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What will you discover today?





Classical statistical tools cannot face the increasing complexity of biomed research projects. Ultimately, that **impacts the project ROI**.

AutoDiscovery

AutoDiscovery is an **intelligent automated exploratory data analysis software** that helps biomedical researchers to unveil clinically relevant associations hidden in the data files of their scientific experiments and studies.

Exploratory Research

Exploratory research is the stage of the research process that aims at connecting ideas as to unveil the why's of potential cause/effect relationships. This occurs when researchers get started at understanding what they are actually "observing" when in the process of building cause/effect models.

Confirmatory research (a.k.a. hypothesis testing) is where researchers have a pretty good idea of what's going on. That is, researcher has a theory (or several theories), and the objective is to find out if the theory is supported by the facts.



Exploratory and confirmatory research are two **complementary items** of the same goal: to discover relevant findings in the most efficient, reliable, replicable, applicable manner. An exploratory study should always be designed and executed in order to answer a number of a-priori **exploratory questions**.

Our experience in dozens of scientific projects has allowed us identify the **5 mostly shared kinds of questions** that researchers ask themselves.



#1 Role

Aimed at getting to understand the role that a certain group of known input factors has over the behavior of our system or part of it (responses).

Example:

What is the role that the neuronal structure has over learning and memory performance indicators of our given experimental subjects?

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#2 Prediction

Aimed at unveiling what factors will help us modelling certain responses of our system.

Example:

What gen signatures will help us predicting the evolution of the tumor size in our cancer model?

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#3 Characterization

Aimed at getting to know and understand better that set of factors that better describe our experimental groups.

Example:

What are the key potential factors characterizing the respondents of my study by gender, age, sexual abuses, psychological profile and emotional condition?

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#4 Differentiation

Aimed at identifying what responses are the most different according to a certain already known factor.

Example:

What proteins express differently in group control patients?



#5 Thresholds

Aimed at getting to know what threshold values are the most clinically relevant in a certain biological process.

Example:

At what levels of magnesium concentration we observe different dynamics in the patients under study?



LB+AD (n=5)

Probability distribution





1. Consolidate

Multiple data files are merged by the software into a <u>single</u> <u>table</u>. An <u>exhaustive statistical</u> <u>procedure</u> is automatically applied to unveil potential cause-effect relationships.

Relationships are browsed following the <u>original</u> <u>exploratory question</u>.



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Data consolidation is the process of joining different related data files into a single table.

AutoDiscovery works with the Excel files in which the data of the patients, experiment trials, etc. are stored.



Configurations	Discovery Plan				
Exploratory Analysis	Stratums				
Variables to explain Remove all	Stratums	Will generate 416 stratums			
ki67 ×	Analyses				
Variables to ignore Remove all	Spearman's Ranks	Will perform 45 calculations			
num_biopsia ×	ANOVA 1 Ways	Will perform 163 calculations			
Subject groups Remove all	Details	0			
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The discovery process consists in evaluating the statistical associations between the variables of interest, in a range of subgroups of the samples.

Advanced configuration tools are available to fine tune the scope and performance of the discovery process.







Depending on the nature of the data of each variable, a particular flexible **statistical test is automatically selected** and computed to assess how these variables are associated.

This process is also performed in specific subsets of your data (e.g. groups of patients or animals) and "subintervals" (e.g. patients older than ...).

The exclusiveness post-analysis (including <u>False Discovery Rates</u>) assesses the clinical relevance and also the statistical significance of the associations evaluated, that is, its likelihood to become a confirmed novel finding or an exploratory result to be tested in a further confirmatory phase of the experiment.



Monotonic positive/negative association. Significant **differences** in average between categories.

Associations between **categorical variables**.

Discover subgroups with **maximized survival rates**. Builds user-friendly apps to learn and predict the classification risk of patients.





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VARIABLE NAME	WHOLE POPULATION (1)	SPECIFIC SUBGROUPS (4)	OTHER SUBGROUPS (2)
fetge		会会	
sexe		☆☆	
p4ebp1_creus		☆☆	
neovascularitzacio	☆		☆☆
retina		☆	
histologia			☆





The **Discovery Map** and **Hypo Booster** tools facilitate browsing the list of associations detected between the variables.

A detailed table of associations arranged by their relevance and significance is provided.

Plots show the subset of data samples used by AutoDiscovery to evaluate every individual association, which enables the traceability of the results.

Graphs, plots and tables can be exported to share.





Smart Exhaustivity



Biomed-Specific



PI-Convenient

Automatic selection of statistical tests

Configurable range of combinatorial analysis

Exclusivity and prioritization features

Automatic data integration

Stratified analysis (groups, treatments, ...)

False Discovery Rate

Traceability of results assured

Complement to hypothesis testing to improve impact

High-level insights in a few minutes

Personalised services or individual licenses

Agile technical support

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If you want to know more on how it can help in you research projects, contact our **Data Science Director** at <u>ray@butlerscientifics.com</u>

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