

# Predicting H1N1 Vaccination Status: A Machine Learning Approach

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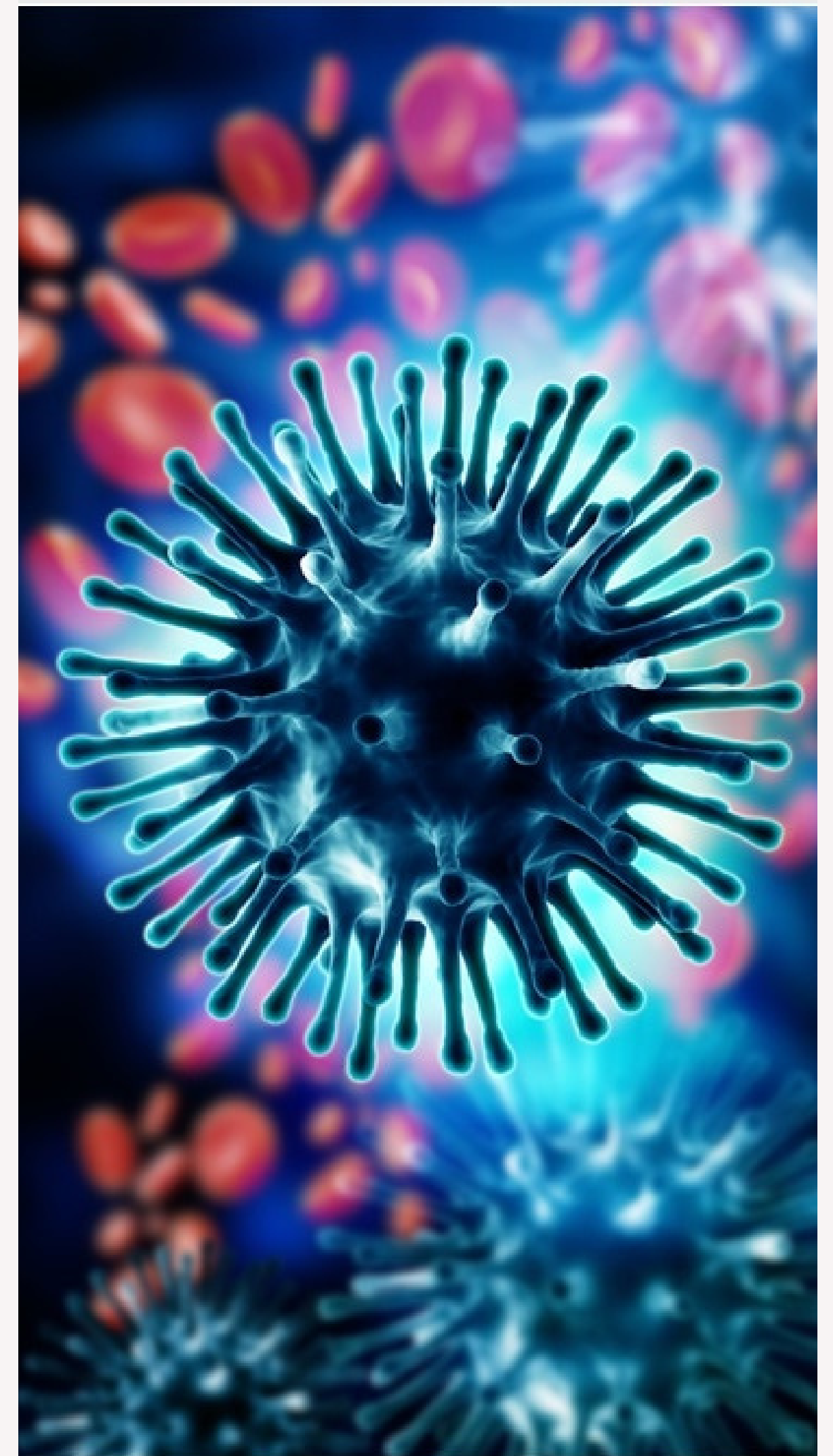
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# Public Health Perspective

- The personal factors that underlie vaccination behavior
- Understanding vaccination patterns from past pandemics can improve future vaccination
- Decrease outbreaks



