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(Pharmacological) drug:

a chemical substance used in the treatment, cure, prevention, or diagnosis of disease or used to otherwise enhance physical or mental well-being.

(http://www.dictionary.com/browse/drug)

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Adverse drug reaction:

an injury caused by taking a medication... The meaning of this expression differs from the meaning of "side effect", as this last expression might also imply that the effects can be beneficial.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adverse_drug_reaction)

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Tweet about a drug:

> *This Vyvanse needs to kick in.*

(No ADR)

> *I have got to stop taking my Vyvanse so late!!*
> *#nosleep #addproblems*

(ADR - insomnia)

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Supervised Machine Learning:

Given some tweets identified as containing an ADR (Y) or not (N), can we build a system which can successfully predict whether a given (unseen) tweet contains an ADR?

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1. Build a VSM over the tweets
2. Use token frequencies as features
3. Train a model
4. Evaluate the model

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Problem 1: many terms (e.g. in) are not indicative

Problem 2: too many terms (about 9K)

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Basic idea: tokens in tweets are somewhat indicative. Therefore:

1. Perform Feature Selection, get best 92 terms (done)
2. Build a (reduced) VSM over the tweets (given in the ARFF files)
3. Use token frequencies as features (given in the ARFF files)
4. Train a model (trivial using Weka, or similar)
5. Evaluate the model (trivial using Weka, or similar)

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3. Use token frequencies as features (given in the ARFF files)
4. **Find some other feature(s)**
5. Train a model (trivial using Weka, or similar)
6. Evaluate the model (trivial using Weka, or similar)
7. **Gain some knowledge!**