

Validation and Trustworthiness of AI based Predictions

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Prediction

“10% risk”

Clinical prediction models

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Review and choose among available interactive cancer prognostic tools.

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Aerospace medicine (0)	Infectious disease (11)	Palliative medicine (1)
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Clinical chemistry (3)	Neonatology (4)	Podiatry (1)
Clinical pharmacology (22)	Nephrology (19)	Psychiatry (3)
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Emergency medicine (32)	Neurophysiology (0)	Public Health (27)
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Validated → Trustworthy?

3-year survival after resection in patients with pancreatic cancer: updated amsterdam model



This prediction model for 3-year survival after resection in patients with pancreatic cancer was developed in 2015 in Amsterdam UMC (location AMC) and externally validated in 2019 in 3081 patients from 8 countries USA, UK, Germany, Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands, Korea, Australia).PubMed ID 3192443...

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Predictive algorithms: Medical AI



Phase 1

Data preparation



Phase 2

Development AI
algorithm



Phase 3

Validation AI
algorithm



Phase 4

Software
environment



Phase 5

Impact
assessment



Phase 6

Implementation in
medical practice

Guidelines and quality criteria for artificial intelligence-based prediction models in healthcare: a scoping review

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Trustworthiness of predictions

Mathematical models: Questions of **trustworthiness**

A Morton - *The British journal for the philosophy of science*, 1993 - journals.uchicago.edu

... It gives us many of the **predictions** we based our lives upon, and is essential to the marriage between experiment and theory in many parts of science. We rely on mathematical models ...

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Source: *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, Dec., 1993, Vol. 44, No. 4 (Dec., 1993), pp. 659-674

Mathematical models needed:

- Complex processes
- No simple prediction via a deterministic theory

Modelling assumptions:

- Generally false
- Intelligent guesswork

Medical prediction: $y \sim X$

Topics: trustworthy predictions

1. What do we need for individual patients?

- Internal vs external validity
- Calibration vs discrimination

2. Trustworthy processes to build a prediction model?

- AI
- Humans
- Requirements

3. Types of uncertainty

- Statistical aspects
- Model uncertainty
- Heterogeneity between contexts of practical application

Validated = trustworthy?

- Classic:
 - No validation, only internal → low ranking journal
 - 1 convincing validation → top journal
- Modern
 - Substantial heterogeneity in performance
 - There is no such thing as a validated model

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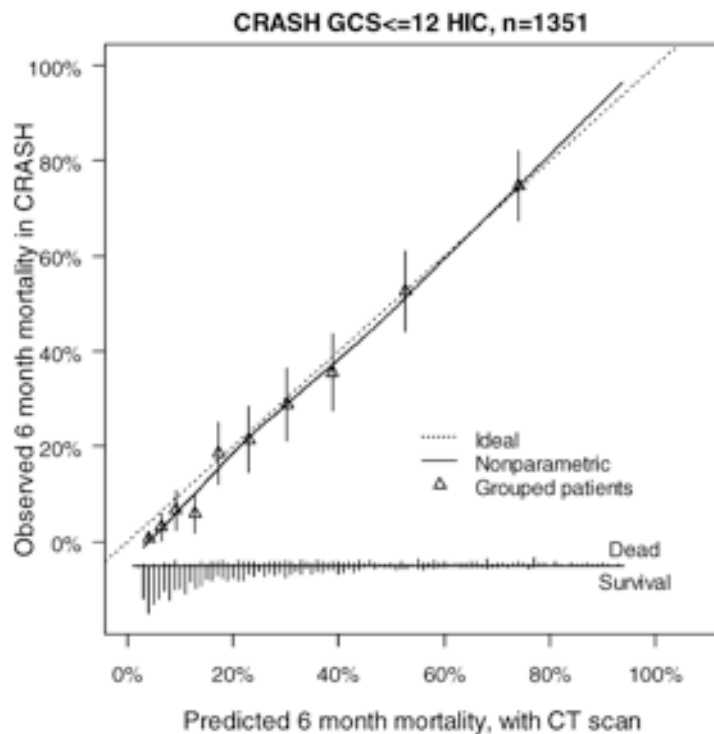
There is no such thing as a validated prediction model

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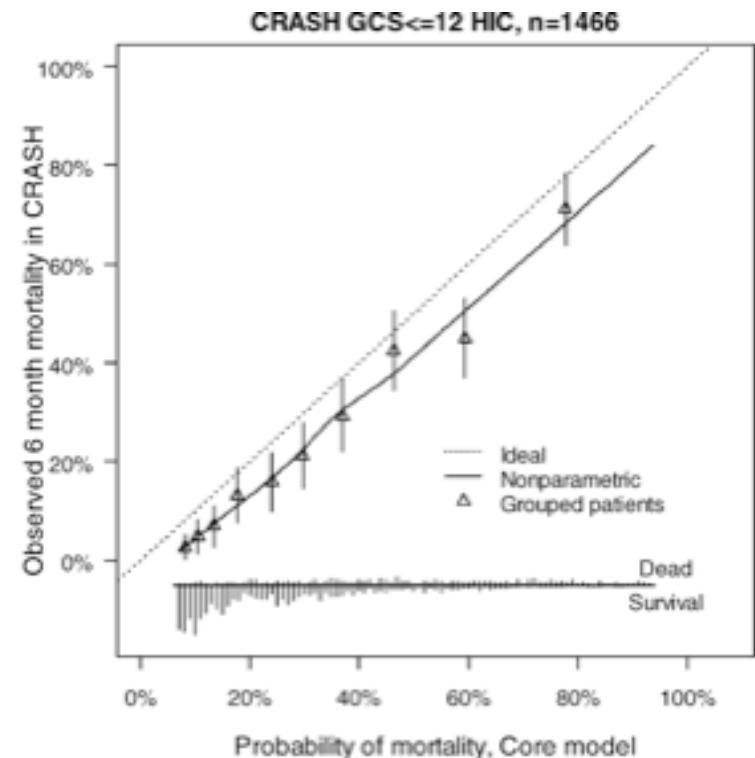
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Example in neurotrauma, external validation

well calibrated



over prediction



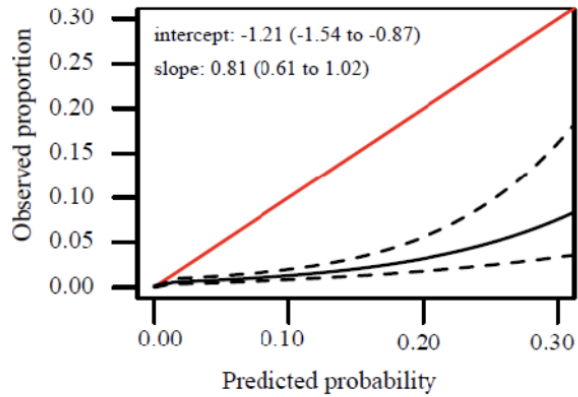
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Steyerberg et al, PLoS Med 2008

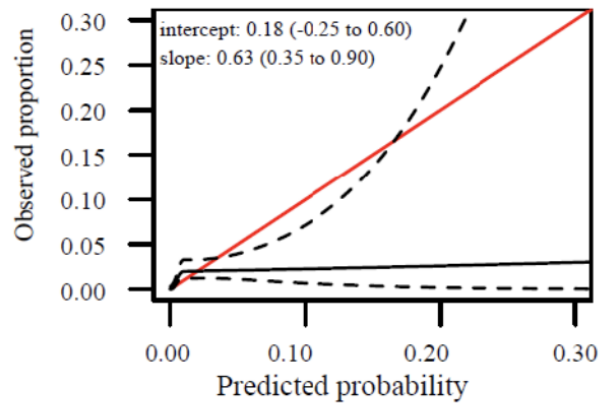
Very heterogenous validations

Appendix 8: Calibration plot: observed proportion vs predicted probability of the clinical prediction model for 5 internal-external cross-validations.

