



SENTIMENT ANALYSIS OF DRUG REVIEWS

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# UCI ML Drug Review dataset

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# Healthcare meets IT

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- Major goals in the health and pharmaceutical industry is to ensure the effectivity and safety of drugs.
- Pharmaceutical product safety depends on clinical trials and specific test protocols.
- Such studies are typically done under strict conditions
  - Limited number of test subjects
  - Limited time span.
- User reviews as a resource offer great potential in obtaining such data.

# Features in the dataset

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DRUG  
(CATEGORICAL)

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CONDITION  
(CATEGORICAL)

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REVIEW  
(TEXT)

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USEFUL\_COUNTS  
(NUMERICAL)

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RATING [1-10]  
(NUMERICAL)

PREDICTOR

TARGET VARIABLE

## Duplication alert!

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- Scraping error in data collection caused the dataset to have a large amount of duplicates (not addressed in the research paper!).
- Duplicates = same text input repeated twice => biased model.
- After removal, dataset shrank almost by half.





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# Main predictive feature: patient reviews

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POSITIVE  
REVIEW



"Absolutely saved my life. I've tried numerous drugs over 15 years and this is a miracle. No side effects whatsoever. I feel better than I ever have in my life".

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NEGATIVE  
REVIEW



"Absolutely terrible experience on Tirosint - landed in ER with chest pains, dizziness, extremely disoriented."

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## Drug types and medical conditions in the dataset

