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# DASC 3240

## L03 | Basics in figure and data presentation – **Exercise**

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# Exercise

1. Slide (PowerPoint presentation)
2. Text (Word file)
3. Image
4. Video

- An example of a “bad” slide.
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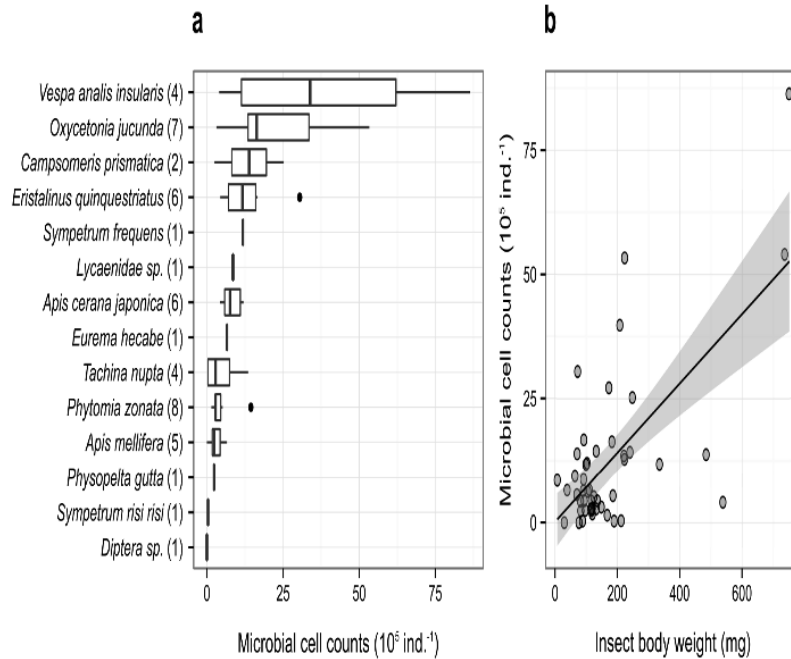


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Ushio et al. (2015) *Scientific Reports*

- An example in “Basic Design Rule (3rd edition)”
- How can you improve the word document? What make the document “not good”?
- You can download the word file from [https://github.com/ong8181/DASC3240/tree/main/DASC3240\\_Items](https://github.com/ong8181/DASC3240/tree/main/DASC3240_Items)

よい資料を作るためのレイアウトのルール  
伝わるデザインの基本

増補  
改訂  
3版

BASIC DESIGN  
**RULE**

高橋祐磨 著  
片山なつ

デザイナーじゃなくても大丈夫!

WordでもPowerPointでもOK!  
みんなに伝わる資料が、だれでも作れる

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万部突破!

「なぜ、そうするのか」「どうやるのか」もよくわかる

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- Can you identify the source of these images?
- Can you use them in your presentation or report? Explain why or why not.
- If you can use it, please explain what is the appropriate way to use the image.



Chinese White Dolphin



Probable disease resistance protein  
At1g58602

- How about this video?
- This is a supplement of Wiley et al. (2023)  
<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/10.1098/rsos.221376>
- The paper is “open access” (anyone can see and share it), but how about the supplement?
- Please explain why or why not you can use the video freely.



Deployment of biologging tags on free swimming large whales using uncrewed aerial systems

# Examples

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- Fonts with low readability
- Unnecessary modifications in the characters
- No credit or URL for the image
- Meaningless colors
- Images are skewed and not aligned

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Public domain



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**deepseek**

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- Too many colors
- Items above the title
- The title is center-aligned
- The image and figure caption is distorted

