

# TREC 2017 Precision Medicine

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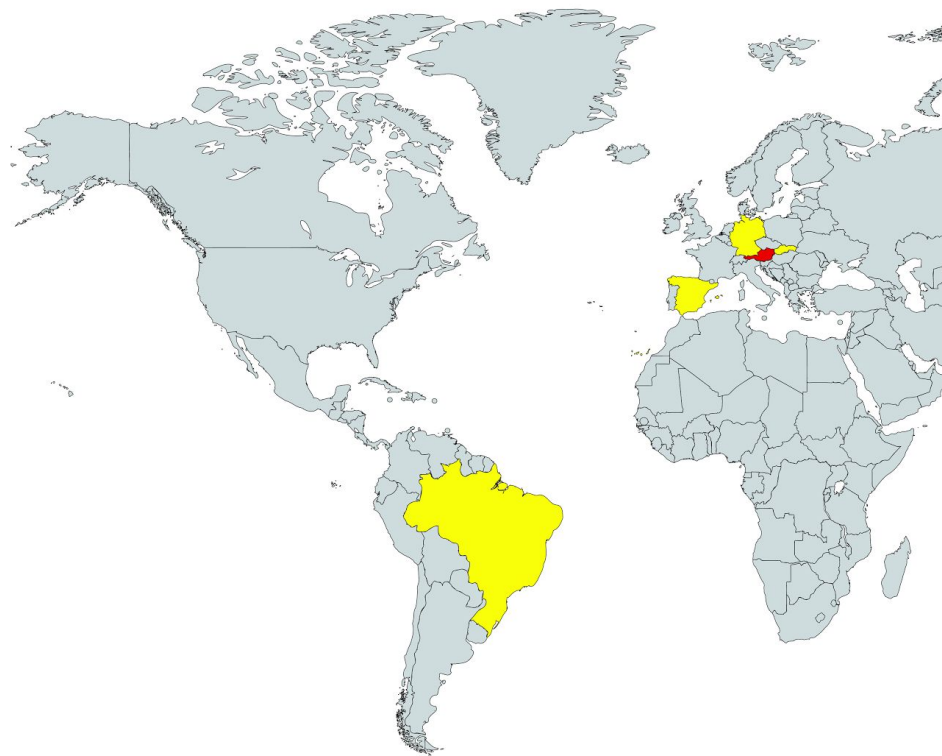
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# Premises

Fully automatic, Reusable, Open Source, on [GitHub](#)



Biomedical articles

# Organization



Design/Build  
Infrastructure



Reference  
Standard



Strategies/  
Resources



Experiments



# Infrastructure: Documents



Biomedical Articles

26M + 70K



Clinical Trials

241K



*XML SAX, Bulk API, 3 hours*



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medline2017
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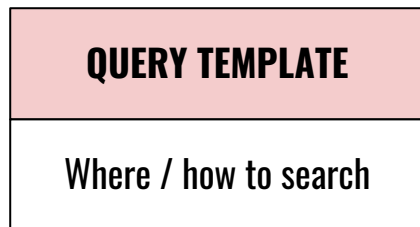
*Standard analyzer + tokenizer*

## Queries?



# Infrastructure: Flexible Query Generation

Colon cancer	RB1, TP53, KRAS	57-year-old female	None
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## ELASTICSEARCH QUERY

```

"bool": {
  "must": [
    {
      "multi_match": {
        "query": "colon cancer
cancer of colon
neoplasm of colon",
        "fields": [
          "title^2",
          "abstract",
          "keyword",
          "meshTags"
        ],
        "tie_breaker": 0.3,
        "type": "best_fields",
        "boost": 1
      }
    },
    ...
  ]
}

```



# Reference Standard

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Topic	Q0	PMID	Relev	URL	Source	Zdenko?	Zdenko's comments	Stefan?	Stefan's comments
1	Q0	15085719	1	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15085719/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15085719/</a>	System@51855ef	1		1	
1	Q0	26464734	1	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26464734/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26464734/</a>	System@51855ef	1	case report, possibly relevant	1	
1	Q0	25028469	1	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25028469/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25028469/</a>	System@51855ef	0	bench work, not yet clinical, but	2	
1	Q0	11505267	1	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/11505267/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/11505267/</a>	System@51855ef	2		1	
1	Q0	26528855	2	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26528855/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26528855/</a>	Google search for "cdk4 liposarcoma"	2		2	
1	Q0	26336885	2	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26336885/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26336885/</a>	System@51855ef	2		2	
1	Q0	23852861	2	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23852861/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23852861/</a>	System@51855ef	2		2	



739 documents / 1 to 3 assessors

Publicly available on [GitHub](#) in TREC qrels format

739 lines (739 sloc)				12.6 KB
1	2	Q0	ASCO_145142-156	2
2	2	Q0	22314188	2
3	2	Q0	ASCO_166685-176	2
4	2	Q0	ASCO_146390-156	2
5	2	Q0	AACR_2013-3381	2
6	9	Q0	24061512	2
7	2	Q0	23792568	2

