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# The Need for a Vision: Evidence and Feasibility Considerations

Clinical Decision Support Systems  
Features, Future and Fostering Collaboration

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# Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals

## Our Vision



Together, we can make the world a healthier place.



## Our Mission

Swiss TPH is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of people – locally, nationally and internationally – through excellence in research, education and services.

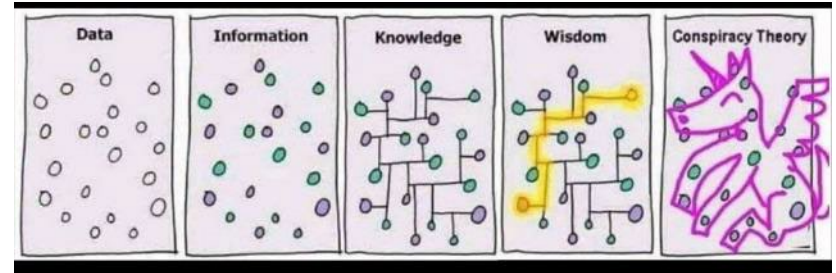


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## 1 History of data and health

# 1.1 Data collection (since Palaeolithic)



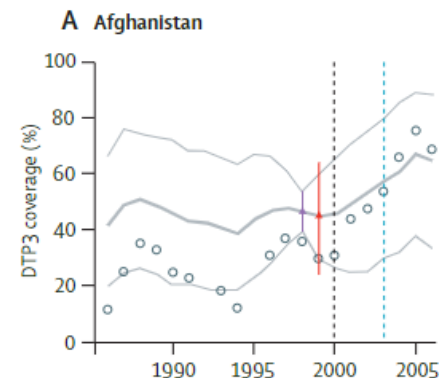
# 1.1 Data quality (around 2000)

## Tracking progress towards universal childhood immunisation and the impact of global initiatives: a systematic analysis of three-dose diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis immunisation coverage

