Antibiotics Effectiveness Against Bacterial Infection Antibiotic Penicilin Streptomycin Neomycin 5,000 Total: 3,486.05 2,000 1,000 500 Average: 217.88 200 100 Total: 65.43 Total: 49.04 50 all (MIC) 20 10 Average: 3.07 0.5 0.2 0.1 0.05 0.02 0.01 0.005 0.002 0.001 0.0005 \star + \blacksquare \diamond \triangleright + \triangle \triangleleft \triangledown \bullet \square * \star \triangleright * \triangle \blacksquare + \square \diamond \triangledown + \bullet \triangleleft \triangledown \diamond \blacktriangle $\nabla \Box \triangleleft \diamondsuit \blacktriangle$ Bacteria Least (Most Effective) < < < < </p> Middle \times \times \times Most (Least Effective) \times \times \times \times \times \times 10 10 Relative MIC Counts 7 2 1 Least Middle Most Least Middle Most Least Middle Most

Context

After World War II, antibiotics were considered "wonder drugs," since they were an easy remedy for what had been intractable ailments. To learn which drug worked most effectively for which bacterial infection, the performance of the three most popular antibiotics on 16 bacteria were gathered. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) is a measure of the effectiveness of the antibiotic, which represents the concentration of antibiotics required to prevent growth in vitro.

Relative MIC Needed

Least (Most Effective)

Middle

Most (Least Effective)

This score compares an antibiotic's performance against the others. An antibiotic is more effective if it needed the least concentration (MIC) for a specific bacteria compared to the other two antibiotics.

Gram-Staining

negative

positive

Gram Staining

X negative

Hegative

✓ positive

Bacteria

■ Aerobacter aerogenes

+ Brucella abortus

* Brucella anthracis

♦ Diplococcus pneumoniae

▲ Escherichia coli

▼ Klebsiella pneumoniae

◄ Mycobacterium tuberculosis

➤ Proteus vulgaris

Pseudomonas aeruginosa

■ Salmonella (Eberthella) typhosa

♣ Salmonella schottmuelleri

≭ Staphylococcus albus

★ Staphylococcus aureus

◆ Streptococcus fecalis

▲ Streptococcus hemolyticus

▼ Streptococcus viridans

Writeup

After the World War II, antibiotics were considered as "wonder drugs", since they were an easy remedy for what had been intractable ailments. To learn which drug worked most effectively for which bacterial infection, performance of the three most popular antibiotics on 16 bacteria were gathered.

Your task is to design a static (i.e., single image) visualization that you believe effectively communicates this data and provide a short write-up (no more than 4 paragraphs) describing your design. While you must use the data set given, note that you are free to filter, transform and augment the data as you see fit to highlight the elements that you think are most important in the data set.

As different visualizations can emphasize different aspects of a data set, you should document what aspects of the data you are attempting to most effectively communicate. In short, what story (or stories) are you trying to tell? Just as important, also note which aspects of the data might be obscured or down-played due to your visualization design.

In your write-up, you should provide a rigorous rationale for your design decisions. Document the visual encodings you used and why they are appropriate for the data. These decisions include the choice of visualization type, size, color, scale, and other visual elements, as well as the use of sorting or other data transformations. How do these decisions facilitate effective communication?