



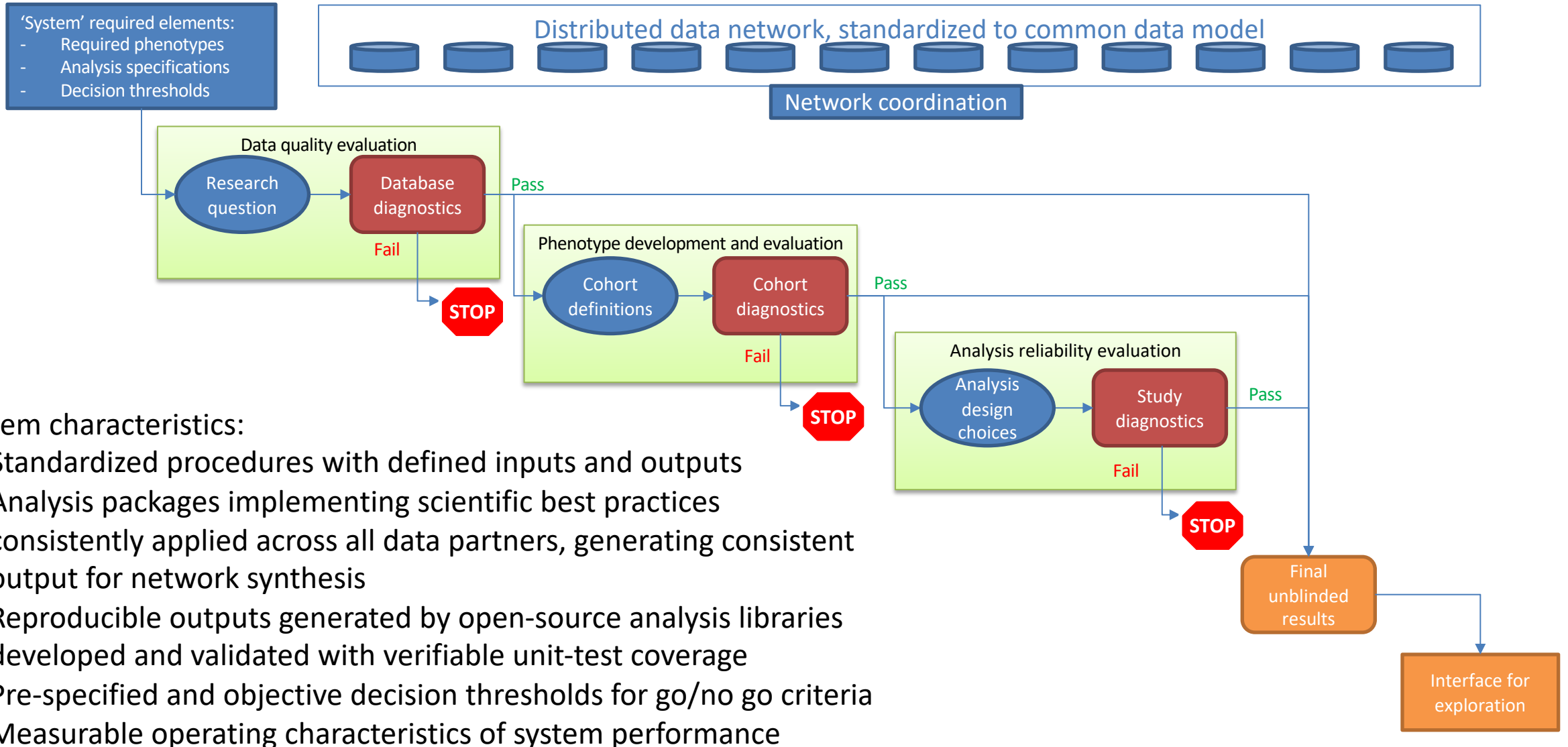
# Sisyphus Challenge Week 5: Standardized analysis design

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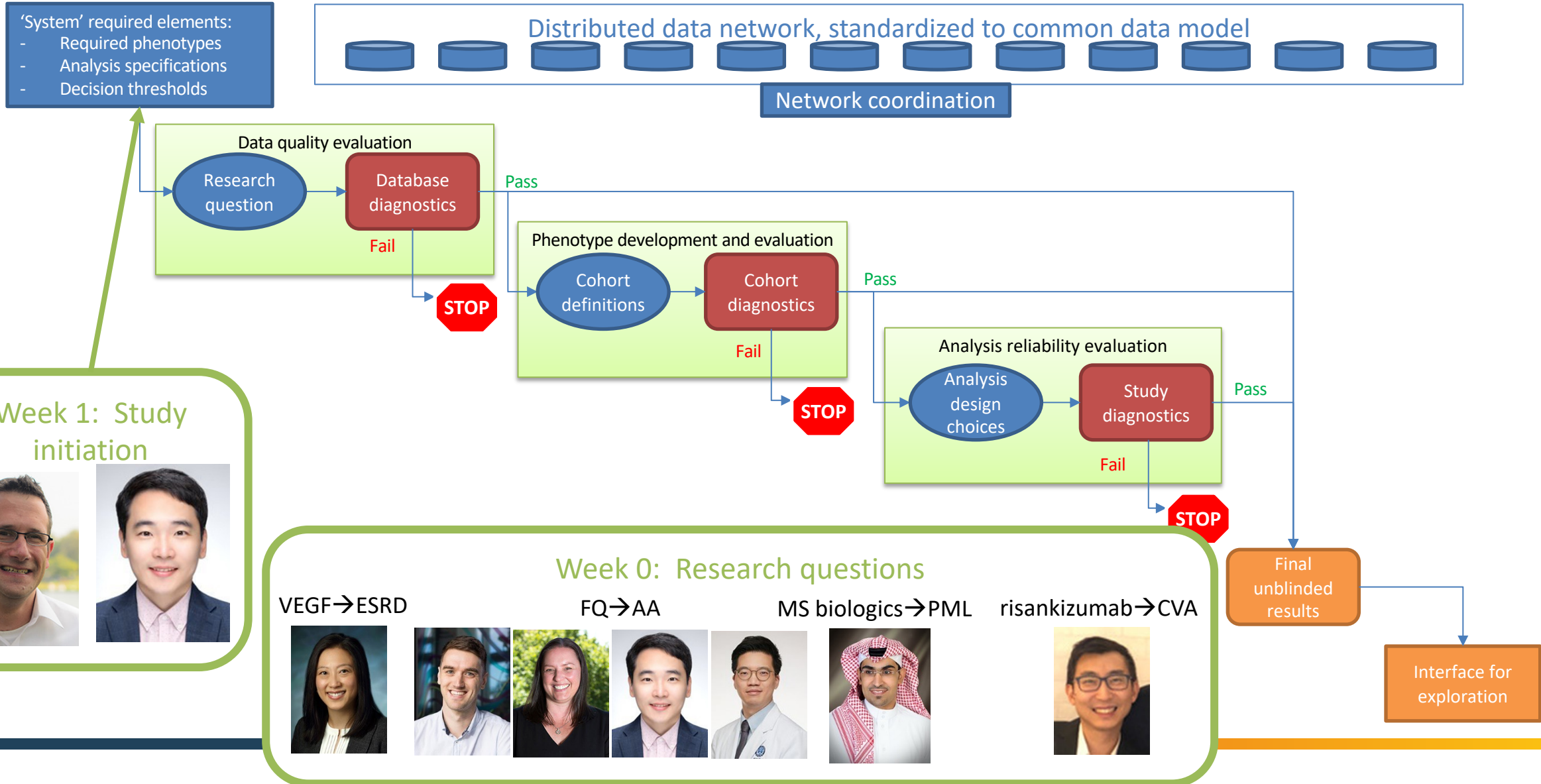


