Biostatistics Week VII

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Hypothesis Testing - Steps

1. Check assumptions, determine H_0 and H_a , choose α

- Assumptions differ based on the test
- The null hypothesis always contains equality (=)

2. Calculate the appropriate test statistic

• z, t, χ^2 , ...

3. Calculate critical values/p value

With the aid of precalculated tables/software

4. Decide whether to reject/fail to reject H₀

• Reject if the statistic is within the critical region/p $\leq \alpha$

χ² Test of Association

- Used to assess the association between two categorical variables
- More generally, used to investigate the significance of the difference between expected and observed values

Are the 2 categorical variables independent?

χ² Test – Test Statistic

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(observed - expected)^2}{expected}$$

TABLE III—Changes in frequency of physical exercise in patients with angina between baseline and review at two years

	No (%) of patients	
	Intervention group	Control group
Increased	108 (34)	63 (21)
No change	120 (38)	74 (25)
Decreased	89 (28)	163 (54)

	Intervention Group	Control Group	Total
Increased	108	63	171
No change	120	74	194
Decreased	89	163	252
Total	317	300	617

$$expected_{1,1} = 317 \times \frac{171}{617}$$
 $expected_{1,2} = 300 \times \frac{171}{617}$
 $expected_{2,1} = 317 \times \frac{194}{617}$ $expected_{2,2} = 300 \times \frac{194}{617}$
 $expected_{3,1} = 317 \times \frac{252}{617}$ $expected_{3,2} = 300 \times \frac{252}{617}$

OBSERVED	Intervention Group	Control Group	
Increased	108	63	
No change	120	74	
Decreased	89	163	

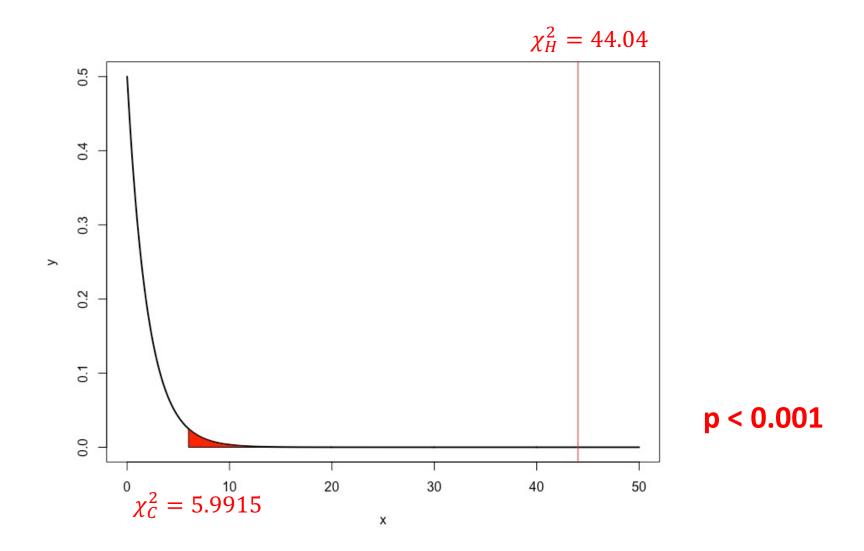
EXPECTED	Intervention Group	Control Group
Increased	87.86	83.14
No change	99.67	94.33
Decreased	139.47	122.53

χ² Test – Test Statistic

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(observed - expected)^2}{expected}$$

