



# Medication resources for EHR research

# Adverse Drug Effects

- **Adverse Drug Effects (ADEs)**, also called Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs), are defined by the World Health Organization as:  
  
“a response to a drug that is noxious and unintended and occurs at doses normally used in man for the prophylaxis, diagnosis or therapy of disease, or for modification of physiological function.”

# Drug Knowledgebases

- Database of accurate drug-IND and drug-ADE relationships would benefit:
  - Pharmacovigilance
  - Clinical Data Mining
  - Clinical Phenotyping
  - Decision Support Systems
  - Other applications

# Existing Work

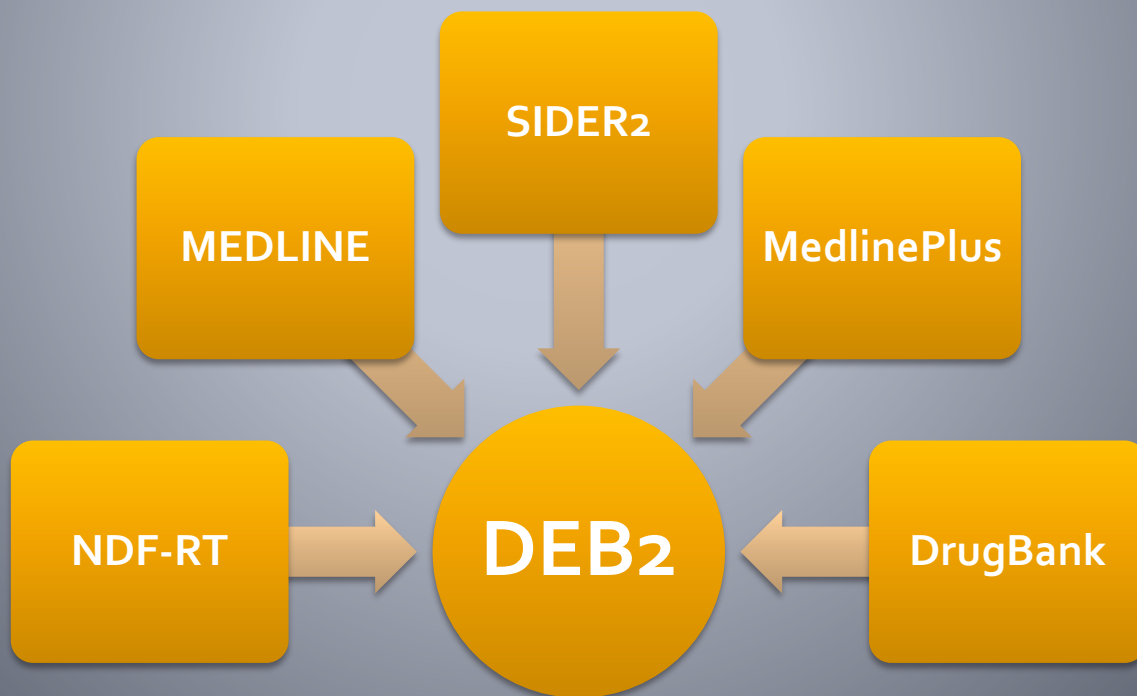
- **Commercial** repositories:
  - FDB, Micromedex, PDR, Epocrates, etc.
- **Public** data:
  - DailyMed, FAERS, RxNorm, NDF-RT, FDA, etc.
- **Academic** studies: (of many)
  - **2010, Wang, et al.**, combined data from AERS, SemMed, and NDF-RT to infer reasons for Rx
  - **2010, Kuhn, et al.**, SIDER database, extracted from FDA Structured Product Labels (SPLs)

# Existing Work

- **Academic studies: (continued)**
  - **2011, Li, et al.**, combined data from FAERS, Micromedex, and NDF-RT to infer reasons for drug prescriptions
  - **2012, Kuhn, et al.**, updated SIDER2
  - **2012, Harpaz, et al.**, reviewed drug knowledge sources for pharmacovigilance.
  - **2013, Wei, et al.**, developed MEDI, combining indications from RxNorm, SIDER, MedlinePlus, and Wikipedia.
  - **2012, 2013, Smith, et al.**, developed an early version of the Drug Evidence Base (DEB<sub>1</sub>) from MRCOC, NDF-RT, and FDA Structured Product Labels (SPLs).

# The Drug Evidence Base (DEB<sub>2</sub>)

Slides from Josh Smith, PhD



# The Original DEB<sub>1</sub>

## Drug Evidence Base

- 2013, Smith, et al. – “Lessons Learned from Developing a Drug Evidence Base to Support Pharmacovigilance.”
- DEB<sub>1</sub> was only 61% accurate.
- Comparison of DEB<sub>1</sub> to other knowledge-bases revealed:
  - Nomenclature mismatches impede comparison between drug information KBs
  - Different concepts used across sources and KBs

# Drug Evidence Base (DEB2)

- **Objective** – Create an accurate, machine-processable drug knowledge base mined from reliable public sources.
- **Concepts**
  - **Drugs** – Single-ingredient medications
  - **Clinical Manifestations (CMs)** – Diseases, Syndromes, Symptoms, Findings, etc.
- **Relationships (Drug-CM pairs)**
  - **ADEs** – Drug causes exacerbates CM
  - **Indications (INDs)** – Drug treats or prevents CM
- Required relationships to be found in **at least 2 sources**