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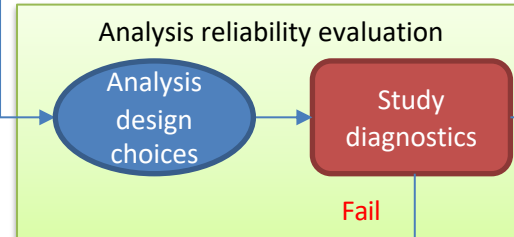
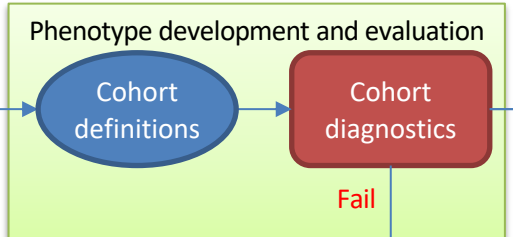
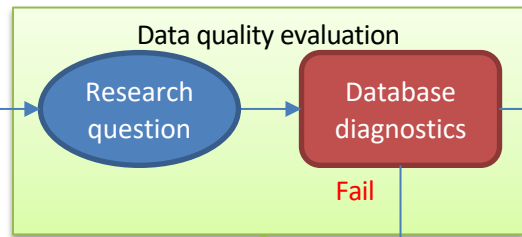
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- 'System' required elements:
- Required phenotypes
  - Analysis specifications
  - Decision thresholds



Final unblinded results

Interface for exploration

## Week 2: Data diagnostics





# data.ohdsi.org/DataDiagnostics

DbDiagnostic

Summary Drill-Down

## Data Diagnostic Explorer

### Analysis:

- A1: aflibercept vs. bevacizumab for blinding diseases with esrd outcome
- A2: aflibercept vs. ranibizumab for blinding diseases with esrd outcome
- A3: ranibizumab vs. bevacizumab for blinding diseases with esrd outcome

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# Data diagnostics:

T: antiVEGF; I: blinding disease; O: end-stage renal disease

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AUSOM_20220228	1	1	1

1-20 of 30 rows

**15** databases so far can perform are potentially feasible to conduct at least one of the antiVEGF comparisons:

- US, Japan, Taiwan
- Public + private claims, inpatient + outpatient EHR



# Data diagnostics:

T: fluoroquinolone; I: UTI; O: aortic aneurysm

databaseId	B6: fluoroquinolone vs. penicillin for pneumonia and risk of aortic aneurysm	B5: fluoroquinolone vs. macrolide for pneumonia and risk of aortic aneurysm	B3: fluoroquinolone vs. penicillin for urinary tract infection and risk of aortic aneurysm	B2: fluoroquinolone vs. macrolide for urinary tract infection and risk of aortic aneurysm †	B1: fluoroquinolone vs. cephalosporin for urinary tract infection and risk of aortic aneurysm	B4: fluoroquinolone vs. cephalosporin for pneumonia and risk of aortic aneurysm
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20 databases so far can perform are potentially feasible to conduct at least one of the FQ analyses:

- US, UK, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, Australia
- Public + private claims, inpatient + outpatient EHR



# Data diagnostics:

## T: biologics; I: multiple sclerosis; O: PML

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JHM_OMOP_20230406	1	
RED_CDM_Tufts_20221005	1	
UK_IMRD_THIN_20221230	1	
Japan_HIS_20220120	1	
AUSOM_20220228	1	

**11** databases so far can perform are potentially feasible to conduct at least one of the MS analyses:

- US, Germany, Japan
- Public + private claims, inpatient + outpatient EHR





# Data diagnostics:

## T: risankizumab; I: psoriasis; O: ischemic stroke

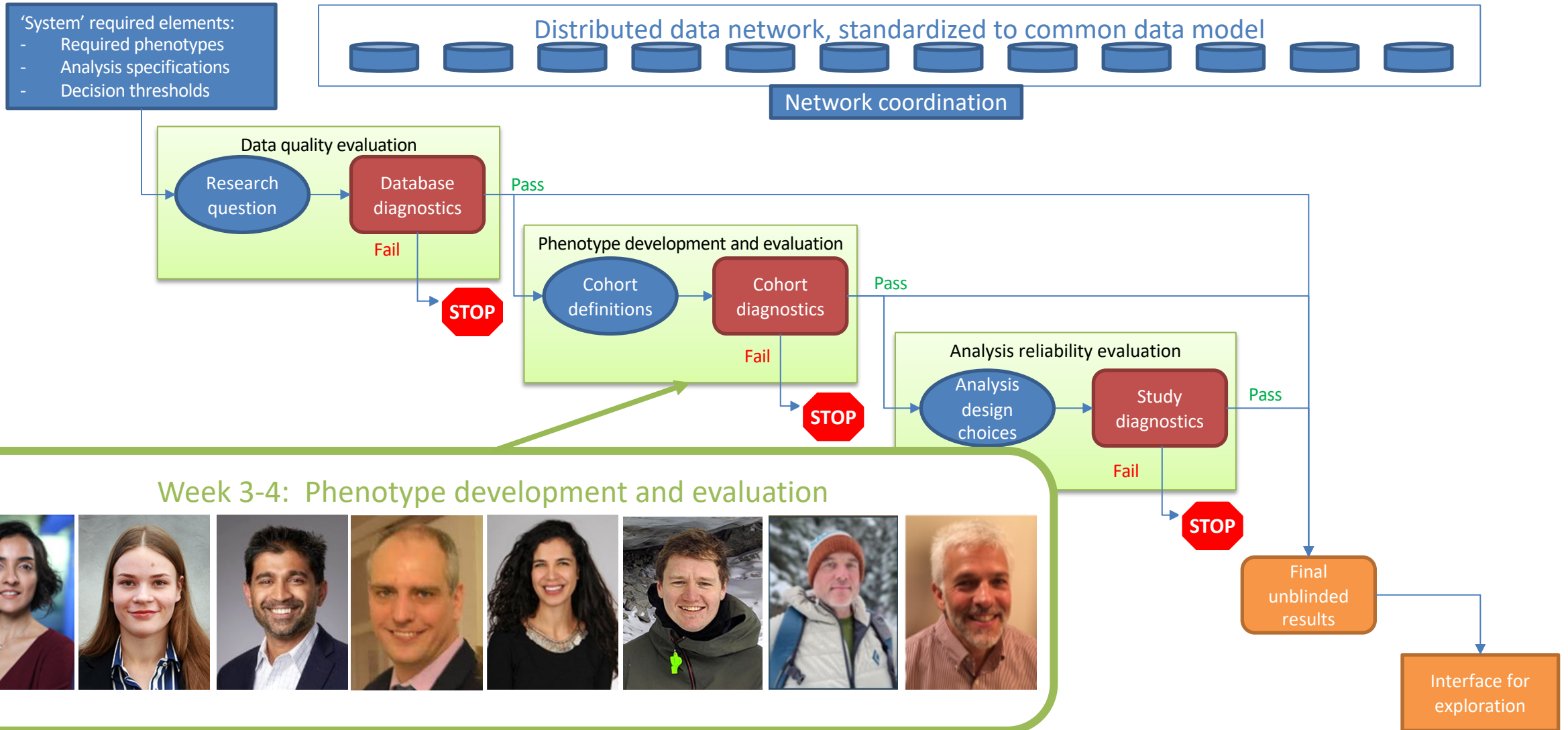
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6 databases so far can perform are potentially feasible to conduct at least one of the PsO analyses:

