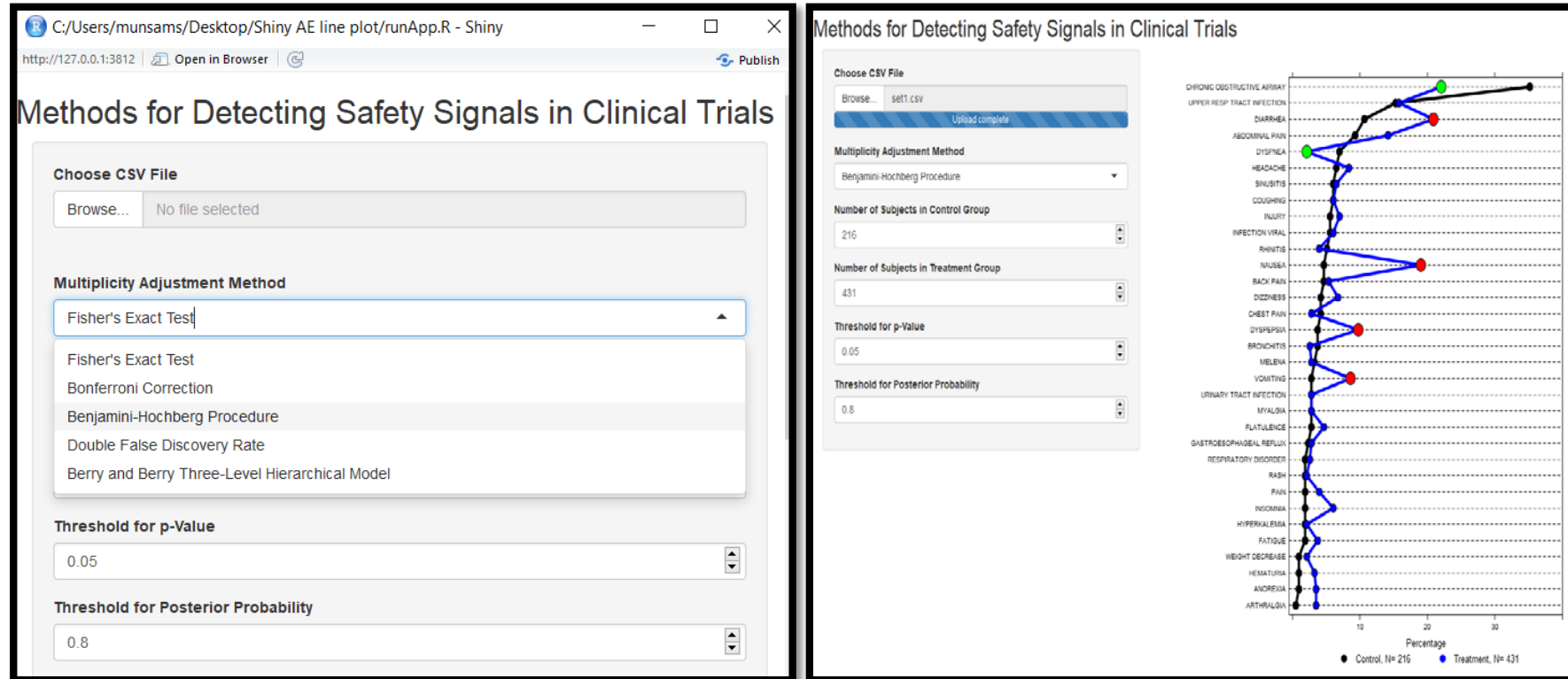
# Dot plot + Adjusted Analysis - Analytics

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Ref: <http://www.sctweb.org/public/meetings/2015/slides/CPS%2013%20-%20Carragher.pdf>

# Dot plot + Adjusted Analysis – Analytics, R Shiny App



Misha R Programs (2013) + Raymond Carragher (2015) C212 R package

Source: <https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/fdaworkshop/index.cfm?fuseaction=AbstractDetails&AbstractID=302825>.

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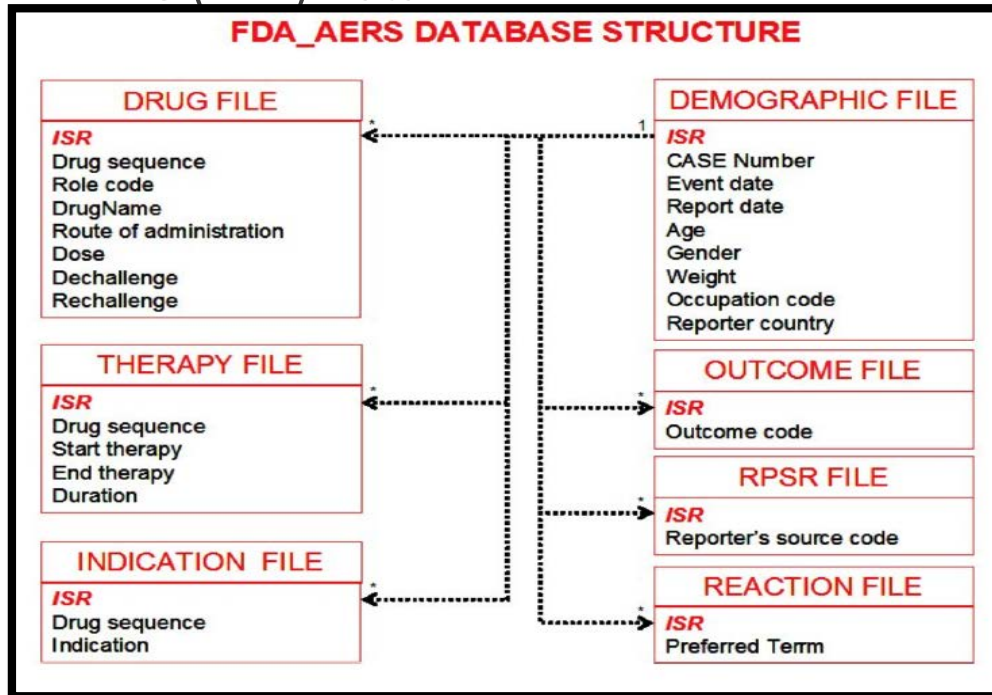
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## Examples – Spontaneous Reports Systems (SRS)