# Constructing DEB<sub>2</sub>: CMs

- Using **UMLS2013ab**, CMs restricted to

1. Concepts in SNOMED CT
2. Specified UMLS semantic types

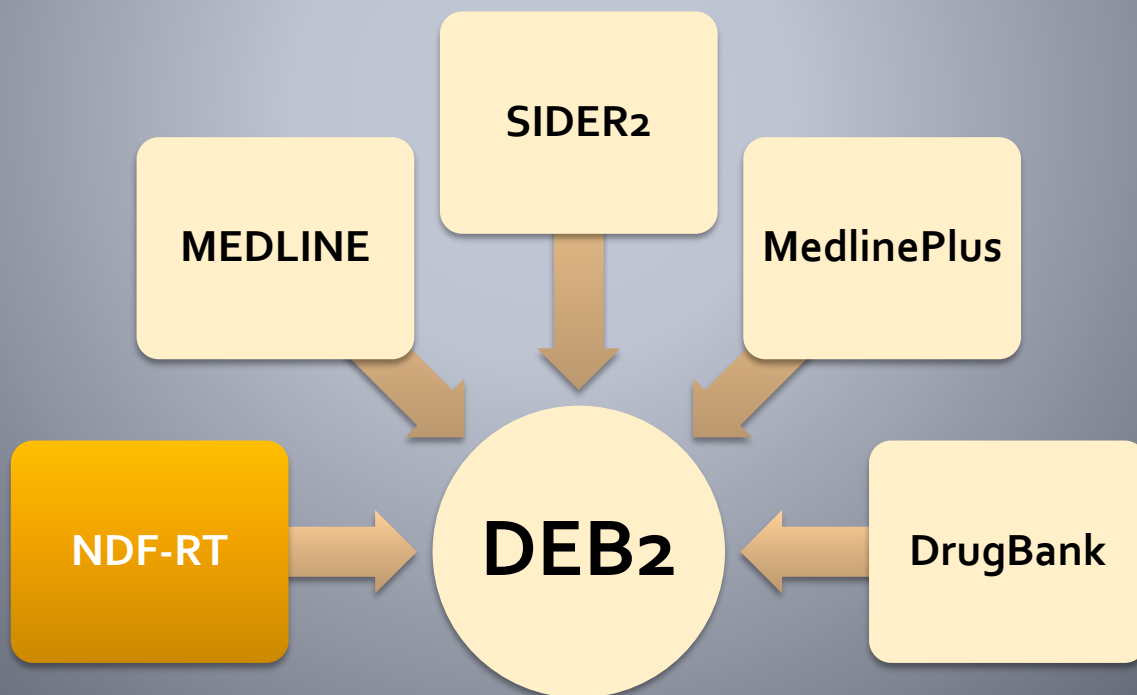
Anatomical Abnormality, Injury or Poisoning,  
Congenital Abnormality, Finding, Sign or  
Symptom, Acquired Abnormality, Clinical  
Attribute, Disease or Syndrome, Mental or  
Behavioral Dysfunction, Neoplastic Process,  
Pathologic Function

# Constructing DEB2: Medications

- Eliminated vague drug concepts by limiting DEB2 to only “clinical drug” concepts in the *RxNorm prescribable subset*
  - Extracted **76,212** “clinical drugs”
  - Normalized to **3059** single ingredients
  - Removed “drugs” with unwanted semantic types and unwanted terms
- Result: **1844** single-ingredient drugs (RxCUIs)

# Constructing DEB<sub>2</sub>

National Drug File – Reference Terminology (NDF-RT)

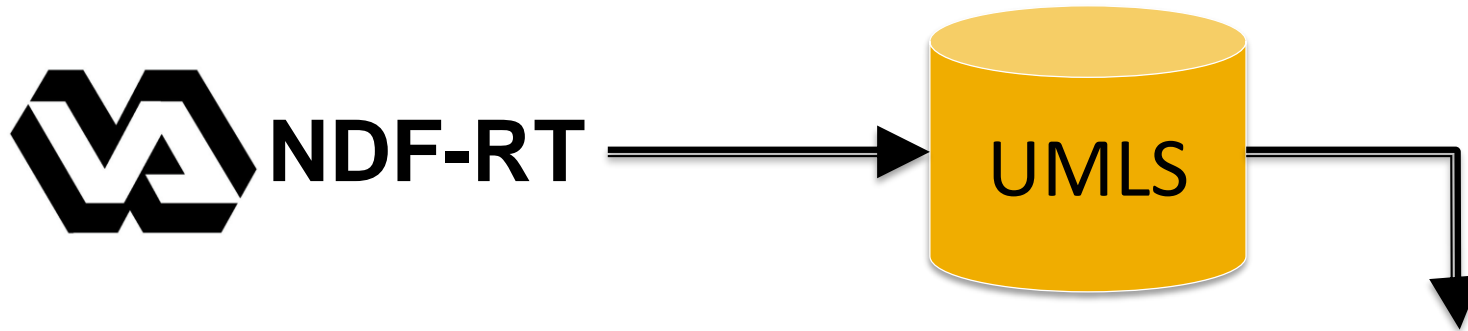


# DEB2: Extraction from NDF-RT

- **NDF-RT is a formal drug representation**
  - Includes ingredients, dose forms, physiologic effects, mechanisms of action, and **25** distinct relationships
- **DEB2 extracts all drug-CM pairs with one of the following NDF-RT relationships:**
  - “induces” (ADE)
  - “may prevent” (IND)
  - “may treat” (IND)



