



# Privacy in Pharmacogenetics: An End-to-End Case Study of Personalized Warfarin Dosing

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#### Warfarin Dosing

- Warfarin is the most popular anticoagulant drug in use today.
- Anticoagulants are used to prevent stroke and other clotting related incidents.
- Warfarin is one of the oldest and well studied targets in pahrmacogenetics.



• Warfarin is very difficult to prescribe doses for patients correctly.



## The IWPC Warfarin Model

Population Dataset

Learning Algorithm



5700 patients from 21 sites in 6 countries, 4 continents

Trained

Model

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- Things Collected from each patient are
- Age
- Hieght
- Patients Demographics, relevant parts of their medical history, cor orbidities, smoking status.
  - Independent variables

- weight
- Age
- Relevant Genotype : vkorc1,cyp2c9.
- These 2 aspects of their genotype that researchers previously found effect warfarin metabolism.
- Target outcome: Stable Dosage of Warfarin that achieved optimal therapeutic benefit for the patient.
- The IWPC confirmed that ordinary linear regression is the best • learning algorithm y = ax + b

#### Pharmacogenetic Warfarin Dosing



# Pharmacogenetic Privacy

age	height	weight	race	history	vkorc1	cyp2c9	dose
50-60	176.2	185.7	asian	cancer	A/G	*1/*3	42.0



# Model Inversion



Goal: infer the patient's genetic markers from this information

# Our Model Inversion

1. Compute all values that agree with given information

	age	height	weight	race	history	vkorc1	cyp2c9	dose		
f(x)	50-59	176.53	144.2	white				42.0	49.7	p=0.23
-	50-59	176.53	144.2	white				42.0	42.0	p=0.75
	50-59	176.53	144.2	white				42.0	39.2	p=0.01

2. Find the most likely values among those that remain

Use the marginal probabilities, model output to approximate this quantity

• The algorithm for computing the likelihood is optimal with the given information given that it minimizes the misprediction rate for these missing medical history ,genotypes

### Results



## Results

"baseline" means guessing without the model

ccuracy

20

30

10

0

"Ideal" is a classifier trained to predict the genotype

Only 5% lower than ideal prediction

Everything but genotype

Model inversion does nearly as well as a linear model trained from the original data

Just "basic" demographics

Much higher than baseline guessing

VKORC1



#### **Differential Privacy**

- Model Inversion is a problem so how to prevent it.
- We examine how to use differential privacy to prevent model inversion.
- A computation is differentially private if any output it produces going to be about as likely regardless of whether or not any particular individual row input to that computation.
- For D D' differing in one row
- $\Pr[K(D) = s] \le \exp(e) * \Pr[K(D') = s]$
- Most Differential mechanism work by adding noise to their output in some capacity according to privacy budget
- There is also evidence of existing work that the attributes of virtual linear models are trained to be protected by adding the noise to the coefficients of those linear models.

# Seeking a Remedy

Goal: see if a "reasonable" privacy budget solves the problem



# Clinical Efficacy



Simulate clinical trials to make this calculation

# Simulated Clinical Trials



#### Relative to fixed-dose protocol



#### Conclusion

- Current Method fails to balance privacy and utility which is main concern when Inaccuracy is expensive
- This paper did not observe that a privacy budget significantly prevented model inversion without introducing risk over fixed dosing.