# GOALS

- Build an accurate H1N1 vaccination prediction model
- Find most important demographic, behavioral, and health features affecting vaccination status





# The Data

**The National Flu Survey  
(NHFS, 2009)**

**26,000  
Respondents**

**79%  
Did not Get the Vaccine**

**35  
Unique Factors**

# Modeling Context

FALSE POSITIVE:  
PREDICTING THAT  
PEOPLE GOT THE  
VACCINE WHEN  
THEY ACTUALLY DID  
NOT

Big Problem

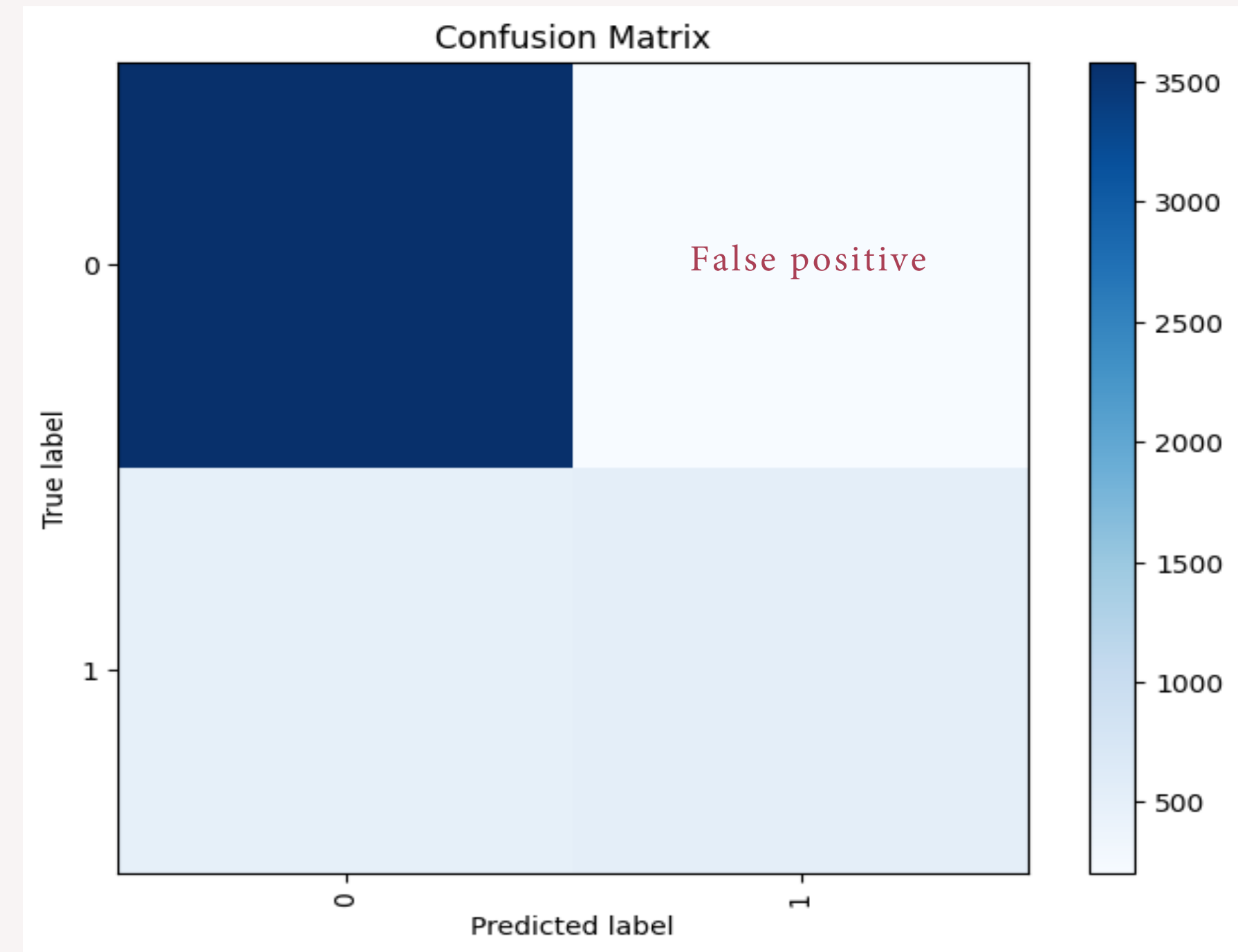
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# Model & Results

