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The 3rd Meeting of the International Academy of Health Preference Research

Sunday, October 18, 2015
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Chaired by Derek Brown, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis

Charles F. Knight Executive Education & Conference Center at Washington University in St. Louis
One Brookings Drive
St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Held at the Knight Center—located on the grounds of Washington University—this 1-day meeting will provide a forum to discuss innovative developments in the field of health preference research. Chaired by Derek Brown, PhD, the meeting will include approximately 13 oral presentations, light breakfast, coffee, lunch, and a business session. All are welcome to register at: www.iahpr.org.

Pre-Meeting Dinner & Student Poster Session
Saturday, October 17, 2015 - 6:00 to 11:30 pm

The Pre-Meeting Dinner and Student Poster Session will also be held at the Knight Center and is free for all meeting attendees. The dinner includes a multi-course menu and open bar (no guests, please). The poster session was created as a way to showcase the achievements of students engaged in health preference research. The event includes a free shuttle between the Hyatt Regency and Knight Center. The shuttle schedule will be included in the registration packet.

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PROGRAM

Pre-Meeting Dinner & Student Poster Session, Saturday, October 17, 2015 − 6:00 to 11:30 PM

- Investigating the Impact of Individual Valuation Block Composition on TTO Estimates
  Andréa Libório Monteiro
- Specialist Training as an Incentive to Retain Doctors in Malawi: A Discrete Choice Experiment
  Kate Mandeville
- Comparison of PROMIS and EQ-5D Quality-Adjusted Life Years
  John D. Hartman
- Stated-Preference Survey Development for Muscular Dystrophy: A Community-Engaged Research Application
  Ilene L. Hollin

Meeting, Sunday, October 18, 2015 − 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

8:00-8:30 AM Arrival and Light Breakfast
8:30-8:45 Welcome and Acknowledgement of Sponsors
  Meeting Chair: Derek Brown
8:45-10:15 Session 1
  Jan Ostermann
  Radial versus Femoral Vascular Access Options in Coronary Angiography and Intervention
  Janine van Til
  Willingness-to-Pay for Health: A Fuzzy Approach to Modelling Preferences and Choice Functions
  Michał Jakubczyk
  Best-Worst Scaling Works with Virtually Everyone. Except Kids
  Terry Nicholas Flynn
10:15-10:30 Coffee Break
10:30-12:00 PM Session 2
  Use of Best-Worst Scaling to Assess Patient Perceptions of Refractory Overactive Bladder Treatments
  Kathleen Marie Beusterien
  Valuing New HRQOL Measures: A DCE Application for Adverse Childhood Experiences and Maltreatment
  Derek Brown
  The Effect of Framing of Death on Health State Values Obtained from Discrete Choice Experiments
  Marcel Jonker
  Framing of Attribute's Levels: Influence on the Interpretation of Outcomes from a BWS Experiment
  Marieke Weernink
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:30 Session 3
  Attribute Non-Attendance and Time Pressure in Discrete Choice Experiments: An Eye-Tracking Study
  Kate Mandeville
  Respondent Cognition in Health Preference Research
  Shannon K. Runge
  Mitigating Hypothetical Bias in Stated Preference Discrete Choice Experiments
  Dean A. Regier
  Discount Rate Assessment among Adults Experiencing Dyspnea from Common Primary Care Diseases
  Irene D. Fischer
2:30-2:45 Coffee Break
2:45-3:45 Session 4
  Conjoint Analysis: A Tool for Understanding Patients Decisions for Invasive Treatments
  Tracy Kuo Lin
  Open Discussion
  Derek Brown
4:00-5:30 Business Meeting (All attendees are welcome)

* indicates a member presenter
β indicates a student presenter
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Results: The DCE was administered to a Dutch nationally representative sample of 1200 respondents equally divided over the 4 study arms. The estimation results revealed substantial framing effects. While the DCE death approach classified just 8% of the health states as worse than death, much higher percentages were found in the other arms: 28% (duration), 57% (LT-death) and 81% (LT-duration). Relative distances between health states on the latent scale were not affected by adding LT, but anchoring on death altered the values. We observed less dispersion for mild to moderate states, and a more stretched distribution for severe states.

Conclusions: Estimation results were substantially altered by the framing of death as explicit or implicit, and immediate or postponed. These framing effects may help to explain the commonly observed discrepancies between values derived using Time Trade Off and the popular DCE duration approach. While one may argue against the use of a death alternative in DCE tasks for health state valuation on basis of theoretical and statistical considerations, it would seem to be an essential component for those who aim to reconcile DCE and TTO results.

Framing of Attribute's Levels: Influence on the Interpretation of Outcomes from a BWS Experiment.

Marieke Weernink, MSc; Karin Groothuis-Oudshoorn, PhD; Maarten IJzerman, PhD; and Janine van Til, PhD, University of Twente

Purpose: In a previous study, a Best-Worst Scaling case 2 (BWS) was conducted to elicit treatment preferences for symptom control, side-effects, and process characteristics of various treatments prescribed in Parkinson's Disease. It is known that people, especially elderly, have trouble interpreting risks. Therefore it was decided to decrease the cognitive load by using a qualitative operationalization of the levels of symptoms and side-effects. The disadvantage of this strategy was that patients might have different perceptions of risks occurring “seldom to never, sometimes or often”. Our objective was to study whether this operationalization influenced the interpretation and valuation of outcomes of our BWS experiment.

