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Professional experience

Aug 2023–pres. **Adjunct Lecturer**, *Division of Epidemiology, Dalla Lana School of Public Health*, University of Toronto, Toronto
2020–May 2024 **Research Principal**, *Real-World and Advanced Analytics group*, Cytel Inc, Toronto
2018–2020 **Research Consultant**, *Lighthouse Outcomes Inc*, Toronto

Education

2013–2018 **PhD**, *University of Toronto*, Toronto
2008–2012 **Hon BSc**, *University of Toronto*, Toronto

Talks

- [1] E Merinopoulou, Gupta A, A Struebing, B Adamson, and S Duffield. Addressing RWE transportability concerns in health care decision-making. How to do it right? International Conference for Pharmacoepidemiology, August 2024 (Accepted as Workshop).
- [2] M Gomes, W Cheung, and A Gupta. Target trial emulation in practice. ISPOR Atlanta, May 8, 2024 (Workshop).
- [3] A Gupta. Unavoidable bias in epidemiologic studies. GSK Translational Statistics working group, April 5, 2024 (Invited talk).
- [4] A Gupta. Bias in observational studies and what to do about it. Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy seminar, University of Arkansas, September 15, 2023 (Invited talk).
- [5] A Gupta and A Diop. Assessing the performance of group-based trajectory modelling method to discover patterns of medication adherence. International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology (ICPE) Annual Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, August 23-27, 2023 (Podium).
- [6] [Thorlund, K](#), [Shi, J](#), A Gupta, and S Duffield. The reality of target trial emulation for medical decision-making and HTA recommendations - Is the gap between academic and HTA applications too wide? International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, May 7-10, 2023 (Workshop).

- [7] S Wilkinson, A Gupta, and [Arora, P](#). Using probabilistic quantitative bias analysis (QBA) to account for unmeasured confounders when estimating treatment effects in real-world data. Virtual ISPOR, May 17-20, 2021 (Workshop).
- [8] [Cheung, WY](#), RN Walton, [Mitsakakis, N](#), and A Gupta. Transparent machine learning and decision-making in HEOR. Virtual ISPOR, May 17-20, 2020 (Workshop).
- [9] A Gupta. Bayesian networks as an emerging tool for disease risk estimation and clinical decision-making: A real-world example in coronary artery disease. CADTH Symposium, Edmonton, Canada, April 14-16, 2019 (Workshop).

Publications

- [1] Awa Diop, Alind Gupta, Sabrina Mueller, Louis Dron, Ofir Harari, Heather Berringer, Vinusha Kalatharan, Jay JH Park, Miceline Mésidor, and Denis Talbot. Assessing the performance of group-based trajectory modeling method to discover different patterns of medication adherence. *Pharmaceutical Statistics*, 2024.
- [2] Kristian Thorlund, Stephen Duffield, Sanjay Popat, Sreeram Ramagopalan, Alind Gupta, Grace Hsu, Paul Arora, and Vivek Subbiah. Quantitative bias analysis for external control arms using real-world data in clinical trials: a primer for clinical researchers. *Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research*, (0):e230147, 2023.
- [3] Frank Griesinger, Sreeram Ramagopalan, Winson Y Cheung, Thomas Wilke, Sabrina Mueller, Alind Gupta, Dylan E O’Sullivan, Paul Arora, Darren R Brenner, Carolin Froelich, et al. Association between treatment and improvements in overall survival of patients with advanced/metastatic non–small cell lung cancer since 2011: A study in the united states, canada, and germany using retrospective real-world databases. *Cancer*, 2023.
- [4] DJ Boyne, DR Brenner, A Gupta, E Mackay, P Arora, R Wasiak, WY Cheung, and MA Hernán. Head-to-head comparison of folfirinox versus gemcitabine plus nab-paclitaxel in advanced pancreatic cancer: a target trial emulation using real-world data. *Annals of Epidemiology*, 78:28–34, 2023.
- [5] L Dron, V Kalatharan, A Gupta, J Häggström, N Zariffa, AD Morris, P Arora, and J Park. Data capture and sharing in the COVID-19 pandemic: a cause for concern. *The Lancet Digital Health*, 4(10):e748–e756, 2022.
- [6] S Popat, SV Liu, N Scheuer, A Gupta, GG Hsu, SV Ramagopalan, F Griesinger, and V Subbiah. Association between smoking history and overall survival in patients receiving pembrolizumab for first-line treatment of advanced non–small cell lung cancer. *JAMA Network Open*, 5(5):e2214046–e2214046, 2022.
- [7] S Popat, SV Liu, N Scheuer, GG Hsu, A Lockhart, SV Ramagopalan, F Griesinger, and V Subbiah. Addressing challenges with real-world synthetic

control arms to demonstrate the comparative effectiveness of pralsetinib in non-small cell lung cancer. *Nature Communications*, 13(1):3500, 2022. (Unattributed authorship but I performed analyses for and output figures 2 and 3).