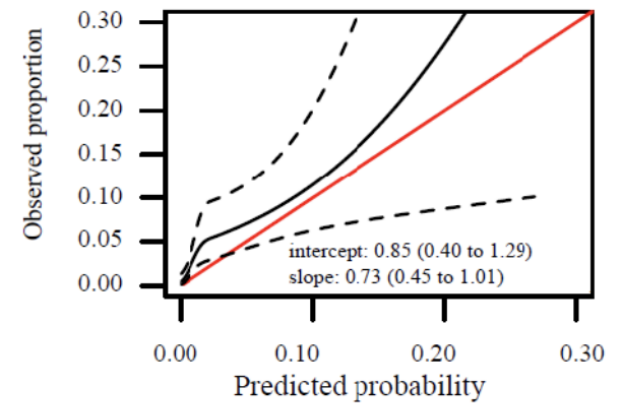
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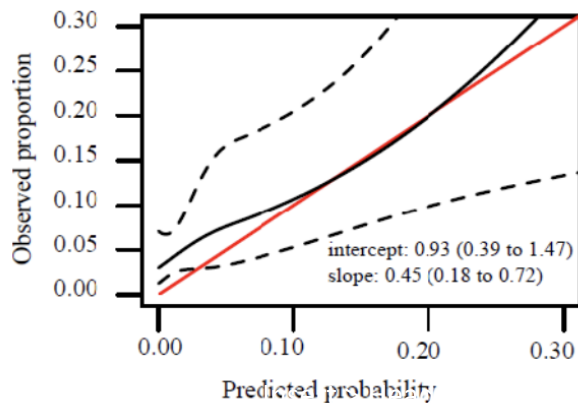
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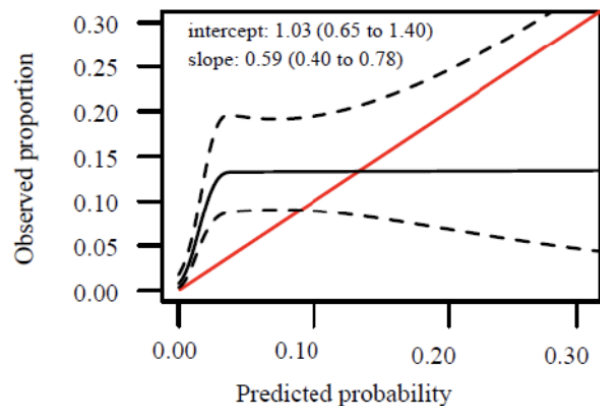
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Perspectives on validation of clinical predictive algorithms

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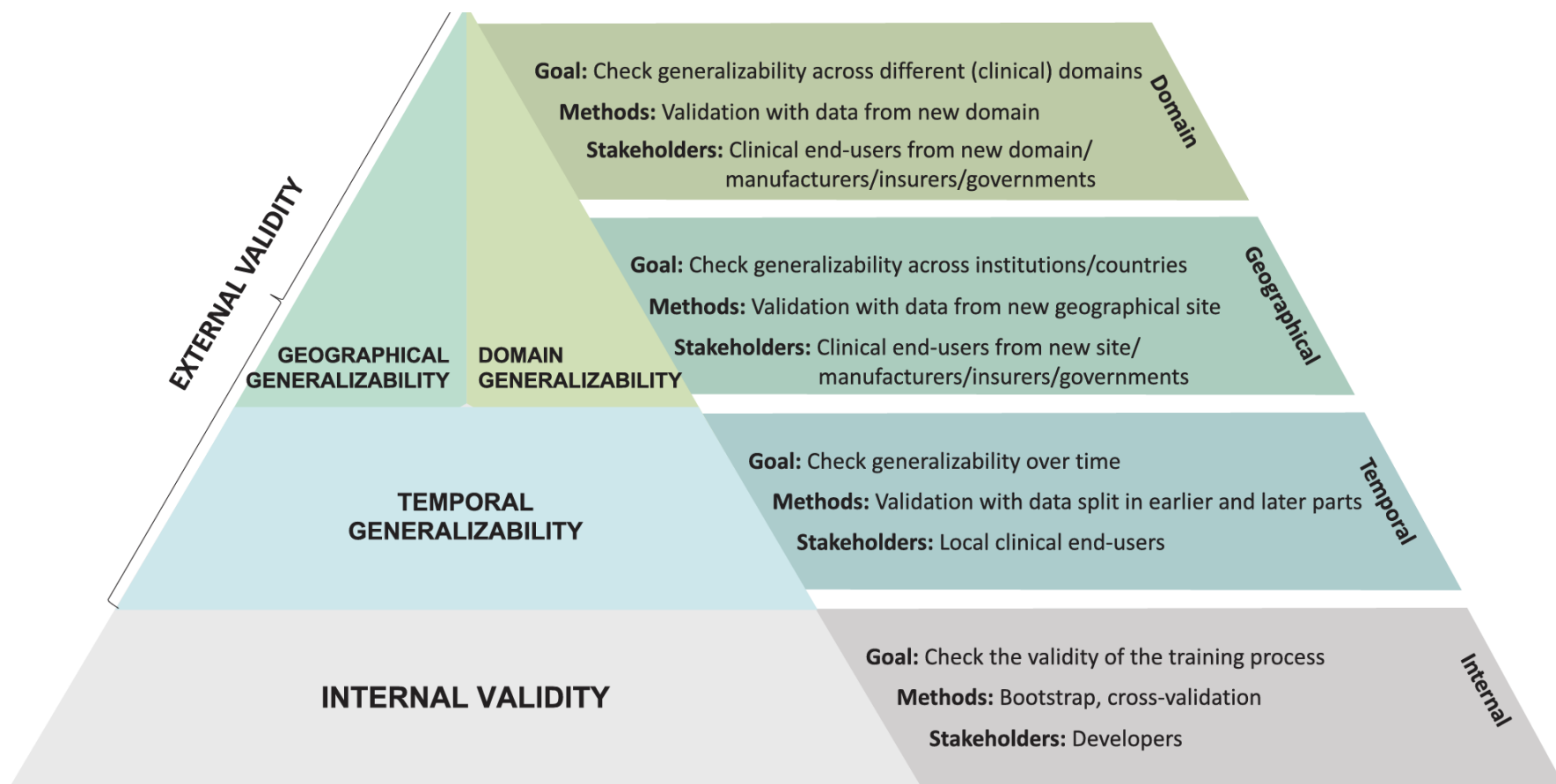


Fig. 1 Generalizability types. Schematic overview of the different types of generalizability with the validation's goals, methods, and stakeholders.

Summary validation

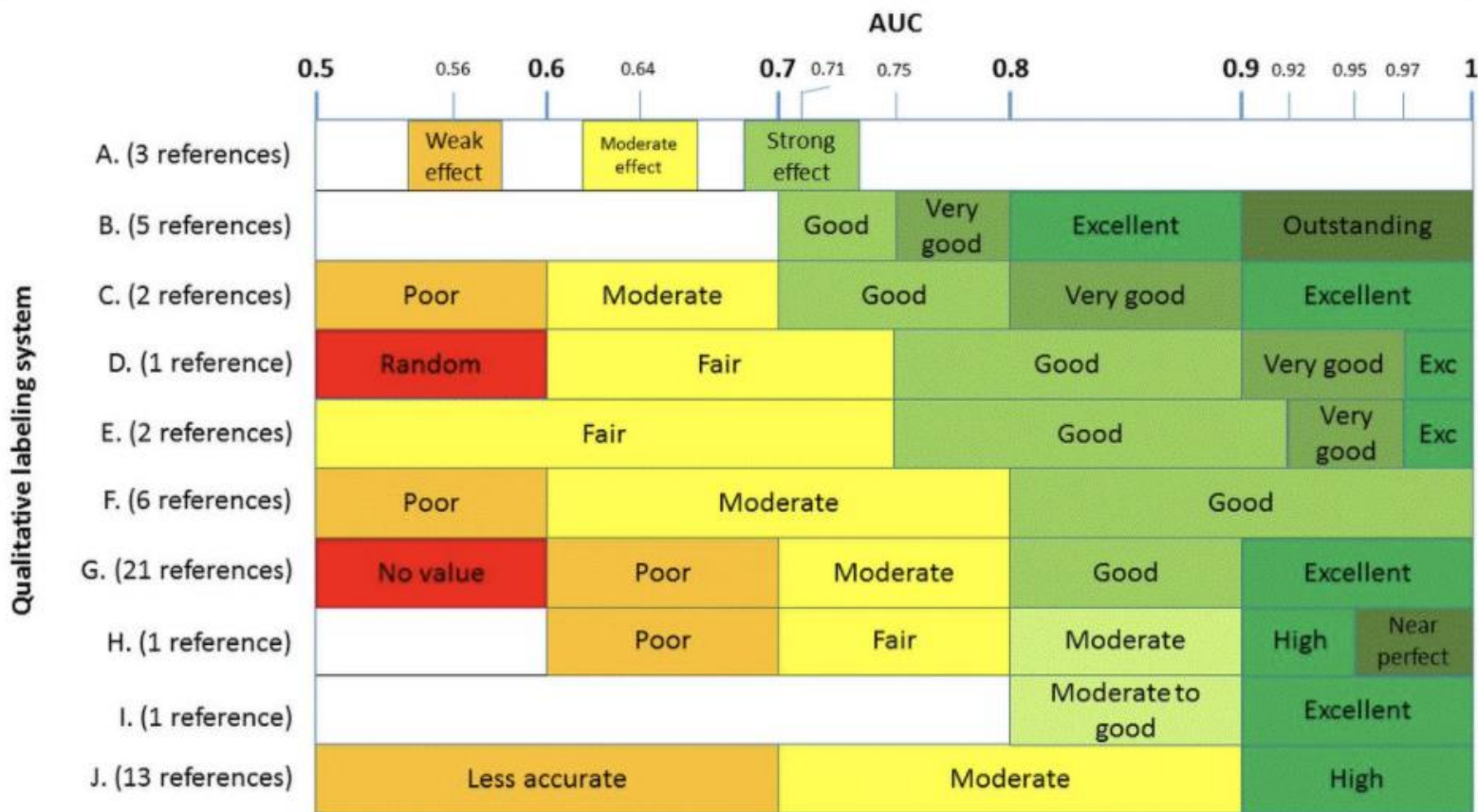
- Internal: minimum, same underlying population
- External:
 - Temporal
 - Geographic
 - Domain
- Efficient: internal-external cross-validation

Performance assessment

- What is the most commonly reported measure for performance of prediction models?
 - Area under the Receiver Operating Characteristic curve (AUC), or concordance (c) statistic
 - Discrimination = spread of predictions between individuals
 - Higher if better predictors in model
 - Higher --> more trustworthy??