- US only
- Public + private claims, inpatient + outpatient EHR

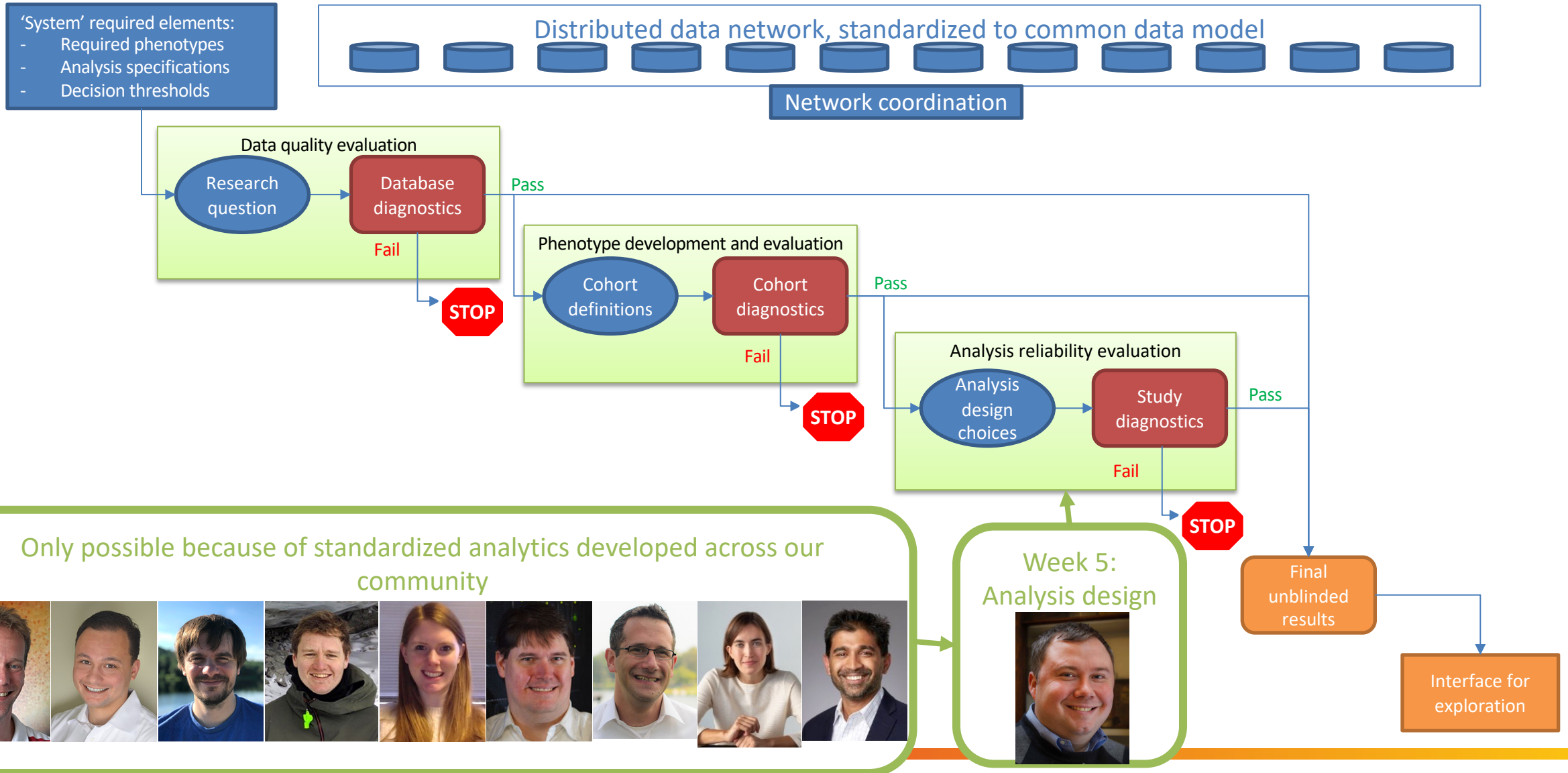


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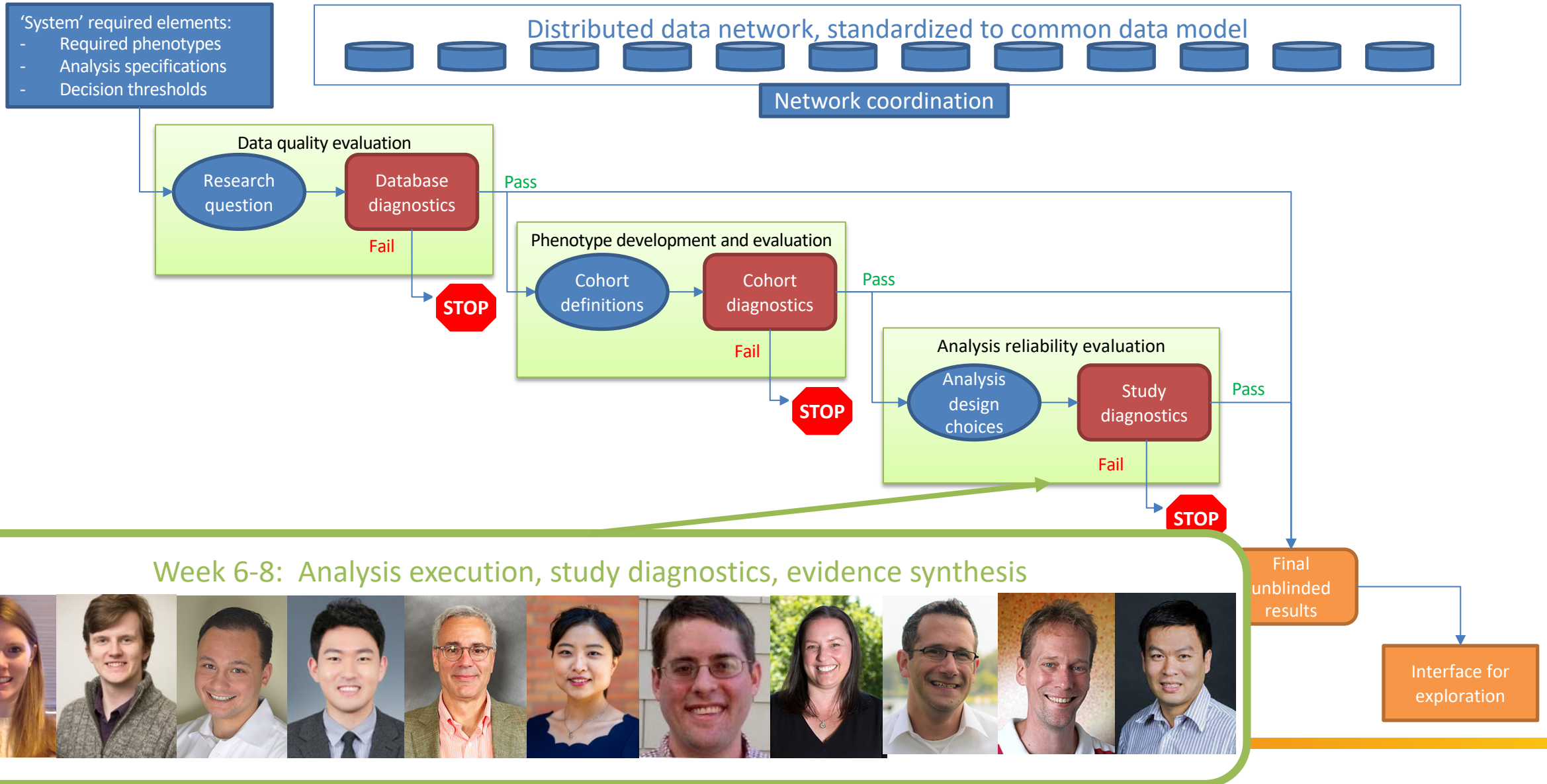


