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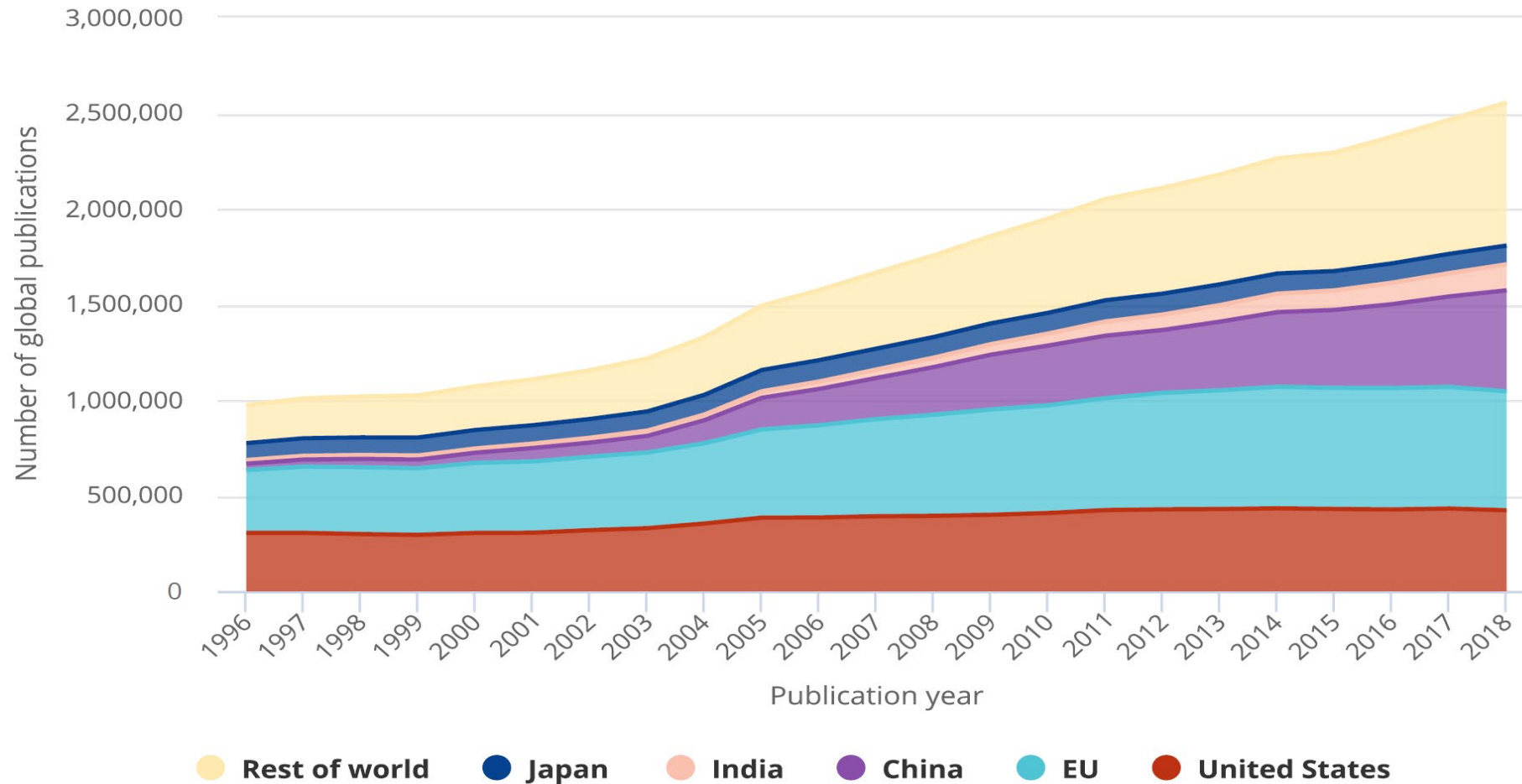
Ermanno Cavalli

Experiences in implementation of new digital solutions in the regulatory domain

Trusted science for safe food



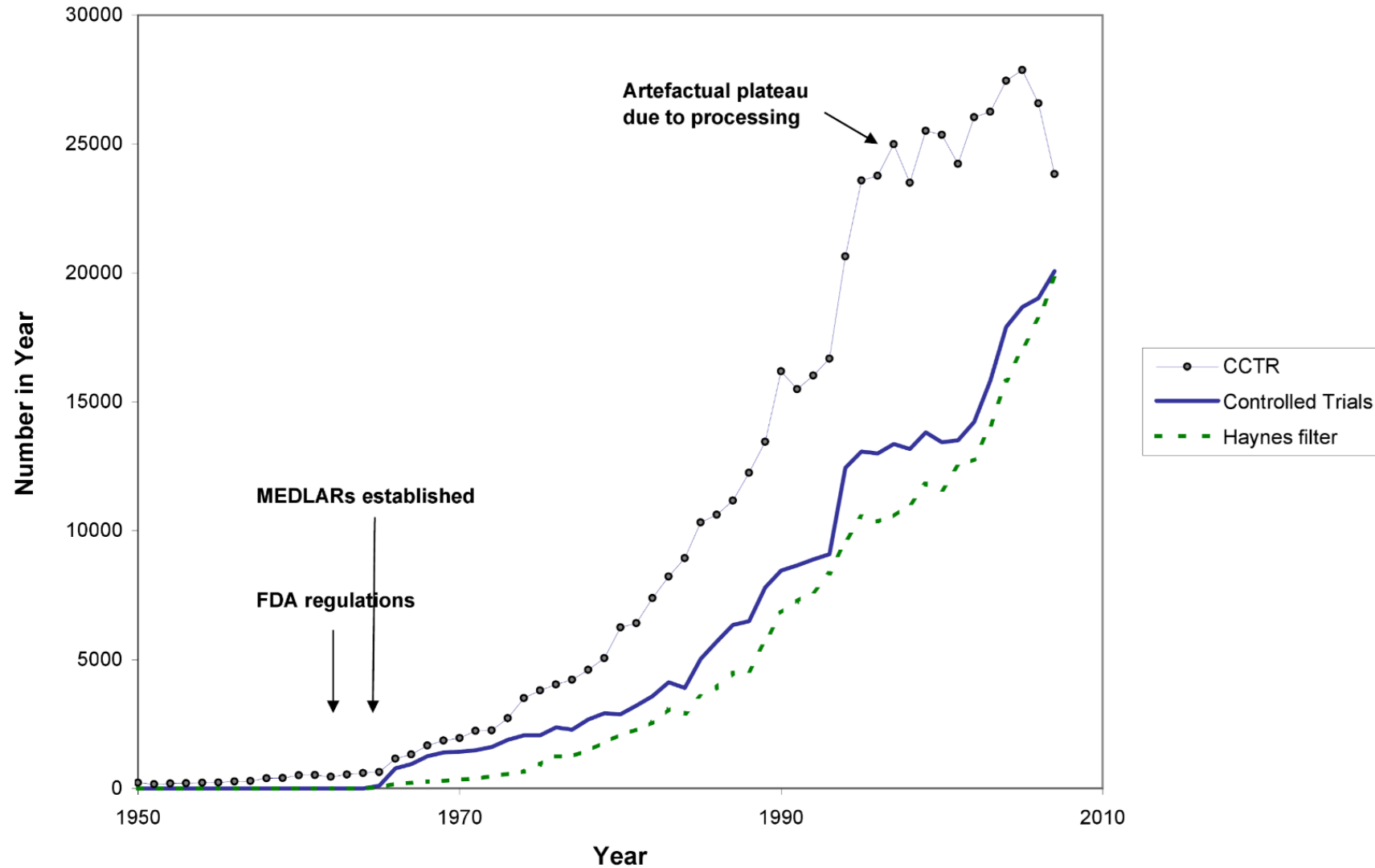
S&E articles in all fields, for selected regions, countries, and economies and rest of world: 1996–2018