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**3,199**  
UNIQUE DRUGS



**837**  
UNIQUE CONDITIONS



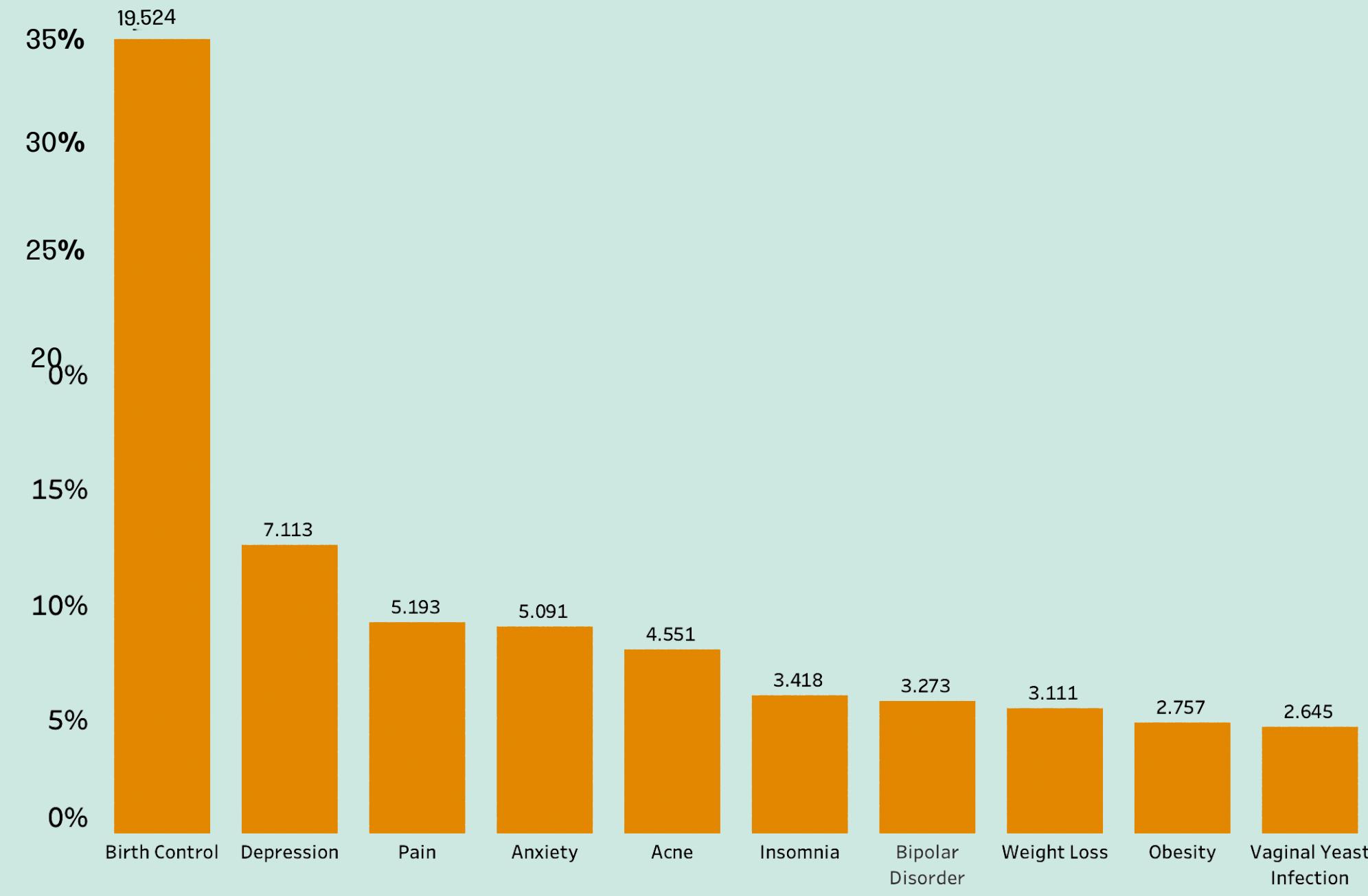
**130,285**  
UNIQUE REVIEWS