- [8] S Ramagopalan, A Gupta, P Arora, K Thorlund, J Ray, and V Subbiah. Comparative effectiveness of atezolizumab, nivolumab, and docetaxel in patients with previously treated non-small cell lung cancer. *JAMA Network Open*, 4(11):e2134299–e2134299, 2021.
- [9] S Wilkinson, A Gupta, N Scheuer, E Mackay, P Arora, K Thorlund, R Wasiak, J Ray, S Ramagopalan, and V Subbiah. Assessment of alectinib vs ceritinib in ALK-positive non-small cell lung cancer in phase 2 trials and in real-world data. *JAMA Network Open*, 4(10):e2126306–e2126306, 2021.
 - This paper was showcased as a case study for quantitative bias analysis in real-world evidence framework from National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE): [here](#). Accompanying invited commentary by Julian C. Hong: *JAMA Network Open*. 2021;4(10):e2128045.
- [10] S Nsanzimana, A Gupta, JP Uwizihiwe, J Häggström, L Dron, P Arora, and JJH Park. The need for a practical approach to evaluate the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines for low-and middle-income countries. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 105(3):561, 2021.
- [11] A Badawi, CJ Liu, AA Rihem, and A Gupta. Artificial neural network to predict the effect of obesity on the risk of tuberculosis infection. *Journal of Public Health Research*, 10(1):jphr–2021, 2021.
- [12] A Gupta, P Arora, D Brenner, J Vanderpuye-Orgle, DJ Boyne, M Edmondson-Jones, E Parkhomenko, W Stevens, S Dudani, DYC Heng, et al. Risk prediction using Bayesian networks: An immunotherapy case study in patients with metastatic renal cell carcinoma. *JCO Clinical Cancer Informatics*, 5:326–337, 2021.
- [13] A Dillman, MJ Zoratti, JJH Park, G Hsu, L Dron, G Smith, O Harari, CR Rayner, NE Zannat, A Gupta, et al. The landscape of emerging randomized clinical trial evidence for COVID-19 disease stages: a systematic review of global trial registries. *Infection and Drug Resistance*, pages 4577–4587, 2020.
- [14] A Badawi, G Di Giuseppe, A Gupta, A Poirier, and P Arora. Bayesian network modelling study to identify factors influencing the risk of cardiovascular disease in Canadian adults with hepatitis C virus infection. *BMJ Open*, 10(5):e035867, 2020.
- [15] A Gupta, JJ Slater, DJ Boyne, N Mitsakakis, A Béliveau, MJ Druzdzel, DR Brenner, S Hussain, and P Arora. Probabilistic graphical modeling for estimating risk of coronary artery disease: applications of a flexible machine-learning method. *Medical Decision Making*, 39(8):1032–1044, 2019.

- [16] P Arora, D Boyne, JJ Slater, A Gupta, DR Brenner, and MJ Druzdzel. Bayesian networks for risk prediction using real-world data: a tool for precision medicine. *Value in Health*, 22(4):439–445, 2019.

Conference proceedings

- [1] H Ruan, A Springford, A Gupta, and E Mackay. MSR102 Variance-bias trade-off in covariate adjustment in the context of synthetic control methods. volume 25, page S369. Elsevier, 2022.
- [2] S Kent, A Gupta, S Duffield, S Popat, J Ray, A Lockhart, M Hernán, and S Ramagopalan. MSR125 Bias adjusting for unmeasured confounders in synthetic control analysis (SCA) estimates of immunotherapy effectiveness in advanced non-small cell lung cancer (aNSCLC): An output from the Q-BASEL study. volume 25, page S374. Elsevier, 2022.
- Part of research collaboration with National Institute for Healthcare Excellence (NICE) and other stakeholders.
- [3] A Gupta, S Ramagopalan, D Boyne, DR Brenner, WY Cheung, P Arora, and R Wasiak. POSC299 Transportability analysis: A principled method for transporting treatment effects observed in one real-world dataset to another. volume 25, page S207. Elsevier, 2022.
- [4] S Wilkinson, A Gupta, E Mackay, P Arora, K Thorlund, R Wasiak, J Ray, and S Ramagopalan. OP208 Did HTAs make the wrong call? Quantitative bias analysis: Alectinib versus ceritinib in non-small cell lung cancer. volume 37, pages 6–6. Cambridge University Press, 2021.
- [5] V Subbiah, A Gupta, J Ray, P Arora, K Thorlund, and S Ramagopalan. 1316P Comparative effectiveness of atezolizumab (Atz) versus docetaxel (Dtx) or nivolumab (Niv) in previously treated (pt) patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer (aNSCLC): A US real-world (RW) study. volume 32, pages S1012–S1013. Elsevier, 2021.
- [6] S Wilkinson, A Gupta, N Scheuer, E Mackay, P Arora, K Thorlund, R Wasiak, J Ray, and S Ramagopalan. RW3 quantitative bias analysis (QBA) for comparative effectiveness of alectinib versus ceritinib in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). volume 24, page S239. Elsevier, 2021.
- [7] DJ Boyne, D Brenner, A Gupta, E Mackay, P Arora, R Wasiak, WY Cheung, and M Hernan. Head-to-head comparison of first-line folfinirix versus gemcitabine plus nabpaclitaxel (GN) in advanced pancreatic cancer (APC): A target trial emulation using Canadian real-world data. Wolters Kluwer Health, 2021.
- [8] A Gupta, P Arora, D Brenner, M Edmonson-Jones, E Parkhomenko, W Stevens, S Wagner, J Borrill, and E Wu. Application of a machine learning model to predict survival outcomes for patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma (aRCC) treated with nivolumab. In *41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making*. SMDM, 2019.

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Languages

English	Native or bilingual proficiency
Hindi	Native or bilingual proficiency
Japanese	Limited working proficiency (approx. JLPT N2)
Spanish	Basic proficiency

Computer skills

Languages	Python, R	<i>(Past) Haskell, C, C++11, Julia</i>
Technologies	Git, LaTeX, Microsoft Office Suite	<i>(Past) MySQL, Stan, Bugs, Docker</i>

Miscellaneous

- 2021 Invited judge for UofT AI ProjectX
- 2021 Interviewed for MedPage Today on machine learning for cancer immunotherapy ([link](#))