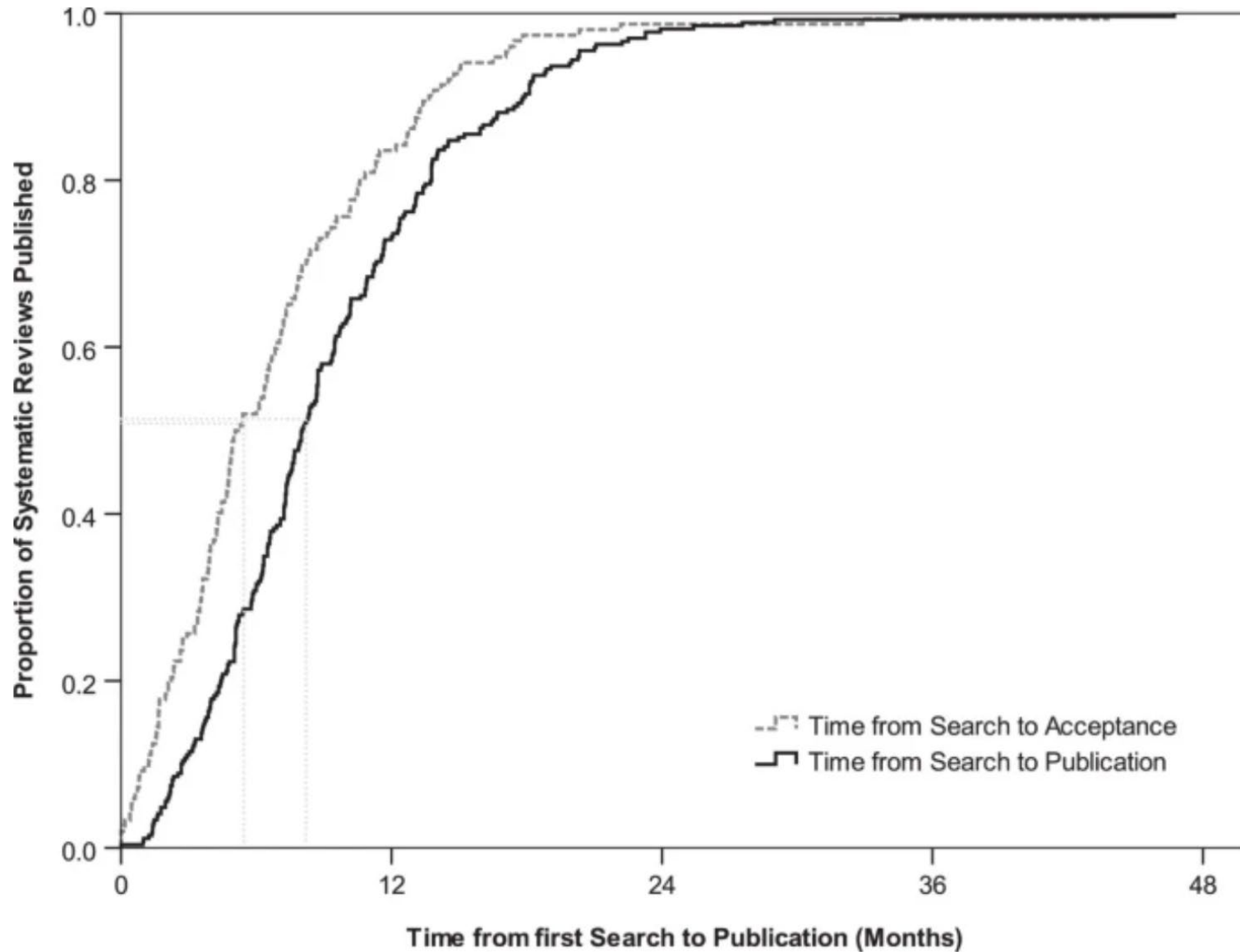
How to keep pace?

Seventy-five trials and eleven systematic reviews a day: how will we ever keep up?

Hilda Bastian¹, Paul Glasziou, Iain Chalmers



How to stay on time?



Are systematic reviews up-to-date at the time of publication?

How to stay relevant?

How Quickly Do Systematic Reviews Go Out of Date? A Survival Analysis

Article in *Annals of internal medicine* · August 2007
DOI: 10.7326/0003-4819-147-4-200708210-00179