# Drug types and medical conditions in the dataset

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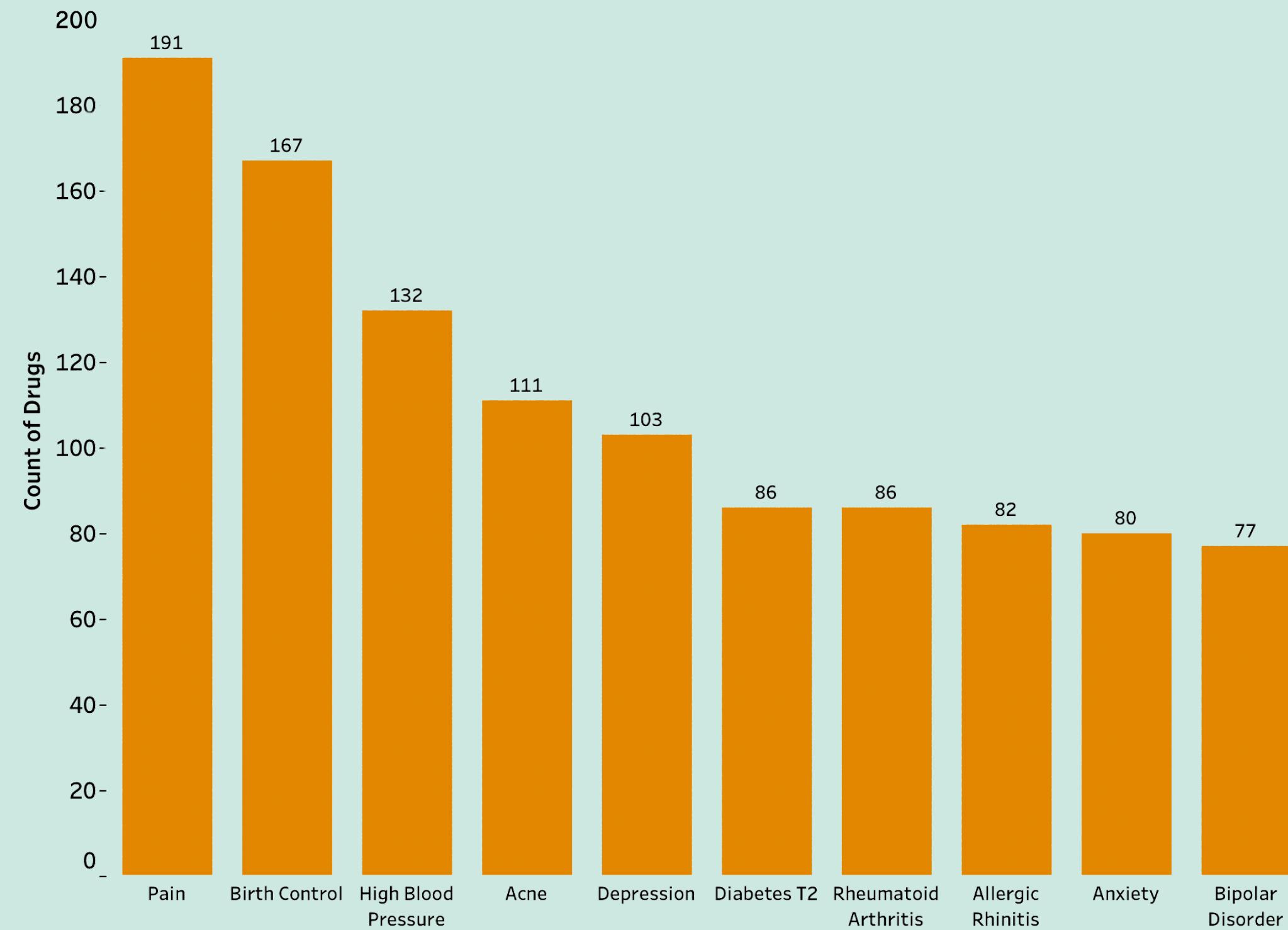
Top 10:  
Review count per Condition