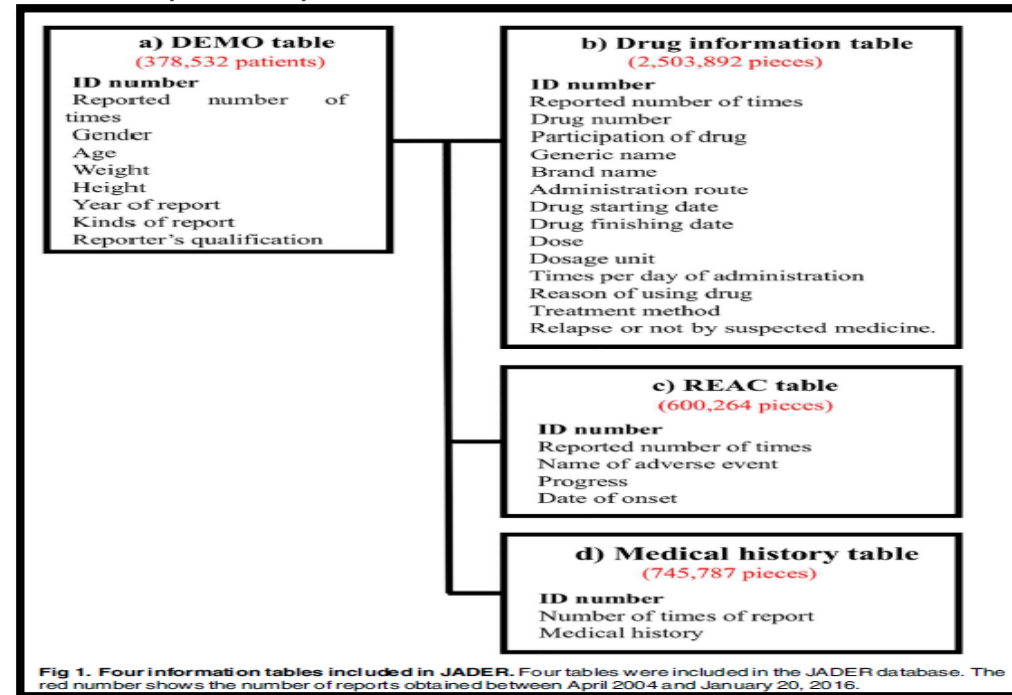


# Examples – Spontaneous Reports Systems (SRS)

## FAERS (FDA) Data



## JADER (PMDA) Data



openFDA Tools: <https://open.fda.gov/tools/>

**Data Descriptor: A curated and standardized adverse drug event resource to accelerate drug safety research**

SCIENTIFIC DATA | 3:160026 | DOI: 10.1038/sdata.2016.26

Juan M. Banda<sup>1</sup>, Lee Evans<sup>2</sup>, Rami S. Vanguri<sup>3</sup>, Nicholas P. Tatonetti<sup>2</sup>, Patrick B. Ryan<sup>4</sup> & Nigam H. Shah<sup>1</sup>

Others, CAERS (Canadian), Vigibase

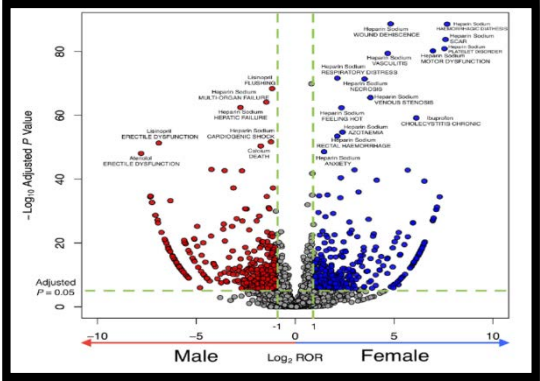
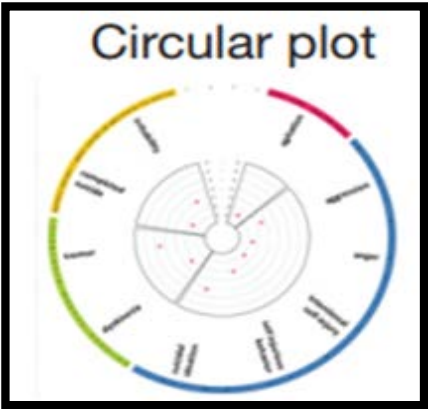
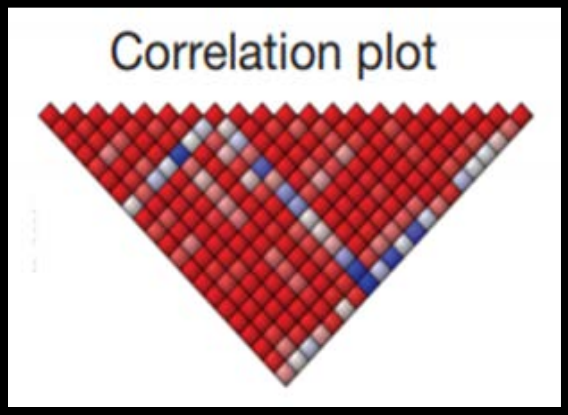
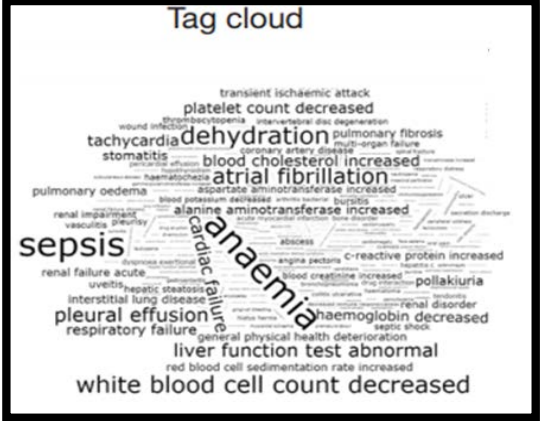
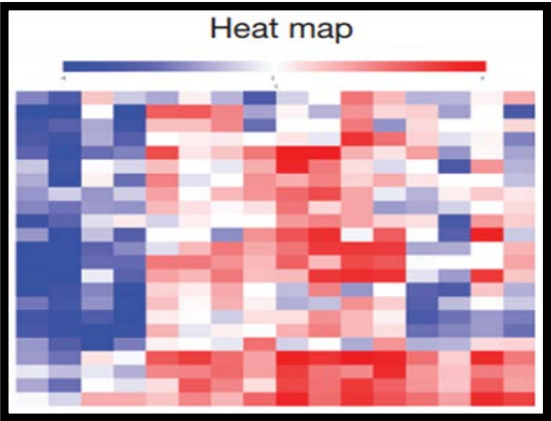
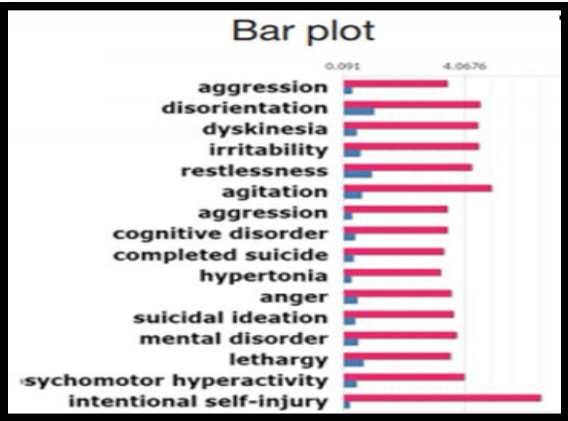