Stephen S Lim, David B Stein, Alexandra Charrow, Christopher J L Murray

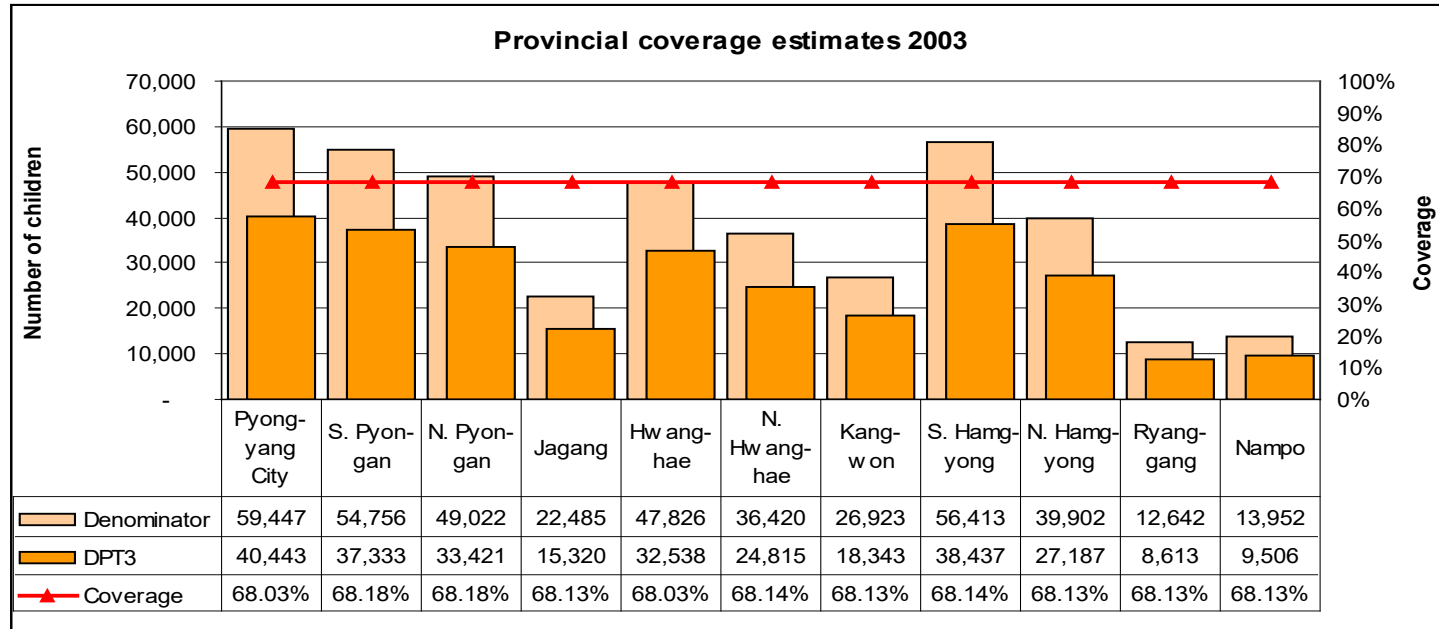
### Summary

**Background** Substantial resources have been invested in increasing childhood immunisation coverage through global *Lancet* 2008; 372: 2031-46

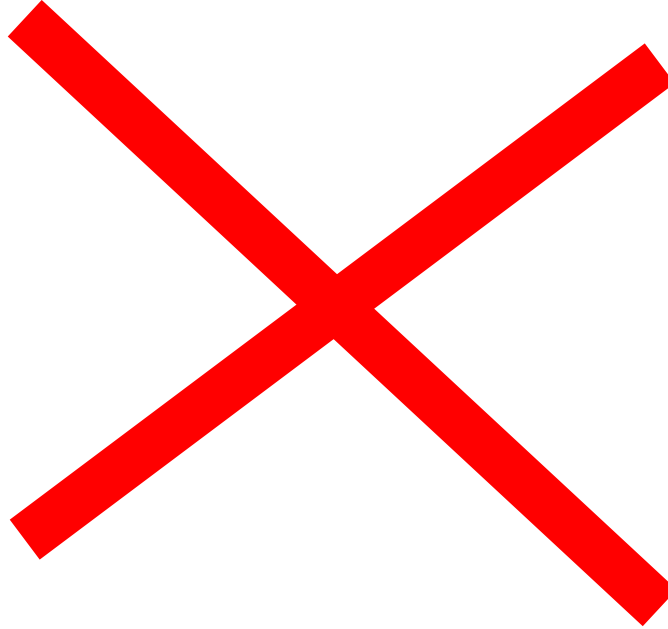


reported estimates of 13.9 million. On the basis of the number of additional children immunised from surveys at a rate of US\$20 each, GAVI ISS payments are estimated at \$150 million (115 million to 184 million) compared with actual disbursements of \$290 million.

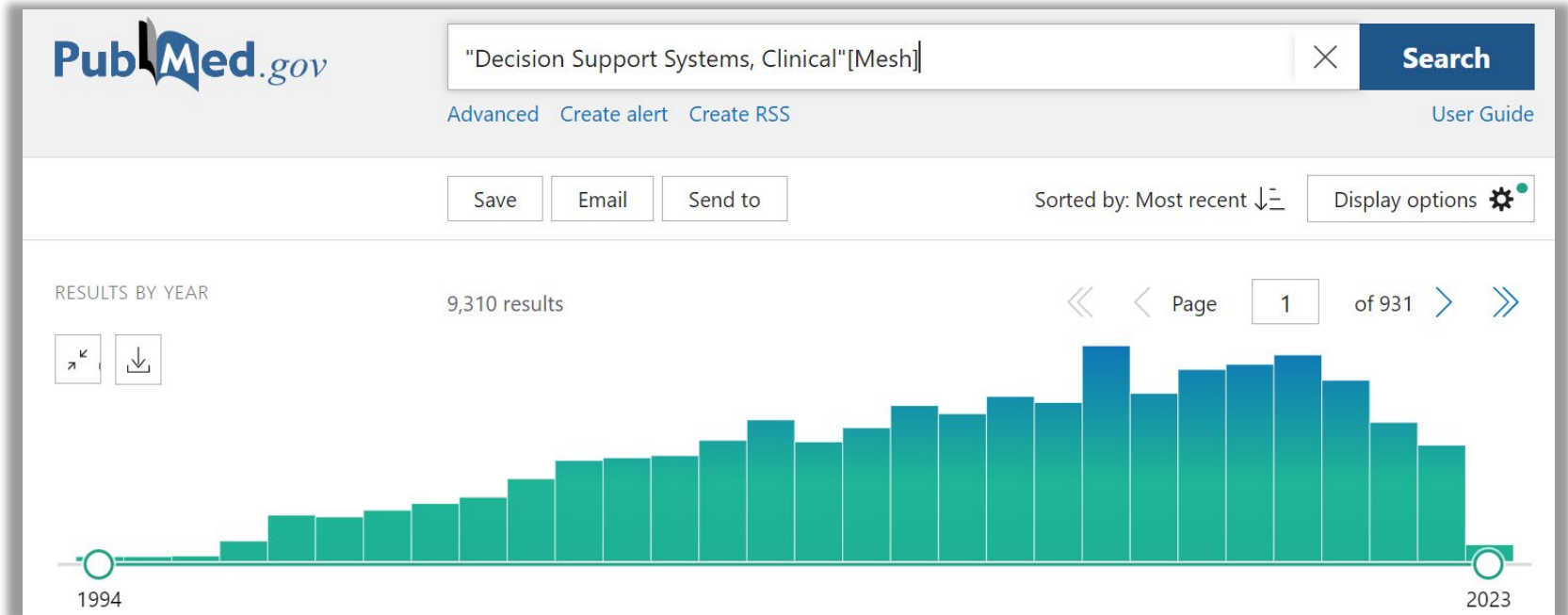
# 1-2 Data quality (continuation)



