

# Predicting H1N1 Vaccination Status: A Machine Learning Approach

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# Outline

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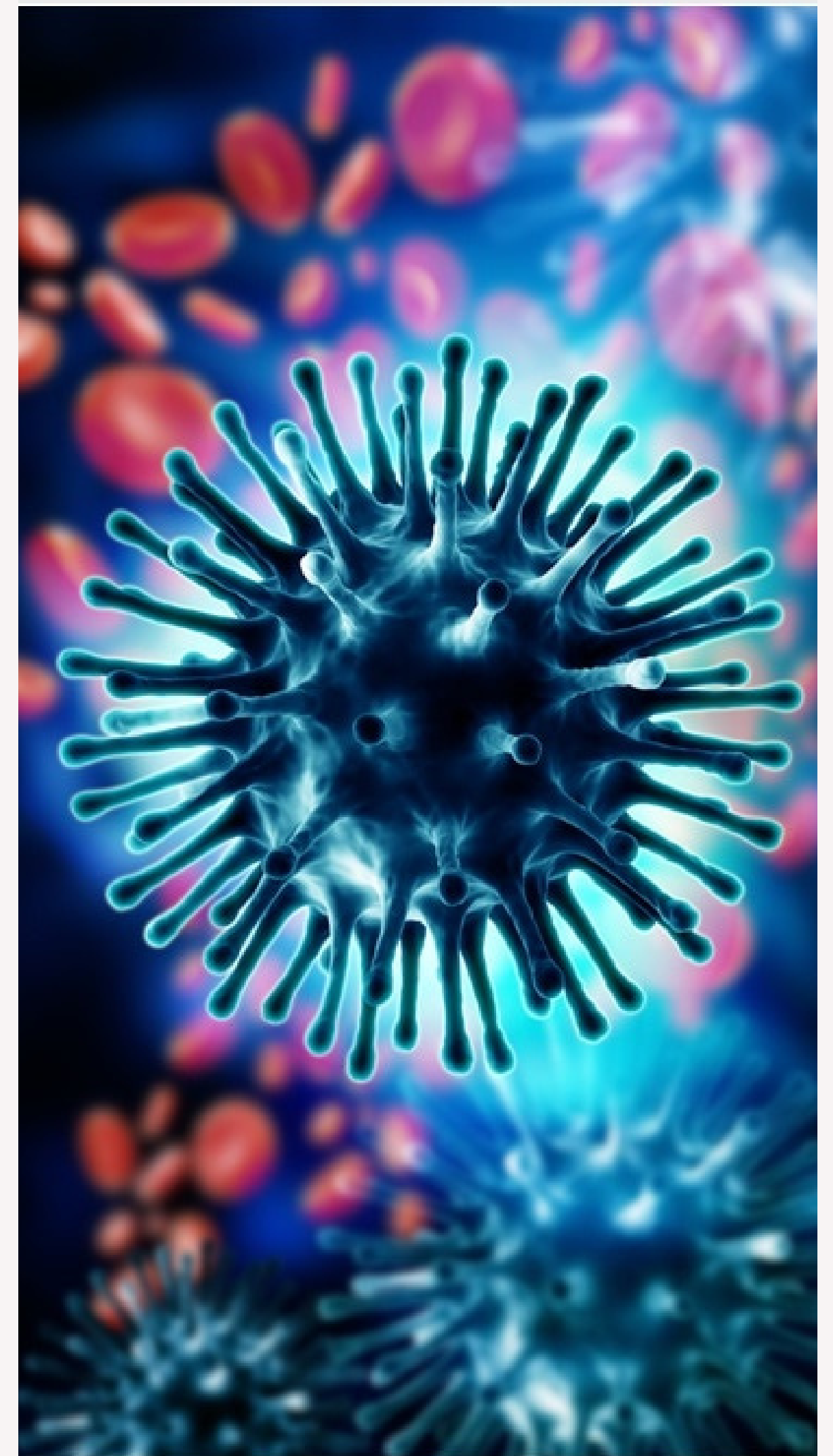
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# Public Health Perspective

