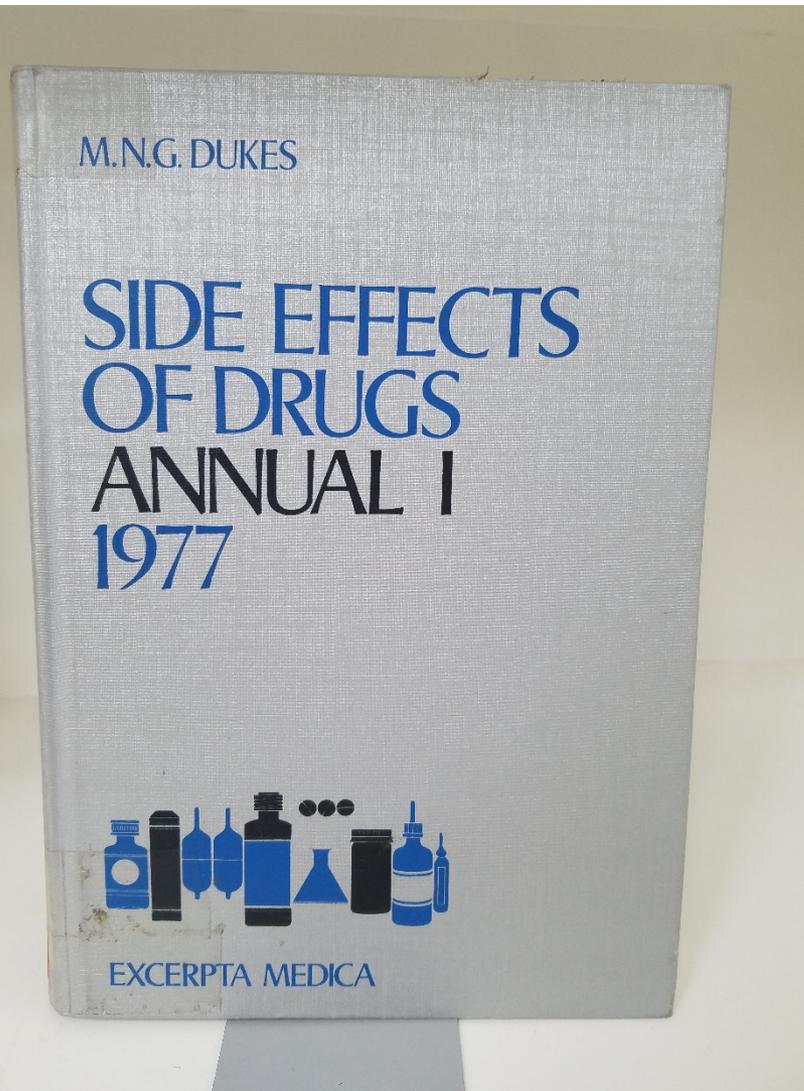




# **The Journey of OHDSI: Where can we go together?**

Patrick Ryan, PhD

Janssen Research and Development  
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“No one could reasonably maintain that there has, up to the present, been a shortage of printed material on the adverse reactions to drugs; the problem, and the justification of this Annual, is just the reverse...

Leo Meyler’s first ‘Side Effects of Drugs’, a valiant effort to tame the rising flood, was a readable little book of 128 pages; the latest edition of the encyclopaedic work which it has become runs more than 1100 pages of small print.

At this rate, one would by the end of the century need a treatise of ten volumes to supply the physician with even a summary view of what is known, or supposed to be known, about adverse drug reactions. “

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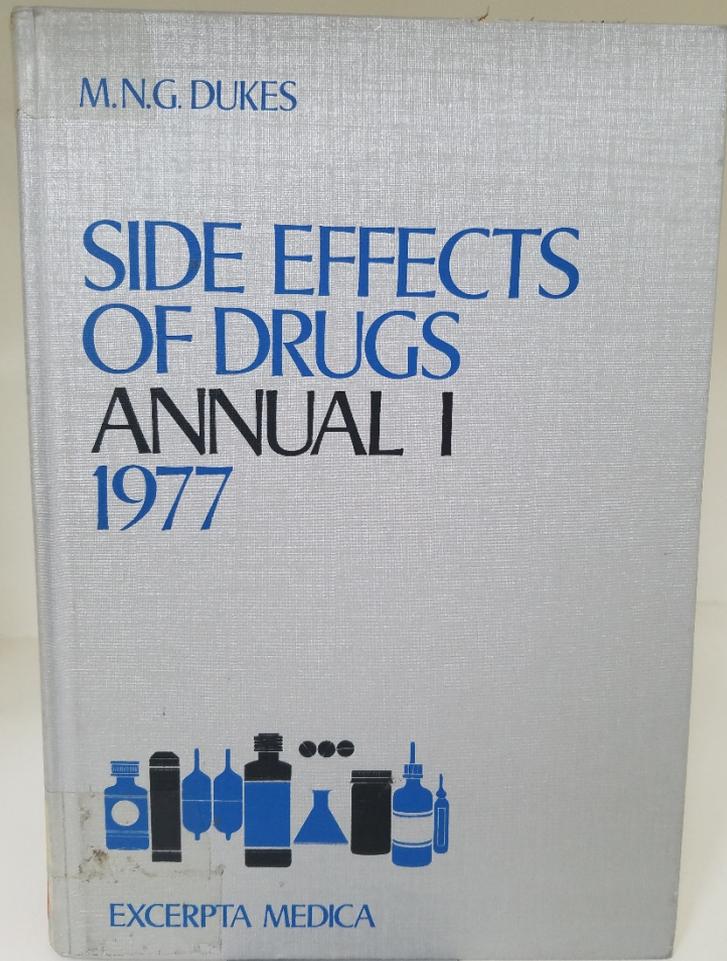
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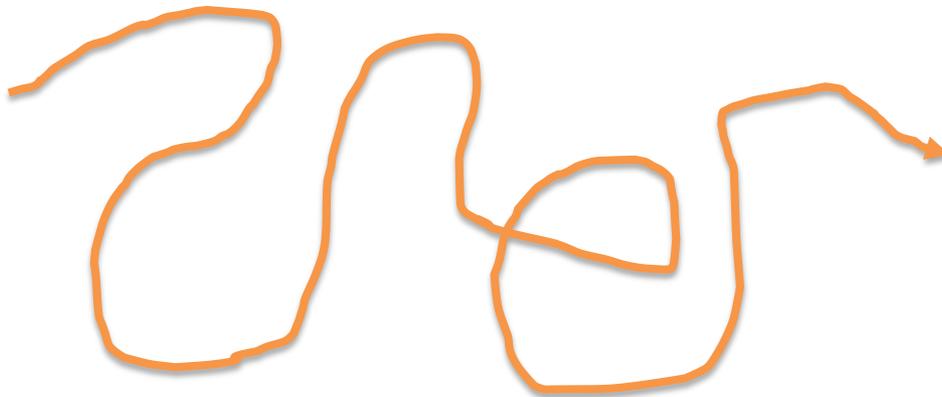
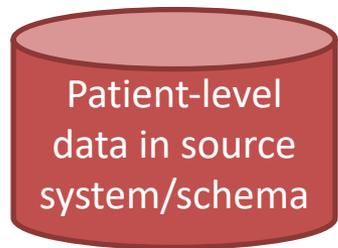


“But the exponential growth of ‘Meyler’ is merely symptomatic of the underlying problem. The number of published papers on drugs and their wanted or unwanted effects has become staggering and virtually indigestible.

Truth, ever evasive, has now become embedded in a vast haystack of repetitions, assertions, denials, arguments, and irrelevancies. Are there any answers to such a problem?”