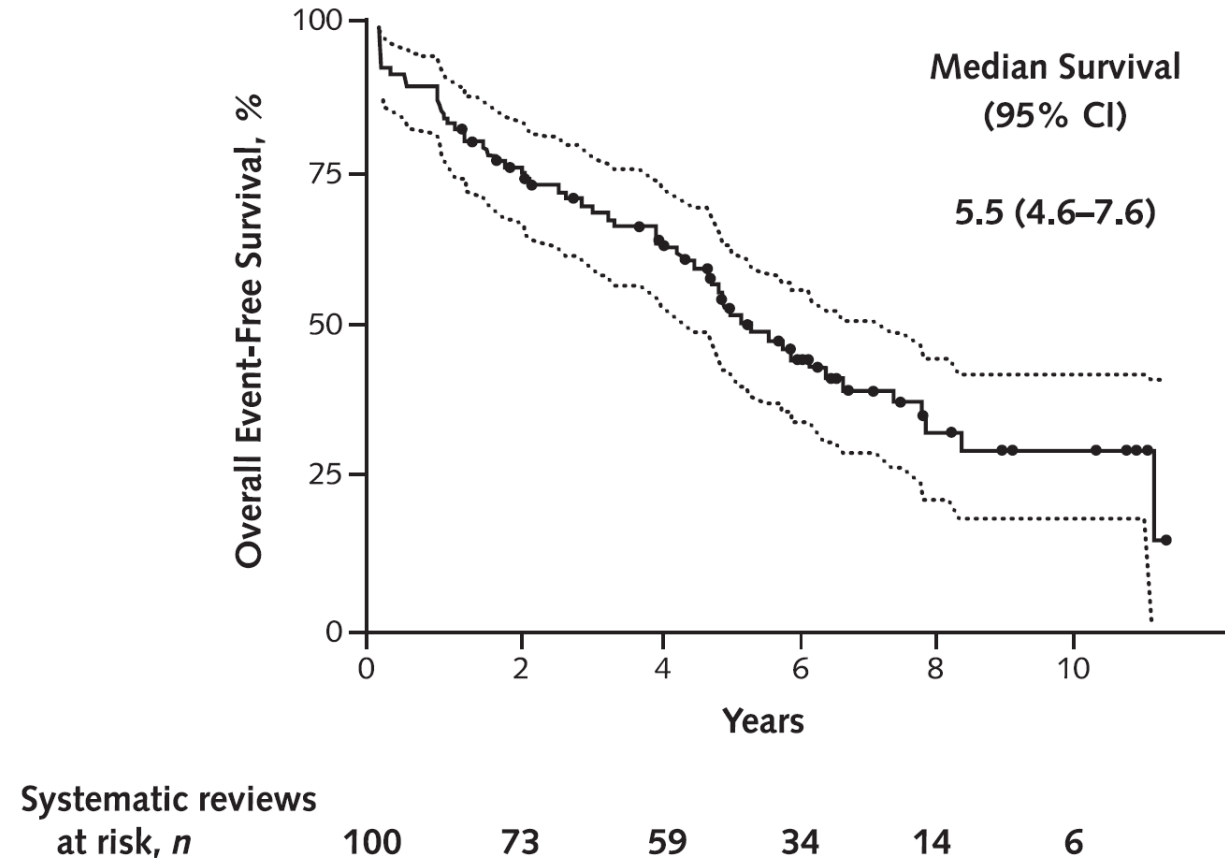


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208 PUBLICATIONS 13,013 CITATIONS

Figure 2. Overall survival time (95% CI) free of signals for updating.



Our Current Activities in Systematic Reviews

Open File Format

Question Formulation and Protocol Development

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AI Tool for Abstract Screening: replace one out of two human experts

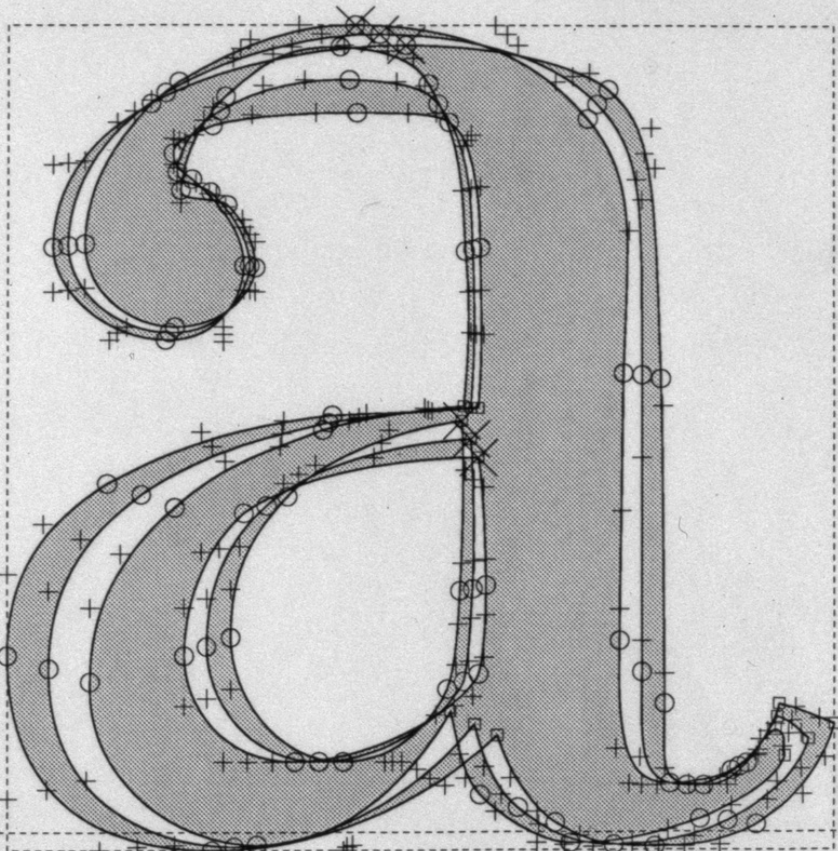
a) AI Tool for Data Extraction using Named Entity Recognition (with US-EPA)

b) Build an EFSA Ontology deriving EFSA historical data from DistillerSR



left sidebearing: 49
right sidebearing: 6
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bottom: -10

#97
a
width: 496



bstract Screening

#	type	x	y	x->	y->	#	type	x	y	x->	y->
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60	c	476	50	0	0	75	s	387	247	0	0
61	b	472	53	0	0	76	b	387	342	0	0
62	b	467	60	0	0	77	b	388	367	0	0
63	c	459	62	0	0	78	s	363	394	0	0
64	b	454	54	0	0	79	b	350	409	0	0
65	b	449	42	0	0	80	b	315	432	0	0

Do Human Reviewers Agree? A practical case

		Human Reviewer 2	
		Excluded	Included
Human Reviewer 1	Excluded	162	88
	Included	21	99

➤ 70 % agreement

Abstract Screening: Yeasts QPS

AI-Powered DistillerSR

- Sensitivity: 88.6%
- Specificity: 79.7%

Excluded

Included

Human Reviewers

Excluded

937

238

Included

4

31

Overall performances ok
-> AI included a higher number of papers for following phases

Is there a problem with the 4 papers excluded from AI?

Would have we missed any relevant paper using AI and 1 Human Reviewer?