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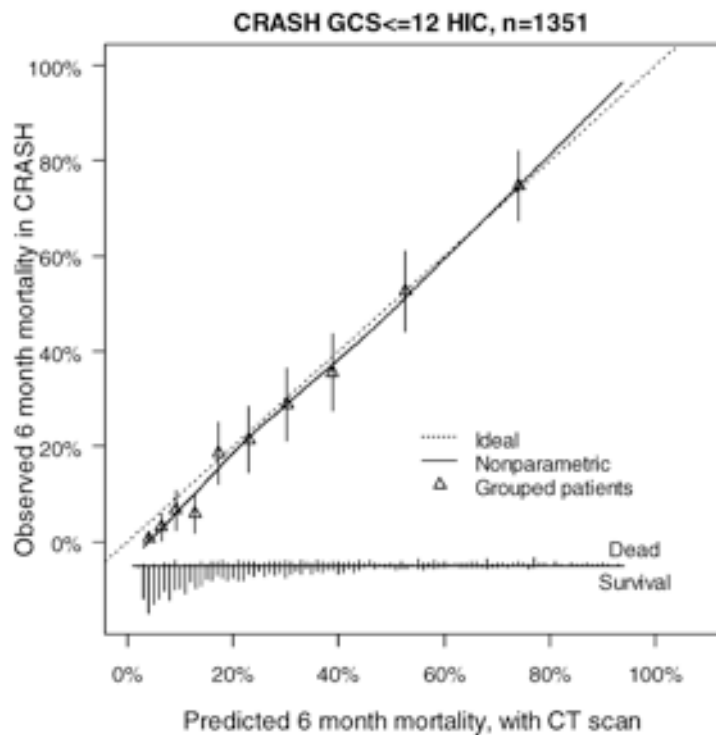
I searched the literature some day about how people think about different AUC values. Interesting...



Trustworthiness for individuals

- Calibration = reliability of predictions per individual

well calibrated



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 - True risk estimates UTOPIAN

A calibration hierarchy for risk models was defined: from utopia to empirical data

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- Calibration underreported

Calibration: the Achilles heel of predictive analytics



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Trustworthiness of ChatGPT

ChatGPT: may be hallucinating

- Simple calculations:



can you do calculations?



Of course! I can help with various types of calculations. What specific calculations would you like assistance with?



35623×472819



The product of 35,623 multiplied by 472,819 is:

$35,623 \times 472,819 = 16,814,642,337.$



$35623 \times 472819 = 16.843.231.237$



are you sure about this calculation?



Apologies for the mistake. Let me correct that for you.

$$35,623 \times 472,819 = 16,814,506,737.$$



My apologies for the earlier response. Let me recalculate that for you:

$$35623 \times 472819 = 16,827,062,037$$

So, the correct product of 35,623 multiplied by 472,819 is 16,827,062,037.



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Trustworthiness and AI

- Relation to evidence base
- Other popular terms related to AI
 - Fairness
 - Equity

→ Let's ask ChatGPT



what are important ethical concerns regarding AI for predictive purposes?



Ethical concerns regarding AI for predictive purposes are numerous and evolving as AI technologies advance. Here are some important ethical considerations:

1. **Bias and Fairness:**

AI models can perpetuate or even amplify biases present in the data they are trained on. Ensuring fairness and addressing bias is a critical concern, especially in predictive models related to sensitive aspects like race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

2. **Privacy:**

Predictive AI often relies on vast amounts of personal data. Safeguarding privacy, obtaining informed consent, and ensuring data is used appropriately and securely are essential ethical considerations.

3. **Transparency and Explainability:**

Understanding how an AI model arrives at its predictions is crucial for trust and accountability. Models should be transparent and explainable to users, making it easier to identify potential biases and errors.

4. **Accountability and Responsibility:**

Defining responsibility and accountability for the actions and decisions made by AI systems is challenging. Determining who is responsible when things go wrong, or when the AI system produces harmful predictions, is a key ethical concern.

5. **Autonomy and Decision-making:**

Predictive AI can influence decision-making processes in various domains, from lending to criminal justice. Striking the right balance between automation and human intervention, preserving human autonomy, and avoiding undue influence is vital.

6. **Security:**

Ensuring the security of AI systems is essential to prevent malicious use, data breaches, and other potential risks associated with predictive AI.

7. **Long-term Effects and Unintended Consequences:**

Predictive AI can have unforeseen and far-reaching consequences, including social, economic, and cultural impacts. Anticipating and mitigating these consequences is a significant ethical consideration.

8. **Informed Consent and User Rights:**

Obtaining meaningful informed consent from individuals whose data is used in predictive models is important. Individuals should have rights over their data and should be informed about how their data is being used.

9. **Data Quality and Representativeness:**

Ensuring that the data used to train predictive models is of high quality and representative of the population it aims to predict for is essential to avoid skewed or inaccurate predictions.

10. **Human Augmentation vs. Replacement:**

Balancing the use of AI for predictive purposes to enhance human capabilities (augmentation) versus replacing human decision-making entirely raises important ethical questions regarding the role of AI in society.

Addressing these ethical concerns is crucial to ensure the responsible and beneficial development and deployment of AI for predictive purposes.



Can you group these concerns further to fewer groups?



Certainly! We can group these ethical concerns into broader categories view:

1. **Data and Model Integrity:**
 - a. **Bias and Fairness**
 - b. **Data Quality and Representativeness**
 - c. **Transparency and Explainability**
2. **Privacy and Consent:**
 - a. **Privacy**
 - b. **Informed Consent and User Rights**
3. **Accountability and Responsibility:**
 - a. **Accountability for AI Actions**
 - b. **Security**
 - c. **Long-term Effects and Unintended Consequences**
4. **Human-Centric Concerns:**
 - a. **Autonomy and Decision-making**
 - b. **Human Augmentation vs. Replacement**

Trustworthy models?

- Modeling flexibility: friend or foe?

Human oversight on:

- Classical modeling: selection of predictors; nonlinearity; interactions
- AI: hyperparameters; technique CART / RF / XGBoost / nnet / ..

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Reproducibility trial: 246 biologists get different results from same data sets

Wide distribution of findings shows how analytical choices drive conclusions.

Trustworthiness: poor for human modelers

Red cards and dark skin soccer players

<https://psyarxiv.com/qkwst/>



Empirical Article

Many Analysts, One Data Set: Making Transparent How Variations in Analytic Choices Affect Results



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Estimated odds ratios by 29 research teams

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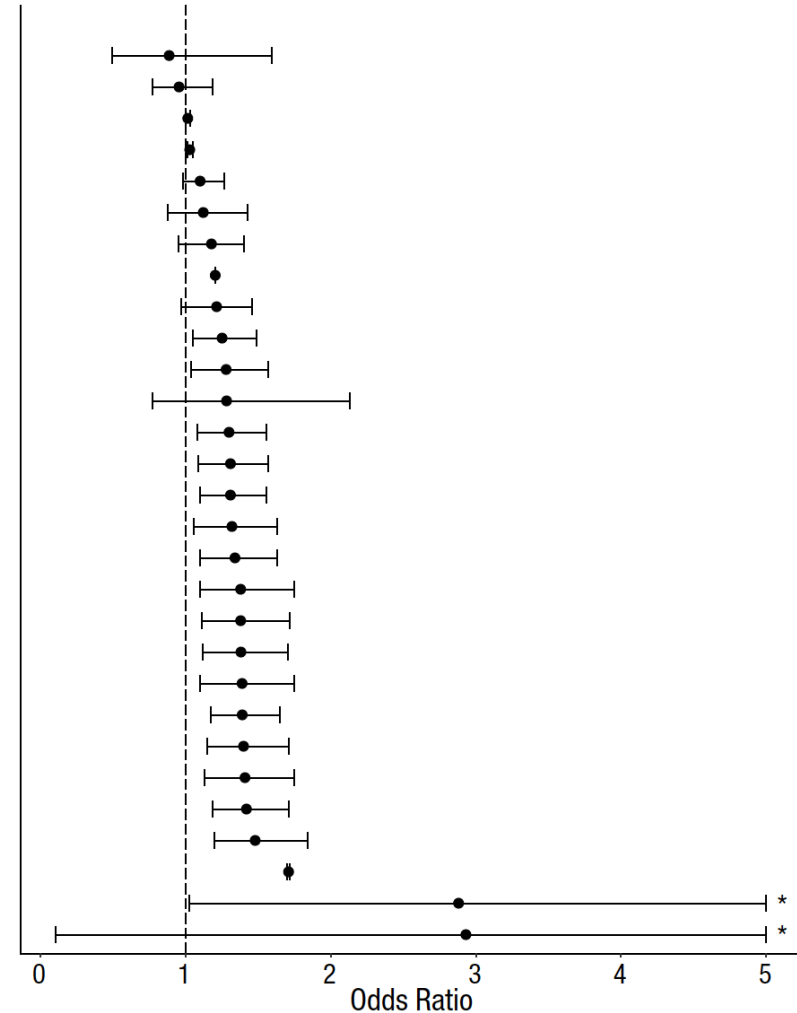