## 1-3 Data use (2010)



## 1.4 Data for decision making – CDSS (finally!) (1980s till now)





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2 CDSS

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Bosch-Capblanch et al. *Health Res Policy Sys* (2021) 19:112  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12961-021-00768-0>


Health Research Policy  
and Systems

## STUDY PROTOCOL

## Open Access

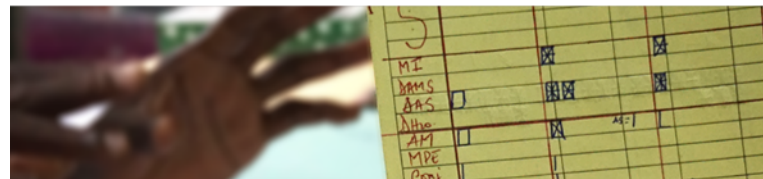
Researching, co-creating and testing innovations in paper-based health information systems (PHISICC) to support health workers' decision-making: protocol of a multi-country, transdisciplinary, mixed-methods research programme in three sub-Saharan countries



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 PHISICC

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**Improving decision making at the primary health care level through better designed paper-based information systems.**

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Using a multi-disciplinary approach that combines design thinking with rigorous quantitative and qualitative research, the PHISICC (Paper Based Health Information System in Comprehensive Care) project will investigate paper-based health information systems to test if redesigned paper-based tools and processes impact decision making and health outcomes.

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**ANY PALLOR OR BLOOD ISSUE?** ☐ No (skip) ☒ Yes (complete section)

 **HAS THE CHILD PALMAR (OR EYE) PALLOR?**

No ☐ Some ☐ SEVERE ☒

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    B --> C[SEVERE ANEMIA]
    C --> D[CONSIDER DIAGNOSIS]
  