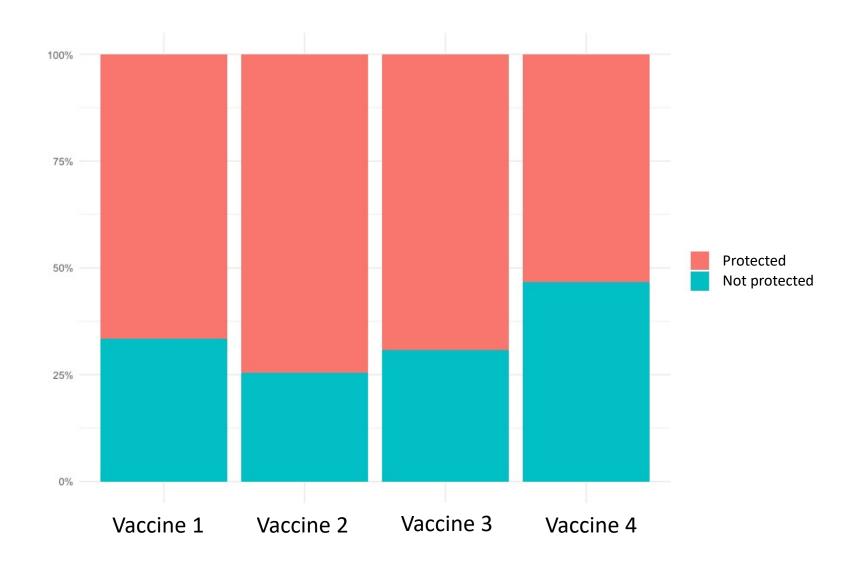
$$\chi_H^2 = 44.04 \sim \chi_{(3-1)(2-1)=2}^2$$

χ² Test – Test Statistic



• Is there a significant difference between the efficacy of 4 different COVID vaccines?

	Protected	Not protected
Vaccine 1	82	41
Vaccine 2	70	24
Vaccine 3	45	20
Vaccine 4	48	42



- 1. Check assumptions, determine H_0 and H_a , choose α
 - H_0 : there is **no difference** in efficacy H_a : there is a difference in efficacy
 - $\alpha = 0.05$
- 2. Calculate the appropriate test statistic

$$\chi_H^2 = 9.297 \sim \chi_3^2$$

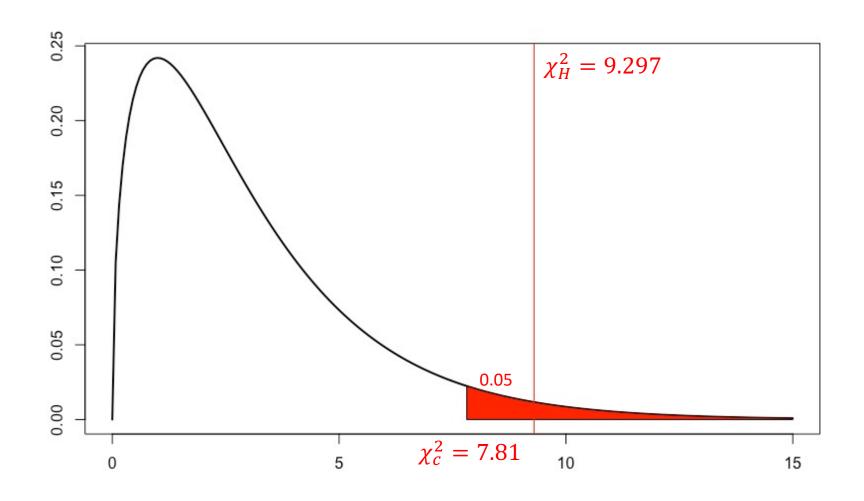
	Proctected	Not protected	Total
Vaccine 1	82	41	123
Vaccine 2	70	24	94
Vaccine 3	45	20	65
Vaccine 4	48	42	90
Total	245	127	372

$$expected_{4,1} = 245 \times \frac{90}{372} = 59$$

$$expected_{4,2} = 127 \times \frac{90}{372} = 31$$

$$\chi_H^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(observed_{ij} - expected_{ij})^2}{expected_{ij}} \sim \chi_{(m-1)(n-1)}^2$$

 $\chi_H^2 = 9.297 \sim \chi_3^2$



p = 0.025592

