

Measuring inventiveness and choice in GP prescribing practice

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- **Measuring surgery culture (inventiveness vs caution)**
- If we plot the **range** of medications **prescribed by a GP surgery** against the **prescription rate** (the number of prescriptions per month), we find that
- the **range** of medication increases as the **rate** increases, but
- this tails off for busier surgeries (prescription fatigue)
- We can characterise each surgery as inventive or cautious
- **Measuring medication choice**
- If we now plot the **range** of medications **for a given medication class** against the **prescription rate** (the number of prescriptions per month), we find again that
- the **range** of medication increases as the **rate** increases
- Some medication classes provide good choice
- Other medication classes need more options