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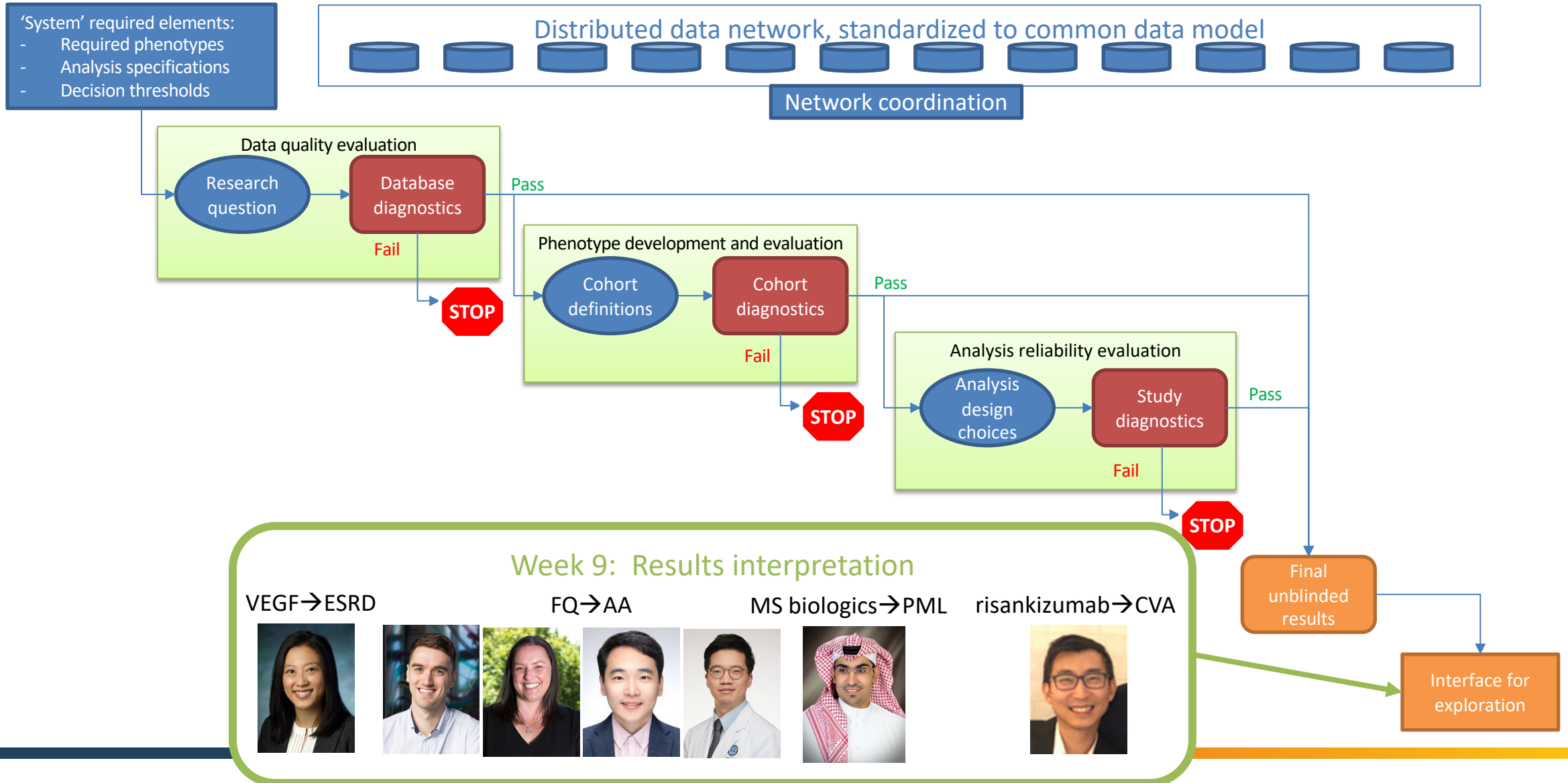


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# Standardized analyses currently available within Strategus pipeline

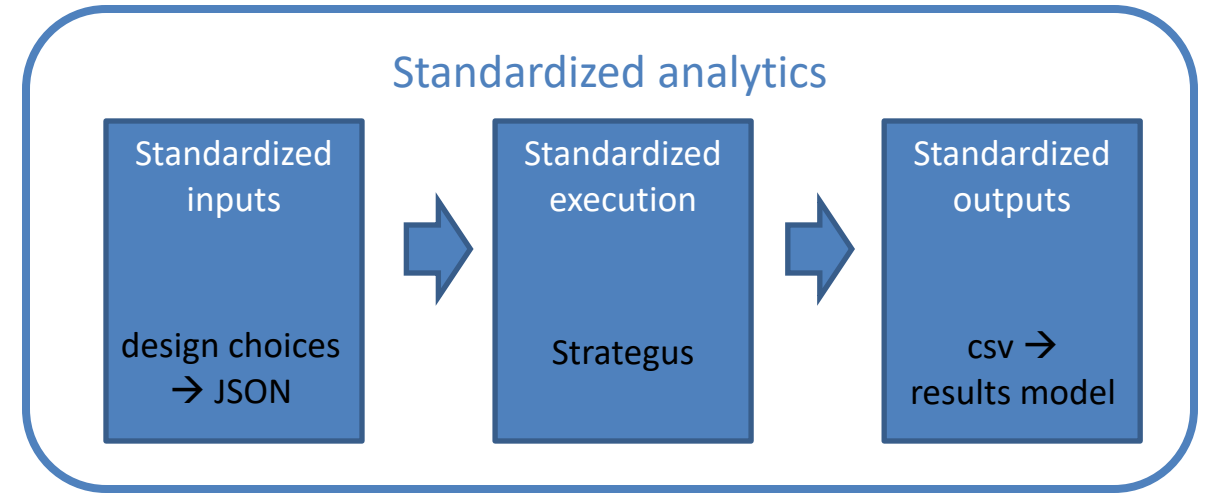
- Characterization

- Cohort diagnostics
- Cohort features
- Incidence rates
- Time-to-event
- Dechallenge / rechallenge

- Patient-level prediction

- Population-level effect estimation

- Comparative cohort
- Self-controlled case-series (SCCS)





# Design choices that always need to be made as input into standardized analytics

- **Target\***: What exposure do we have a question about?
- **Indication(s)\***: Which disease(s) is the exposure intended to treat?
- **Outcome(s)\***: What event(s) would qualify as outcomes of interest?
- **Comparator(s)\***: What other population(s) can be used as a proxy for counterfactual (e.g. in comparative cohort analyses)?
- **Time(s)-at-risk**: What is the span(s) of time relative to exposure start/end when the effect on the outcome is hypothesized to occur?
- **Age/sex/calendar time restrictions**
- **Negative controls**: What concepts will be used to create proxy outcomes to estimate residual systematic error and enable empirical calibration?
- **Excluded concepts**: What concepts should be excluded from propensity score modeling?

\* Expressed as a **cohort**



# Design choices for FQ study

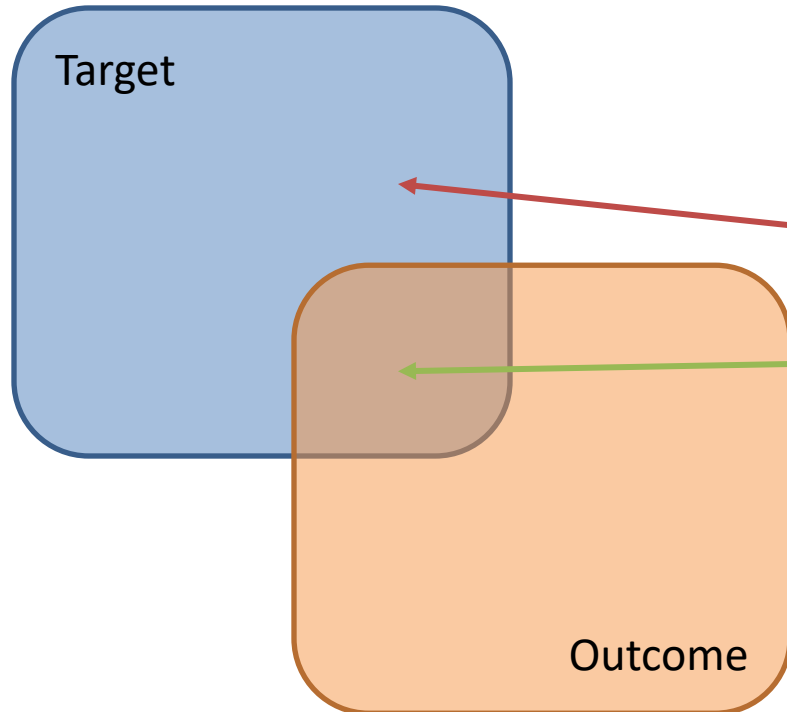
- **Target\*:**
  - Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure
- **Comparator(s)\*:**
  - C1: Trimethoprim systemic exposure
  - C2: Cephalosporin systemic exposure
- **Indication(s)\*:**
  - Urinary tract infection
- **Outcome(s)\*:**
  - 1) Aortic aneurysm, 2) Aortic dissection, 3) Composite: aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection
- **Time(s)-at-risk:**
  - '30d fixed window': cohort start + 1d → cohort start + 30d
  - '60d fixed window': cohort start + 1d → cohort start + 60d
  - '90d fixed window': cohort start + 1d → cohort start + 90d
  - '365d fixed window': cohort start + 1d → cohort start + 365d
- **Age/sex/calendar time restrictions:** age ≥ 35
- **Negative controls:** candidates to review from CEM
- **Excluded concepts:** candidates to review based on comparator selector recommender

