

Matthew Knowles

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EDUCATION

University of Sheffield

Sheffield, UK

MSc, Statistics with Medical Applications, Grade: Merit

September 2022 – September 2024

- Studied part time while working at OPEN Health
- Modules in time series, bayesian statistics, medical statistics, and economic modelling
- Dissertation: A Network Meta-Analysis of Treatments of Locally Advanced/Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

University of York

York, UK

MMath (Hons), Mathematics, Grade: 2:1

October 2018 – June 2022

- Specialised in Statistics and Financial Mathematics in year 4. Focused on Pure Mathematics and Statistics in years 1-3
- Key modules included financial maths, portfolio theory, and bayesian statistics.
- Third year project: On Differential Equations in in-host Viral Pathology (70%)
- Final year project: Statistical Methods for Resetting Score Targets in Limited-Overs Cricket (72%)
- Received full colours for representing the university at cricket

EXPERIENCE

Associate Biostatistics Manager

December 2024 – Present

Astellas Pharma

London, UK

- Oncology group, Statistics and Real World Data Science

Senior Statistical Analyst

April 2024 – November 2024

OPEN Health Evidence and Access

London, UK

- Lead the survival analysis workstream update for a large clinical trial in chronic-lymphocytic leukemia
- Supported the delivery of a network meta analysis in crohn's disease
- Implemented a novel survival modelling technique into a cost-effectiveness model
- Conducted a non-proportional-hazards network meta analysis in ulcerative colitis

Statistical Analyst

June 2022 – March 2024

OPEN Health Evidence and Access

London, UK

- Worked on building and maintaining in-house R packages for survival analysis
- Performed and reported on the survival analyses of four clinical trials for submissions to health technology assessment agencies
- Performed a network meta analysis in multiple myeloma
- Gave two internal talks about network meta analysis methodologies
- Developed a Shiny app to interface with a discrete event simulation
- Developed an analytics pipeline in VBA and Python from Excel to PowerBI to enable senior consultants to easily track their revenue
- Wrote statistical analysis plans for trial analyses and network meta analyses

Research Intern (Mathematical Finance)

July 2021 – September 2021

Department of Mathematics, University of York

York, UK

- EPSRC-Funded research internship
- Working on algorithms for finding convex envelopes of a given set of functions
- Review current and past literature to identify possible improvements
- Implementing algorithms using Python and looking for improvements in efficiency.

Research Intern (Bioinformatics)

July 2020 – September 2020

Department of Biology, University of York

York, UK

- Developed a pipeline in Python for using the Burrows-Wheeler-Aligner and SAMTools to collect, sequence, align and call the peaks of ChIP-Seq data
- Created an R pipeline to apply machine learning libraries to the acquired data
- Identified transcription factors for further study into breast cancer treatment

PROJECTS

A Network Meta Analysis for Treatments of Advanced/Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer June 2023 – June 2024

- Collected publications on Pancreatic Cancer trials
- Digitised published Kaplan-Meier curves
- Developed an R package to standardise the survival analysis functions and extracting results for the thesis
- Performed an indirect treatment comparison using the multilevel network meta-regression framework
- Results published at ISPOR EU 2024

Statistical Methods for Resetting Score Targets in Limited-Overs Cricket October 2021 - April 2022

- Wrote python scripts to clean large amounts of match data
- Performed exploratory data-analysis using R
- Built and trained a neural network to predict cricket scores
- Built an R package for reproducible results

Differential Equations in Viral Pathology September 2020 - March 2021

- 3rd year group project, looking at deterministic vs stochastic differential equations, achieved 70%
- Wrote a Python program to graph the evolution of an infection in a host's cells
- Organised, chaired, and took minutes at group meetings.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: R, Python, C/C++, Stan

Developer Tools: Git, Vim, VS Code, Rstudio Server, Rstudio Desktop

Communicative Languages: English, Norwegian

Presenting: Experienced at creating and giving talks/presentations in both Beamer and PowerPoint

Other: Excel, VBA, PowerBI, RShiny, Tidyverse, R package development, L^AT_EX

PUBLICATIONS

Comparative Efficacy of Treatments in Advanced/Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer: Demonstrating the Power of Multi-Level Network Meta Regression, Value in Health, Volume 27, Issue 12, S2 (December 2024)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Associate Member, Institute for Mathematics and its Applications

Royal Statistical Society