# Strategies / Resources

## Elasticsearch

must/shold, topic dimensions, doc fields, boosting

```
"bool": {
  "must": [
    {
      "multi_match": {
        "query": {{disease}} + {{gene}},
        "fields": ["title^2",
                  "abstract",
                  "keyword",
                  "meshTags"],
        "tie_breaker": 0.3,
        "type": "best_fields",
      }
    }
  ],
  "should": [
    {
      "match": { "_type": "extra" }
    },
    (...)
  ]
}
```

## Keywords boosting



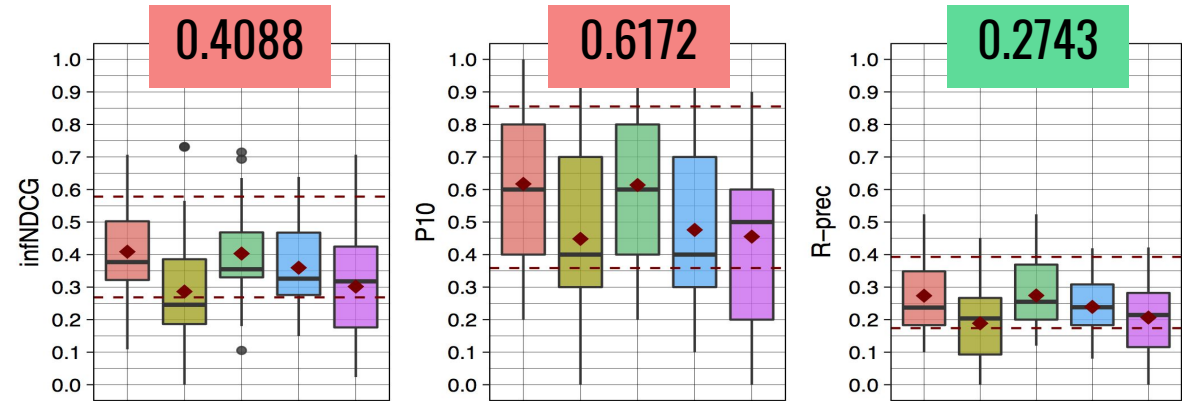
TREC extra topics, gold standard, med. knowledge, chemo. suffixes

cancer	malignancy		
carcinoma	outcome		
tumor	patient	detection	
	prognosis	embedded	-ate
	prognostic	fish	-cin
	recurrence	formalin	-lin
	resistance	paraffin	-one
gene	study	probes	-mab
genotype	surgery	screening	-mus
DNA	survival	tissue	-nib
base	targets	transcript	
	therapeutical	tumorigenesis	
	therapy		
	treatment		

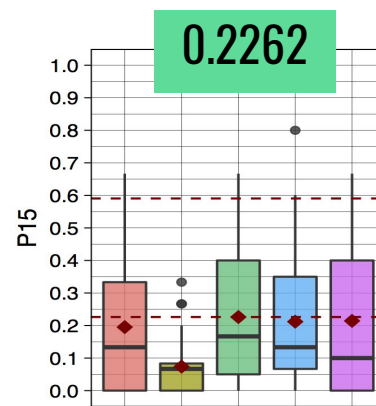
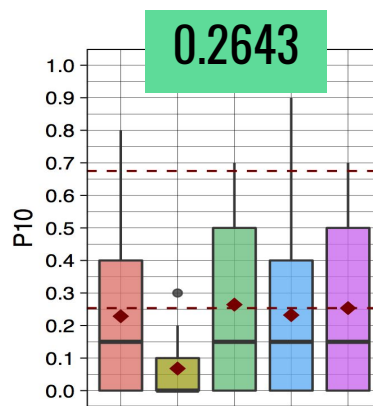
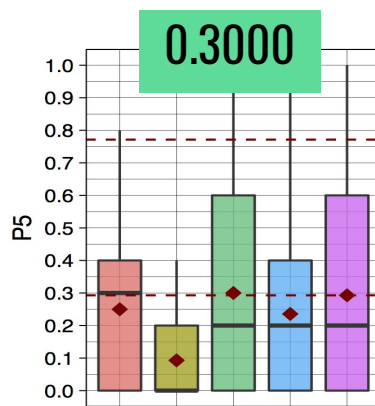
## Query Expansion

Diseases (Lexigram/SNOMED), Genes (NCBI Homo Sapiens)

	mugpubboost	mugpubshould	mugpubbase	mugpubdiseas	mugpubgene
Match disease & gene	must	should	must	must	must
Boost+ keywords	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boost- keywords	✓	✓		✓	✓
Boost+ chemo. suffixes	✓	✓		✓	✓
Disease expansion				✓	
Gene expansion					✓



	mugctboost	mugctdisease	mugctbase	mugctgene	mugctmust
Match age range & sex	must	must	must	must	should
Match disease & gene	must	must	should	must	should
Comorbidities NOT excl.	✓	✓		✓	✓
Boost+ keywords	✓	✓		✓	
Disease expansion		✓			
Gene expansion				✓	





# Limitations, Discussion, Future Work

1. Judgements coherent between our reference standard / TREC
2. Baseline strategy was best / nearly best
3. Results: often  $< 1,000$
4. Explore other strategies:
  - a. All dimensions
  - b. Other ES analyzers
5. Framework: more flexible/orthogonal, sub-templates, command-line
6. Future participation

# Contact, More Info



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