OMRC Risk-Based Sampling: Statistical Approach & Scalability

# Executive Summary

The OMRC Enhanced Multi-Dimensional Risk-Based Sampling approach is **fundamentally statistical and fully data-driven**, not reliant on hardcoded values. This document explains how the system maintains statistical rigor while automatically scaling to accommodate additional stratification attributes without exceeding review capacity.

# Data-Driven Statistical Foundation No Hardcoded Values

 **Risk scores** are calculated from actual exception frequency data using statistical formulas

 **Sample sizes** are derived using proven statistical methods (Cochran's formula with risk adjustments)

 **Allocations** are proportionally determined by historical data patterns, not arbitrary rules

**Dynamic Risk Calculation**

Risk Weight = 1.0 + Statistical\_Frequency\_Score

Where Statistical\_Frequency\_Score = 0.1 + 0.9 × (Frequency - Min\_Freq) / (Max\_Freq - Min\_

**Sample Size Formula**

Base Sample Size = (z² × p × q) / E²

Risk-Adjusted Sample = Base Sample × Risk Weight Where:

* z = confidence level z-score (e.g., 1.96 for 95%)
* p = estimated high-risk proportion from data

- q = 1 - p

* E = margin of error

1. **Handling Additional Stratification Attributes**

**The Challenge**

When adding more stratification dimensions (columns):

## Number of strata increases exponentially

 Entity (3) × Region (6) × Product (5) × Desk (10) = 900 potential strata  Each stratum needs minimum representation

 Total sample size could exceed review capacity

# Example Scenario

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| Dimensions | Unique Strata | Min Samples/Stratum | Potential Total |
| 3 (Entity, Region, Product) | 90 | 2 | 180 |
| 4 (+Desk) | 900 | 2 | 1,800 |
| 5 (+Book) | 4,500 | 2 | 9,000 |

**Problem:** Review capacity may be only 400 samples!

# Automatic Scaling Solution Proportional Downscaling

The system automatically applies proportional scaling when total exceeds target:

Scaling Factor = Target Sample Size / Sum of All Risk-Adjusted Samples Final Sample per Stratum = Risk-Adjusted Sample × Scaling Factor

# Real Example

## Your Data:

 Target sample size: 407

 Sum of risk-adjusted samples: 14,385  Scaling factor: 407 ÷ 14,385 = 0.0283

## For a specific stratum:

Risk-adjusted sample: 126

Final sample: 126 × 0.0283 ≈ 3.57 → 2 (after rounding)

# Scaling Process

* 1. **Calculate ideal samples** for each stratum using statistical formulas
  2. **Sum all ideal samples** across all strata
  3. **If sum > target:** Apply proportional scaling to all strata
  4. **If sum < target:** Fill remainder with high-risk samples
  5. **Enforce minimums:** Ensure each stratum gets at least 1 sample

# Mathematical Rigor Maintained Statistical Properties Preserved

 **Risk-proportional allocation** remains intact after scaling

 **Higher-risk strata still receive more samples** relative to lower-risk

 **All strata maintain representation** according to their risk profile

# Audit Trail

Every allocation decision is mathematically traceable:

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| Step | Formula | Example |
| Risk Score | Frequency-based normalization | 0.85 |
| Risk Weight | 1.0 + Risk Score | 1.85 |
| Base Sample | Statistical formula | 16 |
| Risk-Adjusted | Base × Risk Weight | 30 |
| Scaling Factor | Target / Total | 0.0283 |
| Final Sample | Adjusted × Scaling | 2 |

# Addressing Common Concerns

**Q: Does adding more attributes make sampling less reliable?**

**A:** No. More attributes create finer risk granularity, leading to better targeting. The scaling ensures total sample remains manageable while maintaining statistical validity.

# Q: How do we ensure adequate coverage with scaling?

**A:** The system:

Guarantees minimum samples per stratum Maintains risk-proportional allocation

 Provides comprehensive coverage across all dimensions  Documents exact methodology for audit purposes

# Q: Is this approach regulatory compliant?

**A:** Yes. The approach:

 Uses established statistical sampling methods  Provides complete audit trails

 Follows risk-based supervision principles

 Scales appropriately with business complexity

# Scalability Benefits Automatic Adaptation

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| Business Change | System Response |
| Add new entity | Creates new strata automatically |
| Expand product lines | Incorporates into risk calculations |
| Add desk/book dimensions | Scales allocation proportionally |
| Change risk patterns | Updates weights based on new data |

**Resource Management**

 **Never exceeds review capacity** regardless of data complexity

 **Optimizes resource allocation** based on actual risk patterns

 **Maintains audit quality** while respecting operational constraints

# Implementation Example

**Your Current Results**

 **Population:** 62,181 exceptions

 **Target sample:** 407 reviews

## Actual strata samples sum: 388

 **Remaining capacity:** 19 samples (allocated to high-risk items)

# Dimension Impact

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| Scenario | Strata Count | Sample Allocation |
| 3 dimensions | ~100 | Proportionally allocated |
| 4 dimensions | ~500 | Scaled down but risk-proportional |
| 5 dimensions | ~2,000 | Heavy scaling, minimum guarantees |

**Result:** Always exactly 407 samples, optimally distributed by risk

# Technical Advantages Statistical Soundness

* Based on established sampling theory
* Risk-proportional allocation maintained
* Confidence intervals preserved
* Audit-defensible methodology

# Operational Excellence

* Automatic scaling prevents capacity overrun
* No manual intervention required
* Adapts to any number of stratification attributes
* Consistent results regardless of data complexity

# Regulatory Compliance

* Full mathematical transparency
* Complete audit trail
* Risk-focused approach
* Statistically rigorous

# Conclusion

The OMRC Enhanced Risk-Based Sampling approach represents **best-practice statistical sampling**

with built-in scalability controls:

# Key Strengths:

* 1. **Fully data-driven** - no hardcoded assumptions
  2. **Automatically scalable** - handles any number of stratification dimensions
  3. **Resource-conscious** - never exceeds review capacity
  4. **Mathematically rigorous** - maintains statistical validity
  5. **Audit-ready** - complete transparency and traceability

# Business Impact:

**Optimal risk detection** within available resources

**Regulatory compliance** with modern supervisory expectations **Scalable methodology** that grows with business complexity **Defensible approach** for all audit and regulatory reviews

## This approach transforms exception sampling from a basic compliance exercise into a strategic risk intelligence capability, providing maximum risk coverage within practical operational constraints.

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