# Drug types and medical conditions in the dataset

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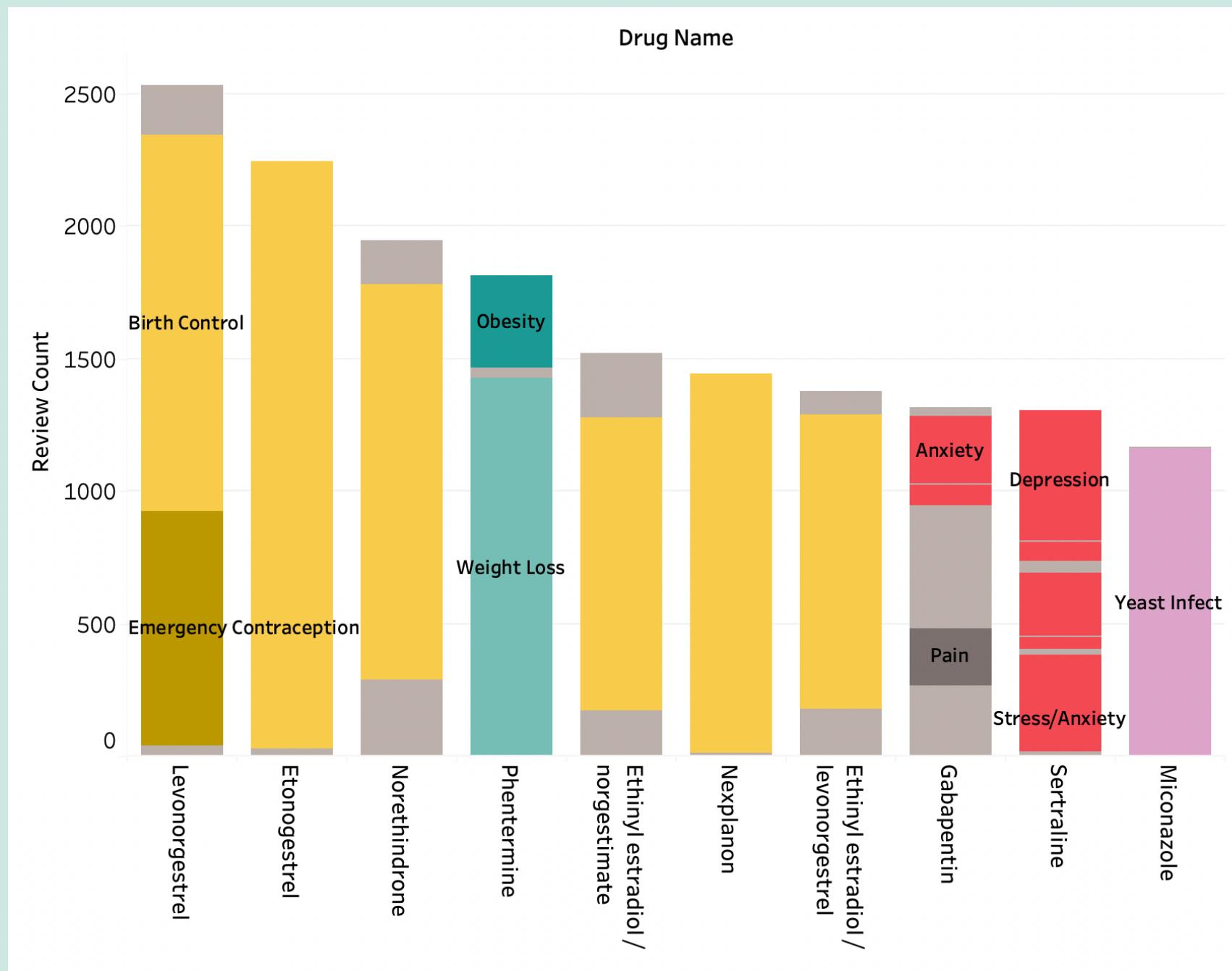
Top 10:  
Drug count per Condition