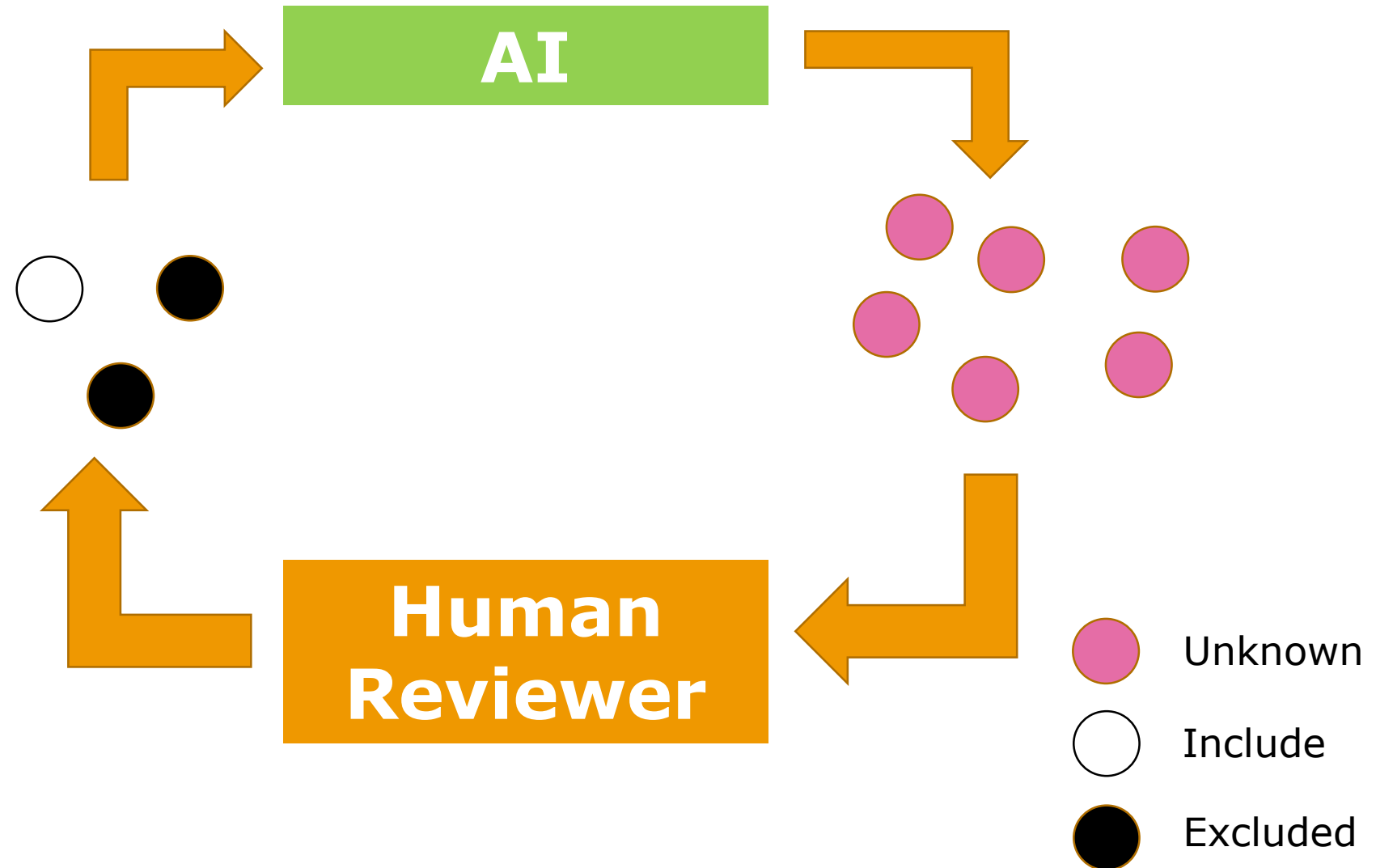
Scenario	Missed papers (refid)
AI and Human Reviewer 1	"6542" , "6719"
AI and Human Reviewer 2	"6021"

No information relevant for the QPS status would have been missed when using AI as a reviewer in both scenarios (with either Human Reviewer 1 or Human Reviewer 2).