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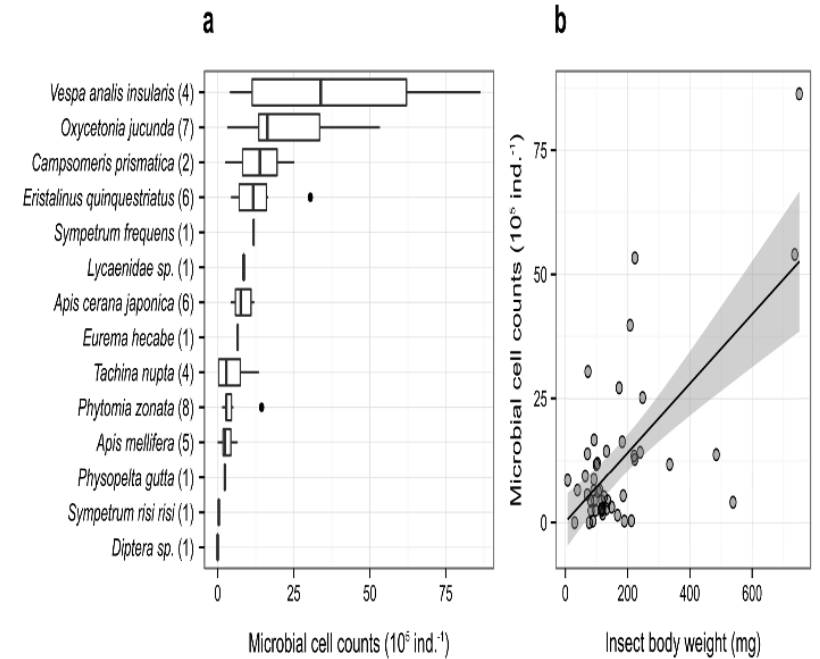
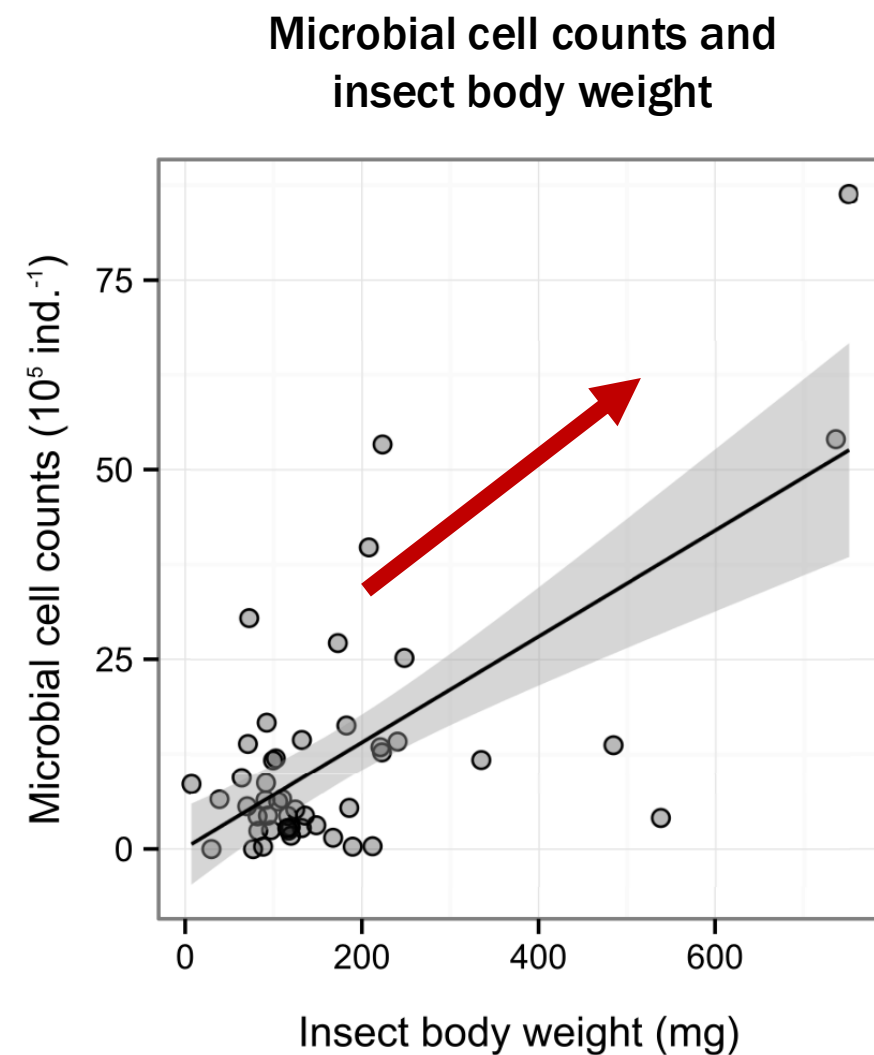
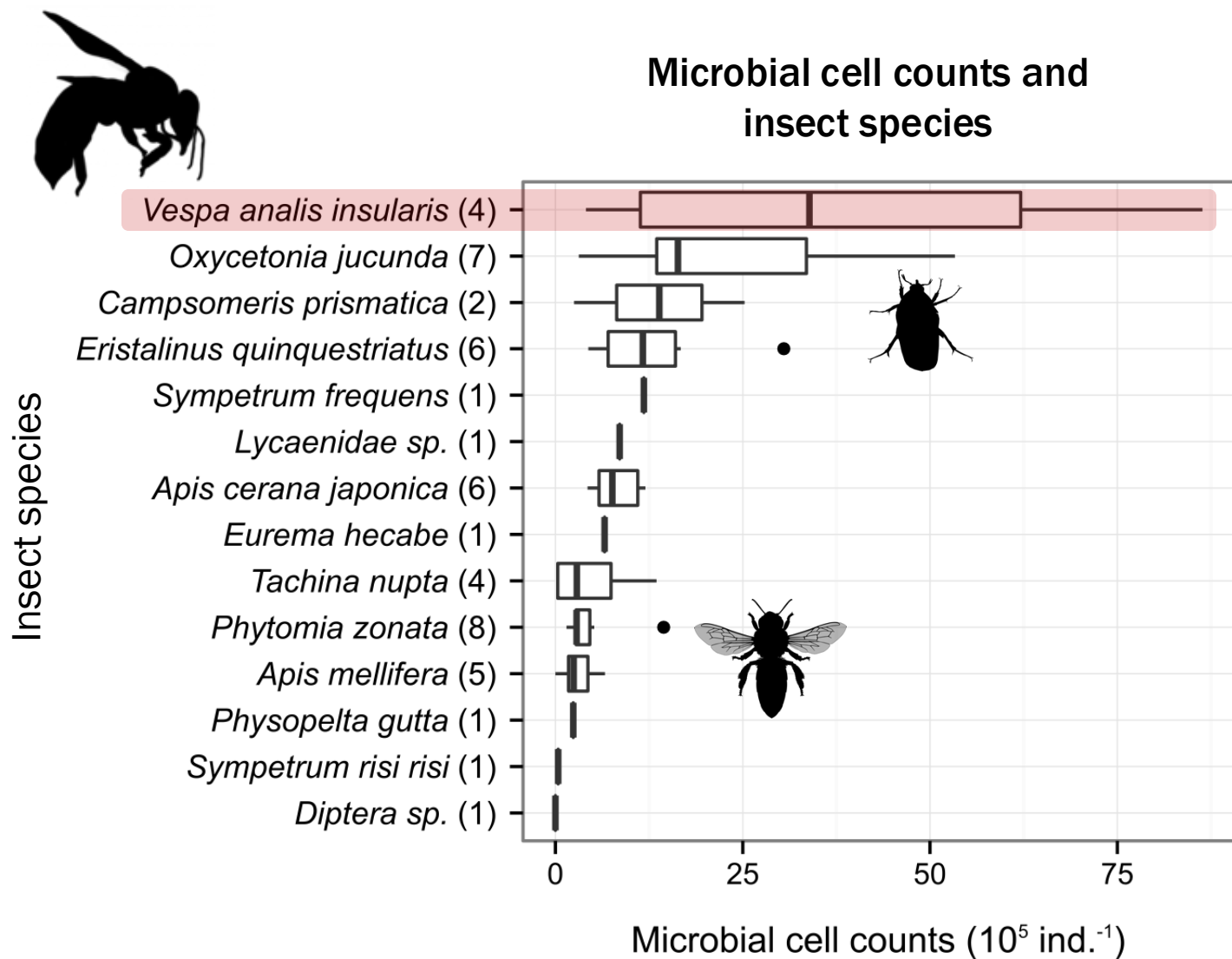