# Drug types and medical conditions in the dataset

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Top 10 reviewed drugs, with most common target Condition



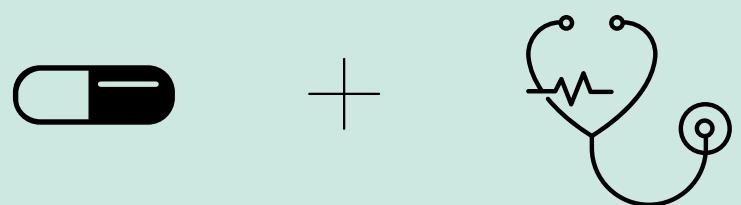
Most common conditions targeted by top 10 drugs in the dataset:

- Birth control and termination
- Mood disorders
- Weight loss

# Drug recommender

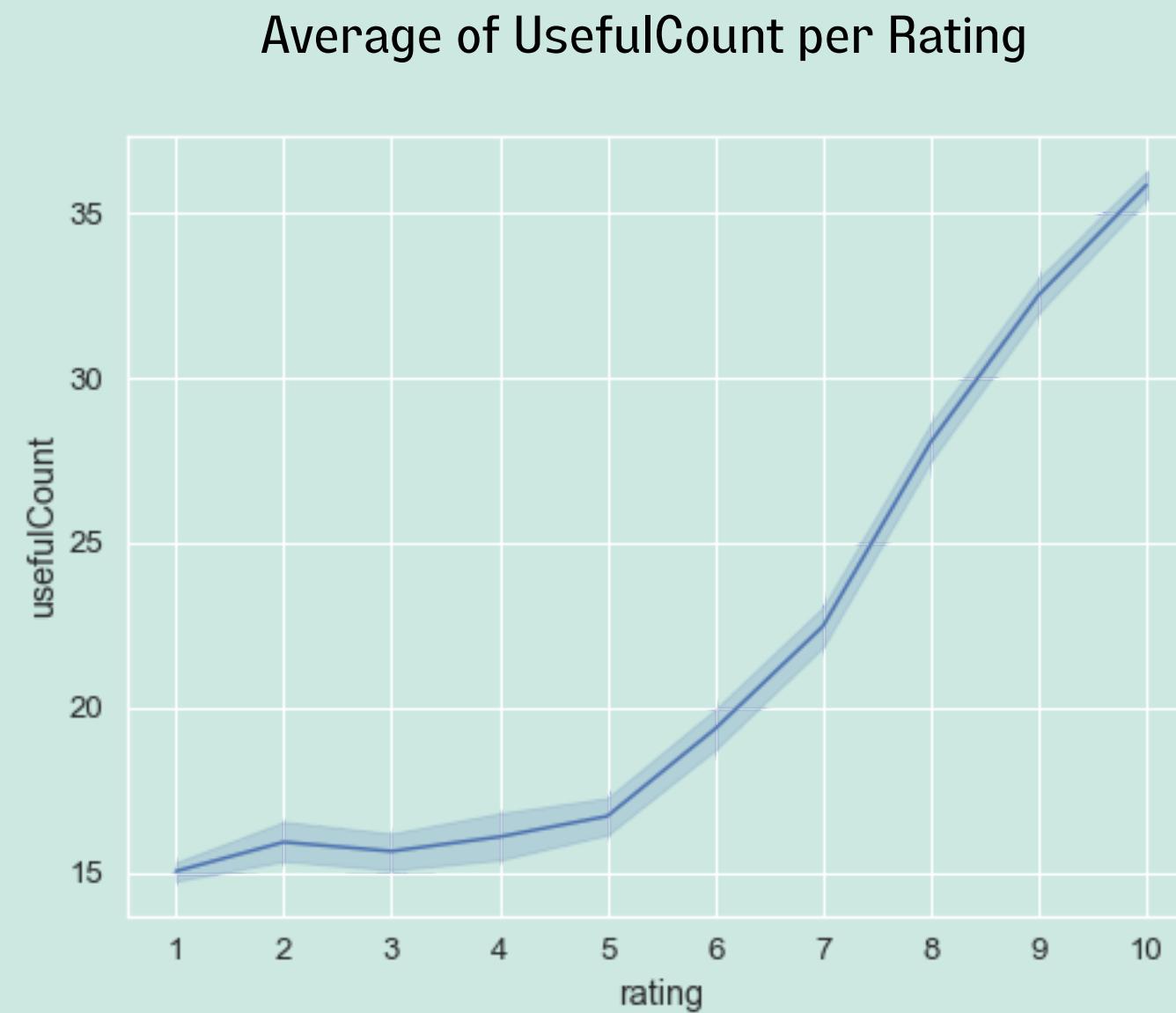
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The dataset allows users to  
find the best and worst drugs  
for the condition they are  
suffering from





## Usefulness votes



Comments associated with positive rating tend to receive more 'useful comment' votes.