Gradient  
Boosting  
Score

84% Accuracy



# Top 4 Important Features

**Doctor Recommendation  
of H1N1 Vaccine**

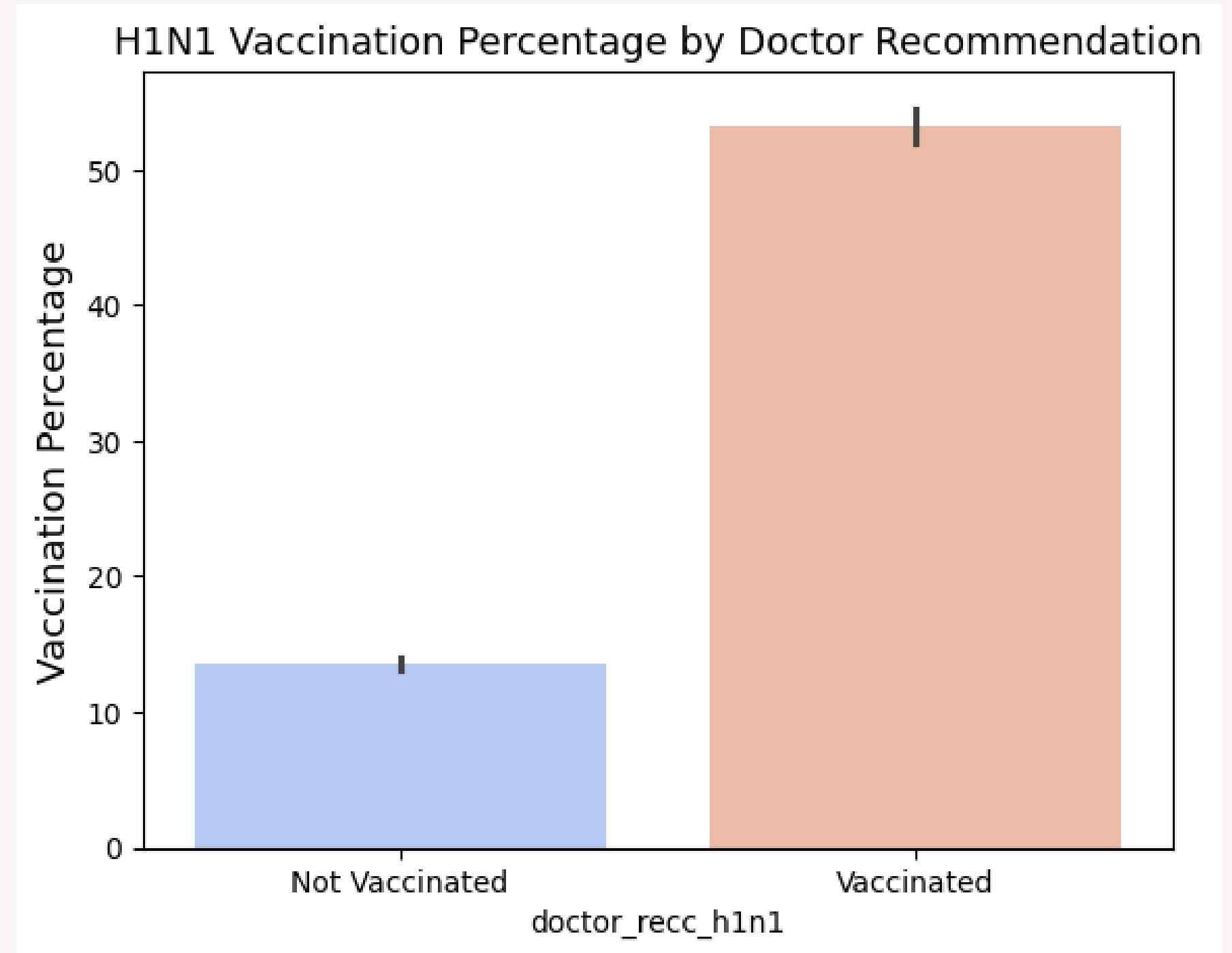
**Health Insurance**

**Opinion on H1N1 Vaccine  
Effectiveness**

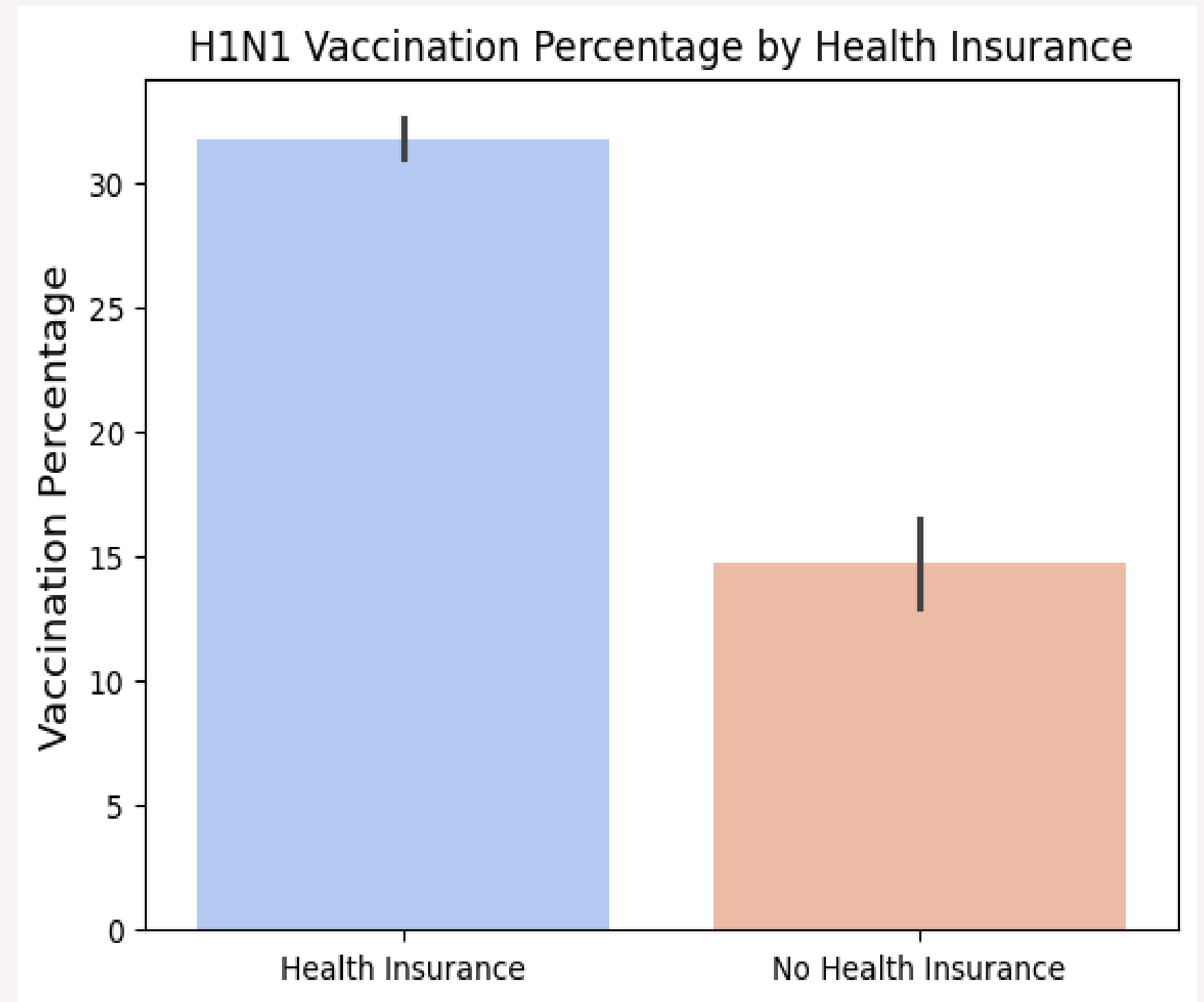