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“Logistic regression”

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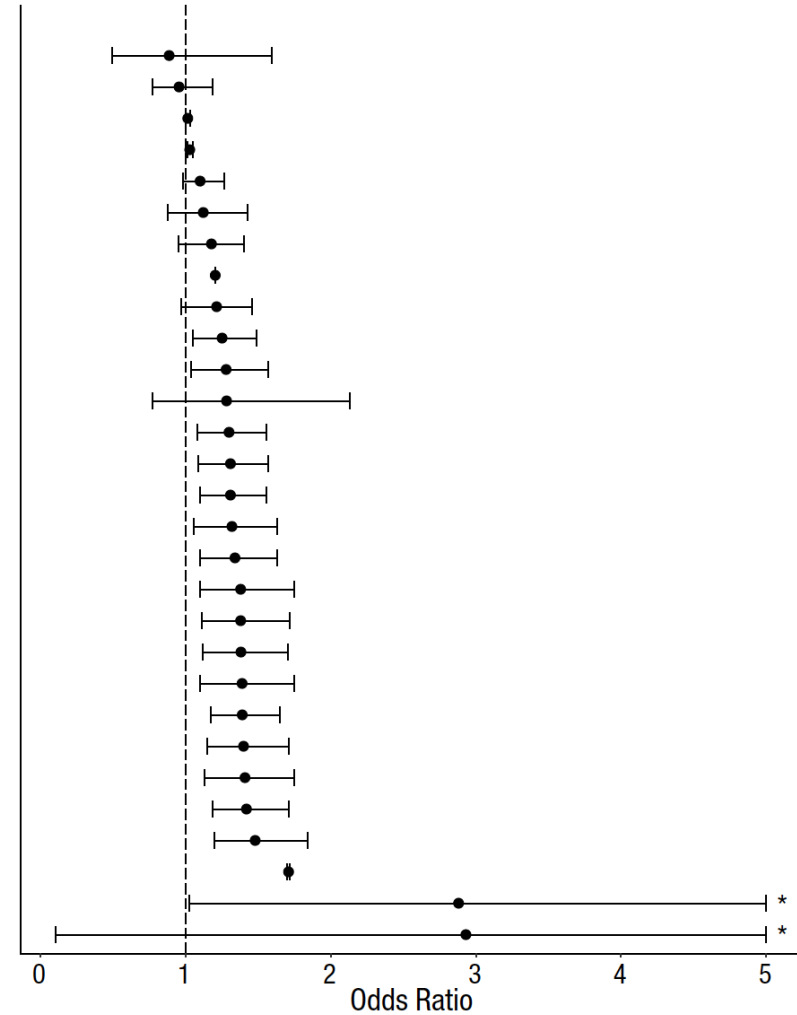


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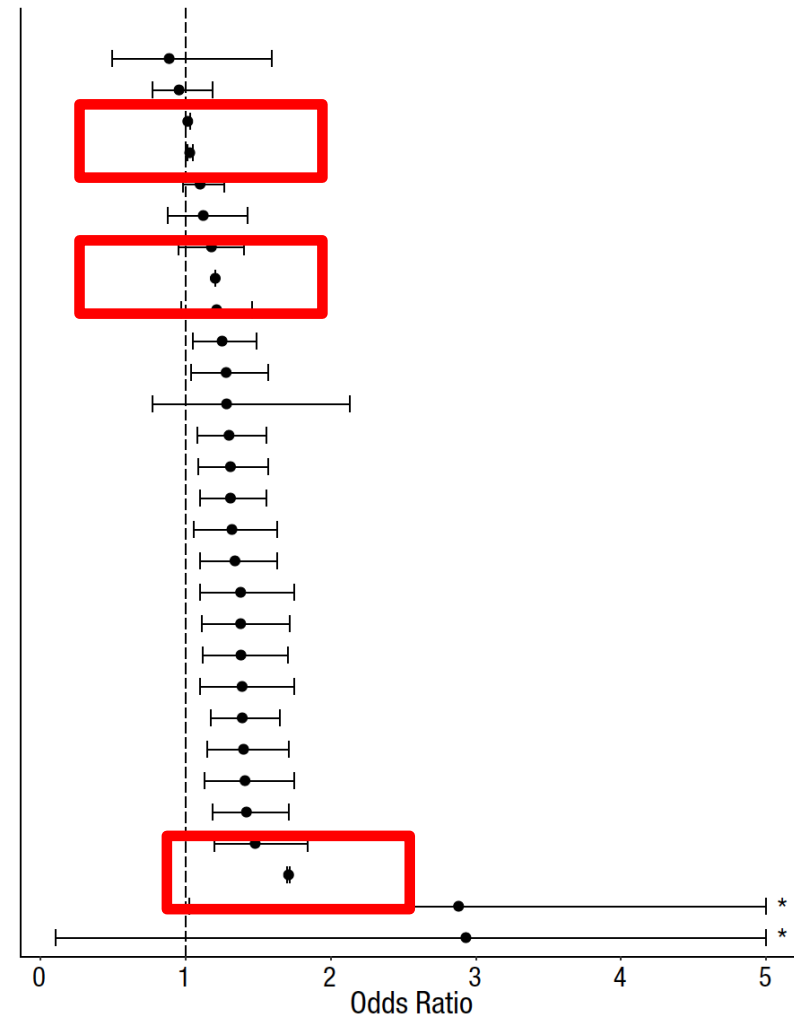


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Explainable to humans = trustworthy?

- Explainable AI
 - Algorithm trustworthy: if predictions are based on factors that are acceptable to domain experts instead of on ‘spurious correlations’
 - SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) values

“By using SHAP values, researchers and practitioners can gain a deeper understanding of how different features influence model predictions, leading to improved model interpretability and trust.”
ChatGPT3.5

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Approaches to uncertainty quantification

- Sample size
 - specifically **#events** for binary outcome prediction
- ‘patients like you’ and exceptionality
 - For risk communication: aleatory uncertainty
 - For uncertainty communication: epistemic

Example on presentation by 'the king of nomograms'

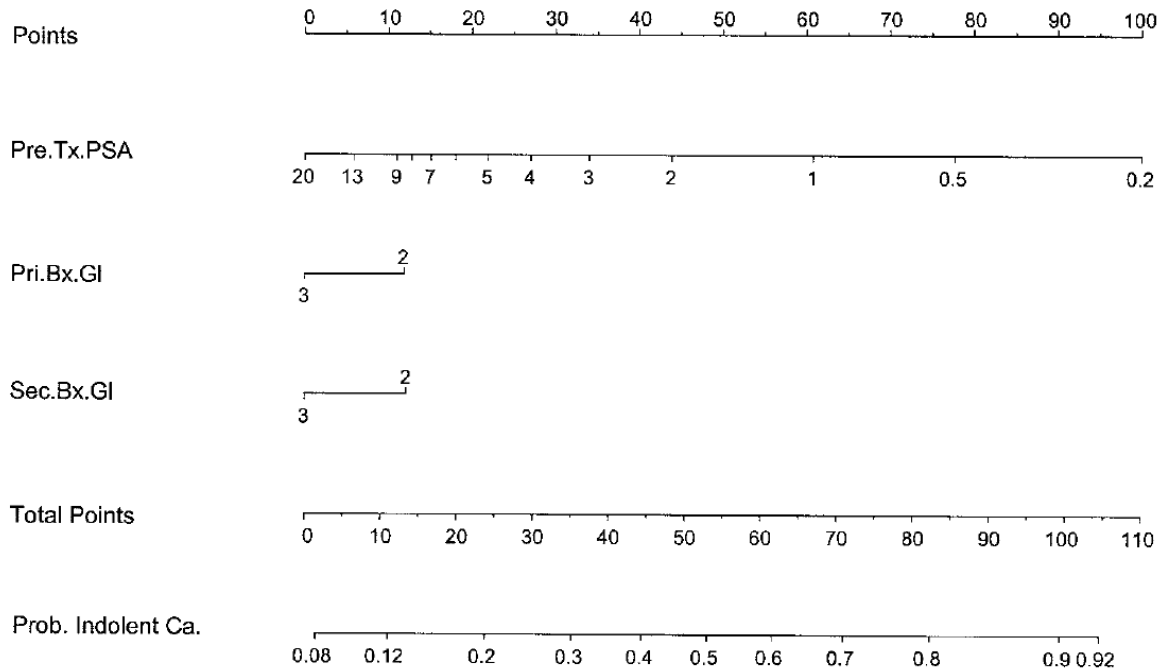
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COUNSELING MEN WITH PROSTATE CANCER: A NOMOGRAM FOR PREDICTING THE PRESENCE OF SMALL, MODERATELY DIFFERENTIATED, CONFINED TUMORS