\* Expressed as a cohort





# Stratifying cohorts for characterization



## Cohorts of interest:

1. Target
2. Outcome
3. Target **without** Outcome during Time-at-risk
4. Target **with** Outcome during Time-at-risk
  - a. Indexed on Target
  - b. Indexed on Outcome

## Cohorts of interest for FQ:

1. Fluoroquinolone
2. Aortic aneurysm (AA)
3. Fluoroquinolone **without** AA during '90d fixed window' time-at-risk (start + 1d → start + 90d)
4. Fluoroquinolone **with** AA during 'on treatment' time-at-risk
  - a. Indexed on Fluoroquinolone
  - b. Indexed on AA



# Characterization: CohortDiagnostics

Executed for all **target**, **comparator**, **indication** and **outcome** cohorts to evaluate measurement error in the phenotype development and evaluation process

- By default using
  - Orphan concepts - to identify potential additional concepts to include in definition
  - Visit context – to understand where care is received before/during/after cohort entry
  - Index event breakdown – to see which concepts qualify persons at cohort entry
  - Incidence rate – to characterize population-level trends in cohort by age/sex/year
  - Cohort relationship – to evaluate intersection between cohorts
  - Temporal characterization – to assess prevalence of other events before and after cohort entry

**Target:** Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure

**Comparator:** Trimethoprim systemic exposure, Cephalosporin systemic exposure

**Indication:** Urinary tract infection

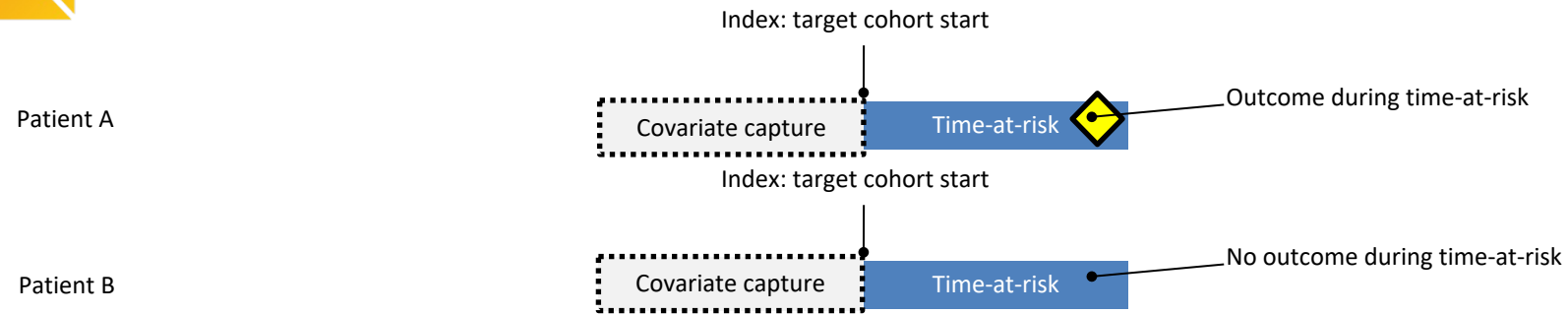
**Outcome:** 1) Aortic aneurysm, 2) Aortic dissection, 3) Composite: aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection



CohortDiagnostics



# Characterization: Features of patients with and without outcome



Describe patients with and without the outcome during time-at-risk

Done for the **target**, **comparator**, and **indication** cohorts, and all **outcomes** of interest

- **Target and comparator** are restricted:

- To the **indication**
- First exposure (new user)
- Having  $\geq 365$  days of observation prior
- Not having outcome in the **prior lookback window**
- Applying any restriction to **age**, **sex**, or **calendar time**

- By default using

- 365 days prior to index to capture medical history
- FeatureExtraction's default set of features:
  - Demographics: Sex, Age group, Race, Ethnicity, Index year, Index month
  - Prior Condition group / Drug group / Procedure / Device / Measurement / Observation short term (30d) and long term (365d)
  - Risk scores: Charlson, DCSI, CHADS2VASC



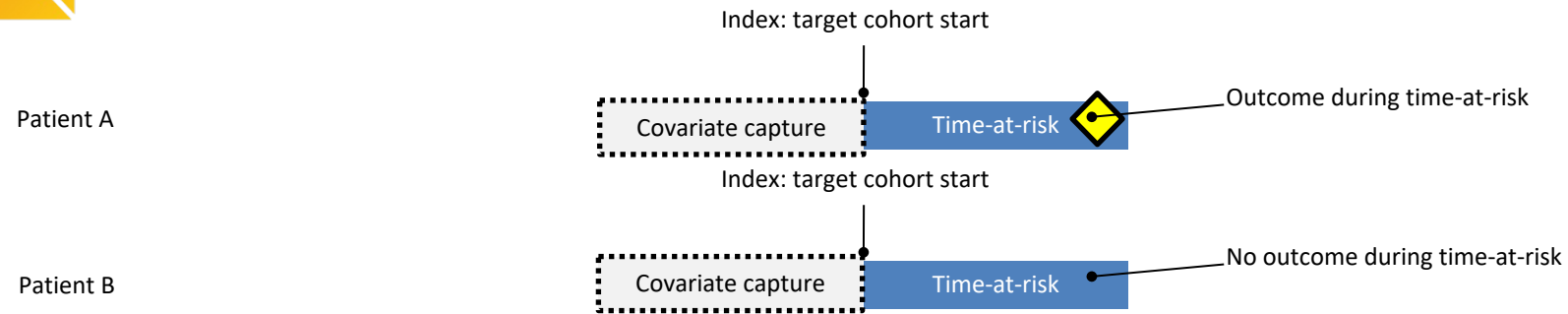
Characterization



FeatureExtraction



# Characterization: Features of patients with and without outcome



Describe patients with and without the outcome during time-at-risk

- **Target:**

- Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Trimethaprim systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Cephalosporin systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation

- **Outcome:**

- 1) Aortic aneurysm (clean window = 365d); 2) Aortic dissection (clean window = 365d); 3) Aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection (clean window = 365d)