**Opinion on H1N1 Risk**



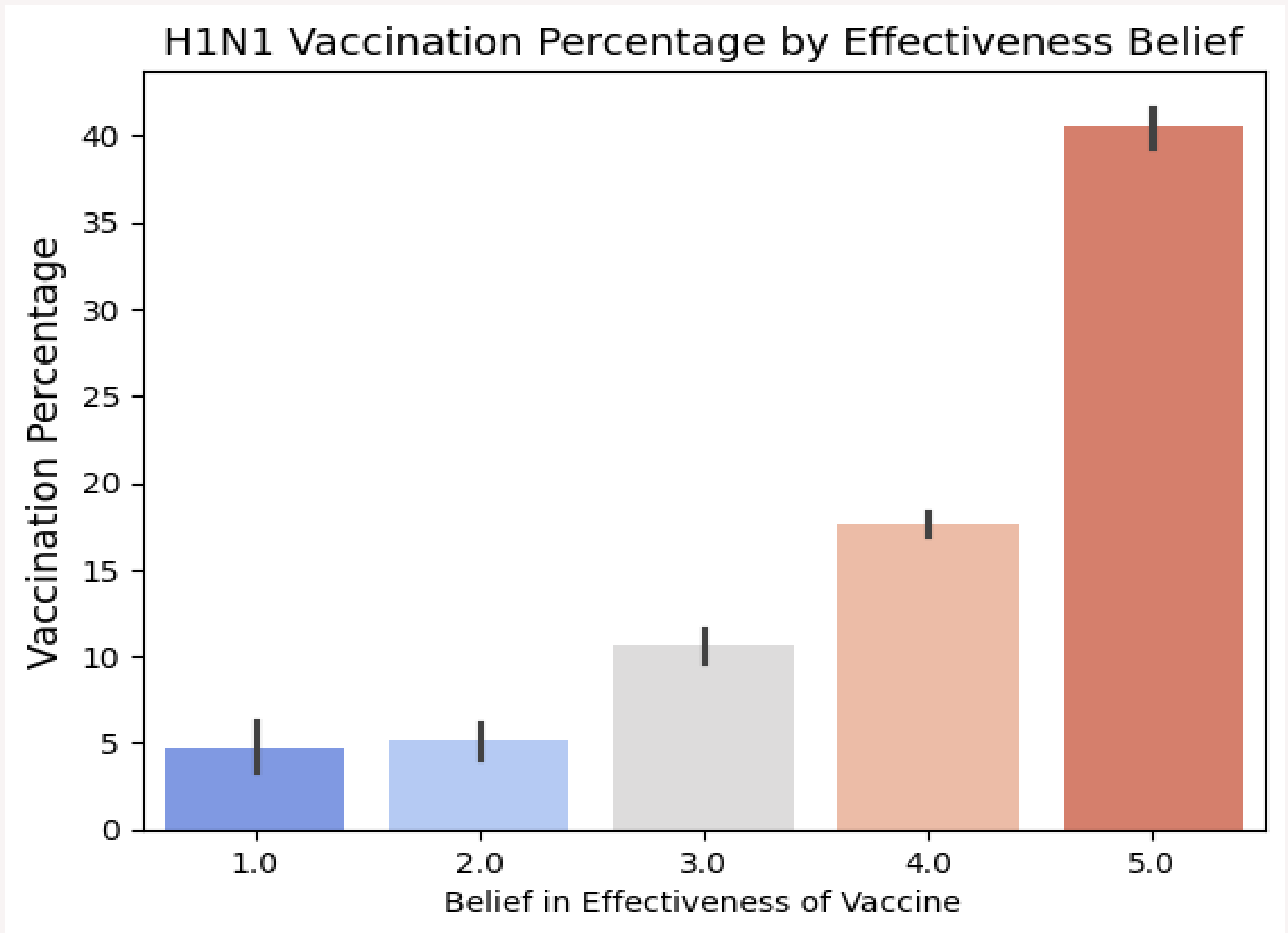
# Data Visualizations: Doctor Recommendation