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PREDICTION OF INDOLENT PROSTATE CANCER



Instructions for Physician: Locate the patient's PSA on the **PreTx PSA** axis. Draw a line straight upwards to the **Points** axis to determine how many points towards having an indolent cancer the patient receives for his PSA. Repeat this process for the remaining axes, each time drawing straight upward to the **Points** axis. Sum the points achieved for each predictor and locate this sum on the **Total Points** axis. Draw a line straight down to find the patient's probability of having indolent cancer.

Instruction to Patient: “Mr. X, if we had 100 men exactly like you, we would expect <predicted probability from nomogram * 100 > to have indolent cancer.”

N = 100?

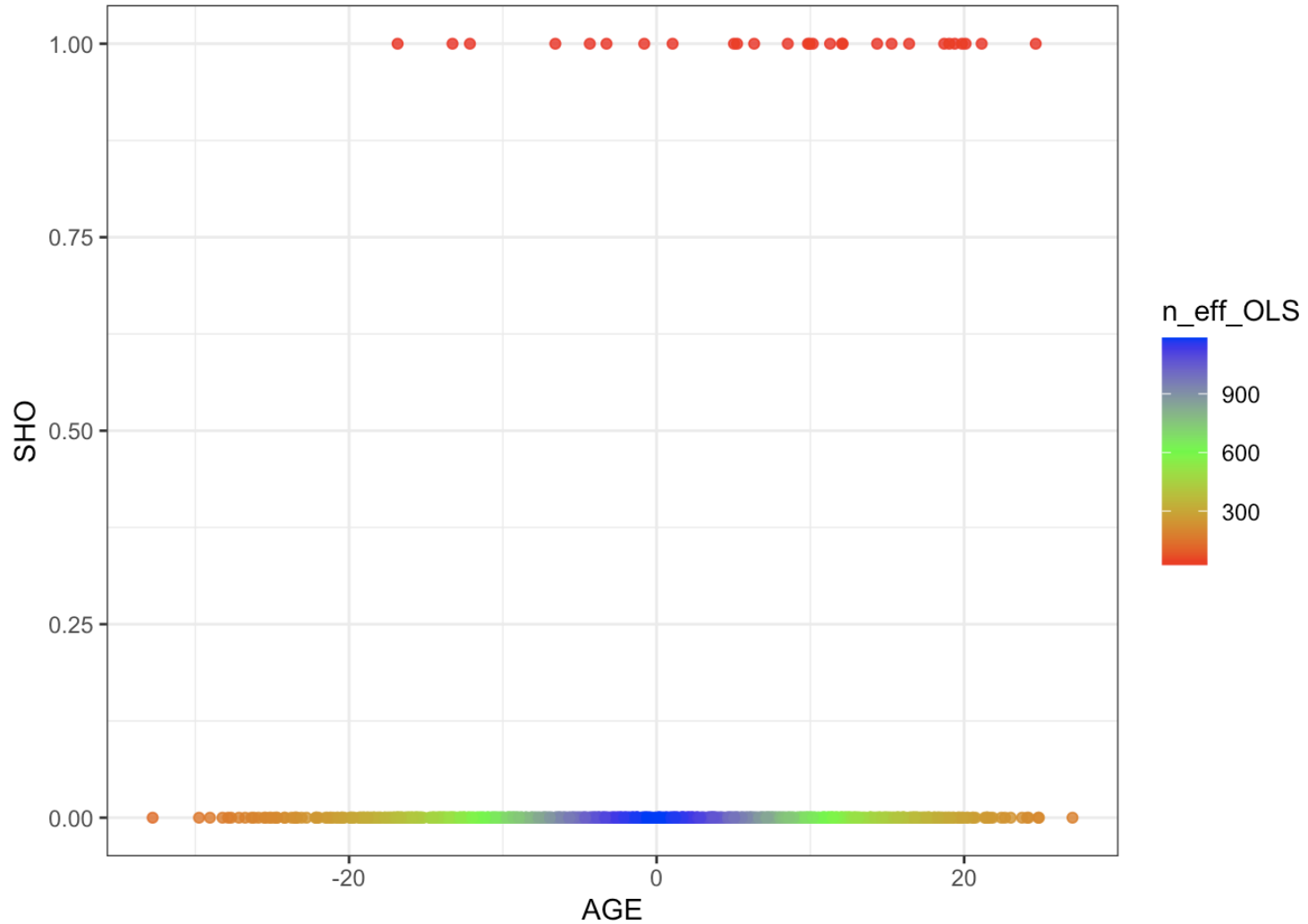
Effective n visualisations

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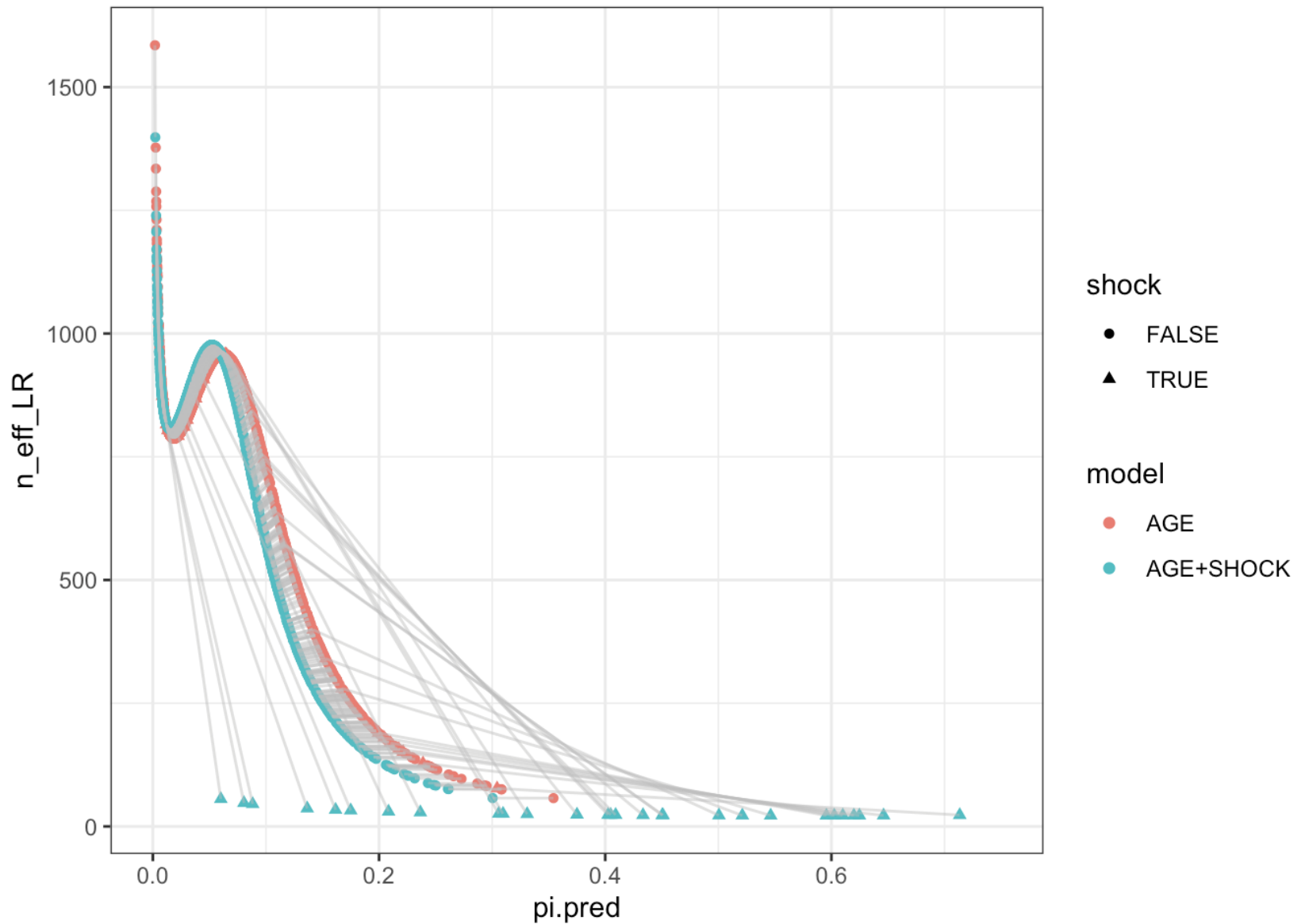
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GUSTO data, n=1200
(out of 40,830)

Uncertainty for rare, strong predictor: SHOCK



Predictions with and without SHOCK in the model



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“Trustworthiness expresses whether a prediction is aligned with the train data”

- Distance between the new patient and similar patients from the training data estimates the trustworthiness of a prediction; resembles the reference data

To Trust or Not to Trust a Regressor

The RETRO-score for this prediction is 0.091.