# DEB2: Extraction from NDF-RT



Drug Concept	Relationship	CM Concept
Lisinopril	INDICATION	Congestive Heart Failure
Lisinopril	INDICATION	Hypertension
Lisinopril	INDICATION	Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
Lisinopril	ADE	Cough

# DEB2: Extraction from NDF-RT

NDF-RT	# Rows
induces	722
may_treat	48922
may_prevent	6114
<b>Distinct Concepts</b>	
Drugs	9596
CMs	1030



Modified Drugs	
Normalized Drugs	4133
In RXN subset	1153

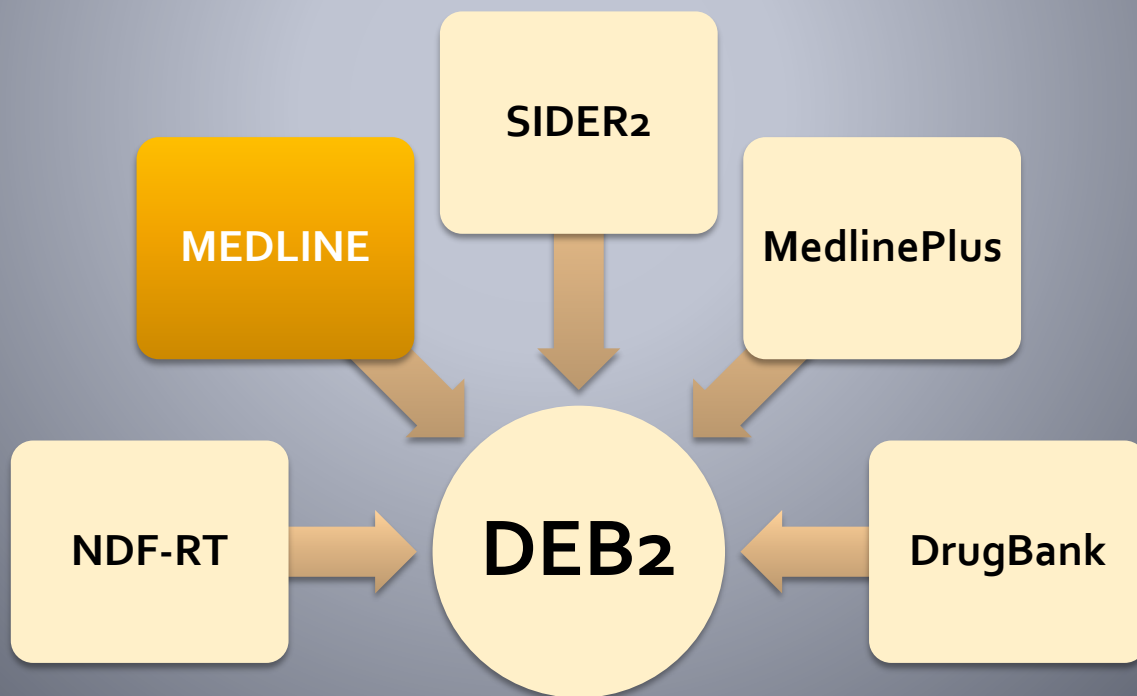
Modified CMs	
CMs also in SNOMEDCT	958 (-72)
CMs of correct semantic type	831



Pairs Extracted	
IND	4055
ADEs	78
Total	4133

# Constructing DEB<sub>2</sub>

MEDLINE

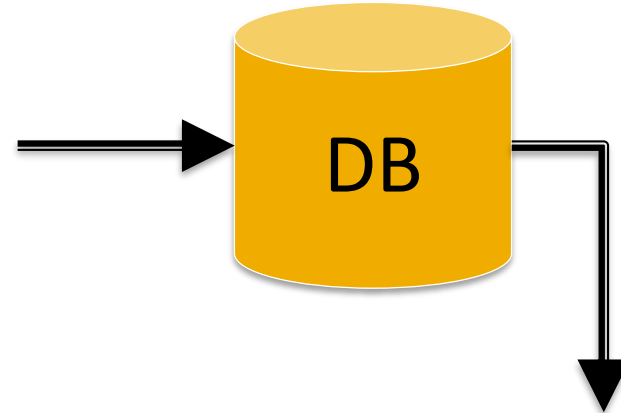


# Previous Work

- Drug knowledge using Medline:
  - **Zeng & Cimino, 1998** – extracted drug-disease relationships from MRCOC
  - **Shetty & Dalal, 2011** – disproportionality analysis of articles with predefined MeSH terms to discover unrecognized ADEs.
  - **Xu & Wang, 2013** – extracted drug-disease treatment relations using pattern-learning on MEDLINE abstracts.
  - **Avillach, et al., 2013** – extracted ADRs from MEDLINE using MeSH; minimum 3 articles.



# DEB2: Extraction from MEDLINE



Drug-CM  
pair  
=  
ADE

Major Topics  
Humans

CM – Etiology  
– Chemically Induced

Drug – Adverse Effects  
– Poisoning  
– Toxicity

Major Topics  
Humans

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# DEB2: Extraction from MEDLINE

MEDLINE <sub>2014</sub>	
Articles	~22M
"Humans"	~13M
MeSH	~50M
• ET	2.9M
• TU	2.6M
• DT	2.4M
• AD	1.5M
• AE	927K
• CI	671K
• TX	201K
• PO	24K



Relevant Articles	
Articles	~600,000
Pairs	~1,300,000
IND/ADE Relationships	
IND	32287
ADE	11430
Modified CMs	
Removed	290
Remaining	2522