## Some Questions to Ask on AEs

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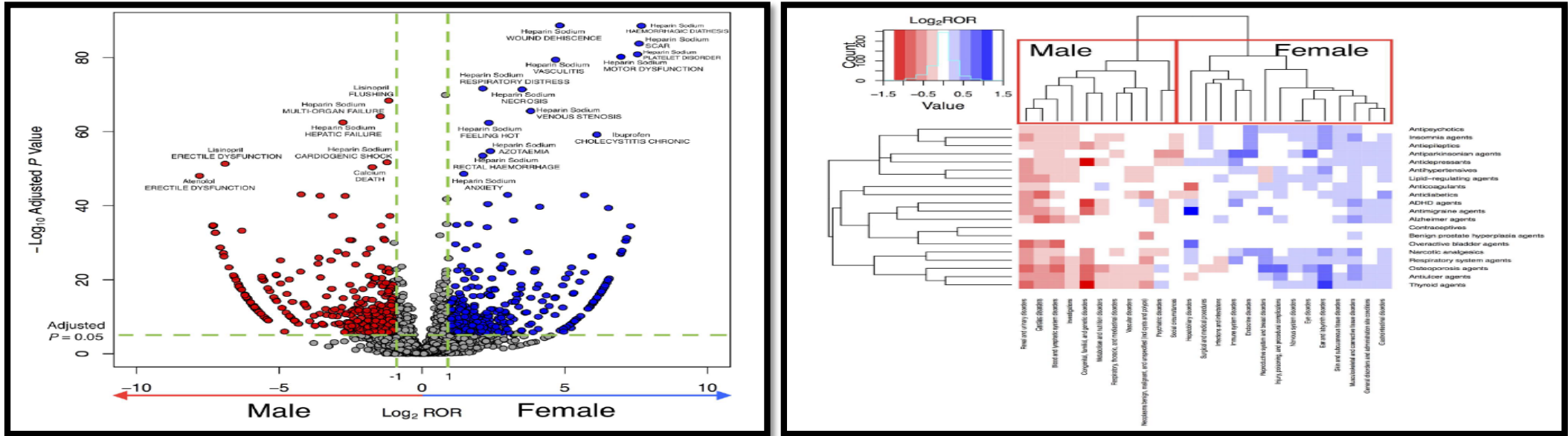
- What is the total number of AE reported to FAERS database? How is each AE occurrence compared with other AEs?
- Is there a relationship with other AEs? Is there a relationship with use of concomitant medications? Which AEs are occurring together in clusters or in a constellation?
- Is the potential reported AE of interest increasing over time?
- Which AEs could be a safety signal? Are there any surprises in the data?
- Which AEs are elevated in patient subgroups?
- AE patterns across multiple population subgroups

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Source: <https://research.cchmc.org/aers/home>

# Volcano Plot + Adjusted Analysis – Analytics



**Volcano Plot of Significant Adverse Drug Event (ADE) Signals.** In the volcano plot of ADE signals, the signal detection result shows the magnitude (log2 reporting odds ratio [ROR], x-axis) and significance ( $-\log_{10}$  adjusted  $P$  value, y-axis) for sex- drug-event combinations associations of specific drugs. Each spot represents a specific drug- drug-event combination interaction. The dashed horizontal green line signals statistical significance threshold ( $P \leq 0.05$  after adjustment with Bonferroni correction). Two vertical green lines show the threshold of ROR ( $\log_2 \text{ROR} > 1$  or  $< -1$ ). The blue spots represent the drug-event combinations more frequently associated with female patients; the red spots, drug-event combinations more frequently associated with male patients.

## Systematic Analysis of Adverse Event Reports for Sex Differences in Adverse Drug Events

Yue Yu<sup>1,2</sup>, Jun Chen<sup>1</sup>, Dingcheng Li<sup>2</sup>, Liwei Wang<sup>1</sup>, Wei Wang<sup>1</sup> & Hongfang Liu<sup>2</sup>

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## Examples - Social Media/Web Data

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## Natural Language Processing (NLP)

- Data from web sources/social media outlets: ClinicaTrials.gov, FDA website, EMA website, PubMed, Twitter, Facebook, Special Platforms, e.g., PatientsLikeMe, WebMD, etc
- Largely unstructured text data
- Safety data from social media should be part of a comprehensive safety assessment program
  - Patients are more likely to post drug-related AEs on Twitter than report them to the FDA (<http://www.policymed.com/2014/10/mining-social-media-for-adverse-events.html>)
- The new data landscape is complex and needs to be strategically looked at
- Being proactive is critical – good business sense
- Can discover valuable product and patient insights from monitoring social media, including:
  - Patient concerns and behaviors and potential product abuse and misuse
  - Tolerance and compliance and gain insights related to brand awareness and sentiment
  - Learn about product use patterns and preferences in the real world

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Key Potential benefit → Improve patient outcomes with detection

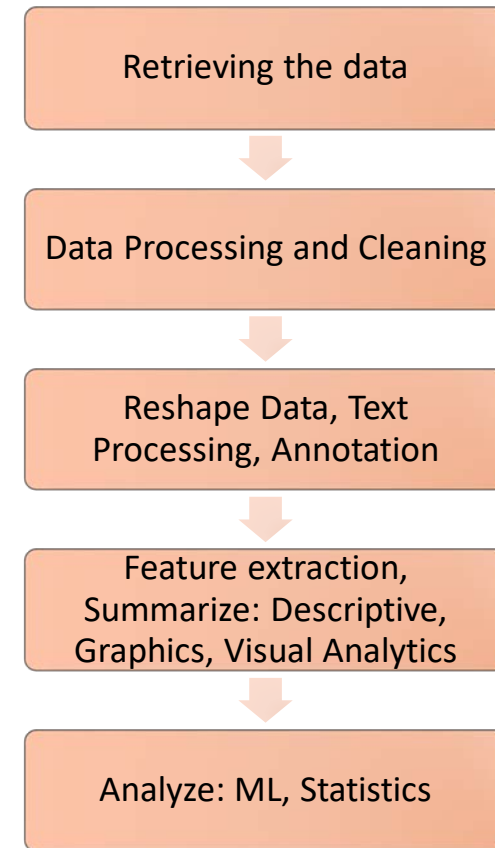
- If an error or AE is not detected, it cannot be managed
- Detection can help improve cognitive processes surrounding possible future events
- Help place resources in prevention efforts:
  - Nadarajah (2017): *Side effects were seen as a major reason for switchover based on social media conversations*
  - Gurulingappa, et al (2013): *Automatic detection of AEs to predict drug label changes using text and data mining techniques*
  - Jensen, et al (2017): *Analysis of free text in EHR for identification of cancer patient trajectories*
- Questions to ask – same as in SRS

# NLP - Typical Data Flow

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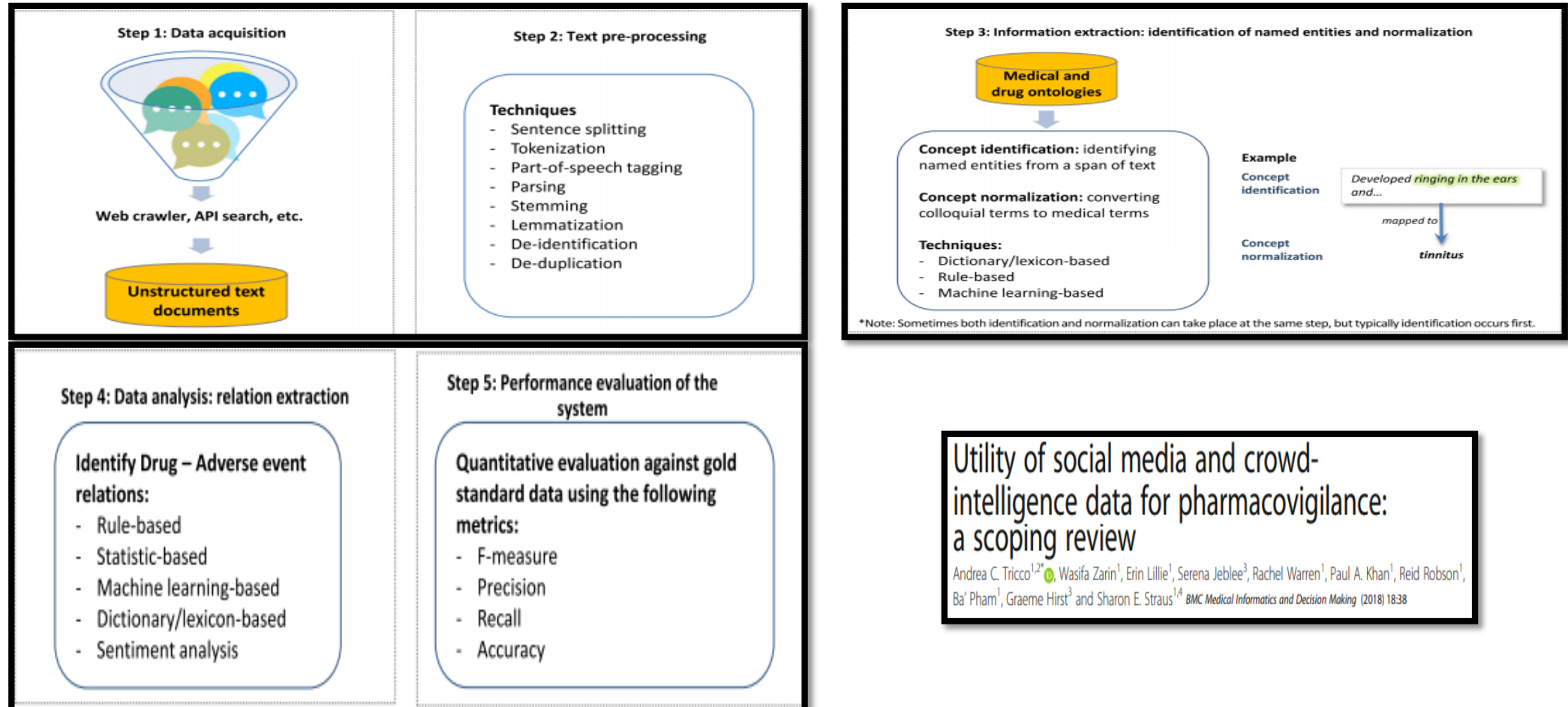
## Key Concepts