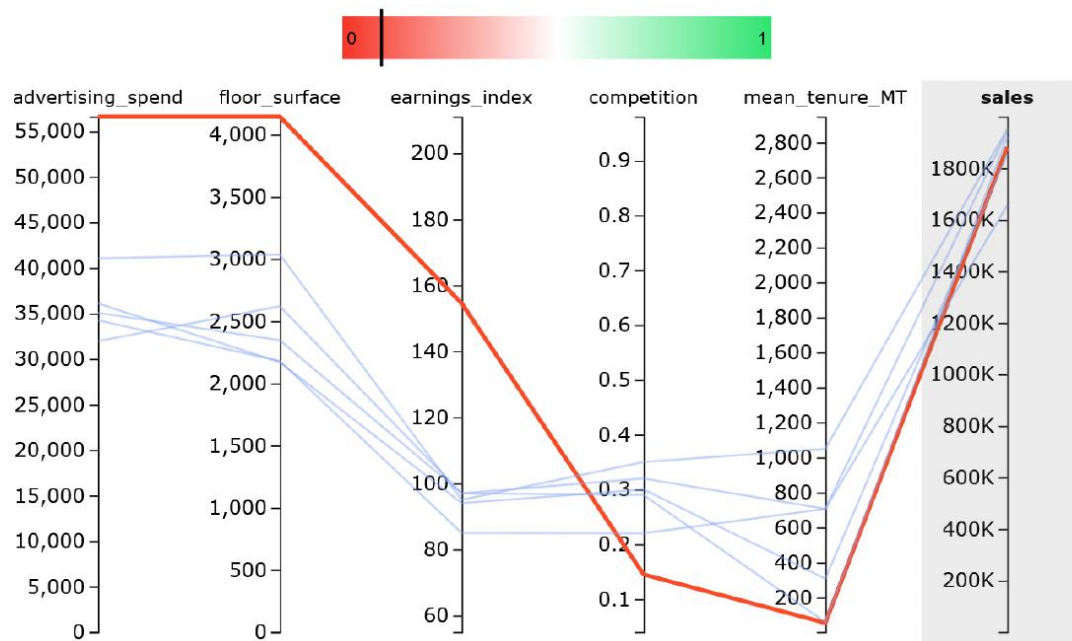


Figure 1. Example RETRO-VIZ output for an untrustworthy prediction. This model predicts sales based on five features. The RETRO-

Claim

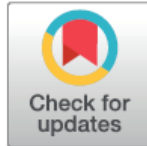
”Effective N is an attractive concept to address epistemologic uncertainty”

- Analytic solutions for regression models
 - Minimum certainty, say, $n > 10$, for model specification: selection / shrinkage?
- Approximate solutions for machine learning models
 - Bootstrap
- Effective N: conditional on the model

Model uncertainty

- 246 biologists modeling
- 61 analysts in 29 teams on the Red Card problem
- ...

- Comparisons between classic vs machine learning



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REVIEW

A systematic review shows no performance benefit of machine learning over logistic regression for clinical prediction models

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(Thread) The paper by Evangelia et al. in @JCEpi on 'logistic regression = machine learning' for medicine has generated many reactions. This paper may be misinterpreted by #MachineLearning cynics and enthusiasts alike



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There are notable absences, such as many of the seminal contributions of deep learning to image analysis in medicine (e.g. Gulshan et al. JAMA 2016 and Esteva et al. Nature 2017). 7/n

Original Investigation | Innovations in

December 13, 2016

Development and Validation of a Deep Learning–Based System for the Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy in Fundus Photographs

Varun Gulshan, PhD¹; Lily Peng, MD, PhD¹; Marc Coram

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Differences in discrimination

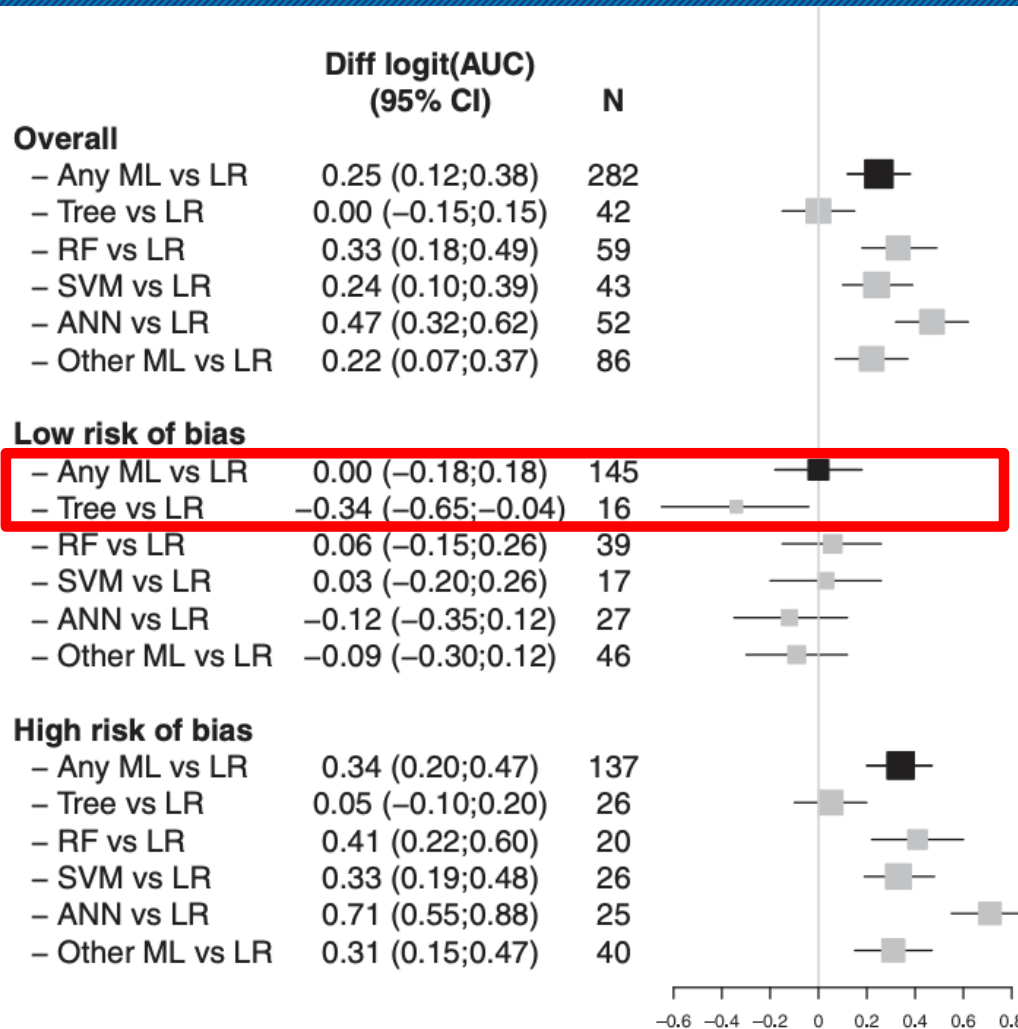


Fig. 4. Differences in discriminative ability between LR and ML models, overall and according to risk of bias ($n = 282$ comparisons).

