

Precision Clinical Drug Development: Four Main Steps to Higher Productivity

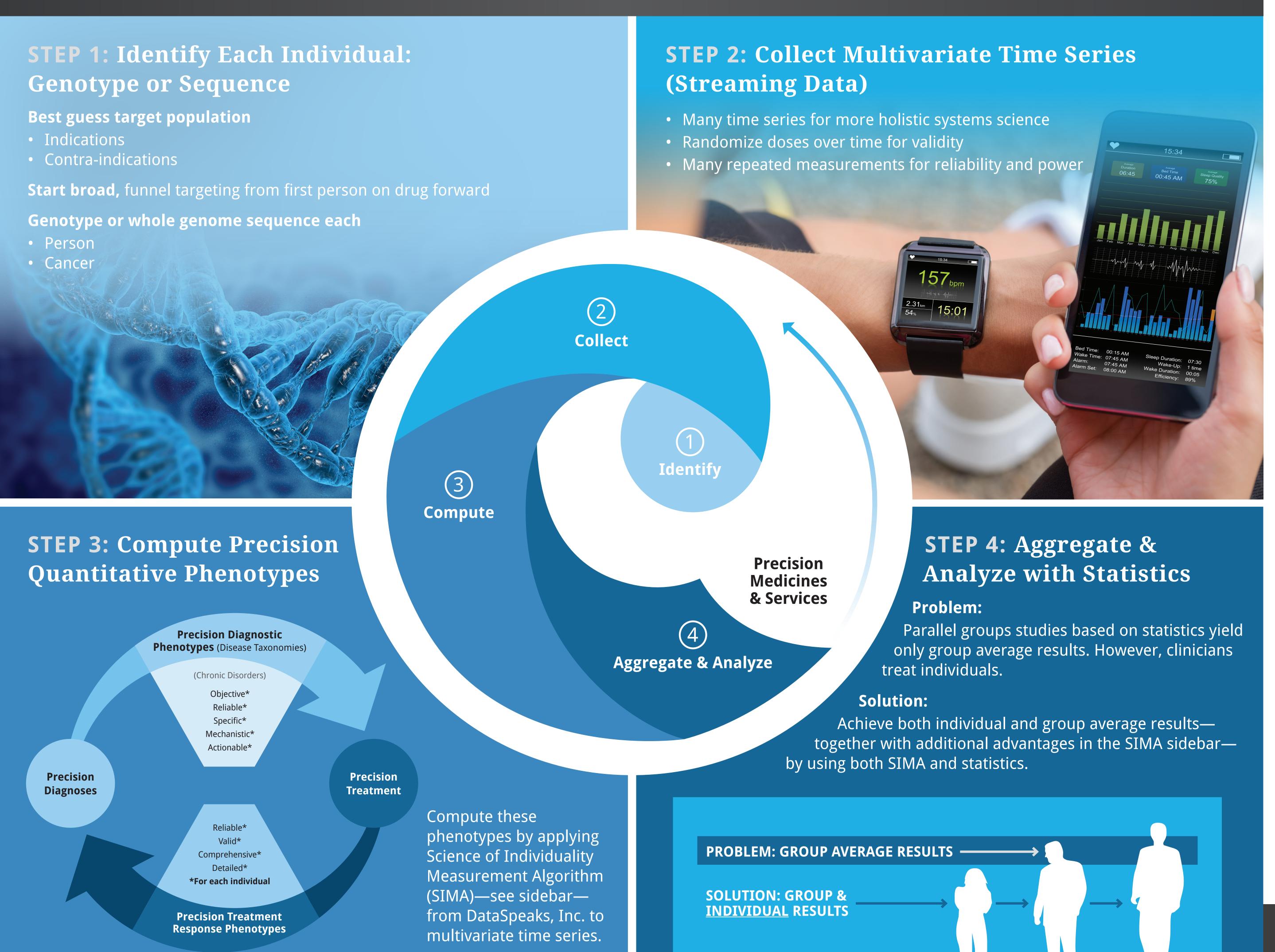
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INTRODUCTION: Low productivity challenges the pharmaceutical industry. Achievements in drug discovery typically falter during clinical drug development. Improve productivity with four main scientific steps.



The Science of Individuality Measurement Algorithm (SIMA)

Limits: SIMA is limited to time fluctuating variables as for chronic disorders that account for 85% of annual health care expenditures of over \$3 trillion in the U.S. alone.

SIMA measures: Interactions over Time

(e.g., functional connectivity, edges for time series nodes, benefit and harm)

Clinical Trials

- Use within-person randomized dose titration
- Null hypothesis rejection in the positive or beneficial direction indicates benefits outweigh harms
- Rejection in the negative direction indicates harms outweigh benefits

Analogy: SIMA's measures of *benefit and harm* are analogous to how *dollars* pay for diverse goods and services. Both are common metrics.

Target Discovery & Mechanisms: Identify measures of Interaction over Time that can be up- or down-regulated by treatment.

Nonlinearity: SIMA can, for example, quantify benefit and harm as nonlinear functions of dose, response variable level, delay and persistence of response.

Boolean Events: SIMA uses Boolean events to account for drug-drug interactions, combination treatments, and syndromes.

Emergent Properties: SIMA can measure coordinated action as an emergent system property.

Levels of Investigation: SIMA can help integrate across levels of investigations such as molecular, biological, psychological, and social.

Causality: SIMA assesses causality over time within individuals as distinct from group comparisons.

Ethics: SIMA has an ethical advantage—subjects become persons again.

Scientific rigor: SIMA improves scientific rigor by measurement.

Statistics: SIMA's scores are well suited for statistical analyses

- Describe groups
- Make inferences
- Identify predictors

Translation: SIMA helps obviate the translation problem from research to practice.

Some Nuts & Bolts:

- Digitize each transformed time series.
- Add digital series to account for delay and persistence of response, additional analysis parameters, Boolean events, etc.
- Cross-classify digital series to form arrays of 2 x 2 tables.
- Repurpose simple statistical tools to compute raw interaction-over-time and benefit and harm scores.
- Standardize scores within individuals by identifying all scores that are possible given observed 2 x 2 table marginal frequencies together with their hypergeometric probabilities.
- Summarize score arrays as functions of analysis parameters.
- Compute within person-specific overall benefit and harm scores for evaluations that account for clinical significance and personal preferences.

Opportunity: SIMA, a product of serendipity, offers a positive black swan opportunity—a highly improbable and unpredicted advancement—in software engineering.

Commercialization: DataSpeaks seeks help to commercialize SIMA.

Michigan can be a world leader in precision drug discovery and development.