Papers /

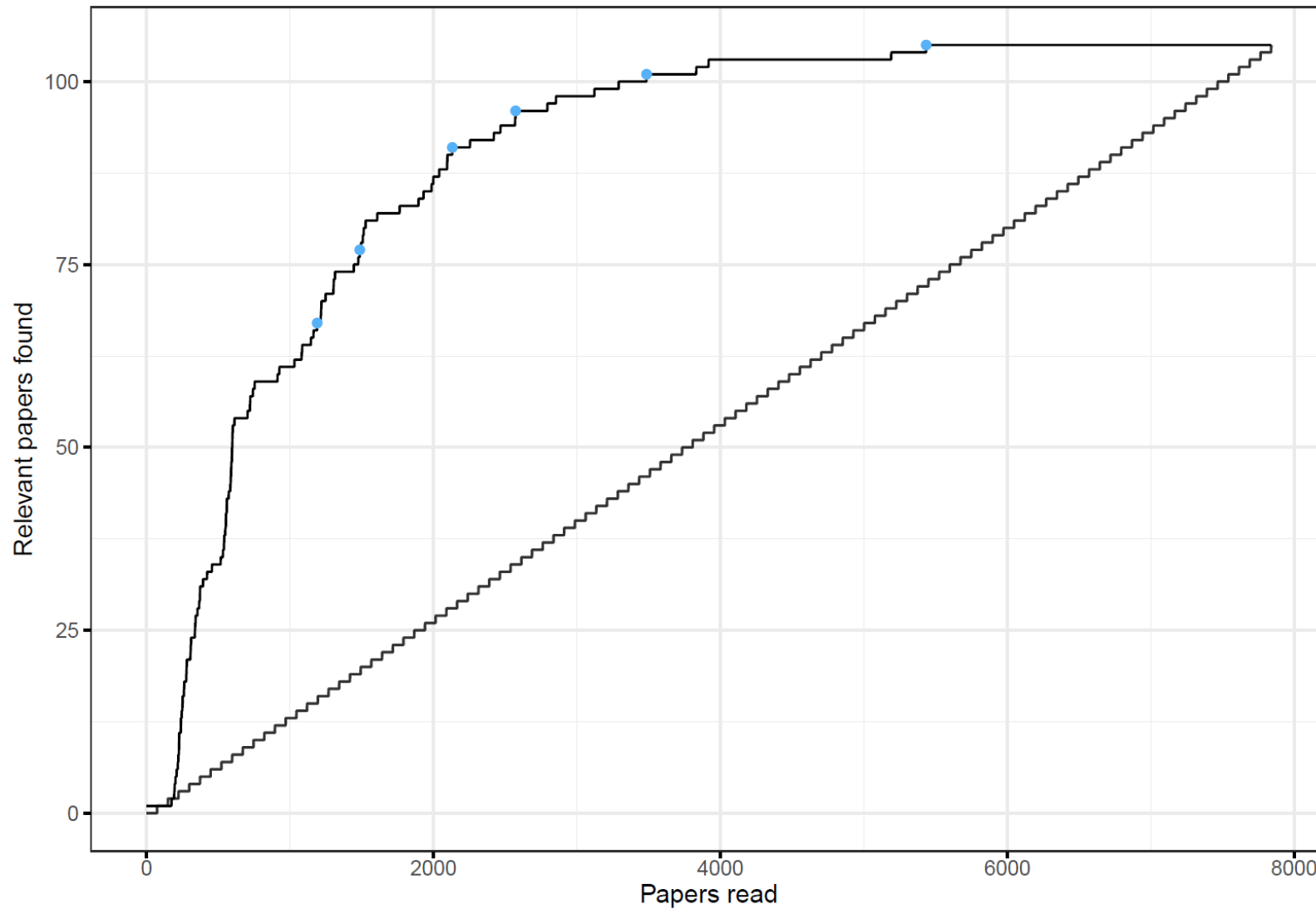
Included at Article evaluation

Included at Article evaluation but no info that could lead to a change on QPS status (subcutaneous administration of *S. cerevisiae*)



When is AI ready?

Simulation of screening the Isoflav data
Searching a set of 7841 papers for 105 relevant ones



D ata Extraction

Finding Entities in Text: Data Extraction



[←](#) [→](#) /Relations-Training/TR_relations_QA/PMC2669469

Collection Data Search **Groups**

3 All experiments on animals were performed according to the European Community Council Directive 86/609/EEC and to Ita
116/92).

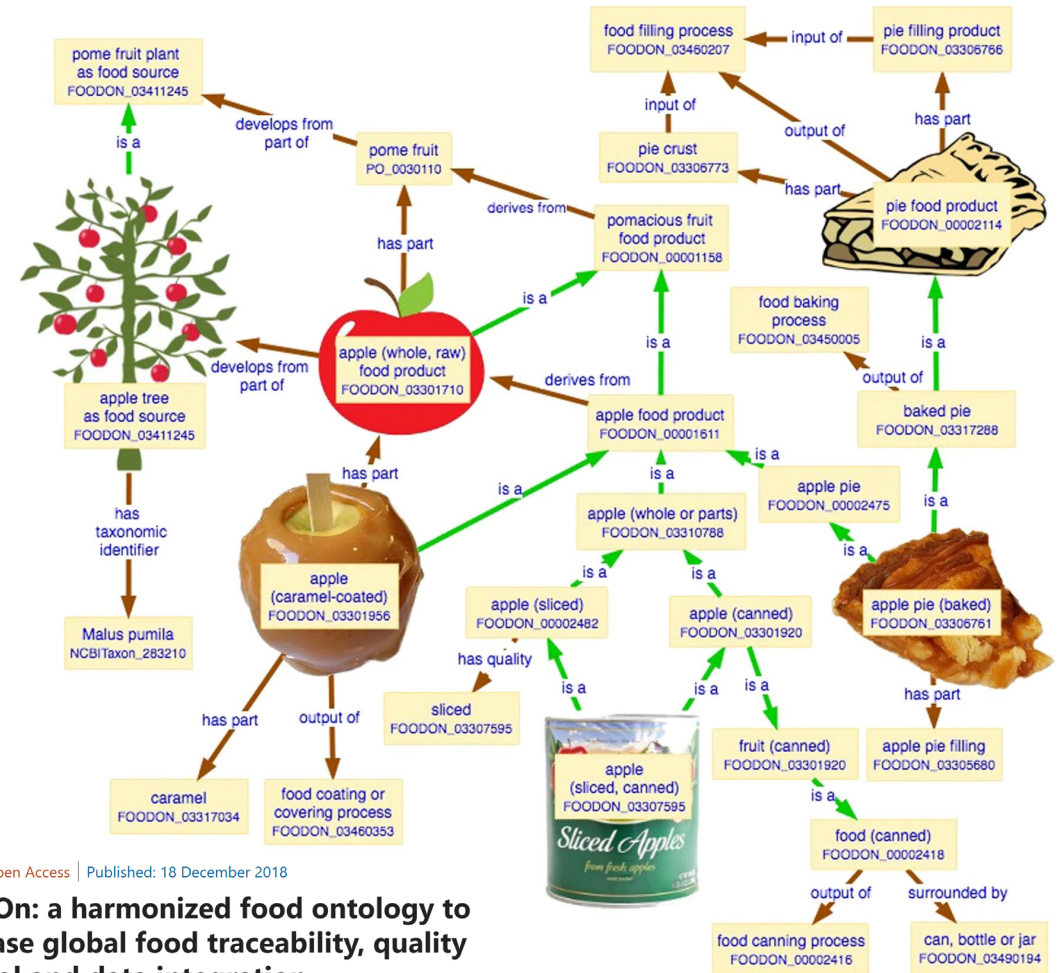
4 **Sex [Equiv-2][Animal-1]** Male and **Sex [Equiv-1][Animal-0]** female **Species [Equiv-0][Animal-0][Animal-1]** mice **Strain [Animal-0][Animal-1]** of a Swiss-derived outbred strain (CD-1, Harlan,
12-hr light-dark cycle (light on 20:00-8:00) and with free access to food and water.

5 **Sex [Equiv-1]** Females were inspected daily for the presence of the vaginal plug (GD 0).