# The journey to real-world evidence

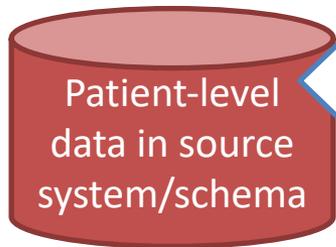




# The journey to real-world evidence

## Different types of observational data:

- **Populations**
  - Pediatric vs. elderly
  - Socioeconomic disparities
- **Care setting**
  - Inpatient vs. outpatient
  - Primary vs. secondary care
- **Data capture process**
  - Administrative claims
  - Electronic health records
  - Clinical registries
- **Health system**
  - Insured vs. uninsured
  - Country policies

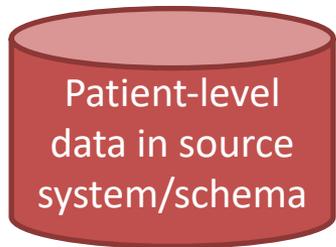




# The journey to real-world evidence

## Types of evidence desired:

- **Cohort identification**
  - Clinical trial feasibility and recruitment
- **Clinical characterization**
  - Treatment utilization
  - Disease natural history
  - Quality improvement
- **Population-level effect estimation**
  - Safety surveillance
  - Comparative effectiveness
- **Patient-level prediction**
  - Precision medicine
  - Disease interception





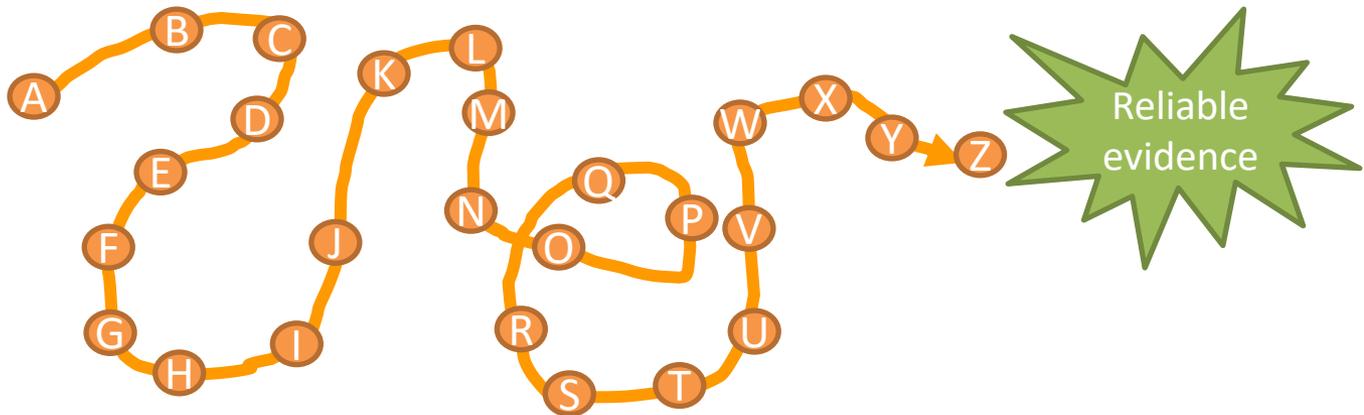
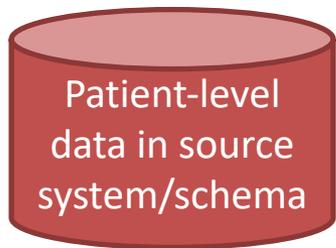
# Desired attributes for reliable evidence

Desired attribute	Question	Researcher	Data	Analysis		Result
Repeatable	Identical	Identical	Identical	Identical	=	Identical
Reproducible	Identical	Different	Identical	Identical	=	Identical
Replicable	Identical	Same or different	Similar	Identical	=	Similar
Generalizable	Identical	Same or different	Different	Identical	=	Similar
Robust	Identical	Same or different	Same or different	Different	=	Similar
Calibrated	Similar (controls)	Identical	Identical	Identical	=	Statistically consistent



# Minimum requirements to achieve reproducibility

Desired attribute	Question	Researcher	Data	Analysis	Result
Reproducible	Identical	Different	Identical	Identical	= Identical

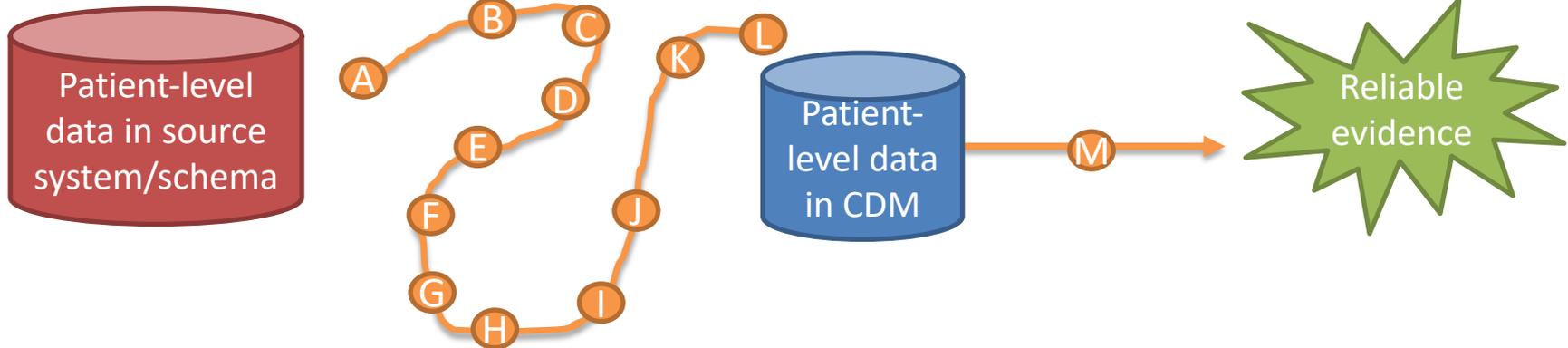


- Complete documented specification that fully describes all data manipulations and statistical procedures
- Original source data, no staged intermediaries
- Full analysis code that executes end-to-end (from source to results) without manual intervention



# How a common data model + common analytics can support reproducibility

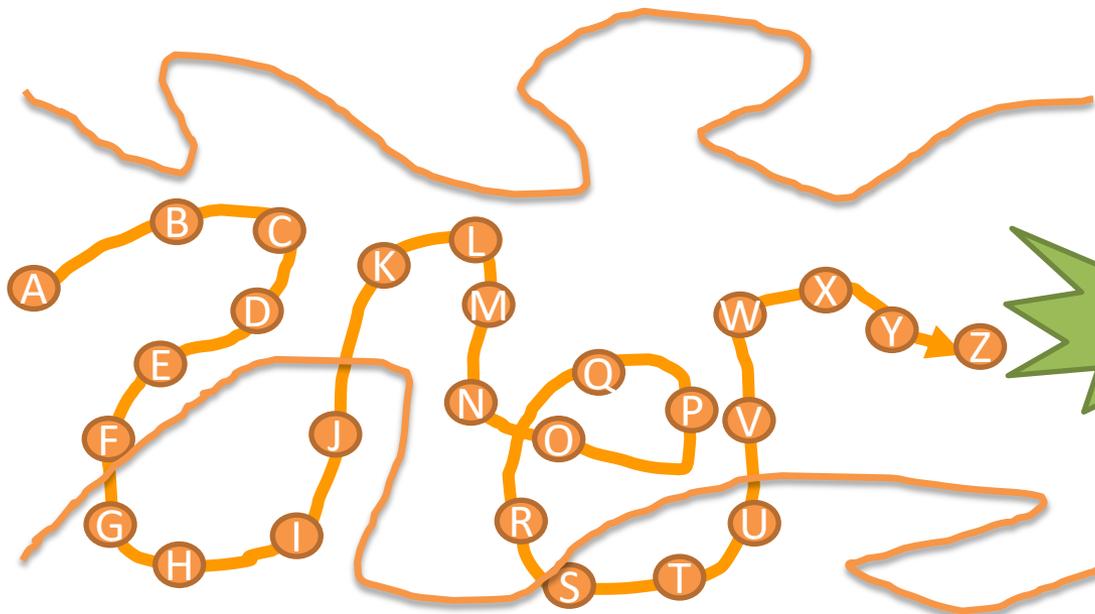
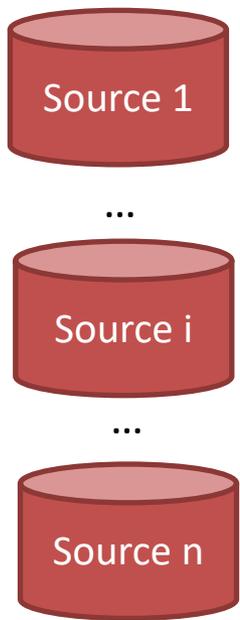
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- Use of common data model splits the journey into two segments: 1) data standardization, 2) analysis execution
- ETL specification and source code can be developed and evaluated separately from analysis design
- CDM creates opportunity for re-use of data step and analysis step

