**Introduction**

World Health Organization has estimated 12 million deaths occur worldwide, every year due to Heart diseases. Half the deaths in the United States and other developed countries are due to cardio vascular diseases. The early prognosis of cardiovascular diseases can aid in making decisions on lifestyle changes in high-risk patients and in turn reduce the complications. This research intends to pinpoint the most relevant/risk factors of heart disease as well as predict the overall risk using logistic regression  
Data Preparation

**Variables**  
Each attribute is a potential risk factor. There are both demographic, behavioral and medical risk factors.

Demographic:  
• Sex: male or female(Nominal)  
• Age: Age of the patient;(Continuous - Although the recorded ages have been truncated to whole numbers, the concept of age is continuous)  
Behavioural  
• Current Smoker: whether or not the patient is a current smoker (Nominal)  
• Cigs Per Day: the number of cigarettes that the person smoked on average in one day.(can be considered continuous as one can have any number of cigarettes, even half a cigarette.)  
Medical( history)  
• BP Meds: whether or not the patient was on blood pressure medication (Nominal)  
• Prevalent Stroke: whether or not the patient had previously had a stroke (Nominal)  
• Prevalent Hyp: whether or not the patient was hypertensive (Nominal)  
• Diabetes: whether or not the patient had diabetes (Nominal)  
Medical(current)  
• Tot Chol: total cholesterol level (Continuous)  
• Sys BP: systolic blood pressure (Continuous)  
• Dia BP: diastolic blood pressure (Continuous)  
• BMI: Body Mass Index (Continuous)  
• Heart Rate: heart rate (Continuous - In medical research, variables such as heart rate though in fact discrete, yet are considered continuous because of large number of possible values.)  
• Glucose: glucose level (Continuous)  
Predict variable (desired target)  
• 10 year risk of coronary heart disease CHD (binary: “1”, means “Yes”, “0” means “No”)

Interpreting the results: Odds Ratio, Confidence Intervals and P-values  
• This fitted model shows that, holding all other features constant, the odds of getting diagnosed with heart disease for males (sex\_male = 1)over that of females (sex\_male = 0) is exp(0.5815) = 1.788687. In terms of percent change, we can say that the odds for males are 78.8% higher than the odds for females.  
• The coefficient for age says that, holding all others constant, we will see 7% increase in the odds of getting diagnosed with CDH for a one year increase in age since exp(0.0655) = 1.067644.  
• Similarly , with every extra cigarette one smokes thers is a 2% increase in the odds of CDH.  
• For Total cholesterol level and glucose level there is no significant change.

• There is a 1.7% increase in odds for every unit increase in systolic Blood Pressure.

Model Evaluation – Statistics

From the above statistics it is clear that the model is highly specific than sensitive. The negative values are predicted more accurately than the positives.  
Predicted probabilities of 0 (No Coronary Heart Disease) and 1 ( Coronary Heart Disease: Yes) for the test data with a default classification threshold of 0.5  
lower the threshold  
Since the model is predicting Heart disease too many type II errors is not advisable. A False Negative ( ignoring the probability of disease when there actually is one) is more dangerous than a False Positive in this case. Hence in order to increase the sensitivity, threshold can be lowered.

Conclusions  
• All attributes selected after the elimination process show P-values lower than 5% and thereby suggesting significant role in the Heart disease prediction.

• Men seem to be more susceptible to heart disease than women. Increase in age, number of cigarettes smoked per day and systolic Blood Pressure also show increasing odds of having heart disease

• Total cholesterol shows no significant change in the odds of CHD. This could be due to the presence of 'good cholesterol(HDL) in the total cholesterol reading. Glucose too causes a very negligible change in odds (0.2%)

• The model predicted with 0.88 accuracy. The model is more specific than sensitive. Overall model could be improved with more data