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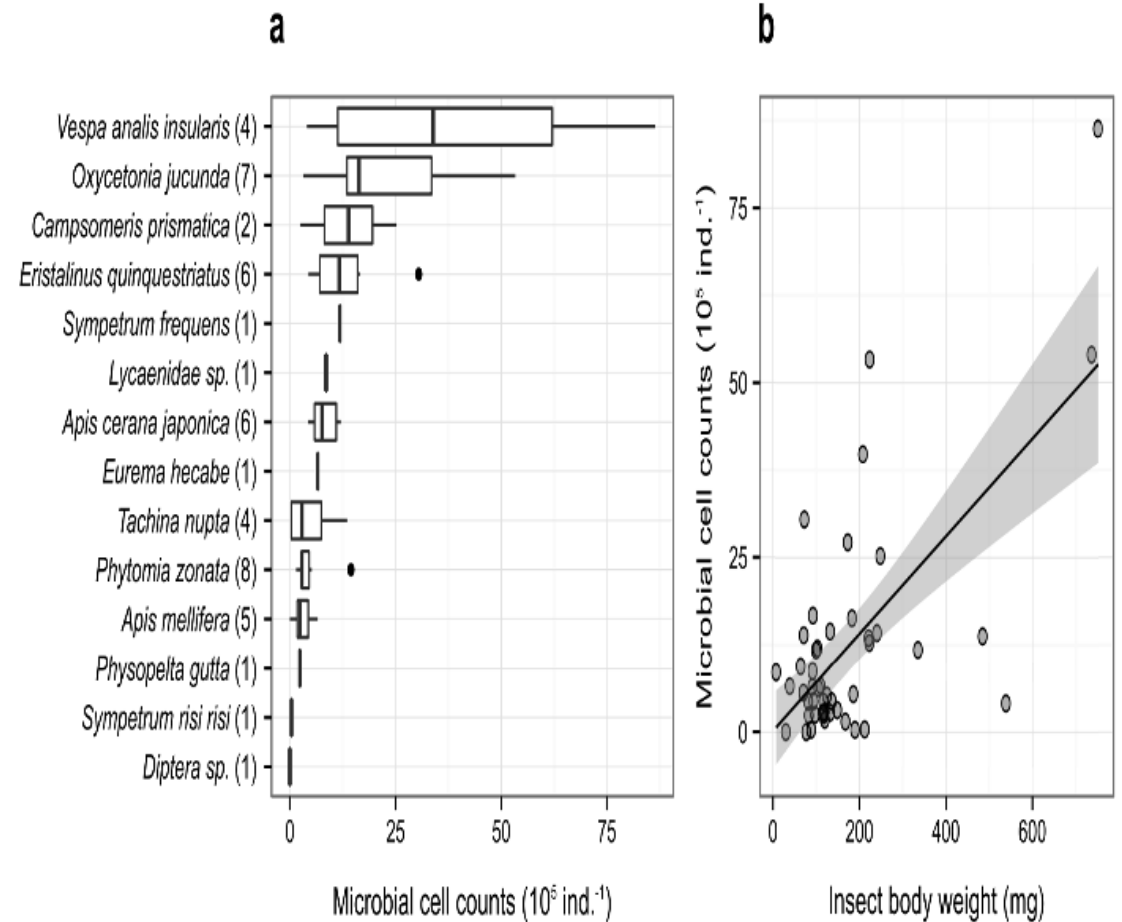