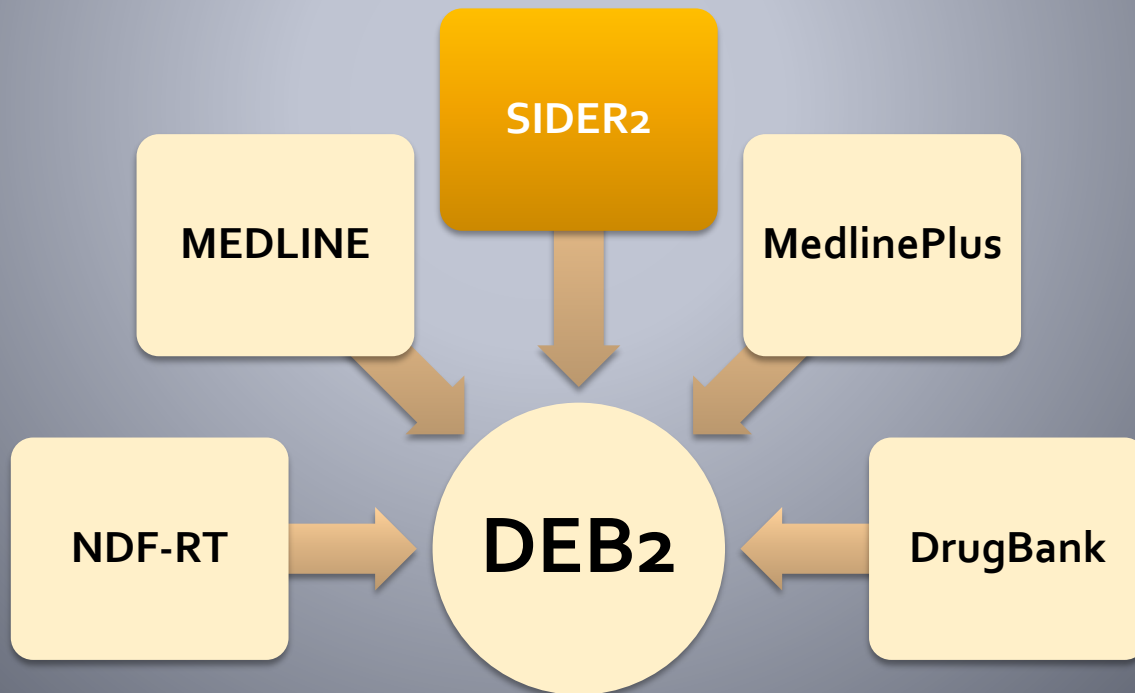


Combined Pairs	
INDs	31200
ADEs	9650
Total	40850
New Combined Pairs	
INDs	22732
ADEs	6331
Total	29063

- After manual review, we used an adjusted the article threshold and used each article's abstract to refine our inclusion criteria