- 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

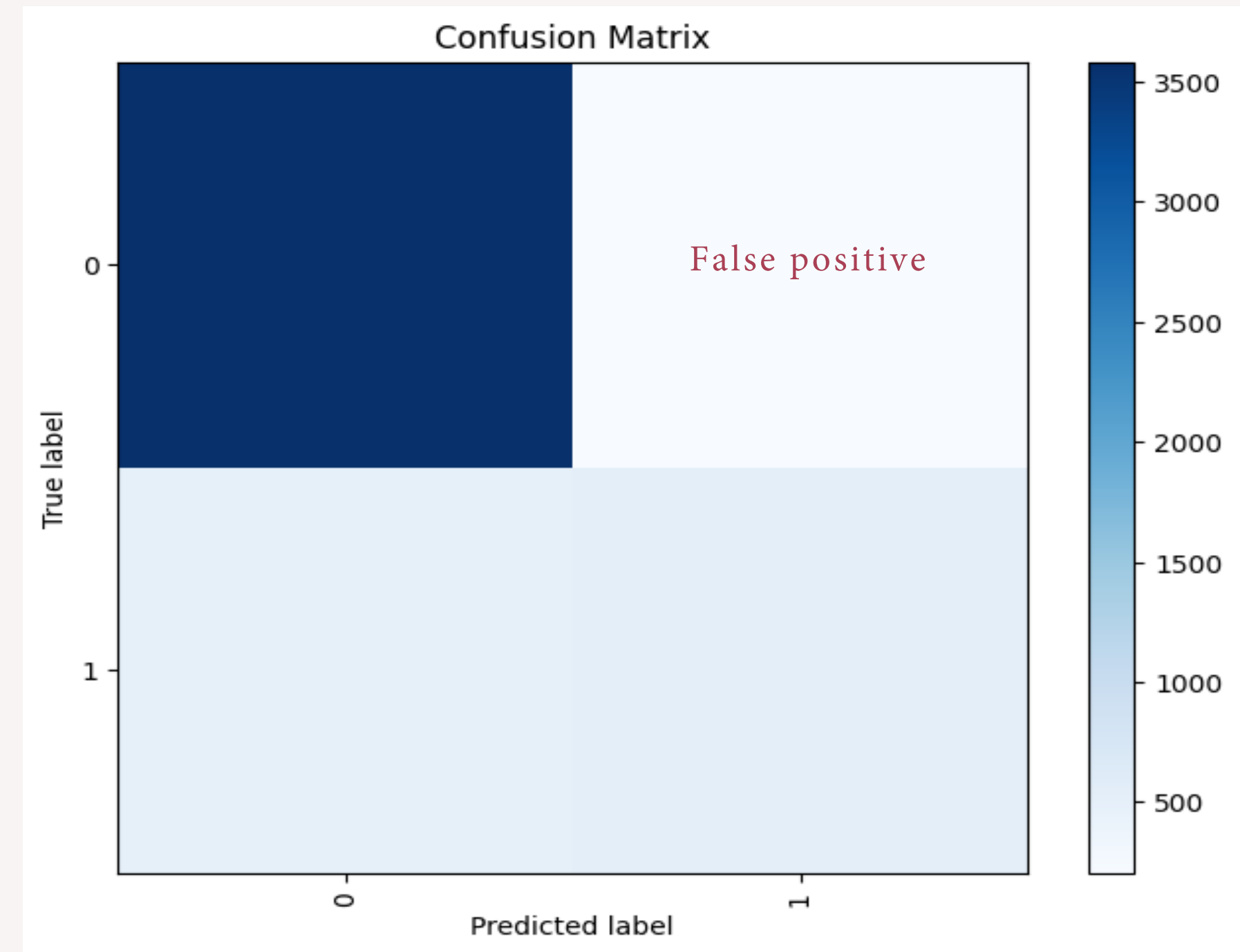
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# Model & Results

