Scientific poster presentations

The creative revolution - my top tips

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Disclosure

My experience of creating scientific posters is of an insufficient sample size to claim any expertise (n=3), but I hope you find it useful

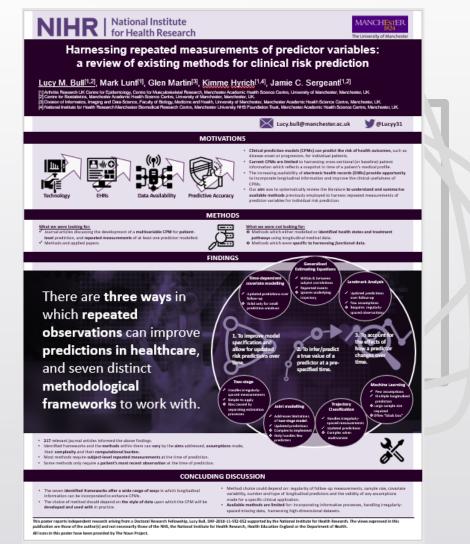
My first scientific poster (pre- creative revolution)

- Not an unsuccessful poster
- "Professional" and "academic" layout
- Shows I did a lot of important work
- No idea what we learned from this work?
- A lot of effort needed from the reader
- Generally a bit boring to look at

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My third scientific poster (post- creative revolution)

- An improved poster, but not a perfect one
- More use of images
- Varied the layout
- Key finding highlighted and can be viewed from a distance
- Something a bit different, that got people talking
- Cross breed: Infographic and better poster
- Poster prizes at YSM and RSS 2019



(My second one is at the end of the slides, if you're interested)

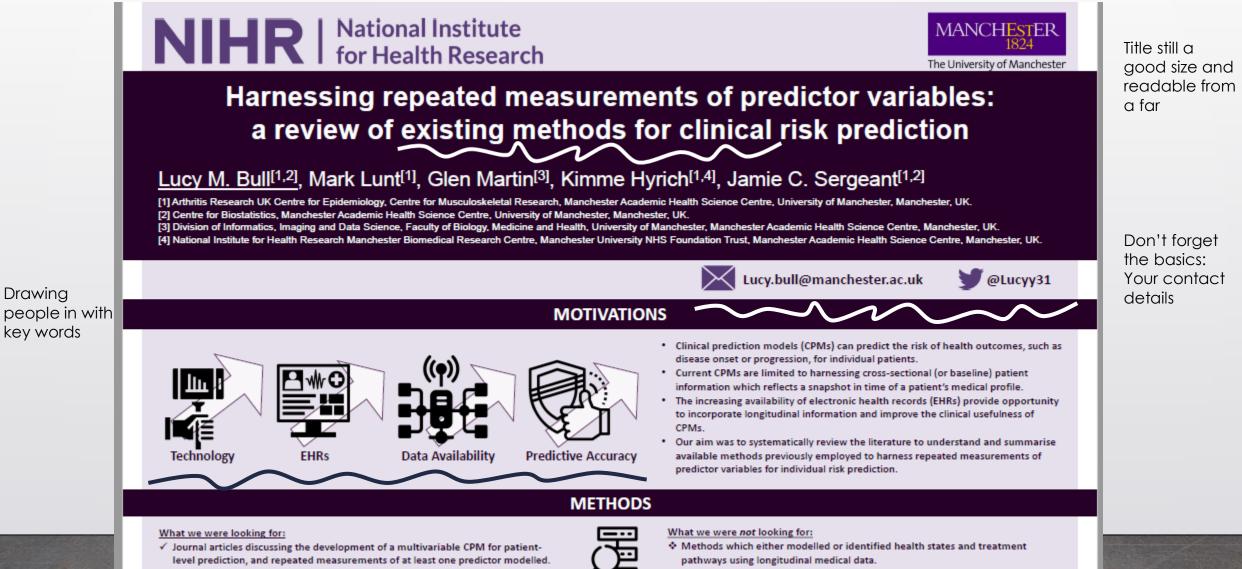
The creative revolution 2019

- Better Poster movement initiated by Mike Morrison
 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RwJbhkCA58</u>
- Motivated by the fact very few people were actually enjoying poster sessions (presenters and attendees)
- Less is more, focus on key messages
- Importance of plain English
- Provide access to a more detailed version if needed
- Interpretations of this movement can be viewed on Twitter using the #betterposter hashtag



Key takeaways from the #betterposter movement for me

- 1. There's no "standard" scientific poster format anymore
- 2. To think more about the takeaway messages
- 3. The more information my poster contains the less accessible it becomes
- 4. I do not need to prove my intelligence, I need to think more about the audience
- 5. Other people like images too, they are much easier to digest
- 6. Everyone else was finding poster sessions stressful too



Methods which were specific to harnessing functional data.

Methods and applied papers.