- **Time-at-risk:**

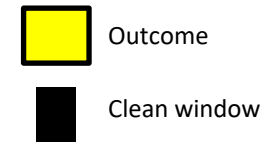
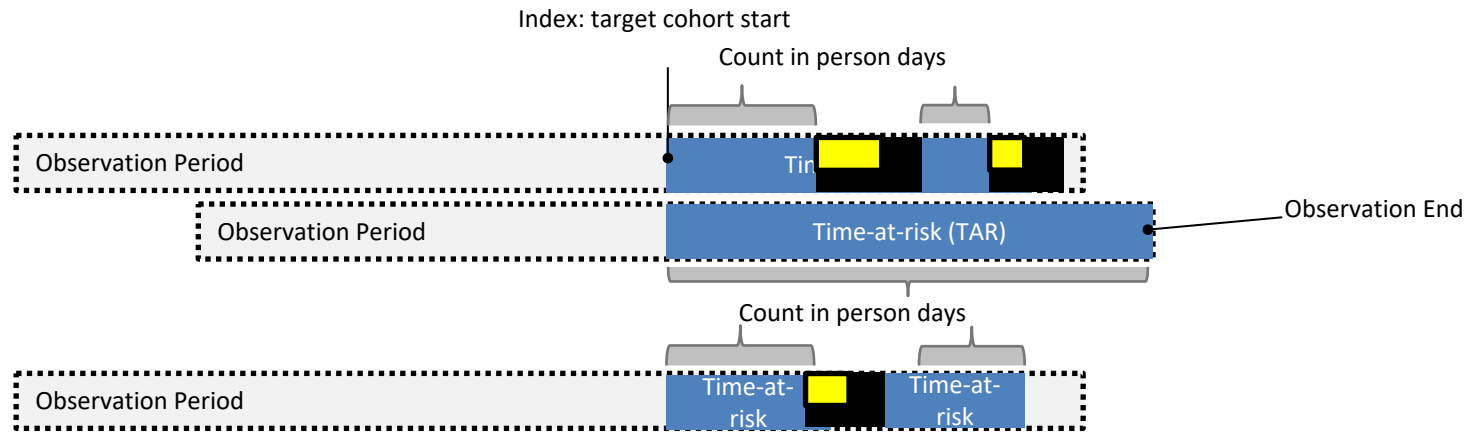
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- **Analysis settings:**

- 365 days prior to index to capture medical history
- FeatureExtraction's default set of features:
  - Demographics: Sex, Age group, Race, Ethnicity, Index year, Index month
  - Prior Condition group / Drug group / Procedure / Device / Measurement / Observation short term (30d) and long term (365d)
  - Risk scores: Charlson, DCSI, CHADS2VASC



# Characterization: Incidence rates



**Proportion:** (# people with outcome during TAR)/(# people)

**Rate:** (#outcomes during TAR)/(total person days)

Done for the **target**, **comparator**, and **indication** cohorts, and all **outcomes** of interest

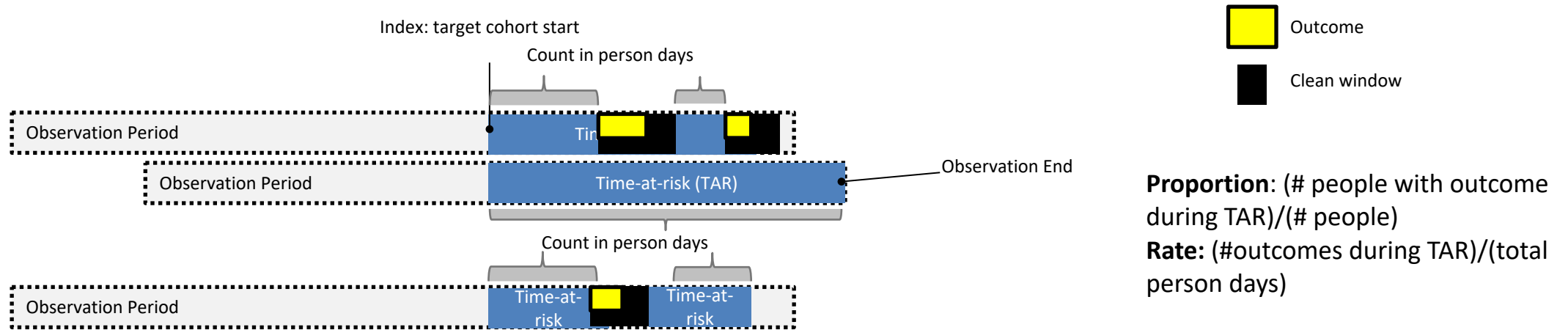
- **Target** and **comparator** are restricted:
  - To the **indication**
  - Having  $\geq 365$  days of observation prior
  - Not having outcome in the **prior lookback window**
  - Applying any restriction to **age**, **sex**, or **calendar time**
- Using **clean windows** to account for immortal time after outcome
- By default using
  - Gender/Age/Start year subgroups



CohortIncidence



# Characterization: Incidence rates



- **Target:**

- Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Trimethaprim systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Cephalosporin systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation

- **Outcome:**

- 1) Aortic aneurysm (clean window = 365d); 2) Aortic dissection (clean window = 365d); 3) Aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection (clean window = 365d)

- **Time-at-risk:**

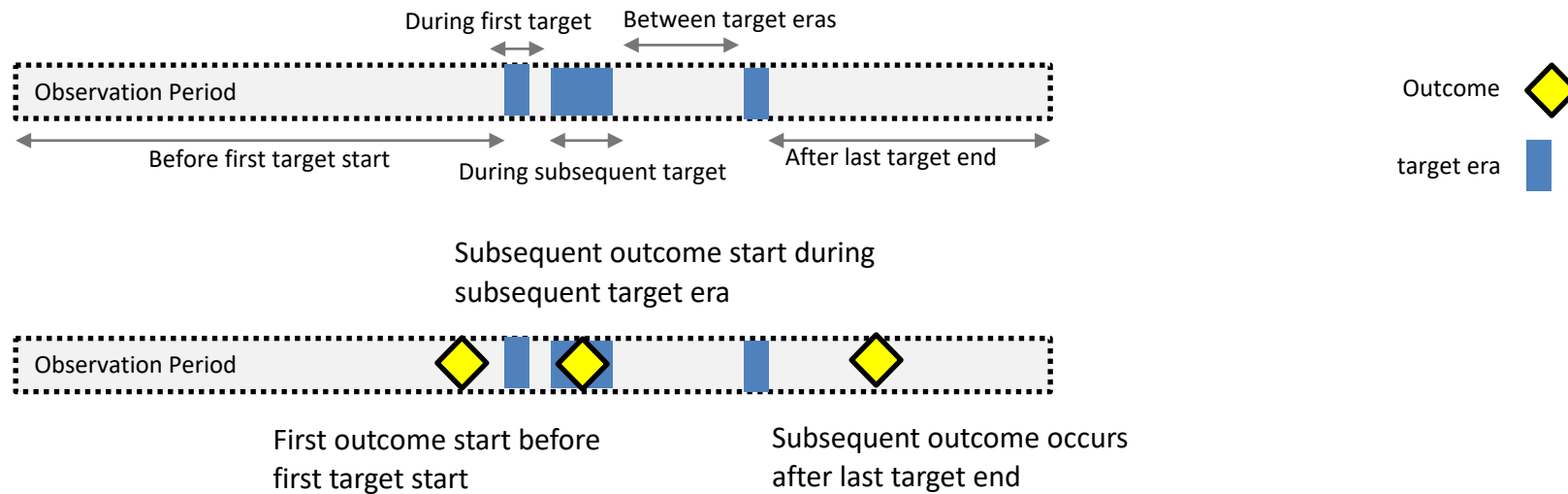
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- **Strata:**

- Gender, Age deciles, index year subgroups



# Characterization: Time-to-event



Done for the **target**, **comparator**, and **indication** cohorts, and all **outcomes** of interest