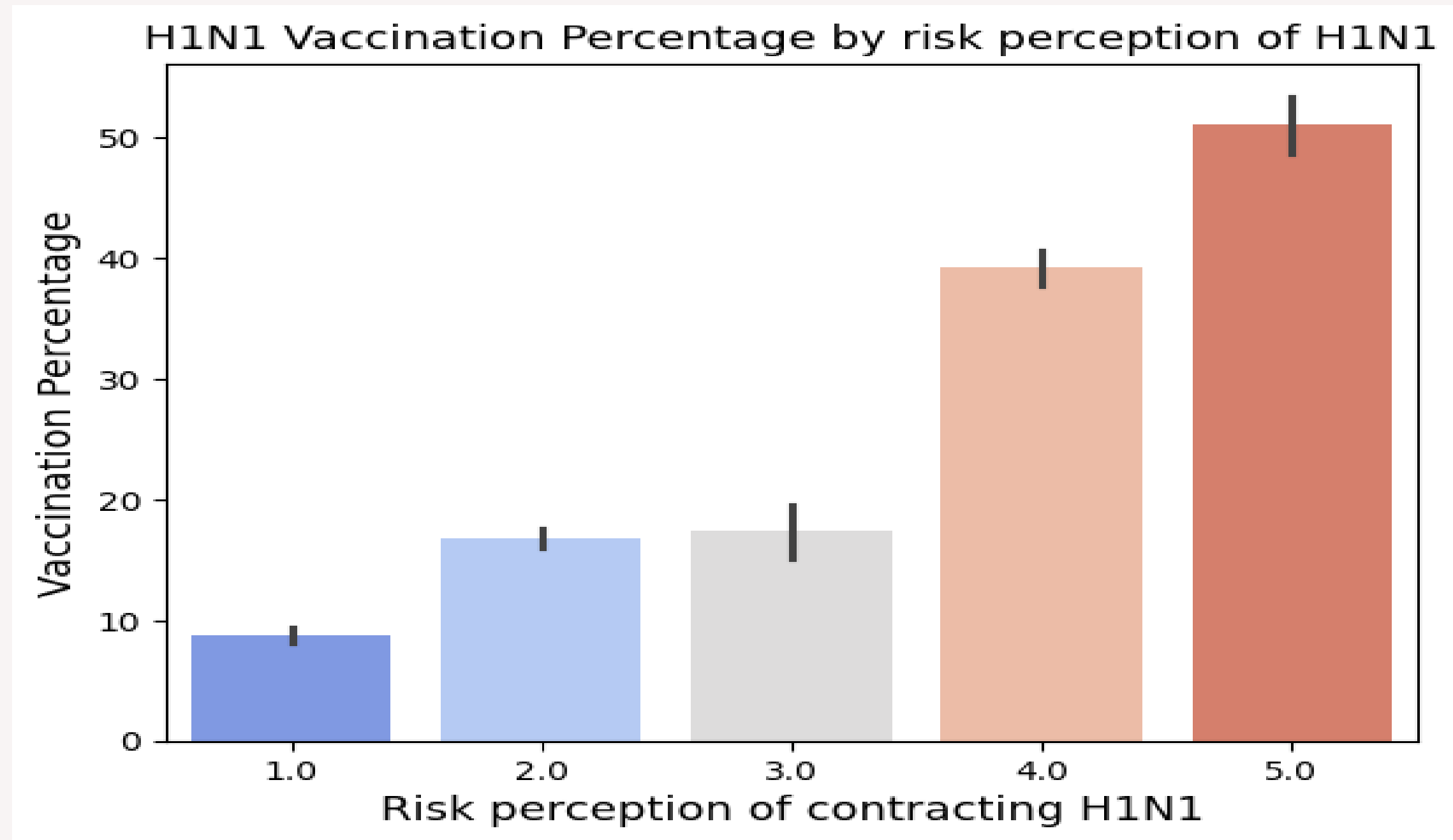
# Data Visualizations: Health Insurance



# Data Visualizations: Belief in H1N1 Vaccine Effectiveness



## Data Visualizations: H1N1 Risk Perception





# Recommendations

Doctor  
Recommendations

Health  
Insurance

Educational  
Outreach



# Connecting with Stakeholder Needs:

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My findings directly address the needs of public health stakeholders by providing actionable recommendations to improve vaccination strategies. By leveraging my predictive models, stakeholders can tailor interventions to target specific demographic groups and address vaccine hesitancy effectively.



# Next Steps



What to do

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## Recent Survey Data

Pre/After Covid-19 Difference

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## More Feature Engineering

Improve Accuracy

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## Seasonal Vaccine Prediction

Enhance and Generalize Model

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# Thank you!



# Appendix

## Comparison of Multiple Model Results