- Information retrieval
- Tokenization
- Normalization
- Lemmatization
- Document
- Corpus
- Stop words
- Parts-of-Speech-Tagging
- N-grams
- Bag-of-words
- Polarity
- Term Frequency - Inverse Document Frequency (tf-idf)
- Document-Term Matrix/Term-Document Matrix
- Analysis

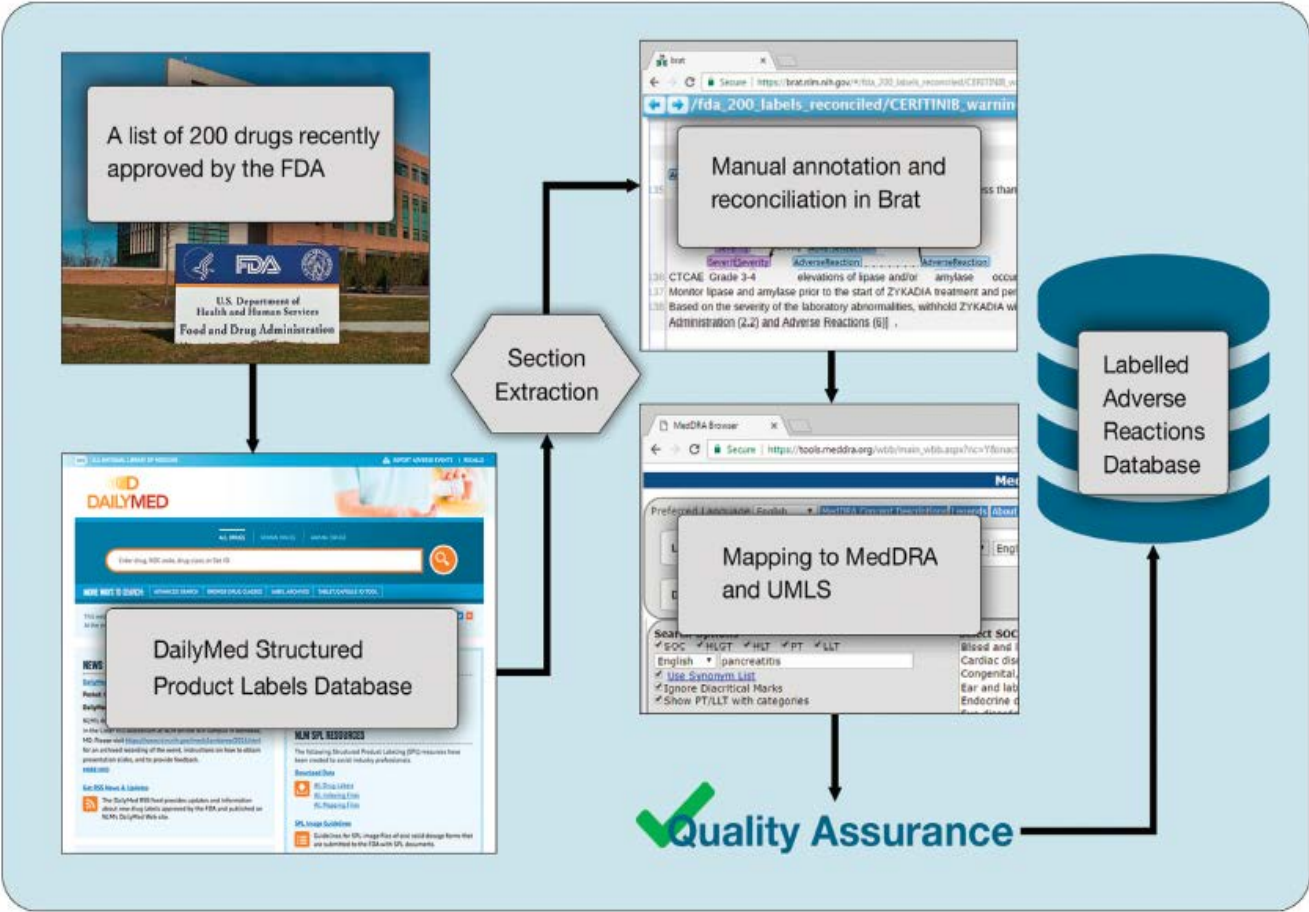




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**Data Descriptor: A dataset of 200 structured product labels annotated for adverse drug reactions** SCIENTIFIC DATA | 5:180181 | DOI: 10.1038/sdata.2018.1

Dina Demner-Fushman<sup>1</sup>, Sonya E. Shooshan<sup>1</sup>, Laritza Rodriguez<sup>1</sup>, Alan R. Aronson<sup>1</sup>, Francois Lang<sup>1</sup>, Willie Rogers<sup>1</sup>, Kirk Roberts<sup>2</sup> & Joseph Tonning<sup>3</sup>

# NLP in the Context of Safety Data


## Example of patient text data

Sample Comments	Classification	Annotations
20s 8th day with #Effexor still experiencing some side effects (drowsiness,sleepiness,GI effects). Moderate improvement in mood #depression	<i>hasADR</i>	“drowsiness” - <i>drowsiness: adverse effect</i> , “sleepiness” - <i>sleepiness: adverse effect</i> , “GI effect” – <i>gastro intestinal reaction: adverse effect</i> , “depression” – <i>depression: indication</i>
Over-eaten AGAIN just before bed. Stuffed. Good chance I will choke on my own vomit during sleep. I blame #Olanzapine #timetochange #bipolar	<i>hasADR</i>	“over-eaten” – <i>increased appetite: adverse effect</i> , “bipolar” – <i>bipolar disorder: indication</i>
@brokenmind_ Quetiapine was horrific for me in relation to wait gain. Such a horror story. But the weight will come off one day at a time.	<i>hasADR</i>	“wait gain” – <i>weight gain: adverse effect</i>
Tomorrow, my second infusion of Tysabri! Good luck for me! #Godblesme #MSLife	<i>noADR</i>	“MS” <i>multiple sclerosis:indication</i>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4419871/>

# Regulators are also Interested

**Lessons learned from NLP implementations at FDA**  **NLP Workshop**  
Mitra Rocca FDA, CDER, OTS **JUNE 15, 2017**

**NLP Applications at CTP** 


**Overview** CTP provides market authorization for the tobacco products and applies NLP for:

- Clustering the ingredient data from regulated industry.
- Analyze documents (internal marketing, excel spreadsheet, published article, emails, ...)