Gradient  
Boosting  
Score

84% Accuracy



# Top 4 Important Features

**Doctor Recommendation  
of H1N1 Vaccine**

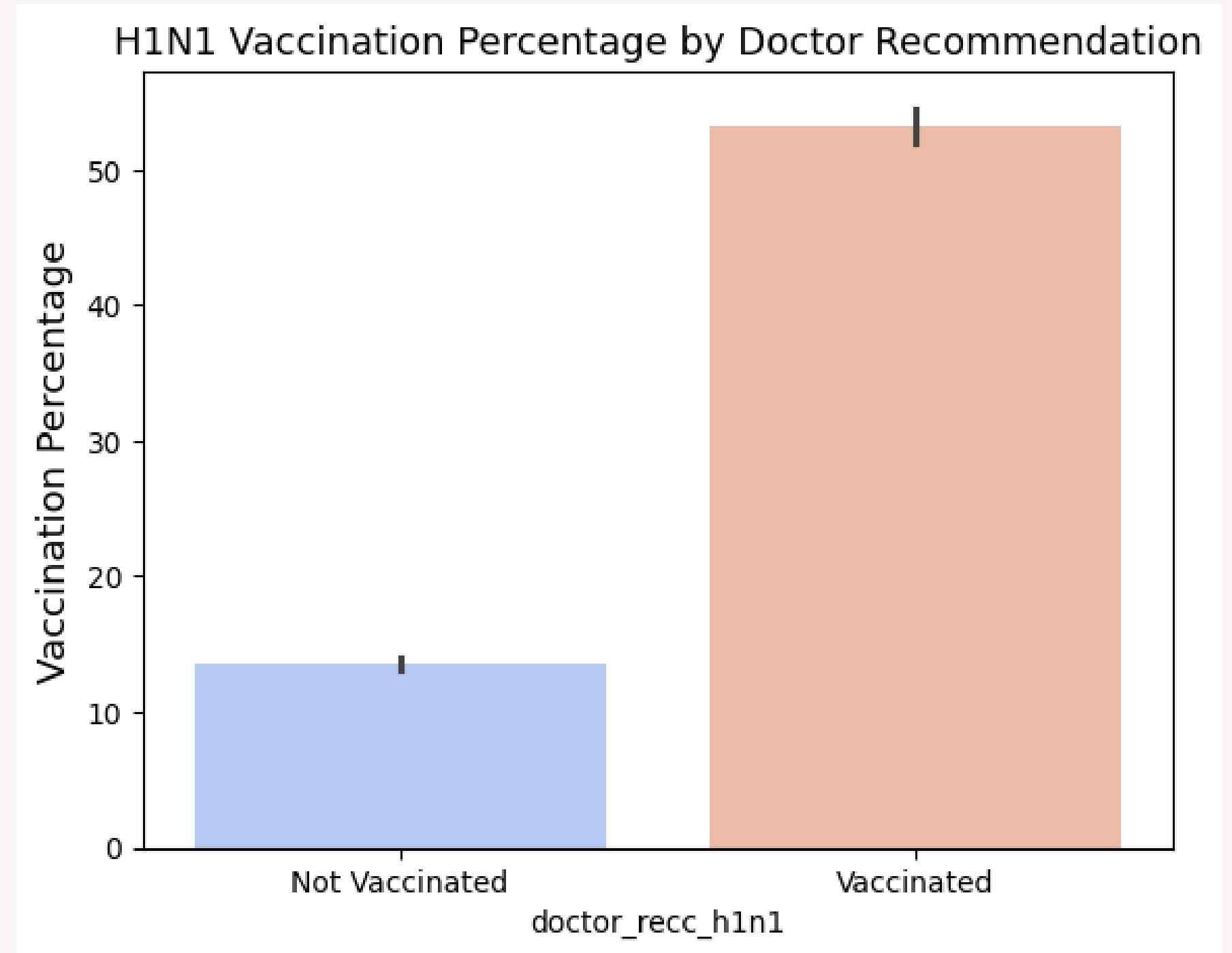
**Health Insurance**

**Opinion on H1N1 Vaccine  
Effectiveness**

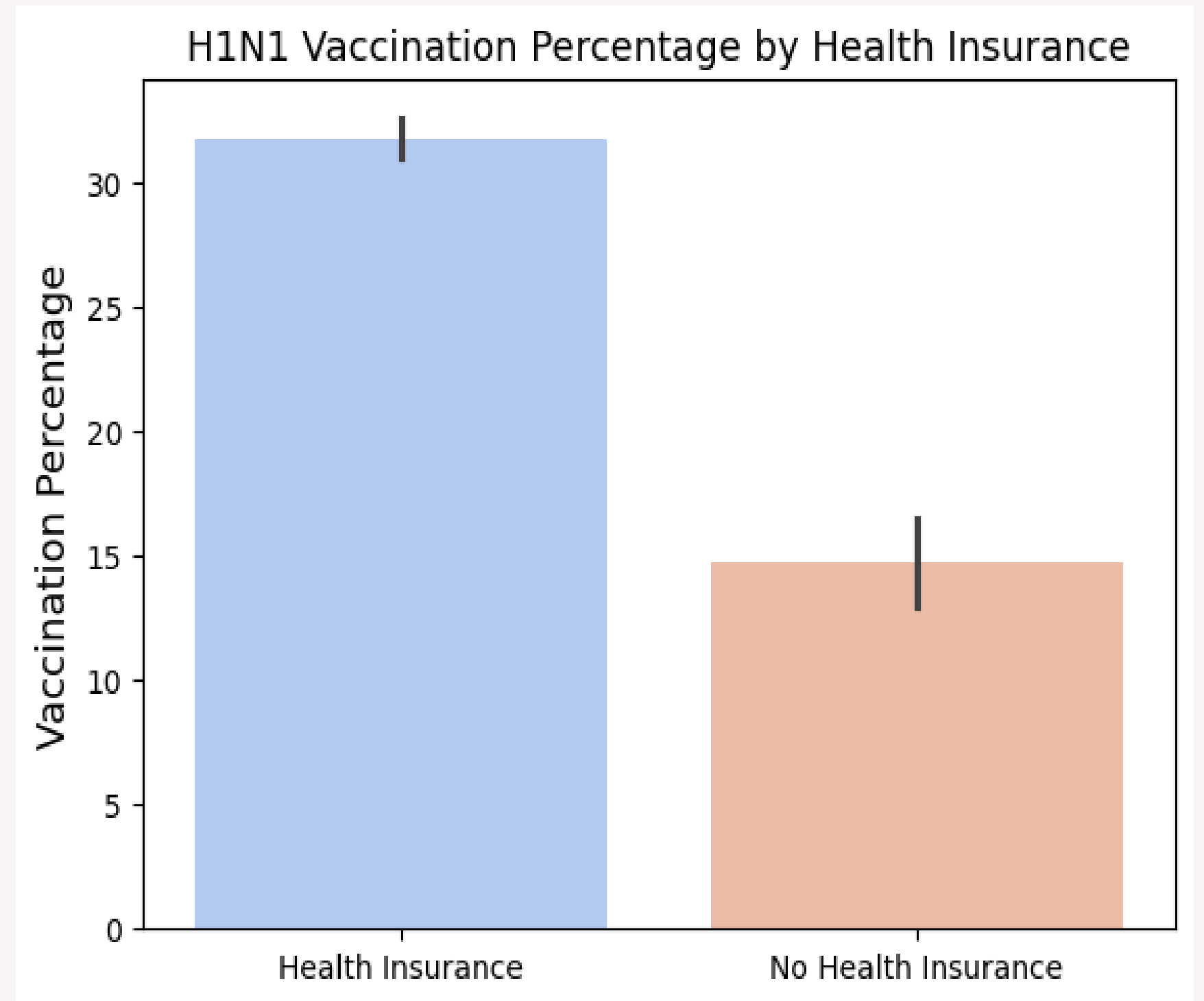