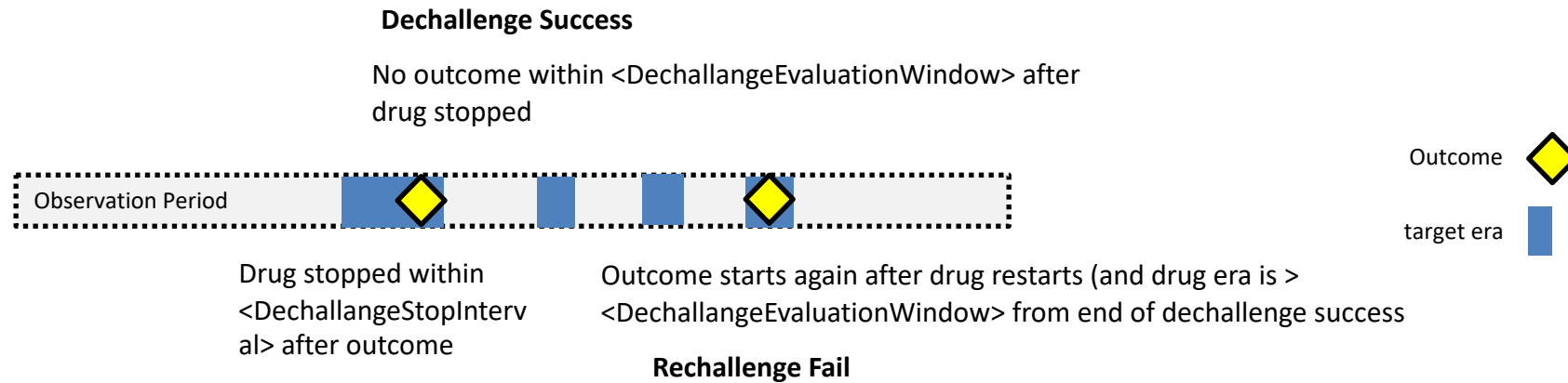
- No additional settings
- **Target:**
  - Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
  - Trimethaprim systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
  - Cephalosporin systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
  - Urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- **Outcome:**
  - 1) Aortic aneurysm (clean window = 365d); 2) Aortic dissection (clean window = 365d); 3) Aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection (clean window = 365d)



Characterization



# Characterization: dechallenge / rechallenge



Done for the **target** and **comparator** cohorts, and all **outcomes** of interest

- By default using

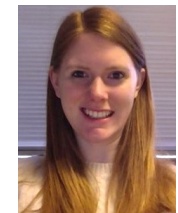
- DechallengeStopInterval 30 days
- DechallengeEvaluationWindow 30 days

- **Target:**

- Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Trimethaprim systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Cephalosporin systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation

- **Outcome:**

- 1) Aortic aneurysm (clean window = 365d); 2) Aortic dissection (clean window = 365d); 3) Aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection (clean window = 365d)

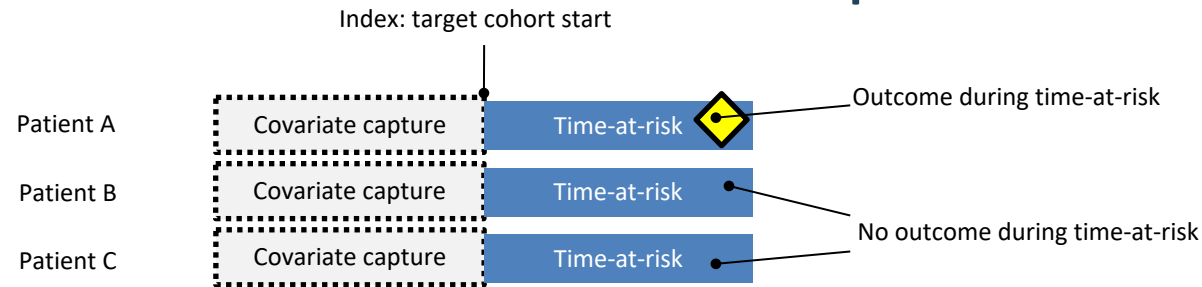


Characterization





# Patient-level prediction



A model learns associations between covariates and the occurrence of the outcome during time-at-risk

Done for the **target** cohort, and all **outcomes** of interest

- **Target and comparator** are restricted:
  - To the **indication**
  - First exposure (new user)
  - Having  $\geq 365$  days of observation prior
  - Not having outcome in the **prior lookback window**
  - Applying any restriction to **age, sex, or calendar time**
- By default using
  - Features in 365 days prior, excluding index year covariates
  - Two prediction time-at-risks: 1-30 days, and 1-365 days after index
  - Model is logistic regression with LASSO regularization
  - Model developed using 75% of data and internally validated in remaining 25%
  - Model hyper-parameter selection using 3-fold cross validation
  - Do not exclude patients lost to follow-up during time-at-risk

Prediction requires a sufficient number of patients with the outcome during TAR. Model development likely infeasible if  $<100$  outcomes.



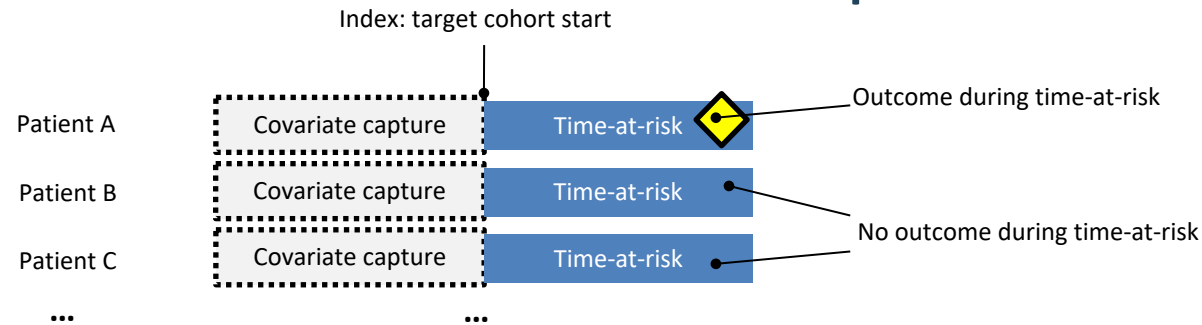
PatientLevelPrediction



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# Patient-level prediction



A model learns associations between covariates and the occurrence of the outcome during time-at-risk

- **Target:**

- Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Trimethaprim systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- Cephalosporin systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation

- **Outcome:**

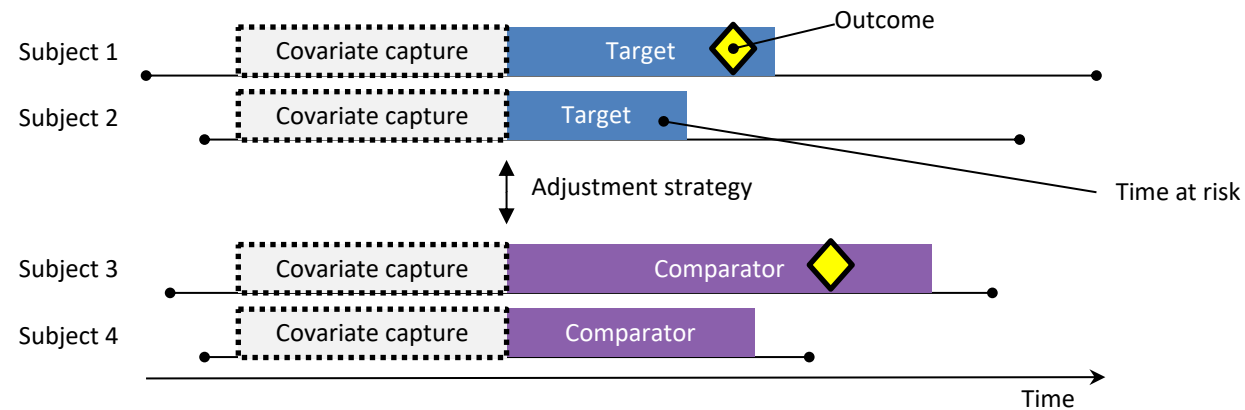
- 1) Aortic aneurysm (clean window = 365d);
- 2) Aortic dissection (clean window = 365d);
- 3) Aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection (clean window = 365d)