Methods: A post-questionnaire was distributed among 30 patients who participated in the BWS-study. Patients were asked to qualitatively state their perception of the extent to which they suffered from the symptoms and side-effects of treatment: tremors, posture and balance problems, slowness of movement, dizziness, fatigue, and dyskinesia. Subsequently, they were asked to quantify this extent, as well as their (quantified) perception of the other two levels. In analysis, patients were grouped based on their experienced suffering state per attribute, medians were estimated, and a perceived duration range for each attribute was estimated. Beside, an actual duration range for each attribute was estimated based on the data of the experienced states. Based on these results, subgroup analyses of our original BWS data were performed to study whether the experienced amount of suffering from an attribute influenced attribute importance.

Results: The 30 patients indicated a wide range of perceived severity of symptoms and side-effects of treatment. For each symptom or side-effect, we included patients that perceived their extent as "seldom", "sometimes" or "often". Interestingly, when asked to quantify the extent of suffering, the perceived impact of suffering from a symptom (within respondent) is smaller than the actual range (between respondents). The perceived burden of a symptom or side-effect is underestimated most by patients that seldom to never suffer from an attribute with a factor ranging from 1.5 - 8 for the different attributes. This underestimation was also present for patients who sometimes or often suffered from an attribute, but was much smaller: ranging from 1.1 - 1.6. BWS subgroup analysis on the original data showed that patients who seldom suffer from a symptom assigned a lower importance to that symptom compared to patients who often suffer from it, indicating that this underestimation is present in the original data as well. These differences ranged from 2% for posture and balance problems to 11% for the suffering of dyskinesia (between seldom to never and often suffer from).

Conclusions: The qualitative operationalization of attribute levels resulted in different interpretations between the subjects and influenced BWS results. Patients who only have minor complaints from a symptom or side-effect, seem to underestimate the actual burden of having major complaints. As a result,
patients assigned a lower attribute importance to attributes from which they only seldom to never suffer from and a higher attribute importance to attributes from which they often suffer from.

**1:00-2:30 PM Session 3**

**Attribute Non-Attendance and Time Pressure in Discrete Choice Experiments: An Eye-Tracking Study**  
**Benjamin Cooper**, City University London; **Kate, Mandeville, BSc, MBBS, MSc**, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; **Kielan Yarrow, BSc, MSc, PhD**, City University London

**Purpose:** To investigate attribute non-attendance in a discrete choice experiment under different time conditions using eye-tracking

**Methods:** The design of the discrete choice experiment was based on an existing study examining preferences for primary care appointments. 48 participants completed 25 choice tasks (24 novel and 1 repeated) whilst having their eye movements recorded by an eye-tracking camera. Participants were divided into two groups: self-paced or computer-paced. The first group were able to progress at their own rate, whereas the second were forced to wait 25 seconds before being able to make a choice and move on to the next task. The outcome measure was time spent looking at different attributes, particularly the attributes on which the participants spent the most and least attention.

**Results:** There was a significant difference in time spent looking at different attributes between the two groups. The computer-paced group spent significantly longer looking at their most and least attended attributes in all choice tasks compared to the self-paced group. The self-paced group spent significantly less time looking at their most and least attended attributes as the experiment progressed, with some participants spending no time on certain attributes. In contrast, computer-paced participants spent approximately the same amount of time looking at their most attended attribute throughout the experiment. However, they also spent less time looking at their least attended attribute as the experiment progressed.

**Conclusions:** Attribute non-attendance was confirmed through the use of eye-tracking, suggesting the use of decision heuristics. The use of a time condition may discourage the use of such heuristics in discrete choice experiments.

**Respondent Cognition in Health Preference Research**  
**Benjamin M. Craig, PhD**, Moffitt Cancer Center and University of South Florida; **Shannon K. Runge, MA**, University of South Florida and Moffitt Cancer Center

**Purpose:** Recent studies have emphasized the need to better understand the cognitive burden of discrete choice experiments (e.g., eye-tracking) to improve their design. Yet, no health preference study has directly incorporated a cognitive assessment, such as a memory test, to assess (1) whether those with lower cognition respond more randomly or (2) whether those who experience greater cognitive decline respond more randomly.

**Methods:** As a measure of episodic memory, the immediate and delayed word recall tasks from the US Health and Retirement Study (HRS) were adapted for inclusion in the Women’s Health Valuation (WHV) study. Between the 2 recall tasks, the survey asked respondents (women, ages 40 to 69) to complete 30 paired comparisons, each with two menopausal symptoms described using the Patient-Reported Outcomes Version of the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (PRO-CTCAE) and the question, "Which do you prefer?" As a measure of randomness, the root likelihood was introduced as the geometric mean of a response pattern that can be rescaled at the respondent-level, such that 0 represents random response and 1 represents always giving the majority response. This study tests the association between a respondent’s self-reported memory, word recall and her root likelihood.

**Results:** Among the 3397 respondents, self-reported memory ranged from Excellent to Poor (Excellent/VeryGood/Good: 88%; Fair/Poor: 12%), immediate word recall ranged from 0 and 10 (mean 7.24; IQR 6-8), the difference between immediate and delayed recall ranged from 0 to 9 (mean 1.15; IQR 0-2), and