# Challenges to achieve replication

Desired attribute	Question	Researcher	Data	Analysis	Result
Replicable	Identical	Same or different	Similar	Identical	= Similar



Similar evidence

Reliable evidence

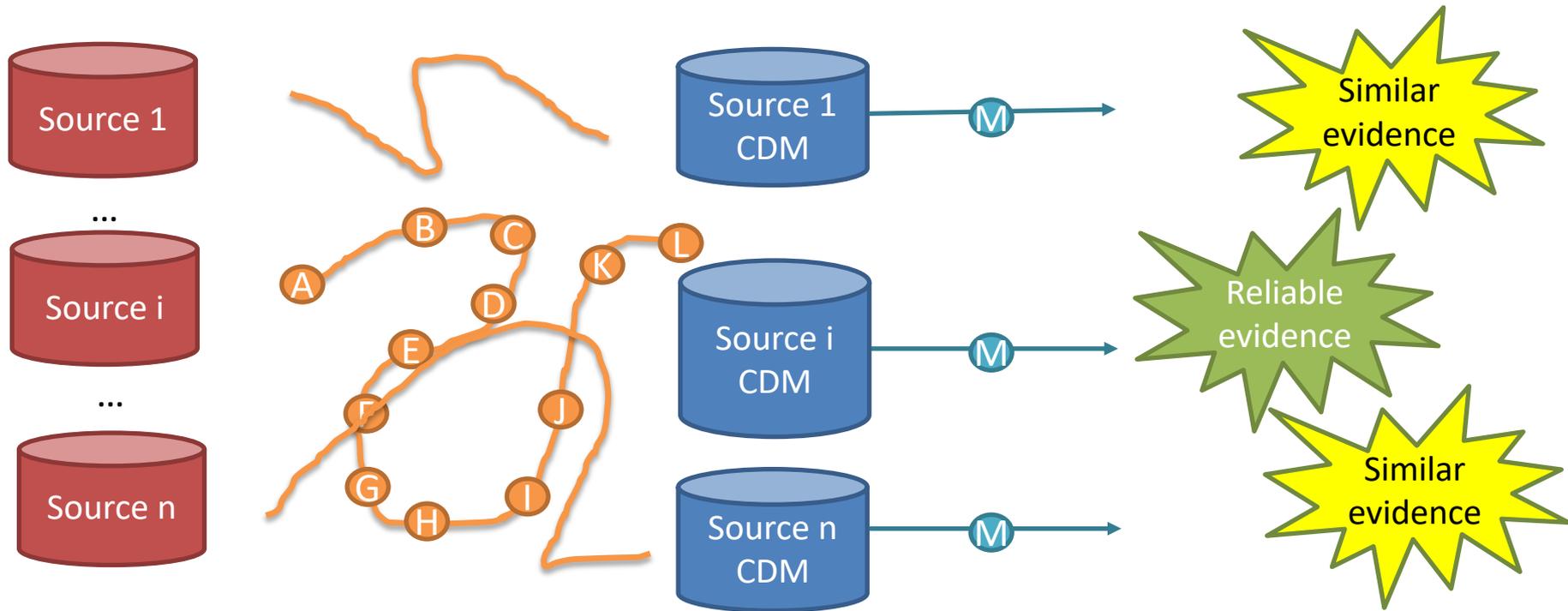
Similar evidence

- If analysis procedure is not identical across sources, how do you determine if any differences observed are due to data vs. analysis?



# How a common data model + common analytics can support replication

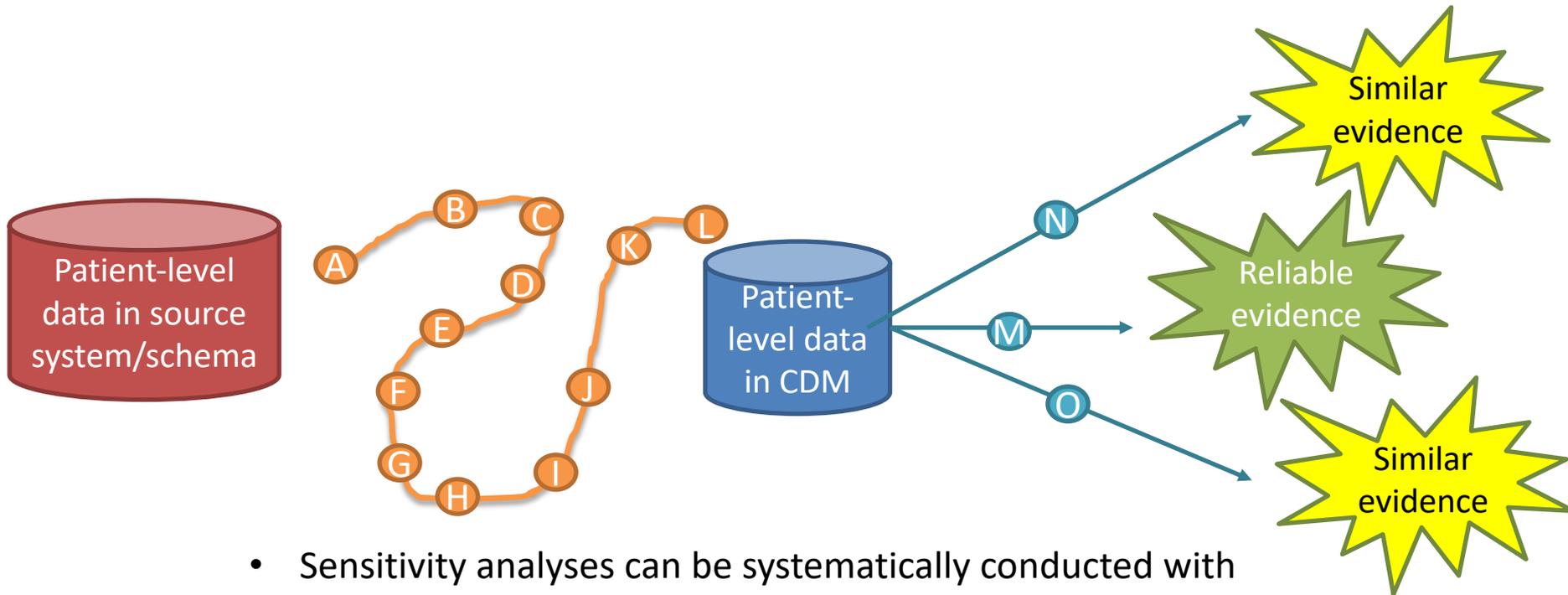
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# How a common data model + common analytics can support robustness