- **Time-at-risk:**

- 1) '30d fixed window': cohort start + 1d  $\rightarrow$  cohort start + 30d;
- 2) '60d fixed window': cohort start + 1d  $\rightarrow$  cohort start + 60d;
- 3) '90d fixed window': cohort start + 1d  $\rightarrow$  cohort start + 90d;
- 4) '365d fixed window': cohort start + 1d  $\rightarrow$  cohort start + 365d



# Causal effect estimation: comparative cohort study



- **Target and comparator** are restricted:
  - To the **indication**
  - First exposure (new user)
  - Having  $\geq 365$  days of observation prior
  - Not having outcome in the **prior lookback window**
  - Applying any restriction to **age, sex, or calendar time**
- By default using
  - Large-scale propensity scores (PS)
  - 1:1 PS matching
  - Cox proportional hazards model
  - A large set of negative control outcomes



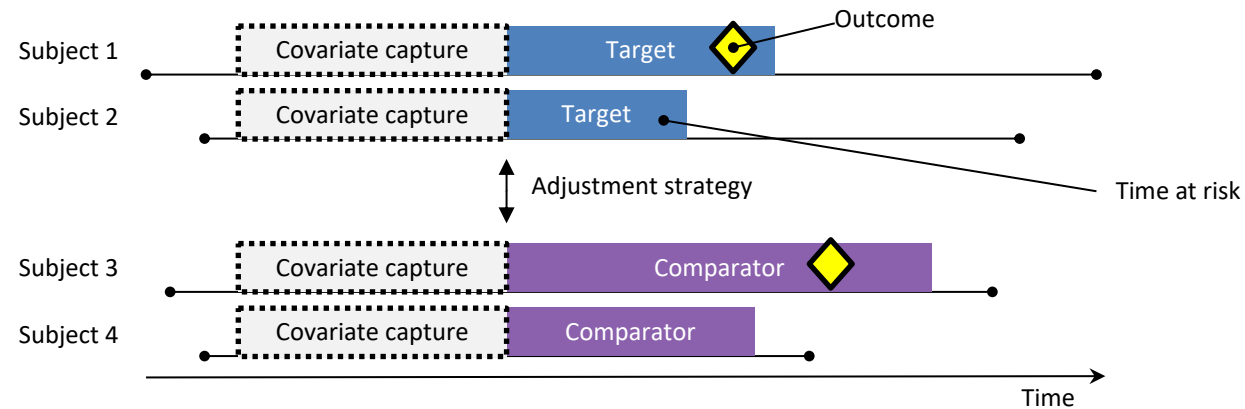
CohortMethod



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# Causal effect estimation: comparative cohort study



- **Target / Comparators:**

- T1: Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- C1: Trimethaprim systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- C2: Cephalosporin systemic exposure, with prior urinary tract infection, age $\geq$ 35 and >365d prior observation
- T1 vs. C1; T1 vs. C2

- **Outcome:**

- 1) Aortic aneurysm (clean window = 365d); 2) Aortic dissection (clean window = 365d); 3) Aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection (clean window = 365d)

- **Time-at-risk:**

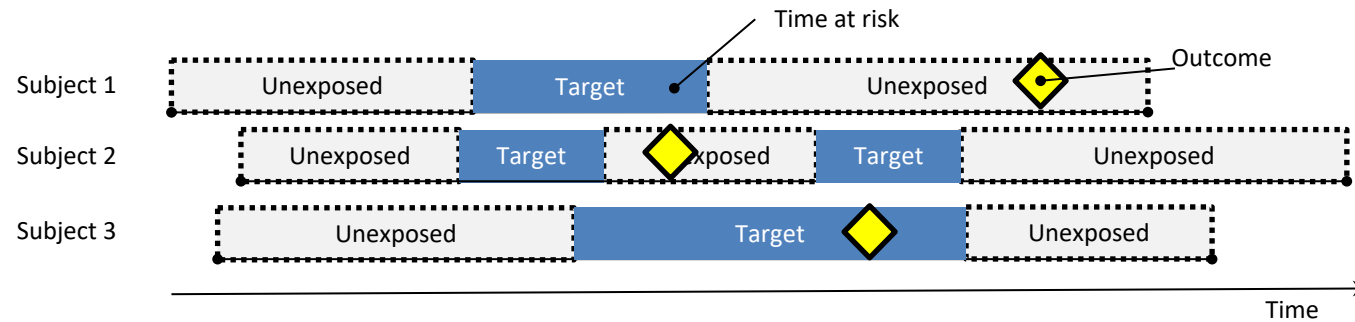
- 1) '30d fixed window': cohort start + 1d  $\rightarrow$  cohort start + 30d; 2) '60d fixed window': cohort start + 1d  $\rightarrow$  cohort start + 60d; 3) '90d fixed window': cohort start + 1d  $\rightarrow$  cohort start + 90d; 4) '365d fixed window': cohort start + 1d  $\rightarrow$  cohort start + 365d

- **Analysis settings:**

- Large-scale propensity scores (PS)
- 1:1 PS matching
- Cox proportional hazards model
- Negative control outcomes, as recommended by CEM \*\*\*\* to be reviewed



# Causal effect estimation: Self-controlled case-series



- Patient time is restricted to
  - Time when having the **indication**
  - Excluding first 365 days after observation period start (to ensure first observed outcome is first in patient's history)
  - Applying any restriction to **age, sex, or calendar time**
- By default using
  - Pre-exposure window of 30 days (account for (contra) indication)
  - Spline for calendar time
  - First outcome only (to avoid dependency between outcome occurrences)
  - A large set of negative control outcomes

SCCS can be appropriate for any exposure and outcome, as long as certain assumptions are met (which we check via our diagnostics)



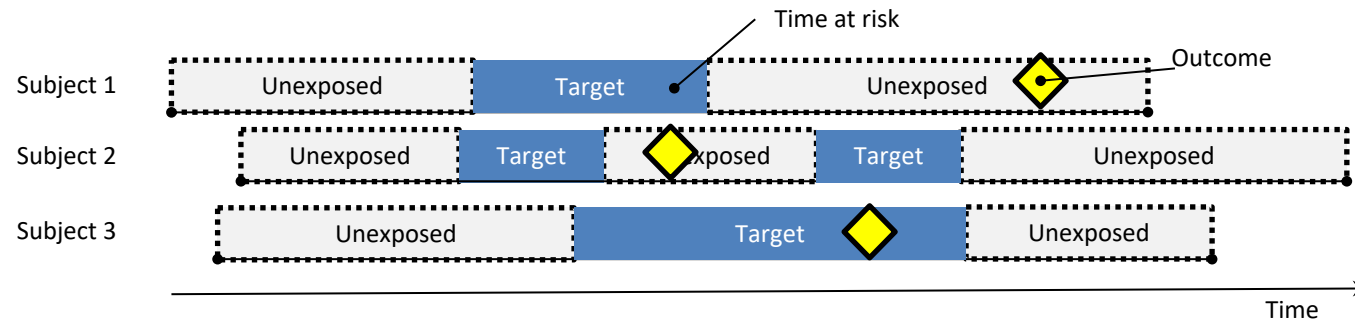
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# Causal effect estimation: Self-controlled case-series



- **Targets:**
  - Fluoroquinolone systemic exposure
  - C1: Trimethoprim systemic exposure
  - C2: Cephalosporin systemic exposure
- **Indications:**
  - Urinary tract infection
- **Restrictions:**
  - Age  $\geq$  35
- **Analysis settings:**
  - Excluding first 365 days after observation period start
  - Pre-exposure window of 30 days
  - Spline for calendar time
  - First outcome only
  - Negative control outcomes, as recommended by CEM \*\*\*\* to be reviewed



# Demo Strategus specifications



# Homework for FQ team

- Review negative control conceptset
- Revise protocol to reflect the analyses to perform
- Draft Methods section in manuscript