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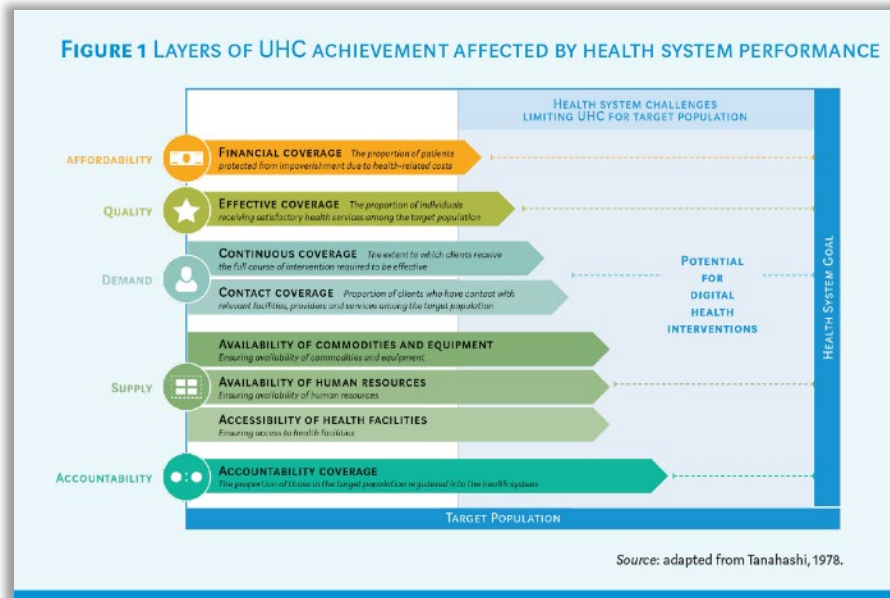
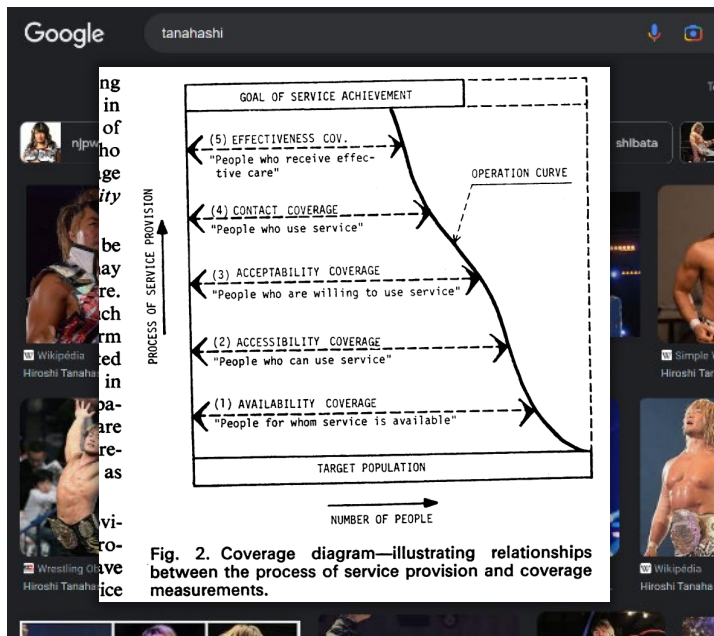
**DECISION ACTION:**

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No Risk
- TREAT**  
Moderate Risk
- REFER**  
Severe Risk

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The screenshot shows the Dhis2 web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "dhis2", "2017-7 - Real-time", and links for "Home", "Settings", "Help", and "Logout". Below the navigation bar is a sidebar menu with options like "Data", "Visualizations", "Dashboards", "Reports", "Users", "Settings", "Help", and "Logout". The main content area displays a large "dhis2" logo, a list of data sources, and several charts including a line chart, a bar chart, and a map.

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Source: adapted from Tanahashi, 1978.

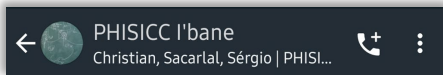
Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 54 (2): 295-303 (1978)

Health service coverage and its evaluation  
T. TANAHASHI \*

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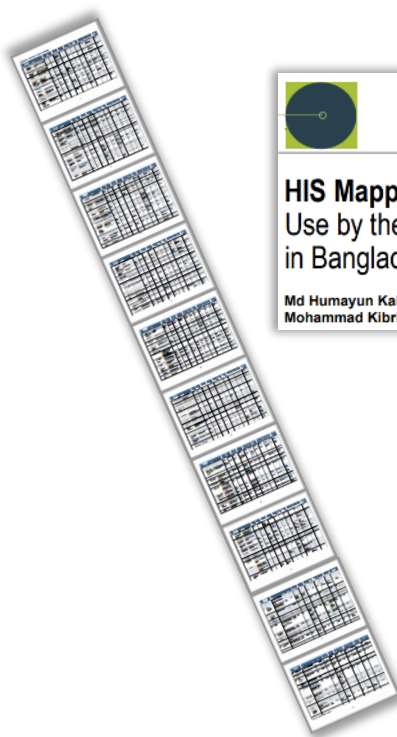
Bom, na verdade os novos instrumentos estão a trazer benefícios na elaboração de estatísticas, facilitando o trabalho, diminuição do tempo da recolha de dados

18:40

Agradezco o comentario.  
Tentamos todos juntos melhorar o seu trabalho e o atendimento