Desired attribute	Question	Researcher	Data	Analysis	Result
Robust	Identical	Same or different	Same or different	Different	Similar

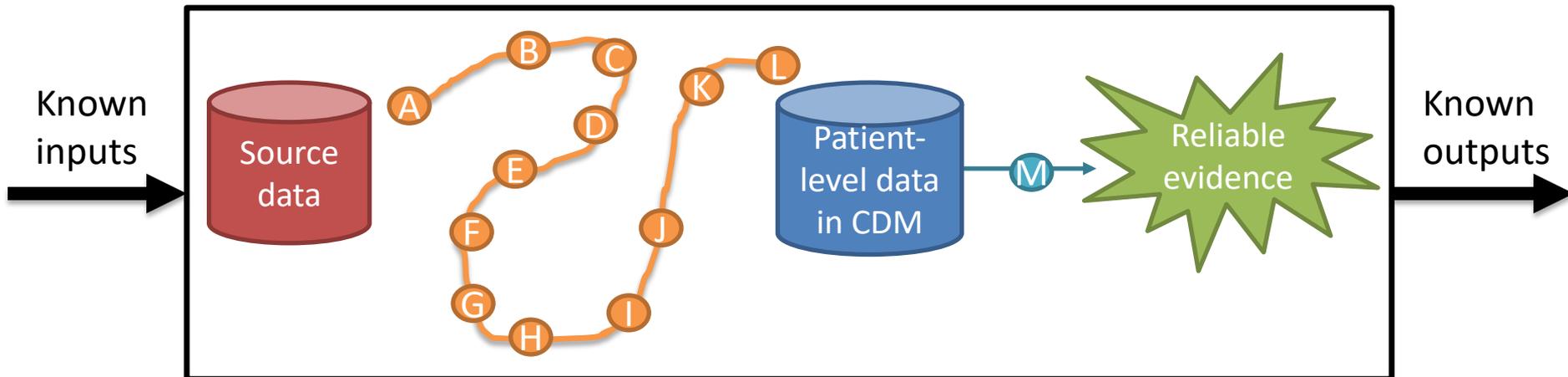


- Sensitivity analyses can be systematically conducted with parameterized analysis procedures using a common input



# How a common data model + common analytics can support calibration

Desired attribute	Question	Researcher	Data	Analysis	Result
Calibrated	Similar (controls)	Identical	Identical	Identical	Statistically consistent



- With a defined reproducible process, you can measure a system's performance and learn how to properly interpret the system's outputs



# Why reliable evidence requires a community effort

Desired attribute	Question	Researcher	Data	Analysis	Result
Community of researchers with important public health questions	Identical	Identical	Identical	Identical	= Identical
	Identical	Different	Identical	Identical	= Identical
Reproducible	Identical	Same or different	Similar	Identical	= Similar
Generalizable	Identical	Same or different	Different	Identical	= Similar
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Calibrated	Similar (controls)	Identical	Identical	Identical	= Evidence sharing across community