**Approach** Application of topic modeling and K-clustering as tools for data mining and analysis.

**Challenges /Lessons Learned** Apply NLP to simplify the review process


**Key Players**  
CTP



[www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)

**Summary** 

- Natural language processing can enhance regulatory science.
- High level of Accuracy is required when applying NLP tools to clinical and non-clinical unstructured data for regulatory decision making.
- Ability to operationalize the NLP tools at FDA and implementing appropriate platforms.

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*Why is FDA Interested in Natural Language Processing (NLP) of Clinical Texts? Applications to Pharmacovigilance and Pharmacoepidemiology*

Robert Ball, MD, MPH, ScM  
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Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology  
Center of Drug Evaluation and Research  
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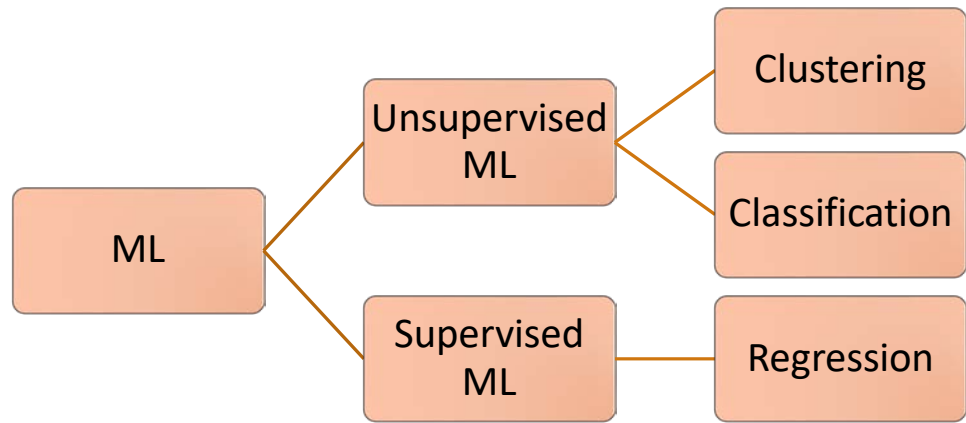
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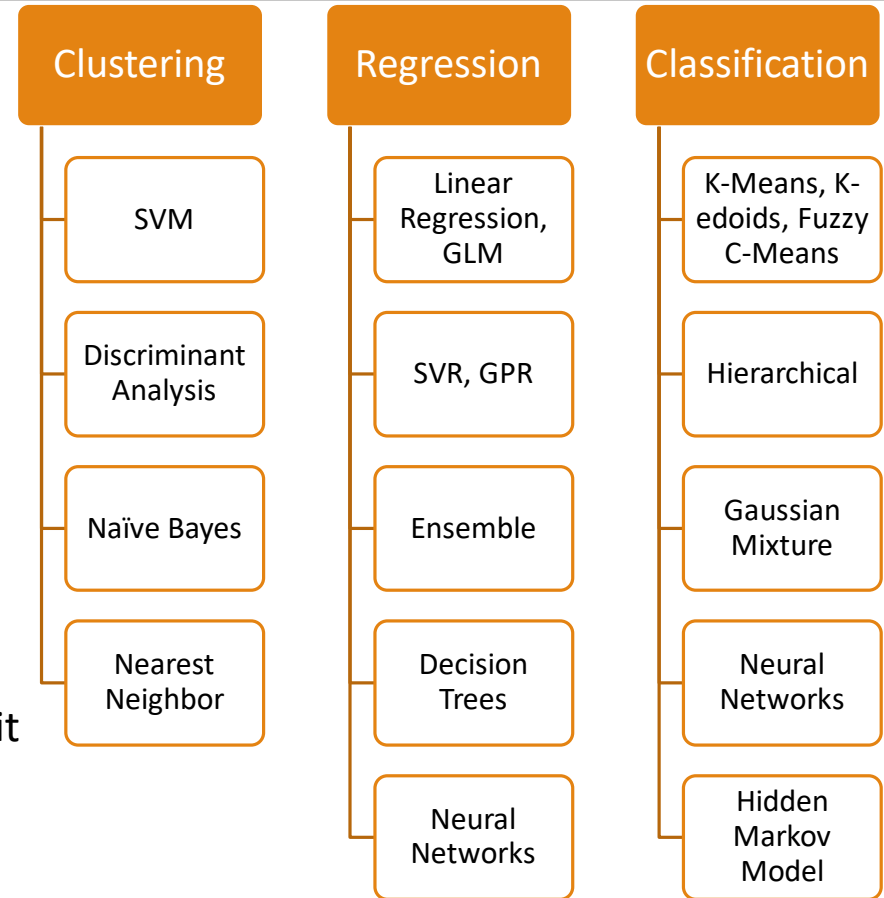
## Some challenges

- Drugs may be described by their brand names, active ingredients, colloquialisms or generic drug terms
- AEs may be referred to using creative idiomatic expressions or terms not found within existing medical lexicons
- Informal nature of social media results in a prevalence of poor grammar, spelling mistakes, abbreviations and slang
- Existence of a side effect may be clear while the specific side effect experienced remains unclear
- Discussion of a drug could involve indications, beneficial effects or concerns of an adverse event
- Analysis methods, such as ML, while powerful, need training data which requires time-consuming and expensive generation of human-annotated data
- Transcription errors - spelling or grammar
- Synonymy, related/similar terms, abbreviations (often redundant), context-specific meanings
- Challenge for dealing with uncertainty, negation, and timing

# Machine Learning (ML) Overview



- Supervised learning
  - train a model on known input and output data so that it can predict future outputs
- Unsupervised learning
  - find hidden patterns or intrinsic structures in input data