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- “Century” **does not have bold face.**
- abcded → abcdef (Century)
- abcded → **abcdef** (Times New Roman)
- **Justification** (both-side aligned) is often not good as it can make the space between words large.
- You should add **citation information** (credit) and caption to the image.
- You may use a **sanserif** font for the title and headings.
- You may use **the two-column style.**

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### Visuals

A study done by Wharton School Of Business showed that the use of visuals reduced meeting times by 28 percent. Another study found that audiences believe presenters who use visuals are more professional and credible than presenters who merely speak. Other research indicates that meetings and presentations reinforced with visuals help participants reach decisions and consensus more quickly.

A presentation program, such as Microsoft PowerPoint, Apple Keynote, OpenOffice.org Impress or Prezi, is often used to generate the presentation content. Modern



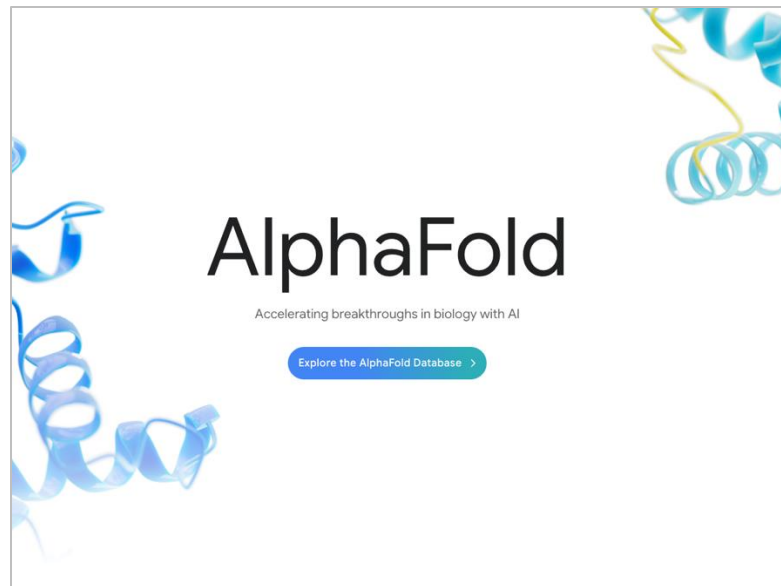
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- “©Mandy Lo” is intentionally cropped.
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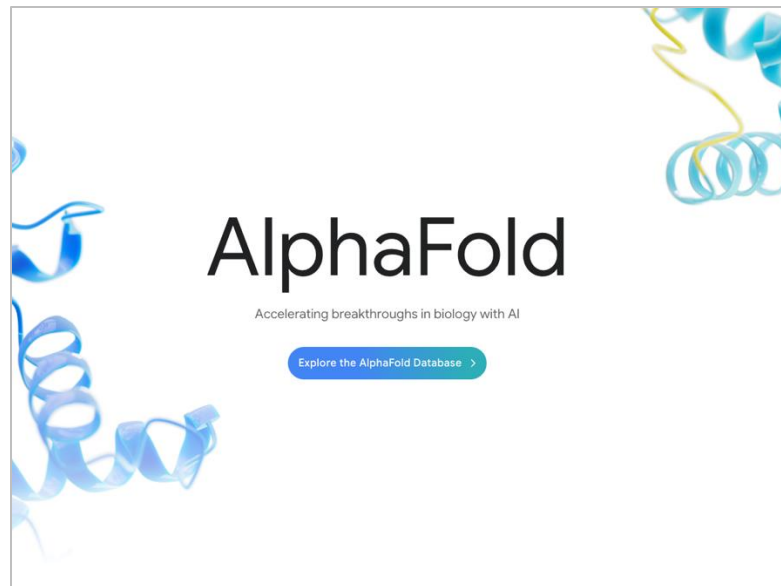
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AF-Q8W3K0-F1-v4