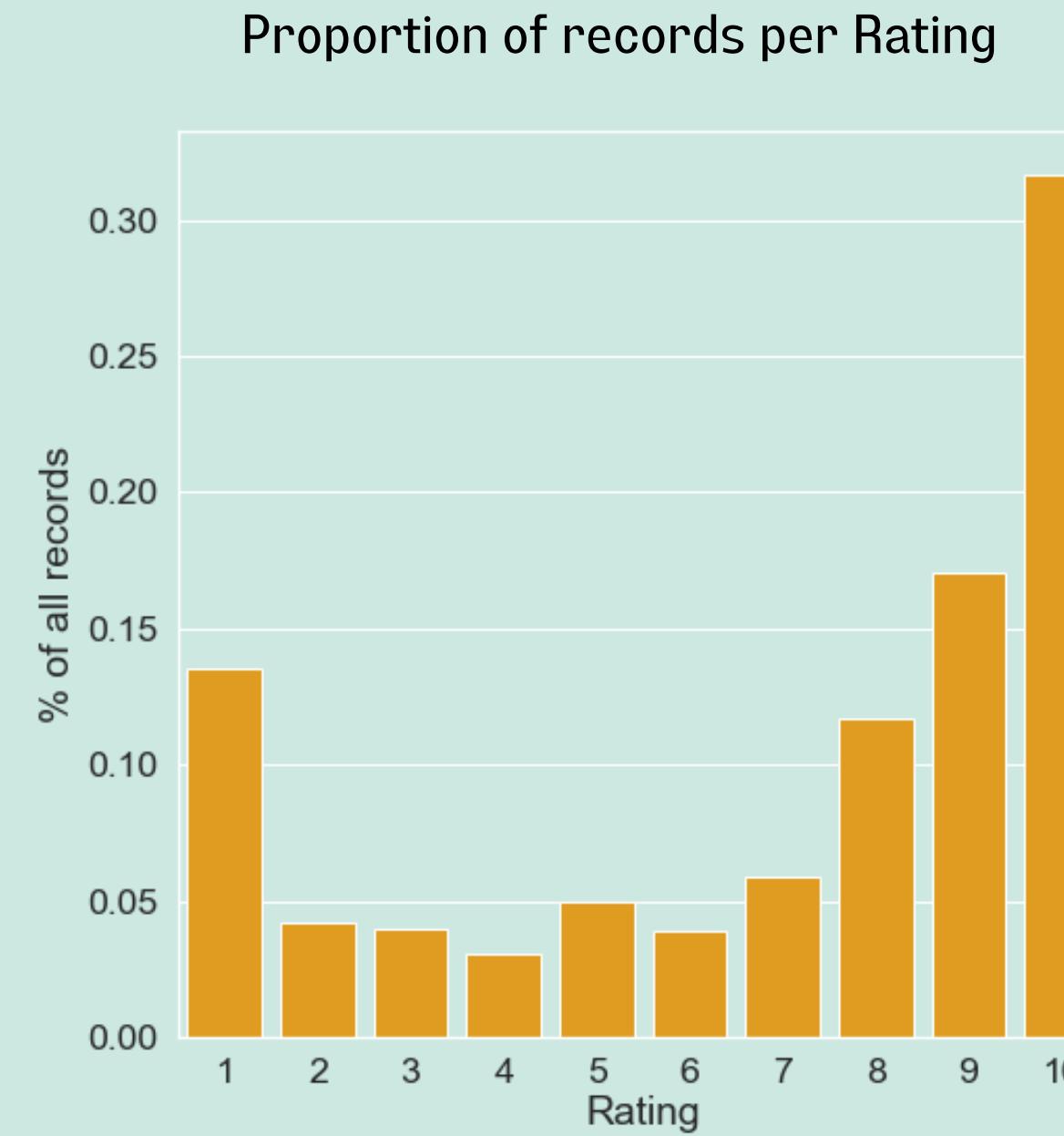
However, data is imbalanced towards positive reviews (see next slide):

- Removing less useful ones would decrease negative reviews
- i.e. increase imbalance.

=> No removing of records

## ★★★★★ Target variable: drug rating

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### Feature engineering:

Rating of 1 - 6 → "0" class (negative/neutral)

Rating of 7 - 10 → "1" class (positive)

