Creating Desire for Microbicides

Role of conjoint analysis in microbicide development

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...[microbicide] acceptability is a complex phenomenon, influenced by multiple factors at each stage—especially the relationship of the actors and the cultures in which they exist. **Simply asking whether people like a product, or if they would recommend it to a friend, is not going to capture the richness of the issue.**

Severy LJ, Tolley E, Woodsong C, Guest G. A framework for examining the sustained acceptability of microbicides. AIDS Behav. 2005;9(1):121-31.

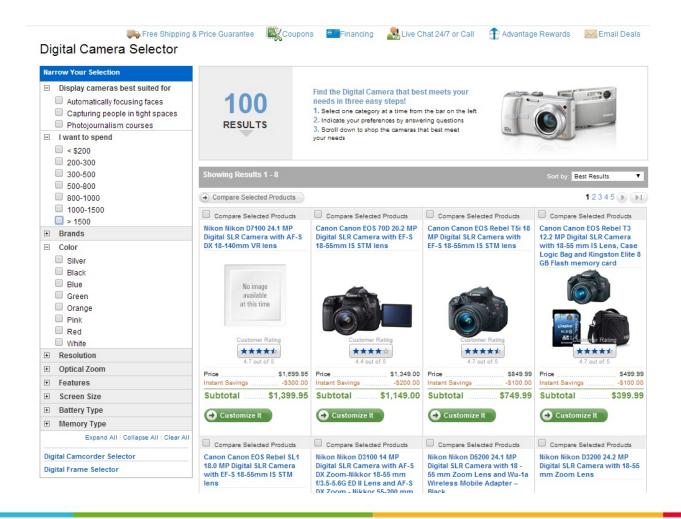






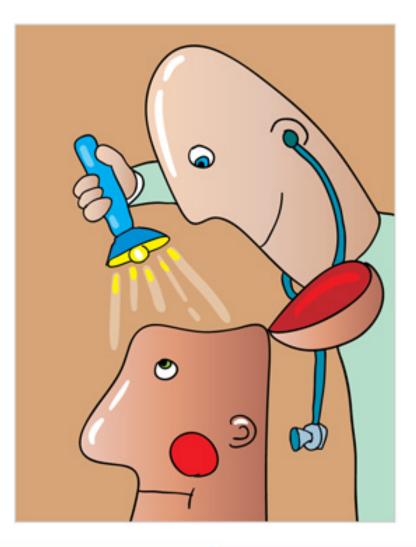


Choosing = making tradeoffs





Conjoint Analysis (CJA)





CJA is a collection of tools

- Full Profile
- Choice Based (CBC)
- Adaptive Choice
- Self-Explicated
- Max-Diff



Growing use in Health Arena

• Patients' HIV treatment medication preferences measured by CJA successfully predicted their actual medication choices

• Patients' preferences for healthcare system reforms in Hungary

 Willingness to pay and preference for the features of raltitrexed versus standard therapy in advanced colorectal cancer



CJA: 4 Main steps

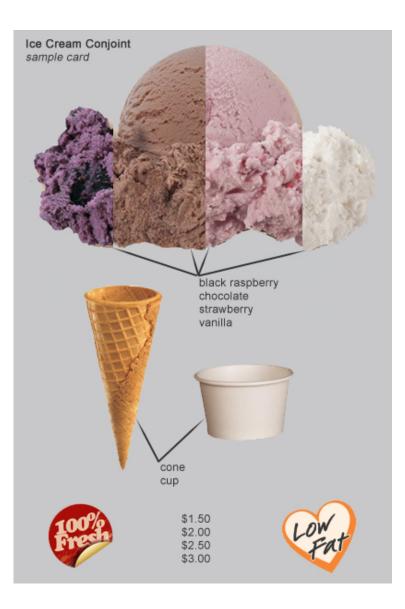
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2. Choose attribute values

3. Create the scenarios

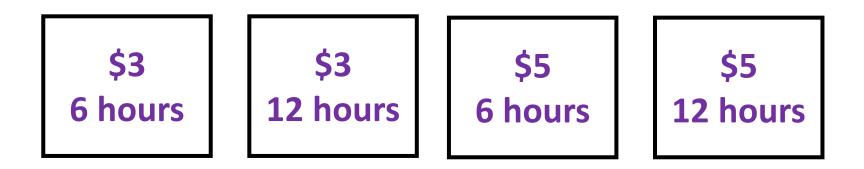
4. Run the experiment / compute attribute utility

















Attribute	Value 1	Value 2	Justification for Attribute Values
1. Cost per application	USD 0.30	USD 5.00	Value 1: Approximate cost of a male condom in Peru and Ecuador. Lower overall cost. Value 2: Approximate cost of the contraceptive pill per month in Peru and Ecuador; chosen as an example of a sexual health related product that must be used every day. Higher overall cost.
2. Formulation	Gel	Liquid	Value 1: Lubricant use is common among Peruvian MSM during receptive anal intercourse. Value 2: Douching is common among US MSM prior to receptive anal intercourse and potentially in Peruvian MSM ^c but may be less practical than a gel.
3. Prescription	Available over the counter, without a prescription	By prescription only	Value 1: Would not require engagement with the medical system and may provide more anonymity with regard to product access. Value 2: Would require consumers to engage with the medical system in order to receive a prescription; would necessarily require that the physician know about the consumer's sexual behaviours.
4. Frequency of use	Just before sexual intercourse	Daily use regardless of sexual activity	Value 1: The lowest frequency of use that would presumably provide protection. Value 2: ARV-based RM may require daily application regardless of sexual behaviour in order to confer sufficient levels of drug in the rectal mucosa to prevent HIV infection.
5. Effectiveness	80%	40%	Value 1: Considered the highest likely clinical efficacy that a RM may have based on expert opinion. Value 2: Considered the lowest likely clinical efficacy a RM could have and still be considered for actual use based on expert opinion.
6. Side effects	none	some (itching, burning, bloating)	Value 1: The ideal RM would have no side effects. Value 2: Side effects, if present, would need to be minimal.
7. Dosage / volume	15 ml (1 tablespoon)	35 ml (about 2 ½ tablespoons)	Value 1: Considered the lowest probable product volume that would be needed to confer protection. Value 2: Highest tolerable volume of gel that was found acceptable in a rectal volume escalation study in MSM.



