# Minutes of OHDSI workgroup in Population Level Estimation

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Sarah presents on the Centaur package which was developed at AstraZeneca, and is now available in OHDSI’s GitHub. She explains that the intended users (interal to AZ) were mostly epidemiologists who were mostly familiar with SAS. However, R was picked with the idea that a GUI would be developed later.

Most studies at AZ are outsourced, so there was mostly a need to do a quick feasibility analysis.

The team also wanted to incorporate sources and data not in OMOP CDM, hence Centaur is agnostic to the input format.

At the end, a discussion took place on covariate selection, with Patrick highlighting the different views held by different research groups.