19:05

Type a message



- 10 pages
- 114 tools
- 29 operational plans

## Time to reality check the promises of machine learning-powered precision medicine

Jack Wilkinson, Kellyn F Arnold, Eleanor J Murray, Maarten van Smeden, Karoem Carr, Rachel Sippy, Marc de Kamps, Andrew Beam, Stefan Konigorski, Christoph Lippert, Mark S Gilthorpe, Peter W G Tennant

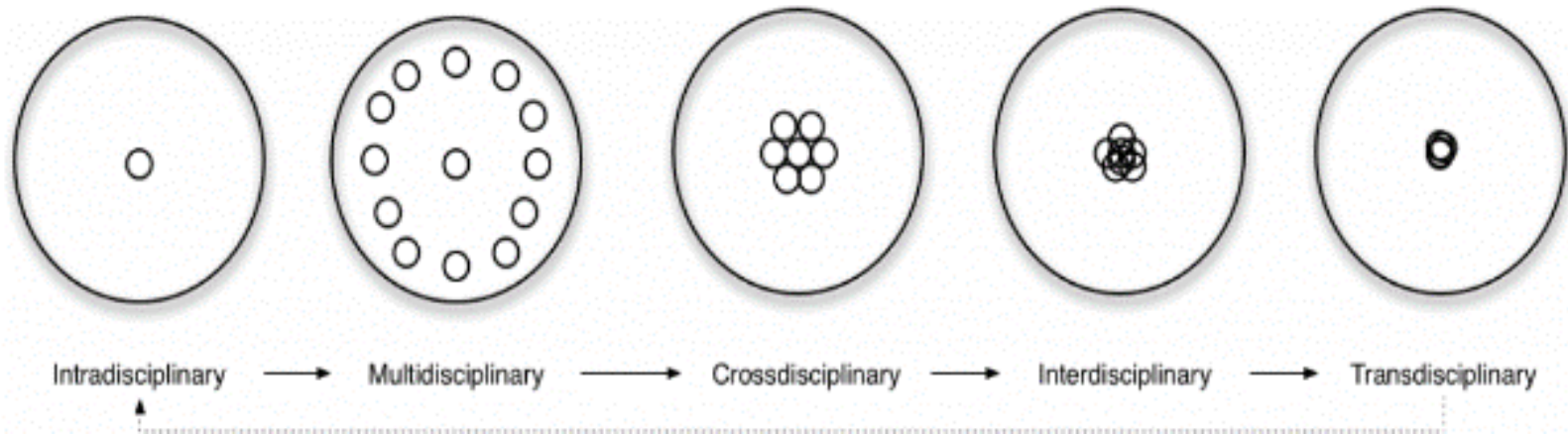
Machine learning methods, combined with large electronic health databases, could enable a personalised approach to *Lancet Digital Health* 2020;





3 A vision to make it fair

## 3-1 Transdisciplinary to make it relevant



ARJ. Disciplinarity: intra, cross, multi, inter, trans. 2012 (<https://www.arj.no/2012/03/12/disciplinarity-2/>)

## 3-2 Evidence-based to make it into policy (1)

### 1.2.12 Number of women who had emergency referral due to suspected sepsis

Martinez 2018 (10)	4	425	5	374	100.0%	0.70 [0.19 , 2.60]
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<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>		<b>425</b>		<b>374</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.70 [0.19 , 2.60]</b>
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Total events:	4		5			
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Heterogeneity: Not applicable

Test for overall effect:  $Z = 0.53$  ( $P = 0.60$ )

### 1.2.13 Number of women who had emergency referral due to respiratory compromise

Martinez 2018 (11)	5	425	2	374	100.0%	2.20 [0.43 , 11.27]
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<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>		<b>425</b>		<b>374</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.20 [0.43 , 11.27]</b>
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Heterogeneity: Not applicable

Test for overall effect:  $Z = 0.95$  ( $P = 0.34$ )

### 1.2.14 Number of women who had emergency referral due to a preterm newborn

Martinez 2018 (12)	4	425	0	374	100.0%	7.92 [0.43 , 146.67]
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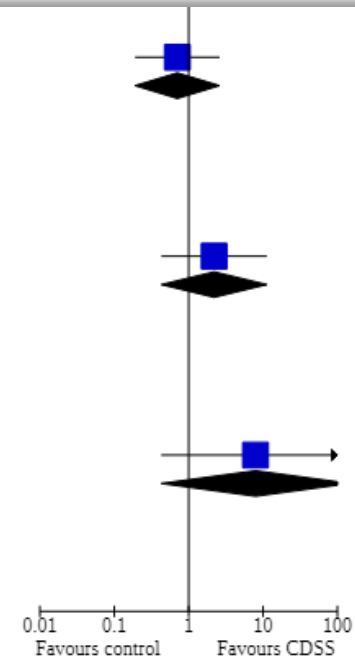
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Total events:	4		0			
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Heterogeneity: Not applicable