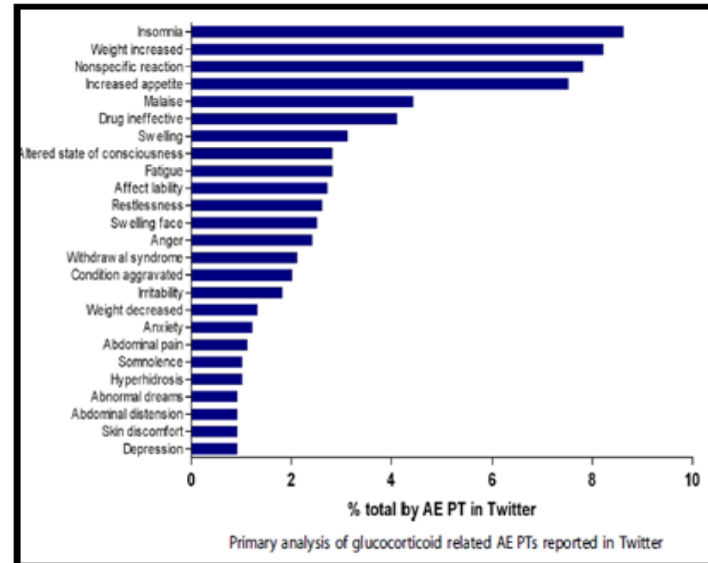
# Visualization of Text Data

Can use different visualizations  
 Will depend on the research question at hand

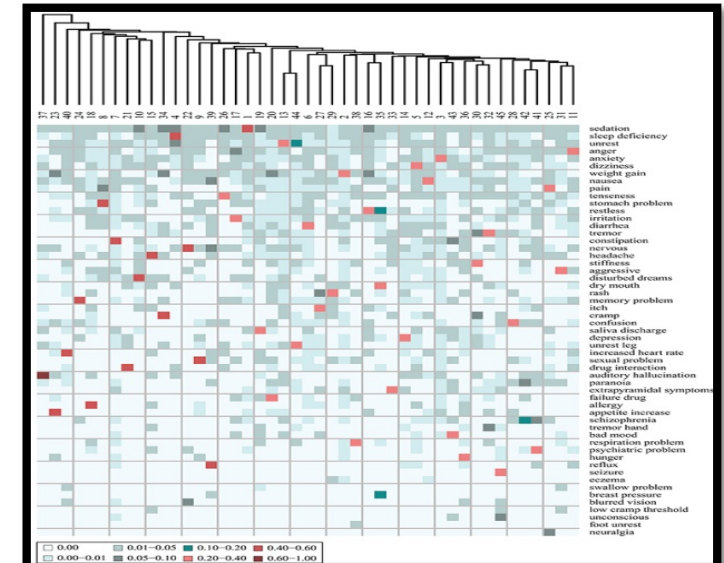
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Bar Charts



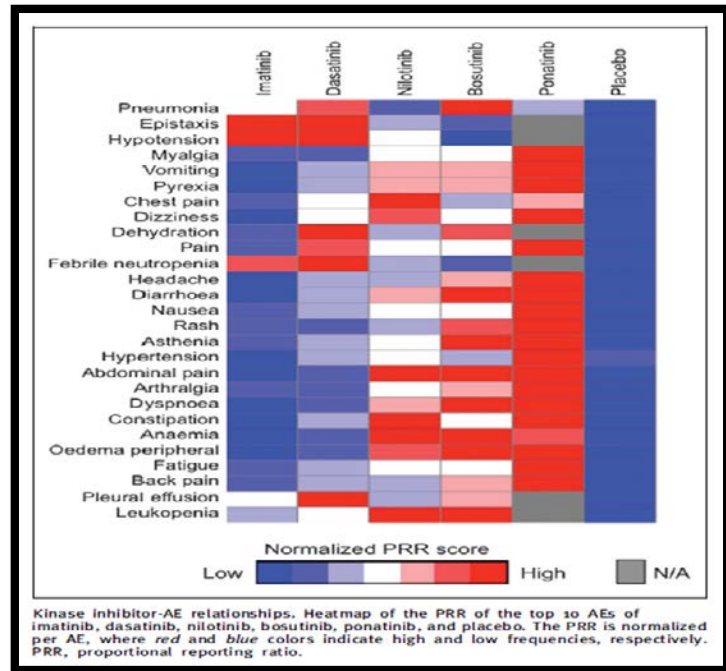
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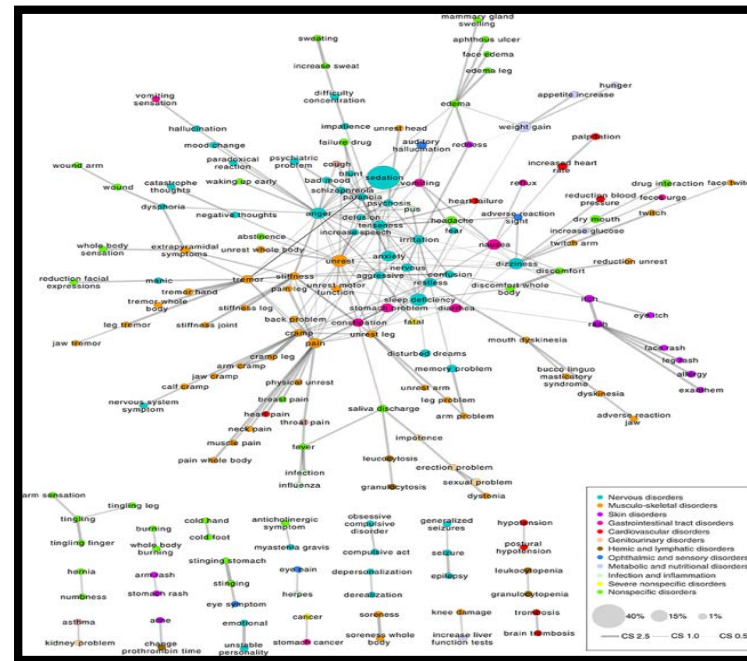


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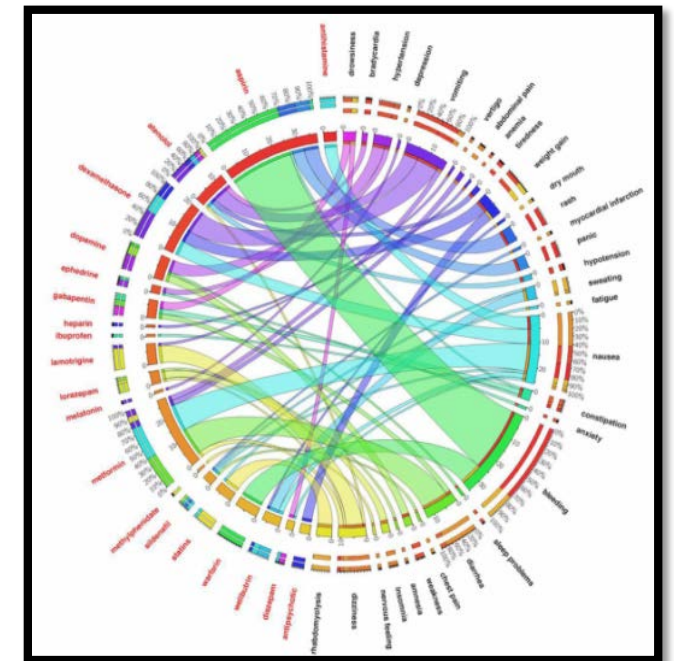
## Heat Map



## Network Plot



## Chord/Radial Plot



# Harnessing ML - Many Choices, example Naïve Bayes

Many ML algorithms, example Naïve Bayes

Task: Classify a new instance  $d$  based on a tuple of attribute values  $d = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$  into one of the classes  $c_j \in C$

$$c_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{c_j \in C} P(c_j | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{c_j \in C} \frac{P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | c_j) P(c_j)}{P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}$$