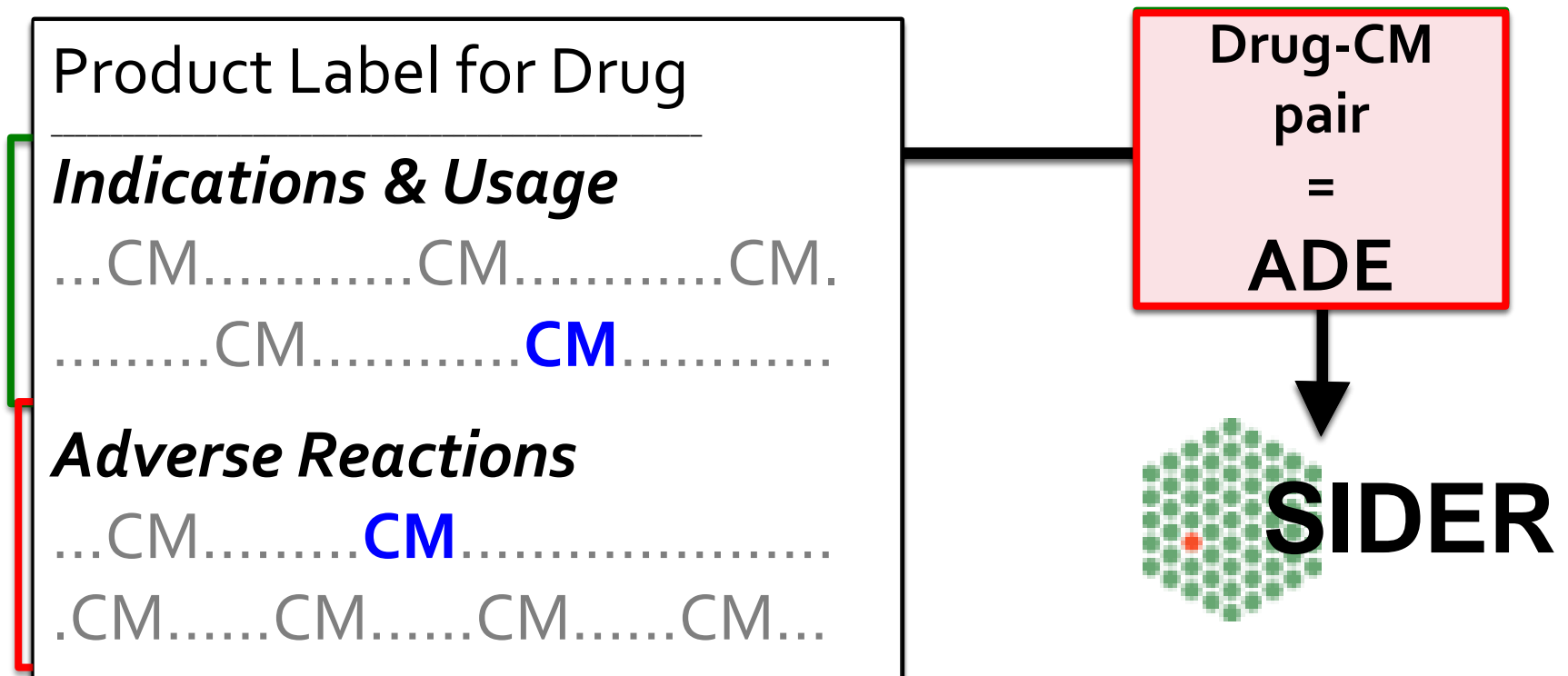
# Constructing DEB<sub>2</sub>

SIDER<sub>2</sub> Side Effects Resource



# DEB: Extraction from SIDER2

- **SIDER2** is a database of indications and ADEs extracted from FDA Structured Product Labels (2012, Kuhn, et al.)



# DEB: Extraction from SIDER2

Mapping SIDER2 Raw Data	
Label IDs	32140
Clinical Drugs	20507
Drugs from RXN Subset	931



SIDER2 Concepts	
CMs in SNOMED	3815
CMs not in SNOMED	1351



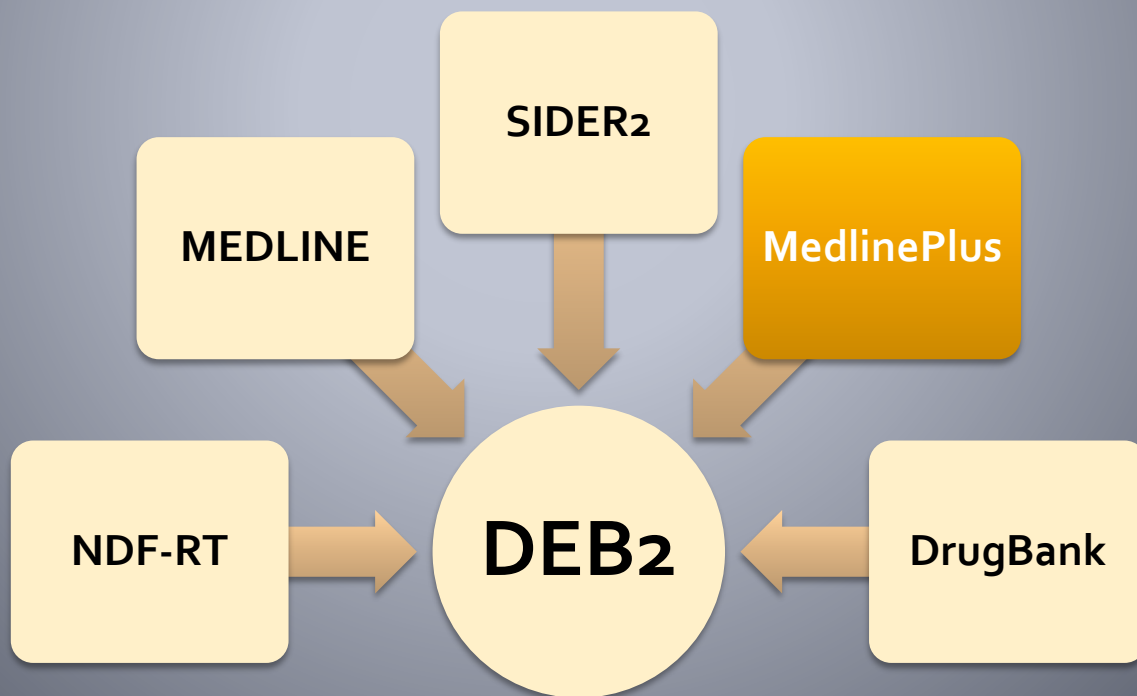
Total Pairs	
IND	9646
ADEs	83956
Total	93602