Community of researchers with important public health questions

Analyses sharing community open-source tools

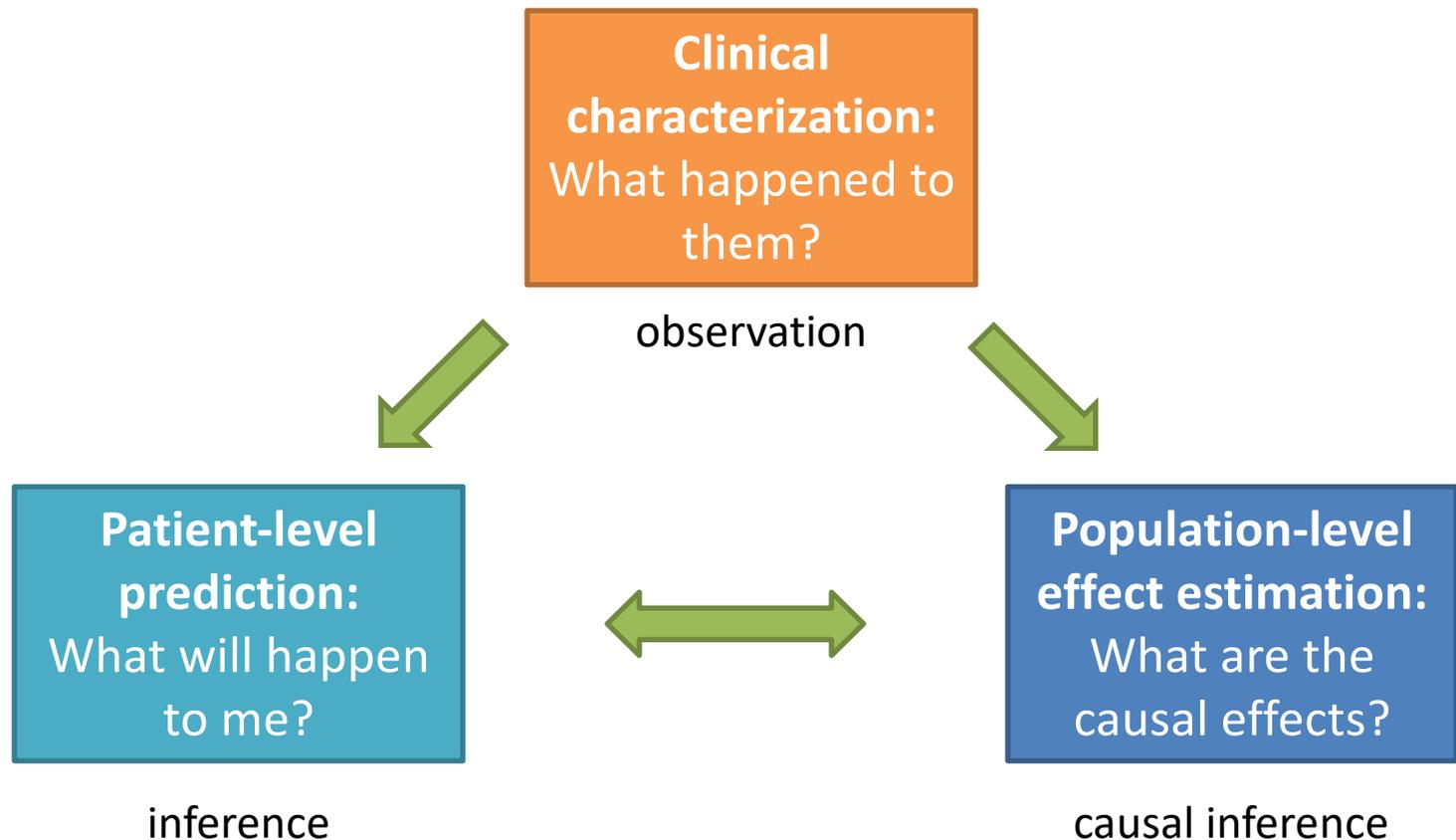
Data network using community standards

Application of community best practices for evaluation

Evidence sharing across community



# Complementary evidence to inform the patient journey





# How *should* patients with major depressive disorder be treated?

## Treating Major Depressive Disorder

### A Quick Reference Guide



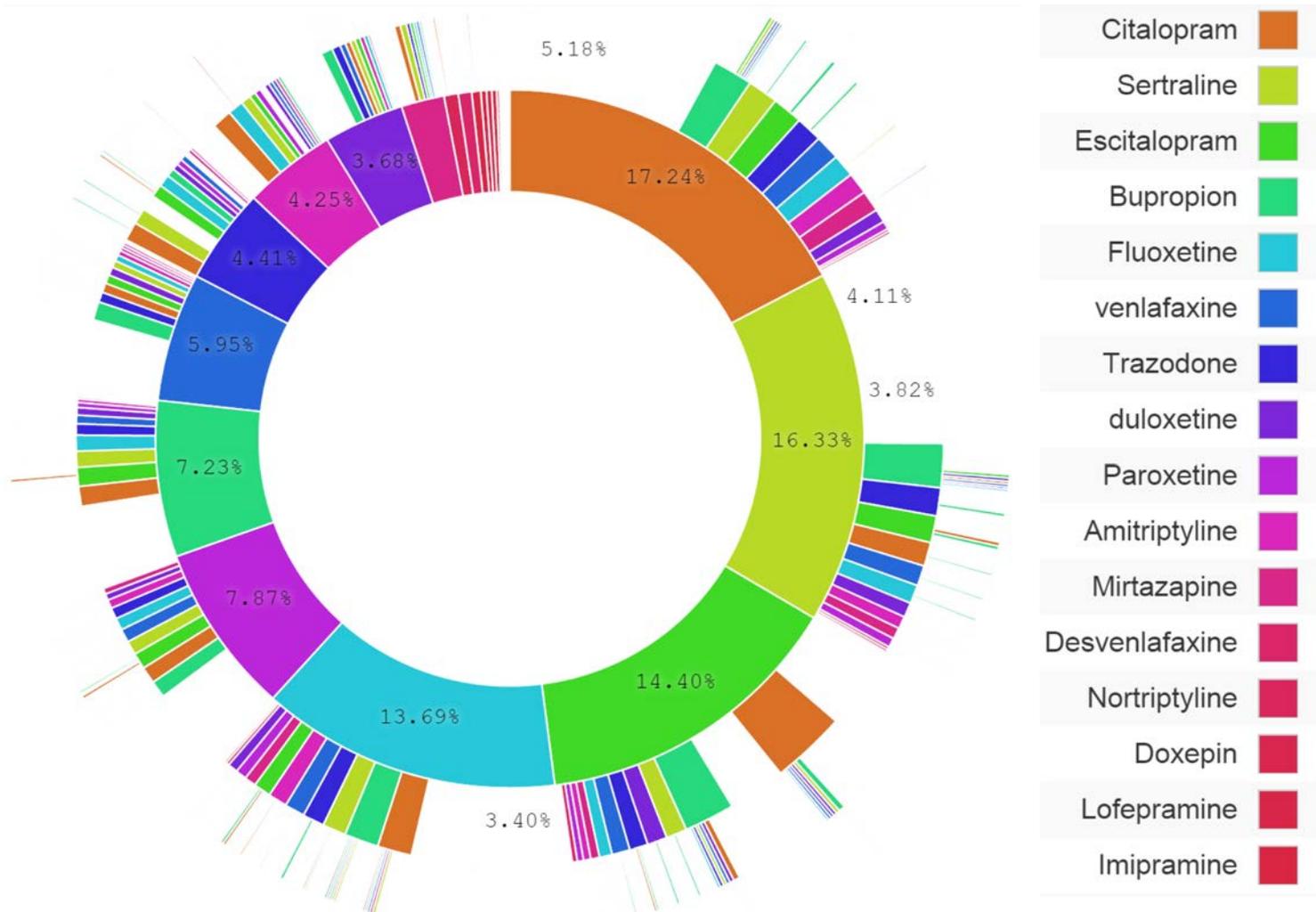
#### Pharmacotherapy

- The effectiveness of antidepressant medications is generally comparable between and within classes of medications, including selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs), bupropion, tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs), and monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs). Therefore, choose a medication largely based on the following:
  - Patient preference
  - Nature of prior response to medication
  - Safety, tolerability, and anticipated side effects
  - Co-occurring psychiatric or general medical conditions
  - Pharmacological properties of the medication (e.g., half-life, actions on cytochrome P450 enzymes, other drug interactions; consult the full guideline or a current drug database)
  - Cost
- For most patients, a SSRI, a SNRI, mirtazapine, or bupropion is optimal.
- In general, the use of MAOIs should be restricted to patients who do not respond to other treatments.

Based on *Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Major Depressive Disorder*, Third Edition, originally published in October 2010. A guideline watch, summarizing significant developments in the scientific literature since publication of this guideline, may be available.

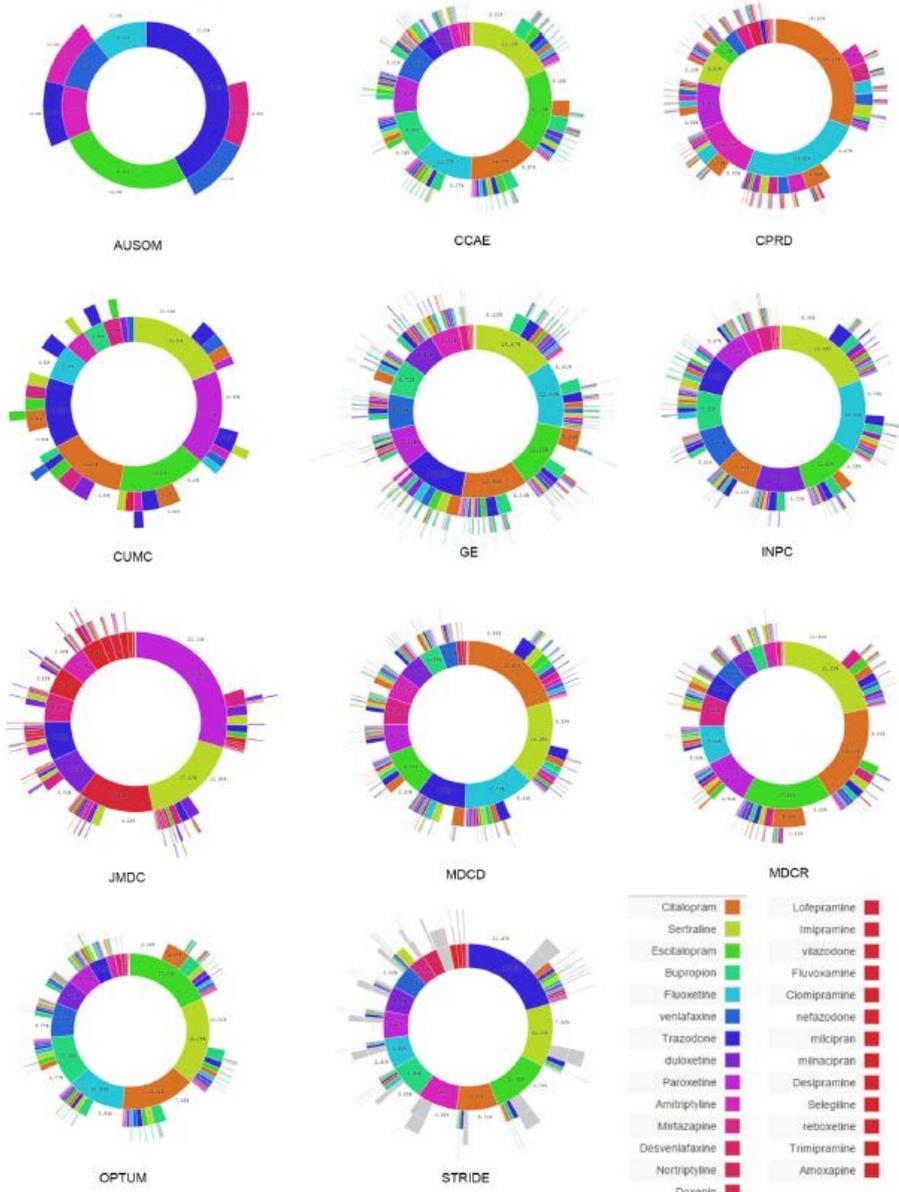


# How are patients with major depressive disorder *ACTUALLY* treated?





# How are patients with major depressive disorder ACTUALLY treated?



- Substantial variation in treatment practice across data sources, health systems, geographies, and over time
- Consistent heterogeneity in treatment choice as no source showed one preferred first-line treatment
- 11% of depressed patients followed a treatment pathway that was shared with no one else in any of the databases