Drawing

I like using images as backgrounds

FINDINGS Generalised Estimating Equations **Time-dependent** ✓ Within & between Landmark Analysis covariate modelling subject correlations Repeated events There are three ways in Ignores underlying Updated predictions over Updated predictions trajectory follow-up over follow-up Few assumptions Valid only for small Requires regularlyprediction windows which repeated spaced observation: observations can improve 1. To improve model To account for the effects of specification and predictions in healthcare, how a predictor allow for updated 2. To infer/predict changes over risk predictions over a true value of a time. predictor at a preand seven distinct time. specified time. methodological Two-stage **Machine Learning** Handles irregularly- Few assumptions spaced measurements ✓ Multiple longitudinal frameworks to work with. Simple to apply predictors Trajectory Bias caused by Large sample size Joint modelling separating estimation Classification required processes Often "black box Addresses limitations Handles irregularlyof two-stage model. spaced measurements Updated predictions Updated predictions Complex to implement Complex when Only handles few multivariate predictors 217 relevant journal articles informed the above findings. Identified frameworks and the methods within them can vary by the aims addressed, assumptions made, their complexity and their computational burden.

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- Most methods require subject-level repeated measurements at the time of prediction.
- Some methods only require a patient's most recent observation at the time of prediction.

Key finding in straightforward language My top tips/reminders for creating a poster

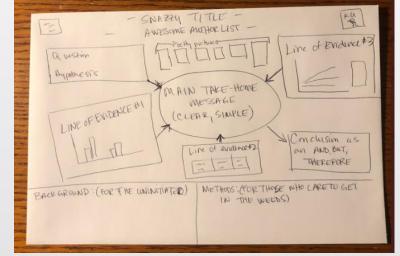
- 1. Do not be afraid to mix it up, there is no one-size-fits-all poster
- 2. Make it really simple for attendees to understand
- 3. Do not just create a large print of your paper
- 4. Use more images and icons, even as backgrounds
- 5. Make small steps, nothing is ever perfect first time round
- 6. Being creative does not make you any less professional
- 7. Gain feedback from peers

First step: Get inspired by the #betterposter Twitter

DECR1 is a key survival factor

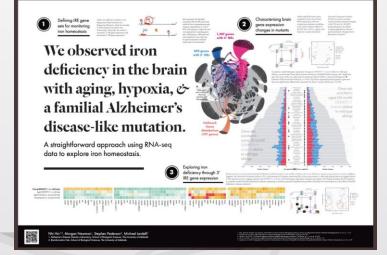
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Your peers are your inspiration, not your competition

! Reminder that funders like their logos in specific places, so double check that before you get your heart set on a particular layout

Available/free resources You do not need any fancy software

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Unsplash

Search free high-resolution photos

! Ensure you acknowledge the creatives behind any icon/photograph you use in your poster

Share far and wide!

Twitter is a portal to much larger academic audiences

I didn't want to do this at first, but I am so glad I did! Video summaries can attract more attention at the conference and online to discuss your work.

But, what to say?!

No more than a couple of minutes to explain who you are, what project the work was contributing to, what the objectives were and what you found. Lucy Bull @Lucyy31 · Sep 4, 2019 Here's me hiding in the corner at #RSS2019Conf, the @statsyss team persuaded me this was a good idea...
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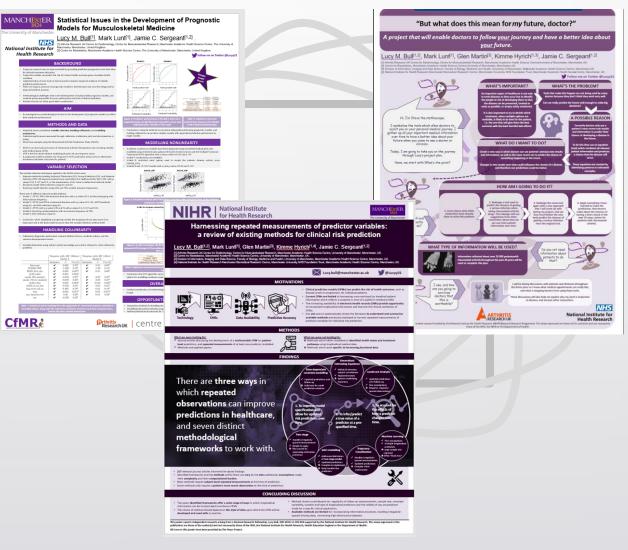
Great #RSS2019Conf #Poster viewing session A. You can still see #YSM2019 winning poster by @Lucyy31 "Harnessing repeated measurements of predictor variables: a review of existing methods for clinical risk prediction" and watch her summary of the work



Thank you for listening

Any questions?

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My second research poster for reference

Objective: to create a lay poster of my research

Not too sure how this was perceived but I enjoyed making it ©

"But what does this mean for my future, doctor?"

A project that will enable doctors to follow <u>your</u> journey and have a better idea about <u>your f</u>uture.

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