Experimental Design for Conjoint Analysis: Hypothetical Rectal microbicides

Hypothetical Microbicides	Effective- ness	Prescription requirement	Side Effects	Frequency of Use	Product Formu- lation	Dose/ Volume	Cost USD
1	40%	Sold OTC	none	every day	gel	(ml) 35	\$0.30
2	80%	Sold OTC	none	every day	liquid	15	\$5.00
3	40%	Rx needed	some	every day	gel	15	\$5.00
4	80%	Rx needed	some	every day	liquid	35	\$ 0.30
5	40%	Rx needed	none	before sex	liquid	35	\$5.00
6	80%	Rx needed	none	before sex	gel	15	\$ 0.30
7	40%	Sold OTC	some	before sex	liquid	15	\$ 0.30
8	80%	Sold OTC	some	before sex	gel	35	\$5.00







Impact scores for RM attributes

RM attributes	Attribute Values: 1 and 2	Attribute Value 1 Impact (mean)				Attribute Value 2 Impact (mean)			Overall Attribute Impact on RM acceptability [(Value 1) – (Value 2)] (mean)				
		ALL	LIM	IQT	GYE	ALL	LIM	IQT	GYE	ALL	LIM	IQT	GYE
Effectiveness (%)	80 vs. 40	65.79	61.88	64.72	70.51	36.75	31.88	40.42	37.89	29.04 [‡]	30.00 [‡]	24.30 [‡]	32.62 [‡]
Side Effects	none vs. some	57.93	51.46	54.03	67.77	44.70	42.29	51.46	40.63	13.23 [‡]	9.17 [†]	2.57	27.14 [‡]
Frequency	before sex vs. daily	56.92	53.33	59.88	57.42	45.4	40.32	44.79	50.98	11.49 [‡]	13.00*	15.09 [‡]	6.44 *
Formulation	gel vs. liquid	54.21	52.71	52.71	57.03	48.1	41.04	51.61	51.37	6.09 [†]	11.67†	1.10	5.66
Cost (USD)	0.30 vs. 5.00	53.26	49.00	56.45	54.29	49.3	45.58	48.75	54.10	4.01*	3.42	7.70*	0.19
Rx needed	OTC vs. Rx	48.32	47.29	43.75	53.71	54.3	46.46	61.67	54.69	-5.96*	0.83	-17.92 [‡]	-0.98
Dosage (ml)	15 vs. 35	51.01	48.59	48.54	55.66	51.6	45.00	56.65	52.73	-0.54	3.59	-8.11*	2.93

RM, Rectal Microbicide; Rx, Prescription needed; OTC, Over the Counter; ALL, all three cities; LIM, Lima; IQT, Iquitos; GYE, Guayaquil. *p < 0.05, †p < 0.01, ‡p < 0.001 for the one sample *t*-tests.



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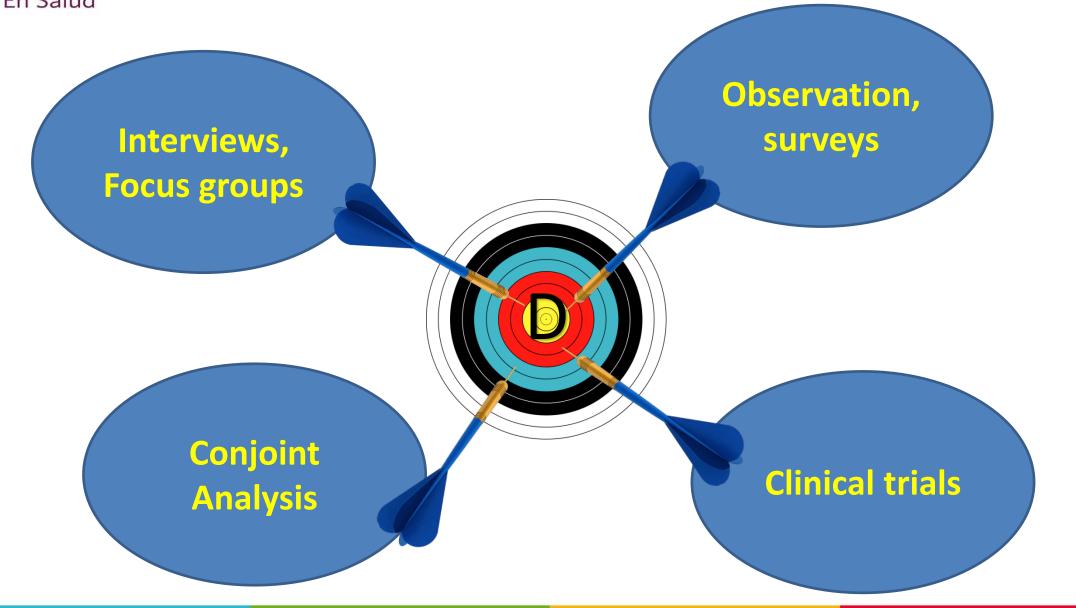
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Peru - Dinner









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de∙sire dəˈzī(ə)r

- noun
- 1. a strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen.

"a desire to work in the dirt with your bare hands" synonyms: wish, want, aspiration, fancy, inclination, impulse



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