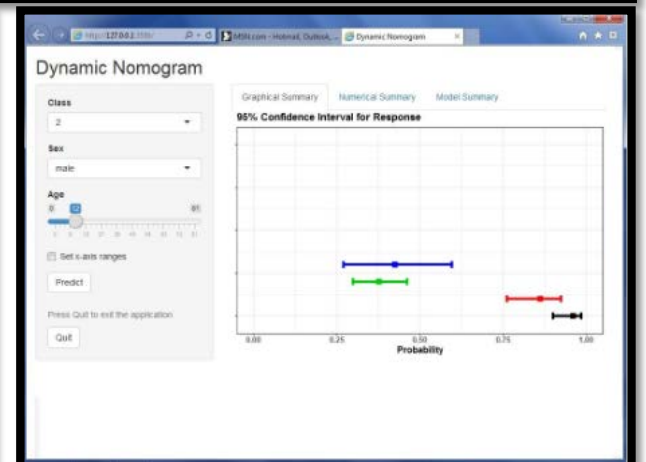
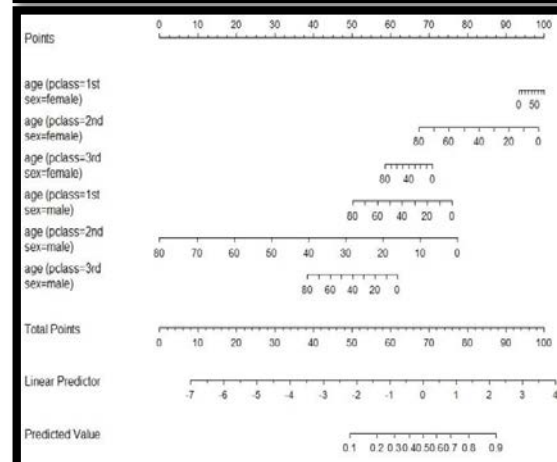
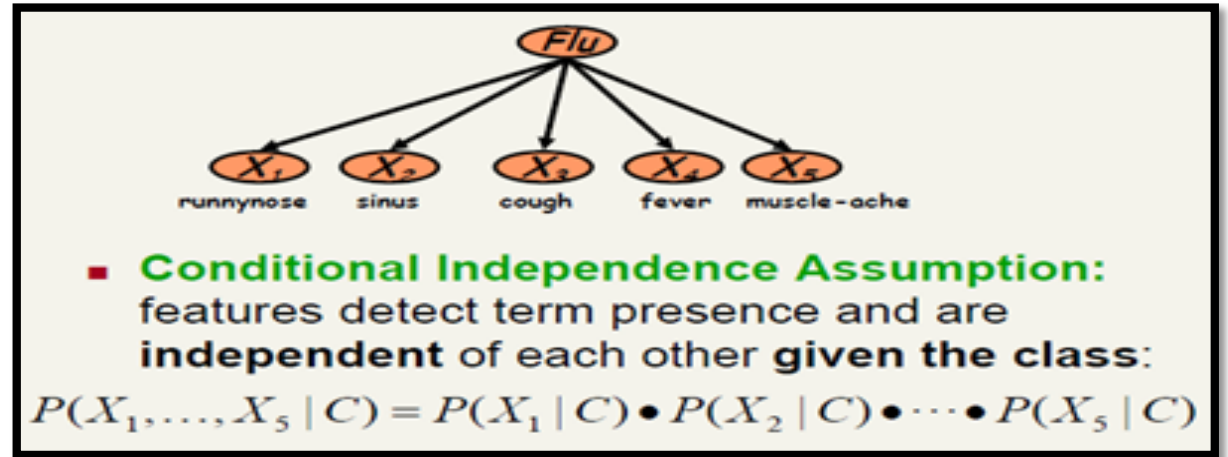
$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{c_j \in C} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | c_j) P(c_j)$$

MAP is "maximum a posteriori" = most likely class

- $P(c_j)$ 
  - Can be estimated from the frequency of classes in the training examples.
- $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | c_j)$ 
  - $O(|X|^n \cdot |C|)$  parameters
  - Could only be estimated if a very, very large number of training examples was available.

**Naive Bayes Conditional Independence Assumption:**

- Assume that the probability of observing the conjunction of attributes is equal to the product of the individual probabilities  $P(x_i | c_j)$ .



<https://www.r-bloggers.com/generating-dynamic-nomograms-using-dynnom/> <https://amir.shinyapps.io/titanic/>

# Some Tools

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## Free/Open Source

### Some R Tools

- **Special packages**
  - Pubmed.mineR: <https://zipfslaw.org/2015/10/19/pubmed-miner/>
  - RISMed: <https://amunategui.github.io/pubmed-query/>
  - Rclinicaltrials: <https://github.com/sachsmc/rclinicaltrials>
  - MedlineR: <https://github.com/akastrin/MedlineR>
- R Shiny:
  - Interactive Text Mining Suite (ITMS): <http://www.interactivetextminingsuite.com>
  - Text Classification App: [https://anishsingh.shinyapps.io/text\\_classification\\_app/](https://anishsingh.shinyapps.io/text_classification_app/)

### Some Python Tools

- NLTK: <https://www.nltk.org/>
- SpaCy: <https://spacy.io/>
- Pattern: <https://github.com/clips/pattern>
- TextBlob: <http://textblob.readthedocs.org/en/dev/>
- Gensim: <https://github.com/piskvorky/gensim>
- PyNLPI: <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/polyglot>

### Some Open Source/Online Tools

Different degrees of functionality

- LimTox: <http://limtox.bioinfo.cnio.es/>
- NLPReViz: <https://nlpreviz.github.io/>
- ADRMine: <http://diego.asu.edu/Publications/ADRMine.html>
- cTakes: <http://ctakes.apache.org/>
- Stanford CoreNLP: <https://stanfordnlp.github.io/CoreNLP/>

# Concluding Remarks

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- Explosion of clinical health data has created a trove of information that can be leveraged to accelerate discovery and delivery of new drugs and therapy that ultimately improve the health of patients
- Need to harness all available data sources in characterizing drug safety profiles pre- and post-marketing, including unstructured text based data sources
- Visual analytics can help in safety monitoring and safety data analysis in general
- Utilizing visualization tools can help exploration and substantially improve information gain for safety monitoring activities
- One should however take into consideration important principles of graph construction in order to render them visuals useful in safety monitoring
- Ultimately, the visual type and tool used will depend on the question or questions under consideration in the safety monitoring activity
- By considering various enhancements, one can select visualizations and tools that are most useful for the end-user and reporting to address various questions with a wide range of functionality to allow for efficient safety monitoring
- Software tools, commercial and open sources, are available that can help in analyzing text based data