CM Concepts by Section	
Indications & Usage	9646
Adverse Reactions	87126

# Constructing DEB<sub>2</sub>

MedlinePlus

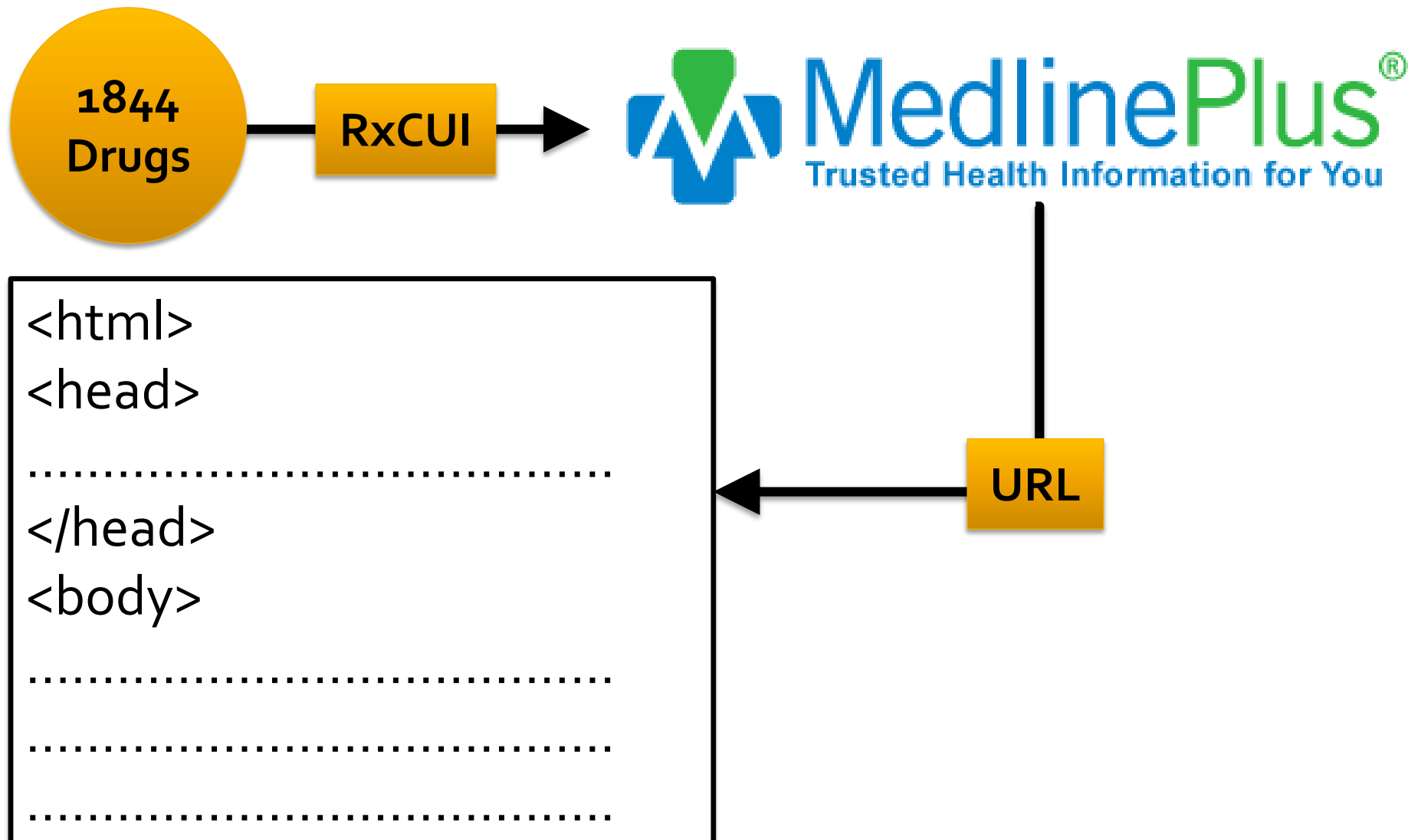


# DEB2: From MedlinePlus

- **MedlinePlus** is a consumer health website from NLM and NIH.
- Among other items, the site contains drug monographs answering such questions as:
  - Why is this medication prescribed?
  - What are other uses of the medicine?
  - What side effects might this medication cause?



# DEB2: From MedlinePlus





# DEB2: From MedlinePlus

## Information about Drug

Why is this drug prescribed?

...CM.....CM.....

.....CM.....CM.....

What are some other uses?

...CM.....

.....CM.....

What are the side effects?

...CM.....CM.....CM.....

...CM.....CM.....

.....CM.....CM.....

Drug-CM  
pair  
=  
IND

Drug-CM  
pair  
=  
ADE

# DEB2: From MedlinePlus

RxNorm Subset	
Drugs	1844
MedlinePlus	
Found	955



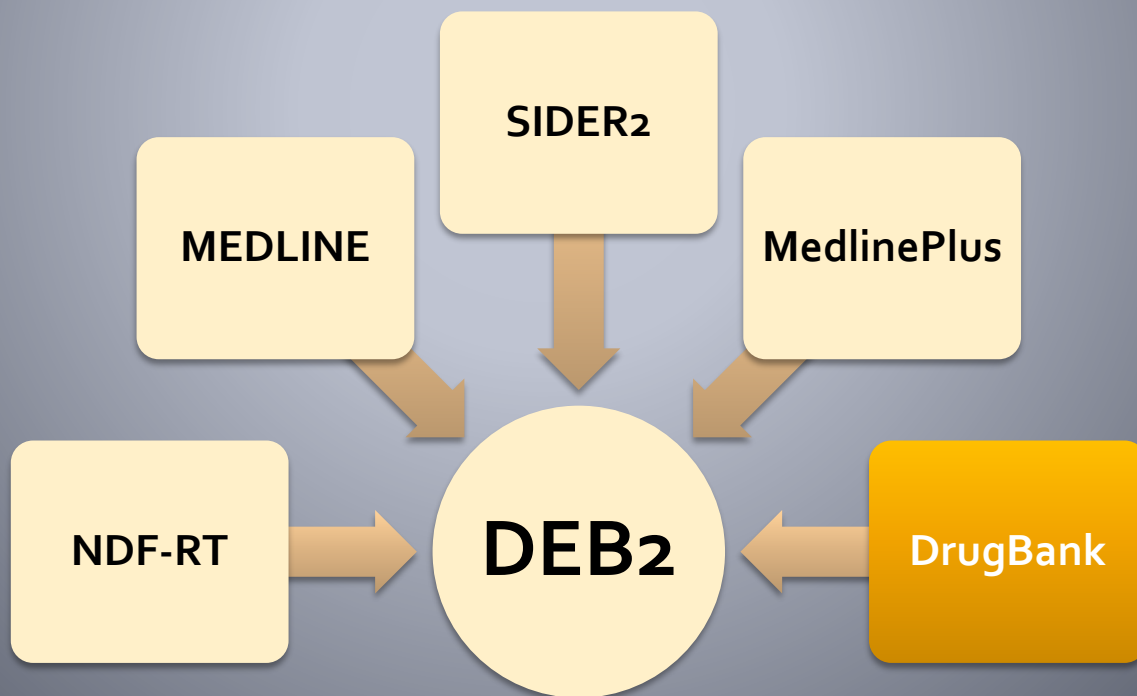
CM Concepts by Section	
Indications	5325
Side Effects	18699
• Serious	9640
• Common	8734
Overdose	3190
Boxed Warning	5004



