# Minutes of the Population-Level Estimation Workgroup

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Present: Kenneth Man, SungJae Jung, Rae Woong Park, Chan Youseng, other Ajou staff.

Martijn presents on the current status of the method evaluation task force.

Martijn poses the question what exposures to use to build negative controls?

Kenneth: HIV drugs for exposures would be highly confounded

Chan: diabetes drugs might be better. HIV might not be prevalent enough

Martijn: vaccines might be good examples of exposures with little to no confounding.

Chan: When selecting RCTs, consider the countries where these were executed. Some large RCTs have only been done in US, not in Asia. A study with identical inclusion criteria would capture a very different population in US vs Korea (eg. in terms of genetics, BMI, etc.). If we want to replicate a trial, we should mimick the population that ended up in the trial, not (just) the inclusion rules.

Rae: We may want to look into large simple trials.

Chan: Concerning metrics: do we want to consider the number of patients a method uses as a metric?