Scientific Experts



DistillerSR



Article | [Open Access](#) | Published: 18 December 2018

FoodOn: a harmonized food ontology to increase global food traceability, quality control and data integration

Damion M. Dooley , Emma J. Griffiths, Gurinder S. Gosal, Pier L. Buttigieg, Robert Hoehndorf, Matthew C. Lange, Lynn M. Schriml, Fiona S. L. Brinkman & William W. L. Hsiao 

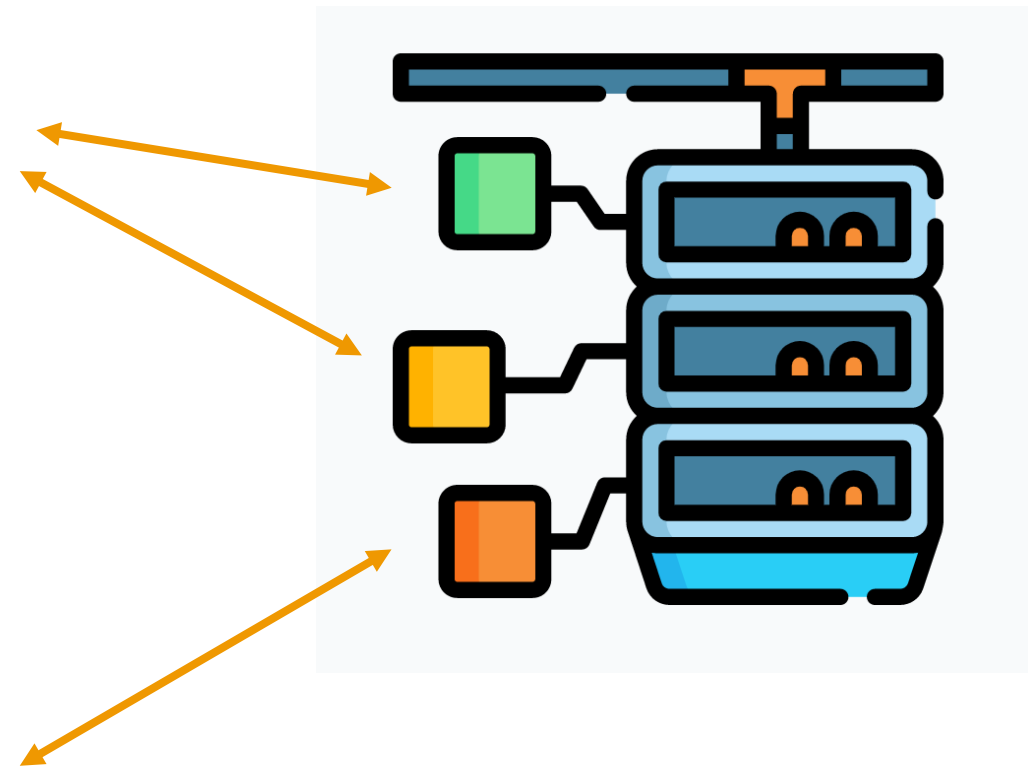
npj Science of Food **2**, Article number: 23 (2018) | [Cite this article](#)

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Open File Format for Search Strategy and Beyond

Tool	Mandatory								Desirable							Optional						
	Status of software	Customer support	Multiple user support	Reference importing	Reference allocation	In-/excluding references	Distinct TAB/Full-text phases	Discrepancy resolving	Exporting results	Free to use	Randomizing order of references	Keyword highlighting	Multiple user roles	Project auditing	Non-Latin character support	Show project progress	Attaching comments	Attaching PDFs	Reference labelling	Flow diagram creation	Machine learning /automation	
CADIMA	0	+1	+1	-1	-1	0	0	0			-1	0			0							
Covidence	0	+1	+1	0	0	0	0	+1			0	-1			0							
DistillerSR	0	+1	+1	0	0	0	+1	+1			0	+2			0							
Endnote	0	+1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	+1			-2	-1			-2							
Endnote – Bramer Method	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	+1			-2	0			-2							
EPPI-Reviewer	0	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1			0	0			0							
EROS	-1	+1	+1	-1	0	0	0	0			-1	+1			-1							
HAWC	0	+1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0			-1	+1										
Microsoft Excel	0	+1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	+1			-2	-1			-1							
Excel – Vonville method	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	+1			-2	0			-2							
Microsoft Word	0	+1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	0			-2	-1			-2							
Rayyan	0	+1	+1	0	0	0	-1	+1			0	+1			0							
RevMan	0	0	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1			-2	-1			-2							
SyRF	0	+1	+1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1			-1	0			-2							
SysRev.com	0	+1	+1	-1	0	0	-1	0			-1	0			0							
SWIFT Active Screener	0	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	-1			0	0			0							



Software Tools for Literature Screening in Systematic Reviews in Biomedical Research