Total Pairs	
IND	5325
ADEs	23444
Total	28769

# Constructing DEB<sub>2</sub>

DrugBank

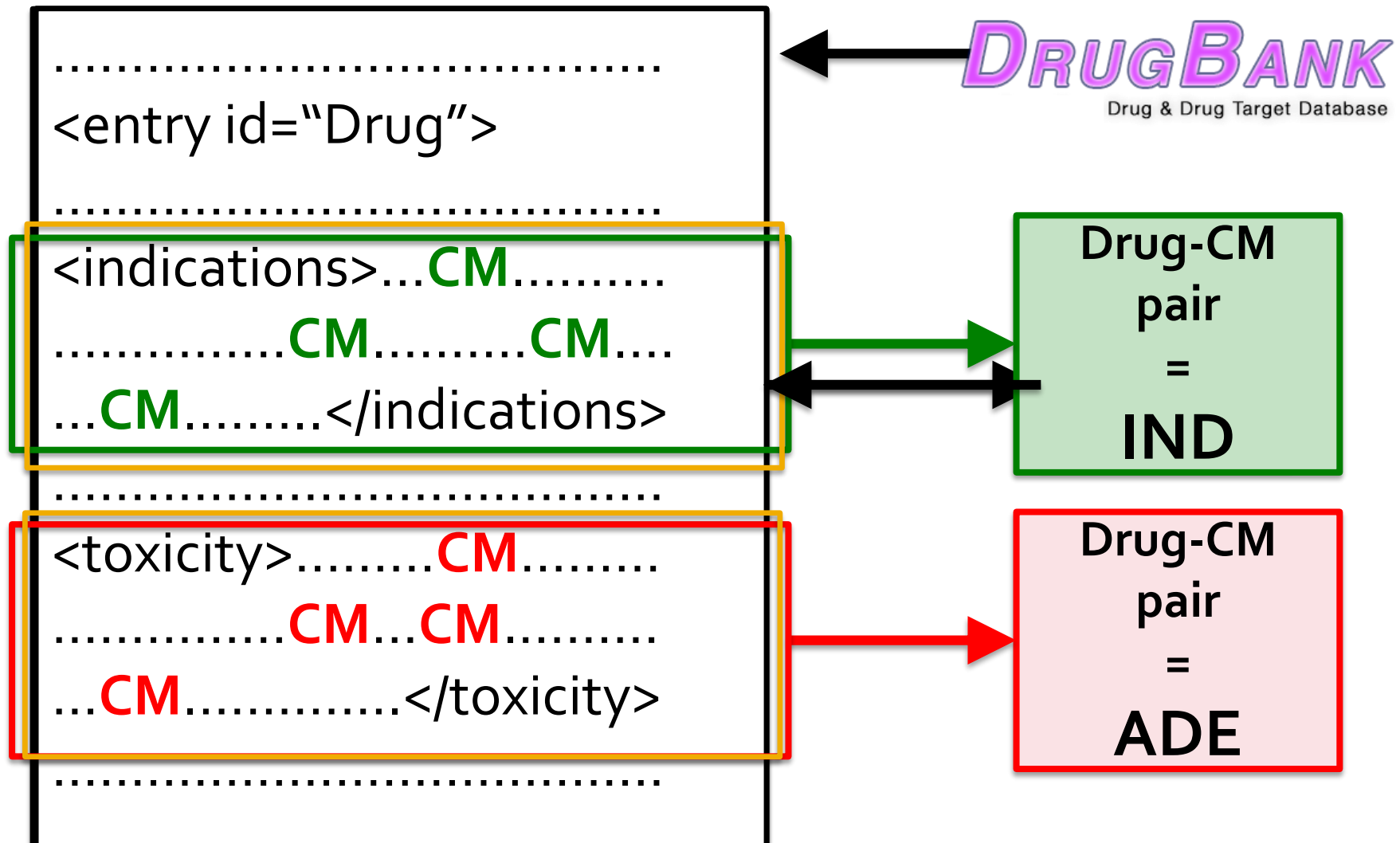


# DEB2: From DrugBank

- **DrugBank.ca** is a manually curated database combining pharmacological and pharmaceutical and chemical data with drug target information.
- It includes **Indication** data manually curated from FDA, PubMed, KEGG, TTD, etc.
- It includes **ADE** and toxicity data manually curated from FDA, ToxNet, ASHP, etc.