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PDB file

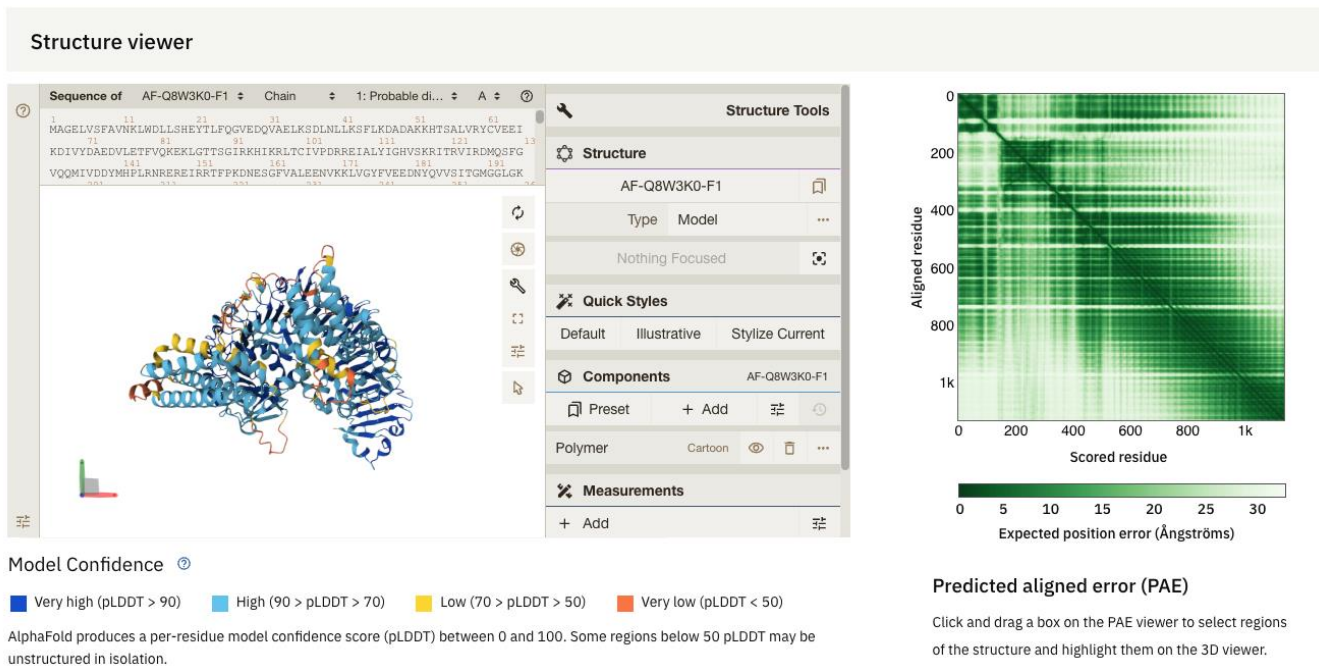
mmCIF file

Predicted aligned error

Share your feedback on structure with Google DeepMind

Looks great

Could be improved



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# Next lecture: 12 Feb (WED) from 10:30–11:50

## L04 | R and Rstudio – I Overview and installation

- Start using RStudio
- Basics of R and RStudio
- **Please bring your own laptop!**
- There is NO assignment, but you will do some hands-on.