Test for overall effect:  $Z = 1.39$  ( $P = 0.16$ )

#### Footnotes



Agarwal S, Glenton C, Tamrat T, Henschke N, Maayan N, Fønhus MS, Mehl GL, Lewin S. Decision-support tools via mobile devices to improve quality of care in primary healthcare settings. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2021 Jul 27;7(7):CD012944. doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD012944.pub2. PMID: 34314020; PMCID: PMC8406991.

## 3-2 Evidence-based to make it into policy (2)

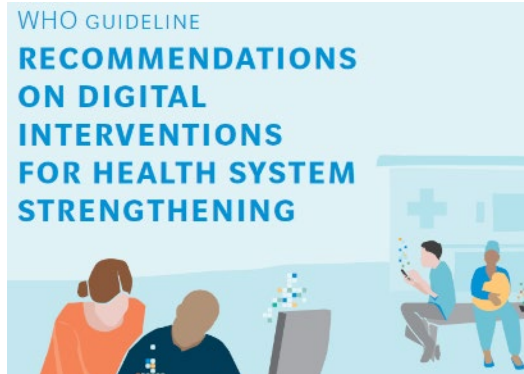


### What were the main results of the review?

We found eight relevant studies. Three studies were carried out in the USA and five studies in India, China, Guatemala, Ghana, and Kenya. These studies showed that when primary healthcare workers use decision-support tools on mobile phones:

- we do not know if they are better at following recommended clinical practice, because the quality of this evidence was very low;
- there was no clear pattern of a positive or negative effect on patients' or clients' behaviour and on their health;
- this may slightly improve patients' satisfaction with medical information;
- we do not know if this approach led primary healthcare workers to manage people's health issues more quickly because we found no studies that measured this. We also found no studies that explored the effect on healthcare worker satisfaction, resource use, or whether this approach had any unintended consequences (e.g. harms).

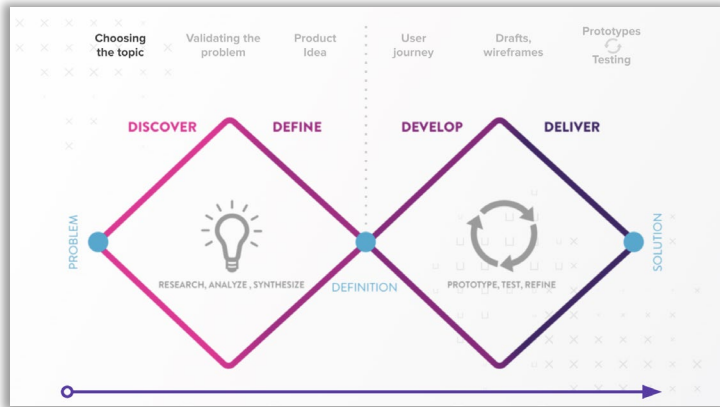
## 3-2 Evidence-based to make it into policy (3)



Amid the heightened interest, digital health has also been characterized by implementations rolled out in the absence of a careful examination of the evidence base on benefits and harms. The enthusiasm for digital health has also driven a proliferation of short-lived implementations and an overwhelming diversity of digital tools, with a limited understanding of their impact on health systems and people's well-being. This concern was highlighted most notably in the consensus statement of the WHO Bellagio eHealth Evaluation Group, which opened by stating: "To improve health and reduce health inequalities, rigorous evaluation of eHealth is necessary to generate evidence and promote the appropriate integration and use of technologies." While recognizing the innovative role that digital technologies can play in strengthening the health system, there is an equally important need to evaluate their contributing effects and ensure that such investments do not inappropriately divert resources from alternative, non-digital approaches.



## 3-3 Human Centred Designed to make it work



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## Using and improving the PHISICC paper-based tools in the health facility laboratories: Examples of Human Centered Design taking systems thinking into practice, in Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria

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