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## Back Up Slides

# Enhancing Visual Analytics and Safety Monitoring

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## Examples

- Word Cloud



WordCloudStatic.html



WordCloudInteractive.html

## Examples

- Collapsible Tree



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9\_Java\_script.html



collapsible\_tree.html

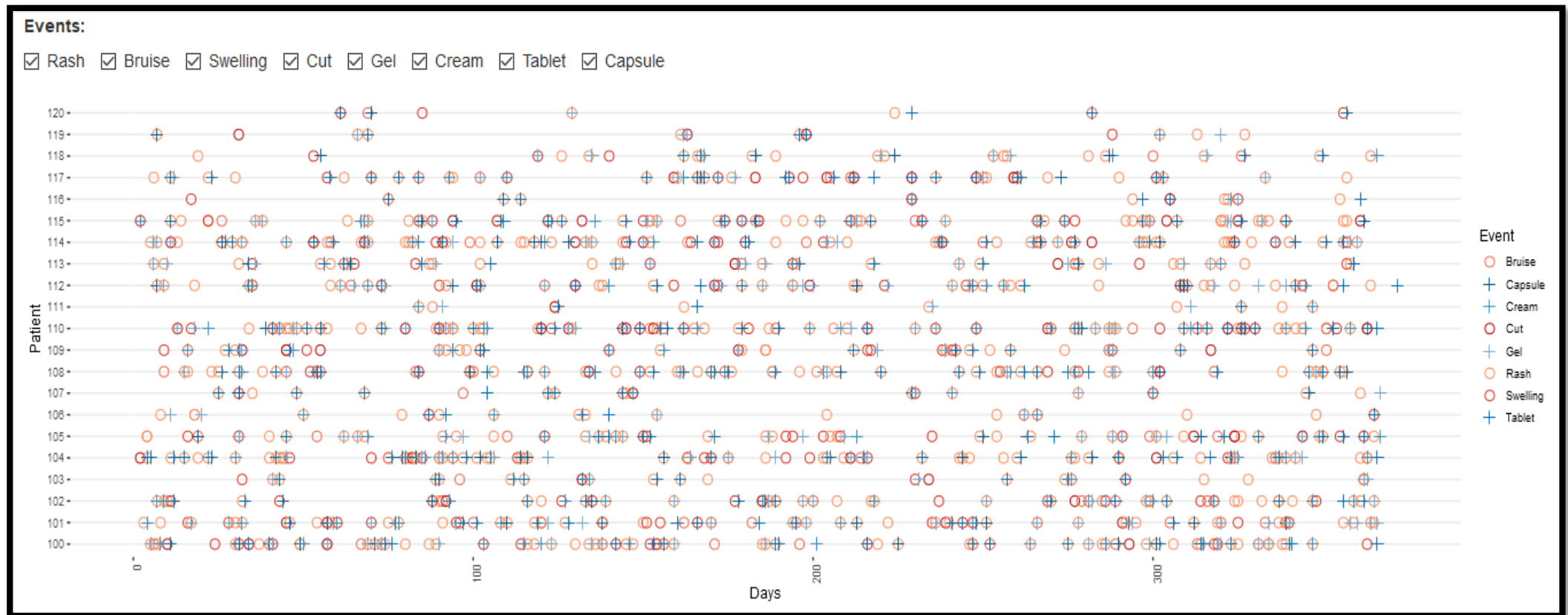
## Examples

- Dynamic eDISH Plot



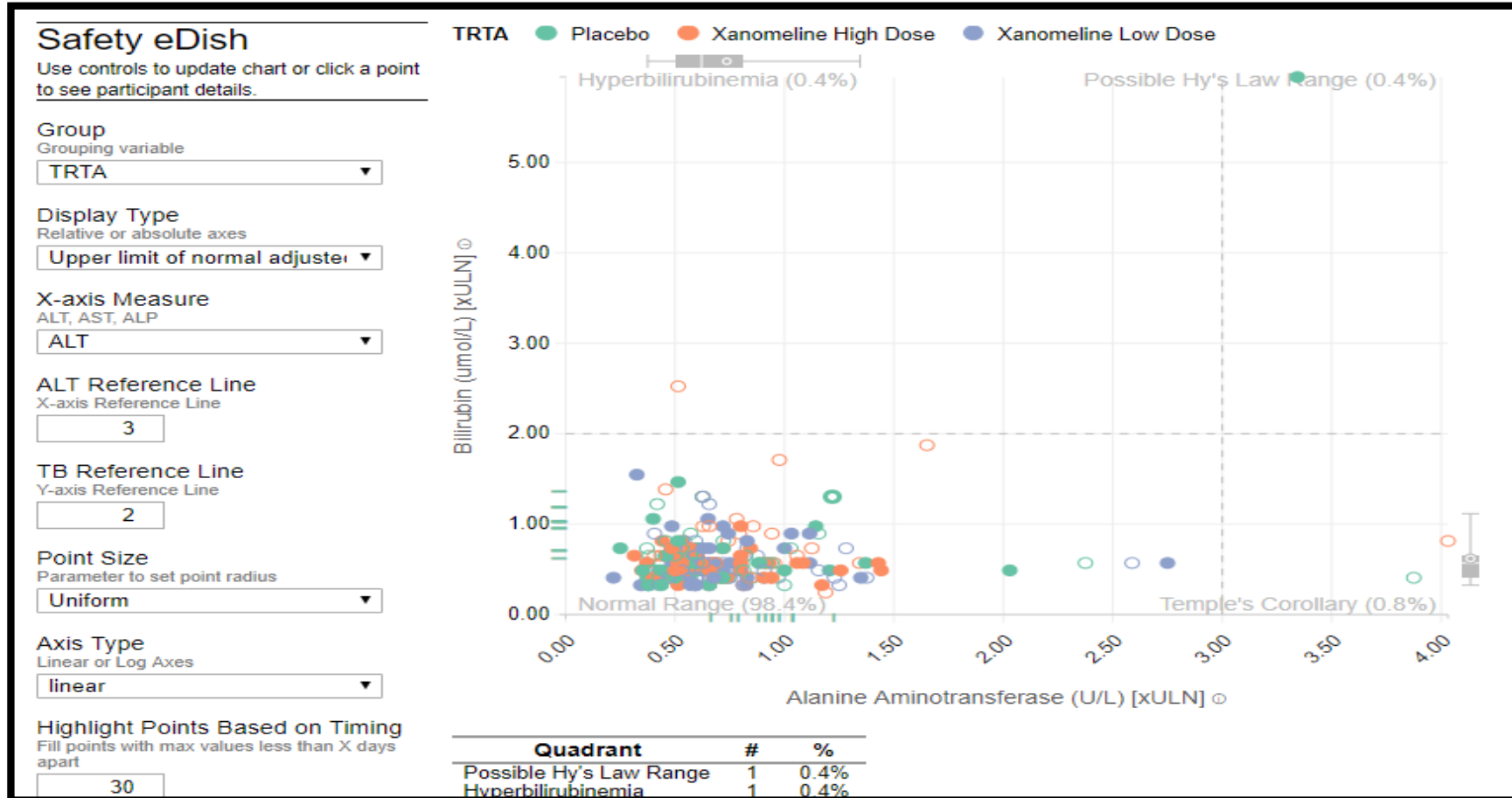
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# Subject Level Data – Estimand?



Mika Mäkinen, 2016 <https://www.phusewiki.org/docs/Conference%202016%20DV%20Papers/DV02.pdf>

# ASA-DIA Collaboration



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library(ReDish)
eDISH(data= adlbc)
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# Tool of Choice

## Tool Functionality

- Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
- Reproducibility
- Open Source
- Applications development
- Ease of use
- Flexible
- Open source, free
- Abundant resources
- Can incorporate fairly complex applications
- Allow for different delivery modes – pdf, word, ppt, html, etc

## R + Tools

- R Studio, R Shiny, R Markdown, R Notebook, R htmlwidgets,
- R Studio IDE → R + Python + SAS + Java + Combining R + Java + D3.js, etc
- Numerous resources/packages for analysis and graphs with enhancements, e.g., ggplot2, plotly, etc! Plenty!
- Shared resources – github, Rpubs, etc
- Open source, flexibility, can use many tools, reproducibility, etc

By Michael Grogan September 07, 2016

**Shiny, R and HTML: Merging Data Science and Web Development**

**Developing Standardized Clinical Review Tools Using Shiny In R**

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Food and Drug Administration/Center for Drug Evaluation and Research/Office of Biostatistics

# Tool of Choice

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## R Toolset for Reporting

- R Markdown document: <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/>
- R Notebook: [http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/r\\_notebooks.html](http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/r_notebooks.html)
- R Flexdashboard: <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/flexdashboard/>
- R Bookdown: <https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/>
- R Shiny App: <https://shiny.rstudio.com/>
- R in Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Medicine: <http://www.r-clinical-research.com/>



RNotebookEx1.nb.html



Example\_Flexdashboard.html



# Tool Choice

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## Other tools

- R Html Widgets: <http://www.htmlwidgets.org/>
  - **Bring the best of JavaScript data visualization to R**
  - Use JavaScript visualization libraries at the R console, just like plots
  - Embed widgets in R Markdown documents and Shiny web applications
  - Develop new widgets using a framework that seamlessly bridges R and JavaScript
- R Crosstalk: <http://rstudio.github.io/crosstalk/using.html>
  - Crosstalk makes it easy to link multiple (Crosstalk-compatible) [HTML widgets](#) within an R Markdown page or Shiny app