Errors of Statistical Tests

	Type I error (alpha)	Type II error (beta)	
Name	Producer's risk/ Significance level	Consumer's risk	
1 minus error is called	Confidence level	Power of the test	
Example of Fire Alarm	False fire alarm leading to inconvenience	Missed fire leading to disaster	
Effects on process	Unnecessary cost increase due to frequent changes	Defects may be produced	
Control method	Usually fixed at a predetermined level, 1%, 5% or 10%	Usually controlled to < 10% by appropriate sample size	
Simple definition	Innocent declared as guilty	Guilty declared as innocent	

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		True State of Nature		
		H ₀ Is true	H _a Is true	
	Support H _{0 /} Reject H _a	Correct Conclusion	Type II Error	
Conclusion	Support H _{a /} Reject H ₀	Type I Error	Correct Conclusion (Power)	