Hripcsak et al, PNAS, 2016

# What questions does this answer? What question does it prompt to ask?

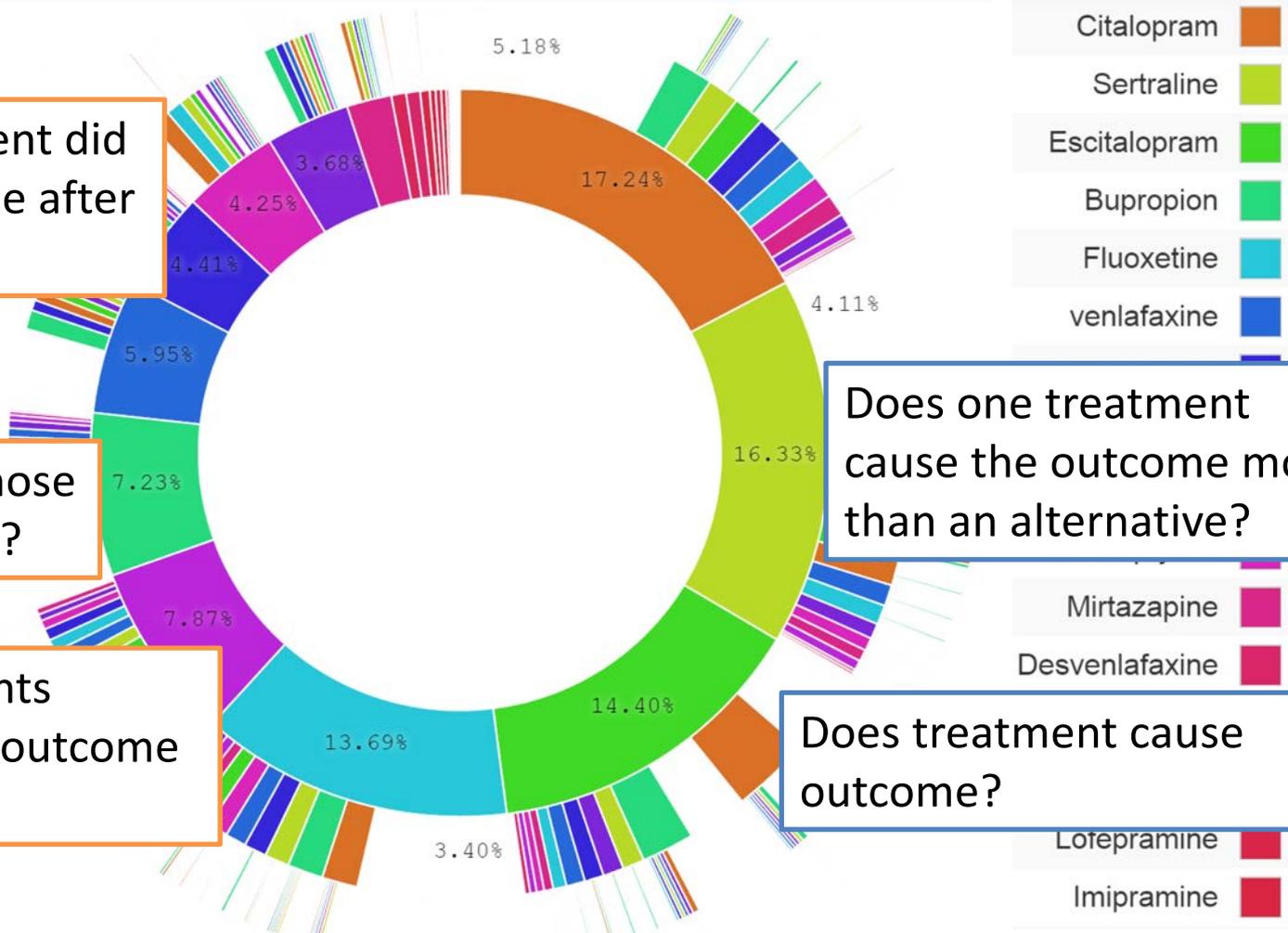


Which treatment did patients choose after diagnosis?

Which patients chose which treatments?

How many patients experienced the outcome after treatment?

What is the probability I will experience the outcome?

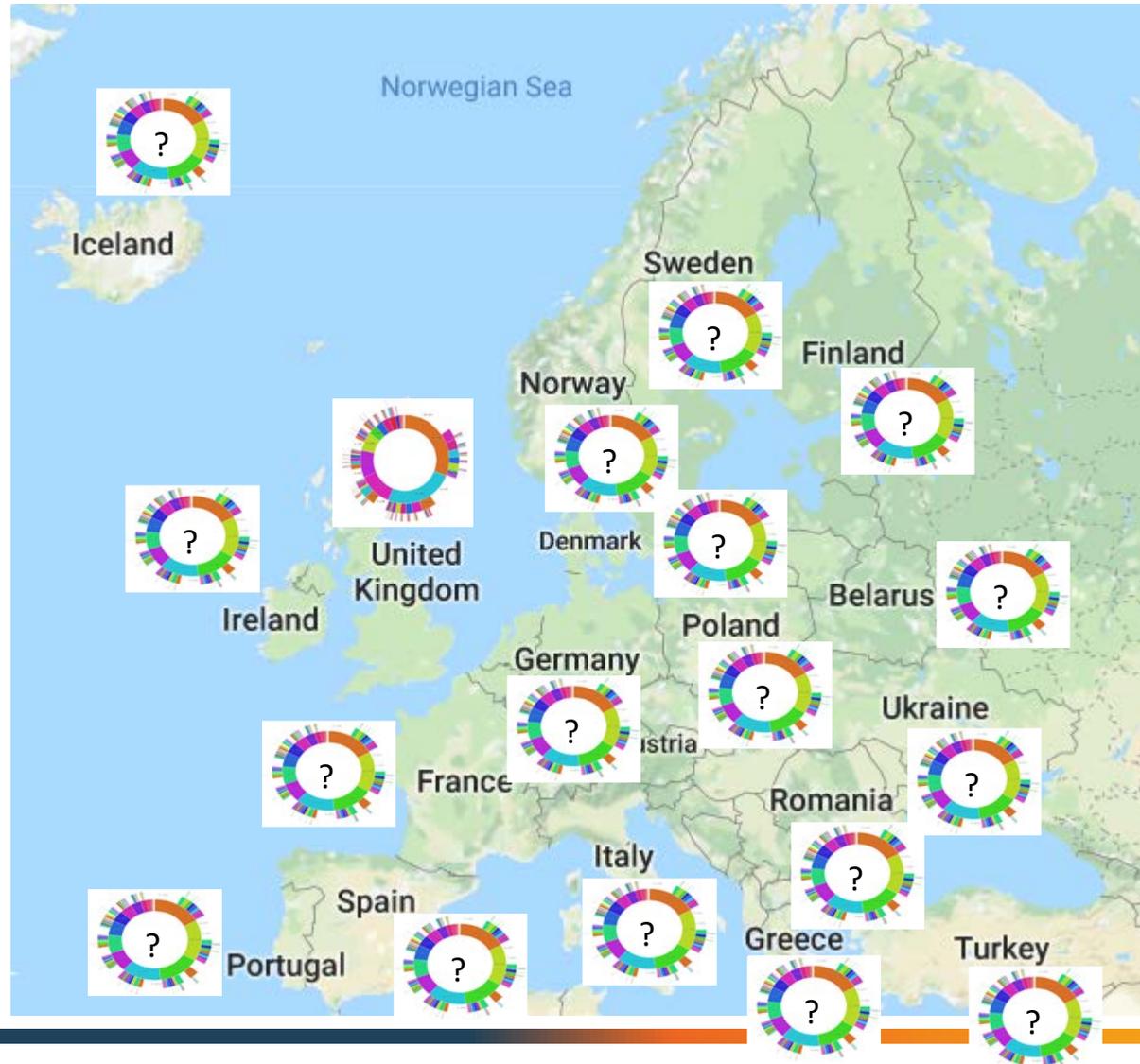


Does one treatment cause the outcome more than an alternative?