**Opinion on H1N1 Risk**



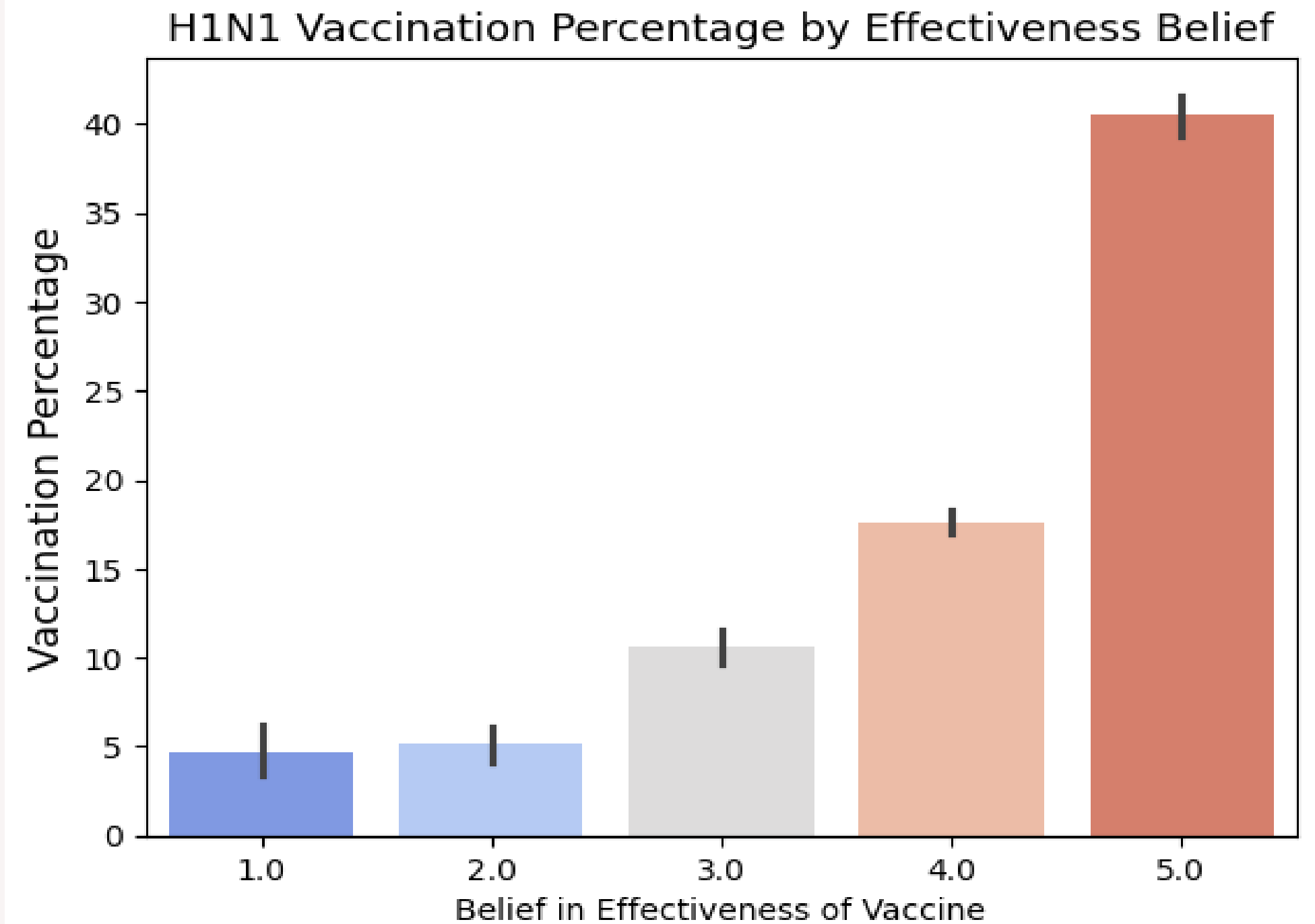
# Data Visualizations: Doctor Recommendation