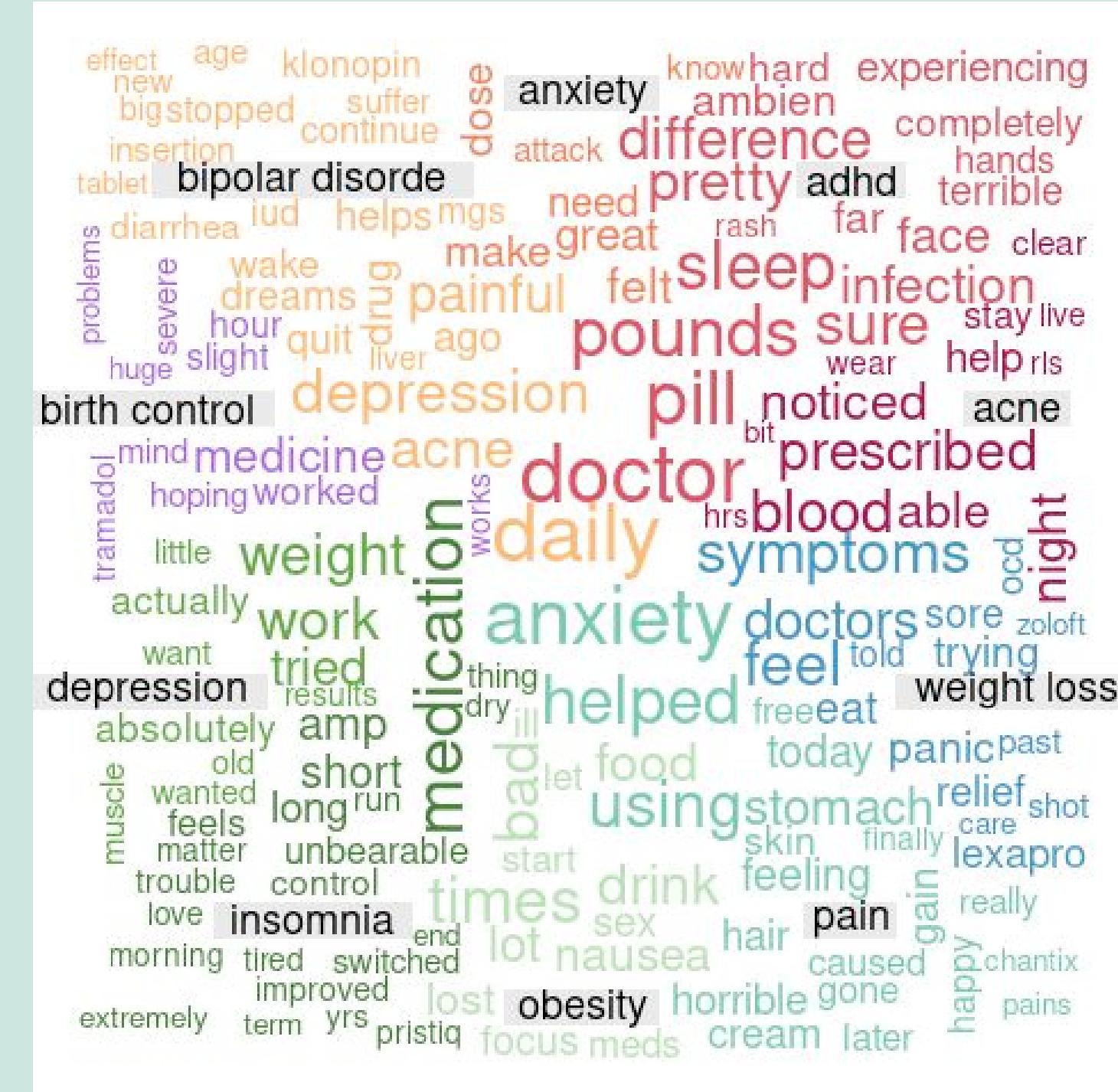
### Imbalanced data

Class 0 still twice as big, so I ran the models on both a full and a downsample.