Does treatment cause outcome?



# What do the treatment pathways look like across Europe?





# What do the treatment pathways look like across the world?



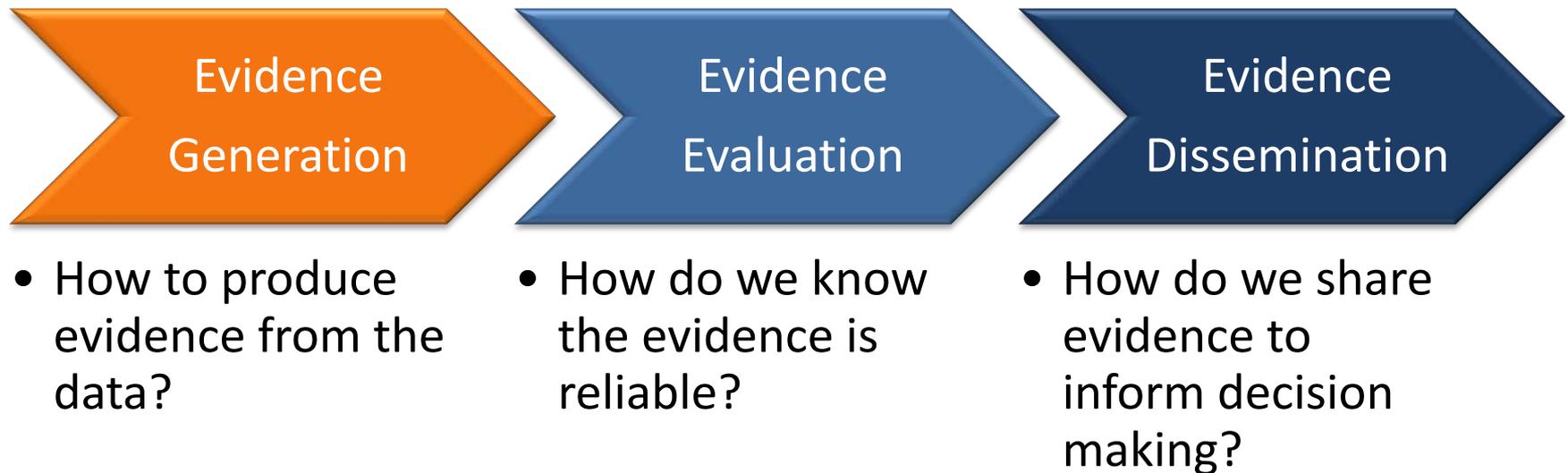


# Questions we can answer with reliable evidence

- **Clinical characterization:** What happened to them?
  - What treatment did they choose after diagnosis?
  - Which patients chose which treatments?
  - How many patients experienced the outcome after treatment?
- **Patient-level prediction:** What will happen to me?
  - What is the probability that I will develop the disease?
  - What is the probability that I will experience the outcome?
- **Population-level effect estimation:** What are the causal effects?
  - Does treatment cause outcome?
  - Does one treatment cause the outcome more than an alternative?

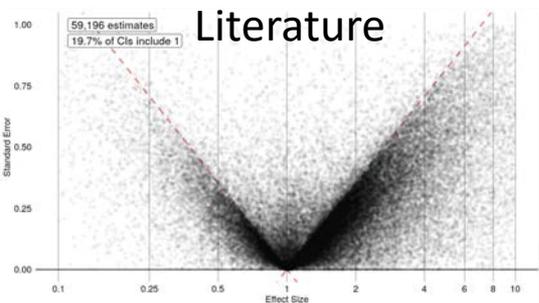
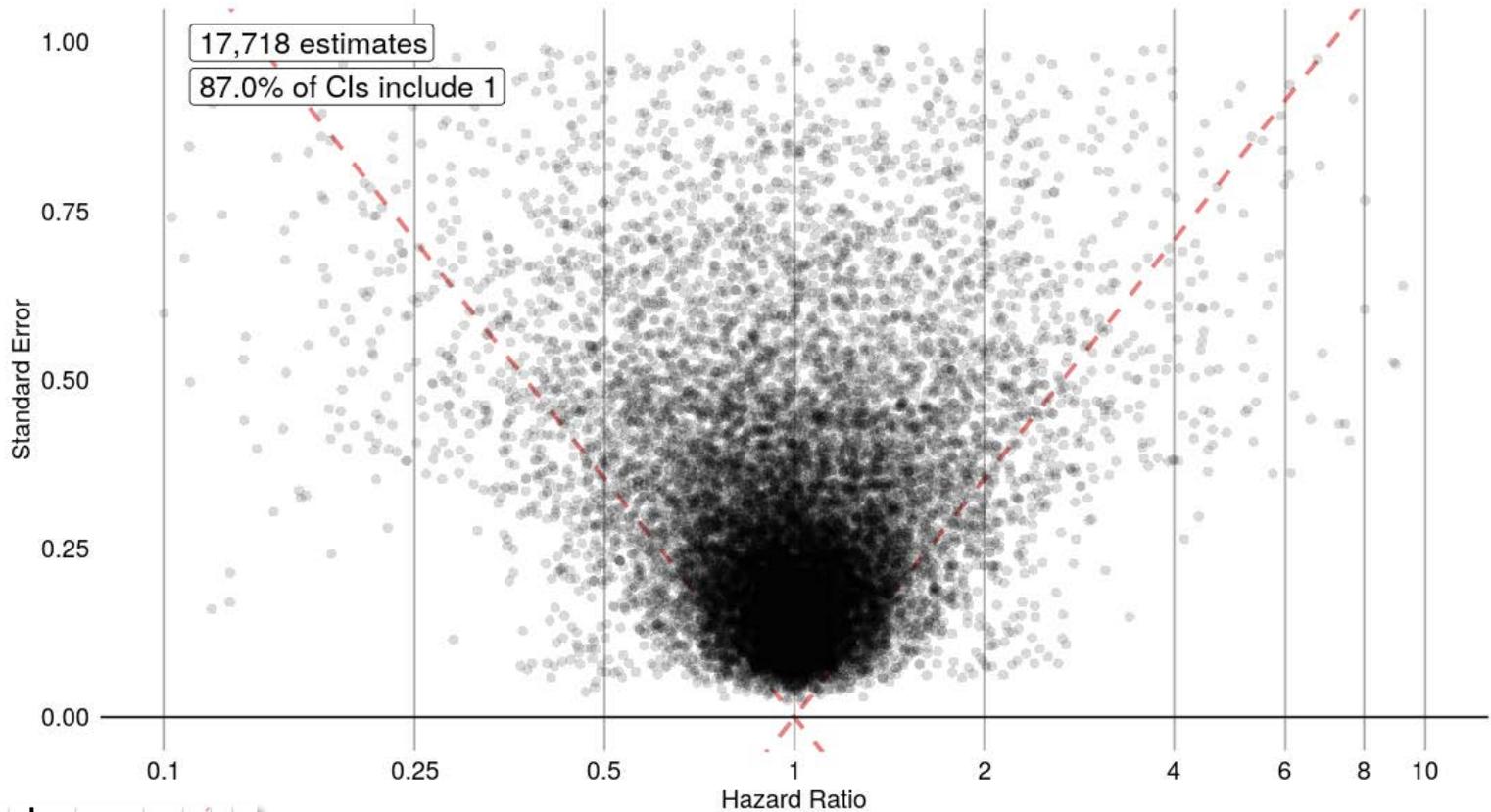