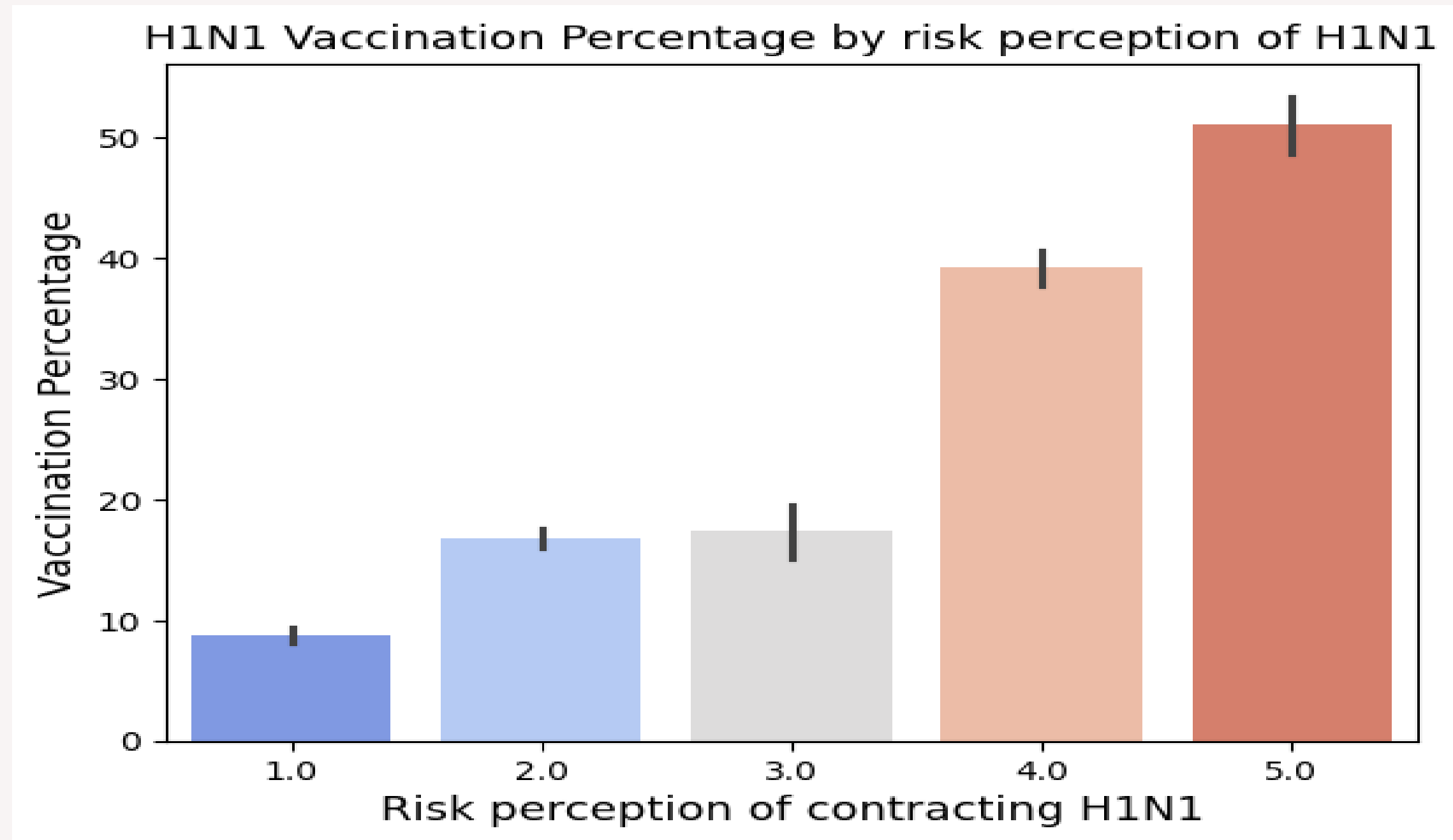
# Data Visualizations: Health Insurance



# Data Visualizations: Belief in H1N1 Vaccine Effectiveness



## Data Visualizations: H1N1 Risk Perception





# Recommendations

Doctor  
Recommendations

Health  
Insurance

Educational  
Outreach



# 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

