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How to play nicely with your trial's statistician (and how to get them to play nicely with you!)

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For clinical trials to be useful, they must be well-designed, and the resulting data must be appropriately analysed. Thus, in an ideal world, many or most clinical trials would involve an experienced statistician. However, experienced trial statisticians are typically few and far between (outside of industry sponsored trials), to the dismay of many clinical investigators who would very much welcome their support and collaboration. In this talk, I've touch on some of the reasons for this deficit in expertise and share some ideas on how we might remedy it. I'll also talk about how to foster a good working relationship between clinical investigators and statisticians, and share a few tips on how to get the most of a statistician if do you manage to find one.

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