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A Glimpse on Next Steps



Next Steps: more on Systematic Reviews

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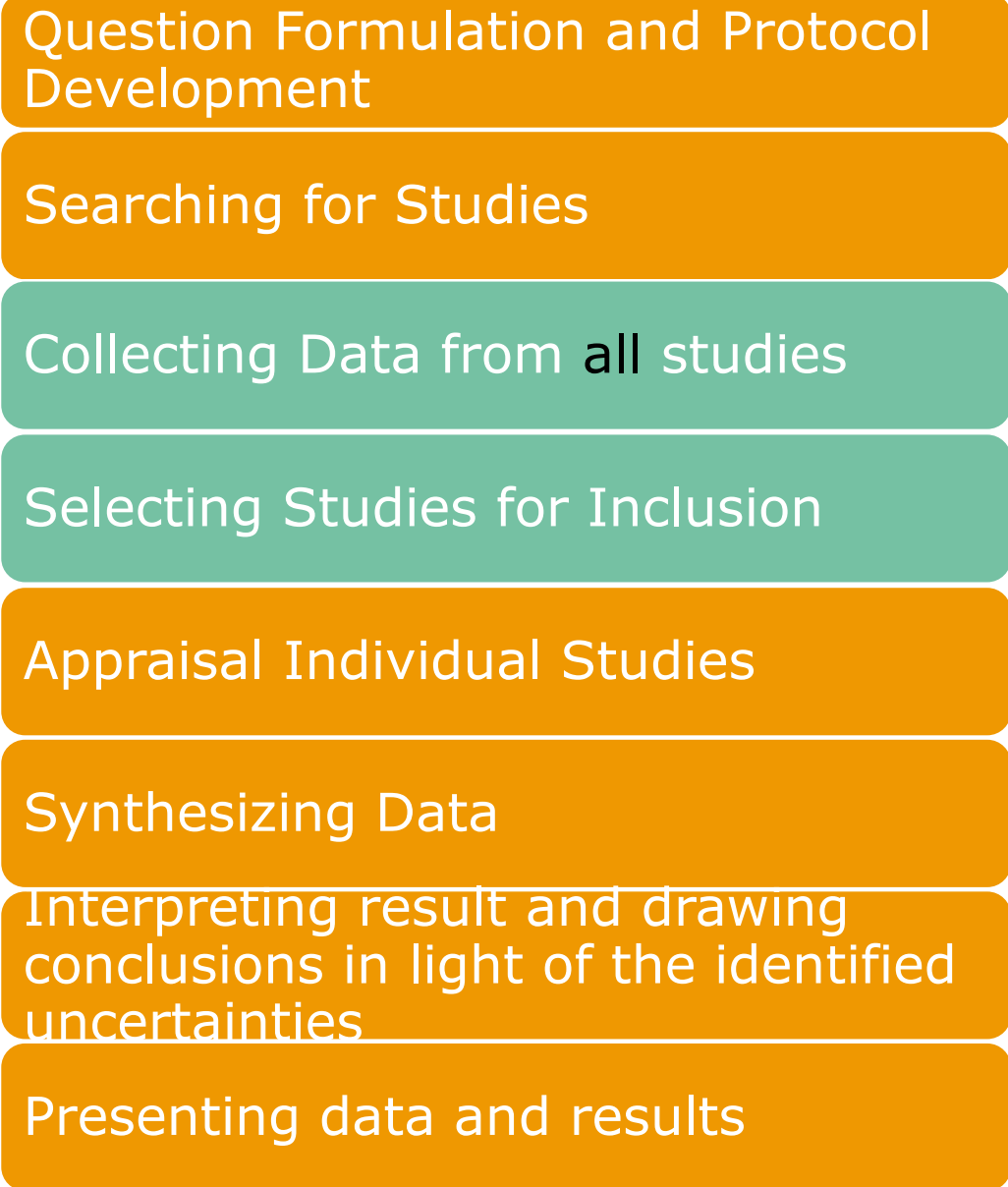
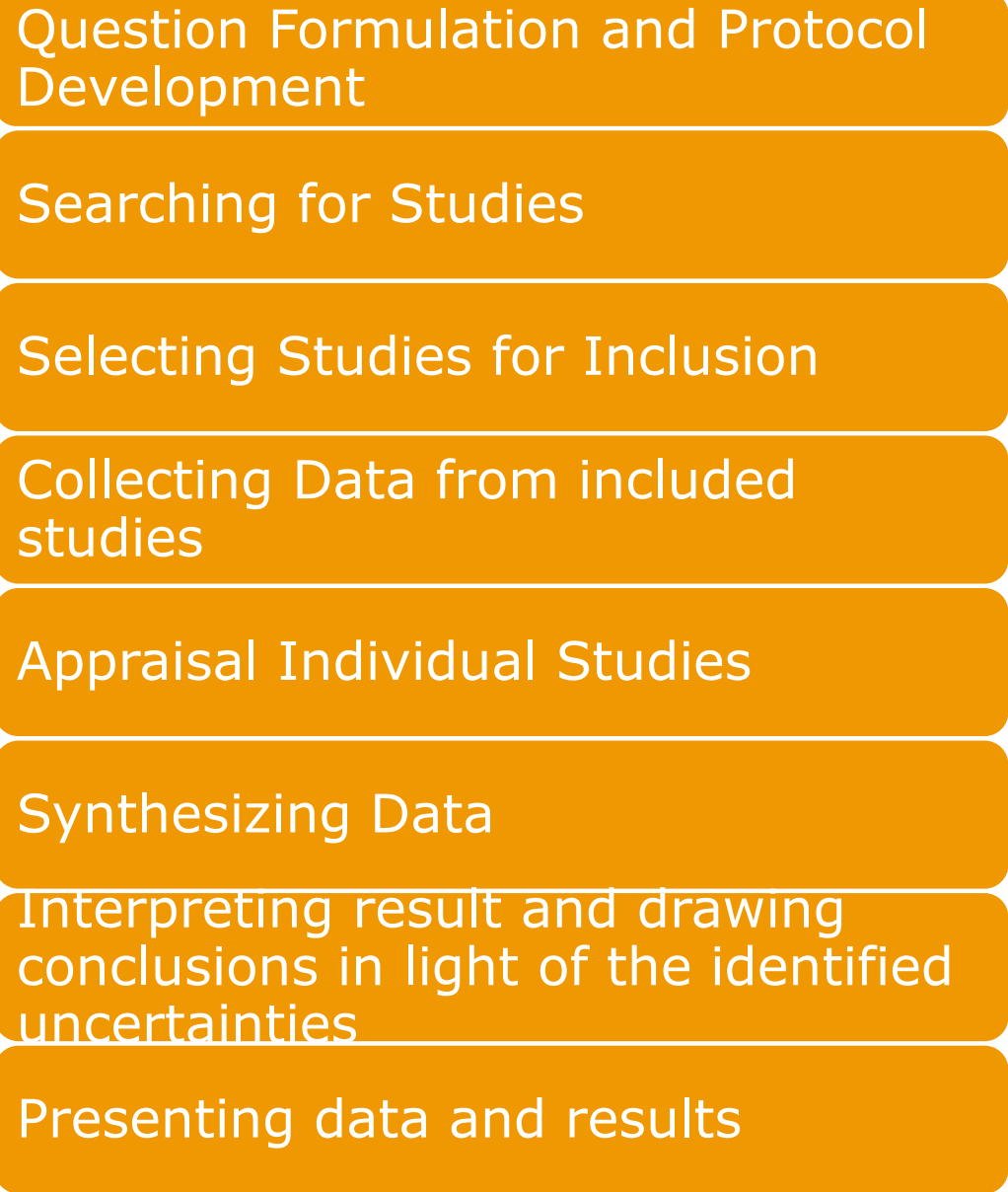
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Next Steps: Timeline