# DEB2: From DrugBank



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RxNorm Subset	
Drugs	1844
DrugBank	
Found	972

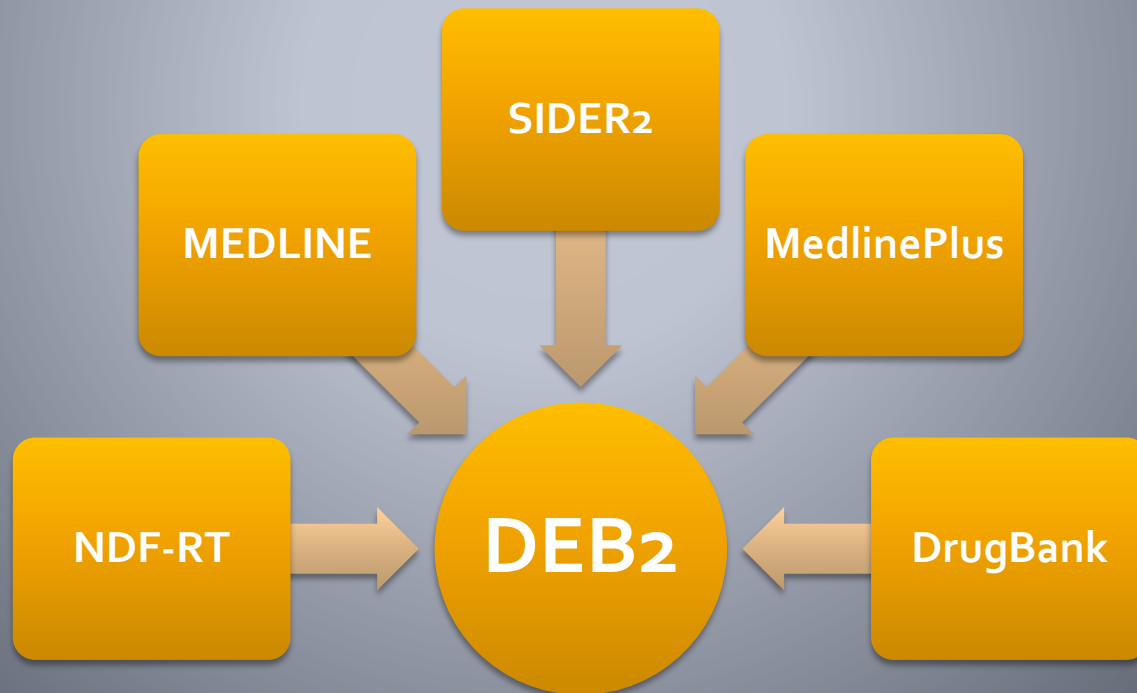


CM Concepts	
Indications	930
Side Effects	594



Total Pairs	
IND	3369
ADEs	4788
Total	8157

# DEB<sub>2</sub> Results



# DEB2: Results

- DEB drug-CM pairs extracted from the 5 sources
- **Full Results**
  - Unique pairs: 138,418
  - Indications: 33,232
  - ADEs: 103,259
  - Unique drugs: 1556
  - Unique CMs: 5721
- **In at least 2 sources**
  - Unique pairs: 18068
  - Indications: 6451
  - ADEs: 11617
  - Unique drugs: 1163
  - Unique CMs: 1606



# DEB2: Results

## ■ Full results (from all sources)

	NDF-RT	MEDLINE	MedlinePlus	DrugBank	SIDER2	Unique Total
IND	4055	22732	5325	3369	9646	33232
ADE	78	6331	23444	4788	83956	103259
Total	4133	29063	28769	8157	93602	138418

(1927 ties)

DEB2 (appearing in at least 2 sources)

	NDF-RT	MEDLINE	MedlinePlus	DrugBank	SIDER2	Unique Total
IND	2684	5221	2293	1984	4217	6451
ADE	20	2846	8910	2042	11190	11617
Total	2704	8067	11203	4026	15407	18068

# DEB2: Results

- DEB drug-CM pairs in a given source present in at another source:

■ SIDER2	18%
■ MEDLINE	32%
■ MedlinePlus	41%
■ DrugBank	51%
■ NDF-RT	67%

- Percentage of 18,068 DEB drug-CM pairs from multiple sources

■ 5 sources	1.2%
■ 4 sources	4.3%
■ 3 sources	17%
■ 2 sources	78%

# DEB2: Preliminary Results

- Percentage of DEB drug-CM pairs in a given source agreeing with the consensus (IND/ADE) of the other sources (when present):
- Full Results *(ties included)*
  - MEDLINE 84.7%
  - SIDER<sub>2</sub> 88.3%
  - MedlinePlus 93.0%
  - DrugBank 95.8%
  - NDF-RT 96.8%
- DEB2+ *(ties excluded)*
  - MEDLINE 97.8%
  - SIDER<sub>2</sub> 98.5%
  - MedlinePlus 98.8%
  - NDF-RT 99.5%
  - DrugBank 99.6%

# Evaluation

- Six physicians reviewed a random sample from DEB2 to estimate DEB2 validity.
  - 600 total pairs reviewed (half IND, half ADE)
  - Each reviewer reviewed 200 pairs
  - Each pair reviewed by two different reviewers
  - Disagreements decided by adjudication

# Evaluation Results

- Based on the review, DEB2 is **86%** accurate overall, with indications slightly more accurate and ADEs slightly less accurate.

Overall	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
True	86%	(83%, 89%)
Indications	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
True	88%	(84%, 92%)
ADEs	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
True	84%	(81%, 87%)

# Evaluation Results

(stratified by number of sources)

## INDICATIONS by number of sources

Sources	Count	TRUE	Percent TRUE	95% CI
2	140	110	<b>79%</b>	(72%, 86%)
3	60	55	<b>92%</b>	(85%, 99%)
4	50	48	<b>96%</b>	(89%, 100%)
5	50	49	<b>98%</b>	(87%, 100%)

## ADEs by number of sources

Sources	Count	TRUE	Percent TRUE	95% CI
2	180	151	<b>84%</b>	(79%, 89%)
3	70	58	<b>83%</b>	(74%, 92%)
4	50	47	<b>94%</b>	(79%, 100%)