# Word Clouds

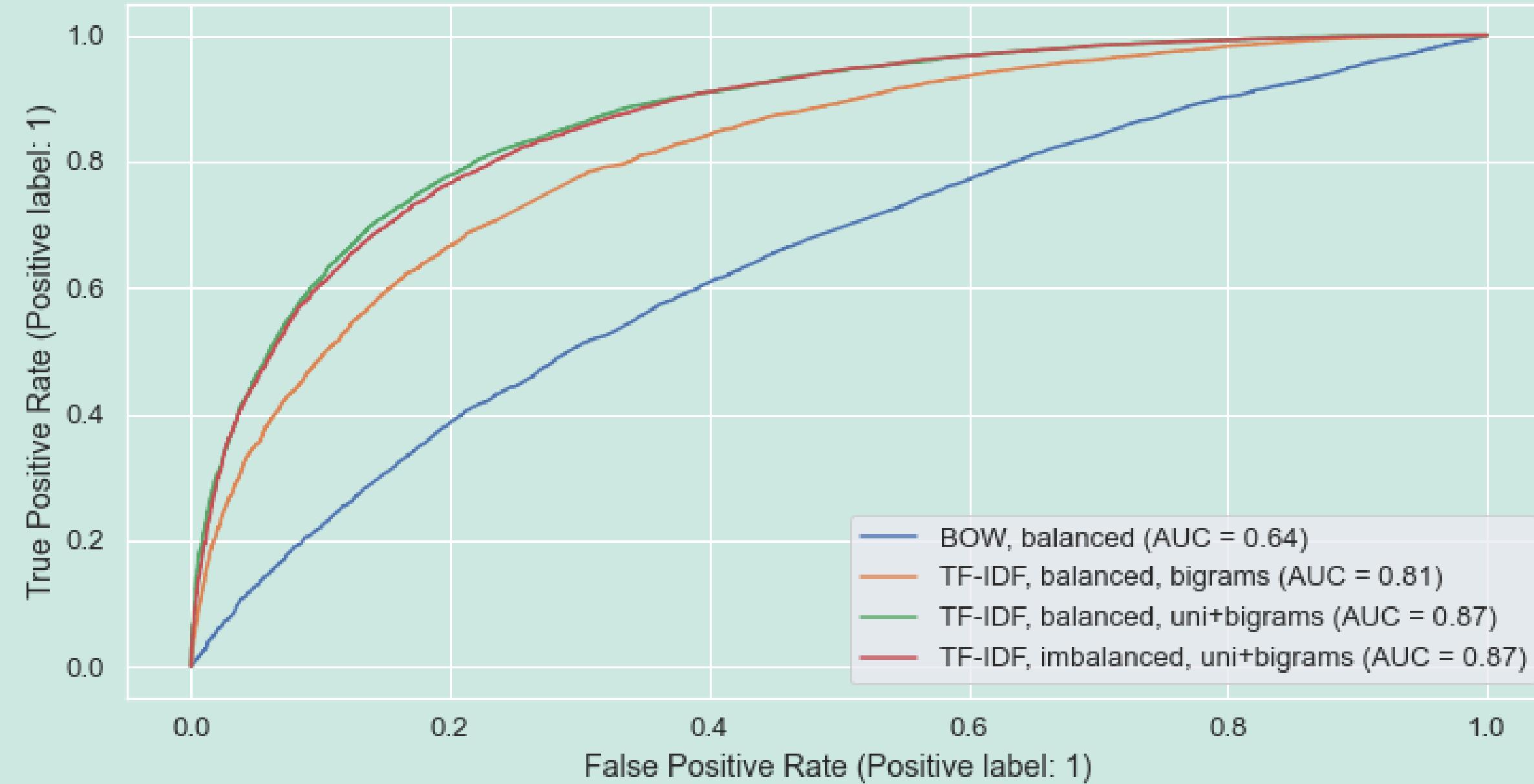
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Most frequent words  
associated with top 10  
Conditions



## Model Comparison

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## Balanced

Results obtained for the TRAIN SET				
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The Cohen's Kappa is: 0.96				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.98	0.98	0.98	34967
1	0.98	0.98	0.98	35194
accuracy			0.98	70161
macro avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	70161
weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	70161
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Results obtained for the TEST SET				
The Cohen's Kappa is: 0.57				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.79	0.79	0.79	8884
1	0.78	0.78	0.78	8657
accuracy			0.79	17541
macro avg	0.79	0.79	0.79	17541
weighted avg	0.79	0.79	0.79	17541

## Imbalanced, more 1s!

Results obtained for the TRAIN SET				
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The Cohen's Kappa is: 0.99				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	0.99	0.99	35026
1	0.99	1.00	1.00	69202
accuracy			1.00	104228
macro avg	1.00	0.99	0.99	104228
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	104228
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Results obtained for the TEST SET				
The Cohen's Kappa is: 0.46				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.84	0.45	0.58	8825
1	0.77	0.96	0.85	17232
accuracy			0.78	26057
macro avg	0.81	0.70	0.72	26057
weighted avg	0.80	0.78	0.76	26057

## Limitations and Future Ideas

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- General issues
  - Not filtering according to UsefulCounts
  - Not distinguishing a neutral category
  - All models are overfitting
- Modeling
  - Both Bag of Words and TF-IDF models lose a lot of semantic information
    - Word2Vec overcomes some issues by placing words in relation to one another, so give some idea of semantic proximity