Topics: trustworthy predictions

1. What do we need for individual patients?

- Internal vs external validity
- Calibration vs discrimination

2. Trustworthy processes to build a prediction model?

- AI
- Humans

3. Types of uncertainty

- Statistical aspects
- Model uncertainty
- Heterogeneity between contexts of practical application

Heterogeneity

- Study design
- Selection of subjects
- Disease domain
- Measurement of covariates
- Measurement of outcomes
- Associations of covariates with outcome
- Overall outcome rates

Heterogeneity in performance




Performance measure	IMPACT models	
Mortality	Discrimination: 56 validations Calibration: 31 validations	
	Mean ^a	Range
AUC	0.79	0.65-0.90
Calibration slope	1.1	0.42-2.3
Calibration intercept	-0.22	-3.3-0.93

Steyerberg et al, *PLoS Med* 2008

Dijkland S et al; *J Neurotrauma* 2019

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Assessment of heterogeneity in an individual participant data meta-analysis of prediction models: An overview and illustration

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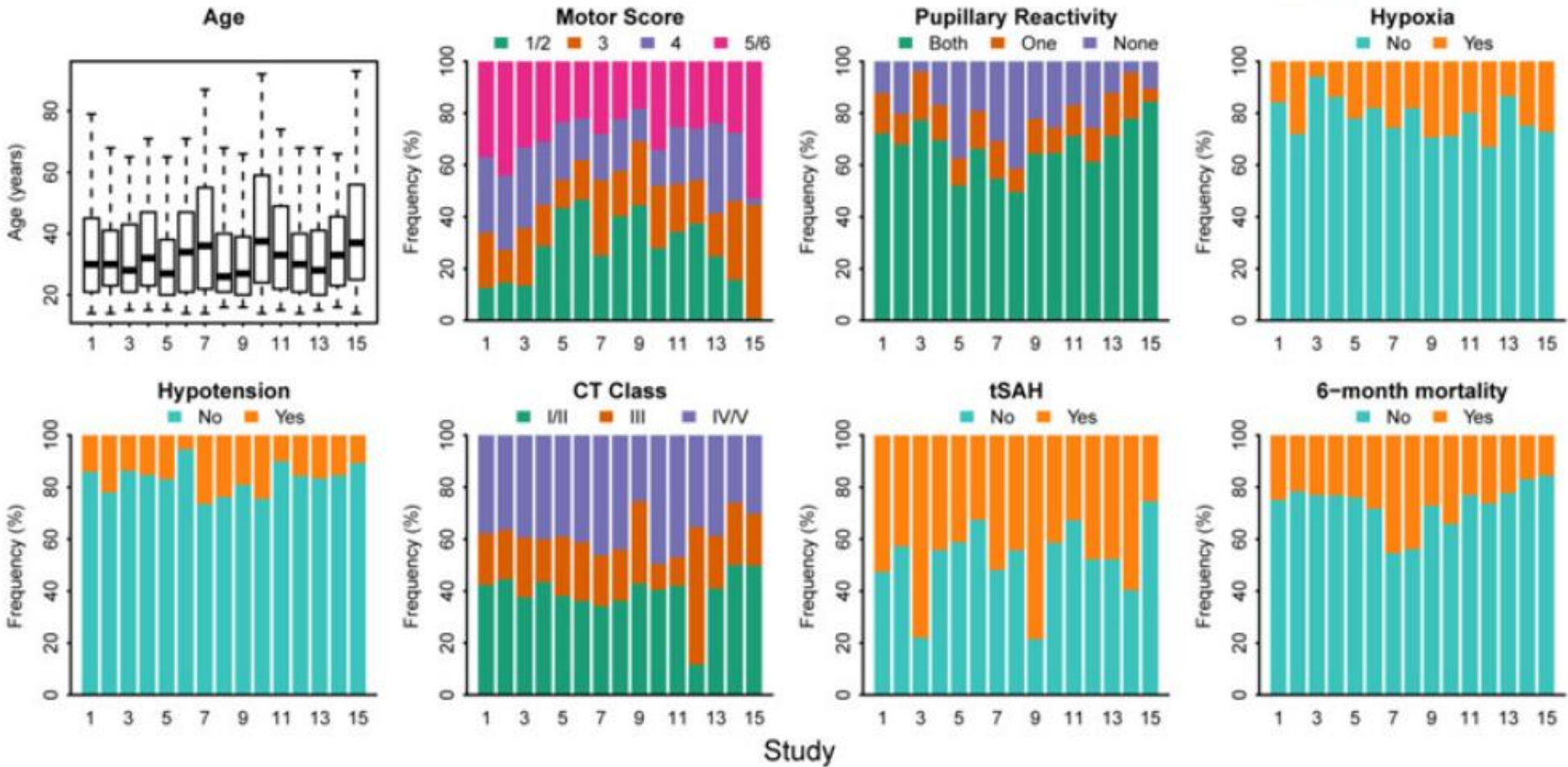
Statistics in Medicine. 2019;**38**:4290–4309.

15 cohorts: 11 RCTs, 4 Observational studies

Nr.	Name	Enrollment period	Type ¹	n
1	TINT	1991–1994	RCT	1118
2	TIUS	1991–1994	RCT	1041
3	SLIN	1994–1996	RCT	409
4	SAP	1995–1997	RCT	919
5	PEG	1993–1995	RCT	1510
6	HIT I	1987–1989	RCT	350
7	UK4	1986–1988	OBS	791
8	TCDB	1984–1987	OBS	603
9	SKB	1996–1996	RCT	126
10	EBIC	1995–1995	OBS	822
11	HIT II	1989–1991	RCT	819
12	NABIS	1994–1998	RCT	385
13	CSTAT	1996–1997	RCT	517
14	PHARMOS	2001–2004	RCT	856
15	APOE	1996–1999	OBS	756

¹Type of study, RCT: randomized controlled trial, OBS: observational cohort

Heterogeneity in case-mix



Heterogeneity in predictor effects

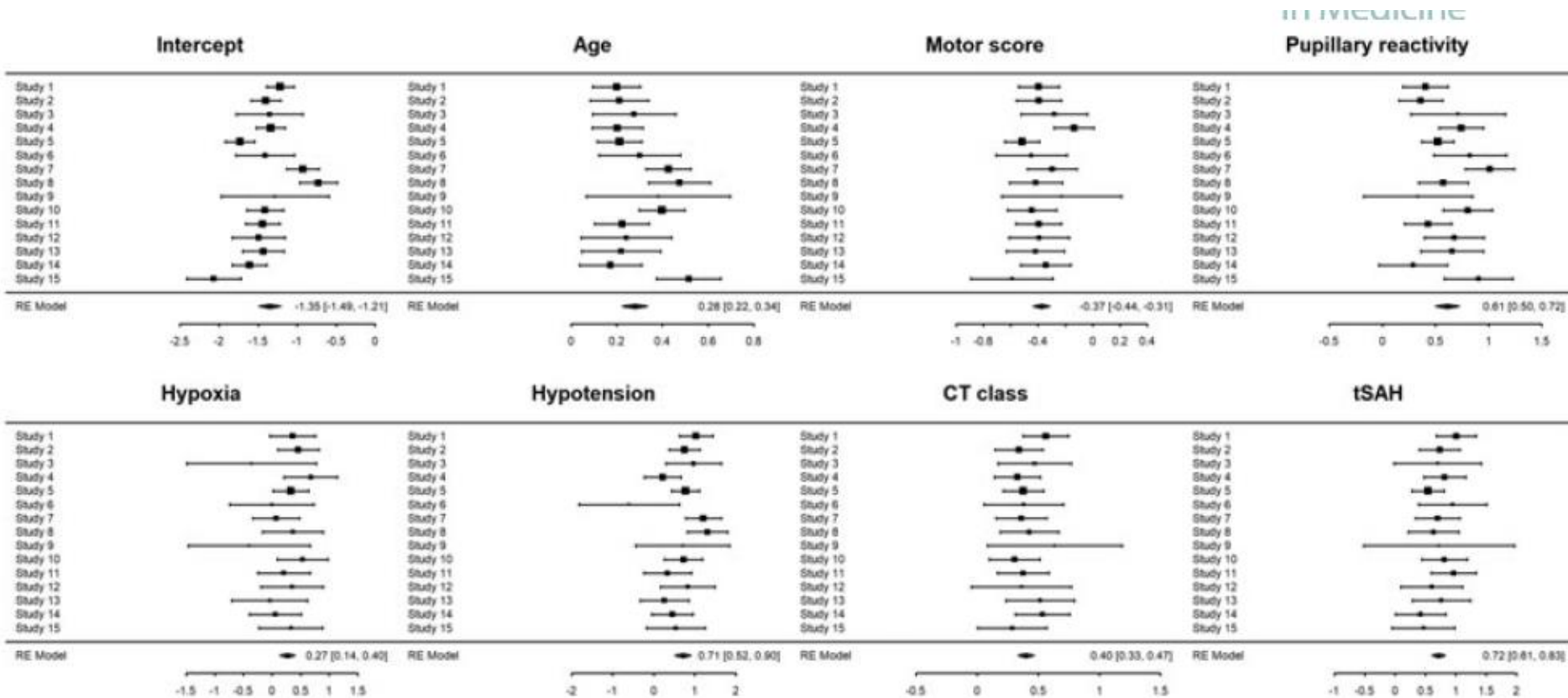


FIGURE 2 Forest plots showing estimated multivariable logistic regression coefficients and associated 95% confidence interval per study. The largest heterogeneity was noted for pupillary reactivity ($\tau = 0.17$) and hypotension ($\tau = 0.27$)