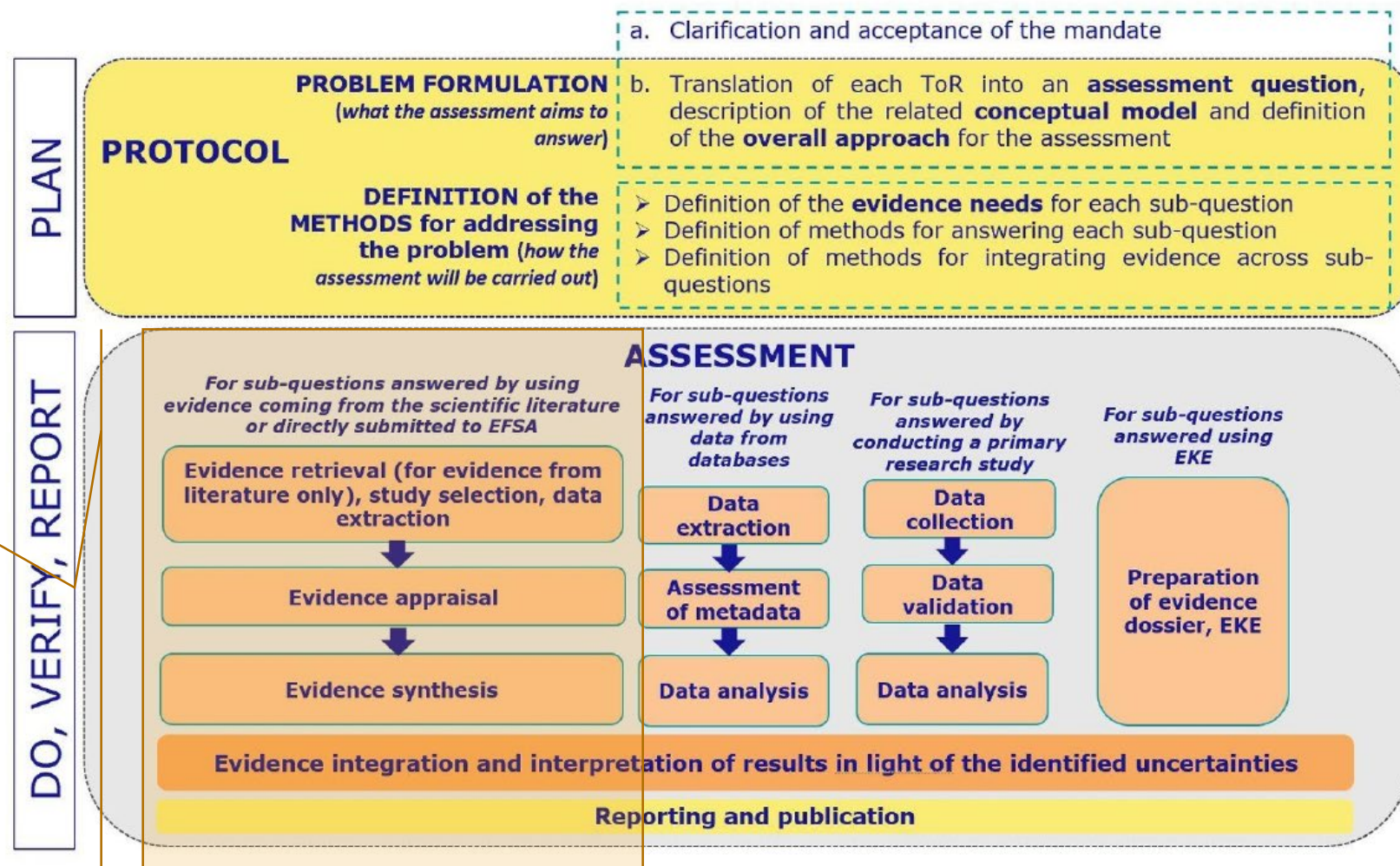
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abstract Screening					
Data Extraction					
Critical Appraisal					
Generation of Final Report					
Encompassing Tool					

Next Steps: A New Approach



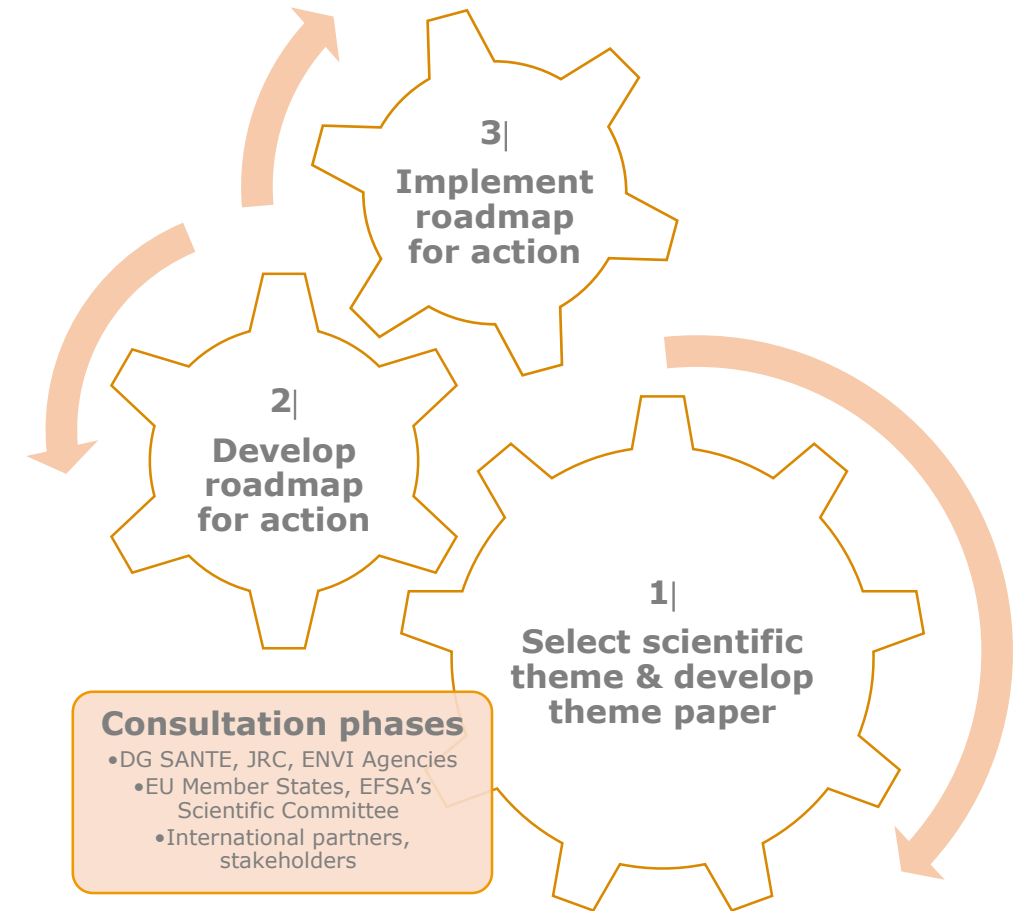
New evidence
←

Systematic Reviews



Artificial intelligence for evidence management in risk assessment

- **Vision:** by 2027 EFSA to achieve
 - i) an increase in the accessibility and the breadth of the body of evidence,
 - ii) enhancing the trustworthiness in the risk assessment process, and
 - iii) apply human centric artificial intelligence in close co-existence with the human expertise
- **Roadmap for action:** draft aimed for Oct 2021
- **Implementation:** Dec 2021 onwards



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