# Journey toward reliable evidence



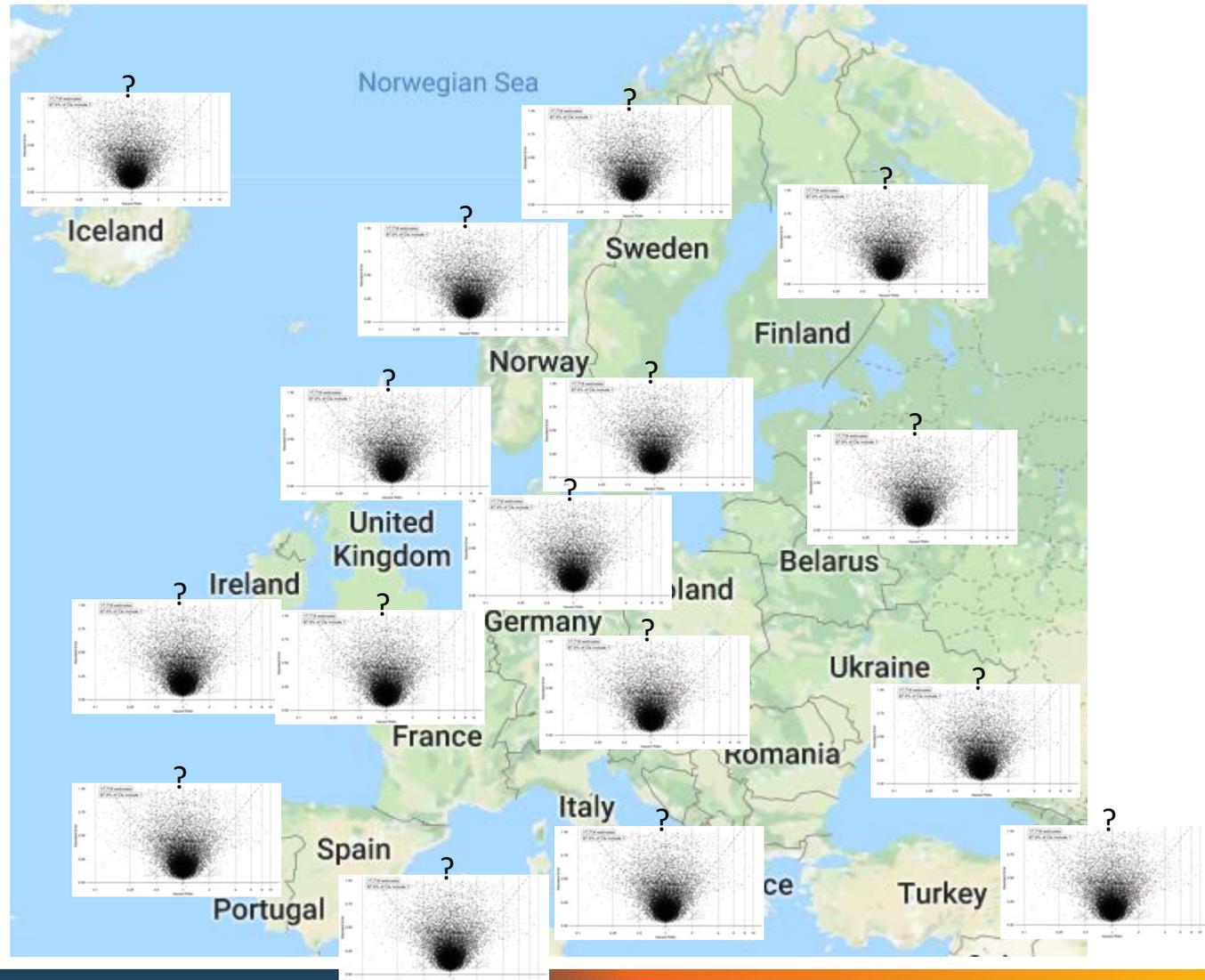


# Large-scale Evidence Generation and Evaluation in a Network of Databases



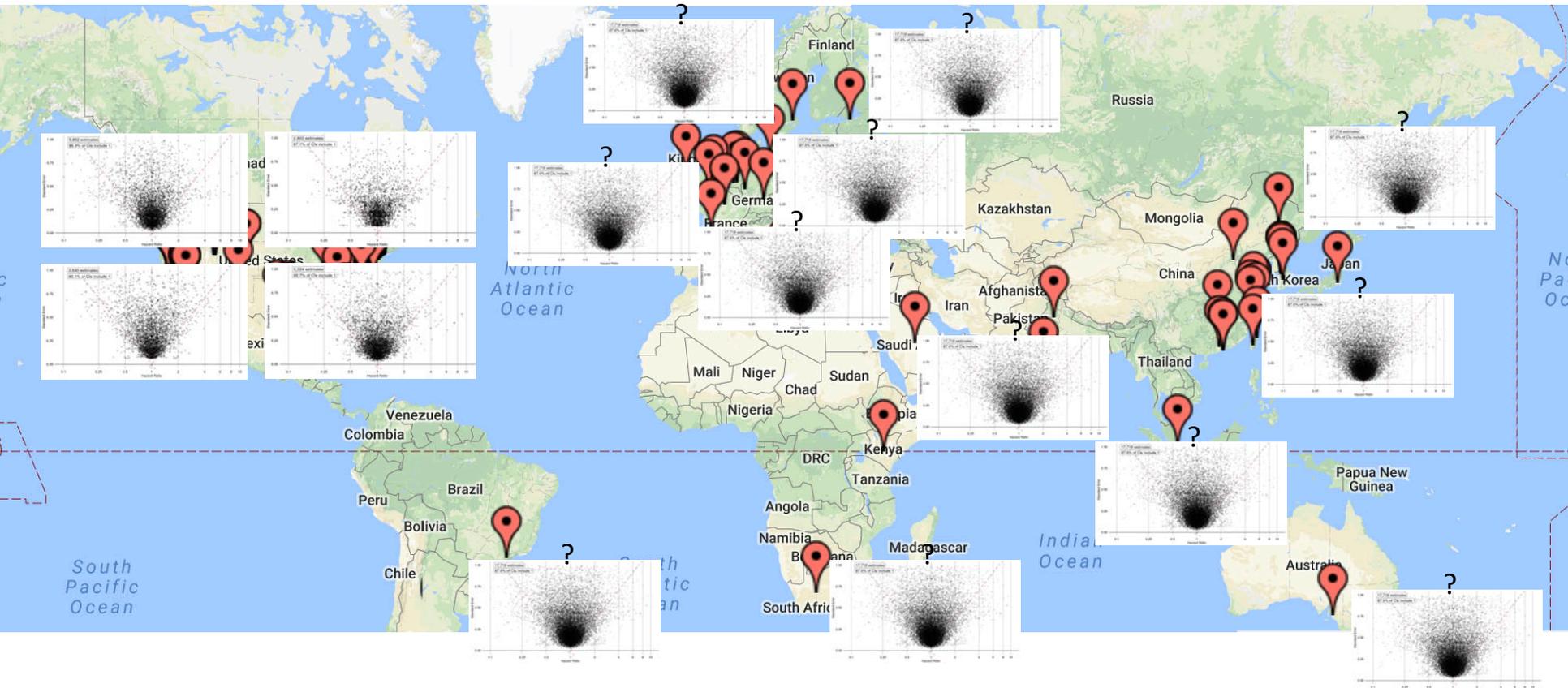


# What do the population-level effect estimates look like across Europe?





# What do the population-level effect estimates look like across the world?





# Building the LHC of observational research?





# OHDSI community

We're all in this journey together...





# Coffee Break





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