Heterogeneity in predictions

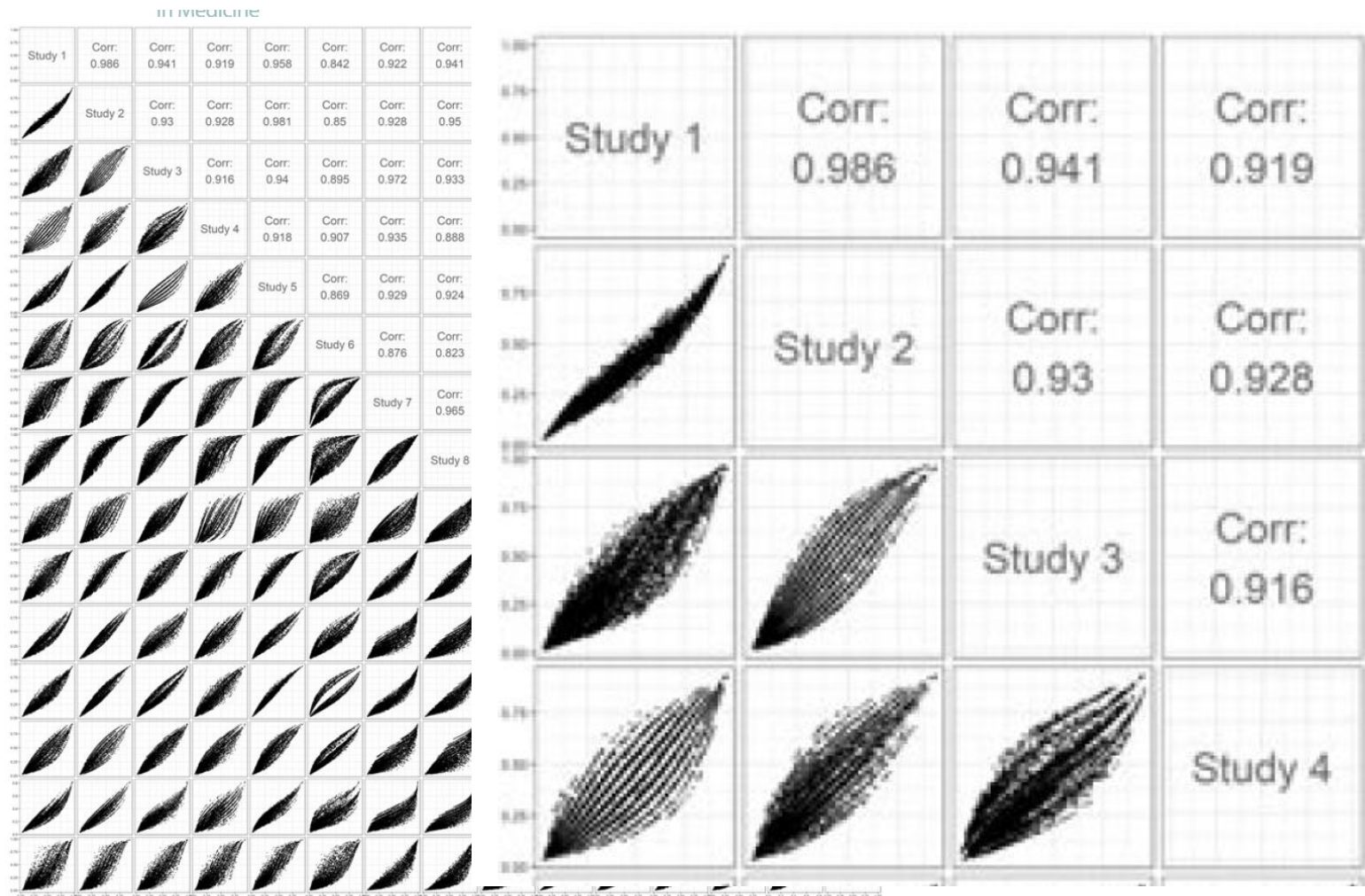
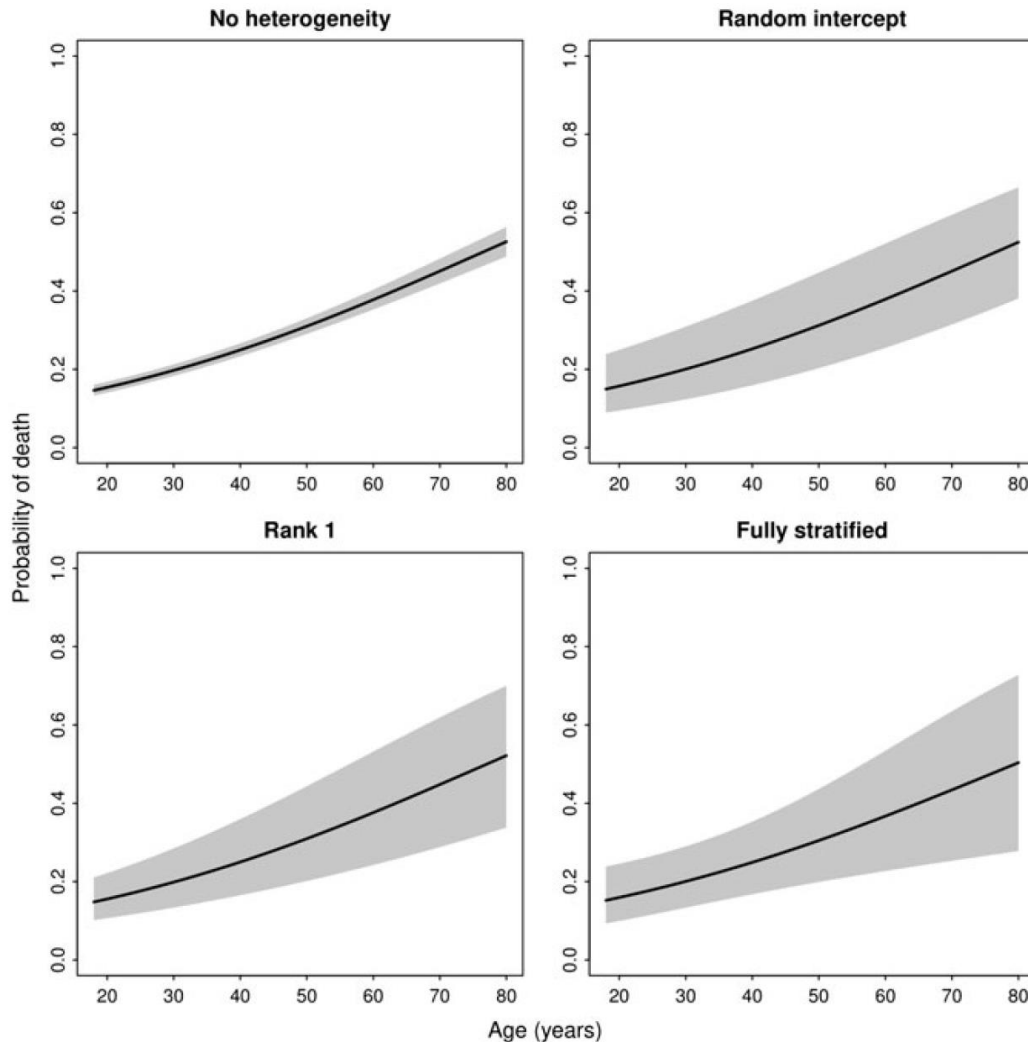


FIGURE 3 Correlation between predictions of study-specific models in a pairwise comparison between studies: 1-to-1 comparisons of predictions for all patients in the individual patient data set ($n = 11\,022$)

Heterogeneity in individual predictions



$$\text{Odds}(Y = 1 | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \exp(\alpha) \exp(\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta}').$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{logit}(p_{ij}) &= \alpha_j + \mathbf{X}_{ij} \boldsymbol{\beta}'_j, \\ \alpha_j &\sim N(\alpha, \tau_\alpha^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{logit}(p_{ij}) &= \alpha_j + \gamma_j \mathbf{X}_{ij} \boldsymbol{\beta}'_j, \\ (\alpha_j, \gamma_j) &\sim \text{MVN}((\alpha, 1), \mathbf{T}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{logit}(p_{ij}) &= \alpha_j + \mathbf{X}_{ij} \boldsymbol{\beta}'_j, \\ (\alpha_j, \boldsymbol{\beta}_j) &\sim \text{MVN}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{T}). \end{aligned}$$

Conclusions on trustworthy predictions

- Epistemic uncertainty: under the influence of the modeler
 - Larger sample sizes
 - Modest modeling, limit flexibility
- Heterogeneity: assess differences between settings
 - Study design
 - Distribution and effects of covariates
 - Differences between predictions
- Model predictions suffer from multiple sources of uncertainty
 - Transparency: for policy makers / physicians / patients
 - Context dependency: Local versus global models