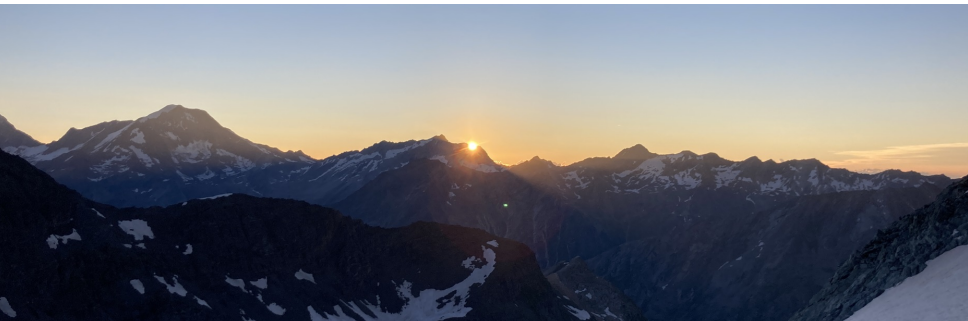

What is the biggest contribution of statisticians?

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What is statistician's biggest contribution to drug development?

- 1) Help teams structure their questions and problems.**
- 2) Independent advocate for rigor and objectivity.**

Do not take these for granted.

**Not everyone in drug development
has these.**

You may start as a statistician.

Aspire to become a drug developer.



Curiosity alone might not get you there.

1. Define and rely on values.

Integrity.

**It is not about what FDA
(or commercial!) wants.**

It is about what makes scientific sense.

2. Proactively share your knowledge.

Fit-for-the-audience!

Constantly improve communication skills.

3. Be conscious about overly critical statistician mindset.

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Thank you for your attention.

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What **values** does a statistician need
to successfully do that?

Integrity

Modesty

Curiosity

Collaboration

Independence

Experience

Patience

Ambition

Side note:

Which of these can AI provide?

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